# NEBRASKA

# **MEN'S GOLF**

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#### 2025-26 SCHEDULE

FALL 2025				
Aug. 31- Sept. 1	Island Resort Invitation	onal 6t	th/12	
	Bark River, Mich.	287-275-276=838	(-26)	
Sept. 7-8	Gopher Invitational	10t	th/15	
	Independence, Minn	. 288-292-290=870	(+18)	
Sept. 15-16	Bearcat Invitational	4t	th/18	
	Cincinnati, Ohio	286-281-286=853	3 (+1)	
Sept. 22-23	Git-R-Done Invitation	nal 1:	st/12	
	Lincoln, Neb.	272-277-274=823	(-29)	
Oct. 13-14	Purdue Fall Invitation	ial 5t	th/15	
	West Lafayette, Ind.	292-288-292=872	(+8)	
Oct. 25-26	Steelwood Collegiate	e 8:30	a.m.	
	Loxley, Ala. (Steelwo	od CC)		

#### SPRING 2026

Feb. 16-17	Hal Williams Collegiate	9 a.m.
March 9-10	Semmes, Ala. (Magnolia Grove GC) 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 Res	ort)
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) Travis Minzel (Nebraska Wesleyan, 2004) Assistant Coach: Director of Operations: Craig Sager (Central Missouri, 2004) 1973, 1974, 1998, 1999 NCAA Appearances: 274 (-14) Best Round: (402) 472-4628 Golf Office Phone: Athletic Communications Contact: Jeff Griesch Office Phone: (402) 472-7775 Cell Phone: (402) 540-0279 E-mail: jgriesch@huskers.com Facebook: Nebraska Men's Golf @huskersgolf Instagram: @huskersgolf



#### **HUSKERS CLOSE FALL CAMPAIGN AT STEELWOOD COLLEGIATE**

The Nebraska men's golf team caps its 2025 fall season by traveling to Alabama for the Steelwood Collegiate, Oct. 25-26.

The two-day, 54-hole event gets underway with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. (CT) for two rounds on Saturday, Oct. 25, in Loxley, Ala. The teams will compete in Sunday's final round beginning with tee times at 7:40 a.m. (CT).

The Huskers will face a par-72, 7,096-yard layout at the Steelwood Country Club and a strong, 14-team field that includes nine power conference teams. Nebraska, Purdue and Rutgers carry the Big Ten banner, while Iowa State, Kansas State and West Virginia represent the Big 12. Virginia Tech and Wake Forest represent the ACC, while Texas A&M plays for the SEC. Kennesaw State, Louisiana Tech, Memphis, Rice and the hosts from South Alabama round out the field.

The Huskers will be seeking their fourth straight top-five team finish after taking fifth at the 15-team Purdue Fall Invitational (Oct. 13-14). Jackson Benge (T18th), Rudy Sautron (T20th) and Caden Mickelson (T23rd) all produced top-25 finishes at Purdue.

The effort in Indiana followed Nebraska's win at its own Git-R-Done Invitational (Sept. 22-23). The victory at Firethorn gave the Big Red its first tournament title since opening the 2012-13 season with a win at its own Fairway Club Invitational at ArborLinks (Sept. 10-11, 2012).

The Huskers won in impressive fashion by posting a school-record 823 (-29) on a 7,102-yard, par-71 layout at Firethorn.

Mickelson, a true freshman from Kansas City, leads the Huskers with a 70.57 stroke average over 14 rounds this fall, including a third-place finish at the Git-R-Done Invitational.

Sautron, a junior from Reunion Island, France, has added a 71.13 stroke average over 15 rounds, including a share of the individual title at Git-R-Done when he finished with a school-record 200 (-13). Last season at the Steelwood Collegiate, Sautron fired a school-record 63 (-9) in the final round to finish in a tie for sixth at 208 (-8). The Huskers tied for 11th in a 14-team field.

Benge, a sophomore from Omaha, has been consistent for the Huskers throughout the fall, posting a 71.27 stroke average over 15 rounds with four top-25 individual finishes. He was Nebraska's top finisher at the Gopher (T12th), Bearcat (T14th) and Purdue (T18th) invitationals.

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

# SAUTRON NAMED BIG TEN GOLFER OF THE WEEK

Nebraska's Rudy Sautron captured Big Ten Golfer-of-the-Week honors for the second time in

#### STEELWOOD COLLEGIATE

LocationLoxley, AlabamaHostSouth AlabamaCourseSteelwood Country Club<br/>(Par 72, Yardage 7,096)

#### Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 25 (Rounds 1 & 2) - 8:30 a.m. CT (shotgun) Sunday, Oct. 26 (Round 3) - 7:40 a.m. CT (tee times)

Live Scoring: Scoreboard.clippd.com

#### Participating Teams (14)

Iowa State, Kansas State, Kennesaw State, Louisiana Tech, Memphis, Nebraska, Purdue, Rice, Rutgers, South Alabama, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, West Virginia

#### **NEBRASKA LINEUP**

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

### **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

his career after sharing the individual tournament title at NU's Git-R-Done Invitational (Sept. 22-23).

The junior from Reunion Island, France, smashed the Nebraska tournament record with a three-round total of 200 (-13), including the second-best round in school history with a 64 (-7). Sautron's performance helped Nebraska close out its first team title since the fall of 2012.

Sautron earned his first Big Ten weekly award on Sept. 12, 2024 after claiming the individual title at the Gopher Invitational to open his NU career.

# HUSKERS GOING LOW EARLY DURING 2025-26 SEASON

A quartet of Huskers have been consistently below par through the first five tournaments of the 2025 fall campaign.

True freshman Caden Mickelson has led the scoring charge for the young Huskers, posting a team-best 70.57 stroke average over 14 rounds. Mickelson heads to the Steelwood Collegiate 11 strokes below par (-0.79/round) through his first five collegiate tournaments.

## STEELWOOD COLLEGIATE - OCTOBER 25-26, 2025

Junior Rudy Sautron is not far behind, carrying a 71.13 (-0.27/round) stroke average through 15 rounds. Sautron is four-under-par for the season heading to the Steelwood Collegiate, where he set the Nebraska single-round record with a finalround 63 (-9) a year ago.

Sophomores Jackson Benge and Brodie Cunningham also have been scoring at a high level. Benge owns a 71.27 stroke average over 15 rounds. He is two strokes under par for the year (-0.13/round), while Cunningham has added a 71.60 stroke average over 15 rounds. Cunningham is three strokes over par for the season (+0.20/ round) after tying for 34th with a 222 (+6) at the Purdue Fall Invitational.

In addition to those four Huskers regularly in the lineup, newcomers Thomas Bryson and Bryson Oots both own even-par stroke averages of 71.50 over six fall rounds outside the Husker lineup.

#### **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-vear Husker seniors Quinn Yost (56 rounds) and Davis Johnson (38 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 fourtime 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). He shattered that freshman mark just three weeks later by taking third at the Git-R-Done Invitational (Sept. 22-23) with a 54-hole total of 201 (-12).

#### **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 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 singleround 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 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).

#### **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 seasonopening Island Resort Invitational (Aug. 31-Sept. 1), before earning the top spot in the Husker lineup for the Gopher Invitational (Sept. 7-8). After finishing 40th with three solid rounds of 72 (+1) at the Bearcat Invitational (Sept. 15-16), Mickelson shattered his own Husker freshman record with a 201 (-12) on his way to a third-place finish at the Git-R-Done Invitational (Sept. 22-23).

Mickelson was back in the top-25 again at the Purdue Fall Invitational, taking 23rd with a 219 (+3) at the Kampen-Cosler Golf Club in West Lafayette, Ind. (Oct. 13-14).

#### SCHEDULE TO CHALLENGE **HUSKERS FROM START TO FINISH**

The Huskers opened 2025-26 with a sixthplace 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 fourth-place finish in a strong 18-team field, before capping four straight weeks of action at by winning the Git-R-Done Invitational at Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln (Sept. 22-23). The Huskers set a school record with an 823 (-29) to win their first team title since September of 2012.

After a three-week break, the Big Red took fifth in a 15-team field at the Purdue Fall Invitational (Oct. 13-14), before closing 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: 823 (-29), Git-R-Done, Sept. 22-23 Team to Par: -29 (823), Git-R-Done, Sept. 22-23 Team Finish: 1st, Git-R-Done, Sept. 22-23, 2025

Individual Finish: T1st Rudy Sautron, Git-R-Done, Sept. 22-23

Individual Total: 200 (-13)

Rudy Sautron, Git-R-Done, Sept. 22-23

Individual to Par: -13 (200)

Rudy Sautron, Git-R-Done, Sept. 22-23

Individual Round: 64 (-7)

Rudy Sautron, 64, Git-R-Done, 3rd, Sept. 23 Individual Round to Par: -7 (64)

Rudy Sautron, 64, Git-R-Done, 3rd, Sept. 23 Eagles (8):

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 Brodie Cunningham, No. 8 (Par 5), 2nd, Git-R-Done, Sept. 22

Brodie Cunningham, No. 16 (Par 5), 1st, Purdue, Oct. 13

# **NEBRASKA ROSTER/COACHES**



James Ackerman So. • Leawood, Kan.



Jackson Benge So. • Omaha, Neb.



**Thomas Bryson** Fr. • Lincoln, Neb.



Brodie Cunningham So. • Glasgow, Scotland



Davis Johnson Sr. • Chaska, Minn.



Evan McDermott
RJr. • Spring Lake, Mich.



Caden Mickelson
Fr. • Kansas City, Mo.



Bryson Oots Sr. • Kansas City, Mo.



Rudy Sautron

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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 Benge, Head Coach Judd Cornell.