

2017-18 BROUGHT NU RECORDS, ALL-AMERICANS



2017-18 Nebraska Rifle Team (from left): Hannah Virga, Dacotah Faught, Sarah Sutton, Rachel Yager, Emily Cheramie, Nina Radulovic, Elizabeth Ewert, Maddie Korthas, Samantha Peterson, Kayla Gadeken, Mari Butler, Katie Brown.

The 2017-18 Nebraska rifle team concluded a record-breaking season under fourth-year head coach Ashley MacAllister and third-year assistant coach Rick Johnson. With their sixth consecutive selection to the 2018 NCAA Championships, the Huskers broke the school record for most consecutive appearances. The milestone is the most in Nebraska history since rifle became a varsity sport in 1998. By the conclusion of the season the Huskers had accumulated a school record, several personal records, three all-conference honorees and an All-American.

Dacotah Faught finished her senior year on a high note, earning All-America honors from the NRA for her achievements. The award marked the second consecutive season that Faught earned second-team honors in air rifle. The accolade marks her third All-America award, after bringing home second-team honors in air rifle last season and second-team honors in smallbore in 2015 at UT Martin. Faught led the Huskers in air rifle over the course of the 2017-18 season, maintaining an average of 590.71 and posting the team's highest individual air rifle score of the season when she fired 596 against Kentucky on Nov. 19.

Nebraska journeyed to Charleston, S.C., March 9-10 to compete in the NCAA Championships in the final outing of the season. The record-breaking appearance began on March 9 as the Huskers finished the day in seventh at the conclusion of smallbore action. Emily Cheramie led the team with a score of 583, pushing NU to a team score of 2,310. The effort landed Nebraska in a tie for seventh with Ohio State. Another tie in the centershots tiebreaker (100 each) forced a second tiebreaker. Kayla Gadeken's mark of 573 ultimately pushed Nebraska ahead as the scores deferred to the usually non-counted fifth squad member. The next day Nebraska, led by Faught (589), notched a team air rifle score of 2,345. An overall score of 4,655 put the Huskers behind Ohio State (4,664) to place eighth.

An NCAA Qualifier match against Murray State preceded the Huskers' trip to the Championships. A season-high team smallbore score (2,324) was not enough to push the Huskers past the Racers, with a final score of 4,672-4,710. Cheramie's mark of 585 paced NU in smallbore, while Samantha Peterson led the way in air rifle with 591 to contribute to Nebraska's team score of 2,343.

The Huskers showed resolve and focus in a whirlwind season, particularly in the fall when Head Coach Ashley MacAllister went on maternity leave.

"I am most impressed with the culture that we have created this year," MacAllister said. "Everyone on this team has the ability to face the hard things that often in the past I have seen athletes try to avoid. I am so proud of the girls and how they were able to handle the craziness from the beginning of the season. It is hard when your head coach isn't around fulltime for half of the season. I can't thank [Assistant Coach Rick Johnson] enough for stepping up and taking the lead while I was out in the fall."

The Nebraska rifle team opened the 2017-18 season at the NCAA Test Event in Charleston, S.C., on Sept. 24, where a combined score of 4,631 placed the Huskers in third behind Ole Miss and N.C. State. Nina Radulovic paved the way for NU in smallbore with a second-place score of 580. Faught led the Huskers in air rifle, firing an impressive 591. The match served as an exhibition before NU hosted West Virginia in the first match of the regular season.

The Huskers hosted top-ranked West Virginia on Oct. 14, falling to the Mountaineers 4,653-4,716 in the first home match of the season. Radulovic and Gadeken led the Huskers in smallbore, each notching 578. Dacotah Faught paved the way in air rifle with 592. The Huskers finished with scores of 2,304 in smallbore and 2,349 in air rifle.

Army West Point journeyed to Lincoln on Oct. 21 in Nebraska's second home match of the season. NU's aggregate score of 4,631 was enough to overcome Army's 4,630 after the Huskers hung on to a lead despite falling four points short in air rifle. A strong smallbore score (2,298), led by a pair of 578 scores from Faught and Radulovic, propelled the Huskers to a win. Peterson paved the way to Nebraska's air rifle score of 2,333, notching a score of 588.

The Huskers traveled to Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 28-29 to face TCU and Memphis in their first road match of the season. Nebraska scored an overall score of 2,300 in smallbore, led by Peterson's score of 579. Radulovic notched a mark of 589 to pace NU in air rifle, contributing to an aggregate score of 2,336. TCU and Memphis topped the Huskers' overall score of 4,636, as TCU took first with 4,711 and Memphis brought in second with 4,663.

Nebraska was not done yet, however. The Huskers defeated Memphis on the second day of match action in Fort Worth, 4,665-4,640. Virga's career-high smallbore score (585) led NU's smallbore effort, ending in an aggregate mark of 2,315. This ultimately decided the match as the two teams tied in air rifle, 2,350-2,350. Faught led the team in air rifle with a score of 592.

The Huskers' final appearance of 2017 came in Colorado Springs, Colo., as they faced the fifth-ranked Kentucky Wildcats on Nov. 19. Nebraska fell short (4,663-4,696) but fired its highest smallbore score of the season in the process, posting a mark of 2,320 as a team. NU was led by Cheramie's career-high score of 585. Faught led the team in air rifle by tying her own career-high score of 596, contributing to an overall score of 2,343.

The next day Nebraska competed against Kentucky, Air Force and Ohio State. The Huskers lost a tiebreaker with Air Force (Inner tens: 280-257) to place fourth with a score of 4,672. Kentucky took first with a mark of 4,687 and Ohio State grabbed second with 4,682. Nebraska fired its second-highest smallbore score of the season (2,316), led by Virga's career-high score of 587. Virga also led the team in air rifle with a score of 590, helping the Huskers to a season-high score of 2,356.

In the first match of 2018, the Huskers traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to take on the Ohio State Buckeyes on Jan. 13. Nebraska's aggregate score of 4,667 was not enough to top Ohio State's score of 4,690. Peterson's smallbore score of 583 led the Huskers on their way to a team score of 2,317. A team score of 2,350 in air rifle, led by Faught's mark of 592 was not enough to push NU past the Buckeyes.

Nebraska's second match in Ohio was against Ole Miss the next day. The Rebels topped the Huskers, 4,660-4,669. NU notched a mark of 2,311 in smallbore, led by Radulovic's score of 580. Peterson paced the Huskers in air rifle with a score of 590, helping to push the Huskers to a team score of 2,349.

In their next appearance, the Huskers traveled to Annapolis, Md., to compete against Navy on Jan. 19. A final score of 4,682-4,655 put Nebraska on top. NU's smallbore score of 2,320 tied the team's season high, fueled by Virga's score of 586. Nebraska widened the gap in air rifle, producing a score of 2,362. Faught led the Huskers with her second-highest score of the season (595).

The Huskers took on North Carolina State the next day (Jan. 20). Nebraska came out on top (4,670-6,655) to finish the weekend 2-0. Nebraska set a season-high smallbore score (2,321), led by a pair of 583 scores from Cheramie and Peterson. Faught fired a score of 593 to pace NU in air rifle, contributing to a team score of 2,349. The impressive smallbore effort was enough for the Huskers to survive being outscored in air rifle and win the match.

In their last home match of the season, the Huskers defeated the Akron Zips, 4,661-4,640. Cheramie paced the team in smallbore with a mark of 584, contributing to a team score of 2,308. Faught led the field in air rifle on Nebraska's Senior Day, firing 595 to push NU to a team score of 2,353.

The Huskers traveled to Morgantown W.Va., to compete in the GARC Championships Feb. 24-25. Smallbore action began with NU finishing the day in fifth. Cheramie paced the team with a mark of 580, leading the way to a team score of 2,306. The next day, Faught fired a score of 590 in air rifle to lead NU. The Huskers finished with an aggregate air rifle score of 2,345 and overall team score of 4,651. At the end of the competition, Nebraska shared fourth place with Ole Miss, but after falling short in the tiebreaker, the Huskers finished fifth. Three Huskers were honored at the annual award banquet the night before competition began. Cheramie earned a place on the second-team all-conference smallbore team. Faught earned second-team all-conference honors in air rifle and honorable mention in combined disciplines. Radulovic was named Nebraska's Scholar Athlete of the Year for the second year in a row.

2017-18 NEBRASKA SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	SMALLBORE		AIR RIFLE		COMBINED		W/L	RECORD
			NU	OPP	NU	OPP	NU	OPP		
Sep. 24	NCAA Test Event	Charleston, S.C.	2,304		2,327		4,631			
	Ole Miss			2,314		2,347		4,661	(L)	0-1
	Ohio State			2,295		2,355		4,650	(L)	0-2
	Citadel			2,254		2,300		4,554	(W)	1-2
Oct. 14	West Virginia	Lincoln, Neb.	2,304	2,336	2,349	2,380	4,653	4,716	(L)	1-3
Oct. 21	Army West Point	Lincoln, Neb.	2,298	2,293	2,333	2,337	4,631	4,630	(W)	2-3
Oct. 28	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	2,300	2,329	2,336	2,382	4,636	4,711	(L)	2-4
	Memphis			2,305		2,358		4,663	(L)	2-5
Oct. 29	Memphis	Fort Worth, Texas	2,315	2,290	2,350	2,350	4,665	4,640	(W)	3-5
Nov. 18	Kentucky	Colorado Springs, Colo.	2,320	2,332	2,343	2,364	4,663	4,696	(L)	3-6
Nov. 19	Kentucky	Colorado Springs, Colo.	2,316	2,328	2,356	2,359	4,672	4,687	(L)	3-7
	Ohio State			2,309		2,373		4,682	(L)	3-8
	Air Force*			2,308		2,364		4,672	(L)	3-9
Jan. 13	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	2,317	2,320	2,350	2,370	4,667	4,690	(L)	3-10
Jan. 14	Ole Miss	Columbus, Ohio	2,311	2,312	2,349	2,357	4,660	4,669	(L)	3-11
Jan. 19	Navy	Annapolis, Md.	2,320	2,308	2,362	2,347	4,682	4,655	(W)	4-11
Jan. 20	NC State	Annapolis, Md.	2,321	2,293	2,349	2,362	4,670	4,655	(W)	5-11
Feb. 3	Akron	Lincoln, Neb.	2,308	2,287	2,353	2,353	4,661	4,640	(W)	6-11
Feb. 18	NCAA Qualifiers	Murray, Ky.	2,324	2,343	2,348	2,367	4,672	4,710	(L)	6-12
	Murray State									
Feb. 24-25	GARC Championships	Morgantown, W. Va.	2,306		2,345		4,651			
	West Virginia			2,333		2,366		4,699	(L)	6-13
	Kentucky			2,319		2,367		4,686	(L)	6-14
	Navy			2,315		2,348		4,663	(L)	6-15
	Ole Miss*			2,289		2,362		4,651	(L)	6-16
	NC State			2,308		2,338		4,646	(W)	7-16
	Army West Point			2,293		2,346		4,639	(W)	8-16
	Akron			2,292		2,345		4,637	(W)	9-16
	Memphis			2,291		2,333		4,624	(W)	10-16
	March 9-10	NCAA Championships	Charleston, S.C.	2,310		2,345		4,655		
Kentucky				2,345		2,372		4,717	(L)	10-17
West Virginia				2,327		2,381		4,708	(L)	10-18
TCU				2,326		2,375		4,701	(L)	10-19
Murray State				2,324		2,360		4,684	(L)	10-20
Air Force				2,319		2,350		4,669	(L)	10-21
Alaska				2,312		2,355		4,667	(L)	10-22
Ohio State				2,310		2,354		4,664	(L)	10-23

*Tie breaker determined by inner tens (Xs); NU: 257, USAFA: 280

2017-18 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

MARI BUTLER

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	DNP	DNP	DNP
West Virginia	549	580	1,129
Army West Point	541	580	1,121
Memphis, TCU	DNP	DNP	DNP
Memphis	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kentucky	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	DNP	DNP	DNP
Ohio State	DNP	DNP	DNP
Ole Miss	DNP	DNP	DNP
Navy	DNP	DNP	DNP
NC State	DNP	DNP	DNP
Akron	562	572	1,134
NCAA Qualifiers	DNP	DNP	DNP
GARC Champs.	DNP	DNP	DNP
NCAA Champs.	DNP	DNP	DNP
Average	550.67	577.33	1,128.00

EMILY CHERAMIE

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	570	582	1,152
West Virginia	569	579	1,148
Army West Point	574	582	1,156
Memphis, TCU	574	579	1,153
Memphis	578	DNP	DNP
Kentucky	585	580	1,165
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	577	DNP	DNP
Ohio State	573	585	1,158
Ole Miss	577	583	1,160
Navy	574	581	1,155
NC State	583	591	1,174
Akron	584	580	1,164
NCAA Qualifiers	585	583	1,168
GARC Champs.	580	585	1,165
NCAA Champs.	583	585	1,168
Average	577.73	582.69	1,160.43

ELIZABETH EWERT

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	DNP	DNP	DNP
West Virginia	567	575	1,142
Army West Point	559	572	1,131
Memphis, TCU	DNP	DNP	DNP
Memphis	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kentucky	555	580	1,135
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	565	580	1,145
Ohio State	566	581	1,147
Ole Miss	564	579	1,143
Navy	DNP	DNP	DNP
NC State	DNP	DNP	DNP
Akron	560	574	1,134
NCAA Qualifiers	557	580	1,137
GARC Champs.	559	581	1,140
NCAA Champs.	DNP	DNP	DNP
Average	561.33	578.00	1,139.33



2017-18 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

DACOTAH FAUGHT

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	575	591	1,166
West Virginia	573	592	1,165
Army West Point	578	587	1,165
Memphis, TCU	572	585	1,157
Memphis	565	592	1,157
Kentucky	581	596	1,177
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	578	588	1,166
Ohio State	579	592	1,171
Ole Miss	571	587	1,158
Navy	578	595	1,173
NC State	572	593	1,165
Akron	568	595	1,163
NCAA Qualifiers	571	589	1,160
GARC Champs.	571	590	1,161
NCAA Champs.	576	589	1,165
Average	573.87	590.73	1,164.60

KAYLA GADEKEN

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	573	577	1,150
West Virginia	578	584	1,162
Army West Point	568	579	1,147
Memphis, TCU	571	577	1,148
Memphis	DNP	576	DNP
Kentucky	581	573	1,154
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	568	582	1,150
Ohio State	565	579	1,144
Ole Miss	576	586	1,162
Navy	578	588	1,166
NC State	580	580	1,160
Akron	568	587	1,155
NCAA Qualifiers	580	587	1,167
GARC Champs.	567	583	1,150
NCAA Champs.	573	584	1,157
Average	573.29	581.47	1,154.75

MADDIE KORTHAS

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	558	574	1,132
West Virginia	569	571	1,140
Army West Point	571	578	1,149
Memphis, TCU	556	569	1,125
Memphis	DNP	590	DNP
Kentucky	564	580	1,144
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	558	589	1,147
Ohio State	558	577	1,135
Ole Miss	568	573	1,141
Navy	554	581	1,135
NC State	559	583	1,142
Akron	555	584	1,139
NCAA Qualifiers	560	580	1,140
GARC Champs.	561	579	1,140
NCAA Champs.	DNP	DNP	DNP
Average	560.85	579.14	1,139.99

SAMANTHA PETERSON

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	576	585	1,161
West Virginia	575	591	1,166
Army West Point	567	588	1,155
Memphis, TCU	579	583	1,162
Memphis	573	581	1,154
Kentucky	576	583	1,159
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	574	589	1,163
Ohio State	583	587	1,170
Ole Miss	578	590	1,168
Navy	582	591	1,173
NC State	583	584	1,167
Akron	581	587	1,168
NCAA Qualifiers	584	591	1,175
GARC Champs.	577	587	1,164
NCAA Champs.	576	586	1,162
Average	577.60	586.87	1,164.47

NINA RADULOVIC

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	580	569	1,149
West Virginia	578	581	1,159
Army West Point	578	579	1,157
Memphis, TCU	575	589	1,164
Memphis	579	583	1,162
Kentucky	569	575	1,144
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	578	DNP	DNP
Ohio State	582	582	1,164
Ole Miss	580	585	1,165
Navy	574	587	1,161
NC State	578	581	1,159
Akron	575	590	1,165
NCAA Qualifiers	574	580	1,154
GARC Champs.	578	583	1,161
NCAA Champs.	575	585	1,160
Average	576.87	582.07	1,158.94

SARAH SUTTON

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	DNP	DNP	DNP
West Virginia	562	565	1,127
Army West Point	549	570	1,119
Memphis, TCU	DNP	DNP	DNP
Memphis	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kentucky	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	DNP	DNP	DNP
Ohio State	DNP	DNP	DNP
Ole Miss	DNP	DNP	DNP
Navy	DNP	DNP	DNP
NC State	DNP	DNP	DNP
Akron	552	578	1,130
NCAA Qualifiers	DNP	DNP	DNP
GARC Champs.	DNP	DNP	DNP
NCAA Champs.	DNP	DNP	DNP
Average	554.33	571.00	1,125.33

HANNAH VIRGA

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	555	588	1,158
West Virginia	566	582	1,148
Army West Point	576	587	1,163
Memphis, TCU	579	579	1,158
Memphis	585	585	1,170
Kentucky	578	584	1,162
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	587	590	1,177
Ohio State	576	586	1,162
Ole Miss	576	589	1,165
Navy	586	589	1,175
NC State	577	591	1,168
Akron	564	581	1,145
NCAA Qualifiers	575	581	1,156
GARC Champs.	568	586	1,154
NCAA Champs.	DNP	DNP	DNP
Average	574.86	585.57	1,160.43

RACHEL YAGER

Opponent	SB	AR	AGG.
NCAA Test Event	572	580	1,152
West Virginia	570	576	1,146
Army West Point	572	584	1,156
Memphis, TCU	572	575	1,147
Memphis	567	DNP	DNP
Kentucky	568	583	1,151
Kentucky, USAFA, OSU	569	572	1,141
Ohio State	DNP	DNP	DNP
Ole Miss	DNP	DNP	DNP
Navy	564	568	1,132
NC State	562	583	1,145
Akron	551	579	1,130
NCAA Qualifiers	DNP	DNP	DNP
GARC Champs.	DNP	DNP	DNP
NCAA Champs.	DNP	DNP	DNP
Average	566.70	577.78	1,144.48



Maddie Korthas appeared in 13 matches in 2017-18 during the Huskers' record-setting season. Korthas will help Nebraska pursue a seventh consecutive NCAA Championships appearance.

2017-18 STATISTICS

SMALLBORE

PLAYER	APPS.	HIGH	AVG.
Hannah Virga	14	587	574.86
Emily Cheramie	15	585	577.73
Samantha Peterson	15	584	577.60
Nina Radulovic	15	582	576.87
Dacotah Faught	15	581	573.87
Kayla Gadeken	14	581	573.29
Rachel Yager	10	572	566.70
Maddie Korthas	13	571	560.85
Elizabeth Ewert	9	567	561.33
Sarah Sutton	3	562	554.33
Mari Butler	3	562	550.67

AIR RIFLE

PLAYER	APPS.	HIGH	AVG.
Dacotah Faught	15	596	590.73
Samantha Peterson	15	591	586.67
Hannah Virga	14	591	585.57
Emily Cheramie	13	591	582.69
Nina Radulovic	14	590	582.07
Maddie Korthas	14	590	579.14
Kayla Gadeken	15	588	581.47
Rachel Yager	9	584	577.78
Elizabeth Ewert	9	581	578.00
Mari Butler	3	580	577.33
Sarah Sutton	3	578	571.00

COMBINED

PLAYER	APPS.	HIGH	AVG.
Dacotah Faught	15	1,177	1,164.50
Hannah Virga	14	1,177	1,160.43
Samantha Peterson	15	1,175	1,164.47
Emily Cheramie	13	1,174	1,160.43
Kayla Gadeken	14	1,167	1,154.75
Nina Radulovic	14	1,165	1,158.94
Rachel Yager	9	1,156	1,144.48
Maddie Korthas	13	1,149	1,139.99
Elizabeth Ewert	9	1,147	1,139.33
Mari Butler	3	1,134	1,128.00
Sarah Sutton	3	1,130	1,125.33

Bold indicates squaddled scores