

# Huskers Finish Fifth at 2007 NCAA Championships

The Nebraska rifle team ended a stellar 2006-07 season with eight regular season wins and trips to the Great American Rifle Conference and NCAA Championships.

The rifle team not only gained experience for future years, but many members of the team were recognized for their accomplishments in the sport.

Four Huskers earned postseason accolades, including GARC Senior-of-the-Year Stacy Underwood, who earned GARC first-team honors in air rifle and combined and second-team honors in smallbore. She was also named a National Rifle Association second-team All-American in both air rifle and smallbore. Junior Kirsten Weiss earned GARC first-team smallbore honors, second-team combined honors and honorable-mention accolades in air rifle. The NRA also recognized Weiss as a first-team All-American in smallbore after her national-runner up performance at the NCAA Championships.

Senior Kristina Fehlings earned NRA second-team honors in both air rifle and smallbore and GARC second-team honors in smallbore. Junior Kim Chrostowski rounded out Nebraska's postseason list, earning GARC second-team air rifle and combined honors as well as honorable-mention accolades in smallbore.

Nebraska also boasted academic success, as six shooters made the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll in both the fall and spring semesters. With a team grade-point average of 3.675, the team was presented the 13th annual Herman Award, which honors Nebraska's men's and women's teams with the highest GPA.

On the range, the Huskers, who were led by fifth-year coach Launi Meili, began the 2006-07 season missing several of their top shooters from the previous year, including All-Americans Misty Chanek and Andrea Franzen. However, the Huskers didn't let reduced numbers slow them down at their first match against Ole Miss on Oct. 13. The Huskers started the season off on the right foot with a 4,634-4,566 victory over the Rebels on the Nebraska Rifle Range. Underwood topped the air rifle charts with a career-high 589 in the event. NU was led in smallbore by Weiss, who shot a score of 577.

The Huskers then suffered a nail-biting loss to Army, 4,657-4,656, on Oct. 15 at the NU Rifle Range. Underwood claimed top air rifle honors, setting another career-best score of 590. Weiss placed second in the air rifle competition with a career-high 589, blasting her former personal best of 583. Underwood then finished third in smallbore with a score of 580 to give the Huskers a 2,345-2,344 win in the event.

The rifle team advanced its season to 2-1 after picking up a 4,648-4,564 win over Navy at Fairbanks, Alaska, on Oct. 29. Nebraska outscored Navy in both air rifle (2,342-2,312) and smallbore (2,306-2,252). Fehlings shot the match-high score in air rifle with a 590, while Weiss earned top honors in smallbore with a score of 584.

Fehlings tied a career-best air rifle score as Nebraska then fell to Alaska-Fairbanks on Oct. 30, 4,674-4,655. The 2006 NCAA air rifle champion led the Huskers in her signature event, as she scored 593 for a second-place finish. Chrostowski placed third in air rifle as she posted a season-high score of 590.

Nebraska fell short to Kentucky, 4,652-4,631, at a two-day competition held in Lexington, Ky., on Nov. 10. The dual left Nebraska with a 3-3 record on the season. Weiss placed third for the Huskers in smallbore with a score of 577, while Underwood placed second in air rifle with a score of 588.

NU soared to a victory over West Virginia, 4,633-4,548, in Lexington, Ky., on Nov. 11. The Huskers topped WVU in both smallbore and air rifle. Individually, Nebraska made a top-three sweep in the air rifle competition as Chrostowski placed first with a score of 589.



Former Husker Stacy Underwood was named the 2007 GARC Senior of the Year and earned second-team All-America honors in smallbore and air rifle in her final season at Nebraska.

Underwood placed second with a 588, while Weiss shot a 582 for third place. Weiss also led the smallbore competition, placing first with a score of 580. Harrington rounded out the top three with a score of 577.

The Huskers trekked on to another victory against Air Force, 4,621-4,490 at the NU Rifle Range on Nov. 19. Nebraska dominated in both smallbore (2,281-2,192) and air rifle (2,340-2,298) in the competition. Fehlings led the smallbore competition with a 574, while Underwood placed first in air rifle with a score of 590.

Nebraska finished its fall season with a first-place finish at the Air Force Invitational on Nov. 30 at Colorado Springs, Colo. The Huskers shot a season-high score of 4,661, defeating both TCU (4,616) and Air Force (4,546). The Huskers dominated in both smallbore (2,326) and air rifle (2,346). Underwood placed first in the air rifle competition, shooting a career-best 594, while Fehlings topped the smallbore competition with a score of 586.

Nebraska opened its spring campaign with a dual against the University of Missouri-Kansas City at the NU Rifle Range on Jan. 20. The Huskers shot a combined total of 4,616 to defeat UMKC's total of 4,226. NU outshot UMKC in both air rifle (2,329-2,247) and smallbore (2,287-2,179), marking the fourth time the Huskers have beaten the Kangaroos in four matchups. Chrostowski and Underwood both placed first in air rifle with 587 averages, while Costello earned a first-place finish in smallbore with a 578 average.

NU finished out the regular season with a final home dual against Memphis on Feb. 10. The Huskers clawed past the Tigers, 4,629-4,549. Chrostowski led the air rifle competition with a score of 589, while Costello shot 580 for a third-place finish. Underwood topped smallbore with a 581.

The Huskers then headed into postseason action with the GARC Championships at Oxford, Miss., on Feb. 24-25. Although the team claimed the GARC titles in 2005 and 2006, it was unable to continue its two-year streak. Nebraska placed third with a score of 4,600.

NU ended its season at the NCAA Championships on March 9-10 in Fairbanks, Alaska, where it captured a fifth-place finish. The Huskers shot a combined total of 4,623.

## 2006-07 Team and Individual Statistics

### 2006-07 Team Results

Date	Opponent/Tournament	Result
10/13/06	Mississippi	(W) 4,634 - 4,566
10/15/06	Army	(L) 4,657 - 4,656
10/29/06	vs. Navy	(W) 4,648 - 4,564
10/30/06	at Alaska-Fairbanks	(L) 4,674 - 4,655
11/10/06	at Kentucky	(L) 4,652 - 4,631
11/11/06	vs. West Virginia	(W) 4,633 - 4,548
11/19/06	at Air Force	(W) 4,621-4,490
11/30/06	TCU	(W) 4,661 - 4,616
12/1/06	at Air Force	(W) 4,692 - 4,549
1/20/07	UMKC	(W) 4,616 - 4,426
2/10/07	at Memphis/NCAA Qualifier	(W) 4,629 - 4,549
2/24 - 2/25/07	GARC Championships	(3rd) 4,600
3/9 - 3/10/07	NCAA Championships	(5th) 4,623

### 2006-07 Individual Statistics

#### Kim Chrostowski

Date	Match	Smallbore	Air Rifle
10/13/06	Ole Miss	572	584
10/15/06	Army	575	582
10/29/06	Navy	571	583
10/30/06	Alaska-Fairbanks	571	590
11/10/06	Kentucky	577	582
11/11/06	West Virginia	575	589
11/19/06	Air Force	571	581
11/30/06	TCU/Air Force	570	578
1/20/07	UMKC	569	587
2/10/07	Memphis	574	589
2/26/07	GARC Championships	559	579
3/10/07	NCAA Championships	---	583
Season Averages		571.55	583.92

#### Kristina Fehlings

Date	Match	Smallbore	Air Rifle
10/13/06	Ole Miss	575	582
10/15/06	Army	579	584
10/29/06	Navy	576	590
10/30/06	Alaska-Fairbanks	573	593
11/10/06	Kentucky	572	580
11/11/06	West Virginia	573	581
11/19/06	Air Force	574	585
11/30/06	TCU/Air Force	586	589
1/20/07	UMKC	574	587
2/10/07	Memphis	577	585
2/26/07	GARC Championships	577	586
3/10/07	NCAA Championships	577	587
Season Averages		576.08	585.75

#### Amanda Jeffries

Date	Match	Smallbore	Air Rifle
10/13/06	Ole Miss	572	575
10/15/06	Army	567	579
10/29/06	Navy	565	576
10/30/06	Alaska-Fairbanks	575	578
11/10/06	Kentucky	565	579
11/11/06	West Virginia	549	574
11/19/06	Air Force	560	584
11/30/06	TCU/Air Force	564	573
1/20/07	UMKC	579	583
2/10/07	Memphis	566	578
2/26/07	GARC Championships	573	577
3/10/07	NCAA Championships	559	---
Season Averages		565.92	577.82

### Stacy Underwood

Date	Match	Smallbore	Air Rifle
10/13/06	Ole Miss	576	589
10/15/06	Army	580	590
10/29/06	Navy	572	587
10/30/06	Alaska-Fairbanks	579	583
11/10/06	Kentucky	577	588
11/11/06	West Virginia	565	588
11/19/06	Air Force	573	590
11/30/06	TCU/Air Force	582	594
1/20/07	UMKC	568	587
2/10/07	Memphis	581	579
2/26/07	GARC Championships	577	575
3/10/07	NCAA Championships	571	579
Season Averages		575.08	585.75

### Kirsten Weiss

Date	Match	Smallbore	Air Rifle
10/13/06	Ole Miss	577	588
10/15/06	Army	577	589
10/29/06	Navy	584	582
10/30/06	Alaska-Fairbanks	579	587
11/10/06	Kentucky	577	578
11/11/06	West Virginia	580	582
11/19/06	Air Force	---	---
11/30/06	TCU/Air Force	577	585
1/20/07	UMKC	576	572
2/10/07	Memphis	570	584
2/26/07	GARC Championships	576	588
3/10/07	NCAA Championships	580	587
Season Averages		577.55	583.82

### Christine Costello

Date	Match	Smallbore	Air Rifle
10/13/06	Ole Miss	575	575
10/15/06	Army	573	571
10/29/06	Navy	---	---
10/30/06	Alaska-Fairbanks	---	---
11/10/06	Kentucky	558	575
11/11/06	West Virginia	---	---
11/19/06	Air Force	566	570
11/30/06	TCU/Air Force	564	566
1/20/07	UMKC	578	579
2/10/07	Memphis	---	---
2/26/07	GARC Championships	---	---
3/10/07	NCAA Championships	---	---
Season Averages		569.00	572.67

### Katie Harrington

Date	Match	Smallbore	Air Rifle
10/13/06	Ole Miss	567	574
10/15/06	Army	570	576
10/29/06	Navy	---	---
10/30/06	Alaska-Fairbanks	---	---
11/10/06	Kentucky	572	574
11/11/06	West Virginia	---	---
11/19/06	Air Force	563	578
11/30/06	TCU/Air Force	566	575
1/20/07	UMKC	570	565
2/10/07	Memphis	---	580
2/26/07	GARC Championships	---	---
3/10/07	NCAA Championships	---	---
Season Averages		568.00	574.57