

# DEVANEY. OSBORNE

## TOM OSBORNE

HEAD COACH, 1973-97  
RECORD: 255-49-3 (.836, 6TH ALL-TIME)

The field inside Memorial Stadium is called Tom Osborne Field in honor of a man, who in 25 seasons, built a total program based on more than winning.

Osborne's coaching career came to a poetic end in the 1998 Orange Bowl. In his final game, the Huskers defeated No. 3 Tennessee, 42-17, giving him a share of a third national title in his final four seasons. The victory left Osborne as the first coach in college football history to retire as a reigning national champion, along with the nation's best active winning percentage (.836, 255-49-3), which ranks sixth all-time among Division I coaches.

Osborne guided the Huskers to back-to-back titles in 1994 and 1995, then capped his career by sharing the 1997 title with Michigan. Nebraska's back-to-back national titles in 1994-95 made Osborne the first coach to accomplish that feat since Bear Bryant in 1978-79. Under Osborne, NU became just the second school all time to post back-to-back perfect national championship seasons. In fact, Osborne's last five Nebraska teams put together the best five-year run in collegiate football history with an amazing 60-3 record.

Osborne-coached Nebraska teams captured 13 conference crowns and all 25 of his Husker teams won at least nine games and went to a bowl. Achievements of that magnitude earned Osborne an immediate ticket to the College Football Hall of Fame in December of 1998, after it waived the customary three-year wait for entrance into the hall. The Memorial Stadium field was re-named Tom Osborne field in 1998.

A Hastings, Neb., native, Osborne served Nebraska for three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. Osborne served as Nebraska's Athletic Director from 2007 through 2012.

### THE OSBORNE RECORD

YEAR	W	L	T	PCT.	BOWL	HIGHLIGHTS
1973	9	2	1	.792	Cotton	
1974	9	3	0	.750	Sugar	
1975	10	2	0	.833	Fiesta	Big Eight co-Title
1976	9	3	1	.731	Bluebonnet	
1977	9	3	0	.750	Liberty	
1978	9	3	0	.750	Orange	Big Eight co-Title
1979	10	2	0	.833	Cotton	
1980	10	2	0	.833	Sun	
1981	9	3	0	.750	Orange	Big Eight Title
1982	12	1	0	.923	Orange	Big Eight Title
1983	12	1	0	.923	Orange	Big Eight Title
1984	10	2	0	.833	Sugar	Big Eight co-Title
1985	9	3	0	.750	Fiesta	
1986	10	2	0	.833	Sugar	
1987	10	2	0	.833	Fiesta	
1988	11	2	0	.846	Orange	Big Eight Title
1989	10	2	0	.833	Fiesta	
1990	9	3	0	.750	Citrus	
1991	9	2	1	.792	Orange	Big Eight co-Title
1992	9	3	0	.750	Orange	Big Eight Title
1993	11	1	0	.917	Orange	Big Eight Title
1994	13	0	0	1.000	Orange	National Title
1995	12	0	0	1.000	Fiesta	National Title
1996	11	2	0	.846	Orange	Big 12 North Title
1997	13	0	0	1.000	Orange	National Title
<b>Career</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.836</b>		<b>13 conf. titles</b>

## BOB DEVANEY

HEAD COACH, 1962-72  
RECORD: 101-20-2 (.829, 13TH ALL-TIME)

One man tops the list of people responsible for the success of the University of Nebraska athletic teams – Bob Devaney. For 35 years he was the driving force behind the University of Nebraska championships, first as a Hall of Fame football coach (1962-72), then as Athletic Director (1967-93) and Athletic Director Emeritus (1993-96). Devaney retired in 1996 and lived in Lincoln until he passed away at the age of 82 on May 9, 1997.

Devaney's mark will remain forever. The memories of the storybook national championship seasons of 1970 and 1971 will continue to inspire generations of Husker fans for years to come. His commitment to building one of the nation's best athletic programs is reinforced with every athletic and academic honor earned by Husker student-athletes.

From the time he took over athletic director duties in 1967, to his final year in 1993, his vigor, enthusiasm and administrative excellence earned him a reputation as one of the nation's outstanding athletic directors. Those characteristics helped make him a football coaching legend. A 1981 inductee into the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame, under Devaney's leadership Nebraska developed one of the nation's most successful all-around athletic programs.

During his 11-year stint as Husker football coach, Devaney's teams won 101 games, lost only 20 and tied two for an .829 winning percentage. His career mark of 136-30-7 (.806) ranked him as the nation's winningest active coach at the time of his retirement in 1973. Today, he ranks 13th on the all-time list, seven spots behind the man he tabbed as his replacement, Tom Osborne.

In all, his Husker gridiron teams won eight Big Eight titles and two national championships (1970, 1971) and went to nine bowl games. He had three straight Orange Bowl wins, two Outland Trophy winners, a Lombardi Award winner and a Heisman Trophy winner. Twice his teams won four consecutive Big Eight titles, 1963-66 and 1969-72.

### THE DEVANEY RECORD

YEAR	W	L	T	PCT.	BOWL	HIGHLIGHTS
1962	9	2	0	.818	Gotham	
1963	10	1	0	.909	Orange	Big Eight Title
1964	9	2	0	.818	Cotton	Big Eight Title
1965	10	1	0	.909	Orange	Big Eight Title
1966	9	2	0	.818	Sugar	Big Eight Title
1967	6	4	0	.600		
1968	6	4	0	.600		
1969	9	2	0	.818	Sun	Big Eight co-Title
1970	11	0	1	.958	Orange	National Title
1971	13	0	0	1.000	Orange	National Title
1972	9	2	1	.792	Orange	Big Eight Title
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.829</b>		<b>8 conf. titles</b>
<b>Career</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.806</b>		<b>12 conf. titles</b>

