# NEBRASKA

## **MEN'S GOLF**

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## 2024-25 SCHEDULE

#### Gopher Invitational 7:15 a.m. Sept. 8-9 Independence, Minn. (Windsong Farm GC) Git-R-Done Invitational Sept. 23-24 9 a.m. Lincoln, Neb. (Firethorn GC) Sept. 29-Badger Invitational 9 a.m. Oct. 1 Verona, Wis. (University Ridge GC) Oct. 14-15 Quebein Cup 8 a.m. Greensboro, N.C. (Sedgefield CC) Oct. 26-27 Steelwood Invitational 9 a.m. Loxley, Ala. (Steelwood GC)

#### SPRING 2025

Feb. 9-11	Palmas Del Mar Collegiate	7 a.m.
	Humacao, Puerto Rico (Palmas Del Mar GC)	
March 17-18	The Johnnie-O	8 a.m.
	St. Simons Island, Ga. (Sea Island GC)	
March 24-25	Bell Bank "Pay It Forward" Collegiate	10 a.m.
	Litchfield Park, Ariz. (Wigwam GC)	
April 7-8	Tiger Intercollegiate	9 a.m.
	Columbia, Mo. (The Club at Old Hawthorne)	
April 18-19	Robert Kepler Intercollegiate	8 a.m.
	Columbus, Ohio (Scarlet Course)	
April 25-27	Big Ten Championship	8 a.m.
	Baltimore, Md. (Baltimore CC)	
April 30	NCAA Selection Show (Golf Channel)	1 p.m.
May 12-14	NCAA Regionals	TBA
Stillwater, Okla.; Tallahassee, Fla.; Reno, N		lev.
	Fayetteville, Ark.; Amherst, Va.; Bremerton, Wash.	
May 23-28	NCAA Championship	TBA
Carlsbad, Calif. (Omni La Costa Resort & Spa)		Spa)

## HUSKER QUICK FACTS

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#### **HUSKERS SWING INTO 2024-25 SEASON AT GOPHER INVITATIONAL**

The Nebraska men's golf team tees off for the 2024-25 season this weekend at the Gopher Invitational in Minnesota.

Action in the two-day, 54-hole event at the Windsong Farm Golf Club in Independence begins on Sunday, Sept. 8, with two rounds starting with tee times at 7:15 a.m. (CT). The tournament concludes with the final round on Monday beginning again at 7:15 a.m. (CT).

The 15-team Gopher Invitational field includes, Big Ten foes Iowa, Minnesota and Rutgers, along with Baylor, Furman, Georgia Southern, Iowa State, Kent State, Marquette, New Mexico, Northern Illinois, St. Thomas, UNC Wilmington and West Virginia.

The Huskers head into the season behind the leadership of graduate student Reed Malleck and senior Hamish Murray.

Murray, a second-year Husker from Sydney, Australia, led Nebraska with a 72.69 stroke average a year ago. The transfer from Cameron University produced five top-25 finishes.

Malleck, a fifth-year Husker from York, Neb., added a 74.29 stroke average over 17 rounds. He earned his bachelor's degree from Nebraska as a finance major before becoming the first Husker men's golfer since 2009 to win the Nebraska Amateur Championship in the summer of 2024. He held off Murray by one stroke for the title.

Evan McDermott, a redshirt sophomore from Spring Lake, Mich., claimed the top spot in the Husker lineup in Minnesota, while true freshman James Ackerman (Leawood, Kan.) earned the No. 2 position in pre-tournament qualifying.

They are joined by newcomer Rudy Sautron in the Big Red lineup in Minnesota. Sautron, a sophomore from Reunion Island, France, followed Murray as a Cameron University transfer. He was a member of the NCAA Division II GCAA All-Freshman team a year ago. He produced eight top-10 finishes in 11 tournaments as a freshman.

Live updates and scoring for the Gopher Invitational can be found at HuskersGolf on Instagram and X, and Scoreboard.clippd.com. Complete coverage can be found at Huskers.com.

# MURRAY OPENS NU CAREER WITH FIVE TOP 20 FINISHES

Hamish Murray provided Nebraska with its most consistent presence in 2023-24, posting eight consecutive top-35 individual finishes.

Murray opened his Husker career with three straight top-20 finishes, including a season-best tie for ninth in his Nebraska debut at the Bearcat Invitational (Sept. 18-19, 2023). He closed with a three-round score of 211 (-2) on a par-71, 7,279-yard layout at the Coldstream Country Club in Cincinnati

Murray produced a tie for 19th with a 215 (-1) at the Badger Invitational in Wisconsin (Oct. 1-3),

#### **GOPHER INVITATIONAL**

Location	Independence, Minn.	
Host	University of Minnesota	
Course	Windsong Farm Golf Club	
	(Par 71, 7,586 Yards)	

#### Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 8 (Rounds 1 & 2) - 7:15 a.m. CT (Tee times) Monday, Sept. 9 (Round 3) - 7:15 a.m. CT (Tee times)

Live Scoring: Scoreboard

Participating Teams (15): Baylor, Furman, Georgia Southern, Iowa, Iowa State, Kent State, Marquette, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Northern Illinois, Rutgers, St. Thomas, UNC Wilmington, West Virginia

#### **NEBRASKA LINEUP**

- Evan McDermott, RSo., Spring Lake, Michigan
   James Ackerman, Fr., Leawood, Kansas
   Rudy Sautron, So., Reunion Island, France
- 4. Hamish Murray, Sr., Sydney, Australia 5. Reed Malleck, Gr., York, Nebraska IND. Jackson Benge, Fr., Omaha, Nebraska

## **N** HUSKERS ON PGATOUR

Golfer	Years on Tour
Scott Gutschewski	2005-07, 2009, 2011, 2022, 2024
Brady Schnell	2019
Jeff Klein	2003
Steve Gotsche	1994-95, 2000
Tom Sieckmann	1982, 1985-94, 1997, 1999
Mike Schuchart	1990, 1993
Mark Maness	1988

before tying for 17th at Purdue with a 214 (+1).

Murray closed the fall with a tie for 33rd with an even-par 216 at the Everett Buick GMC Classic in Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 16-17.

He added his fourth top-20 effort by tying for 19th at 146 (73-73) in the rain-shortened Battle at Briar's Creek in South Carolina (Feb. 5-6). He added another tie for 19th with a 214 (-2) to lead NU at The Johnnie-O at Sea Island (March 11-12).

He closed the year with a team-best 72.69 stroke average over 29 rounds.

During the summer of 2024, Murray was the runner-up at the Nebraska Amateur Championship with a four-round total of 274 (-10), trailing only champion Reed Malleck (273, -11).

Murray, who was a 2024 GCAA Scholar All-American and a College Sports Communicators Academic All-District VII selection, also took time during the summer to participate in the Nebraska Life Skills No Filter Service Trip Abroad to Panama.

Murray was ranked among the top 50 golfers in NCAA Division II by Golfstat in 2022-23 and was the Cameron Athlete of the Year across all sports.

## **GOPHER INVITATIONAL - SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2024**

# MALLECK LEADS HUSKER SWEEP AT 116TH NEBRASKA AMATEUR

Reed Malleck fired a final-round 69 to end with a winning four-round total of 273 (-11) to capture the Nebraska Amateur Championship at the Fremont Golf Club (July 19).

Malleck, a four-year letterman for the Huskers entering the 2024-25 season, put together four consistent rounds (68-68-68) to work his way to his first Nebraska Amateur title. Malleck was the 2020 Nebraska Junior Match Play champion, and the 2022 Nebraska Match Player runner-up.

He led a Husker sweep of the top three spots at the 116th Nebraska Amateur by holding off teammate Hamish Murray (Sydney, Australia) who finished one shot back at 274 (-10), including a final-round 70 (-1).

Evan McDermott (Spring Lake, Michigan), a redshirt sophomore for the Huskers in 2024-25, added a third-place finish at 277 (-7), including a final-round 69 (-2).

Grant Jabenis, a 2024-25 Husker senior out of Omaha Westside, added a fifth-place finish at 279 (-5) including a final-round 68 (-3), which matched Johnny Spellerberg for Friday's best round among the 60 competitors.

Freshman Jackson Benge added a strong showing with a tie for 14th at 285 (+1). Benge is also an Omaha Westside graduate.

Malleck became the 32nd Husker golfer in history to win the Nebraska Amateur Championship, but the first Husker to win the title since Brandon Crick in 2009.

#### HUSKER ROSTER FEATURES GROWING COLLECTION OF EXPERIENCED LEADERS

Nebraska's 11-man roster for 2024-25 features a growing group of experienced, high-character leaders both on and off the course.

Graduate student Reed Malleck returns for his fifth competitive season hoping to help lead the Huskers to an NCAA Regional berth. The reigning Nebraska Amateur champion, Malleck has represented the Huskers twice at the Big Ten Championship. The three-time Academic All-Big Ten choice was a 2024 GCAA Scholar All-American and Nebraska's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner in 2023, before earning his bachelor's degree in finance from Nebraska in May of 2024.

Senior Hamish Murray has been a leader on the course, in the classroom and the community. The second-year Husker led Nebraska with five top-25 finishes a year ago before adding GCAA Scholar All-America honors. He was also Nebraska's 2024 Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner.

Senior Grant Jabenis adds more leadership skills on and off the course. Jabenis has competed in 26 rounds for the Huskers the past two seasons, including an appearance at the 2023 Big Ten Championships. He was also a 2024 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar.

Juniors Quinn Yost (38 rounds) and Davis Johnson (26 rounds) add substantial experience by combining for 64 rounds on the course in their first two seasons at Nebraska. Yost was a 2024 GCAA Scholar All-American, while Johnson has competed for the Big Red at both the 2023



Hamish Murray led Nebraska with five top-20 finishes in 10 tournaments to open his Division I career.

and 2024 Big Ten Championships while adding Academic All-Big Ten accolades.

Evan McDermott, who redshirted in his second season at Nebraska in 2023-24, also has seen significant playing time. The redshirt sophomore has competed in 20 rounds, while adding Academic All-Big Ten honors as a mechanical engineering major in 2024.

#### NEBRASKA ADDS THREE TALENTED FRESHMEN IN 2024-25

Nebraska adds a trio of talented freshmen to the mix for 2024-25.

Jackson Benge (Omaha, Neb.), James Ackerman (Leawood, Kan.) and Brodie Cunningham (Glasgow, Scotland) signed their letters of intent to join the Nebraska men's golf program on Nov. 8. 2023.

"I'm extremely excited to have Jackson, James and Brodie join our program," Nebraska Coach Judd Cornell said. "They have proven they can play at the highest level of college golf. All three bring plenty of experience and are well in tune with their golf games, so I expect them to make immediate impacts. All three are outstanding students and come from great families. We have a great culture in our program and these three will add to that. I'm really excited for them. They will have a great experience at Nebraska"

Benge brings a rich family tradition with him from Nebraska high school power Omaha Westside. Benge, whose mother Amy (Roux) was a standout on the Husker women's golf team, helped the Warriors to back-to-back Class A state team titles in 2023 and 2024. The 2022 Nebraska Junior Match Play champion, Benge was a two-time Class A all-state selection (2022, 2023) and qualified for the 2022 U.S. Junior Amateur. He is also the cousin of Gold Glove winner and World Series champion Alex Gordon, and the nephew of Nebraska men's gym All-American Ted Harris.

Ackerman was the 2023 Kansas Class 6A Player of the Year after leading Blue Valley High School to back-to-back state team titles in 2021 and 2022. Ackerman also competed at the 2022 U.S. Junior Amateur in Oregon.

Cunningham comes to Nebraska after capturing back-to-back Barrie Douglas Scottish Junior Masters championships in 2023 and 2024. He competed at the Scottish Men's Open Championship at Muirfield in May of 2024, putting together rounds of 72 and 73.

## SAUTRON POISED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE IMPACT FOR HUSKERS

One of the top newcomers in NCAA Division II in 2023-24, Rudy Sautron joins the Huskers for the 2024-25 season after signing with Nebraska in early March.

The former vice champion of France was named to the Golf Coaches Association of America Division II All-Freshman Team after producing eight top-10 finishes in 11 tournaments.

"Rudy is a strong young player and a great student," Cornell said. "He has a year of college golf under his belt, so that experience should help him moving forward to Division I golf. I'm very excited to watch him develop the next three years and gain experience at the highest level. He has all the skills to be a phenomenal player."

Sautron claimed one of five spots on the NCAA Division II All-Freshman Team selected by the GCAA after qualifying as an individual to the NCAA Division II West/South Central Super Regional. He was also named to the Division II PING All-South Central Region team.

Sautron followed former Cameron golfer Hamish Murray to Nebraska, after Murray joined the Huskers for the 2023-24 season. Sautron and Murray were not teammates at Cameron.

### 2023-24 NEBRASKA SEASON BESTS

Team Total: 850 (-2), Hawkeye Invite, April 13-14 Team to Par: -4 (860), Badger, Oct. 1-3 Team Finish: 5th, Purdue, Oct. 9-10

Individual Finish: 1st, Davis Johnson, Stampede at the Creek, April 8-9

Individual Total: 203 (-10)

Harry Crockett, Hawkeye Invite, April 13-14

Individual to Par: -10 (203)

Harry Crockett, Hawkeye Invite, April 13-14

Individual Round: 66 (-4)

Gentry Scheve, Visit Knoxville, 1st, Sept. 8
Individual Round to Par: -4, seven times

Gentry Scheve, 66, Visit Knoxville, 1st, Sept. 8 Will Marshall, 68, Badger, 2nd, Oct. 2

Gentry Scheve, 67, Purdue, Oct. 8 Harry Crockett, 68, Everett Buick GMC, Oct. 16 Harry Crockett, 68, Everett Buick GMC, Oct. 17 Evan Myers, 68, The Johnnie-O, March 11

Harry Crockett, 67, Hawkeye Invite, April 13

#### Eagles:

Will Marshall, No. 13 (Par 4), 2nd, Visit Knoxville, Sept. 9 Reed Malleck, No. 16 (Par 5), 2nd, Badger, Oct. 2 Hamish Murray, No. 16 (Par 5), 1st, Purdue, Oct. 9 Davis Johnson, No. 11 (Par 5), 3rd, Stampede, April 9 Reed Malleck, No. 11 (Par 5), 3rd, Stampede, April 9 Grant Jabenis, No. 11 (Par 5), 3rd, Stampede, April 9

## **NEBRASKA ROSTER/COACHES**



James Ackerman Fr. • Leawood, Kan.



Jackson Benge Fr. • Omaha, Neb.



Brodie Cunningham Fr. • Glasgow, Scotland



Rhett Hughes RFr. • Edmond, Okla.



Grant Jabenis
Sr. • Omaha, Neb.



Davis Johnson Jr. • Chaska, Minn.



Reed Malleck Gr. • York, Neb.



Evan McDermott
RSo. • Spring Lake, Mich.



Hamish Murray
Sr. • Sydney, Australia



Rudy Sautron
So. • Reunion Island, France



Quinn Yost
Jr. • Farmington, N.M.



Judd Cornell Head Coach



Travis Minzel Assistant Coach



Craig Sager
Director of Operations





The 2024-25 Nebraska Men's Golf Team (from left): Assistant Coach Travis Minzel, Davis Johnson, James Ackerman, Brodie Cunningham, Quinn Yost, Hamish Murray, Evan McDermott, Rhett Hughes, Reed Malleck, Rudy Sautron, Jackson Benge, Grant Jabenis, Judd Cornell.