NEBRASKA

WOMEN'S GOLF

SPARTAN SUN COAST INVITATIONAL - FEBRUARY 18-19 - SARASOTA, 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 2024

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Feb. 3-5	UCF Challenge	T14th.	
	Orlando, Fla.	(295-294-289=8	78)
Feb. 18-19	Spartan Sun Coast Invita		.m.
	Sarasota, Fla. (Palm Aire		
Feb. 25-26	Westbrook Spring Invita		.m.
	Peoria, Ariz. (Westbrook \	/illage GC)	
March 11-12			.m.
	Johns Island, S.C. (GC a	t Briar's Creek)	
March 15-17	Florida State Match Up	8 a	.m.
	Tallahassee, Fla. (Semino	ole Legacy GC)	
April 13-14	Lady Buckeye Invitation		.m.
	Columbus, Ohio (Scarle	t Course)	
April 19-21	Big Ten Championship	8 a	.m.
	Havre de Grace, Md. (Bi	ulle Rock GC)	
May 5-7	NCAA Regionals		ВА
	Auburn, Michigan State	, Texas A&M	
	UNLV, Wake Forest, Was	shington	
May 16-21	NCAA Championship	T	ВА

Carlsbad, Calif. (Omni La Costa Resort & Spa)

NEBRASKA ROSTER

Student-Athlete Brooke Bream RSo. Mackenzie Bream Fr. RFr. Sydney Harz Lena Hassert** Jr. Leah Herbel Arden Louchheim Kelli Ann Strand* Miu Takahashi** Lindsey Thiele*** Michaela Vavrova*** Sr. Andrea Velez** Jr.

Class Hometown (High School/Other)
RSo.
Fr.
RFr.
Phoenix, Ariz. (Xavier College Prep)
Phoenix, Ariz. (Arcadia)
Freiburg, Germany
Jr.
Fr.
Bismarck, N.D. (Century)
Fr.
Park City, Utah (Rowland Hall)
So.
Challis, Idaho (Challis)
Jr.
Nasu-Machi, Japan (Kaishi Kokusai)
Sr.
Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
Sr.
Bojnice, Slovakia (National Team)
Pereira, Colombia (Liceo Frances De Pereira)

*denotes letters earned at Nebraska

HUSKER QUICK FACTS

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Assistant Coach	Matt Ze	drick (Illinois State, 2010)
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2022-23 Top 10 Finis	shes	12/13
2022-23 Top Five Fir	nishes	5/13
2022-23 Tournament	t Titles 2 (Bad	ger & Westbrook Invites)
Big Ten Conference		12th Season
Letterwinners Return	ing/Lost	6/1
Newcomers		3
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SPARTAN SUN COAST INVITATIONAL

Location		Sarasota, Florida
Host		Michigan State
Course	Palm	Aire Golf Club (Par 72/6,191 Yards)
Sunday, Feb. 18 (Rounds 1	& 2)	8 a.m. (CT) (Tee Times)
Monday, Feb. 19 (Round 3))	8 a.m. (CT) (Shotgun)
Live Scoring		GolfStat

NEBRASKA LINEUP

Golfer

- 1. Kelli Ann Strand
- 2. Miu Takahashi
- 3. Lindsey Thiele
- 4. Sydney Harz
- 5. Michaela Vavrova IND: Andrea Velez

Participating Teams (13): College of Charleston, Grand Valley State, Kent State, Miami, Michigan State, Nebraska, North Carolina, NC State, Ohio State, Oklahoma, South Dakota State, Purdue, Tennessee

HUSKERS RETURN TO FLORIDA FOR SUN COAST INVITATIONAL

The Nebraska women's golf team returns to Florida for the second time in the spring season to compete in the 13-team Spartan Sun Coast Invitational, Feb. 18-19.

The 54-hole tournament on the Champions Course at the Palm Aire Golf Club in Sarasota begins with the first and second rounds on Sunday, Feb. 18, beginning at 8 a.m. (CT). It concludes with a final round on Monday, Feb. 19 at 8 a.m.

Live scoring for the Spartan Sun Coast Invitational will be available through GolfStat.com.

The Huskers will be part of a loaded field on the par-72, 6,191-yard layout at the Palm Aire Golf Club. The 13-team field features 11 current top-75 teams, including No. 24 North Carolina, No. 26 Purdue, No. 31 Michigan State, No. 38 Tennessee, No. 41 Miami, No. 47 Ohio State, No. 53 Oklahoma, No. 55 Kent State, No. 61 NC State, No. 66 Nebraska and No. 67 College of Charleston, while No. 142 South Dakota State and NCAA Division II No. 20 Grand Valley State round out the field.

Kelli Ann Strand leads Nebraska to Florida. The sophomore from Challis, Idaho, owns a teambest 70.93 stroke average and is ranked No. 107 individually in NCAA Division I. Strand opened the spring with a tie for sixth in a 96-player field at the UCF Challenge in Orlando (Feb. 3-5). Strand's three-round total of 210 (-6) helped her claim Big Ten Golfer-of-the-Week honors (Feb. 7). She owns four top-15 finishes in five tournaments this season.

Miu Takahashi, who opened the spring by tying for 45th with a 219 (+3) at the UCF Challenge, returns to the No. 2 spot in the lineup in Sarasota. Takahashi was the first international golfer in history to be named the Nebraska Amateur of the Year in November.

Senior Lindsey Thiele earned her first lineup spot of the year at UCF and was Nebraska's No. 3 finisher with a 227. Sophomore Sydney Harz moves into the starting lineup in Sarasota after a solid showing with a 228 playing as an individual at UCF.

Senior Michaela Vavrova, who was named the Slovakian Women's Golfer of the Year last week, returns to the lineup after missing the UCF Challenge. Vavrova owns Nebraska's second-best stroke average (72.92) on the season.

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).

SPARTAN SUN COAST INVITATIONAL, FEBRUARY 18-19, 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 70.93 stroke average over 15 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). She added another Big Ten weekly honor (Feb. 7) after a tie for sixth with a 210 (-6) to open the spring at the UCF Challenge (Feb. 3-5).

The sophomore from Challis, Idaho owns 13 career top-25 finishes, including eight 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, 2022).

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.

Vavrova added a 223 (72-77-74) to help NU 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 careerbest 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 and 2023 Slovakian Player of the Year, Vavrova has been a key to Nebraska's success, 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.

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 made 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

 Season Low Round
 66 (2023 Dale McNamara, 2nd)

 Top Five Finishes
 1/5

 Top 10 Finishes
 2/5

 Top 20 Finishes
 4/5

NEBRASKA 2023-24 TO		MICHAELA VAVROVA		
	Place/Teams - Round-by-Round=Score (To Par)	Tournament		
Sam Golden Invitational (Sept. 11-12)	T5th/12 - 278-278-288=844 (-20)	Sam Golden Invitational		
	T6th/15 - 290-298-300=888 (+24)	Mary Fossum Invitational		
Dale McNamara Invitational (Oct. 9-10)	5th/14 - 301-282-287=870 (+6)	Dale McNamara Invitational		
	T14th/18 - 293-298-289=880 (+16)	Landfall Tradition		
	T14th/18 - 295-294-289=878 (+14)	Season Totals	8/5 Strol	kes/12 Rounds
	-19)8 a.m.	2023-24 Stroke Average		
	-26)10 a.m.	Season Low Round		
Briar's Creek Invitational (March 11-12)	8 a.m.	Top Five Finishes		1/4
Florida State Match Up (March 15-17)	8 a.m.	Top 10 Finishes		
Lady Buckeye Invitational (April 13-14)	8 a.m.	Top 20 Finishes		1/4
	8 a.m.			
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	4,360/15 Rounds	Tournament		
	290.67	Sam Golden Invitational		
	278	Mary Fossum Invitational		
, ,	844	Dale McNamara Invitational		
	0/5	Landfall Tradition		
	2/5	UCF Challenge		
Top 10 Finishes	3/5	Season Totals		
		2023-24 Stroke Average		
NEBRASKA INDIVIDUA	L CAREER BEST ROUND	Season Low Round		
Golfer	Round (Tournament)	Top Five Finishes		0/5
Kelli Ann Strand	65 (2022 Green Wave, 2nd)	Top 10 Finishes		
Michaela Vavrova		rop 20 Finishes		0/5
		LINDSEY THIELE		
	69 (2023 Sam Golden, 1st)	Tournament	Results	Place
Lindsey Thiele	69 (2023 Westbrook, 2nd)	*Sam Golden Invitational	76-71-72=219 (+3)	T52nc
	69 (2022 Green Wave, 1st)	UCF Challenge		
Arden Louchheim	70 (2023 Sam Golden, 1st)	Season Totals		
	72 (2022 Green Wave, 1st)	2023-24 Stroke Average		
	72 (2021 White Sands, 3rd) 79 (2022 Big O Classic, 2nd)	Season Low Round	71 (2023 Sam	n Golden, 2nd
Brooke Bream	79 (2022 Big O Classic, 2nd)	Top Five Finishes		
		Top 10 Finishes		0/2
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Golfer	Three-Round Score (Tournament)	*com	peted as an individual outside the	Husker lineup
	202 (2022 Green Wave) - school record	LENA HASSERT		
		Tournament	Danulka	Dlass
Lindsey Thiele	209 (2022 Green Wave)	Sam Golden Invitational		
		Mary Fossum Invitational		
	215 (2023 Sam Golden)	Dale McNamara Invitational	74 75 75-224 (+15)	TE7no
		Landfall Tradition		
	219 (2022 Green Wave)	Season Totals		
Brooke Bream		2023-24 Stroke Average		
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	Finish (Tournament)	Top Five Finishes		
	1st (2022 Green Wave)	Top 10 Finishes		
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		Mary Fossum Invitational		
		Dale McNamara Invitational		
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NEBRASKA 2023-24 IN	DIVIDUAL RESULTS	UCF Challenge		
KELLI ANN STRAND		Season Totals		
	ResultsPlace	2023-24 Stroke Average		
Sam Golden Invitational	70-68-71=209 (-7)T13th	Season Low Round		
Mary Fossum invitational	72-77-76=225 (+9)T32nd		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
		Top Five Finishes		
Dale McNamara Invitational Landfall Tradition	72-77-76=225 (+9)	Top Five Finishes Top 10 Finishes		0/5
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Dale McNamara Invitational Landfall Tradition UCF Challenge Season Totals 2023-24 Stroke Average	72-77-76=225 (+9)	Top Five Finishes Top 10 Finishes		0/5

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SYDNEY HARZ	Results
	77-78-73=228 (+12)
	73 (2024 UCF Challenge, 3rd
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ANDREA VELEZ	
Tournament	Results Plac
Dale McNamara Invitational	74-75-80=229 (+13)T62n
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2023-24 Stroke Average	76.3
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