# NEBRASKA

# **MEN'S GOLF**

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### **1024-25 SCHEDULE**

#### Sept. 8-9 Gopher Invitational 3rd/15 Independence, Minn. 292-284-289=865 (+13) Git-R-Done Invitational 5th/12 Sept. 23-24 286-280-293=859 (+7) Lincoln, Neb. Sept. 29-Badger Invitational 7th/16 Verona, Wis. 295-280-298=870 (+6) Qubein Cup Oct. 14-15 3rd/13 Greensboro, N.C. 288-287-296=871 (+31) Oct. 26-27 Steelwood Collegiate T11th/14 295-285-289=869 (+5) Loxley, Ala.

#### SPRING 2025

Feb. 9-11

	Humacao, P.R.	294-286-286=8	66 (+2)
March 17-18	The Johnnie-O	-	Γ5th/13
	St. Simons Island, Ga.	283-281=5	64 (+4)
March 24-25	Bell Bank "Pay It Forward	d" Collegiate	10 a.m.
	Litchfield Park, Ariz. (W	/igwam GC)	
April 7-8	Tiger Intercollegiate		9 a.m.
	Columbia, Mo. (The Club at Old Hawthorne)		
April 18-19	Robert Kepler Intercolle	giate	8 a.m.
	Columbus, Ohio (Scarlet	t Course)	
April 25-27	Big Ten Championship		8 a.m.
	Baltimore, Md. (Baltimor	re CC)	
April 30	NCAA Selection Show (	Golf Channel)	1 p.m.

Palmas Del Mar Collegiate

T7th/14

May 12-14 NCAA Regionals TBA
Stillwater, Okla.; Tallahassee, Fla.; Reno, Nev.
Fayetteville, Ark.; Amherst, Va.; Bremerton, Wash.
May 23-28 NCAA Championship TBA

Carlsbad, Calif. (Omni La Costa Resort & Spa)

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### **HUSKER QUICK FACTS**

Head Coach:	Judd Cornell (Nobreeks, 2007)
	Judd Cornell (Nebraska, 2007)
Assistant Coach:	Travis Minzel (Nebraska Wesleyan, 2004)
Director of Operations:	Craig Sager (Central Missouri, 2004)
NCAA Appearances:	1973, 1974, 1998, 1999
Best Round:	274 (-14)
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#### HUSKERS TRAVEL TO BELL BANK "PAY IT FORWARD" IN ARIZONA

The Nebraska men's golf team returns to the course for the Bell Bank "Pay It Forward" Collegiate in Litchfield Park, Ariz., March 24-25.

The two-day, 54-hole event on a 7,400-yard, par-72 layout of the Gold Course at the Wigwam Resort is hosted by Minnesota.

Action begins with a shotgun start on Monday at 10 a.m. (CT) with two rounds of continuous play. The tournament concludes with Tuesday's final round beginning at 10 a.m. (CT). Fans can follow the live scoring at scoreboard.clippd.com.

Nebraska will be part of a 16-team field that includes Creighton, Denver, Drake, Eastern Michigan, Iowa State, Loyola Chicago, Marquette, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Omaha, South Dakota, South Dakota State, UC Santa Barbara, and Bethel and St. Thomas from Minnesota.

Rudy Sautron leads the Huskers to Arizona following his fourth top-10 finish of the season. The sophomore from Reunion Island, France, tied for eighth with a 139 (-1) at the weather-shortened Johnnie-O at Sea Island in St. Simons Island, Ga. (March 17-18). Sautron leads the Huskers with a 71.26 stroke average over 19 rounds. He enters the tournament at No. 141 in the national rankings. He produced three top-10 finishes during the fall, including a title in his Husker debut at the Gopher Invitational (Sept. 8-9). He added a tie for third at the Qubein Cup (Oct. 14-15), before closing the fall with a sixth-place showing at the Steelwood Collegiate.

Senior Hamish Murray ranks No. 2 among the Huskers with a 72.10 stroke average on the season. He opened the spring by tying for seventh with a 212 (-4) at the Palmas Del Mar Collegiate to open the spring. He closed the fall with a tie for 12th individually with a 211 (-5) at the Steelwood Collegiate. It was his third top-15 finish of the fall, including a season-best tie for seventh at the Git-R-Done Invitational at Firethorn (Sept. 23-24).

Murray matched graduate teammate Reed Malleck in a tie for 38th at 144 (+4) at The Johnnie-O. Malleck has produced the best season of his career with a 73.53 stroke average over 17 rounds for the Huskers.

Brodie Cunningham was Nebraska's No. 2 finisher at The Johnnie-O by tying for 13th at 141 (+1). The true freshman from Glasgow, Scotland owns a 72.64 stroke over 11 rounds for the Big Red this season.

Redshirt sophomore Evan McDermott rounds out Nebraska's five-player lineup in Arizona with a 73.40 stroke average after tying for 31st at The Johnnie-O with a 143 (+3) last week.

Live updates and scoring for Bell Bank "Pay It Forward" Collegiate can be found at HuskersGolf on Instagram and X, and Scoreboard.clippd.com. Complete coverage can be found at Huskers.com.

#### BELL BANK "PAY IT FORWARD" COLLEGIATE

LocationLitchfield Park, ArizonaHostMinnesotaCourseWigwam Resort(Par 72, 7,400 Yards)

#### Schedule

Monday, March 24 (Rounds 1 & 2) - 10 a.m. CT (shotgun) Tuesday, March 25 (Round 3) - 10 a.m. CT (shotgun)

Live Scoring: Scoreboard.clippd.com

#### Participating Teams (16):

Bethel (Minn.), Creighton, Denver, Drake, Eastern Michigan, Iowa State, Loyola Chicago, Marquette, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Omaha, St. Thomas (Minn.), South Dakota, South Dakota State, UC Santa Barbara

#### **NEBRASKA LINEUP**

- 1. Rudy Sautron, So., Reunion Island, France
- 2. Evan McDermott, RSo., Spring Lake, Michigan
- 3. Brodie Cunningham, Fr., Glasgow, Scotland
- 4. Hamish Murray, Sr., Sydney, Australia 5. Reed Malleck, Gr., York, Nebraska
- IND Quinn Yost, Jr., Farmington, New Mexico

### **N** HUSKERS ON PGA TOUR

 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

# SAUTRON MAKES MAJOR SPLASH IN WINNING NEBRASKA DEBUT

Rudy Sautron made his NCAA Division I debut as a Husker by capturing the tournament title at the season-opening Gopher Invitational (Sept. 8-9). The sophomore from Reunion Island, France, who transferred to Nebraska after spending his first collegiate season at NCAA Division II Cameron University in Oklahoma, tied the Nebraska sophomore tournament record with a 208 (-5) at the Windsong Farm Golf Club.

Sautron's three-round total included an opening-round 69 (-2) that featured Nebraska's first eagle of the season on No. 18. He added a second-round 70 (-1) before closing with a final-round 69 (-2). His 208 matched the NU sophomore record set by former PGA pro Brady Schnell (2004-05) and Seth Porter (1999-2000).

Sautron's performance helped the Huskers to a third-place team finish in a strong 15-team field in Minnesota - Nebraska's best team finish since 2021.

## BELL BANK "PAY IT FORWARD" COLLEGIATE - MARCH 24-25, 2025

His effort also earned him a share of the first Big Ten Conference Men's Golfer-of-the-Week award for the 2024-25 season announced Sept. 12.

Sautron added a second top-five finish with his tie for third to help the Huskers to another third-place finish in a loaded 13-team field at the Qubein Cup in Greensboro, N.C. (Oct. 14-15). Sautron finished with a three-round total of 213 (+3) that included an opening-round 69 (-1).

He closed the fall by tying his Husker sophomore record with a 208 (-8) at the Steelwood Collegiate (Oct. 26-27), which included a school-record 63 (-9) in the final round.

Sautron added a fourth top-10 finish by tying for eighth at The Johnnie-O at Sea Island (March 17-18) with a two-round total of 139 (-1).

# MURRAY OWNS FIVE TOP-25 FINISHES IN 2024-25

Hamish Murray, a second-year Husker from Sydney, Australia, matched his best individual finish as a Husker by tying for seventh with a 212 (-4) to open the spring at the Palmas Del Mar Collegiate in Puerto Rico (Feb. 9-11). He also tied for seventh with a 209 (-4) at the Git-R-Done Invitational (Sept. 23-24).

Murray also tied for 12th at 215 (-1) at the Badger Invite (Sept. 29-Oct. 1). He closed the fall strong with another tie for 12th that included rounds of 71-69-71 to finish at 211 (-5) at the Steelwood Collegiate (Oct. 26-27).

He tied for 24th to open the 2024-25 season at the Gopher Invitational (Sept. 8-9).

Murray, who owns 10 top-25 showings as a Husker, fired an NU career-best 66 (-6) in the second round of the Badger Invite (Sept. 30).

Murray, who led Nebraska with a 72.69 stroke average as a junior in 2023-24, carries a 72.10 average through 20 rounds in 2024-25.

He 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 CC in Cincinnati.

Murray produced a tie for 19th with a 215 (-1) at the Badger Invitational in Wisconsin (Oct. 1-3), before tying for 17th at Purdue with a 214 (+1).

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).

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.

# 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).

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 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 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 32 rounds for the Huskers, including an appearance at the 2023 Big Ten Championships. He was also a 2024 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar. He is coming off a tie for sixth with a 215 (+5) at the Qubein Cup (Oct. 14-15).

Juniors Quinn Yost (44 rounds) and Davis Johnson (32 rounds) add substantial experience. Yost was a 2024 GCAA Scholar All-American, while Johnson has competed for the Big Red at both the 2023 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 40 rounds, including all 20 for the Huskers in 2024-25, while adding Academic All-Big Ten honors as a mechanical engineering major in 2024.

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

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

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 MAKES INSTANT IMPACT

One of the top newcomers in NCAA Division II in 2023-24, Rudy Sautron joined 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.

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.

#### 2024-25 SEASON BESTS

**Team Total:** 859 (+7), Git-R-Done, Sept. 23-24 **Team to Par:** +2 (866), Palmas Del Mar, Feb. 9-11 **Team Finish:** 3rd, Qubein Cup, Oct. 14-15

3rd, Gopher Invite, Sept. 8-9

Individual Finish: 1st, Rudy Sautron, Gopher Invite, Sept. 8-9

Individual Total: 208

Rudy Sautron, Steelwood, Oct. 26-27 (-8) Rudy Sautron, Gopher Invite, Sept. 8-9 (-5)

Individual to Par: -8 (208)

Rudy Sautron, Steelwood, Oct. 26-27 Individual Round: 63 (-9) (school record)

Rudy Sautron, 63, Steelwood, 3rd, Oct. 27
Individual Round to Par: -9 (school record)
Rudy Sautron, 63, Steelwood, 3rd, Oct. 27

Eagles (10):

Rudy Sautron, No. 7 (Par 5), 3rd, Johnnie-O, March 18 Hamish Murray, No. 3 (Par 5), 2nd, Palmas Del Mar, Feb. 10 Brodie Cunningham, No. 3 (Par 5), 3rd, Palmas Del Mar (Feb. 11) James Ackerman, No. 3 (Par 5), 3rd, Palmas Del Mar, Feb. 11 Rudy Sautron, No. 18 (Par 5), 3rd, Steelwood, Oct. 27 Grant Jabenis, No. 5 (Par 5), 1st, Qubein Cup, Oct. 14 Rudy Sautron, No. 9 (Par 5), 2nd, Badger, Sept. 30 Brodie Cunningham, No. 2 (Par 5), 1st, Badger, Sept. 29 Rudy Sautron, No. 11 (Par 5), 3rd, Git-R-Done, Sept. 24 Rudy Sautron, No. 18 (Par 5), 1st, Gopher, Sept. 8

# **NEBRASKA ROSTER/COACHES**



James Ackerman Fr. • Leawood, Kan.



Jackson Benge Fr. • Omaha, Neb.



Brodie Cunningham Fr. • Glasgow, Scotland



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.