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WOMEN'S GOLF

UCF CHALLENGE - FEBRUARY 4-6 - ORLANDO, FLORIDA

2023-24 SCHEDULE

FALL 202	3	
Sept. 11-12	Sam Golden Invitational	T5th/12
'	Corinth, Texas	(278-278-288=844)
Sept. 17-18	Mary Fossum Invitational	T6th/15
	East Lansing, Mich.	(290-298-300=888)
Oct. 9-10	Dale McNamara Invitation	ial 5th/14
	Broken Arrow, Okla.	(301-282-287=870)
Oct. 27-29	Landfall Tradition	T14th/18
	Wilmington, N.C.	(293-298-289=880)

SPRING 20	024	
Feb. 4-6	UCF Challenge Orlando, Fla. (Eagle Creek GC)	8 a.m.
Feb. 18-19	Spartan Sun Coast Invitational Sarasota, Fla. (Palm Aire GC)	8 a.m.
Feb. 25-26	Westbrook Spring Invitational Peoria, Ariz. (Westbrook Village GC)	10 a.m.
March 11-12	Briar's Creek Invitational	8 a.m.
March 15-17	Johns Island, S.C. (GC at Briar's Creek) Florida State Match Up	8 a.m.
April 13-14	Tallahassee, Fla. (Seminole Legacy GC Lady Buckeye Invitational	8 a.m.
April 19-21	Columbus, Ohio (Scarlet Course) Big Ten Championship	8 a.m.
May 5-7	Havre de Grace, Md. (Bulle Rock GC) NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 16-21	Auburn, Michigan State, Texas A&M UNLV, Wake Forest, Washington NCAA Championship Carlsbad, Calif. (Omni La Costa Resort	TBA : & Spa)

NEBRASKA ROSTER

Student-Athlete Class Hometown (High School/Other) Brooke Bream RSo. Phoenix, Ariz. (Xavier College Prep) Mackenzie Bream Fr. Phoenix, Ariz, (Arcadia) RFr. Sydney Harz Freiburg, Germany Lena Hassert** Jr. Kreuzau, Germany (Gymnasium Kreuzau) Leah Herbel Bismarck, N.D. (Century) Arden Louchheim Park City, Utah (Rowland Hall) Kelli Ann Strand* Challis, Idaho (Challis) Miu Takahashi** Nasu-Machi, Japan (Kaishi Kokusai) Lindsey Thiele*** Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann) Michaela Vavrova*** Sr. Bojnice, Slovakia (National Team) Andrea Velez** Jr. Pereira, Colombia (Liceo Frances De Pereira) *denotes letters earned at Nebraska

HUSKER QUICK FACTS

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UCF CHALLENGE

Location	Orlando, Florida	Golfer
Host	UCF	 Kelli Ann Strand
Course Eagle Cree	ek Golf Club (Par 72/6,367 Yards)	2. Miu Takahashi
Sunday, Feb. 4 (Round 1)	8 a.m. (CT) (Tee Times)	Arden Louchhein
Monday, Feb. 5 (Round 2)	8 a.m. (CT) (Tee Times)	4. Andrea Velez
Tuesday, Feb. 6 (Round 3)	7:45 a.m. (CT) (Shotgun)	Lindsey Thiele
Live Scoring	GolfStat	IND: Sydney Harz

NEBRASKA LINEUP

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Kelli Ann Strand Miu Takahashi Arden Louchheim Andrea Velez Lindsey Thiele

Participating Teams (18): Central Arkansas, College of Charleston, Iowa State, Kansas, Kent State, Kentucky, Miami, Michigan State, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Texas, Northwestern, Old Dominion, Penn State, Texas Tech, UCF, UNCW, Virginia Tech

HUSKERS OPEN SPRING SEASON AT UCF CHALLENGE

The Nebraska women's golf team opens its 2024 spring season by traveling to Florida for the UCF Challenge, Feb. 4-6.

The 54-hole tournament at the Eagle Creek Golf Club in Orlando begins with first-round tee times starting at 8 a.m. (CT) on Sunday, Feb. 4. The second round gets underway with tee times on Monday at 8 a.m. (CT), before the tournament concludes with Tuesday's final-round shotgun start at 7:45 a.m. (CT).

Live scoring for the UCF Challenge will be available through GolfStat.com.

The Huskers will be part of a large and strong field on the par-72, 6,367-yard layout at the Eagle Creek Golf Club. The 18-team field features 16 current top-100 teams led by the hosts from No. 13 UCF, No. 14 Northwestern, No. 28 North Carolina, No. 29 Michigan State, No. 35 Kentucky, No. 36 North Texas, No. 37 Virginia Tech, No. 46 Kansas, No. 48 Miami, No. 51 Iowa State, No. 52 Texas Tech, No. 57 Kent State, No. 61 Nebraska, No. 78 College of Charleston, No. 97 Old Dominion and No. 99 UNCW. No. 108 Penn State and No. 125 Central Arkansas round out the field.

Kelli Ann Strand leads Nebraska to Florida after a strong fall campaign. The sophomore from Challis, Idaho, owns a team-best 71.08 stroke average and is ranked No. 113 individually in NCAA Division I.

Miu Takahashi, who was the first international golfer in history to be named the Nebraska Amateur of the Year in November, will play out of the No. 2 spot in the Husker lineup in Orlando.

Arden Louchheim is also eager to get back on the course for the Big Red. The true freshman from Park City, Utah posted a 76.25 stroke average during the fall while competing in all 12 rounds in the Husker lineup.

Junior Andrea Velez (Pereira, Colombia) and senior Lindsey Thiele (Wahoo, Neb.) complete the top five in the Husker lineup. Velez made one lineup appearance in the fall, while Thiele played once as an individual outside Nebraska's top five.

Redshirt freshman Sydney Harz (Freiburg, Germany) will play as an individual at UCF.

HUSKERS PURSUING THIRD NCAA REGIONAL BID IN FOUR YEARS

Nebraska earned its second NCAA Regional appearance in a three-year span when the Huskers were selected to compete at the 2023 NCAA Raleigh Regional. It was Nebraska's 13th all-time NCAA Regional berth dating back to the 1994 NCAA West Regional.

The Huskers, who finished ninth at the 12-team NCAA Raleigh Regional, also competed at the 2021 NCAA Columbus Regional, tying for 15th in an 18-team field in Ohio.

The Huskers made regional appearances in 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2021.

Nebraska's highest regional finish came with a fifth-place finish in a 21-team field at the 2003 NCAA Central Regional at Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln (May 8-10). The Huskers advanced to NCAA Championship appearances in 2000 (19th), 2003 (22nd) and 2006 (20th).

SUTHERLAND LEADS HUSKERS

In her second season as Nebraska's head coach, Jeanne Sutherland is in pursuit of her 20th NCAA Regional appearance in 2024.

Sutherland, who spent one season as Nebraska's associate head coach (2021-22), was named head coach on May 5, 2022. She came to Nebraska after spending 10 seasons (2011-21) as the head coach at SMU. She previously spent 15 seasons as the head coach at Texas A&M (1992-2007).

UCF CHALLENGE, FEBRUARY 4-6, 2024

Sutherland has coached three All-Americans, five individual conference champions and three conference players of the year.

In 2018, Sutherland was named the inaugural winner of the WGCA Kim Evans Award. She also earned the WGCA Founders Award in 2017. A four-time conference coach of the year at Texas A&M (3 Big 12, 1 Southwest Conference), Sutherland was also a two-time NCAA Regional Coach of the Year (1997, 2007). She led 13 Texas A&M teams to NCAA Regional play, including four NCAA Championship appearances in 1997 (17th), 2004 (24th), 2005 (22nd) and 2006 (19th).

Sutherland coached SMU to five straight NCAA bids (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017).

STRAND EARNS ALL-BIG TEN HONORS

Kelli Ann Strand captured All-Big Ten honors as a true freshman in 2022-23.

Strand was one of eight second-team All-Big Ten choices for 2023, while the conference also announced eight first-team honorees.

She capped one of the best seasons in school history by tying for 30th at the NCAA Raleigh Regional, after tying for 20th at her first Big Ten Championship.Strand set a school record with a 72.05 stroke average on her way to final top 115 national rankings by both Golfweek and GolfStat.

Strand has continued to play outstanding golf, leading Nebraska with a 71.08 stroke average over 12 rounds that puts her on school-record pace for the season. Strand produced a runner-up finish with a 206 (-10) at the Dale McNamara Invitational (Oct. 9-10). With rounds of 70-66-70, Strand earned Big Ten Golfer-of-the-Week honors (Oct. 11).

The sophomore from Challis, Idaho owns 12 career top-25 finishes, including seven top-10 showings. She claimed an individual title in her collegiate debut at the Green Wave Classic in New Orleans (Sept. 12-13, 2022). Strand tied the school record with a 54-hole score of 202 (-14) at Tulane. She also set the Husker freshman record with a second-round 65 (-7) at the Bayou Oaks South Course.

Strand fired a 29 (-7) over the back nine in the second round before opening the third round with a 31 (-5) on the front nine, carding a 60 (-12) over those consecutive 18 holes splitting two rounds. The NCAA record for best round of women's golf is 61. Strand also was named the Big Ten Golfer of the Week (Sept. 15).

Strand, who earned her second straight Idaho Golf Association Women's Player of the Year award in December of 2022, won the Idaho Women's Match Play title. She added a runner-up finish at the Idaho Women's Amateur.

During the summer of 2023, Strand qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. She also advanced to the round of 32 in match play at the Women's Western Amateur.

TAKAHASHI NAMED NEBRASKA WOMEN'S AMATEUR OF THE YEAR FOR 2023

Miu Takahashi was named the 2023 state Women's Amateur of the Year by the Nebraska Golf Association. The junior from Nasu-Machi, Japan is the first-ever international winner of Nebraska's top female amateur award, which dates back to 1997. She claimed the honor after winning the 49th Nebraska Women's Amateur Championship. She was the first international player to ever win the tournament, dating back to its inception in 1975.

Takahashi also qualified for the 123rd U.S. Women's Amateur by claiming a spot in Dallas, Texas. She fired rounds of 78 and 73 at the U.S. Amateur in Los Angeles.

During the 2023 collegiate fall season, Takahashi posted a 74.00 stroke average over 12 rounds for the Huskers.

As a sophomore, she was a key to Nebraska's run to a 2023 NCAA Regional berth, setting the NU sophomore record with a 73.49 stroke average. Her 2022-23 season included an individual title with a career-best 213 (-3) at the Dale McNamara Invitational (Oct. 10-11, 2022). She was named the Big Ten Golfer of the Week (Oct. 12, 2022).

VAVROVA STRONG IN FALL FOR HUSKERS

Michaela Vavrova was Nebraska's top finisher at its first two tournaments of the fall and played out of the No. 1 spot in the lineup at the Dale McNamara Invitational (Oct. 9-10).

The senior from Bojnice, Slovakia led the Huskers with a career-best 205 (-11) to tie for fifth individually at the Sam Golden Invitational (Sept. 11-12). She fired rounds of 69-68-68 on the par-72, 6,413-yard layout of the Oakmont Country Club in Corinth, Texas, to earn Big Ten Golfer-of-the-Week honors for the second time in her career on Sept. 13.

She enters the spring ranked No. 288 individually in NCAA Division I.

Vavrova added a 223 (72-77-74) to help the Huskers tie for sixth in a loaded 15-team field at the Mary Fossum Invitational in East Lansing, Mich. (Sept. 17-18). She finished the fall with a career-best 72.92 stroke average over 12 rounds.

Vavrova overcame an up-and-down junior season to help the Huskers advance to the NCAA Raleigh Regional.

The 2022 Slovakian Player of the Year, Vavrova has been a key to Nebraska's success since arriving in Lincoln, including her tie for 17th at the 2022 Big Ten Championship. She owns a pair of top-50 NCAA Regional finishes.

Vavrova finished second at the 2022 Slovak Amateur Championship and 12th at the AMUNDI Czech Ladies Challenge. She also represented Slovakia at the 2022 World University Golf Championships in Turin, leading Slovakia to a ninth-place finish.

Her top highlight of the 2022-23 college season came with a final-round 66 (-6) to help the Huskers claim the Westbrook Spring Invitational title (Feb. 26-27, 2023). Vavrova tied for 20th with a then-career-best 216.

Vavrova won her first title with a then-careerbest 217 (+1) at the Stampede at The Creek in Elkhorn, Neb. (Oct. 4-5, 2021). She was named the Big Ten Co-Golfer of the Week (Oct. 6).

THIELE PLANS TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN SENIOR SEASON FOR BIG RED

Lindsey Thiele is set to make her first lineup appearance of the season at the UCF Challenge.

Thiele (pronounced TEEL) was Nebraska's No. 2 finisher at the 2023 Big Ten Championship, tying for 34th (228), helping NU secure a bid to the 2023 NCAA Raleigh Regional.

Thiele finished with a career-best 74.88 stroke average while competing in all 38.5 rounds. She notched a pair of top-25 finishes, including a tie for eighth at the Green Wave Classic to open the season (Sept. 12-13, 2022).

The most recent of three sisters (Haley, Hannah) to play golf for the Big Red, Thiele is an outstanding student and leader in community service. The Regents Scholar at Nebraska is a three-time WGCA Scholastic All-American and a two-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar. She was also a College Sports Communicators Academic All-District VII selection in 2023.

Thiele participated alongside teammate Megan Whittaker in the 2023 Nebraska Life Skills No Filter Service Trip Abroad to Panama.

HUSKERS MUST REPLACE STEADY LEADERSHIP OF GRADUATE WHITTAKER

A hard-working, team-first leader who showed impressive improvement throughout her five collegiate seasons, Megan Whittaker completed her career by leading Nebraska to its second NCAA Regional bid in three years.

The graduate student from Elkhorn, Neb., finished with a career-best 73.48 stroke average over 38.5 rounds in 2022-23.

She finished her career with a 75.58 stroke average over 118.5 career rounds. Whittaker also claimed 15 career top-25 finishes, including six in 2022-23.

Nebraska's first five-time WGCA Scholastic All-American, Whittaker was also a star in the community, claiming a prestigious Heart & Soul Award in 2023 after earning a Sam Foltz 27 Hero Leadership Award in 2021. She was also Nebraska's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner across all women's sports in 2023, after earning her first Big Ten Sportsmanship Award for women's golf in 2021.

HUSKERS SET PACE IN CLASSROOM

Nebraska leads NCAA Division I with 354 College Sports Communicators Academic All-Americans all-time across all sports. The Huskers also lead all schools in history with 18 NCAA Top 10 Award winners across all sports.

Nebraska women's golf leads the nation with 94 WGCA Scholastic All-Americans since 1989, including four in 2022-23. Megan Whittaker, Lindsey Thiele, Kelli Ann Strand and Andrea Velez all earned WGCA honors.

Whittaker became NU's first five-time WGCA Scholastic All-American. Thiele, who earned her third WGCA honor, joins her older sisters Haley (2016, 2018, 2019) and Hannah (2018) as WGCA Scholastic All-America Huskers.

NU also owns a 95 percent graduation success rate across all student-athletes.

NEBRASKA WOMEN'S GOLF 2023-24 STATISTICS

NEBRASKA 2023-24 TOU		MICHAELA VAVROVA		=•
	. Place/Teams - Round-by-Round=Score (To Par)		Results	
Sam Golden Invitational (Sept. 11-12)	T5th/12 - 278-278-288=844 (-20)		69-68-68=205 (-11)	
Mary Fossum Invitational (Sept. 17-18)	T6th/15 - 290-298-300=888 (+24)	Mary Fossum Invitational	72-77-74=223 (+7)	28th
	5th/14 - 301-282-287=870 (+6)		74-72-73=219 (+3)74-80-74=228 (+12)	
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	8 a.m.	2023-24 Stroke Average		
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	8 a.m.	Top 20 Finishes		1/4
Big Ten Championship (April 19-21)	8 a.m.			
NCAA Regionals (May 5-7)	TBA	LINDSEY THIELE		
	3,482/12 Rounds		Results	
2023-24 Team Stroke Average	290.17		76-71-72=219 (+3)	
	278		219 Stro	
Season Low (54 Holes)	844			
Tournament Titles	0/4		71 (2023 Sam	
Top Five Finishes	2/4	Top Five Finishes		0/1
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		MIU TAKAHASHI		
	65 (2022 Green Wave, 2nd)		Results	
Michaela Vayroya			74-72-74=220 (+4)	
	68 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 2nd)		77-71-76=224 (+8)	
			82-69-73=224 (+8)	
			72-74-74=220 (+4)	
Lindsey Thiele			888 Strol	
		2023-24 Stroke Average		74.00
			69 (2023 Dale Mo	
Andrea Velez	72 (2022 Green Wave, 1st)	Top Five Finishes		0/4
	72 (2021 White Sands, 3rd) 79 (2022 Big O Classic, 2nd)	Top 10 Finishes		0/4
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	Three-Round Score (Tournament)		Results	Place
Kalli Ann Strand	202 (2022 Green Wave) - school record		69-70-76=215 (-1)	
Michaela Vayrova	202 (2022 Green Wave) - school record		73-73-83=229 (+13)	
			75-75-85-226 (+10)	
	207 (2022 Green Wave)		75-82-71=228 (+12)	
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Brooke Bream		•		
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	Finish (Tournament)	ARDEN LOUCHHEIM		
	1st (2022 Green Wave)		D le .	DI
	1st (2022 Dale McNamara)		Results	
	1st (2021 Stampede at the Creek)		70-73-75=218 (+2)	
	T1st (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)	iviary Fossum Invitational	73-86-74=233 (+17)	165th
Lena Hassert	T14th (2022 Big O Classic)	Dale McNamara Invitational	81-76-71=228 (+12)	T60th
	T19th (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)		75-73-76=224 (+8)	
			903 Strol	
	57th (2022 Big O Classic)			
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	Results			
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	72-77-76=225 (+9)T32nd		Results	
	70-66-70=206 (-10)	Dale McNamara Invitational	74-75-80=229 (+13)	T62nc
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2023-24 Stroke Average	71.08		74 (2023 Dale M	
	66 (2023 Dale McNamara, 2nd)			
	1/4			
Top 10 Finishes	1/4			
Top 20 Einishes	2//			

*competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup