

NU POSTS RECORD SEASON: 2022-23 RECAP



The Nebraska rifle team put together a record-breaking year during coach Mindy Miles' second year at the helm. Nebraska finished the season at No. 6 in the College Rifle Coaches Association poll and qualified for the NCAA Championships and placed sixth. Junior captain Cecelia Ossi was the individual national champion in the smallbore event.

The Huskers broke numerous team and individual records. The team shot all five of the top-five aggregate scores in program history – 4,726 (at Alaska-Fairbanks, 11/13/22), 4,724 (at PRC Championships, 2/5/23), 4,719 (at Morehead State, 1/14/23), 4,717 (vs. Air Force, 10/22/22) and 4,715 (vs. Ohio State, 1/28/23). They also shot the top five smallbore scores – 2,351 (at Morehead State, 1/14/23), 2,348 (at PRC Championships, 2/4/23), 2,345 (2x, most recent at Alaska-Fairbanks, 11/13/22), 2,341 (vs. Ohio State, 1/28/23) and 2,340 (2x, most recent at NCAA Championships, 3/10/23). They also posted the top three air rifle scores of 2,381 (at Alaska-Fairbanks, 11/13/22), 2,379 (at Ohio State, 10/29/22) and 2,378 (at Alaska-Fairbanks, 11/12/22).

As an individual, Ossi averaged a 588.75 in the smallbore, the highest in Nebraska rifle history. She averaged a 594.00 in the air rifle, which is the highest of an NU junior and the second-highest in program history. Ossi also tied the second-highest Husker air rifle score of 597 and posted the second-highest smallbore score in NU history with a 592.

Freshmen Emma Rhode and Tori Watts both shot a Nebraska record score in the air rifle with 598s against Alaska-Fairbanks on Nov. 13, 2022. Watts posted the highest air rifle average in NU rifle history at 594.08, and didn't shoot below 592 once in the event. Rhode tied Ossi for the second-highest average at 594.00 and shot a 590 in the smallbore, the highest score of any Husker

freshman. She also posted the highest smallbore average of any NU freshman at 583.62.

Nebraska started off the season with a four-match win streak, after its season-opener against UTEP was canceled. The Huskers grabbed victories over The Citadel (4,703-4,624), Georgia Southern (4,677-4,628) and then-No. 8 Air Force (4,717-4,692/4,706-4,699). Against Air Force, NU shot its fourth-highest aggregate (4,717) and third-highest smallbore (2,345) scores.

The Huskers took their first loss of the season against then-No. 11 Ohio State and No. 2 TCU by scores of 4,699-4,708 and 4,699-4,737. Ossi placed fifth overall in that match.

NU traveled to Alaska to take on then-No. 4 Alaska-Fairbanks, who would go on to win the NCAA Championship. Here, the Huskers lost by scores of 4,714-4,743 and 4,726-4,740, but had a record-breaking weekend. Their day-two score of 4,726 is the highest team aggregate score in program history. They also shot a program-record air rifle score of 2,381 and tied the third-highest smallbore score in history of 2,345. Rhodes and Watts both posted their record-breaking air rifle scores of 598 on day two against the Nanooks.

NU concluded its fall slate on Nov. 20, 2022 with a 4,712-4,613 victory over UTEP, and Huskers swept the top four spots overall – Ossi took first (1,185), junior Madelynn Erickson was second (1,180) and Rhode (1,178) and freshman Camilla Johannessen (1,167) finished in third and fourth, respectively.

Nebraska started the second portion of the season strong after taking almost two months off. The team, ranked No. 6 at the time, traveled to Morehead, Ky. and defeated the then-No. 14 Morehead State Eagles by a score of 4,719-4,669. NU shot its program-high smallbore score of 2,351 at this match, and shot the third-highest aggregate score in Nebraska rifle history with its 4,719.

The Huskers then returned home to face then-No. 1 TCU for the second time during the season. They were defeated by a score of 4,710-4,744, but Ossi placed third overall (1,183) and Watts was fifth overall (1,180).

NU took on then-No. 11 Ohio State at the Nebraska Rifle Range in the last regular-season competition. The team avenged its loss earlier in the season and defeated the Buckeyes, 4,715-4,651. The Huskers took four of the top five spots in that match, as Rhode placed first (1,181), and Ossi (second, 1,179), Strauch (third, 1,179) and Watts (fifth, 1,177) rounded out the field.

To kick off the postseason, Nebraska traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska, for the Patriot Rifle Conference (PRC) Championships. NU placed third out of six in a conference field that included four NCAA qualifiers. The Huskers shot a 2,348 in the smallbore and a 2,376 in the air rifle to combine for an aggregate score of 4,724.

NU took on then-No. 10 Akron and No. 12 Ohio State at the NCAA qualifier match in Columbus, Ohio, and placed first out of the three teams. Ossi earned a first-place overall finish with a 1,180 aggregate score.

On Feb. 20, the Huskers were announced as one of eight qualifying teams for the NCAA Championships on March 10-11 in Akron, Ohio. The smallbore took place on day one of the championships, and Ossi won the NCAA title in that event. She shot a 590 in the preliminary rounds of competition and defeated Kentucky's Will Shaner in the final by a score of 16-8. As a team, the Huskers placed fourth with a 2,340. Day two of the championships was the air rifle event, in which the team shot a 2,366, which combined with their smallbore score for an aggregate of 4,706. Nebraska placed sixth at the NCAA Championships after coming in ranked seventh in the country.

2022-23 NEBRASKA SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	SMALLBORE		AIR RIFLE		COMBINED		W/L	RECORD
			NU	OPP	NU	OPP	NU	OPP		
Oct. 15	at The Citadel	Charleston, S.C.	2,335	2,298	2,368	2,326	4,703	4,624	W	1-0
Oct. 16	at Georgia Southern	Statesboro, Ga.	2,309	2,287	2,368	2,341	4,677	4,628	W	2-0
Oct. 22	Air Force	NU Rifle Range	2,345	2,312	2,372	2,380	4,717	4,692	W	3-0
Oct. 23	Air Force	NU Rifle Range	2,336	2,330	2,370	2,369	4,706	4,699	W	4-0
Oct. 29	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	2,320	2,341	2,379	2,367	4,699	4,708	L	4-1
Oct. 29	TCU	Columbus, Ohio	2,320	2,350	2,379	2,387	4,699	4,737	L	4-2
Nov. 12	at Alaska-Fairbanks	Fairbanks, Alaska	2,336	2,357	2,378	2,386	4,714	4,743	L	4-3
Nov. 13	at Alaska-Fairbanks	Fairbanks, Alaska	2,345	2,356	2,381	2,384	4,726	4,740	L	4-4
Nov. 20	UTEP	NU Rifle Range	2,336	2,283	2,376	2,330	4,712	4,613	W	5-4
Jan. 14	at Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.	2,351	2,307	2,368	2,362	4,719	4,669	W	6-4
Jan. 21	TCU	NU Rifle Range	2,334	2,355	2,376	2,389	4,710	4,744	L	6-5
Jan. 28	Ohio State	NU Rifle Range	2,341	2,297	2,374	2,354	4,715	4,651	W	7-5
Feb. 4-5	at PRC Championships	Fairbanks, Alaska	Third of Six							
	vs. TCU		2,348	2,360	2,376	2,390	4,724	4,750		
	vs. Alaska Fairbanks		2,348	2,365	2,376	2,384	4,724	4,749		
	vs. Air Force		2,348	2,333	2,376	2,375	4,724	4,708		
	vs. Ohio State		2,348	2,339	2,376	2,355	4,724	4,694		
	vs. UTEP		2,348	2,265	2,376	2,302	4,724	4,567		
Feb. 18	at NCAA Qualifiers	Columbus, Ohio	First of Three							
	vs. Ohio State		2,340	2,333	2,369	2,369	4,709	4,702		
	vs. Akron		2,340	2,328	2,369	2,370	4,709	4,698		
March 10-11	at NCAA Championships	Akron, Ohio	Sixth of Eight							
	vs. Alaska-Fairbanks		2,340	2,349	2,366	2,380	4,706	4,729		
	vs. TCU		2,340	2,338	2,366	2,379	4,706	4,717		
	vs. Kentucky		2,340	2,340	2,366	2,373	4,706	4,713		
	vs. Ole Miss		2,340	2,346	2,366	2,367	4,706	4,713		
	vs. West Virginia		2,340	2,343	2,366	2,365	4,706	4,708		
	vs. Air Force		2,340	2,322	2,366	2,375	4,706	4,697		
	vs. Murray State		2,340	2,322	2,366	2,366	4,706	4,688		

2022-23 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

MADELYNN ERICKSON

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
at The Citadel	587	589	1,176
at Georgia Southern	582	592	1,174
Air Force	589	594	1,183
Air Force	587	588	1,175
at Ohio State	573	595	1,168
vs TCU	573	595	1,168
at Alaska-Fairbanks	585	592	1,177
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UTEP	587	593	1,180
at Morehead State	588	597	1,185
TCU	581	591	1,172
Ohio State	578	591	1,169
at PRC Championships	586	592	1,178
at NCAA Qualifiers	585	590*	1,175
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Kinga Aletto shot in all 10 matches and scored a season best 1,159 at No. 1 Kentucky.