

NEBRASKA

MEN'S GOLF

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N 2025-26 SCHEDULE

FALL 2025

Aug. 31- Sept. 1	Island Resort Invitational	6th/12
	Bark River, Mich.	287-275-276=838 (-26)
Sept. 7-8	Gopher Invitational	10th/15
	Independence, Minn.	288-292-290=870 (+18)
Sept. 15-16	Bearcat Invitational	4th/18
	Cincinnati, Ohio	286-281-286=853 (+1)
Sept. 22-23	Git-R-Done Invitational	8 a.m.
	Lincoln, Neb. (Firethorn GC)	
Oct. 13-14	Purdue Fall Invitational	8 a.m.
	West Lafayette, Ind. (Kampen-Cosler GC)	
Oct. 25-26	Steelwood Collegiate	9 a.m.
	Loxley, Ala. (Steelwood CC)	

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Feb. 16-17	Hal Williams Collegiate	9 a.m.
	Semmes, Ala. (Magnolia Grove GC)	
March 9-10	The Johnnie-O	8 a.m.
	St. Simons Island, Ga. (Sea Island GC)	
March 16-17	All-American Intercollegiate	9 a.m.
	Humble, Texas (GC of Houston)	
March 23-24	Bell Bank "Pay It Forward" Collegiate	10 a.m.
	Litchfield Park, Ariz. (Wigwam Golf Resort)	
April 6-7	Tiger Intercollegiate	9 a.m.
	Columbia, Mo. (The Club at Old Hawthorne)	
April 11-12	Tar Heel Intercollegiate	8 a.m.
	Chapel Hill, N.C. (Finley GC)	
May 1-3	Big Ten Championship	10 a.m.
	North Plains, Ore. (Pumpkin Ridge GC)	
May 6	NCAA Selection Show (Golf Channel)	1 p.m.
May 18-20	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 29-June 3	NCAA Championship	TBA
	Carlsbad, Calif. (Omni La Costa Resort & Spa)	

N HUSKER QUICK FACTS

Head Coach:	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 HOST GIT-R-DONE INVITATIONAL AT FIRETHORN

The Nebraska men's golf team completes a stretch of four straight tournaments to open the fall by playing host to the Git-R-Done Invitational at Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln (Sept. 22-23).

The two-day, 54-hole event gets underway with tee times off No. 1 and No. 10 at 8 a.m. (CT) on Monday, Sept. 22 to start 36 holes of action on the first day. The tournament concludes with tee times again off 1 and 10 at 8 a.m. (CT) on Tuesday, Sept. 23, for the final 18 holes.

Nebraska hosts an 11-team field that includes Creighton, Omaha, Iowa State, Kansas State, Kansas City, Missouri State, South Dakota State, St. Thomas (Minn.), Wichita State and the defending champions from Sam Houston.

The Huskers are coming off a fourth-place finish in a strong 18-team field at the Bearcat Invitational in Cincinnati (Sept. 15-16). Sophomore Jackson Bengé (Omaha, Neb.) continued his solid start to the season with his third straight top-25 finish.

Bengé, who tied for 14th individually with a 212 (-1), matched fellow sophomore Brodie Cunningham (Glasgow, Scotland), who also totaled 212 (-1) with identical rounds of 69, 70 and 73 on the par-71, 7,279-yard layout at the Coldstream Country Club in Cincinnati.

Junior Rudy Sautron added his first top-25 finish of the season by tying for 23rd at 213 (E), including a team-best 68 (-3) in the final round.

Freshman Caden Mickelson rounded out Nebraska's scorers at the event with three consecutive rounds of 72 (+1) to tie for 40th at 216 (+3) in a 94-player field.

Nebraska also received solid individual performances at the Bluejay Invitational at Shadow Ridge Country Club in Omaha (Sept. 15-16), as Evan McDermott and Bryson Oots tied for fifth at 211 (-5). James Ackerman (214) and Thomas Bryson (215) also finished below par in their first competitions of the season.

Live updates and scoring for the Git-R-Done Invitational can be found at HuskersGolf on Instagram and X, and Scoreboard.clipd.com. Complete coverage can be found at Huskers.com.

HUSKER TRIO NAMED BIG TEN GOLFERS TO WATCH

The Nebraska trio of Rudy Sautron, Evan McDermott and Brodie Cunningham were included in the group of Big Ten Golfers to Watch for the 2025-26 men's golf season.

The golfers to watch were announced by the conference Aug. 27.

Sautron, a junior from Reunion Island, France, rewrote the Nebraska record book in his first season with the Huskers, setting the school stroke average record (71.70) while helping NU set the team single-season stroke average record (288.38). He produced four top-10 finishes, including a tournament title in his NCAA Division

GIT-R-DONE INVITATIONAL

Location	Lincoln, Nebraska
Host	Nebraska
Course	Firethorn Golf Club (Par 71, Yardage 7,102)

Schedule

Monday, Sept. 22 (Rounds 1 & 2) - 8 a.m. CT (tee times)
Tuesday, Sept. 23 (Round 3) - 8 a.m. CT (tee times)

Live Scoring: Scoreboard.clipd.com

Participating Teams (11)

Creighton, Iowa State, Kansas City, Kansas State, Missouri State, Nebraska, Omaha, Sam Houston, South Dakota State, St. Thomas (Minn.), Wichita State

NEBRASKA LINEUP "A"

1. Jackson Bengé, So., Omaha, Nebraska
2. Brodie Cunningham, So., Glasgow, Scotland
3. Rudy Sautron, Jr., Reunion Island, France
4. Caden Mickelson, Fr., Kansas City, Missouri
5. Evan McDermott, R.Jr., Spring Lake, Michigan

NEBRASKA LINEUP "B"

1. Bryson Oots, Sr., Kansas City, Missouri
2. James Ackerman, So., Leawood, Kansas
3. Thomas Bryson, Fr., Lincoln, Nebraska
4. Quinn Yost, Sr., Albuquerque, New Mexico
5. Davis Johnson, Sr., Chaska, Minnesota

I debut at the Gopher Invitational (Sept. 8-9) with a school sophomore record 208 (-5). He closed the fall with another record-setting performance, firing a school-record 63 (-9) in the final round of the Steelwood Collegiate to tie his own sophomore record with a 208 (-8). Sautron also finished with a team-leading six eagles on the season.

McDermott, a redshirt junior from Spring Lake, Mich., was a consistent contributor to the Nebraska lineup in 2024-25. He closed with a 73.44 stroke average over 32 rounds, which ranked as the second-best average by a sophomore in school history. McDermott and Hamish Murray were the only Huskers to compete in all 32 rounds for NU last year. McDermott ended the season with four top-25 individual finishes.

Cunningham added one of the best freshman seasons ever by a Nebraska golfer with a school freshman-record 72.61 stroke average over 23 rounds in 2024-25. The young player from Glasgow, Scotland also tied the Husker single-round freshman record with a 66 (-4) in the final round of the Tiger Intercollegiate (April 8).

Cunningham became a consistent force for the Huskers in the spring with four straight top-15 finishes, including a tie for 14th to lead NU to a

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season-best runner-up finish at the Robert Kepler Invitational (April 18-19). He managed rounds of 73, 72 and 77 to finish at 222 (+9) on the par-71, 7,455-yard layout of the Scarlet Course in Columbus, Ohio. His effort in Ohio included his fourth eagle of the season on the par-5 fourth hole in the second round (April 17).

HUSKERS HOPE TO BREAK THROUGH WITH 2026 NCAA BID

Nebraska believes its 10-man roster has the ingredients to break through with its first team NCAA Regional berth since 2007.

Nebraska, which has made significant jumps in the final national rankings in each of Coach Judd Cornell's three seasons, including a No. 83 ranking to end 2024-25, has a balanced roster with experienced seniors and talented juniors and sophomores leading the way.

Fourth-year Husker seniors Quinn Yost (53 rounds) and Davis Johnson (35 rounds) have seen significant time in Nebraska's lineup during their careers. Both help set a competitive tone each day in practice and both provide great leadership off the course in the classroom and in the community.

Two-time NCAA Division II All-Midwest Region selection Bryson Oots adds to the talent and experience of Nebraska's 2026 senior class.

Juniors Rudy Sautron and Evan McDermott have experience playing in the heart of Nebraska's lineup. Both were leaders for the Big Red as sophomores in 2024-25, and both are focused on continuing NU's drive for postseason play.

Brodie Cunningham leads a talented sophomore class that includes Jackson Benge and James Ackerman. Cunningham set Nebraska's freshman stroke average record a year ago, while Benge got a strong taste of collegiate action. Cunningham and Benge lead Nebraska's lineup at the Git-R-Done Invitational.

Freshmen Caden Mickelson and Thomas Bryson hope to make impacts on the Husker lineup in their first season. Both players were individual high school state champions and four-time all-state selections during their prep careers. Mickelson was NU's top finisher (T12th) with a school freshman-record 207 (-9) at the Island Resort Invitational (Aug. 31-Sept. 1).

OOTS JOINS NEBRASKA AS SENIOR TRANSFER

Bryson Oots became the most recent addition to the Nebraska roster when the Kansas City native joined the Huskers on July 1, 2025.

Oots, who was the Kenneth Smith Award winner as the Kansas City male high school golfer of the year in 2022, spent his first three collegiate seasons at NCAA Division II William Jewell.

A two-time PING All-Midwest Region pick at the Liberty, Mo., school, Oots produced a 72.17 stroke average over 34 rounds last season and captured four individual tournament titles on his way to a second consecutive trip to the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional.

The Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year in 2024-25, Oots was a two-time first-team All-GLVC performer.

Oots made his Husker debut by tying for fifth as an individual at the Bluejay Invitational (Sept. 15-16). He opened with back-to-back rounds of

69 (-3) on a 7,079-yard layout at Shadow Ridge Country Club in Omaha on his way to 211 (-5).

He continues a recent trend of successful NCAA Division II players transferring to Nebraska, including current Husker Rudy Sautron and 2025 NU senior Hamish Murray, who both came to the Big Red from Cameron University in Oklahoma.

SAUTRON WON GOPHER TITLE IN 2024-25 NEBRASKA DEBUT

Rudy Sautron made his NCAA Division I debut by capturing the tournament title at the 2024-25 season-opening Gopher Invitational (Sept. 8-9).

A transfer from NCAA Division II Cameron University in Oklahoma, Sautron 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 effort earned him a share of the first 2024-25 Big Ten Men's Golfer-of-the-Week award (Sept. 12). He 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 (March 17-18) with a two-round total of 139 (-1).

He capped his first season as a Husker by earning PING All-Midwest Region honors from the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA).

Sautron got his second season as a Husker off to a solid start with a 212 (-4) to tie for 31st at the Island Resort Invitational (Aug. 31-Sept. 1). He added his first top-25 finish of the year by tying for 23rd at even-par 213 to help the Huskers to a fourth-place finish at the Bearcat Invitational in Cincinnati (Sept. 15-16).

NU ADDS PAIR OF TALENTED FRESHMEN FOR 2025-26 SEASON

Freshmen Thomas Bryson (Lincoln, Neb.) and Caden Mickelson (Kansas City, Mo.) both bring impressive credentials to Lincoln.

Bryson continues a rich family tradition as both his father, Kevin (2000-03) and mother, Beth Anne (Cherry) (2002-05) were both four-year golf letterwinners at Nebraska.

Thomas was a four-year Nebraska Super-State pick after winning the Class A individual state title as a freshman at Lincoln Southeast in 2022. He was also the 2021 Nebraska Junior PGA Champion and the 2022 Nebraska Amateur of the Year.

He made his collegiate debut at the Bluejay Invitational in Omaha (Sept. 15-16), tying for 16th with a 215 (-1) over three rounds at Shadow Ridge Country Club.

Mickelson, who was the Kansas City metro area high school player of the year in 2025, was the Missouri Class 5 state champion in 2023 before

adding runner-up finishes at state in 2024 and 2025. He was the No. 1 recruit in the state of Missouri in 2025 and a four-time Missouri Class 5 All-State selection.

Mickelson was Nebraska's top finisher with a school freshman record 207 (-9) at the season-opening Island Resort Invitational (Aug. 31-Sept. 1), before earning the top spot in the Husker lineup for the Gopher Invitational (Sept. 7-8). He made his third straight lineup appearance by finishing 40th with three solid rounds of 72 (+1) to help the Huskers to a fourth-place team finish in Cincinnati (Sept. 15-16).

SCHEDULE TO CHALLENGE HUSKERS FROM START TO FINISH

The Huskers opened 2025-26 with a sixth-place finish and an 838 (-26) at the Island Resort Invitational in Michigan (Aug. 31-Sept. 1), before settling for 10th at the Gopher Invitational (Sept. 7-8). NU journeyed to Cincinnati for the Bearcat Invitational (Sept. 15-16), where they posted a season-best fourth-place finish in a strong 18-team field, before capping four straight weeks of action at the Git-R-Done Invitational at Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln (Sept. 22-23).

After a three-week break, the Big Red head to Indiana for the Purdue Fall Invitational (Oct. 13-14), then close the fall at the Steelwood Collegiate in Loxley, Ala. (Oct. 25-26).

The Huskers open the spring back in Alabama at the Hal Williams Collegiate (Feb. 16-17), before traveling to The Johnnie-O in St. Simons Island, Ga. (March 9-10) and the All-American Intercollegiate in Houston (March 16-17).

The Big Red head to Arizona for the Bell Bank "Pay It Forward" Collegiate (March 23-24), ahead of a trip to Missouri for the Tiger Intercollegiate (April 6-7). NU closes the regular season at the Tar Heel Intercollegiate in Chapel Hill, N.C. (April 11-12), before traveling to Oregon for the Big Ten Championship (May 1-3).

2025-26 SEASON BESTS

Team Total: 838 (-26), Island Resort, Aug. 31-Sept. 1

Team to Par: -26 (838), Island Resort, Aug. 31-Sept. 1

Team Finish: 4th, Bearcat, Sept. 15-16, 2025

Individual Finish: T12th

Caden Mickelson, Island Resort, Aug. 31-Sept. 1
Jackson Benge, Gopher, Sept. 7-8

Brodie Cunningham, Gopher, Sept. 7-8

Individual Total: 207 (-9)

Caden Mickelson, Island Resort, Aug. 31-Sept. 1
Individual to Par: -9 (207)

Caden Mickelson, Island Resort, Aug. 31-Sept. 1
Individual Round: 67 (-5)

Caden Mickelson, 67, Island Resort, 3rd, Sept. 1
Caden Mickelson, 67, Island Resort, 2nd, Aug. 31

Jackson Benge, 67, Island Resort, 2nd, Aug. 31
Individual Round to Par: -5 (67)

Caden Mickelson, 67, Island Resort, 3rd, Sept. 1

Caden Mickelson, 67, Island Resort, 2nd, Aug. 31

Jackson Benge, 67, Island Resort, 2nd, Aug. 31

Eagles (6):

Brodie Cunningham, No. 18 (Par 5), 3rd, Island Resort, Sept. 1

Jackson Benge, No. 9 (Par 5), 1st, Gopher, Sept. 7

Bryson Oots, No. 14 (Par 4), 1st, Bluejay, Sept. 15

James Ackerman, No. 12 (Par 5), 2nd, Bluejay, Sept. 15

Thomas Bryson, No. 16 (Par 5), 2nd, Bluejay, Sept. 15

Evan McDermott, No. 12 (Par 5), 3rd, Bluejay, Sept. 16

NEBRASKA ROSTER/COACHES



James Ackerman
So. • Leawood, Kan.



Jackson Bengé
So. • Omaha, Neb.



Thomas Bryson
Fr. • Lincoln, Neb.



Brodie Cunningham
So. • Glasgow, Scotland



Davis Johnson
Sr. • Chaska, Minn.



Evan McDermott
R.Jr. • Spring Lake, Mich.



Caden Mickelson
Fr. • Kansas City, Mo.



Bryson Oots
Sr. • Kansas City, Mo.



Rudy Sautron
Jr. • Reunion Island, France



Quinn Yost
Sr. • Farmington, N.M.



Judd Cornell
Head Coach



Travis Minzel
Assistant Coach



Craig Sager
Director of Operations



The 2025-26 Nebraska Men's Golf Team (from left): Assistant Coach Travis Minzel, Caden Mickelson, Davis Johnson, Thomas Bryson, Bryson Oots, Evan McDermott, Quinn Yost, Rudy Sautron, Brodie Cunningham, James Ackerman, Jackson Bengé, Head Coach Judd Cornell.