

# **NEBRASKA BASKETBALL**

2024-25 GAME NOTES

**HUSKERMBB** 





## **EXHIBITION #1**

OPPONENT: GRAND VALLEY STATE

DATE: SUNDAY, OCT. 27

TIPOFF: 1:01 P.M. (CENTRAL)

LOCATION: LINCOLN, NEB

ARENA: PINNACLE BANK ARENA

#### **GAME AT A GLANCE**



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2023-24 Record:	23-11
Head Coach:	Fred Hoiberg
Record at Nebraska:	63-94 (6th year)
Career Record:	178-150 (11th year)



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٠	Play-by-Play:	Kent Pavelka
	Analyst:	. Ben McLaughlir





B1G+ (online only)	
Play-by-Play:	Jessica Coody
Analyst:	Andy Markowski

### **2024-25 SCHEDULE**

Date	AP Rk.	Opponent	TV/Onlin	e Time		
Oct. 27		Grand Valley State (Exh.)	B1G+	1 p.m.		
Nov. 4		UT Rio Grande Valley	B1G+	7 p.m.		
Nov. 9		Bethune Cookman	B1G+	7 p.m.		
Nov. 13		FDU	1G+	7 p.m.		
Nov. 17		vs. Saint Mary's (Sioux Falls, S.D.)	BTN	Noon		
Nov. 22		at Creighton	FS1	7 p.m.		
Nov. 27		South Dakota	BTN	5:30 p.m.		
Dec. 1		North Florida	BTN	3 p.m.		
Dec 7		at Michigan State *	BTN	11 a.m.		
Dec. 13		Indiana *	FOX	7 p.m.		
Hawaiian A	Airlines Di	amond Head Classic				
Dec. 22		vs. Murray State	ESPN2	8 p.m.		
Dec. 23		vs. Hawai'i/Charlotte	ESPN2	10:30 p.m./12:30 a.m.		
Dec. 25		vs. TBA	TBD	TBD		
Dec. 30		Southern	BTN	8 p.m.		
Jan. 4		UCLA *	FOX	1 p.m.		
Jan. 7		at Iowa *	Peacock	7 p.m.		
Jan. 12		at Purdue *	BTN	11 a.m.		
Jan. 16		Rutgers *	FS1	8 p.m.		
Jan. 19		at Maryland *	BTN	11 a.m.		
Jan. 22		USC *	BTN	8 p.m.		
Jan. 26		at Wisconsin *	BTN	Noon		
Jan. 30		Illinois *	FS1	7:30 p.m.		
Feb. 2		at Oregon *	BTN	6:30 p.m.		
Feb. 5		at Washington *	BTN	9:30 p.m.		
Feb. 9		Ohio State *	BTN	1 p.m.		
Feb. 13		Maryland *	BTN	7:30 p.m.		
Feb. 16		at Northwestern *	BTN	2 p.m.		
Feb. 19		at Penn State *	BTN	5:30 p.m.		
Feb. 24		Michigan *	FS1	7 p.m.		
March 1		Minnesota *	BTN	1 p.m.		
March 4		at Ohio State *	Peacock	8 p.m.		
March 9		lowa *	FOX	11:30 a.m.		
March 12-	16	at Big Ten Tournament (Indianapolis)	TBD	TBD		
*-Big Ten Conference Game; Home games are in red and bold						

Radio: Sunday's game will be carried on the Huskers Radio Network with Kent Pavelka and Ben McLaughlin on the call, including KLIN (1400 AM) in Lincoln, KXSP (590 AM) in Omaha and KRVN (880 AM) in Lexington. The pregame show begins an hour before tipoff and will also be available on Huskers.com and the Huskers app.

**TV/Online:** Sunday's game is not televised but will be available online at B1G Plus with Jessica Coody and Andy Markowski on the call. To subscribe or for more info, visit bigtenplus.com

# HUSKERS OPEN EXHIBITION PLAY VS. GRAND VALLEY STATE ON SUNDAY

The Nebraska men's basketball team has its final rehearsal for the 2024-25 season this Sunday, Oct. 27, as the Huskers take on Grand Valley State in an exhibition. Tipoff between the Huskers and Lakers is set for 1 p.m. and tickets are available for the matchup by visiting Huskers.com/Tickets, calling 800-8-BIGRED during business hours (Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) or at PBA beginning at 11:30 a.m. It is the first game of a men's and women's doubleheader at Pinnacle Bank Arena, as the Husker women will host Doane beginning at 6 p.m.

Nebraska enters the 2024-25 season looking to build off last season's 23-11 record and trip to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2014. NU brings back returning starters Brice Williams (13.4 ppg; 5.5 rpg; 2.5 apg) and Juwan Gary (11.6 ppg, 6.1 rpg) for Big Ten Coach of the Year Fred Hoiberg, who begins his sixth season in Lincoln. In all, NU has seven returning letterwinners from a team tied for third in the Big Ten, although All-Big Ten forward Rienk Mast (12.3 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 3.0 apg) will miss the 2024-25 season after knee surgery in May.

The intrigue around the 2024-25 team is a group of newcomers who bring size and experience to the Husker roster. Nebraska will have seven Division I transfers make their Husker debut on Sunday. The group includes guards Rollie Worster (Utah), Ahron Ulis (Iowa), Connor Essegian (Wisconsin) and Gavin Griffiths (Rutgers), forwards Berke Büyüktuncel, Andrew Morgan (North Dakota State) and Braxton Meah (Washington). That group has combined for nearly 3,500 points and more than 1,700 rebounds and 750 assists in their respective college careers.

Grand Valley State is playing its second exhibition game of the season, as the Lakers fell at Toledo, 76-71, on Saturday. William Dunn's 11 points led three Lakers in double figures, as they trimmed a 17-point second-half deficit to two with just over three minutes remaining. The Lakers hit 11 3-pointers in the loss and out-rebounded Toledo, 39-31.

Nebraska opens the regular season on Monday, Nov. 4, when the Huskers take on UT Rio Grande Valley to begin a three-game homestand. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.

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Nebraska's 77.7 points per game in 2023-24 ranked 10th in school history and was NU's highest scoring average since 1995-96.

#### 2024-25 ROSTER AT A GLANCE GP/GS No Pos. Ht. Wt. Yr. Hometown 2023-24 Other School MPG PPG **RPG** APG **BPG** SPG 0 Connor Essegian G 6-4 190 Fort Wayne, Ind. 33/0 7.3 3.2 9.7 0.2 0.0 0.1 Jr. Wisconsin Sam Hoiberg G 6-0 185 Jr. Lincoln, Neb. 34/0 19.7 3.4 2.9 1.7 0.1 0.9 1 2 Ahron Ulis G 6-3 190 Sr. Chicago, III. 3 **Brice Williams** G 6-7 214 Sr. Huntersville, N.C. 34/34 29.7 2.5 13.4 5.5 0.6 1.1 4 Juwan Gary 226 Sr. Columbia, S.C. 28/20 27.0 6-6 11.6 6.1 0.8 1.1 Lincoln Southwest 5 Braden Frager 6-7 220 Fr. Lincoln, Neb. 8 Jeffrey Grace III G 6-3 200 Jr. Elmhurst, Ill. 16/0 1.4 0.4 0.2 0.1 0.0 0.0 9 Berke Büyüktuncel 6-10 244 So. Bursa, Türkiye UCLA 26/8 16.3 4.5 2.5 0.4 0.3 0.1 12 Gavin Griffiths 6-7 193 G So. 32/3 18.0 5.8 2.2 0.6 0.4 0.3 Simsbury, Conn. Rutgers Southeast (Neb.) CC 20 Justin Bolis 6-8 225 So. Lincoln, Neb. 23 Andrew Morgan 6-10 242 Sr. Waseca, Minn. North Dakota State 32/27 23.2 12.9 5.0 1.0 0.3 0.3 1.4 24 Rollie Worster G 6-5 210 Sr. Missoula, Mont. Utah 16/16 9.9 31.4 4.9 5.5 0.2 Pewaukee High School 25 Nick Janowski G 6-4 208 Fr. Pewaukee, Wis. 20/0 31 Cale Jacobsen G 6-4 195 So. Ashland, Neb. 2.8 0.7 0.2 0.3 0.0 0.1 34 **Braxton Meah** С 7-1 265 Sr. Lavton, Utah Washington 32/16 16.9 5.3 5.3 0.3 0.8 0.2 35 222 0.4 Henry Burt 6-7 So. Omaha, Neb. 7/0 1.4 0.2 0.1 0.0 0.0 Groningen, Netherlands 51 Rienk Mast 6-10 260 Sr. 32/32 29.7 12.3 7.5 2.97

ON THE AIR

	2024-25 NEBRASKA BASKETBALL ROSTER									
No.	o. VL Name Pos. Ht. Wt. Yr. Hometown Previous School X Instagram									
0		Connor Essegian	G	6-4	190	Jr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Wisconsin	@CEssegian	connoressegian
1	**	Sam Hoiberg	G	6-0	185	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb.	Pius X	@samhoiberg	samhoiberg
2	*	Ahron Ulis	G	6-3	190	Sr.	Chicago, III.	Iowa	@AhronUlis	ahron1_
3	*	Brice Williams	G	6-7	214	Sr.	Huntersville, N.C.	Charlotte	@ bgotit_	blavissh
4	**	Juwan Gary	F	6-6	226	Sr.	Columbia, S.C.	Alabama	@takflight24	wanwitdabutter
5		Braden Frager	F	6-7	220	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.	Southwest HS	@Braden_Frager	braden_frager
8	**	Jeffrey Grace III	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Elmhurst, Ill.	Arizona State	@JeffreyGraceII1	jg3is23
9		Berke Büyüktuncel	F	6-10	244	So.	Bursa, Türkiye	UCLA		berkebuyuktuncel
12		Gavin Griffiths	G	6-7	193	So.	Simsbury, Conn.	Rutgers	@gavingriff_	gavingriff_
20		Justin Bolis	F	6-8	225	So.	Lincoln, Neb.	Southeast CC	@JustinBolis	justinbolis
23		Andrew Morgan	F	6-10	242	Sr.	Waseca, Minn.	North Dakota State		akmorgan10_
24		Rollie Worster	G	6-5	210	Sr.	Missoula, Mont.	Utah		rj_w2
25		Nick Janowski	G	6-4	208	Fr.	Pewaukee, Wis.	Pewaukee HS	@nick_janowski12	nick.janowski
31	*	Cale Jacobsen	G	6-4	195	So.	Ashland, Neb.	Ashland-Greenwood HS	@calejacobsen_	calejacobsen_
34		Braxton Meah	С	7-1	265	Sr.	Layton, Utah	Washington	@Braxton_Meah	Braxtonmeah
35	*	Henry Burt	F	6-7	222	So.	Omaha, Neb.	Elkhorn South HS	@HenryBurt15	henryburt0
51	*	Rienk Mast	F	6-10	260	Sr.	Groningen, Netherlands	Bradley		rienk_mast

#### 2024-25 NEBRASKA BASKETBALL COACHING STAFF

#### **Head Coach**

Fred Hoiberg, sixth season (Iowa State, 1995)

#### **Assistant Coaches**

Adam Howard, third season (Western Kentucky, 2008) Nate Loenser, fourth season (Iowa State, 2002) Ernie Zeigler, third season (Cleary, 1994)

#### **Support Staff**

Director of Men's Basketball Strength & Conditioning: Dir. of Basketball Strategies & Business Operations: Assistant Director of Basketball Operations: Director of Player Development:

Video Coordinator: Recruiting Coordinator: Graduate Managers:

Athletic Trainer: Team Nutritionist: Sports Psychologist: NAPL Director: Equipment Manager: Kurt Joseph
Luca Virgilio
Sheryl Burbach
Emmanuel Tommy
Michael Bania
Padyn Borders
Josiah Allick, Nihilo Ibarra,
Justin Moore, Triston Simpson
Andrew McCabe
Jake Blattner
Heather Kiefer
Matt Thome

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Name	Pronunciation
Josiah Allick	AL-ick
Berke Büyüktuncel	BEAR-keh buh-YOOK-toon-jell
Connor Essegian	eh-SEE-jin
Juwan Gary	Juh-WAHN
Nate Loenser	Len-zer
Rienk Mast	RINK
Braxton Meah	MEE-uh
Ahron Ulis	
Rollie Worster	raw-lee Wooster

Ernie Zeigler......Zig-ler

#### **HUSKERS RADIO NETWORK**



#### **KENT PAVELKA**

- Is in his 38th season of calling Husker men's basketball
- Called NU basketball for two stretches from 1974-1996 before returning to play-by-play duties full time in 2006-07
- Called his 1,000th Husker basketball game in 2018-19
- Six-time Nebraska Sportscaster of the Year who was inducted into the Nebraska Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2019

Pat Norris



#### **JAKE MUHLEISEN**

- Is in his seventh season as full-time color analyst after serving in a part-time basis for five seasons
- Was a four-year starter at guard for Nebraska from 2002-05
- Three-year team captain and started 98 games in his career
- Served as a graduate assistant at Creighton from 2005-07

City	Station	Frequency
Alliance	KCOW	1400 AM
Aurora	KRGY	97.3 FM
Beatrice	KWBE	1450 AM
Broken Bow	KBBN	95.3 FM
Chadron	KCSR	610 AM
Columbus	KJSK	900 AM
Columbus	KKOT	93.5 FM
Fairbury	KGMT	1310 AM
Falls City	KTNC	1230 AM
Falls City	KTNC	107.1 FM
Fremont	KHUB	1340 AM
Fremont	KFMT	105.5 FM
Gibbon	KMTY	97.7 FM
Gibbon	KSDZ	95.5 FM
Grand Island	KRGI	1430 AM
Hastings	KHAS	1230 AM
Hastings	KLIQ	94.5 FM
Hastings/Kearne	y . KICS	1450
Hastings/Kearne	y . KXPN	1460 AM
Hay Springs	KBPY	107.7 FM
Holdrege	KUVR	. 1380 AM/96.9 FM
Imperial	KADL	102.9 FM
Kearney	KGFW	1340 AM

KGFW	96.1 FM
KRVN	880 AM
KAMI	1580 AM
KLIN	1400 AM
KLIN	99.3 FM
KSWN	93.9 FM
KZMC	102.1 FM
KIOD	105.3 FM
KNCY	1600 AM
KNEN	94.7 FM
KODY	1240 AM
KXSP	590 AM
KBRX	102.9 FM
KNEB	960 AM
KNEB	94.1 FM
KSID	98.7 FM
KRFS	1600 AM
KRFS	103.9 FM
KOLT	690 AM
KVSH	940 AM
KDJL	99.5 FM
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#### BY THE NUMBERS (2023-24 STATS Nebraska Cornhuskers 2023-24 Team Statistics (Record: 23-11, 12-8 Big Ten) Nebraska Category **SCORING** 2411 2643 Points per game 77.7 70.9 Scoring margin +6.8 FIELD GOALS-ATT 854-2136 912-2017 Field goal pct .452 .400 3 POINT FG-ATT 319-893 288-885 3-point FG pct .357 .325 3-pt FG made per game 9.4 8.5 500-658 415-592 FREE THROWS-ATT .701 Free throw pct .760 F-Throws made per game 14.7 12.2 REBOUNDS 1280 1268 Rebounds per game 37.6 37.3 Rebounding margin +0.4 521 448 **ASSISTS** 13.2 Assists per game 15.3 **TURNOVERS** 377 387 11.4 Turnovers per game 11.1 Turnover margin +0.3 Assist/turnover ratio 1.4 1.2 STEALS 214 209 Steals per game 6.3 6.1 125 **BLOCKS** 89 Blocks per game 2.6 3.7

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<b>Grand Valley State Lakers</b>						
2023-24 Team Statistics (Record: 16-15)						
Category	GVSU	OPP				
Scoring	2363	2286				
Points per game	76.2	73.7				
Scoring margin	+2.5	-				
Field goals-att	76.2	73.7				
Field goal pct	.450	.449				
3 point fg-att	243-673	257-735				
3-point FG pct	.361	.350				
3-pt FG made per game	7.8	8.3				
Free throws-att	428-569	465-629				
Free throw pct	752	.739				
F-Throws made per game	13.8	15.0				
Rebounds	1136	1021				
Rebounds per game	36.6	32.9				
Rebounding margin	+3.7	-				
Assists	389	429				
Assists per game	12.5	13.8				
Turnovers	344	365				
Turnovers per game	11.1	11.8				
Turnover margin	+0.7	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.2				
Steals	208	194				
Steals per game	6.7	6.3				
Blocks	89	97				
Blocks per game	2.9	3.1				

#### **STARTING 5**

Senior Rollie Worster enters the 2024-25 season with 101 career starts including his time at Utah and Utah State. He is one of less than 20 players nationally who enter the year with 100+ career starts. Rienk Mast, with 111 career starts, is also on that list. For comparison's sake, only seven players in school history have made 100 starts at Nebraska with Cookie Belcher (1997-2001) holding the school record with 129. With 888 career points, 473 rebounds and 425 career assists, he could be the first Husker to ever total 1,000 career points along with 500 rebounds and 500 assists.

Brice Williams is Nebraska's top Leading Blg Ten Returnees returning scorer, as he averaged 13.4 points per game last season. That is the highest returning scoring average by a Husker under

Fred Hoiberg and the highest since James Palmer Jr. in 2018-19 (17.2 ppg). With Williams, Rienk Mast (12.3 ppg) and Juwan Gary (11.6 ppg), it marks only the third time in the Big Ten era that NU returned multiple double-figure scorers (2014-15 and 2018-19).

Leading Dig Tell Netallices				
Player (School)	PPG			
Dawson Garcia (Minnesota)	17.6			
Payton Sandfort (Iowa)	16.4			
Bruce Thornton (Ohio State)	15.7			
Malik Reneau (Indiana)	15.4			
Brooks Barnhizer (Northwestern)	14.6			
Ace Baldwin Jr. (Penn State)	14.2			
Julian Reese (Maryland)	13.7			
Roddy Gayle Jr. (Michigan)	13.5*			
Brice Williams (Nebraska)	13.4			
*-at Ohio State last season: Note: does not include players				
from new Big Ten schools in 2024-25 (UCLA, Wash., Ore., USC)				
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NU led the Big Ten and finished 26th nationally with 9.4 3-pointers per game. Nebraska set a school record with 319 3-pointers, shattering the previous mark of 270 set in 2018-19. NU's 9.4 3-pointers per game was the program's highest per game average since setting a school mark with 9.5 3-pointers per game in 2001-02.

A Hoiberg-coached team has led its conference in 3-pointers per game five times in 10 years, while three of NU's four highest per game totals in program history have come during Hoiberg's five seasons at Nebraska.

Braxton Meah gives the Huskers the luxury of a seven-footer on the roster. At 7-foot-1, the Washington transfer is the tallest Husker on the roster since Sergei

Vucetic during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons. Meah led the Huskies in field goal percentage (.770) and blocked shots (27) last season.

No.	Player	Ht.	Years
1.	Rich King	7-2	1988-91
2.	Braxton Meah	7-1	2025
	Sergej Vucetic	7-1	2013-14
3.	Kelly Lively	7-0	1989-91
	Dave MacFarlane	7-0	1980
	Oleg Kojenets	7-0	2022-23

Nebraska has increased its win total in each of the past three seasons under Fred Hoiberg, going from 10 wins in 2021-22 to 16 wins in 2022-23 to 23 wins in 2023-24. It is just the fifth time in school history that NU has improved its win total in three consecutive seasons. If Nebraska can improve its win total this year, it would mark

the first time since a four-year stretch from 1945-46 to 1948-49) that the Huskers improved their win total in four consecutive seasons.

#### **NATIONAL POLLS**

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS (PRESEASON)

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No	Team (1st)	Record	Points	Prev.
1	Kansas (30)	0-0	1449	-
2	Alabama (14)	0-0	1428	-
3	UConn (11)	0-0	1345	-
4	Houston (4)	0-0	1343	-
5	Iowa State	0-0	1177	-
6	Gonzaga (1)	0-0	1157	-
7	Duke	0-0	1154	-
8	Baylor	0-0	1109	-
9	North Carolina	0-0	1037	-
10	Arizona	0-0	905	-
11	Auburn	0-0	901	-
12	Tennessee	0-0	775	-
13	Texas A&M	0-0	737	-
14	Purdue	0-0	678	-
15	Creighton	0-0	631	-
16	Arkansas	0-0	625	-
17	Indiana	0-0	492	-
18	Marquette	0-0	484	-
19	Texas	0-0	332	-
20	Cincinnati	0-0	271	-
21	Florida	0-0	249	-
22	UCLA	0-0	210	-
23	Kentucky	0-0	191	-
24	Ole Miss	0-0	132	-
25	Rutgers	0-0	102	-

Others receiving votes: Illinois 92, St. John's 91, Xavier 73, Texas Tech 58, Wake Forest 37, Kansas State 30, Ohio State 29, Michigan State 29, Michigan 19, BYU 14, Oregon 12, Miami 11, McNeese 11, Providence 9, Clemson 9, Saint Louis 9, Boise State 9, VCU 6, Mississippi State 6, Saint Mary's 5, Wisconsin 5, Louisville 4, UAB 4, Grand Canyon 3, Little Rock 3, Princeton 2, San Diego State 2, Arizona State 2, High Point 1, Maryland 1

#### **USATODAY COACHES (PRESEASON)**

No	Team (1st)	Record	Points	Prev.
1	Kansas (15)	0-0	743	NR
2	Alabama (6)	0-0	718	NR
3	UConn (6)	0-0	717	NR
4	Houston (4)	0-0	698	NR
5	Duke	0-0	625	NR
6	Iowa State	0-0	591	NR
7	Gonzaga	0-0	575	NR
8	Baylor	0-0	545	NR
9	Arizona	0-0	510	NR
10	North Carolina	0-0	498	NR
11	Auburn	0-0	465	NR
12	Tennessee	0-0	437	NR
13	Purdue	0-0	390	NR
14	Creighton	0-0	342	NR
15	Texas A&M	0-0	332	NR
16	Arkansas	0-0	272	NR
17	Marquette	0-0	268	NR
18	Indiana	0-0	208	NR
19	Texas	0-0	166	NR
20	Cincinnati	0-0	163	NR
21	Florida	0-0	130	NR
22	UCLA	0-0	123	NR
23	Kentucky	0-0	95	NR
24	Illinois	0-0	87	NR
25	Ole Miss	0-0	66	NR

Others receiving votes: Texas Tech 60: Rutgers 57: St. John's 42; Xavier 26; Michigan State 25; Oregon 16; BYU 16; Kansas State 11; Saint Mary's 9; Boise State 9; Clemson 8; Ohio State 7: Dayton 7: Maryland 4: Grand Canyon 3: Wake Forest 2: Virginia 2; San Diego State 2; Princeton 2; Mississippi State 2; Wisconsin 1;

#### 2023-24 FINAL BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	B1G	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	
! Purdue	17-3	.850	34-5	.872	
^Illinois	14-6	.700	29-9	.763	
Nebraska	12-8	.600	23-11	.676	
Northwestern	12-8	.600	22-12	.647	
Wisconsin	11-9	.550	22-14	.611	
Indiana	10-10	.500	19-14	.576	
Michigan State	10-10	.500	20-15	.571	
Iowa	10-10	.500	19-15	.559	
Ohio State	9-11	.450	22-14	.611	
Minnesota	9-11	.450	19-15	.559	
Penn State	9-11	.450	16-17	.485	
Maryland	7-13	.350	16-17	.485	
Rutgers	7-13	.350	15-17	.469	
Michigan	3-17	.150	8-24	.250	
#-regular-season champion; ^-tournament champion					

### **Upcoming Big Ten Regular Season Schedule**

All times listed are central

Date	Contest	Time
Nov. 4	A&M-Corpus Christi at Purdue	5:00 PM
Nov. 4	Monmouth at Michigan State	6:00 PM
Nov. 4	Manhattan at Maryland	6:00 PM
Nov. 4	Binghamton at Penn State	6:30 PM
Nov. 4	•	7:00 PM
Nov. 4 Nov. 4	Holy Cross at Wisconsin Lehigh at Northwestern	
	Eastern III. at Illinois	7:00 PM
Nov. 4		7:00 PM
Nov. 4	Cleveland State at Michigan	7:00 PM
Nov. 4	UTRGV at Nebraska	7:00 PM
Nov. 4	Texas A&M-Commerce at Iowa	7:00 PM
Nov. 4	Chattanooga at USC	9:00 PM
Nov. 4	Texas at Ohio State	9:00 PM
Nov. 4	Rider at UCLA	9:30 PM
Nov. 4	UC Riverside at Oregon	9:30 PM
Nov. 5	UC Davis at Washington	9:00 PM
Nov. 6	Wagner at Rutgers	5:00 PM
Nov. 6	Oral Roberts at Minnesota	7:00 PM
Nov. 6	SIUE at Indiana	7:00 PM
Nov. 7	Montana State at Wisconsin	7:00 PM
Nov. 7	Niagara at Michigan State	7:00 PM
Nov. 7	Southern at Iowa	7:00 PM
Nov. 7	Idaho State at USC	9:00 PM
Nov. 8	UMBC at Penn State	5:00 PM
Nov. 8	Northern Ky. at Purdue	6:00 PM
Nov. 8	SIUE at Illinois	7:00 PM
Nov. 8	Mount St. Mary's at Maryland	7:00 PM
Nov. 8	UCLA at New Mexico	9:00 PM
Nov. 8	Montana at Oregon	9:00 PM
Nov. 9	Omaha at Minnesota	2:30 PM
Nov. 9	Northwestern at Dayton	6:30 PM
Nov. 9	Bethune-Cookman at Nebraska	7:00 PM
Nov. 9	Washington at Nevada	TBA
Nov. 10	App State at Wisconsin	11:00 AM
Nov. 10	11	11:00 AM
	Wake Forest at Michigan	Noon
Nov. 10	· ·	TBA
Nov. 10	•	TBA
Nov. 10	Youngstown State at Ohio State	TBA
Nov. 10	•	TBA
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#### **NEW AT PBA IN 2024-25**

#### **GATE SCREENING ADDED FOR 2024-25 SEASON**

Pinnacle Bank Arena will utilize new gate screening technology during the upcoming men's and women's basketball seasons. The walk-thru frictionless technology should provide a more efficient gate screening process and enhance safety for Husker fans. The arena has secured the same gate screening technology that Nebraska Athletics introduced at Memorial Stadium ahead of the 2024 football season. Nebraska Athletics is excited to partner with Pinnacle Bank Arena in the advancement of safety and security initiatives surrounding home basketball games this coming season.

The new gate scanners have no impact on Pinnacle Bank Arena's Clear Bag Policy which remains in place for all home venues the Huskers compete in. Fans are encouraged to visit pinnaclebankarena.com for detailed information on that policy.

#### MOBILE TICKETS, CASHLESS CONSESSIONS AND DOORDASH ORDERS AT PBA

Beginning with the 2024-25 winter sports, tickets for all Husker athletic events will be mobile. All men's and basketball tickets will be mobile this season with the remaining sports to complete the transition to fully mobile by fall of 2025.

Pinnacle Bank Arena concessions are all cashless, and the arena accepts all credit and debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Wallet, Samsung Pay, and Downtown Lincoln Gift Cards. In addition. Pinnacle Bank Arena has partnered with DoorDash for mobile order pickup at concession stands! Download the DoorDash app and when you're at the venue, open the app to order food and drinks from the concession stands. We'll let you know when your order is ready so you can head to the pickup window and pick up your order.

#### PLAN AHEAD FOR SUNDAY EXHIBITION GAME; GOOD LIFE HALFSY

Sunday's exhibition game is also the same day as the Good Life Halfsy half-marathon, which finishes on Canopy Street next to Pinnacle Bank Arena. Police will control intersections along the race route, and residents are advised to plan ahead for traffic delays.

- Canopy Street from "R" to "O" streets will be closed from 6 p.m. Saturday, October 26 to 3 p.m. Sunday, October 27.
- Streets near Pinnacle Bank Arena will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- The Pinnacle Bank Arena festival lot and Haymarket Park lot will be available for parking for both events. Current information on street closures is available at lincoln.ne.gov/closures or through the Waze mobile app.

#### **SCOUTING GRAND VALLEY STATE**

Grand Valley State returns six of its top eight scorers for third-year Coach Cornell Mann. The Lakers went 16-15, including a fourth-place finish in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), in 2023-24. This is the first meeting between Nebraska and Grand Valley State, which is located in Allendale, Mich.

Grand Valley brings back a trio of double-figure scorers, including All-GLIAC performers Ethan Alderink and William Dunn. Alderink averaged 11.5 ppg and 5.2 rpg last season, while Dunn chipped in 11.4 ppg and 4.8 rpg while shooting 46 percent from 3-point range. Mason Docks is the other returning double-figure scorer, as he averaged 10.0 ppg and 2.7 apg per game. In all, the Lakers return 10 of 13 letterwinners from a year ago. One newcomer who could make an impact is sophomore guard Kaden Brown, who played last season at Wright State.

Cornell Mann is in his third season at GVSU and has helped the Lakers to a pair of fourth-place conference showings. Mann has experience throughout the Midwest, coaching at Missouri (2017-21), Oakland (2016-17), Iowa State (2011-15), Dayton (2008-11), Western Michigan (2003-08) and Central Michigan (2001-03). He was on Nebraska Coach Fred Hoiberg's staff all five seasons at Iowa State, helping the Cyclones to four straight NCAA Tournaments.

This is the second of three exhibition games for Grand Valley State. The Lakers lost 76-71 at Toledo on Oct. 19, and will take on Purdue on Oct. 30 before opening the season with Walsh University on Nov. 8.

#### **NEBRASKA EXHIBITION HISTORY**

Nebraska is 63-7 all-time in exhibition games dating back to the 1966-67 season and has won 32 of 34 exhibition games dating back to 2001. Nebraska had a 20-game win streak in exhibition games snapped in the charity exhibition at Colorado in 2022.

- Sunday's exhibition will be the second against a team from the state of Michigan, as Nebraska defeated Northwood, 80-62, in 2017.
  - •This will be NU's only exhibition game this season, as Nebraska had a closed scrimmage at Utah on Oct. 19.

#### **Exhibition Games Under Fred Hoiberg**

Season	Opponent	Result	Score			
2019-20	Doane	W	91-63			
2021-22	Peru State	W	97-58			
2021-22	Colorado @	W	82-67			
2022-23	Chadron State	W	87-60			
2022-23	at Colorado @	L	61-72			
2023-24	Doane	W	84-53			
@ - Charity Exhibition Games						

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Brice Williams enters the 2024-25 season with 148 career 3-pointers. He is a career 39 percent shooter from beyond the arc and was second on the team in 3-point percentage in 2023-24 (388)

#### A QUICK LOOK AT THE 2024-25 HUSKERS

Nebraska enters the 2024-25 season with a solid returning group despite the loss of Rienk Mast to seasonending surgery. The Huskers return six players - not including Mast - who saw action a season ago including starters Brice Williams and Juwan Gary. In addition, junior guard Sam Hoiberg was one of three Huskers who played in all 34 games in 2023-24.

#### **Returning Percentages Under Fred Hoiberg**

Category	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Pct. of scoring	34.7	50.9	32.8	49.6	21.6	1.9
Pct. of rebounds	36.2	37.6	34.2	42.1	33.7	4.2
Pct. of field goals made	34.0	49.9	35.3	49.9	22.0	7.0
Pct. of field goals attempted	33.8	50.3	31.2	49.8	20.1	2.6
Pct. of 3-point FG made	28.8	74.8	40.6	59.6	19.4	1.5
Pct. of 3-point FG attempted	30.0	69.1	36.8	55.0	16.5	2.9
Pct. of free throws made	41.0	40.2	19.5	40.8	21.6	1.7
Pct. of free throws attempted	41.5	39.3	20.5	41.3	22.9	1.7
Pct. of assists	35.2	30.4	23.3	41.5	13.1	4.1
Pct. of steals	46.7	50.8	35.7	44.6	24.7	5.4
Pct. of blocked shots	50.6	34.2	44.8	44.3	24.1	3.3
Pct. of minutes	36.7	48.8	35.3	50.6	26.5	4.2

Note: 2024-25 totals do no include Rienk Mast, who will redshirt the season.

- Nebraska will feature one of the oldest rosters in the country. Of the 17 players on the 2024-25 roster, nine have played at least three seasons of college basketball. Juwan Gary, Brice Williams and Rienk Mast are all in their sixth year of college while Braxton Meah, Ahron Ulis and Rollie Worster are beginning their fifth season of college basketball. According to research by Chris Kowalczyk at VCU, Nebraska is one of 10 programs nationally with at least six players who are in their fifth year or greater in college basketball.
- Nebraska's active roster for this season features three players who have started a combined 72 games at Nebraska: Juwan Gary (37); Brice Williams (34) and Sam Hoiberg (1), but that tells only part of the story. The 16 active players have combined to start 380 career games at the Division I level. That list includes Rollie Worster (101); Brice Williams (61); Andrew Morgan (59); Juwan Gary (55); Braxton Meah (47); Ahron Ulis (27); Connor Essegian (19); Berke Büyüktuncel (8) and Gavin Griffiths (3). In addition, Rienk Mast has started 111 career games, including 32 games last season at Nebraska.
- After having one active player with previous NCAA Tournament experience last season (Juwan Gary), the 2024-25 Huskers have nine players who have played in the NCAA Tournament. All seven of Nebraska's returnees saw action in the Huskers' game at Texas A&M last spring, while Ahron Ulis played in three tournaments as part of the lowa program from 2021-23. NU also added Rollie Worster who started for Utah State in the 2021 NCAA Tournament. In addition, Connor Essegian was on Wisconsin's NCAA Tournament team last spring, but did not play against James Madison in the 2024 NCAA Tournament.

#### WILLIAMS LOOKS TO BUILD ON POSTSEASON SUCCESS

Senior guard Brice Williams looks to build in his postseason success as he begins the 2024-25 campaign. He proved to be a go-to scorer in the Huskers' postseason run, averaging 23.3 points per game during the Big Ten and NCAA Tournament.

- His 23.3 ppg after the end of the regular season is the highest by a returning Big Ten player entering 2024-25. Of the seven players who averaged 20+ ppg in the postseason, he is the only one back at a Big Ten school this season.
- Williams has more 20-point games in three postseason games (three) than in 31 regular-season games (two)

 No.
 Player (School)
 PPG

 1.
 Zach Edey (Purdue)
 29.3

 2.
 Terrence Shannon Jr. (Illinois)
 27.9

 3.
 Brice Williams (Nebraska)
 23.3

 4.
 Jamison Battle Ohio State)
 20.8

 5
 Keisei Tominaga (Nebraska)
 20.7

20.6

AJ Storr (Wisconsin)

Boo Buie (Northwestern

Big Ten Scoring Leaders (B1G Tourney + Postseason)

That continues Williams' trend of playing his best basketball under the brighest lights, as he is averaging 16.6 points in nine career postseason games (conference tournaments, 2023 CBI and 2024 NCAA), well above his career scoring average of 10.3 points per game. Over the last two years, that number jumps to 18.5 ppg after his 24-point effort in the NCAA Tournament against Texas A&M.

• Williams' father, Henry was the MVP of the Metro Conference Tournament in 1992, averaging 26.6 ppg in helping Charlotte to an NCAA Tournament berth.

#### Tracking Williams in 2023-24

Games	PPG	RPG	APG	FG Pct.	3Pt Pct.	FT Pct.
Regular Season	12.4	5.6	2.5	.436	.377	.835
Postseason	23.3	4.3	2.7	.500	.467	.885

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Combined career assist-to-turnover ratio for Nebraska guards Ahron Ulis (2.19-to-1) and Rollie Worster (2.11-to-1). The pair have combined for 585 assists and 214 turnovers in their college careers.

#### **RECORD AT PINNACLE BANK ARENA**

Season	Wins	Losses	Pct.
2013-14	15	1	.938
2014-15	10	6	.625
2015-16	10	8	.556
2016-17	8	8	.500
2017-18	16	1	.941
2018-19	13	5	.722
2019-20	5	11	.313
2020-21	6	9	.400
2021-22	7	11	.368
2022-23	11	4	.733
2023-24	18	1	.947
Totals	119	66	.643

#### 2023-24 MISC. STATS

#### **TEAM LEADERS**

Gary (3); Wilcher (1)

**Double-Figure Scoring Games:** Williams (25); Tominaga (22); Mast (20); Gary (16); Wilcher (12); Allick (11); Lawrence (10); Rice (3); Hoiberg (1)

10+ Rebounding Games: ... Mast (7); Gary (5); Williams (2); Allick (2)

Double-Doubles: ..... Mast (6); Gary (5); Williams (1); Allick (2)

**30-Point Games:** ...... Tominaga (2); Mast (1)

Games Leading NU in Rebounding:\*...........Mast (13); Allick (11); Williams (8); Gary (6); Hoiberg (3); Lawrence (2)

Games Leading NU in Assists:\* Lawrence (12); Williams (12); Mast (7); Hoiberg (4); Coleman (3); Tominaga (3); Allick (1);

Games Leading NU in Blocks\*......Williams (11);
Mast (10); Gary (9); Allick (6); Wilcher (3); Hoiberg (2); Diop (2);
Rice (2); Tominaga (1); Coleman (1); None (4)

Games Leading NU in Steals .... Williams (10); Hoiberg (8); Gary (8) Lawrence (8); Tominaga (6); Wilcher (5); Allick (3); Mast (2); Rice (1)

#### **HUSKER DOUBLE-DOUBLES IN 2023-24**

Player	Opponent	Totals
Mast	Florida A&M	20 pts./16 reb.
Mast	Rider	12 pts./13 reb.
Mast	vs. Oregon State	15 pts./13 reb.
Mast	at Kansas State	19 pts/12 reb.
Mast	Ohio State	34 pts./10 reb.
Mast	at Ohio State	14 pts./12 reb.
Gary	vs. Oregon State	12 pts./10 reb.
Gary	at Kansas State	13 pts./18 reb.
Gary	North Dakota	12 pts./12 reb.
Gary	at Illinois	12 pts./11 reb.
Gary	Rutgers	15 pts./11 reb.
Williams	at Northwestern	13 pts./10 reb.
Allick	Rutgers	10 pts./12 reb.
Allick	vs. Texas A&M	14 pts/11 reb.

#### **HUSKER DOUBLE-DOUBLES CHART**

Player	2023-24	at Neb	Career
Mast	6	6	26
Gary	5	6	8
Williams	1	1	5
Totals	12	13	39

#### 2024-25 MBB QUICK FACTS

Location	Lincoln, Neb.
Founded	1869
Enrollment	23,992 (fall 2024)
Nickname	Cornhuskers, Huskers
Colors	
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Big Ten Conference
Home Arena	Pinnacle Bank Arena
Capacity/Year Opened	15,000/2013
University of Nebraska President	Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold
Chancellor	Rodney Bennett
Director of Athletics	Troy Dannen
Athletic Dept. Phone	(402) 472-4224
Assistant A.D./Ticketing	Holly Adam
Ticket Office Phone(402) 47	2-3111 or 1-800-8BIGRED
Website	Huskers.com

#### **BASKETBALL HISTORY**

First year of basketball	1896-97
Regular-season conference titles (last)	7 (1950)
Postseason conference titles (last)	1 (1994)
All-time postseason appearances	27
All-time postseason record	24-26
NCAA Appearances (last)	8 (2024)
NCAA Record	0-8
NIT Appearances (last)	19 (2019)
NIT Record	24-18

#### **BASKETBALL STAFF**

Head Coach	,
Alma Mater (Year)	lowa State (1995)
Assistant Coaches	
	Nate Loenser (4th season)
Director of Men's Basketball Str	ength and Conditioning
	Kurt Joseph
Director of Basketball Strategies	
	Luca Virgilio
Asst. Director of Operations	Sheryl Burbach
Director of Player Development	
Video Coordinator	Michael Bania
Recruiting Coordinator	
Graduate Managers	Nihilo Ibarra, Justin Moore,
	Triston Simpson, Josiah Allick
Athletic Trainer	Andrew McCabe
Equipment Manager	Pat Norris

#### 2024-25 TEAM INFORMATION

2023-24 Record	. 23-11 (18-1 H, 3-8 A, 2-2 N)
Big Ten Record (Finish)	12-8 (t-3rd)
Big Ten Championship	1-1, def. Indiana, 93-66;
	lost to Illinois, 87-98
Postseason	NCAA First Round
Starters Returning/Lost	3/2
Lettermen Returning/Lost	7/7
Scholarship Newcomers	8

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Nebraska led the Big Ten in bench production last season, averaging 21.4 points per game. The Huskers had at least one reserve score 10-or-more points in 25 of 34 contests in 2023-24.

#### **GARY LOOKS TO MAKE 3RD YEAR JUMP**

One player who could make a big jump in 2024-25 is senior Juwan Gary. Under Fred Hoiberg, the other seniors who were third-year players made significant jumps in their final year at Nebraska, as Keisei Tominaga and Derrick Walker both earned All-Big Ten honors in their third year at Nebraska after transferring into the program.

Potential Third-Year Leap			
Player	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Juwan Gary	9.5	11.6	TBD
Keisei Tominaga	5.7	13.1	15.1
Derrick Walker	5.9	9.5	13.6

Last season, Gary averaged a career-best 11.6 points per game on nearly 50 percent from the floor. He tallied 16 double-doubles after posting 20 during his first four collegiate seasons. Gary was second on the team in rebounding at 6.1 rpg.

#### TRIO OF HUSKERS LOOKING FOR 1,000 CAREER POINTS

Nebraska enters the 2024-25 season with a pair of 1,000-point scorers in Rienk Mast and Brice Williams, while three other Huskers could reach the 1,000-point mark for their career in 2024-25. Seniors Juwan Gary, Rollie Worster and Andrew Morgan are all on pace to reach that mark this season.

	Career Points Ent	ering 2024-25
	Player	Total
	Rienk Mast	1,396
k	Brice Williams	1,256
	Rollie Worster	890
	Andrew Morgan	860
	Juwan Gary	789

#### PORTAL ADDITIONS APLENTY

Nebraska loaded up in the transfer portal, adding six Division I transfers in the offseason, including five from power conference programs. In addition, the Huskers regain the services of lowa transfer Ahron Ulis, who sat out the 2023-24 season. In all, the seven newcomer transfers have combined for nearly 3,500 points and over 1,750 rebounds and 750 assists in their collegiate careers.

## Husker Transfer Additions

Player	Previous Schools	GP	Starts	Points	Rebounds	<u>Assists</u>
Büyüktuncel	UCLA	26	8	118	65	11
Essegian	Wisconsin	68	19	515	158	34
Griffiths	Rutgers	32	3	185	71	20
Meah	Washington/Fresno St.	118	47	577	515	32
Morgan	North Dakota St.	85	59	860	402	77
Worster	Utah/Utah State	103	101	890	408	425
<u>Ulis*</u>	lowa	84	27	333	134	160
Total		516	264	3,478	1,753	759

<sup>\*-</sup>Sat out 2023-24 season

#### **WORTH NOTING**

- Nebraska enters the 2024-25 season coming off one of its most successful seasons in program history. The Huskers went 23-11 in 2023-24 and tied for third in the Big Ten standings before reaching the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2013-14. The Huskers' 23 wins were the most since setting a school-record with 26 wins in 1990-91, while NU's 12 conference wins also ranked second in school history.
- Nebraska has increased its win total in each of the past three years, marking the first time NU has done that since the mid-1960s (1963-64 to 1965-66). According to BTN Research, Nebraska is one of four teams nationally and the only team in a power conference to improve its win total by at least six games in each of the past two seasons. The others are James Madison, Lamar and South Florida.

In addition, the Huskers have also improved their conference win percentage in each of the past four seasons, culminating with a 12-8 mark in 2023-24.

- Over the past two seasons, NU has won 21 conference games, the highest two-year total since the 1965-66 and 1966-67 teams won 22 conference tilts. The last two seasons under Fred Hoiberg mark just the fourth time in school history that Nebraska has won 20 or more conference games in a two-year span.
- Nebraska was one of 24 teams nationally that finished in the top 50 both in offensive and defensive efficiency in KenPom. NU was one of four Big Ten programs to accomplish that in 2023-24, joining Purdue, Wisconsin and Michigan State. It marked the first time that Nebraska has been ranked in the top 50 in both offensive and defensive efficiency in the KenPom era (1996-97).
- Nebraska made its biggest jump on the offensive end in 2023-24, averaging 77.7 points per game. It is an increase of nearly nine points per game from the 2022-23 campaign and NU's highest scoring average since 1995-96 (80.2 ppg). NU climbed from 149th to 32nd nationally in offensive efficiency in KenPom. Prior to last season, NU's highest average since joining the Big Ten was 73.3 ppg in 2021-22. The Huskers are 25-8 under Fred Hoiberg when scoring at least 80 points, including 20-5 over the last three seasons.

• Nebraska looks to continue its strong work from the foul line in 2024-25. Last season, Nebraska shot 76.0 percent from the line, its highest percentage from the charity stripe since the 2011-12 team set a school record with a .766 free throw percentage. NU ranked 32nd nationally in free throw percentage in 2023-24.

Husker Offensive	Husker Offensive Jump		
Category	22-23	23-24	
Record	16-16	23-13	
Points per Game	68.0	77.7	
FG Pct.	.457	.452	
3-Pt Pct.	.326	.357	
FT Pct.	.641	.760	
3 Pt/Gam	6.7	9.4	
KenPom Effic.	149th	32nd	

## Best Single-Season FT Pct. No. Year Pct.

No.	Year	Pct.
l.	2011-12	.766
2.	1967-68	.765
3	2023-24	.760
ļ.	1980-81	.750

#### **BIG RED OLYMPIANS**

Nebraska was one of just nine programs nationally with multiple players in men's basketball at the 2024 Olympics, as former Huskers Keisei Tominaga (Japan) and Jack McVeigh (Australia) represented their countries. It marked the second straight Olympics for Tominaga, who played 3x3 at the Tokyo Games. In addition, former Husker great Tyronn Lue served as an assistant coach for Team USA, which won its fifth consecutive gold medal in Paris.

In all, NU has had four Olympic basketball players since 2012, including Aleks Maric (2012, Australia), Ade Dagunduro (2012, Nigeria), Tominaga (2020, 2024, Japan) and McVeigh (2024, Australia).

College Programs with Multiple Olympians		
No.	School	Players
1.	Kentucky	7
2.	Iowa State	5
3.	Gonzaga	4
4.	Duke	3
	Saint Mary's	3
6.	Nebraska	2
	LSU	2
	Michigan	2
	Stanford	2

Best Home Record by Percentage (Min. 10 games)

1.000

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Record

11-0

10-0

1965-66

1920-21

### ESSEGIAN, BÜYÜKTUNCEL: REPRESENTING IN INTERNATIONAL PLAY

In addition to the Olympians, two other Huskers spent part of their summer playing for their national teams. Connor Essegian spent part of the summer of 2024 playing for the Armenian National Team, averaging 13.0 points and 5.5 rebounds per game as Armenia won the LA International Cup Title. He tallied 20 points on 7-of-15 shooting along with six rebounds and three steals in the win over Ireland in the title game.

Berke Büyüktuncel spent the summer playing for his native Türkiye at the European U20 Championships, averaging 12.0 points and a team-high 7.7 rebounds in seven games. He shot 51 percent from the field, including 54 percent from 3-point range and posted two double-doubles in the tournament.

#### **HUSKERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

Nebraska's roster has had an international flavor in recent seasons and that trend continues in 2024-25 with Berke Büyüktuncel (Bursa, Türkiye) and Rienk Mast (Groningen, Netherlands) on the Husker roster. During Fred Hoiberg's six seasons, NU has had players on the roster from 13 countries, including the United States, Australia, Canada, England, France, Iceland, Japan, Lithuania, Mali, Senegal and Slovenia.

#### **HOME SWEET HOME**

The Huskers finished with an 18-1 record inside Pinnacle Bank Arena in 2023-24, setting a single-season mark for home wins in a season.

- The .947 mark was NU's best home mark by winning percentage
  since 1965-66 when NU went 11-0 at home. NU went a perfect 10-0
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  thome in Big Ten Conference play, marking the third time NU has
  posted an unblemished home conference mark since World War II (also 1965-66, 2017-18). The other seasons with a perfect conference record were between 1908 and 1921.
- Nebraska filled up Pinnacle Bank Arena in 2023-24, averaging 14,597 fans per game to rank 15th nationally. Nebraska has ranked in the top-15 nationally in every season but one since Pinnacle Bank Arena opened in 2013-14. In all, seven of the top 25 school in average attendance came from the Big Ten Conference.
- Big Ten has led the nation in attendance for 48 years in a row dating all the way back to 1976, not counting the 2020-21 COVID season where fans weren't allowed at most college games.

#### **TICKETS ON SALE NOW**

Husker fans can now purchase individual game tickets for the 2024-25 Nebraska men's basketball season. The Nebraska Athletic Ticket Office announced that 300 Level Tickets for all 17 matchups are now on sale. The Big Ten Conference games are priced at \$17 apiece (including fees), while the non-conference games, including Sunday's exhibition game with Grand Valley State, are priced at \$12 per game (including fees).

Tickets can be purchased by visiting Huskers.com/Tickets or calling the Nebraska Athletic Ticket Office at 800-8-BIG-RED during business hours (9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday).

The home schedule includes 10 Big Ten Conference matchups, including games against defending Big Ten Tournament champion Illinois, postseason qualifiers Iowa, Minnesota and Ohio State. Indiana (17), UCLA (22) and Rutgers (25) were all in the AP Preseason Top 25, while Illinois, Ohio State, Michigan and Maryland received votes in the preseason AP poll.

In addition to single-game tickets, a pair of other options are currently available for the 2024-25 season. Season tickets start at \$153 for all 17 contests, while the Starting 5 Mini Plan is on sale for \$50. The Starting 5 Plan allows fans to pick any two conference games and three of the non-conference games.

#### **UP NEXT:**

Nebraska begins the 2024-25 season on Monday, Nov. 4, as they host UT Rio Grande Valley at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The matchup is set for 7 p.m. and will be carried on BTN+ and the Huskers Radio Network.

#### **HUSKERS IN THE NBA**

A trio of former Nebraska Cornhuskers were on opening night rosters as the NBA season begans this week Dalano Banton and Bryce McGowens are teammates on the Portland Trail Blazers, while Jack McVeigh is a rookie with the Houston Rockets. It is the fourth straight season that Nebraska has had multiple players on NBA rosters. While Opening Night is set for Tuesday, both Portland and Houston begin their NBA seasons on Wednesday.

Banton comes off his best season as a professional, averaging 10.3 points 3.3 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game while splitting time with both the Boston Celtics and Portland Trailblazers. He flourished after his trade with Portland, averaging 16.7 points, 4.8 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game in 30 games. Banton begins his fourth NBA season after being a second-round pick in 2021. After sitting out the 2019-20 campaign, Banton played in all 27 games, including 22 starts, for the Huskers in 2020-21, averaging 9.6 points per game while leading the Huskers in both rebounding (5.9) and assists (3.9) per game. He was the first Husker since 1974 to lead NU in both rebounding and assists in the same season. Banton posted the second triple-double in school history with 13 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in just 21 minutes against Doane and totaled 14 games in double figures.

McGowens begins his third NBA season, as he is on a two-way contract with the Trail Blazers after signing with the organization over the summer. McGowens spent the first two years with the Charlotte Hornets, playing in 105 career games and averaging 5.2 points, 1.9 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game. McGowens was the No. 40 overall pick in 2022, the highest drafted Husker since 1998. At Nebraska, he was a third-team All-Big Ten performer as a freshman in 2021-22, averaging a team-high 16.8 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. An eight-time Big Ten Freshman of the Week, McGowens had 11 games with 20-or-more points, including a season-high 29 points against both Sam Houston and Rutgers.

McVeigh is with the Houston Rockets after signing a two-way contract prior to the 2024 Paris Olympics. He played in a pair of preseason games for the Rockets, averaging 7.5 ppg on 60 percent shooting and 3.0 rebounds per game. This is his rookie season after he played professionally in Australia and Germany, and he will become the 16th Husker to play in the NBA when he makes his debut. McVeigh comes off a strong performance in the 2024 Olympics, averaging 9.5 points per game on 52 percent shooting, including 10-of-19 (.526) from 3-point range. McVeigh played three seasons at Nebraska before returning home to begin his professional career. His best year was in 2016-17, when he averaged 7.5 points and 2.5 rebounds per game in 30 games, including 11 starts. He was a member of the Huskers' 2017-18 team that won 23 games, including a school record 13 conference games.

In addition to the three former Husker players in the NBA, Tyronn Lue begins his fifth season as head coach of the Los Angeles Clippers. Lue, who played at Nebraska from 1996-98, has guided the Clippers to a184-134 record and three postseason appearances in his four seasons. Last year, he coached Los Angeles to a Pacific Division title. Before taking the Clippers, Lue led the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 128-83 record, three NBA Finals appearances and franchise's first NBA title in 2016.



# vs. Texas A&M (NCAA).L, 83-98

# Mon. Nov. 4 UT Rio Grand Valley ..... 7 p.m.

### Fred Hoiberg (Iowa St., 1995) Nehraska: 63-94 / 6th

### Career: 178-150 / 11th ASSISTANT COACHES

#### Adam Howard, 3rd season Nate Loenser, 4th season Ernie Zeigler. 3rd season

# 2024-25 SCHEDULE

4	UT Rio Grand Valley 7 p.m.
9	Bethune Cookman 7 p.m.
13	FDU 7 p.m.
17	vs. Saint Mary'sNoon
	at Creighton7 p.m.
27	South Dakota5:30 p.m.

1	North Florida 3 p.m.
7	at Michigan State * 11 a.m.
13	Indiana * 7 p.m.
Diar	mond Head Classic
22	vs. Murray St 8 p.m.
23	vs. Charlotte/Hawai'iTBD
25	vs. TBATBD

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4	UCLA *1 p.m.
7	at lowa * 7 p.m.
12	at Purdue * 11 a.m.
16	Rutgers * 8 p.m.
19	at Maryland * 11 a.m.
22	USC * 8 p.m.
26	at Wisconsin *Noon
30	Illinois * 7:30 p.m.

FED	
2	at Oregon * 6:30 p.m
5	at Washington * 9:30 p.m
9	Ohio State * 1 p.m
13	Maryland * 7:30 p.m
16	at Northwestern * 2 p.m
19	at Penn State * 5:30 p.m
24	Michigan * 7 p.m

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1	Minnesota * 1 p.m
4	at Ohio State * 8 p.m
9	lowa * 11:30 a.m
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16 at Big Ten Tournament

#### CONNOR ESSEGIAN (FH-SFF-IIN)

Career 55/1

2023-24 0/0

AHRON ULIS (YOU-LISS)

**BRICE WILLIAMS** 

**BRADEN FRAGER** 

JEFFREY GRACE III

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JUWAN GARY (JUH-WAHN)

R1G 0/0

Career 0/0

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**ROLLIE WORSTER** (RAW-LEE WOOSTER)

2023-24 0/0

B1G

Career 0/0

**BRAXTON MEAH (MEE-UH)** 

B1G 0/0

Career 0/0

ANDREW MORGAN

NICK JANOWSKI

CALE JACOBSEN

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BERKE BÜYÜKTUNCEL (BEAR-KEH BUH-YOOK-TOON-JELL)

GP/GS PPG RPG APG SPG FG% 3PT% FT%

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3.7 2.5 1.2 0.8 .435 .338 .742

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4.5 2.5 0.4 0.2 .385 .297 .628

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2023-24 34/0 3.4 2.9 1.7 0.9 .378 .306 .684

Career 84/28 4.0 1.6 1.9 0.4 .374 .310 .780

2023-24 34/34 13.4 5.5 2.5 1.1 .444 .388 .844

Career 122/61 10.3 4.2 1.3 0.7 .458 .393 .812

Career 104/55 7.6 4.5 0.9 0.6 .493 .266 .626

2023-24 0/0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 .000 .000 .000

2023-24 16/0 0.4 0.3 0.1 0.0 .500 .000 .400

2023-24 26/8 4.5 2.5 0.4 0.2 .385 .297 .628

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## Last Game: N/A

◀ Wisconsin transfer who averaged 7.6 ppg in 68 career games with Wisconsin

◆ Played for Armenia National Team in 2024, averaging 13.0 ppg and 5.5 rpg in two games ◀ Big Ten All-Freshman Team (11.7 ppg) who set a UW freshman record with 69 3-pointers in 2022-23

#### Last Game: N/A

◀ junior guard who averaged 3.4 ppg and led NU with a 2.45-to-1 asst.-to-TO ratio in 2023-24

◀ Led NU with a career-high 15 points and added five rebounds and two assists vs. Lindenwood

◀ Two-time Academic All-Big Ten pick who majors in sports media and communications

#### Last Game: N/A

◀ lowa transfer who spent 3 years with Hawkeyes & posted better than 2-to-1 asst.-to-TO ratio ◀ Started 27 games at guard in 2022-23, averaging 6.1 ppg, 2.1 apg as lowa reached NCAA Tournament

◆ Career-high 17 points on 8-of-10 shooting at Michigan State on 1/26/2023

#### Last Game: N/A

G / 6-7 / 214 / Sr. / Huntersville, N.C.

F / 6-6 / 226 / Sr. / Columbia, S.C.

G / 6-3 / 197 / Jr. / Elmhurst, Ill.

F / 6-10 / 224 / So. / Bursa, Türkiye

G / 6-7 / 193 / So. / Simsbury. Conn.

G / 6-5 / 220 / Sr. / Missoula, Mont.

G / 6-4 / 208 / Fr. / Pewaukee, Wis.

C / 7-1 / 265 / Sr. / Layton, Utah

G / 6-4 / 190 / Jr. / Fort Wayne, Ind.

G / 6-0 / 185 / Jr. / Lincoln, Neb.

G / 6-3 / 190 / Sr. / Chicago, III.

24, at Mich. (2/26/23)

11, at Indiana 1/14/23

3, Two Times

2. Two Times

15, Two times

4. Three Times

1, Three times

4. vs. FAMU (11/9/23)

17, at Mich. St. (1/26/23)

, vs W. Mich. (11/22/21)

3, Illinois (12/6/21)

32, vs. UAB (3/4/23)

13, vs. Rice (2/25/23)

4, vs. Indiana (1/3/24)

22, Minn. (2/25/24)

18, at K-State (12/17/23)

4, at K-State (12/17/22)

9, Purdue (1/9/24)

3, Four times

3, Two times

2. Five Times

1, Six Times

1. Three Times

5. Three Times

1 Four Times

2, Two times

3, Two Times

4, Two Times

2, Four Times

19. Two Times

10. Four times

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6, E. Wash (11/6/23)

2, Oregon St. (2/3/22)

4. vs. SCSU (12/29/23)

2, vs. SCSU (12/29/23)

21, Stanford (1/12/23)

6, Cal Poly (12/13/22)

34, vs. OSU (1/23/24)

1, Three times

14, Two Times

3. Three Times

2. Five Times

1, Three Times

N/A

N/A

1. vs. Lindenwood

at N. Dakota (12/30/22)

N/A

N/A

1, at Md. (1/28/23)

13 at Stanford (1/3/24)

vs. Chaminade (11/21/13)

25, Boston Univ. (11/10/23)

6, at Purdue (2/2/24)

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◀ Started all 34 games in 2023-24, averaging 13.4 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 2.5 apg, 1.1 spg

◆ Season-high 25 points vs. Oregon State; 25 double-figure games with five 20-point games

◀ 2nd-team All C-USA pick who averaged 13.8 ppg and 5.3 rpg in helping Charlotte to 2023 CBI title

#### Last Game: N/A

◀ 3rd-year starter averaged career-high 11.6 ppg in 2023-24; 2nd on team with 5 double-doubles

Career-high 22 points vs. Minn., including 4-of-7 from 3-point range, and eight boards

◀ Played two seasons at Alabama, helping Crimson Tide to SEC title and NCAA Sweet 16 in 2020-21

F / 6-7 / 220 / Fr. / Lincoln, Neb.

#### Last Game: N/A

◀ True freshman who graduated high school a year early to begin his college career

◀ Averaged 18.3 points, 7.0 rebounds, 1.2 assists & 1.2 steals per game at Lincoln SW in 2023-24

◀ Ranked among the top-200 players in the class of 2025 before reclassifying; Turns 18 after opener

#### Last Game: N/A

◀ Academic All-Big Ten pick who played in 27 games over the last two seasons after walking on

◆ Participated in No Filter Life Skills trip to Ecuador in August of 2024

◆ Averaged 11.0 ppg, 5.0 rpg and 3.0 apg as a senior at York (III.) High School in 2020-21

Last Game: N/A

■ UCLA transfer played in 26 games as a true freshman, averaging 4.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg ◆ Represented Turkey at 2024 European U20 Champs.; 12.0 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 1.3 bpg and 1.3 spg

◀ Rated by ESPN as the No. 2 international high school player in class of 2023

#### **GAVIN GRIFFITHS**



GP/GS PPG RPG APG SPG FG% 3PT% FT% 2023-24 32/3 5.8 2.2 0.6 0.3 324 282 600 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 .000 .000 .000 0/0 32/3 5.8 2.2 0.6 0.3 .324 .282 .600 Career

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2023-24 32/29 12.9 5.0 1.0 0.3 .556 .364 .703

Career 85/59 10.1 4.7 0.9 0.3 .579 .370 .633

2023-24 16/16 9.9 4.9 5.5 1.4 .409 .276 .705

Career 103/101 8.6 4.6 4.1 1.0 .409 .292 .777

GP/GS PPG RPG APG SPG FG% 3PT% FT%

2023-24 20/0 0.7 0.2 0.3 0.1 .500 .333 .500

Career 20/0 0.7 0.2 0.3 0.1 .500 .333 .500

Season 32/16 5.3 5.3 0.3 0.2 .770 .000 .493

Career 118/47 4.9 4.4 0.2 0.2 .726 .000 .555

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## Last Game: N/A

◀ Rutgers transfer who averaged 5.8 ppg, 2.2 rpg as freshman; 2nd on team in 3-pointers (31) ◀ Totaled seven double-figure efforts, including 25 points against Boston University

▼ Top-50 recruit who averaged 24.6 ppg, 12.0 rpg at Kingswood-Oxford (Conn.) High School F / 6-8 / 225 / So. / Lincoln, Neb.

#### Last Game: N/A

■ Walk-on who played at Southeast (Neb.) CC last year, averaging 15.8 ppg and 8.7 rpg

◆ Totaled 11 double-doubles in 2023-24, including 21 points & 15 rebounds vs North Iowa Area CC. Played at Lincoln High for Coach Dan Noble and was named to Heartland Athletic Conf. team

F / 6-10 / 242 / Sr. / Waseca, Minn. Last Game: N/A

◀ North Dakota State transfer who averaged double figures in each of the past two seasons ◀ Second-team All-Summit League in 2023-24, averaging 12.9 ppg on 56 percent shooting

◀ Had a season-high 31 points against Kansas City, one of four 20-point games in 2023-24

#### Last Game: N/A

◀ Utah transfer who started 76 of 77 games in three seasons and 25 times at Utah St. in 2020-21

◆ Averaged 9.9 ppg, 5.5 apg and 4.9 rpg in 2023-24, led Pac-12 in asst.-to-TO before injury in Jan.

◆ Ranked 2nd in Pac-12 in Asst-to-TO (2.6-to-1) and was 2nd in Pac-12 in APG (5.2) in conf. play

#### Last Game: N/A

◀ Totaled 2,297 career points en route to winning three state titles at Pewaukee High School

◀ Averaged 30.8 ppg, 8.2 rpg, and 4.4 apg as a senior in earning first-team all-state honors

◀ Top-150 recruit whose teams went a combined 106-14 during his four-year career G / 6-4 / 200 / So. / Ashland, Neb.

#### Last Game: N/A

◀ Third-year walk-on who played in 20 games as a redshirt freshman, primarily in situational roles

■ Averaged 17.9 ppg. 6.1 apg. 5.8 rpg as a senior in leading Ashland-Greenwood to a state title

◀ Multi-sport athlete who also played quarterback and wide receiver during high school career

#### Last Game: N/A

◀ Fifth-year senior who spent the last two seasons at Washington

◆ Played in 32 games, averaging 5.3 ppg on 77 percent shooting, 5.5 rpg and 0.8 bpg in 2023-24

◆ Pac-12 All-Defensive Team in 2022-23 at Washington, averaging 8.8 ppg, 7.6 rpg and 1.6 bpg F / 6-7 / 222 / So. / Omaha, Neb.

## HENRY BURT



GP/GS PPG RPG APG SPG FG% 3PT% FT% 2023-24 7/0 0.3 0.4 0.0 0.0 .500 .000 .000 0/0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 7/0 0.3 0.4 0.0 0.0 .500 .000 .000

GP/GS PPG RPG APG SPG FG% 3PT% FT%

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2023-24 32/32 12.4 7.5 3.0 0.4 .433 .344 .838

Career 120/111 11.6 7.5 1.2 0.5 .476 .334 .749

### Last Game: N/A

■ Walk-on who is beginning his third season at Nebraska, Played in seven games in 2022-23

 Scored first points vs. Florida A&M and had one rebound on three occasions ◀ Averaged 12.6 ppg & 6.1 rpg as a senior at Elkhorn South

◆ All Big-Ten forward (12.3 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 3.0 apg) who will redshirt after knee surgery

◀ Had team-high six double-doubles (most by Husker since 2008): 20 double-figure games ◆ Career high 34 points (13-of-17; 6-8 from 3), 10 boards and four assists vs. Ohio St. (1/23/24)

#### Last Game: N/A

F / 6-10 / 260 / Sr. / Groningen, Netherlands

Reb. 17. vs. UIC (12/31/22) Asst. 6. Two Times Stls. 3. Four time: 3. Two times

8 | NEBRASKA BASKETBALL | VS. GRAND VALLEY STATE

# NEBRASKA HEAD COACH FRED HOIBERG

#### **NEBRASKA (2019-PRESENT)**

- Hired as Nebraska's 28th men's basketball coach on March 30, 2019, a position his grandfather (Jerry Bush) held for nine seasons from 1954 to 1963.
- Named Jim Phalen National Coach of the Year and shared Big Ten Coach-of-the-Year honors (coaches and media) in 2024.
- Coached Nebraska to a third-place finish in the Big Ten in 2023-24, the highest conference finish by NU since 1992-93.
- Guided Nebraska to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2014.
- Led Nebraska to its fourth win over a No. 1 team in school history and first time since 1982 (1/9/24 vs. No. 1 Purdue).
- Is the only coach in school history with two road wins against top-10 teams (2021-22 at No. 10 Wisconsin; 2022-23 at No. 7 Creighton).

• Guided Nebraska to three consecutive road wins over ranked opponents (No. 23 Ohio State and No. 10 Wisconsin in 2021-22 and No. 7 Creighton in 2022-23) for the first time in school history.

• Had NBA Draft Picks in both 2021 (Dalano Banton) and 2022 (Bryce McGowens) and has produced 12 players who have reached the NBA.

#### **CHICAGO BULLS (2015-18)**

- Coached the Chicago Bulls for three-plus seasons, posting a 115-155 record.
- Became just the fifth coach in franchise history to post a winning record in his debut season.
- Took the Bulls to the 2017 NBA Playoffs where they won the first two games against the top-seeded Boston Celtics, as the Bulls were the first No. 8 seed to take a 2-0 lead against a No. 1 seed since 1993.
- Was the fifth coach in NBA history to have each of his first two career playoff victories come on the road.

#### IOWA STATE (2010-15)

• Served as head coach at his alma mater for five seasons, posting a 115-56 record, which is the top winning percentage in school history (.673).

 Led the Cyclones to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances - a program record - while his 115 wins were the most in a five-year stretch in school history.

• Guided Iowa State to back-to-back Big 12 Tournament titles in 2014 and 2015.

• Produced four All-Americans, 12 All-Big 12 honorees and 10 players who played in the NBA.

 Named Big 12 Coach of the Year in 2012, as the Cyclones went from three conference wins to 12 in one season.

• Won 28 games and reached the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2014.

• Led the Big 12 in scoring offense in two of his last four seasons and topped the conference in 3-pointers four times in five years.

#### **MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES (2005-10)**

- Served as Vice President of Basketball Operations in 2009-10, overseeing the day-today operations of basketball programs including college and pro scouting, salary cap management and NBA Draft preparations.
- Was the Assistant General Manager for three seasons, helping the Timberwolves orchestrate a draft-day trade for five-time all-star Kevin Love in 2008.

#### **AS AN NBA PLAYER (1995-2005)**

- Spent 10 years in the NBA with the Indiana Pacers (four seasons), Chicago Bulls (four seasons) and Minnesota Timberwolves (two seasons) after being selected in the second round of the 1995 NBA Draft.
- Was a member of three NBA Playoff Teams, including a Timberwolves team that reached the 2004 Western Conference Finals.
- Shot 40 percent from 3-point range during his career and led the NBA in 3-point shooting in his final season (48.3, 2004-05).
- Ended his NBA career abruptly at the age of 33 after undergoing open-heart surgery to repair an aneurysm in his aortic root.

#### AS A PLAYER AT IOWA STATE (1991-95)

- Started all four seasons at Iowa State, averaging 15.8 points, 6.9 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 1.6 steals per game in his collegiate career.
- His No. 32 was retired by Iowa State in 1997 and Hoiberg is a member of the Iowa State Hall of Fame.
- Garnered third-team All-America honors as a senior in 1994-95, averaging 19.9 points per game to help the Cyclones win a then-schoolrecord 23 games and was named Big Eight Co-Male Athlete of the Year in 1995.
- Two-time Academic All-American who was inducted into the CSC Academic Hall of Fame in 2016.

#### FRED HOIBERG'S COLLEGIATE COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Overall Record	Pct.	Conf. Record	Pct	Conf. Finish	Postseason	
2010-11	Iowa State	16-16	.500	3-13	.188	12th	None	
2011-12	Iowa State	23-11	.676	12-6	.677	T-3rd	NCAA Third Round	
2012-13	Iowa State	23-12	.657	11-7	.611	T-4th	NCAA Third Round	
2013-14	Iowa State	28-8	.778	11-7	.611	T-3rd	NCAA Sweet 16	
2014-15	Iowa State	25-9	.735	12-6	.677	T-2nd	NCAA Second Round	
2019-20	Nebraska	7-25	.219	2-18	.100	14th	None	
2020-21	Nebraska	7-20	.259	3-16	.158	14th	None	
2021-22	Nebraska	10-22	.313	4-16	.200	T-13th	None	
2022-23	Nebraska	16-16	.500	9-11	.450	T-11th	None	
2023-24	Nebraska	23-11	.667	12-8	.600	T-3rd	NCAA First Round	
Totals		178-150	.543	79-108	.422			

# 2024-25 RADIO/TV ROSTER



**0 | CONNOR ESSEGIAN** Jr. | G | 6-4 | 190



1 | SAM HOIBERG Jr. | G | 6-0 | 185



**2 | AHRON ULIS** Sr. | G | 6-3 | 190



**3 | BRICE** WILLIAMS
Sr. | G | 6-7 | 214



**4 | JUWAN GARY**Sr. | F | 6-6 | 226



**5 | BRADEN FRAGER** Fr. | F | 6-7 | 220



8 | JEFFREY GRACE III Jr. | G | 6-3 | 200



**9 | BERKE BÜYÜKTUNCEL** So. | F | 6-10 | 244



12 | GAVIN GRIFFITHS So. | G | 6-7 | 193



**20 | JUSTIN BOLIS**So. | F | 6-8 | 225



23 | ANDREW MORGAN Sr. | F | 6-10 | 242



**24 | ROLLIE WORSTER** Sr. | G | 6-5 | 210



**25 | NICK JANOWSKI** Fr. | G | 6-4 | 208



**31 | CALE JACOBSEN** So. | G | 6-4 | 195



**34 | BRAXTON MEAH** Sr. | C | 7-1 | 265



**35 | HENRY BURT**So. | F | 6-7 | 222



**51 | RIENK MAST**Sr. | F | 6-10 | 260



FRED HOIBERG Head Coach



ADAM HOWARD
Assistant Coach



**NATE LOENSER**Assistant Coach



**ERNIE ZEIGLER**Assistant Coach



KURT JOSEPH
Director of Men's
Basketball Strength &
Conditioning



**LUCA VIRGILIO**Director of Basketball
Strategies & Business
Operations



EMMANUEL TOMMY Director of Player Development



MICHAEL BANIA Video Coordinator



PADYN BORDERS

Recruiting

Coordinator



SHERYL BURBACH Assistant Director of Basketball Operations



ANDREW MCCABE
Athletic Trainer



**PAT NORRIS**Equipment Manager



JAKE BLATTNER
Performance
Nutrition Coordinator



MATT THOME NAPL Director



**NIHILO IBARRA** *Graduate Manager* 



**JUSTIN MOORE** Graduate Manager



JOSIAH ALLICK Graduate Manager



**TRISTON SIMPSON** *Graduate Manager* 



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# THE LAST TIME...

Nebraska Team	
Ranked in the top 5 (AP Poll)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Ranked in the top 10 (AP Poll)	
Ranked in the top 20 (AP Poll) Ranked in the top 25 (AP Poll)	
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Played AP Poll No. 1 ranked team	
Defeated AP Poll No. 1 ranked team	
Played AP Poll No. 2 ranked team	9 , , , ,
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Defeated Team Ranked 1-5 by AP	, ,, , ,
Played Team Ranked 6-10 by AP	
Defeated Team Ranked 6-10 by AP	
Defeated Team Ranked 11-25 by AP	
Defeated Team Ranked 1-10 by AP on Road	
Defeated Ranked Team by AP on Road	at No. 7 Creighton (63-53), 12/4/2022
Scored 100 or more points	
Scored 90 or more points	93; vs. Indiana (BTT), 3/15/2024
Scored 80 or more points	83; vs. Texas A&M (NCAA), 3/22/2024
Scored less than 50 points	48; Wisconsin, 2/10/2021
Scored less than 40 points	
Shot 75% from the field	
Shot 70% from the field	_ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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Made 30 or more free throws	
Made 25 or more free throws	
Attempted 60 or more free throws	
Attempted 50 or more free throws	
Attempted 40 or more free throws	
Attempted 30 or more free throws	
Shot 100% from the foul line (min 10 att.)	
Shot 90% from the foul line (min 10 att.)	
Shot 90% from the foul line (min 20 att.)	
Made 20 or more 3-pointers	
Made 15 or more 3-pointers	
Made 10 or more 3-pointers	
Made 0 3-pointers	
Held Opponent to 0 3-pointers	
Attempted 40 or more 3-pointers	
Attempted 30 or more 3-pointers	
Attempted 20 or more 3-pointers	
Shot 75% from 3-point range (min. 10 att)7	'50, vs. UT-Pan American (9-12), 12/2/2009 - \$
Shot 60% from 3-point range (min. 20 att)	
Shot 60% from 3-point range (min. 10 att)	
Shot 50% from 3-point range (min. 20 att) Shot 50% from 3-point range (min. 10 att)	
Had 60 or more rebounds	
Had 50 or more rebounds	50; South Carolina State, 12/29/2023
Had 30 or more assists	
Had 25 or more assists	25; vs. Doane, 12/17/2020
Had 20 or more assists	
Had 15 or more assists	15; vs. Texas A&M (NCAA), 3/22/2024
Had 20 or more steals	22 vs Tovas Toch 2/4/1000 6
Had 15 or more steals	
Had 10 or more steals	
Had 15 or more blocked shots	
Had 10 or more blocked shots	14; at Northwestern, 1/2/2018
Had 30 or more turnovers	
Han /II or more turnovers	
Had 5 or less turnovers	

Nebraska Player
Had 20 or more points:23, Brice Williams; 21 Keisei Tominaga vs. Texas A&M (NCAA), 3/22/2024
Had 25 or more points:
Had 30 or more points:
<b>Had 40 or more points:</b> 41; Teddy Allen vs. Penn State, 2/23/2021
Had 20 or more points in a half:
Had No Player in Double Figures:vs. Ohio State, 1/21/2012
Had Five Players with 10 or more points Northwestern, 1/20/2024
Allick (15); Tominaga (14); Williams (12); Wilcher (10); Lawrence (10)
Had Six Players with 10 or more pointsNorth Dakota, 12/20/2023
Two Huskers with 20 or more points, same game:vs. Texas A&M (NCAA), 3/22/2024
Brice Williams (24); Keisei Tominaga (21)
Two Huskers with 25 or more points, same game:vs. Western Illinois, 11/9/21
Three Huskers with 20 or more points, same game:lowa, 3/10/2019
James Palmer Jr. (30), Glynn Watson Jr. (23), Isaiah Roby (23)
Two Huskers with 30 or more points, same game:vs. Oregon, 11/25/1995
Tyronn Lue (30) & Jaron Boone (30) - only time in school history
Had 10 or more rebounds:
Had 15 or more rebounds:
<b>Had 20 or more rebounds:</b>
Had 25 or more rebounds:
Two Huskers with 10 or more rebounds, same game:at Kansas State, 12/17/2023
Three Huskers with 10 or more rebounds, same game:
(Steholi Bladiola 10, Milaili Filella 12, Louis Flacott 11)
Had 5 or more 3-pointers:5; Keisei Tominaga vs. Texas A&M (NCAA) (5-11), 3/22/2024
Had 6 or more 3-pointers:6; Rienk Mast vs. Ohio State (6-8), 1/23/2024
Had 7 or more 3-pointers:
<b>Had 8 or more 3-pointers:</b>
Had 5 or more assists: 7; Rienk Mast vs. Indiana, 3/15/2024
Had 10 or more assists:
Had 15 or more assists: 15; Charles Richardson vs. Rutgers, 12/2/2006
<b>Had 18 or more assists:</b>
Had 5 or more blocked shots:
Had 6 or more blocked shots: 6; Isaiah Roby vs. Eastern Illinois, 11/11/2017
Had 7 or more blocked shots:
Had 9 or more blocked shots:
Had 10 or more blocked shots:  Never Happened
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Had 5 or more steals:5; Keisei Tominaga at Kansas State, 12/17/2023
Had 6 or more steals:6; Glynn Watson Jr. vs. Long Beach State, 11/26/2017
Had 7 or more steals:7; Brandon Richardson at Ohio State, 1/3/2012
Had 8 or more steals:
Had 10 or more steals: Never Happened
Had Triple-Double (Points/Rebounds/Assists): Dalano Banton vs. Doane, 12/17/2020, 13/11/10
Had Double-Double (Points/Assists):Alonzo Verge Jr. at NC State (25/11), 12/1/2021
Had Double-Double (Points/Rebounds):
Josiah Allick (14 pts./11 reb.) vs. Texas A&M (NCAA), 3/22/2024
Had Double-Double (Points/Steals): Never Happened Had Double-Double (Points/Blocks): Never Happened
Had Two Players with Double-Doubles: Never Happened

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### 2023-24 Nebraska Men's Basketball Combined Team Statistics All games

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**Game Records** 

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	23-11	18-1	3-8	2-2
CONFERENCE	12-8	10-0	2-8	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	11-3	8-1	1-0	2-2

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	ОТ	тот
Nebraska	1330	1276	37	2643
Opponents	1161	1213	37	2411

**Team Box Score** 

No. Player				Total 3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds														
NO. Player	Pidyer	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
30	TOMINAGA, Keisei	32-32	836:11	26.1	169-363	.466	76-202	.376	70-80	.875	8	66	74	2.3	42	0	45	38	1	29	484	15.1
3	WILLIAMS, Brice	34-34	1010:42	29.7	143-322	.444	50-129	.388	119-141	.844	30	156	186	5.5	87	3	84	61	21	37	455	13.4
51	MAST, Rienk	32-32	951:09	29.7	148-342	.433	42-122	.344	57-68	.838	61	180	241	7.5	63	1	95	58	16	13	395	12.3
4	GARY, Juwan	28-20	757:21	27.0	122-245	.498	26-85	.306	55-81	.679	62	108	170	6.1	61	2	35	20	21	31	325	11.6
0	WILCHER, C.J.	33-2	591:36	17.9	87-193	.451	50-127	.394	31-33	.939	12	37	49	1.5	39	0	28	32	6	17	255	7.7
53	ALLICK, Josiah	33-27	785:12	23.8	83-151	.550	8-22	.364	67-104	.644	65	114	179	5.4	66	1	44	34	12	19	241	7.3
10	LAWRENCE, Jamarques	34-23	798:58	23.5	81-193	.420	36-101	.356	37-48	.771	9	97	106	3.1	70	0	86	69	1	27	235	6.9
11	RICE, Eli	17-0	170:33	10.0	19-46	.413	10-27	.370	23-32	.719	4	23	27	1.6	14	0	6	4	4	3	71	4.2
1	HOIBERG, Sam	34-0	669:21	19.7	37-98	.378	15-49	.306	26-38	.684	19	79	98	2.9	67	0	59	24	3	31	115	3.4
9	COLEMAN, Jarron	12-0	143:53	12.0	9-36	.250	4-22	.182	7-11	.636	1	19	20	1.7	11	0	27	17	1	3	29	2.4
21	DIOP, Matar	19-0	72:12	3.8	6-12	.500	1-2	.500	3-9	.333	4	13	17	0.9	11	0	5	6	3	3	16	0.8
31	JACOBSEN, Cale	20-0	55:19	2.8	5-10	.500	1-3	.333	3-6	.500	0	3	3	0.2	5	0	5	2	0	1	14	0.7
24	GRACE, Jeff	16-0	22:42	1.4	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	2-5	.400	2	1	3	0.2	2	0	2	1	0	0	6	0.4
35	BURT, Henry	7-0	09:50	1.4	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	0	3	3	0.4	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
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Tot	:al	34	6875		912-2017	.452	319-893	.357	500-658	.760	326	954	1280	37.6	539	7	521	377	89	214	2643	77.7
Op	ponents	34	6875		854-2136	.400	288-885	.325	415-592	.701	414	854	1268	37.3	551	10	448	387	125	209	2411	70.9

**Team Statistics** 

	NEBR	OPI
Scoring	2643	2411
Points per game	77.7	70.9
Scoring margin	+6.8	-
Field goals-att	912-2017	854-2136
Field goal pct	.452	.400
3 point fg-att	319-893	288-885
3-point FG pct	.357	.325
3-pt FG made per game	9.4	8.5
Free throws-att	500-658	415-592
Free throw pct	.760	.701
F-Throws made per game	14.7	12.2
Rebounds	1280	1268
Rebounds per game	37.6	37.3
Rebounding margin	+0.4	-
Assists	521	448
Assists per game	15.3	13.2
Turnovers	377	387
Turnovers per game	11.1	11.4
Turnover margin	+0.3	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	1.2
Steals	214	209
Steals per game	6.3	6.1
Blocks	89	125
Blocks per game	2.6	3.7
Winning streak	0	-
Home win streak	12	-
Attendance	277338	127854
Home games-Avg/Game	19-14597	11-11623
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	4-7425

**Team Results** 

Date	Opponent	Opponent					
11/06/2023	Lindenwood	W	84-52	13478			
11/09/2023	Florida A&M	w	81-54	13766			
11/13/2023	Rider	w	64-50	13478			
11/15/2023	Stony Brook	W	84-63	13614			
11/18/2023	vs Oregon St.	W	84-63	2938			
11/22/2023	Duquesne	W	89-79	14426			
11/26/2023	Cal St. Fullerton	w	85-72	14171			
12/03/2023	Creighton	L	60-89	15838			
12/06/2023	at Minnesota	L	65-76	6899			
12/10/2023	Michigan St.	W	77-70	14585			
12/17/2023	at Kansas St.	w	62-46	10206			
12/20/2023	North Dakota	W	83-75	13387			
12/29/2023	South Carolina St.	w	91-62	14987			
01/03/2024	Indiana	W	86-70	13446			
01/06/2024	at Wisconsin	L	72-88	15055			
01/09/2024	Purdue	W	88-72	14106			
01/12/2024	at Iowa	L	76-94	9670			
01/17/2024	at Rutgers	Lot	82-87	8000			
01/20/2024	Northwestern	w	75-69	14977			
01/23/2024	Ohio St.	w	83-69	14408			
01/27/2024	at Maryland	L	51-73	15481			
02/01/2024	Wisconsin	Wot	80-72	15318			
02/04/2024	at Illinois	Lot	84-87	15544			
02/07/2024	at Northwestern	L	68-80	5681			
02/10/2024	Michigan	w	79-59	15828			
02/17/2024	Penn St.	W	68-49	15751			
02/21/2024	at Indiana	w	85-70	17222			
02/25/2024	Minnesota	W	73-55	15920			
02/29/2024	at Ohio St.	L	69-78	13090			
03/03/2024	Rutgers	w	67-56	15854			
03/10/2024	at Michigan	w	85-70	11006			
03/15/2024	vs Indiana	w	93-66	12625			
03/16/2024	vs Illinois	L	87-98	14138			
03/22/2024	vs Texas A&M	L	83-98	0			

