

Huskers Celebrate Stellar 2005-06 Season

The 2005-06 Nebraska rifle campaign was easily the most successful run in program history. From start to finish, the Huskers exhibited excellence at every turn in both outstanding athletic performances and superior academic achievements.

Fourth-year head coach Launi Meili, who was named the 2006 Great America Rifle Conference Coach of the Year, led Nebraska to an undefeated season highlighted by a repeat GARC championship and a program-best second-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Additionally, junior Kristina Fehlings earned the program's second NCAA event title by claiming the national championship in air rifle with a score of 592.

As if Nebraska's athletic pursuits were not impressive enough, all seven Huskers also landed places on the Big 12 Fall and Spring Commissioner's Honor Rolls, which reward those student-athletes who maintain a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher during the previous semester.

The Huskers began the 2005-06 season loaded with experience with a roster identical to that of the previous year. From the beginning, it was obvious Nebraska was in top form as it shot a team score of 4,686 in its season-opener

on Oct. 22 to lock down a win over Air Force at the Nebraska Rifle Range. Senior Misty Chanek shot a career-high tying score of 591 to lead the Huskers in smallbore, while sophomore Andrea Franzén led NU's sweep of the top four spots in air rifle with a score of 590.

Nebraska secured its second win over Air Force one day later with a season-high team score of 4,687. The Huskers also shot a season-high smallbore score of 2,339. Individually, several NU shooters scored career bests in air rifle including a 593 for Franzén to tie her previous best, and a 582 for junior Stacy Underwood, who improved her previous career high by five points.

The Huskers took their winning ways on the road against Ole Miss on Nov. 5 and grabbed their third consecutive victory, 4,667-4,600. Sophomore Kirsten Weiss earned top honors in the smallbore with a final score of 680, while Franzén again dominated air rifle with a score of 592.

NU secured its second consecutive GARC win against Memphis, 4,673-4,608, the following day. With the loss of sophomore Kim Chrostowski to the Championship of the Americas Tournament in Puerto Rico, Franzén made her season debut in the smallbore lineup and finished fifth overall with a score of 580. Chanek shot well in both disciplines and used her 585 in air rifle to share the meet title in the event with Memphis' Krissey Bahnsen.

The Huskers returned to Lincoln on Nov. 19 for a shootout with Kentucky, a match that would prove to be NU's closest of the season. Nebraska topped Kentucky by its smallest margin of victory of the year, 4,661-4,653, while Fehlings shot a 591 in air rifle for a fourth-place overall finish. Franzén once again took the top spot in air rifle with a score of 592 in regulation and 99 in finals.

The Huskers closed out the fall season with their fifth victory of the year by jumping past UMKC, 4,668-4,493. The victory marked the first time NU had not lost a match during the fall since 2001. Nebraska notched the top four spots in smallbore, with Chanek leading the pack with a match-high score of 590. Sophomore Eva Richert scored a season high in air rifle with a 587, a score that would be her last as a Husker. Richert chose to return to her native of country of Germany before the spring season began.

Nebraska returned to competition on Jan. 14, 2006, with a remarkable performance, as the Huskers toppled defending national champion Army in West Point, N.Y., 4,676-4,657. The win extended



Kristina Fehlings earned multiple postseason honors in 2005-06, including the NCAA air rifle title.

NU's winning streak to 13 matches since the Huskers' last lost to the Black Knights on Nov. 13, 2004. Nebraska won both the smallbore (2,323) and air rifle (2,353) as a team and placed a Husker atop each event individually. Chanek and Fehlings shared top air rifle honors (591), while Chanek added the smallbore title with a score of 587.

The Huskers closed the regular season with easy wins over Palmyra and West Virginia at the Palmyra Invitational with a team score of 4,653. Although it was not one of Nebraska's best team performances, the victory allowed the Huskers to remain unbeaten on the season.

Riding the wave of regular-season perfection, Nebraska went on to dominate the postseason as well. At the NCAA Qualifier on Feb. 11 in Colorado Springs, Colo., the Huskers notched a team score of 4,666, a mark that cemented a fourth-place seed heading into the NCAA Championships behind Alaska-Fairbanks, Army and Kentucky.

Remarkably, at the GARC Championships just two weeks later, Nebraska improved its team score by 10 points for a total of 4,676. The score was also 13 points higher than the mark the Huskers posted to win the GARC title in 2005.

Individually, Chanek was named the 2006 GARC Senior of the Year and went on to finish second (589) in smallbore, while Chrostowski gathered NU's highest air rifle finish in third with a career-high mark of 591. Additionally, the Huskers placed shooters in the three, four, five and six spots in the combined competition with Chanek finishing third with an aggregate score of 1,173, Chrostowski in fourth with a score of 1,170, Franzén in fifth with a score of 1,169 and Fehlings in sixth with a 1,168.

Nebraska put the icing on a landmark season at the NCAA Championships on March 10-11, when it wrangled a program-best second-place team finish (4,666), along with laying claim to seven NRA All-America honors from five shooters. Chanek and Fehlings made appearances on both smallbore and air rifle All-America teams, while Weiss was named to smallbore, and Franzén and Chrostowski to air rifle. It was the first time in Chanek's career that she received double honors and the second time for Fehlings, who capped the season by gaining the national title in air rifle. Franzén earned her air rifle recognition for the second consecutive season, while Weiss and Chrostowski were recognized for the first time in their collegiate careers.

2005-06 Schedule and Final Results

Date	Opponent/Tournament	Result
Oct. 22	vs. Air Force	W (4,686-4,565)
Oct. 23	vs. Air Force	W (4,687-4,607)
Nov. 5	at Ole Miss (Oxford, Miss.)	W (4,667-4,600)
Nov. 6	at Memphis (Memphis, Tenn.)	W (4,673-4,608)
Nov. 19	vs. Kentucky	W (4,661-4,653)
Dec. 3	vs. UMKC	W (4,668-4,493)
Jan. 14	at Army (West Point, N.Y.)	W (6,676-6,657)
Jan. 16	at Palmyra, West Virginia (Palmyra, Pa.)	1st/3 (4,653)
Feb. 9	at Air Force (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	4,682
Feb. 11	at NCAA Qualifier (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	4,666
Feb. 25-26	at GARC Championships (Oxford, Miss.)	1st (4,676)
March 10-11	at NCAA Championships (Colorado Springs, Colo.)	2nd (4,666)

Final 2005-06 Individual Statistics

Misty Chanek

Match	Smallbore	Finals	Air Rifle	Finals
Air Force	591	---	589	100
Air Force	585	---	589	99
Ole Miss	576	---	586	---
Memphis	585	---	589	---
Kentucky	586	---	581	---
UMKC	590	---	583	---
Army	587	---	591	---
Palmyra, W. Virginia	584	---	580	---
Collegiate Sectional	586	---	588	---
NCAA Qualifier	591	---	585	---
GARC	589	---	584	---
NCAA	581	---	588	---

Kim Chrostowski

Match	Smallbore	Finals	Air Rifle	Finals
Air Force	582	---	579	97
Air Force	583	90	577	---
Ole Miss	---	---	---	---
Memphis	---	---	---	---
Kentucky	575	---	577	---
UMKC	579	---	583	---
Army	578	---	583	---
Palmyra, W. Virginia	577	---	578	---
Collegiate Sectional	580	---	589	---
NCAA Qualifier	570	---	584	---
GARC	579	---	591	---
NCAA	---	---	584	---

Kristina Fehlings

Match	Smallbore	Finals	Air Rifle	Finals
Air Force	582	---	585	97
Air Force	586	86	582	---
Ole Miss	586	92	586	---
Memphis	583	---	583	---
Kentucky	582	95	591	97
UMKC	584	---	589	---
Army	582	---	591	---
Palmyra, W. Virginia	585	---	581	---
Collegiate Sectional	589	---	585	---
NCAA Qualifier	584	---	584	---
GARC	589	---	579	---
NCAA	585	98.3	592	100

Andrea Franzén

Match	Smallbore	Finals	Air Rifle	Finals
Air Force	578	---	590	98
Air Force	586	---	593	---
Ole Miss	580	---	592	---
Memphis	580	---	588	---
Kentucky	575	---	592	---
UMKC	580	---	588	---
Army	574	---	588	---
Palmyra, W. Virginia	---	---	588	---
Collegiate Sectional	573	---	588	---
NCAA Qualifier	571	---	585	---
GARC	582	---	597	---
NCAA	579	---	580	---

Katie Harrington

Match	Smallbore	Finals	Air Rifle	Finals
Air Force	571	---	572	92
Air Force	578	---	569	---
Ole Miss	571	---	575	---
Memphis	559	---	570	---
Kentucky	572	---	565	---
UMKC	---	---	---	---
Army	570	---	573	---
Palmyra, W. Virginia	---	---	---	---
Collegiate Sectional	573	---	584	---
NCAA Qualifier	582	---	571	---
GARC	575	---	583	---
NCAA	---	---	---	---

Eva Richert

Match	Smallbore	Finals	Air Rifle	Finals
Air Force	570	---	586	97
Air Force	576	---	584	---
Ole Miss	565	---	582	---
Memphis	562	---	581	---
Kentucky	---	---	582	98
UMKC	---	---	587	---

Stacy Underwood

Match	Smallbore	Finals	Air Rifle	Finals
Air Force	583	---	580	95
Air Force	576	93	587	---
Ole Miss	576	93	581	---
Memphis	582	---	575	---
Kentucky	571	---	577	93
UMKC	568	---	581	---
Army	574	---	---	---
Palmyra, W. Virginia	---	---	---	---
Collegiate Sectional	584	---	583	---
NCAA Qualifier	581	---	581	---
GARC	572	---	571	---
NCAA	---	---	---	---

Kirsten Weiss

Match	Smallbore	Finals	Air Rifle	Finals
Air Force	581	---	573	95
Air Force	585	---	574	---
Ole Miss	583	---	583	---
Memphis	584	---	580	---
Kentucky	584	---	570	---
UMKC	---	---	---	---
Army	576	---	---	---
Palmyra, W. Virginia	580	---	---	---
Collegiate Sectional	577	---	574	---
NCAA Qualifier	583	---	572	---
GARC	585	---	569	---
NCAA	577	---	---	---



The 2005-06 Nebraska rifle team: Back (l-r) Kim Chrostowski, Kristina Fehlings, Stacy Underwood, Kirsten Weiss, Andrea Franzén. Front (l-r) Eva Richert, Misty Chanek, Katie Harrington