

NU PRODUCES FOURTH STRAIGHT TOP-EIGHT FINISH



2015-16 Nebraska Rifle Team (back row, from left): Marissa Major, Alexandra Lorentz, Magdalena Mical, Nina Radulovic, Rachel Martin, Jaycee Carter; (front row, from left): Hannah Virga, Rachel Yager, Jordan Miller, Denise Martin, Katie Brown.

The 2015-16 Nebraska rifle team produced its fourth consecutive top-eight finish after placing eighth at the 2016 NCAA Championships under second-year head coach Ashley MacAllister and first-year assistant coach Rick Johnson.

The Huskers qualified for the NCAA Championships for the fourth consecutive year, marking the second-longest streak since rifle became a varsity sport at NU in 1998-99.

The team's eighth-place finish at the NCAA Championships capped a very successful 2015-16 season that included several personal-best scores, new school records and a pair of All-Americans.

The Huskers started the season by traveling to Colorado Springs for a pair of matches. On Oct. 10, NU battled Air Force. Despite solid air rifle performances from Rachel Martin (593), Jaycee Carter (591) and Hannah Virga (591), the Huskers fell to the Falcons 4,680-4,662. Freshmen Jordan Miller and Hannah Yager each shot well in their collegiate debut, firing a 567 in smallbore and a 579 in air rifle, respectively.

On Oct. 11, Hannah Virga broke the school record for highest air rifle score by a freshman (594) against No. 1 West Virginia. Maggie Mical notched a season-high air rifle score of 588, but the Mountaineers outlasted the Huskers 4,714-4,654.

NU had a bye week to prepare for a two-day match against TCU and Memphis on Oct. 24-25 in Fort Worth, Texas. The Huskers came in second, defeating Memphis, but falling to TCU. Carter tallied a career-best air rifle score of 594. NU finished with a final team score of 4,675. TCU scored 4,708 and Memphis scored 4,654.

Despite starting the season 1-3, the Huskers showed their resiliency by bouncing back to win three of their next four matches, beginning with a weekend sweep in Charleston, S.C., on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. The Huskers topped NC State 4,666-4,636, on Oct. 31, after dominating in smallbore by more than 20 points. The following day, NU overcame Army West Point 4,663-4,616. Virga fired a 597 in air rifle to break her own record for highest air rifle score ever shot by a freshman, which she set earlier in the season. Additionally, she tied Rachel Martin as the school record holder for highest overall air rifle score (597).

After another off week, Nebraska had its only two home matches of the season. On Nov. 14, the Huskers welcomed the top-ranked Kentucky Wildcats to the NU Rifle Range. The Huskers tallied a higher smallbore score, but the Wildcats got the best of the Huskers in air rifle and defeated NU 4,676-4,645.

The following weekend, Nebraska hosted Akron on Senior Day Nov. 21. The team ended

the fall season on a high note, flying by the Zips 4,670-4,612. The Huskers continued their hot streak in air rifle, firing a score of 2,360, the sixth-best score in school history. Rachel Martin was the top shooter of the day with 596. Denise Martin and Alexandra Lorentz both made a mark during their last home match of the season, firing personal-best air rifle scores of 593 and 591, respectively. Katie Brown and Rachel Yager also notched career-high score in smallbore, finishing with 556 and 559, respectively. Mical posted a season-high score in smallbore (578).

Nebraska finished the fall season 4-4 and had almost a two-month break before returning to competition.

On Jan. 16, Nebraska traveled to Oxford, Miss., to compete against Murray State and Ole Miss. The Huskers finished with a team score of 4,672. Murray State ended in first with a score of 4,687, while Ole Miss placed third with 4,593. Nina Radulovic earned a personal-high in smallbore (584).

The following weekend, NU faced Murray State in Kentucky, and fell to the Racers 4,691-4,677. Denise Martin and Miller earned personal-best scores; Martin in smallbore (589) and Miller in air rifle (588).

Nebraska continued a series of away matches on Jan. 31 in Columbus, Ohio, where the Huskers knocked off Ohio State 4,674-4,672.

After a week off, Nebraska competed in its final two matches of the regular season in Annapolis, Md. On Feb. 13, NU dominated Ole Miss 4,667-4,631. Freshman Nina Radulovic fired a career-best score of 593 in air rifle against the Rebels.

On Feb. 14, Nebraska had an impressive finish to its regular season, including several personal-best scores, a season-high team score (4,680) and a team victory over Navy. Rachel Martin earned a career-high score (590) in smallbore, while Denise Martin tallied a personal best in air rifle (594). With the win over Navy, Nebraska finished the regular season 8-6, including winning its last three matches.

A week later, the Huskers began postseason action at the NCAA Qualifiers in Murray, Ky., where the team finished second in their session and qualified for the 2016 NCAA Championships for the fourth consecutive season with a score of 4,668.

Nebraska competed at the GARC Championships in Oxford, Miss., Feb. 26-28.

Brown earned a career high in air rifle (575), Marissa Major tied her career-best air rifle score (584) and Virga clinched a career best in smallbore (570) at the championships. As a team, the Huskers finished sixth with 4,638.

Denise Martin and Rachel Martin were recognized for their efforts by the conference. Denise Martin was honored in each of the three categories. The Chewelah, Wash., native earned honorable-mention in smallbore, air rifle and the two combined. It was her third consecutive season earning All-GARC honors. Rachel Martin earned a spot on the second team in smallbore and combined. She was also the Nebraska recipient for the scholar-athlete award. As a team, Nebraska placed third in the conference during the regular season, behind West Virginia and Kentucky.

The Huskers concluded their season at the NCAA Championships in Akron, Ohio, on March 11-12. NU finished eighth with a score of 4,650. West Virginia took home its fourth consecutive national title with a combined score of 4,703.

TCU claimed second (4,694), while Murray State clinched third (4,690).

Denise Martin and Rachel Martin each claimed All-America honors for their tremendous efforts on the rifle range. Both Huskers claimed second-team honors from the NRA in smallbore. Rachel Martin was also named a CRCA honorable-mention All-American (combined).

Rachel Martin returns for her senior season in 2016-17, along with 2015 NRA All-American Jaycee Carter. As the only two seniors, Martin and Carter will serve as primary leaders on a young Husker squad in pursuit of a fifth straight NCAA appearance in 2017.



Jordan Miller competed seven times in smallbore and six times in air rifle for the Huskers as a freshman, firing career-highs of 567 and 588, respectively.

2015-16 POSTSEASON NCAA QUALIFIERS

FEB. 21, 2016 » MURRAY, KY.

TEAM	SB	AR	TOTAL
1. Murray State	2,345	2,370	4,715
2. Nebraska	2,319	2,349	4,668
3. UTM	2,261	2,306	4,567
4. Memphis	2,318	2,335	4,653

GARC CHAMPIONSHIPS

FEB. 26-28, 2016 » OXFORD, MISS.

TEAM	SB	AR	TOTAL
1. West Virginia	2,335	2,367	4,702
2. Kentucky	2,314	2,363	4,677
3. NC State	2,291	2,360	4,651
4. Army West Point	2,310	2,338	4,648
5. Mississippi	2,297	2,342	4,639
6. Nebraska	2,300	2,338	4,638
7. Akron	2,301	2,323	4,624
8. Memphis	2,294	2,325	4,619
9. Navy	2,283	2,323	4,606

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH 11-12, 2016 » AKRON, OHIO

TEAM	SB	AR	TOTAL
1. West Virginia	2,338	2,365	4,703
2. TCU	2,333	2,361	4,694
3. Murray State	2,329	2,361	4,690
4. Air Force	2,309	2,360	4,669
5. Kentucky	2,313	2,356	4,669
6. Alaska-Fairbanks	2,313	2,351	4,664
7. Ohio State	2,308	2,351	4,659
8. Nebraska	2,297	2,353	4,650

2015-16 NEBRASKA SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	SMALLBORE		AIR RIFLE		COMBINED		W/L	RECORD
			NU	OPP	NU	OPP	NU	OPP		
Oct. 10	Air Force	at Colorado Springs, Colo.	2,305	2,322	2,357	2,358	4,662	4,680	(L)	0-1
Oct. 11	West Virginia	at Colorado Springs, Colo.	2,290	2,338	2,364	2,376	4,654	4,714	(L)	0-2
Oct. 24-25	Memphis	at Fort Worth, Texas	2,306	2,306	2,365	2,348	4,671	4,654	(W)	1-2
	TCU			2,336		2,372		4,678	(L)	1-3
Oct. 31	NC State	at Charleston, S.C.	2,309	2,284	2,357	2,352	4,666	4,636	(W)	2-3
Nov. 1	Army West Point	at Charleston, S.C.	2,300	2,280	2,363	2,336	4,663	4,616	(W)	3-3
Nov. 14	Kentucky	NU Rifle Range	2,312	2,311	2,333	2,365	4,645	4,676	(L)	3-4
Nov. 21	Akron	NU Rifle Range	2,310	2,299	2,360	2,313	4,670	4,612	(W)	4-4
Jan. 16	Ole Miss	at Oxford, Miss.	2,315	2,252	2,357	2,341	4,672	4,593	(W)	5-4
	Murray State				2,319		2,368	4,687	(L)	5-5
Jan. 23	Murray State	at Murray, Ky.	2,324	2,328	2,353	2,363	4,677	4,691	(L)	5-6
Jan. 31	Ohio State	at Columbus, Ohio	2,317	2,307	2,357	2,365	4,674	4,672	(W)	6-6
Feb. 13	Ole Miss	at Annapolis, Md.	2,318	2,290	2,349	2,341	4,667	4,631	(W)	7-6
Feb. 14	Navy	at Annapolis, Md.	2,318	2,277	2,362	2,346	4,680	4,680	(W)	8-6
Feb. 21	NCAA Qualifiers	at Murray, Ky.	2,319		2,349		4,668	2nd/4		10-7
Feb. 26-28	GARC Championships	at Oxford, Miss.	2,300		2,338		4,638	6th/9		13-12
March 11-12	NCAA Championships	at Akron, Ohio	2,297		2,353		4,650	8th/8		13-19

2015-16 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

KATIE BROWN

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	534	562	1,096
Kentucky	537	552	1,089
Akron	556	566	1,122
GARC Championships	555	575	1,130

JAYCEE CARTER

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	572	591	1,163
West Virginia	565	585	1,150
Memphis/TCU	570	594	1,164
NC State	570	592	1,162
Army West Point	569	589	1,158
Kentucky	569	584	1,153
Akron	574	583	1,157
Murray State/Ole Miss	565	591	1,156
Murray State	570	591	1,161
Ohio State	571	593	1,164
Ole Miss	570	590	1,160
Navy	569	593	1,162
NCAA Qualifiers	571	587	1,158
GARC Championships	563	587	1,150
NCAA Championships	569	591	1,160

ALEXANDREA LORENTZ

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	573	579	1,152
West Virginia	574	587	1,161
Memphis/TCU	572	591	1,163
NC State	559	584	1,143
Army West Point	563	577	1,140
Kentucky	575	586	1,161
Akron	574	591	1,165
Murray State/Ole Miss	567	585	1,152
Murray State	568	580	1,148
Ohio State	569	585	1,154
Ole Miss	577	583	1,160
Navy	569	581	1,150
NCAA Qualifiers	575	585	1,160
GARC Championships	564	577	1,141

MARISSA MAJOR

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	565	570	1,135
Kentucky	558	577	1,135
Akron	552	571	1,123
Ohio State	570	579	1,149
Ole Miss	563	580	1,143
Navy	558	577	1,135
NCAA Qualifiers	569	582	1,151
GARC Championships	566	584	1,150

DENISE MARTIN

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	581	585	1,166
West Virginia	576	582	1,158
Memphis/TCU	581	591	1,172
NC State	582	590	1,172
Army West Point	581	588	1,169
Kentucky	584	587	1,171
Akron	575	593	1,168
Murray State/Ole Miss	588	585	1,173
Murray State	589	588	1,177
Ohio State	585	586	1,171
Ole Miss	582	580	1,162
Navy	581	594	1,175
NCAA Qualifiers	584	584	1,168
GARC Championships	581	588	1,169
NCAA Championships	573	580	1,153

RACHEL MARTIN

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	575	593	1,168
West Virginia	579	590	1,169
Memphis/TCU	583	594	1,177
NC State	581	586	1,167
Army West Point	578	584	1,162
Kentucky	578	579	1,157
Akron	583	596	1,179
Murray State/Ole Miss	576	593	1,169
Murray State	589	594	1,183
Ohio State	586	589	1,175
Ole Miss	580	583	1,163
Navy	590	586	1,176
NCAA Qualifiers	582	590	1,172
GARC Championships	574	586	1,160
NCAA Championships	579	585	1,164

MAGDALENA MICAL

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	577	587	1,164
West Virginia	563	588	1,151
Memphis/TCU	568	584	1,152
NC State	572	--	--
Army West Point	565	580	1,145
Kentucky	576	584	1,160
Akron	578	581	1,159
Murray State/Ole Miss	566	587	1,153
Murray State	569	582	1,151
Ole Miss	571	587	1,158
Navy	578	584	1,162
NCAA Qualifiers	574	585	1,159
GARC Championships	567	581	1,148
NCAA Championships	568	587	1,155

JORDAN MILLER

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	567	567	1,134
West Virginia	562	--	--
Kentucky	554	564	1,118
Akron	558	575	1,133
Murray State	552	588	1,140
Ohio State	556	574	1,130
GARC Championships	565	569	1,134

NINA RADULOVIC

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	565	586	1,151
West Virginia	570	592	1,162
Memphis/TCU	570	590	1,160
NC State	576	588	1,164
Army West Point	572	589	1,161
Kentucky	574	583	1,157
Akron	569	588	1,157
Murray State/Ole Miss	584	588	1,172
Murray State	577	588	1,165
Ohio State	575	589	1,164
Ole Miss	579	593	1,172
Navy	578	589	1,167
NCAA Qualifiers	579	587	1,166
GARC Championships	578	584	1,162
NCAA Championships	576	585	1,161

HANNAH VIRGA

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	568	591	1,159
West Virginia	559	594	1,153
Memphis/TCU	560	587	1,147
NC State	--	587	--
Army West Point	562	597	1,159
Kentucky	566	578	1,144

Akron	559	583	1,142
Murray State	568	578	1,146
Ohio State	567	584	1,151
Ole Miss	569	580	1,149
Navy	570	583	1,153
NCAA Qualifiers	568	570	1,138
GARC Championships	566	573	1,126

RACHEL YAGER

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
Air Force	555	579	1,134
West Virginia	--	572	--
Kentucky	555	567	1,122
Akron	559	574	1,133
GARC Championships	553	570	1,123

Bold indicates counted toward team score.

2015-16 STATISTICS

SMALLBORE

PLAYER	APPS.	HIGH	AVG.
Rachel Martin	15	590	581.53
Denise Martin	15	589	581.53
Nina Radulovic	15	584	574.46
Magdalena Mical	14	578	570.86
Alexandrea Lorentz	14	577	569.93
Jaycee Carter	15	574	569.13
Hannah Virga	12	570	565.17
Marissa Major	8	570	562.63
Jordan Miller	7	567	559.14
Rachel Yager	4	559	555.33
Katie Brown	4	556	545.50

AIR RIFLE

PLAYER	APPS.	HIGH	AVG.
Jaycee Carter	15	594	589.40
Rachel Martin	15	596	588.53
Nina Radulovic	15	593	587.93
Denise Martin	15	594	586.73
Magdalena Mical	13	588	584.38
Alexandrea Lorentz	14	591	583.64
Hannah Virga	13	597	583.46
Marissa Major	8	584	577.50
Jordan Miller	6	588	572.83
Rachel Yager	5	579	572.40
Katie Brown	4	575	563.75

COMBINED

PLAYER	APPS.	HIGH	AVG.
Rachel Martin	15	1,183	1,169.40
Denise Martin	15	1,177	1,168.27
Nina Radulovic	15	1,172	1,162.73
Jaycee Carter	15	1,164	1,158.53
Magdalena Mical	13	1,164	1,155.15
Alexandrea Lorentz	14	1,165	1,153.57
Hannah Virga	12	1,159	1,147.25
Marissa Major	8	1,150	1,140.13
Jordan Miller	6	1,140	1,131.50
Rachel Yager	4	1,134	1,128.00
Katie Brown	4	1,130	1,109.25