



NEBRASKA BASKETBALL

2025-26 GAME NOTES



EXHIBITION #2

OPPONENT: MIDLAND
DATE: MONDAY, OCT. 27
TIPOFF: 6:31 P.M. (CENTRAL)
LOCATION: LINCOLN, NEB.
ARENA: PINNACLE BANK ARENA

GAME AT A GLANCE



Nebraska Cornhuskers

2024-25 Record:21-14
Head Coach: Fred Hoiberg
Record at Nebraska: 84-108 (7th year)
Career Record: 199-164 (12th year)



Huskers Radio Network

Play-by-Play: Kent Pavelka
Analyst: Jeff Smith



Midland Warriors

2024-25 Record:12-17
Head Coach: Tyler Erwin
Record at School: 32-53 (4th year)
Career Record: Same



B1G+ (online only)

Play-by-Play: Jessica Coody
Analyst: Andy Markowski

2025-26 SCHEDULE

Date	AP Rk.	Opponent	TV/Online	Time
Oct. 18		BYU (Exhibition)	B1G+	W. 90-89
Oct. 27		Midland (Exhibition)	B1G+	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 3		West Georgia	B1G+	7 p.m.
Nov. 8		Florida International	BTN or B1G+ ^	Noon
Nov. 11		Maryland-Eastern Shore	B1G+	7 p.m.
Nov. 15		vs. Oklahoma (Sioux Falls)	BTN or B1G+ ^^	6 p.m.
Nov. 20		vs. New Mexico (Kansas City)	Peacock	6 p.m.
Nov. 21		vs. Kansas State or Mississippi State	Peacock	6 p.m. or 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 25		Winthrop	BTN	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 29		South Carolina Upstate	B1G+	1 p.m.
Dec. 7		Creighton	FS1	4 p.m.
Dec. 10		Wisconsin *	BTN	8 p.m.
Dec. 13		at Illinois *	Peacock	3 p.m.
Dec. 21		North Dakota	BTN	7 p.m.
Dec. 30		New Hampshire	BTN	8 p.m.
Jan. 2		Michigan State *	Peacock	8 p.m.
Jan. 5		at Ohio State *	FS1	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 10		at Indiana *	BTN	11 a.m.
Jan. 13		Oregon *	BTN	8 p.m.
Jan. 17		at Northwestern *	BTN	3 p.m.
Jan. 21		Washington *	BTN	8 p.m.
Jan. 24		at Minnesota *	FS1	11 a.m.
Jan. 27		at Michigan *	Peacock	6 p.m.
Feb. 1		Illinois *	FS1	3 p.m.
Feb. 7		at Rutgers *	BTN	11 a.m.
Feb. 10		Purdue *	FS1	6 p.m.
Feb. 14		Northwestern *	BTN	Noon
Feb. 17		at Iowa *	BTN	8 p.m.
Feb. 21		Penn State *	BTN	1 p.m.
Feb. 25		Maryland *	BTN	6 p.m.
Feb. 28		at USC *	BTN	3 p.m.
March 3		at UCLA *	FS1	10 p.m.
March 8		Iowa *	FOX	4 p.m.
March 10-15		at Big Ten Tournament (Chicago)	TBD	TBD

*-Big Ten Conference Game; **Home games** are in red and bold

^-Broadcast channel announced by Nov. 2; ^^Broadcast channel announced by Nov. 9

ON THE AIR

Radio: Monday's game will be carried on select Huskers Radio Network stations with Kent Pavelka and Jeff Smith on the call, including KLIN (1400 AM) in Lincoln, KCRO (660 AM) and KIBM (1490 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: Monday'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 WELCOME MIDLAND FOR EXHIBITION CONTEST

The Nebraska men's basketball program hosts its final exhibition contest on Monday, Oct. 27, as the Huskers host Midland University at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Tipoff is slated for 6:31 p.m., and the game will be carried on B1G+ (subscription required). The radio broadcast is available on select Husker Sports Network affiliates, as well as on Huskers.com and on the Huskers app. Tickets in the 300 Level are available for the matchup by visiting Huskers.com/Tickets or at the PBA Ticket Office beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday.

The Huskers have been off since their first exhibition game, a 90-89 win over No. 8 BYU on Oct. 17. In that game, senior forward Rienk Mast put on a show in his first action since March of 2024, finishing with a game-high 31 points on 11-of-15 shooting. The 6-foot-10 forward went 7-of-8 from 3-point range and added five rebounds and three assists for the win. Connor Essegian came off the bench for 20 points, including 5-of-10 from 3-point range, while Pryce Sandfort added 12 points to provide a third Husker in double figures. Senior guard Jamarques Lawrence added nine assists and seven boards to lead NU in both categories.

Nebraska wiped out a halftime deficit with a 17-4 spurt to open the second half as Essegian and Pryce Sandfort combined for 10 of the Huskers' 17 points in the decisive surge. The Huskers shot 50 percent from the field in the win, including 16-of-34 from 3-point range. The 16 3-pointers would have been Nebraska's most 3-pointers made in the Big Ten era (2011-12 to present). NU also dished out 24 assists to just 10 turnovers in the win.

Midland returns three of its top four scorers for head coach Tyler Erwin, who begins his fourth season at the school. The Warriors are picked to finish fifth in the Great Plains Athletic Conference preseason poll. Senior guard Jake Orr leads the Warriors as the 6-foot-2 guard from Roncalli Catholic averaged team bests in scoring (17.4 ppg) and rebounding (7.4 rpg) to earn second-team all-conference honors last season.

Most 3's by Hoiberg Coach NCAA Team

No.	3p FG	Team vs. Opponent	Date
1.	17	ISU vs. Kansas	2/25/13
2.	16	ISU vs. Northern Colo.	11/22/11
3.	15	NEB vs. Kennesaw St.	12/22/21
	15	SU at Oklahoma	2/4/12
	15	ISU vs. UNC Wilmington	11/10/13

2025-26 ROSTER AT A GLANCE

No	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	2024-25 School	GP/GS	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	BPG	SPG
0	Connor Essegian	G	6-4	205	Sr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.		35/3	22.4	10.7	2.8	1.1	0.1	0.5
1	Sam Hoiberg	G	6-0	180	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.		35/15	23.3	3.9	2.3	1.9	0.1	1.4
2	Kendall Blue	G	6-6	200	Sr.	Woodbury, Minn.	St. Thomas	34/34	27.1	12.3	4.4	2.4	1.0	0.4
5	Braden Frager	F	6-7	215	Rfr.	Lincoln, Neb.		Redshirted in 2024-25						
6	Will Cooper	F	6-6	215	So	Omaha, Neb.	Air Force	21/0	15.1	5.3	1.8	0.4	0.1	0.4
7	Justin Bolis	F	6-8	225	So.	Lincoln, Neb.		Redshirted in 2024-25						
9	#-Berke Büyüktuncel	F	6-10	244	Jr.	Bursa, Türkiye		31/28	22.7	6.0	5.5	1.4	0.7	0.6
10	#-Jamarques Lawrence	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Plainfield, N.J.	Rhode Island	31/31	28.8	9.9	1.8	2.5	0.8	0.1
11	Quentin Rhymes	G	6-6	192	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz.								
13	Ugnius Jaruševičius	F	6-11	245	Sr.	Alytus, Lithuania	Central Michigan	26/24	26.7	16.2	7.3	0.6	0.6	0.7
15	Jared Garcia	F	6-8	235	Sr.	Houston, Texas	Tulsa	17/0	17.3	9.6	4.2	0.9	0.2	0.7
21	#-Pryce Sandfort	F	6-7	210	Jr.	Waukeke, Iowa	Iowa	33/2	22.4	8.8	2.9	1.3	0.6	0.2
31	#-Cale Jacobsen	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Ashland, Neb.		24/3	7.5	1.2	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.5
33	Leo Curtis	F	7-2	245	Fr.	Reykjavik, Iceland								
35	Henry Burt	F	6-7	235	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.		4/0	1.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
51	#-Rienk Mast	F	6-10	250	Sr.	Groningen, Netherlands		32/32^	29.7	12.3	7.5	2.97	0.5	0.4

^--2023-24 stats; redshirted in 2024-25; #-Starters last game vs. BYU

2024-25 NEBRASKA BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	VL	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School	X	Instagram
0	*	Connor Essegian	G	6-4	205	Sr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Wisconsin	@CESsegian	connoressegian
1	***	Sam Hoiberg	G	6-0	180	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.	Pius X HS	@samhoiberg	samhoiberg
2		Kendall Blue	G	6-6	200	Sr.	Woodbury, Minn.	St. Thomas	@Kendallblue9	Kendallblue_
5		Braden Frager	F	6-7	215	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb.	Southwest HS	@Braden_Frager	braden_frager
6		Will Cooper	F	6-6	215	So	Omaha, Neb.	Air Force	@WillCoop33	
7		Justin Bolis	F	6-8	225	So.	Lincoln, Neb.	Southeast CC	@JustinBolis	justinbolis
9	*	Berke Büyüktuncel	F	6-10	244	So.	Bursa, Türkiye	UCLA		berkebuyuktuncel
10	**	Jamarques Lawrence	G	6-3	185	Sr.	Plainfield, N.J.	Rhode Island	@Lawrence10_	jaayswishh
11		Quentin Rhymes	G	6-6	192	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	Hillcrest [Ariz.] Prep	@QuentinRhymes	qrhymess
13		Ugnius Jaruševičius	F	6-11	245	Sr.	Alytus, Lithuania	Central Michigan		ugniusj21
15		Jared Garcia	F	6-8	235	Sr.	Houston, Texas	Tulsa		one5chino
21		Pryce Sandfort	F	6-7	210	Jr.	Waukee, Iowa	Iowa	@pryclesandfort	pryclesandfort
31	**	Cale Jacobsen	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Ashland, Neb.	Ashland-Greenwood HS	@calejacobsen_	calejacobsen_
33		Leo Curtis	F	7-2	245	Fr.	Reykjavik, Iceland	CATS [Mass.] Academy	@LeoCurt1s	leocurt1s
35	**	Henry Burt	F	6-7	235	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	Elkhorn South HS	@HenryBurt15	henryburt0
51	*	Rienk Mast	F	6-10	250	Sr.	Groningen, Netherlands	Bradley		rienk_mast

as of Oct. 15

2025-26 NEBRASKA BASKETBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach

Fred Hoiberg, seventh season (Iowa State, 1995)

Assistant Coaches

Nate Loenser, fifth season (Iowa State, 2002)

Ernie Zeigler, fourth season (Cleary, 1994)

Pat Monaghan, first season (Lewis, 2006)

Padyñ Borders, first season (Nebraska, 2022)

Support Staff

General Manager:

Director of Men's Basketball Strength & Conditioning:

Assistant Director of Basketball Operations:

Director of Player Development:

Video Coordinator:

Analytics Coordinator:

Graduate Managers

Luca Virgilio

Kurt Joseph

Sheryl Burbach

Emmanuel Tommy

Michael Bania

Justin Moore

Braden Grant, Charlie Hoiberg

and Satchel Stern

Andrew McCabe

Jake Blattner

Elise Nelson

Matt Thome

Pat Norris

Athletic Trainer:

Team Nutritionist:

Sports Psychologist:

NAPL Director:

Equipment Manager:

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Name	Pronunciation
Berke Büyüktuncel	BEAR-keh buh-YOOK-toon-jell
Leo Curtis	LAY-o
Connor Essegian	eh-SEE-jin
Braden Frager	FRAY-gurr
Jamarques Lawrence	juh-MAR-kiss
Nate Loenser	Len-zer
Rienk Mast	RINK
Ugnius Jarusevicius	OOOG-niss YARE-rue-SHEHH-vih-CHUSS
Ernie Zeigler	Zig-ler

HUSKERS RADIO NETWORK



KENT PAVELKA

- Is in his 39th 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



JEFF SMITH

- Is in his first season on the broadcast team after serving as a high school and college coach
- Was an assistant coach at Nebraska from 1988 until 1995 under Danny Nee, helping the Huskers to six postseason appearances, including a school-record four straight NAAs (1991-94)
- Also coached at Eastern Washington and Peru State
- Spent 20 seasons at Lincoln Southeast High School, leading the program to a 324-153 record with 13 state tournament berths and two state championship final appearances in 20 seasons.

City	Station	Frequency
Ainsworth	KBRB	1400 AM
Ainsworth	KBRB	106.3 FM
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
Gordon	KSDZ	95.5 FM
Grand Island	KRGI	1430 AM
Hastings	KHAS	1230 AM
Hastings/Kearney	KICS/KXPN	1450/1460 AM
Hay Springs	KBPY	107.7 FM
Holdrege	KUVR	1380 AM
Holdrege	KUVR	96.9 FM
Imperial	KADL	102.9 FM
Kearney	KGFV	1340 AM
Kearney	KGFV	96.1 FM
Kearney	KQKY	105.9 FM
Lexington	KAMI	1580 AM
Lexington	KRVN	880 AM
Lincoln	KLIN	1400 AM
Lincoln	KLIN	99.3 FM
McCook	KZMC	102.1 FM
McCook	KIOD	105.3 FM
McCook	KSWN	93.9 FM
Nebraska City	KNCY	1600 AM
Norfolk	KNEN	94.7 FM
North Platte	KODY	1240 AM
North Platte	KXNP	103.5 FM
North Platte	KHAQ	98.5 FM
Omaha	KCRO	660 AM
Omaha	KIBM	1490 AM
O'Neill	KBRX	102.9 FM
Scottsbluff	KNEB	94.1 FM
Scottsbluff	KNEB	960 AM
Sidney	KSID	98.7 FM
Superior	KRFS	1600 AM
Superior	KRFS	103.9 FM
Terrytown	KOLT	690 AM
Valentine	KVSH	940 AM
Valentine	KDJL	99.5 FM

Also available nationwide on Huskers.com and the Huskers App.

BY THE NUMBERS (2024-25 STATS)

Nebraska Cornhuskers 2024-25 Team Statistics (Record: 21-14)			Midland Warriors 2024-25 Team Statistics (Record: 12-17)		
Category	Nebraska	OPP	Category	Midland	OPP
Scoring	2660	2541	Scoring	2273	2332
Points per game	76.0	72.6	Points per game	78.4	80.4
Scoring margin	+3.4	-	Scoring margin	-2.0	-
Field goals-att	928-2035	905-2117	Field goals-att	860-1713	850-1805
Field goal pct	.456	.427	Field goal pct	.502	.471
3 point fg-att	263-784	329-971	3 point fg-att	186-483	289-828
3-point FG pct	.335	.339	3-point FG pct	.385	.349
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	9.4	3-pt FG made per game	6.4	10.0
Free throws-att	541-722	402-564	Free throws-att	367-542	326-451
Free throw pct	.749	.713	Free throw pct	.677	.723
F-Throws made per game	15.5	11.5	F-Throws made per game	12.7	11.2
Rebounds	1239	1236	Rebounds	1009	950
Rebounds per game	35.4	35.3	Rebounds per game	34.8	32.8
Rebounding margin	+0.1	-	Rebounding margin	+2.0	-
Assists	496	473	Assists	424	494
Assists per game	14.2	13.5	Assists per game	14.6	17.0
Turnovers	396	431	Turnovers	368	315
Turnovers per game	11.3	12.3	Turnovers per game	12.7	10.9
Turnover margin	+1.0	-	Turnover margin	-1.8	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	1.1	Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	1.6
Steals	251	203	Steals	166	226
Steals per game	7.2	5.8	Steals per game	5.7	7.8
Blocks	103	110	Blocks	66	62
Blocks per game	2.9	3.1	Blocks per game	2.3	2.1

NEBRASKA EXHIBITION HISTORY

Nebraska is 65-7 all-time in exhibition games dating back to the 1966-67 season and has won 34 of 36 exhibition games dating back to 2001 following the win over BYU on Oct. 17.

- Monday's game will mark the second time Nebraska has faced Midland in exhibition play and the first since a 68-40 win to start the 2012-13 season.
- Nebraska is 19-0 all-time against in-state teams in exhibition games dating back to a matchup with Nebraska-Kearney in 2001-02.
- With the win over BYU, NU improved to 3-1 in exhibition games against power conference teams dating back to 2017.

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
2024-25	Grand Valley State	W	73-53
2025-26	BYU	W	90-89

@ - Charity Exhibition game

BYU RECAP

Rienk Mast finished with a game-high 31 points, including 7-of-8 from 3-point range, as Nebraska topped No. 8 BYU 90-89 on Oct. 17. Mast hit 11-of-15 shots from the field, including his first seven 3-pointers, while adding five rebounds and three assists. The 6-foot-10 senior steadied the Huskers, scoring 16 straight for Nebraska, which overcame an early double-figure deficit and withstood a BYU comeback in the final minutes.

The Huskers shot 50 percent from the field, including 16-of-34 from 3-point range, had 24 assists, including nine from senior Jamarques Lawrence, and just 10 turnovers. NU also held BYU, which was picked second in the Big 12 preseason poll, to just 45 percent shooting. In addition to Mast, Connor Essegian added 10 points, including five 3-pointers, while Pryce Sandfort added 12 in the win.

Nebraska trailed 50-46 at the break before opening the half with seven straight points to take a 53-50 lead after a Mast 3-pointer. NU opened the second half with a 17-4 spurt over the first 5:03 of the half. Nebraska led by as many as 13 and built an 87-76 lead with 5:09 left after Essegian's fifth 3-pointer of the day. BYU chipped away behind AJ Dybantasa, who led the Cougars with 30 points, as he had seven of his points in a 9-1 spurt that pulled BYU within 88-85 with 2:25 left.

A pair of Hoiberg free throws stopped the run, but BYU continued to battle, getting to within one after a pair of free throws by Khadim Mboup with 16.8 seconds left and had two chances to win in the final seconds but both 3-point attempts were off the mark.

NATIONAL POLLS

ASSOCIATED PRESS (PRESEASON)

No	Team (1st)	Record	Points	Prev.
1	Purdue (35)		1485	
2	Houston (16)		1459	
3	Florida (8)		1382	
4	UConn (2)		1299	
5	St. John's		1203	
6	Duke		1123	
7	Michigan		1084	
8	BYU		1078	
9	Kentucky		1056	
10	Texas Tech		1015	
11	Louisville		966	
12	UCLA		741	
13	Arizona		715	
14	Arkansas		695	
15	Alabama		620	
16	Iowa State		616	
17	Illinois		567	
18	Tennessee		462	
19	Kansas		453	
20	Auburn		424	
21	Gonzaga		387	
22	Michigan State		188	
23	Creighton		158	
24	Wisconsin		136	
25	North Carolina		104	

Others receiving votes: NC State 101, Oregon 98, San Diego St. 74, Texas 35, Ohio St. 23, Kansas St 13, Mississippi 11, Southern Cal 10, Missouri 8, Washington 7, Vanderbilt 7, Iowa 6, Boise St. 4, Mississippi St. 3, VCU 2, Virginia 2, Saint Mary's 2, Indiana 1, Oklahoma 1, Baylor 1.

USA TODAY COACHES (PRESEASON)

No	Team (1st)	Record	Points	Prev.
1	Purdue (18)		755	
2	Houston (12)		749	
3	Florida (1)		704	
4	UConn		647	
5	Duke		623	
6	St. John's		609	
7	Michigan		569	
8	BYU		532	
9	Kentucky		529	
10	Louisville		456	
11	Texas Tech		455	
12	UCLA		421	
13	Arizona		398	
14	Illinois		349	
15	Arkansas		329	
16	Alabama		322	
17	Tennessee		292	
18	Iowa State		289	
19	Kansas		235	
20	Gonzaga		185	
21	Michigan State		144	
22	Auburn		114	
23	Creighton		103	
24	Wisconsin		62	
25	North Carolina		37	

Others receiving votes: North Carolina State 33; Oregon 26; San Diego State 15; Ohio State 15; Baylor 13; Virginia 11; Vanderbilt 10; USC 7; Texas 6; Villanova 5; Missouri 5; Ole Miss 4; Washington 3; Saint Mary's 3; Iowa 3; Cincinnati 3; VCU 2; Oklahoma State 1; Kansas State 1; Boise State 1;

Team	B1G	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
^Michigan State	17-3	.850	30-7	.811
^Maryland	14-6	.700	27-9	.750
^Michigan	14-6	.700	27-10	.730
^Purdue	13-7	.650	24-12	.667
^UCLA	13-7	.650	23-11	.676
^Wisconsin	13-7	.650	27-10	.730
^Illinois	12-8	.600	22-13	.629
^Oregon	12-8	.600	25-10	.714
Indiana	10-10	.500	19-13	.594
Ohio State	9-11	.450	17-15	.531
Rutgers	8-12	.400	15-17	.469
Iowa	7-13	.350	17-16	.515
Minnesota	7-13	.350	15-17	.469
@Nebraska	7-13	.350	21-14	.600
Northwestern	7-13	.350	17-16	.515
@USC	7-13	.350	17-18	.485
Penn State	6-14	.300	16-15	.516
Washington	4-16	.200	13-18	.419

^-NCAA Tournament; @-College Basketball Crown

NCAA Tournament Results

NCAA First Round

Purdue 75, High Point 63
Wisconsin 86, Montana 66
UCLA 72, Utah State 47
Michigan 68, UC San Diego 65
Maryland 81, Grand Canyon 49
Illinois 86, Xavier 73
Michigan State 87, Bryant 62
Oregon 81, Liberty 53

NCAA Second Round

Purdue 76, McNeese State 62
BYU 91, Wisconsin 89
Michigan 91, Texas A&M 79
Tennessee 67, UCLA 58
Maryland 72, Colorado State 71
Kentucky 84, Illinois 75
Michigan State 71, New Mexico 63
Arizona 87, Oregon 83

NCAA Sweet 16

Florida 87, Maryland 71
Michigan State 73, Ole Miss 70
Auburn 78, Michigan 65
Houston 62, Purdue 60

NCAA Elite Eight

Auburn 70, Michigan State 64

College Basketball Crown Results

Monday, March 31 - The MGM Grand Garden Arena

Game 1: Butler 86, Utah 84
Game 2: Boise State 89, George Washington 59
Game 3: Nebraska 86, Arizona State 78
Game 4: Georgetown 85, Washington State 82

Tuesday, April 1 - The MGM Grand Garden Arena

Game 5: Cincinnati 83, DePaul 61
Game 6: UCF 76, Oregon State 75
Game 7: Villanova 85, Colorado 64
Game 8: USC 89, Tulane 60

Wednesday, April 2 - The MGM Grand Garden Arena

Game 9: Boise State 100, Butler 93
Game 10: Nebraska 81, Georgetown 69

Thursday, April 3 - The MGM Grand Garden Arena

Game 11: UCF 88, Cincinnati 80
Game 12: Villanova 60, USC 59

Saturday, April 5 - T-Mobile Arena

Game 13: Nebraska 79, Boise State 69
Game 14: UCF 104, Villanova 98 (OT)

Sunday, April 6 - T-Mobile Arena

Game 15: Nebraska 77, UCF 66

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Connor Essegian's 78 3-pointers last season tied for sixth in school history and was the most since Glynn Watson Jr. had 82 in the 2018-19 season.

SCOUTING MIDLAND

The Warriors come to Lincoln for their only exhibition game of the season before Wednesday's opener at Buena Vista University. Under fourth-year coach Tyler Erwin, Midland has steadily improved in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, improving its conference win total in each of the past two years, including a 7-13 conference mark last season. The Warriors were picked to finish fifth in the preseason GPAC poll. Before taking over the Midland job, Erwin was an assistant at Nebraska-Omaha from 2009 to 2022, helping the program in its transition to Division I.

Of the 22 players on Midland's online roster, 13 are from the state of Nebraska while eight of the 16 players expected to dress on Monday are in-state products. Jake Orr is their top returnee, as he averaged 17.4 points along with 7.4 rebounds per game as he was a second-team all-conference pick last season. Junior forward Jeff Rozelle joined Orr on the all-conference team after averaging 11.3 ppg on 63 percent shooting and 6.7 rebounds per game.

A LOOK AT NEBRASKA

The Huskers begin their quest for a third straight postseason appearance, bringing back four players who have made at least 15 starts in NU careers. The Huskers will be led by All-Big Ten forward Rienk Mast, who returns after missing all last season following knee surgery. Two years ago, Mast averaged 12.3 points and led NU in both rebounding (7.5 rpg) and assists (3.0 apg). NU also brings back returning starters Berke Büyüktuncel (6.0 ppg, 5.5 rpg) and Sam Hoiberg (3.9 ppg; 1.9 apg) and regains the services of Jamarques Lawrence, who started 23 games on NU's 2023-24 NCAA Tournament and started 31 games at Rhode Island last season. The Huskers also return senior guard Connor Essegian, who averaged 10.7 ppg, including 38 percent from 3-point range, as the team's sixth man last season and Cale Jacobsen, who played in 24 games, including the final three rounds of the CBC. NU also added eight newcomers (six transfers and two freshman) to help offset the loss.

Returning Percentages Under Fred Hoiberg

Category	2025-26	2024-25 ()	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Pct. of scoring	28.7	34.7 (23.8)	50.9	32.8	49.6	21.6	1.9
Pct. of rebounds	35.6	36.2 (29.5)	37.6	34.2	42.1	33.7	4.2
Pct. of field goals made	27.8	34.0 (25.1)	49.9	35.3	49.9	22.0	7.0
Pct. of field goals attempted	29.1	33.8 (26.5)	50.3	31.2	49.8	20.1	2.6
Pct. of 3-point FG made	38.0	28.8 (24.5)	74.8	40.6	59.6	19.4	1.5
Pct. of 3-point FG attempted	36.9	30.0 (25.0)	69.1	36.8	55.0	16.5	2.9
Pct. of free throws made	25.1	41.0 (18.8)	40.2	19.5	40.8	21.6	1.7
Pct. of free throws attempted	23.4	41.5 (17.6)	39.3	20.5	41.3	22.9	1.7
Pct. of assists	35.3	35.2 (34.8)	30.4	23.3	41.5	13.1	4.1
Pct. of steals	49.8	46.7 (18.7)	50.8	35.7	44.6	24.7	5.4
Pct. of blocked shots	30.0	50.6 (19.1)	34.2	44.8	44.3	24.1	3.3
Pct. of minutes	35.0	36.7 (25.6)	48.8	35.3	50.6	26.5	4.2

Notes: 2024-25 totals did not include Rienk Mast, who redshirted that season. () - percentage of 2023-24 combined totals of Rienk Mast and Jamarques Lawrence.

HUSKERS BIDDING FOR THIRD STRAIGHT POSTSEASON APPEARANCE

The Huskers will be shooting for a third straight postseason appearance in 2025-26. It would be the first time since a nine-year stretch between 1990-91 and 1998-99 and just the third time in the program history. NU also made five straight postseason appearances between 1982-83 and 1986-87.

BACK-TO-BACK 20 WIN SEASONS

Nebraska finished with 21 wins in 2024-25, a total which tied for seventh on the Huskers' single-season list. It marked the 15th 20-win season in program history and second straight under Fred Hoiberg.

- NU has 44 wins over the past two seasons, which is the second-highest consecutive two-year total in program history. NU won 45 games spanning the 1990-91 and 1991-92 seasons.

- Nebraska posted consecutive 20-win seasons for the third time in school history and the first since the late 1990s. Fred Hoiberg joined Danny Nee (twice) as the only Husker men's basketball coaches in school history to accomplish the feat. Hoiberg would be the first Husker coach to ever accomplish the feat at Nebraska if the Huskers can eclipse the 20-win mark in 2025-26.

RETURN OF MAST ANCHORS HUSKER POST

The biggest addition of the offseason is the healthy return of Rienk Mast to the Husker lineup. Mast earned all-conference recognition from both the coaches and media in 2023-24, but missed all of last season following left knee surgery. Mast, who averaged 12.3 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game, began limited practice work last July and has been full go during practice.

- Mast is a three-time all-conference pick, as he was also a two-time All-Missouri Valley selection at Bradley in 2022 and 2023.

- In 2023-24, Mast led Nebraska in both rebounding and assists, becoming just the third player in school history to lead the team in both assists and rebounds in the same season. He finished the year ranked in the top 15 in the

Back-to-Back 20 Win Seasons

2023-24 (23) and 2024-25 (20)

1997-98 (20) and 1998-99 (20)

1992-93 (20) and 1993-94 (20)

Huskies to Lead Team in Assists & Rebounds in Same Season since 1974

Player	Year
Rienk Mast	2023-24
Derrick Walker	2022-23
Delando Banton	2020-21

Big Ten in both rebounds (seventh) and assists (15th) per game.

- Mast's 7.53 rebounds per game was the rebounds per game by a Husker since 2007-08 (Aleks Maric, 10.2). Ed Morrow Jr. also averaged 7.50 rebounds per game in 2016-17 but played just 24 games.
- His six double-doubles are the most by a Husker since Aleks Maric had 15 during the 2007-08 season, as Mast and Maric are the only Huskers in the last two decades with at least six double-doubles in a season.
- He had the best game of his career against Ohio State on Jan. 23, setting highs in points (34), field goals (13) and 3-pointers (six) while adding 10 rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots.
- His performance against OSU was the first 30-point, 10-rebound game by a Husker since 2008. Mast, Maric and Eric Piatkowski are the only Huskers with 30-point, 10-rebound games in the last 30 years.
- He keyed Nebraska's upset of No. 1 Purdue with 18 points, including 14 in the first half while helping limit two-time National Player of the Year Zach Edey to 15 points.
- Against Florida A&M on Nov. 9, he became the first Husker in the Big Ten era (2011-12 to present) to have a game with at least 20 points and 15 rebounds, and first since Aleks Maric in 2008.

MAST DOUBLES UP

Rienk Mast enters the 2025-26 season as one of the nation's returning leaders in double doubles. He is one of just eight active Division I players to have at least 25 career double-doubles entering the season.

No.	Player (2025-26 School)	Double-Doubles
1.	Yaxel Lendeberg, Michigan	45
2.	Lassina Traore, Texas	32
t3.	JT Toppin, Texas Tech	31
t3.	Graham Ike, Gonzaga	31
5.	Brandon Noel, Ohio State	29
6.	Carson Towt, Notre Dame	28
7.	Caden Pierce, Princeton	27
8.	Rienk Mast, Nebraska	26

ESSEGIAN FLOURISHES AS HUSKER SIXTH MAN

Nebraska's top returning scorer from 2024-25 is senior Connor Essegian, who emerged as one of the Big Ten's top sixth men a year ago. The 6-foot-4 guard averaged 10.7 points per game while pacing the Big Red with 78 3-pointers. He finished ninth in the Big Ten in 3-pointers per game (2.2/gm) and 11th in 3-point percentage (.377).

- Essegian finished second in Big Ten scoring among reserves, as he was one of three Big Ten players to average double figures while starting 10 or fewer games.
- He tied for sixth on NU's single-season 3-point list with 78, the most by a Husker since Glynn Watson Jr. had 82 in 2019.
- Essegian totaled five 20-point games, including a 21-point effort against UCF in the title game of the College Basketball Crown.
- Essegian scored a career-high 29 points in NU's win over South Dakota on Nov. 27. In that game, he set personal highs in points (29), assists (five) and 3-pointers (six).

ADDING PUNCH FROM THE PORTAL

Nebraska has relied on the transfer portal under Fred Hoiberg, getting players such as All-Big Ten performers Derrick Walker (2023) Rienk Mast (2024) and Brice Williams (2025) in his six years at Nebraska. The Huskers' six-member transfer class this season enters 2025-26 with over 200 combined starts and nearly 3,400 points and 1,500 rebounds. Lawrence, who spent two years at Nebraska before starting 31 games at Rhode Island last year, Blue and Jarusevicius all started at their previous institutions last season. Sandfort was one of the Big Ten's leading bench scorers while Garcia started at Tulsa in 2023-24.

Husker Portal Additions

Player	2024-25 School	GP	Starts	Pts.	Reb.	Asst.
Lawrence	Rhode Island	93	66	682	222	190
Blue	St. Thomas	100	89	1,013	395	185
Cooper	Air Force	21	0	112	37	8
Jarusevicius	Central Michigan	69	25	640	294	25
Garcia	Tulsa	88	31	573	335	59
Sandfort	Iowa	65	2	365	129	57
Total		436	213	3,385	1,412	524

A TRIO OF HOIBERGS

Fans watching Husker basketball will see a trio of Hoiberg family members in 2025-26.

- Head Coach Fred Hoiberg begins his seventh season at the helm of the program after guiding the Huskers to back-to-back postseason appearances.

3 For just the third time in the Big Ten era (2011-12 to present), Nebraska returns multiple double-figure scorers with Rienk Mast (12.3 ppg in 2023-24) and Connor Essegian (10.7 ppg). In both previous instances (2018-19 and 2024-25), Nebraska has advanced to postseason play.

2024-25 MISC. STATS

TEAM LEADERS

Double-Figure Scoring Games: Williams (32); Gary (25); Essegian (17); Morgan (14); Worster (8); Büyüktuncel (5); Hoiberg (2); Meah (2); Ulis (1)

10+ Rebounding Games: Morgan (1); Gary (2); Williams (1)

10+ Assist Games: Ulis (1)

Double-Doubles: Morgan (1); Gary (2); Williams (1)

Triple-Doubles: N/A

20-Point Games: Williams (20); Gary (10); Essegian (5)

30-Point Games: Williams (4)

40-Point Games: Williams (1)

Games Leading NU in Scoring: Williams (21); Gary (8); Essegian (7); Morgan (2)

Games Leading NU in Rebounding: Gary (11); Büyüktuncel (10); Morgan (6); Williams (5); Worster (5); Meah (3); Essegian (2); Hoiberg (2); Griffiths (1)

Games Leading NU in Assists: Williams (14); Worster (10); Ulis (6); Hoiberg (5); Gary (3); Jacobsen (2); Morgan (2); Essegian (1); Büyüktuncel (1)

Games Leading NU in Blocks: Gary (12); Büyüktuncel (9); Morgan (7); Williams (5); Meah (4); Worster (4); Griffiths (3); Hoiberg (3); Jacobsen (3); Essegian (2); Worster (1); None (2)

Games Leading NU in Steals: Williams (12); Hoiberg (12); Gary (9); Büyüktuncel (7); Worster (7); Morgan (5); Essegian (3); Ulis (3); Meah (2); Jacobsen (2)

HUSKER DOUBLE-DOUBLES IN 2024-25

Player	Opponent	Totals
Morgan	Murray State	12 pts/12 reb
Gary	at Iowa	13 pts/13 reb
Gary	vs. Georgetown	17 pts/10 reb
Williams	Ohio State	24 pts/10 reb

HUSKER DOUBLE-DOUBLES CHART

Player	2024-25	at Neb	Career*
Mast	0	6	26
Gary	2	8	10
Williams	1	2	6
Meah	0	0	6
Worster	0	0	4
Morgan	1	1	5
Totals	3	17	57

*Includes previous schools

DOUBLE-DIGIT RUNS IN 2024-25 (21)

Run	Opponent	Time (Half)
16-0	Murray State	14:45-8:43 (1st)
15-0	at Hawai'i	7:03-0:40 (1st)
15-0	UCLA	15:38-9:30 (1st)
15-0	North Florida	18:15-14:03 (1st)
14-0	Iowa	6:46-1:18 (1st)
13-0	vs. UCF	11:37-6:59 (2nd)
12-0	UTRGV	4:34-2:30 (2nd)
11-0	Saint Mary's	1:19 (1st)-18:54 (2nd)
11-0	at Creighton	7:40-2:37 (1st)
11-0	Southern	10:12-4:48 (1st)
11-0	at Wisconsin	12:44-6:41 (1st)
11-0	at Washington	18:19-13:20 (2nd)
11-0	Ohio State	12:59-7:52 (2nd)
11-0	at Northwestern	15:05-10:49 (2nd)
11-0	vs. UCF	14:36-11:58 (2nd)
10-0	vs. Arizona State	5:22-3:09 (2nd)
10-0	FDU	11:49-8:53 (1st)
10-0	South Dakota	6:43-5:14 (1st)
10-0	North Florida	3:58-0:00 (2nd)
10-0	Indiana	6:27-3:08 (2nd)
10-0	Southern	2:45-0:00 (2nd)

2025-26 MBB QUICK FACTS

Location	Lincoln, Neb.
Founded	1869
Enrollment	23,954 (fall 2025)
Nickname	Cornhuskers, Huskers
Colors	Scarlet & Cream
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
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Assistant A.D./Ticketing	Holly Adam
Ticket Office Phone	(402) 472-3111 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	28
All-time postseason record	28-26
NCAA Appearances (last)	8 (2024)
NIT Appearances (last)	19 (2019)
College Basketball Crown Appearances	1 (2025)

BASKETBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Fred Hoiberg (7th season)
Alma Mater (Year)	Iowa State (1995)
Assistant Coaches	Padyn Borders (1st season)
.....	Nate Loenser (5th season)
.....	Pat Monaghan (1st season)
.....	Ernie Zeigler (4th season)
Director of Men's BB Strength and Conditioning	Kurt Joseph
General Manager	Luca Virgilio
Asst. Director of Operations	Sheryl Burbach
Director of Player Development	Emmanuel Tommy
Coordinator of Analytics	Justin Moore
Video Coordinator	Michael Bania
Graduate Managers	Braden Grant, Charlie Hoiberg, Satchel Stern
Athletic Trainer	Andrew McCabe
Equipment Manager	Pat Norris

2024-25 TEAM INFORMATION

2024-25 Record	21-14 (10-6 H, 5-7 A, 6-1 N)
Big Ten Record (Finish)	7-13 (t-12th)
Big Ten Championship	None
Postseason	CBC, 4-0
.....	def. Arizona State, 86-78; def. Georgetown, 81-69
.....	def. Boise State, 79-69; def. UCF, 77-66
Starters Returning/Lost	2/4
Lettermen Returning/Lost	5/8
Redshirts	3/1
Newcomers	8

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- Senior guard Sam Hoiberg returns for his fifth season, as he has played in every game the past two seasons. Last season, he started 15 of the Huskers' final 16 contests and topped the Big Red with 1.4 steals per game.
- Charlie Hoiberg begins his first season as a graduate manager for the Huskers after earning his undergraduate degree at TCU last May. Charlie, who is Sam's twin brother, was a manager for TCU last season.

HUSKERS MAKING MARK WITH NATIONAL TEAMS

Connor Essegian and Leo Curtis spent part of the summers representing their countries in international action. Essegian played with the Armenian National Team for the third straight summer. He helped Armenia to a two-game sweep of Costa Rica in June, averaging 16.0 points and 4.5 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game. Essegian had 17 points on 5-of-9 shooting, six boards and three steals in the finale.

Curtis spent part of the summer training with the Iceland U20 team, as they played in the 2025 U20 EuroBasket Championships in Greece. He finished the seven-game tournament leading all players in blocked shots (2.7 per game) and ranking in the top three in both rebounding (8.1 rpg, third), and minutes played (31.6, second). Curtis topped the team in scoring (14.6 ppg), rebounding, blocked shots and minutes.

A DAUNTING SLATE AHEAD

Nebraska's exhibition win over BYU marked the first of several ranked opponents the Huskers will see this season based on the Associated Press and Coaches preseason polls.

NU is slated to face seven teams in the AP Top 25 including top-ranked Purdue (AP/Coaches), No. 7 Michigan, No. 12 UCLA, No. 17/14 Illinois, No. 22/21 Michigan State, No. 23 Creighton and No. 24 Wisconsin. In addition, NU will face seven other teams who are receiving votes in at least one preseason poll, including Oregon, Ohio State, Southern Cal, Washington, Iowa, Indiana and Oklahoma. The Huskers will also face either Kansas State or Mississippi State in the Hall of Fame Classic on Nov. 21., as both teams are receiving votes.

Nebraska went 4-4 against ranked opponents in 2024-25, as the four wins over ranked teams tie a school record done three other times in school history.

HOME SWEET HOME

The Huskers have made Pinnacle Bank Arena a formidable home court in recent seasons under Fred Hoiberg. In 2024-25, NU was 10-6 at home with six wins coming by double figures and is an impressive 39-11 (.780) over the last three seasons.

- Nebraska finished the season ranked 13th nationally in attendance with 14,964 fans per game.
- NU has ranked in the top-15 nationally in attendance 10 times since Pinnacle Bank Arena opened in 2013-14.
- NU set a school record with a 20-game home winning streak spanning the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons until the streak was broken against Rutgers on Jan. 16, 2025.

WHAT'S NEW A PBA THIS SEASON

Fans will see a number of upgrades at Pinnacle Bank Arena this season, as ASM Globel and PBA completed \$10 million in capital improvements to help continue a first-class experience for fans and teams earlier this fall.

- Center court features a new center hung scoreboard. The 37' 6" tall by 32' 6" wide scoreboard features a resolution of 29.9 million pixels. For comparison, the previous board had 6.5 million pixels. The board has fully integrated video screen capability, including the underbelly.
- A new 900 feet ribbon board was added inside the arena, expanding from 2' 7" tall to 3' 1" tall. The resolution doubled from 1.3 million pixels to 2.6 million pixels.
- The arena wi-fi network was upgraded throughout the PBA. The access points went from 250 to 600, tripling coverage and improving performance 5x, as a new 10 GB fiber pipe was added. Access points are in the seating areas with each access point supporting 70 seats.

Other enhancements included new LED lighting enhancements on the roof and in the concourses, along with new seats in the suite area around the arena.

REPLACING THE CLASS OF 2025

Nebraska looks to replace a trio of starters who have moved on to the professional ranks in Brice Williams, Juwan Gary and Rollie Worster.

- Williams, who helped NU to a pair of postseason appearances, put together one of the best single-season performances in school history in 2024-25. A first-team All-Big Ten performer, he averaged 20.4 points per game the highest average since Tyronn Lue in 1997-98. A three-time national player of the Week, Williams set a school-record with 713 points, including a school-record 43-point effort at Ohio State. He is currently in camp with the Detroit Pistons.
- Gary was a three-year starter who totaled nearly 1,000 points in his three-year Husker career. Last season, Gary averaged a career-best 14.6 points per game while adding 5.1 rebounds and 1.2 steals per game. He was named "King of the Crown" as he averaged 19.0 points on 52 percent shooting and 8.0 rebounds per game in four games. Gary is playing for Charleroi in Belgium this season.
- Worster started 26 of 31 games before a foot injury ended his season. He averaged 7.0 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game after playing previously at Utah and Utah State. He is playing professionally for Team FOG Naestved in Denmark.

WORLD WIDE HUSKERS

NU's roster has had an international flavor in recent seasons and that trend continues in 2025-26 with Berke Büyüktuncel (Türkiye), Leo Curtis (Iceland), Ugnius Jaruševičius (Lithuania) and Rienk Mast (Netherlands) on the Husker roster. During Fred Hoiberg's seven seasons, NU has had players on the roster from 12 international countries, including Australia, Canada, England, France, Iceland, Japan, Lithuania, Mali, Senegal and Slovenia.

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.
- Became the second Husker coach to post consecutive 20-win seasons, as the 2024-25 Huskers won 21 games and won the inaugural College Basketball Crown
- Guided Nebraska to the 2024 Diamond Head Classic title, the Huskers' first MTE title since 2000
- 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
- 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)

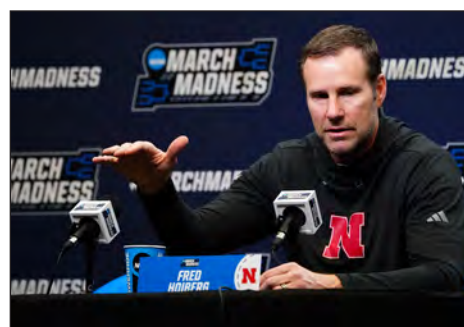
- Served as Vice President of Basketball Operations in 2009-10, overseeing the day-to-day operations of basketball programs including college and pro scouting, salary cap management and NBA Draft preparations.
- Was the Assistant General Manager for three seasons, helping the Timberwolves orchestrate 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 he 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-school-record 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	.676	12-8	.600	T-3rd	NCAA First Round
2024-25	Nebraska	21-14	.600	7-13	.350	T-12th	College Basketball Crown Champs.
Totals	11th Season	199-164	.548	86-120	.417		

THE LAST TIME...

Nebraska Team

Ranked in the top 5 (AP Poll)	Never Happened
Ranked in the top 10 (AP Poll)	March 1, 1966
Ranked in the top 20 (AP Poll)	Jan. 2, 1995
Ranked in the top 25 (AP Poll)	Dec. 31, 2018 (No. 24)
Ranked in the top 25 (USA Today Coaches Poll)	Dec. 31, 2018 (No. 23)
Played AP Poll No. 1 ranked team	def. No. 1 Purdue (88-72), 1/9/2024
Defeated AP Poll No. 1 ranked team	def. No. 1 Purdue (88-72), 1/9/2024
Played AP Poll No. 2 ranked team	lost at No. 2 Michigan (47-62), 1/9/13
Defeated AP Poll No. 2 ranked team	vs. No. 2 Oklahoma State (85-69), 2/5/1992
Played Team Ranked 1-5 by AP	def. No. 1 Purdue (88-72), 1/9/2024
Defeated Team Ranked 1-5 by AP	def. No. 1 Purdue (88-72), 1/9/2024
Played Team Ranked 6-10 by AP	won vs. No. 6 Wisconsin (80-72, OT), 2/1/2023
Defeated Team Ranked 6-10 by AP	vs. No. 6 Wisconsin (80-72, OT), 2/1/2023
Defeated Team Ranked 11-25 by AP	No. 18 Illinois (80-74, OT), 1/30/2025
Defeated Team Ranked 1-10 by AP on Road	at No. 7 Creighton (63-53), 12/4/2022
Defeated Ranked Team by AP on Road	at No. 16 Oregon (77-71), 2/2/2025
Scored 100 or more points	114; at Ohio State, 3/4/2025
Scored 90 or more points	114; at Ohio State, 3/4/2025
Scored 80 or more points	81; vs. Georgetown, 4/2/2025
Scored less than 50 points	46; Michigan, 2/24/2025
Scored less than 40 points	38; at Oregon, 12/15/2012
Shot 75% from the field	.750; vs. Nebraska-Omaha (42-56), 1/25/1988 \$
Shot 70% from the field	.723; vs. UNC Wilmington (34-47), 12/5/1997
Shot 60% from the field	.612; Indiana (30-49), 12/13/2024
Made 50 or more free throws	Never Happened
Made 40 or more free throws	43; vs. Texas (43-59), 1/3/1996 - \$
Made 30 or more free throws	37; vs. UTSA (37-50), 12/20/2017
Made 25 or more free throws	25; UCLA (25-29), 1/4/2025
Attempted 60 or more free throws	60; vs. Kansas State (36-60), 1/11/1954 - \$
Attempted 50 or more free throws	50; vs. UTSA (37-50), 12/20/2017
Attempted 40 or more free throws	50; vs. UTSA (37-50), 12/20/2017
Attempted 30 or more free throws	30; at Creighton (22-30), 11/22/2024
Shot 100% from the foul line (min 10 att.)	1.000; at Illinois (14-14), 2/4/2024
Shot 95% from the foul line (min 10 att.)	1.000; at Illinois (14-14), 2/4/2024
Shot 90% from the foul line (min 10 att.)	.941; Maryland (16-17), 2/13/2025
Shot 90% from the foul line (min 20 att.)	.917; vs. Texas A&M (NCAA) (22-24), 3/22/2024
Made 20 or more 3-pointers	Never Happened
Made 15 or more 3-pointers	15; Kennesaw State (15-29), 12/22/2021
Made 10 or more 3-pointers	12; vs. Boise State (12-19), 4/5/2025
Made 0 3-pointers	0; vs. Jacksonville State (0-5), 12/18/2012
Held Opponent to 0 3-pointers	0; Southeastern Louisiana, 11/22/2015
Attempted 40 or more 3-pointers	41; vs. Nevada (9-41), 11/26/2020 \$
Attempted 30 or more 3-pointers	30; at Wisconsin (10-30), 1/26/2025
Attempted 20 or more 3-pointers	21; vs. UCF (9-21), 4/6/2025
Shot 75% from 3-point range (min. 10 att.)	.750; vs. UT-Pan American (9-12), 12/2/2009 - \$
Shot 60% from 3-point range (min. 20 att.)	.632; Purdue (14-23), 1/9/24
Shot 60% from 3-point range (min. 10 att.)	.632; vs. Boise State (12-19), 4/5/2025
Shot 50% from 3-point range (min. 20 att.)	.538; Ohio State (14-26), 1/23/2024
Shot 50% from 3-point range (min. 10 att.)	.632; vs. Boise State (12-19), 4/5/2025
Had 60 or more rebounds	60; vs. Oral Roberts, 12/22/1999
Had 50 or more rebounds	50; South Carolina State, 12/29/2023
Had 30 or more assists	35; Northeastern Illinois, 12/21/1994
Had 25 or more assists	25; Doane, 12/17/2020
Had 20 or more assists	20; vs. UCF, 4/6/2025
Had 15 or more assists	20; vs. UCF, 4/6/2025
Had 20 or more steals	23; vs. Texas Tech, 3/4/1999 - \$
Had 15 or more steals	15; Indiana, 1/3/2024
Had 10 or more steals	11; vs. Arizona State, 3/31/2025
Had 15 or more blocked shots	15; vs. Coppin State, Dec. 6, 1996 - \$
Had 10 or more blocked shots	14; at Northwestern, 1/2/2018
Had 30 or more turnovers	31; at Creighton, 12/11/2005
Had 20 or more turnovers	20; South Carolina State, 12/29/2023
Had 5 or less turnovers	2; vs. Duquesne, 11/22/2023 - #

Nebraska Player...

Had 20 or more points:	21; Brice Williams, 21; Connor Essegian, 20; Juwan Gary vs. UCF, 4/6/2025
Had 25 or more points:	28; Brice Williams vs. Georgetown, 4/2/2025
Had 30 or more points:	30; Brice Williams vs. Arizona State, 3/31/25
Had 40 or more points:	43; Brice Williams at Ohio State, 3/4/25
Had 20 or more points in a half:	21; Brice Williams (2nd) at Hawai'i, 12/23/2024
Had 20 or more points in overtime(s):	22; Brice Williams (1st and 2nd OT) at Ohio State, 3/4/2025
Had No Player in Double Figures:	vs. Ohio State, 1/21/2012
Had Five Players with 10 or more points	vs. Rutgers, 1/16/2025 Williams (21); Gary (20); Essegian (12); Morgan (11), Worster (10)
Had Six Players with 10 or more points	North Dakota, 12/20/2023 Wilcher (16); Lawrence (14); Tominaga (14); Williams (12); Gary (12); Allick (10)
Two Huskers with 20 or more points, same game:	vs. UCF, 4/6/2025 Brice Williams (21); Connor Essegian (21); Juwan Gary (20)
Two Huskers with 25 or more points, same game:	vs. Western Illinois, 11/9/21 Alonzo Verge Jr. (26); Bryce McGowens (25)
Three Huskers with 20 or more points, same game:	vs. UCF, 4/6/2025 Brice Williams (21); Connor Essegian (21); Juwan Gary (20)
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:	10; Juwan Gary vs. Georgetown, 4/2/2025
Had 15 or more rebounds:	18; Juwan Gary at Kansas State, 12/17/2023
Had 20 or more rebounds:	21; Kimani Ffriend vs. Oral Roberts, 12/22/1999
Had 25 or more rebounds:	26; Bill Johnson vs. Iowa State, 1/4/1954 - \$
Two Huskers with 10 or more rebounds, same game:	at Kansas State, 12/17/2023 Juwan Gary-18; Rienk Mast-12
Three Huskers with 10 or more rebounds, same game:	vs. Texas Tech, 1/19/2000 (Steffon Bradford 16; Kimani Ffriend 12; Louis Truscott 11)
Had 5 or more 3-pointers:	5; Brice Williams vs. Georgetown (5-9), 4/2/2025
Had 6 or more 3-pointers:	6; Connor Essegian vs. Southern (6-12), 12/30/2024
Had 7 or more 3-pointers:	7; Kobe Webster at Northwestern (7-12), 3/7/2021
Had 8 or more 3-pointers:	8; Cary Cochran, vs. Baylor (8-13), 2/27/2002 - \$
Had 5 or more assists:	7; Sam Hoiberg vs. UCF, 4/6/2025
Had 10 or more assists:	10; Ahron Ulis at Maryland, 1/19/2025
Had 15 or more assists:	15; Charles Richardson vs. Rutgers, 12/2/2006
Had 18 or more assists:	18; Brian Carr, at Evansville, 1/3/1985 - \$
Had 5 or more blocked shots:	5; Isaiah Roby vs. Northwestern, 2/16/2019
Had 6 or more blocked shots:	6; Isaiah Roby vs. Eastern Illinois, 11/11/2017
Had 7 or more blocked shots:	7; John Turek vs. Colorado, 3/2/2005
Had 9 or more blocked shots:	9; Mikki Moore vs. Coppin State, 12/6/1996 - \$
Had 10 or more blocked shots:	Never Happened
Had 5 or more steals:	5; Juwan Gary vs. Bethune-Cookman, 11/19/2024
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:	8; Cookie Belcher vs. Oklahoma St., 2/7/2001 - \$
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/Rebounds):	Juwan Gary (17 pts/10 reb) vs. Georgetown, 4/2/2025
Had Double-Double (Points/Assists):	Alonzo Verge Jr. at NC State (25/11), 12/1/2021
Had Double-Double (Points/Steals):	Never Happened
Had Double-Double (Points/Blocks):	Never Happened
Had Two Players with Double-Doubles:	Josiah Allick (10 pts./12 reb.) and Juwan Gary (15 pts./11 reb.) vs. Rutgers, 3/3/2024

\$ - School Record - #- Tied School record
As of 4/7/2025

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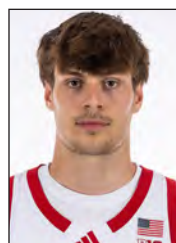
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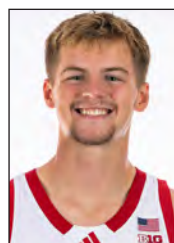
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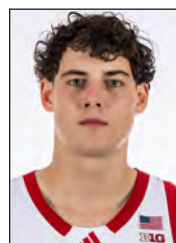
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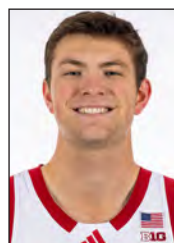
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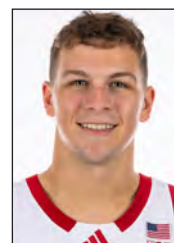
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SANDFORT**
Jr. | F | 6-7 | 210



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



**33 | LEO
CURTIS**
Fr. | F | 7-2 | 245



**35 | HENRY
BURT**
Jr. | F | 6-7 | 235



**51 | RIENK
MAST**
Sr. | F | 6-10 | 250



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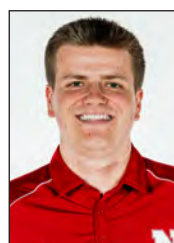
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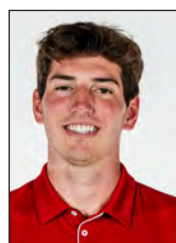
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Graduate Manager



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Graduate Manager



SATCHEL STERN
Graduate Manager



Official Basketball Box Score - Final
BYU at Nebraska
 10/18/25 Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln
 BYU vs. Nebraska

Game Time: 12:01 PM
 Game Duration: 2:03
 Attendance: 14,992

Officials: Paul Szelc, Earl Watson, Jeffrey Anderson

BYU - 89

Record: 0-0

NO.	Name		Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
							OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
3	AJ Dybantsa	F	31:41	10-19	2-4	8-8	1	6	7	0	7	30	3	2	3	1	2	1
13	Keba Keita	C	13:34	1-2	0-0	3-4	2	3	5	3	3	5	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	Robert Wright III	G	16:30	2-4	0-1	4-4	0	1	1	0	2	8	5	0	1	0	0	10
15	Richie Saunders	G	29:22	4-12	3-10	0-2	0	2	2	4	1	11	1	4	0	0	0	3
30	Kennard Davis Jr.		27:01	3-5	1-3	2-2	2	0	2	0	3	9	1	2	0	0	0	-11
5	Mihailo Boskovic		17:13	1-2	1-2	0-0	1	0	1	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	-11
6	Aleksej Kostić		17:37	4-10	3-8	0-0	1	2	3	2	0	11	1	1	0	0	0	-9
7	Khadim Mboup		17:10	4-4	0-0	4-4	4	7	11	1	3	12	0	1	1	0	0	11
24	Dominique Diomande		17:46	0-6	0-3	0-0	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
33	Xavion Staton		10:25	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-7
51	Jared McGregor		01:41	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Team							0	3	3	0		0		0				
Totals				29-64	10-31	21-24	12	27	39	16	20	89	12	10	5	2	5	-1

Shooting By Period			
1 st FG%	16-35	45.7%	
3PT%	6-16	37.5%	
FT%	12-13	92.3%	
2 nd FG%	13-29	44.8%	
3PT%	4-15	26.7%	
FT%	9-11	81.8%	
GM FG%	29-64	45.3%	
3PT%	10-31	32.3%	
FT%	21-24	87.5%	

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1, 0

Technical Fouls: NONE

Nebraska - 90

Record: 0-0

NO.	Name		Min	FG M-A	3P M-A	FT M-A	Rebounds			Fouls		TP	AS	TO	ST	Blocks		+/-
							OR	DR	TOT	PF	FD					BS	BA	
9	Berke Buyuktuncel	F	22:15	3-5	0-1	0-2	0	4	4	4	2	6	2	0	0	3	0	3
21	Pryce Sandfort	F	27:24	4-10	2-6	2-2	2	1	3	1	1	12	2	0	1	0	0	2
51	Rienk Mast	F	28:35	11-15	7-8	2-3	2	3	5	2	4	31	3	4	0	0	0	-6
10	Jamarques Lawrence	G	32:03	2-11	0-4	0-0	2	5	7	1	0	4	9	1	0	0	1	7
31	Cale Jacobsen	G	11:55	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	11
1	Sam Hoiberg		18:22	1-1	0-0	3-4	0	4	4	3	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	-9
0	Connor Essegian		17:12	7-13	5-10	1-2	0	2	2	4	2	20	3	2	0	0	0	1
2	Kendall Blue		11:36	1-3	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	-16
5	Braden Frager		19:59	0-3	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	-6
15	Jared Garcia		07:51	2-2	1-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	13
33	Leo Curtis		02:48	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Team							1	1	2	0		0		0				
Totals				32-64	16-34	10-15	9	25	34	20	16	90	24	10	2	5	2	1

Shooting By Period			
1 st FG%	15-34	44.1%	
3PT%	9-20	45.0%	
FT%	7-8	87.5%	
2 nd FG%	17-30	56.7%	
3PT%	7-14	50.0%	
FT%	3-7	42.9%	
GM FG%	32-64	50.0%	
3PT%	16-34	47.1%	
FT%	10-15	66.7%	

Dead Ball Rebounds: 1, 0

Technical Fouls: NONE

	BYU	NEB
Biggest lead	10 (1 st 11:05)	13 (2 nd 10:30)
Best Scoring Run	10 (1 st 1:12)	10 (1 st 8:03)
Lead Changes	11	
Times Tied	9	
Time with Lead	11:38	25:21

Points from	BYU	NEB
Turnovers	8	15
Paint	34	32
Second Chance	21	14
Fast Breaks	15	6
Bench	26	35

Period by Period Scoring			
	1st	2nd	TOT
BYU	50	39	89
NEB	46	44	90



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BLUE, Kendall

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	UST	33-22	805/24.4	90-211	.427	36-112	.321	28-36	.778	13	95	108	3.3	57-0	49	42	14	21	244	7.4
2023-24	UST	33-33	929/28.2	134-270	.496	40-125	.320	43-65	.662	14	122	136	4.1	38-0	54	33	10	25	351	10.6
2024-25	UST	34-34	922/27.1	157-308	.510	55-132	.417	49-67	.731	11	140	151	4.4	49-0	82	56	15	34	418	12.3
TOTAL FOR Nebr		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		100-89	2656/26.6	381-789	.483	131-369	.355	120-168	.714	38	357	395	4.0	144-0	185	131	39	80	1013	10.1

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	22	vs Portland St. 11/19/23, vs Kansas City 03/01/25, vs Montana 12/07/24
Rebounds	11	vs Omaha 02/29/24, at Oklahoma St. 11/10/24
Assists	5	7 times
Steals	4	at Kansas City 02/03/24
Blocks	3	vs Milwaukee 12/06/23
FG Made	8	5 times
FG Attempts	15	vs Montana 12/07/24
3FG Made	6	vs Portland St. 11/19/23
3FG Attempts	9	at Idaho 01/03/24
FT Made	5	4 times
FT Attempts	7	at Oral Roberts 01/13/24

BURT, Henry

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	Nebr	7-0	10/1.4	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	0	3	3	0.4	1-0	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
2024-25	Nebr	4-0	7/1.7	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
TOTAL		11-0	16/1.5	2-6	.333	0-2	.000	0-2	.000	0	3	3	0.3	2-0	0	0	0	0	4	0.4

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	2	vs Florida A&M 11/09/23, vs FDU 11/13/24
Rebounds	1	vs Michigan 02/10/24, vs Florida A&M 11/09/23, vs Stony Brook 11/15/23
FG Made	1	vs Florida A&M 11/09/23, vs FDU 11/13/24
FG Attempts	2	vs FDU 11/13/24
3FG Attempts	1	at Michigan 03/10/24, vs FDU 11/13/24
FT Attempts	2	vs Florida A&M 11/09/23



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BUYUKTUNCEL, Berke

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL		PTS	AVG
2023-24	UCLA	26-8	425/16.3	40-104	.385	11-37	.297	27-43	.628	24	41	65	2.5	58-1	11	22	9	4		118	4.5
2024-25	Nebr	31-28	703/22.7	69-172	.401	23-83	.277	26-40	.650	43	126	169	5.5	74-2	43	38	20	25		187	6.0
TOTAL FOR Nebr		31-28	703/22.7	69-172	.401	23-83	.277	26-40	.650	43	126	169	5.5	74-2	43	38	20	25		187	6.0
TOTAL		57-36	1128/19.8	109-276	.395	34-120	.283	53-83	.639	67	167	234	4.1	132-3	54	60	29	29		305	5.4

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	16	vs Oregon St. 12/25/24
Rebounds	9	7 times
Assists	4	at Ohio St. 03/04/25
Steals	4	at Purdue 01/12/25
Blocks	3	vs Saint Mary's (CA) 11/17/24
FG Made	6	vs Oregon St. 12/25/24
FG Attempts	10	vs Michigan 02/24/25
3FG Made	3	vs Ohio St. 02/09/25, vs Oregon St. 12/25/24
3FG Attempts	6	at Oregon 02/02/25, vs Michigan 02/24/25, vs Ohio St. 02/09/25
FT Made	5	vs Chaminade 11/21/23, vs Saint Mary's (CA) 11/17/24
FT Attempts	9	vs Chaminade 11/21/23

COOPER, Will

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds										Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL		PTS	AVG
2024-25	USAFA	21-0	318/15.1	37-82	.451	20-53	.377	18-22	.818	7	30	37	1.8	37-1	8	25	8	3		112	5.3
TOTAL FOR Nebr		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0		0	0.0
TOTAL		21-0	318/15.1	37-82	.451	20-53	.377	18-22	.818	7	30	37	1.8	37-1	8	25	8	3		112	5.3

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	21	vs Fresno St. 02/22/25
Rebounds	5	at Wright St. 11/30/24
Assists	1	8 times
Steals	1	at Miami (OH) 12/02/24, at UNLV 02/11/25, at Wyoming 02/18/25
Blocks	2	vs UNLV 03/12/25
FG Made	6	vs Fresno St. 02/22/25
FG Attempts	12	vs Fresno St. 02/22/25
3FG Made	6	vs Fresno St. 02/22/25
3FG Attempts	12	vs Fresno St. 02/22/25
FT Made	3	vs Fresno St. 02/22/25, at New Mexico 03/01/25
FT Attempts	4	at San Diego St. 01/08/25



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ESSEGIAN, Connor

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	Wisc	35-19	959/27.4	133-329	.404	69-192	.359	76-86	.884	24	107	131	3.7	60-0	26	36	1	19	411	11.7
2023-24	Wisc	33-0	242/7.3	37-96	.385	20-66	.303	10-11	.909	2	25	27	0.8	24-0	8	12	0	4	104	3.2
2024-25	Nebr	35-3	786/22.4	125-308	.406	78-207	.377	48-60	.800	8	90	98	2.8	36-0	38	33	3	17	376	10.7
TOTAL FOR Nebr		35-3	786/22.4	125-308	.406	78-207	.377	48-60	.800	8	90	98	2.8	36-0	38	33	3	17	376	10.7
TOTAL		103-22	1986/19.3	295-733	.402	167-465	.359	134-157	.854	34	222	256	2.5	120-0	72	81	4	40	891	8.7

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	29	vs South Dakota 11/27/24
Rebounds	11	at Indiana 01/14/23
Assists	5	vs South Dakota 11/27/24
Steals	2	7 times
Blocks	1	4 times
FG Made	10	at Michigan 02/26/23, vs South Dakota 11/27/24
FG Attempts	22	vs South Dakota 11/27/24
3FG Made	6	vs North Florida 12/01/24, vs South Dakota 11/27/24, vs Southern U. 12/30/24
3FG Attempts	15	vs South Dakota 11/27/24
FT Made	9	vs Bradley 03/14/23, vs Michigan 02/14/23
FT Attempts	10	vs Michigan 02/14/23



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GARCIA, Jared

SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
				FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	CLT	21-0	212/10.1	26-64	.406	8-25	.320	13-19	.684	15	39	54	2.6	29-0	6	16	7	3	73	3.5
2021-22	CLT	19-0	139/7.3	18-41	.439	2-7	.286	6-9	.667	6	17	23	1.2	20-0	11	12	4	0	44	2.3
2023-24	Tulsa	31-31	702/22.6	102-243	.420	38-117	.325	49-63	.778	47	140	187	6.0	74-0	27	48	42	14	291	9.4
2024-25	Tulsa	17-0	294/17.3	60-129	.465	14-48	.292	30-47	.638	14	57	71	4.2	34-1	15	20	12	4	164	9.6
TOTAL FOR Nebr		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		88-31	1347/15.3	206-477	.432	62-197	.315	98-138	.710	82	253	335	3.8	157-1	59	96	65	21	572	6.5

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	24	vs Charlotte 02/24/24
Rebounds	11	at Marshall 03/06/21, at Rice 02/22/25
Assists	3	4 times
Steals	2	vs Wichita St. 01/31/24, vs UAB 02/11/24
Blocks	5	at Rice 01/27/24
FG Made	10	vs Charlotte 02/24/24
FG Attempts	14	at Little Rock 11/25/23, at Temple 03/02/24
3FG Made	5	vs Wichita St. 01/26/25
3FG Attempts	7	at Little Rock 11/25/23
FT Made	6	vs South Carolina St. 11/20/23, vs New Mexico St. 12/22/23
FT Attempts	10	vs South Carolina St. 11/20/23



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HOIBERG, Sam

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	Nebr	21-1	267/12.7	27-49	.551	9-22	.409	23-28	.821	8	30	38	1.8	19-0	7	8	1	13	86	4.1
2023-24	Nebr	34-0	669/19.7	37-98	.378	15-49	.306	26-38	.684	19	79	98	2.9	67-0	59	24	3	31	115	3.4
2024-25	Nebr	35-15	816/23.3	46-106	.434	20-56	.357	24-28	.857	11	68	79	2.3	70-3	65	34	5	48	136	3.9
TOTAL		90-16	1752/19.5	110-253	.435	44-127	.346	73-94	.777	38	177	215	2.4	156-3	131	66	9	92	337	3.7

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	15	at Maryland 01/28/23, vs Lindenwood 11/06/23
Rebounds	7	vs South Carolina St. 12/29/23, vs Arizona St. 03/31/25
Assists	7	vs UCF 04/06/25
Steals	4	vs Florida A&M 11/09/23, vs North Florida 12/01/24, vs Arizona St. 03/31/25
Blocks	1	9 times
FG Made	6	at Maryland 01/28/23
FG Attempts	9	vs Iowa 03/09/25
3FG Made	3	at Maryland 01/28/23
3FG Attempts	7	vs Iowa 03/09/25
FT Made	5	vs Minnesota 02/25/23, vs Michigan St. 02/28/23
FT Attempts	6	vs Michigan St. 02/28/23, at Northwestern 02/07/24

JACOBSEN, Cale

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	Nebr	20-0	55/2.8	5-10	.500	1-3	.333	3-6	.500	0	3	3	0.2	5-0	5	2	0	1	14	0.7
2024-25	Nebr	24-3	180/7.5	11-25	.440	4-11	.364	3-4	.750	3	26	29	1.2	12-0	21	11	5	11	29	1.2
TOTAL		44-3	235/5.3	16-35	.457	5-14	.357	6-10	.600	3	29	32	0.7	17-0	26	13	5	12	43	1.0

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	7	vs Georgetown 04/02/25
Rebounds	6	vs UCF 04/06/25, vs Georgetown 04/02/25
Assists	5	vs Arizona St. 03/31/25
Steals	3	vs Georgetown 04/02/25, vs Arizona St. 03/31/25
Blocks	2	vs North Florida 12/01/24, vs Georgetown 04/02/25
FG Made	3	vs Georgetown 04/02/25
FG Attempts	7	vs Georgetown 04/02/25
3FG Made	2	vs Boise St. 04/05/25
3FG Attempts	3	at Michigan St. 12/07/24
FT Made	2	vs South Carolina St. 12/29/23
FT Attempts	2	4 times



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JARUSEVICIUS, Ugnius

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	CSUB	18-1	237/13.2	33-80	.413	5-13	.385	9-12	.750	23	28	51	2.8	24-0	3	12	7	3	80	4.4
2023-24	CSUB	25-0	289/11.5	51-120	.425	3-22	.136	33-43	.767	19	35	54	2.2	46-1	7	15	5	12	138	5.5
2024-25	CMU	26-24	693/26.7	139-259	.537	22-71	.310	122-170	.718	60	129	189	7.3	76-3	15	40	17	15	422	16.2
TOTAL FOR Nebr		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		69-25	1218/17.7	223-459	.486	30-106	.283	164-225	.729	102	192	294	4.3	146-4	25	67	29	30	640	9.3

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	32	at Kent St. 02/11/25, vs Akron 02/15/25
Rebounds	14	at Marquette 11/11/24, vs Texas St. 02/08/25
Assists	4	vs Bowling Green 02/01/25
Steals	3	vs Eastern Mich. 01/14/25
Blocks	2	7 times
FG Made	10	at Kent St. 02/11/25, at Eastern Mich. 02/28/25, vs Akron 02/15/25
FG Attempts	18	at Kent St. 02/11/25
3FG Made	3	at Minnesota 11/25/24, vs Akron 02/15/25
3FG Attempts	7	vs Bowling Green 02/01/25, at George Mason 11/13/24, vs Akron 02/15/25
FT Made	12	at Kent St. 02/11/25
FT Attempts	16	at Ohio 02/18/25

LAWRENCE, Jamarques

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2022-23	Nebr	28-12	506/18.1	50-123	.407	28-75	.373	12-31	.387	8	53	61	2.2	41-0	28	30	4	11	140	5.0
2023-24	Nebr	34-23	799/23.5	81-193	.420	36-101	.356	37-48	.771	9	97	106	3.1	70-0	86	69	1	27	235	6.9
2024-25	URI	31-31	892/28.8	100-239	.418	59-151	.391	48-55	.873	7	48	55	1.8	74-2	76	65	2	26	307	9.9
TOTAL FOR Nebr		62-35	1305/21.0	131-316	.415	64-176	.364	49-79	.620	17	150	167	2.7	111-0	114	99	5	38	375	6.0
TOTAL		93-66	2197/23.6	231-555	.416	123-327	.376	97-134	.724	24	198	222	2.4	185-2	190	164	7	64	682	7.3

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	20	vs St. Bonaventure 02/12/25
Rebounds	9	vs Penn St. 02/05/23
Assists	7	vs Central Conn. St. 12/15/24, vs UT Arlington 11/28/24
Steals	4	vs Indiana 01/03/24, vs St. Bonaventure 02/12/25
Blocks	1	7 times
FG Made	7	vs St. Bonaventure 02/12/25, at Brown 12/10/24, vs Michigan St. 02/28/23
FG Attempts	17	at Brown 12/10/24
3FG Made	5	at Saint Louis 02/22/25, at Indiana 02/21/24, at Iowa 03/05/23
3FG Attempts	11	at La Salle 01/25/25
FT Made	7	vs Franklin Pierce 11/12/24
FT Attempts	8	vs UT Arlington 11/28/24



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MAST, Rienk

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2020-21	BRAD	28-19	657/23.4	93-192	.484	33-92	.359	21-29	.724	46	118	164	5.9	43-0	37	33	13	8	240	8.6
2021-22	BRAD	31-31	852/27.5	138-290	.476	27-95	.284	57-82	.695	81	180	261	8.4	54-0	44	49	29	17	360	11.6
2022-23	BRAD	29-29	834/28.8	162-313	.518	24-68	.353	53-72	.736	64	168	232	8.0	62-0	70	52	15	18	401	13.8
2023-24	Nebr	32-32	951/29.7	148-342	.433	42-122	.344	57-68	.838	61	180	241	7.5	63-1	95	58	16	13	395	12.3
TOTAL FOR Nebr		32-32	951/29.7	148-342	.433	42-122	.344	57-68	.838	61	180	241	7.5	63-1	95	58	16	13	395	12.3
TOTAL		120-111	3294/27.5	541-1137	.476	126-377	.334	188-251	.749	252	646	898	7.5	222-1	246	192	73	56	1396	11.6

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	34	vs Ohio St. 01/23/24
Rebounds	17	vs UIC 12/31/22
Assists	8	vs Michigan 02/10/24
Steals	3	at Southern Ill. 02/15/22, vs Akron 12/22/22, at Indiana St. 01/02/22
Blocks	3	at Loyola Chicago 01/08/22, vs SIUE 12/04/21
FG Made	13	vs Ohio St. 01/23/24
FG Attempts	21	at Illinois 02/04/24
3FG Made	6	vs Ohio St. 01/23/24
3FG Attempts	9	at Illinois 02/04/24
FT Made	7	at Arkansas 12/17/22, vs Howard 11/13/21
FT Attempts	9	at Arkansas 12/17/22, vs Howard 11/13/21

SANDFORT, Pryce

				Field Goals		3-Point		F-Throws		Rebounds									Scoring	
SEASON	TEAM	GP-GS	MIN/AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
2023-24	Iowa	32-0	278/8.7	26-73	.356	17-49	.347	4-6	.667	3	31	34	1.1	21-0	14	3	4	4	73	2.3
2024-25	Iowa	33-2	738/22.4	104-213	.488	56-140	.400	28-44	.636	27	68	95	2.9	46-0	43	14	8	19	292	8.8
TOTAL FOR Nebr		0-0	0/0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL		65-2	1015/15.6	130-286	.455	73-189	.386	32-50	.640	30	99	129	2.0	67-0	57	17	12	23	365	5.6

Single Game Highs

Statistic	Value	
Points	22	vs Southern U. 11/07/24
Rebounds	11	at Nebraska 03/09/25
Assists	4	vs New Hampshire 12/30/24
Steals	2	4 times
Blocks	2	vs East Texas A&M 11/04/24, vs Michigan St. 03/06/25
FG Made	8	vs Southern U. 11/07/24
FG Attempts	14	at Maryland 02/16/25
3FG Made	6	vs Southern U. 11/07/24
3FG Attempts	9	vs East Texas A&M 11/04/24, vs Nebraska 01/07/25
FT Made	4	vs Washington St. 11/15/24
FT Attempts	5	vs Washington St. 11/15/24



Rienk Mast was an All-Big Ten performer in 2024, averaging 12.3 points per game while topping the Huskers in rebounds (7.5) and assists (3.0) per game.

Nebraska enters the 2025-26 season with momentum coming off back-to-back postseason appearances for the first time since 2019. Seventh-year Head Coach Fred Hoiberg has guided Nebraska to consecutive 20-win seasons for the first time in over a quarter century, and NU comes off winning the College Basketball Crown in Las Vegas last April.

The Huskers enter the campaign with an experienced roster, as 11 of the 16 players have played two seasons of Division I basketball. The group includes 11 juniors and seniors, giving Hoiberg a veteran unit to work with. While Nebraska lists five returning letterwinners from a year ago, headlined by Connor Essegian, Berke Büyüktuncel and Sam Hoiberg, two other previous returnees will play a significant part in the Husker fortunes. Rienk Mast and Jamarques Lawrence were starters on NU's 2024 NCAA Tournament team, and both are back this season. Mast, who started 32 of 34 games and a third-team All-Big Ten forward, missed last season following knee surgery. Lawrence, who started 23 games for NU that season, transferred to Rhode Island before returning for his senior season.

When you combine those two with the five letterwinners, NU totals more than 50 percent of its scoring, rebounding, assists, steals and minutes, giving the Huskers their highest returning percentage of production in Hoiberg's Husker tenure. NU also adds an experienced group of transfers in addition to Lawrence. That group includes a trio of seniors in Kendall Blue (St. Thomas), Jared Garcia (Tulsa), Ugnius Jaruševičius (Central Michigan) along with junior Pryce Sandfort (Iowa) and sophomore Will Cooper (Air Force).

"I think having a lot of experience back is important," Hoiberg said. "We are one of the oldest teams in the

Big Ten and have a lot of players who have played in his system. This is a team that's learned very quickly, and we've thrown a lot at them. They've been very diligent with their work, and that's the biggest thing I've been impressed with, how they come in every day and competed. We, as all teams at this stage of the game, got a lot to clean up, but I'm really happy with what we've gotten accomplished here this summer."

Nebraska suffered a host of close losses last season, as nine of the 14 losses were in one possession games during the final minute of regulation. Hoiberg attributed that to struggles on the offense end, especially from 3-point range. In conference play, NU dropped from first (9.5 per game) to 13th (7.0 per game) in 3-pointers per game and dipped from third (.378) to 16th (.313) in 3-point percentage.

The Huskers will hope that the additions in the portal will help, as Lawrence Kendall Blue, Will Cooper and Pryce Sandfort all shot at least 37 percent from beyond 3-point range last season. In addition, Mast hit 42 3-pointers on 34 percent shooting in 2023-24.

"You have to be able to knock down your shots and I think we've addressed that with this group," Hoiberg said. "I also think we have more guys who can make play this year."

FRONTCOURT

Nebraska's frontcourt features an intriguing mix of returnees and newcomers keyed by a pair of returning starters in Rienk Mast and Berke Büyüktuncel. Transfers Ugnius Jaruševičius (Central Michigan) and Jared Garcia (Tulsa) and freshman Leo Curtis were added during the offseason to help offset the loss of three seniors, including three-year starter Juwan Gary. Returnees Justin

Bolis and Henry Burt add frontcourt depth.

Mast, a third-team All-Big Ten selection in 2023-24, returns after missing all of last season following knee surgery in May of 2024. The seventh-year senior returned to practice in late July and the initial returns were very encouraging. His shooting and playmaking open up dimensions that the Husker offense was missing at times last year. In 2023-24, he averaged 12.3 points per game, pacing the Huskers in both rebounds (7.5 rpg) and assists (3.0 apg). The 6-foot-10 forward ranked in the top 15 in both assists and rebounds per game while his six double-doubles were the most by a Husker since 2007-08. Mast reached double figures 20 times and showed his ability to stretch a defense by hitting 34 percent from 3-point range. His campaign was highlighted by hitting six 3-pointers as part of a career-high 34-point effort in a win over Ohio State. He enters his final college season totaling nearly 1,400 career points and 900 career rebounds, but moreso than his numbers is the leadership and intangibles Mast brings to the court.

Büyüktuncel comes back after playing in 31 games, including 28 starts, in his first season as a Husker. The 6-foot-10 forward played both frontcourt spots and averaged 6.0 points, 5.5 rebounds and 1.4 assists per game. Büyüktuncel, who led the Huskers in rebounding, was playing some of his basketball of the season when he suffered an ankle injury against Ohio State in early February. The injury forced him to miss three games while he struggled to regain his form after a two-week break from injury. In his first 23 games, Büyüktuncel was shooting over 45 percent from the field, including 32 percent from 3-point range. Büyüktuncel reached double figures five times, including a career-high 16 points against Oregon State and 15 points against both Saint



Berke Büyüktuncel led Nebraska in rebounding last season at 5.5 rebounds per game. He had a career-high nine rebounds on seven occasions, including three times in the Big Ten action.

Mary's and Ohio State. He also grabbed seven or more rebounds on 10 occasions, including a career-high nine caroms seven times. Büyüktuncel can guard multiple positions and create mismatches with his skill set.

Jarusevicius comes to Nebraska for his senior season after a breakout season at Central Michigan. The 6-foot-11, 220-pound forward earned first-team All-Mid American Conference honors in 2024-25, as he averaged 16.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. He ranked in the top-10 of the MAC in scoring (fifth), rebounding (third) and field goal percentage (.537, eighth). He paced the MAC with eight double-doubles, including an 11-point, 14-rebound effort against Marquette. Jarusevicius, who shot over 30 percent from 3-point range, closed the season with 11 straight double-figure scoring games, including a pair of 30-point games and three other 20-point performances. Jarusevicius gives the Huskers versatility, as he can play either frontcourt spot and his shooting and skill level is a fit for the Huskers' scheme.

Garcia provides size and athleticism on the interior after spending the last two seasons at Tulsa. The 6-foot-8, 245-pound forward was slated for a redshirt season last season as he recovered from an off-season knee injury but returned to action in mid-January and averaged 9.2 points and 4.2 rebounds per game in 17 games off the bench. He reached double figures nine times last season, highlighted by a season-high 22 points, including 5-of-6 from 3-point range, against Wichita State and 20 points against Temple in the AAC Tournament. Two years ago, he started all 31 games at Tulsa and ranked among the conference leaders in both blocked shots and rebounds. The sixth-year senior also has shown the ability to space the floor in his career, shooting 33 percent from 3-point range in 2023-24 at Tulsa. Garcia could fill a number of roles for the Huskers

this season in the frontcourt.

Curtis, who signed with the Huskers in the spring, may possess the highest upside of any of the Husker frontcourt performers. The 7-foot-1 freshman impressed the coaching staff with his skill level and basketball IQ this summer and followed up with a strong performance at the U20 EuroBasket tournament, where he averaged 14.6 ppg and 2.9 assists per game while ranking in the top five in blocked shots (2.7 per game, first) and rebounding (8.1 rpg, third). He came to the United States last year and played at CATS Academy where he earned National Prep All-American Honorable-Mention honors. He averaged 12.3 points, 10.1 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 2.7 blocks per game in helping CATS Academy to a 28-7 record, a runner-up finish in the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) Class AA tournament and a No. 5 national ranking. His playing time could be determined by how quickly he adapts to the physicality to Big Ten basketball.

Bolis is in his second year at Nebraska after redshirting last season. He initially walked on to the team after spending his freshman campaign at Southeast Community College. At 6-foot-8, 225-pounds, Bolis worked with the scout unit as he adjusted to Division I basketball. Two years ago at SCC, Bolis averaged 15.5 points and 8.7 rebounds per game while recording 11 double-doubles. A Lincoln High product, Bolis looks to earn playing time this fall.

Burt returns for his fourth season in the Husker program after walking on to the program. The 6-foot-7, 222-pound junior made four appearances last season, totaling two points in seven minutes of action. An Omaha native, Burt has 11 career appearances while excelling in the classroom during his time as a Husker.

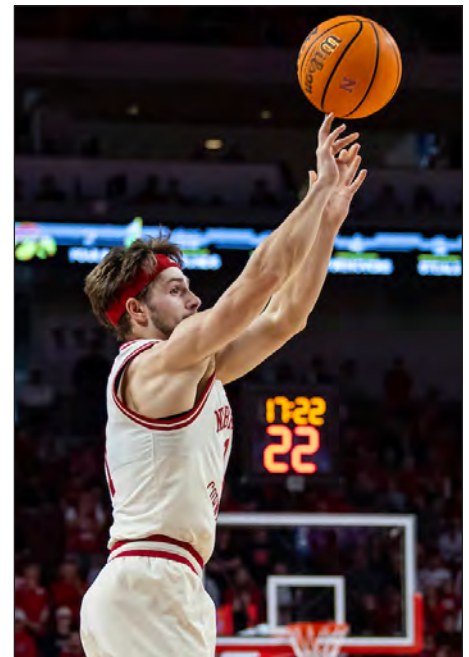
WINGS/BACKCOURT

Despite the losses of All-Big Ten pick Brice Williams and Rollie Worster, the Huskers have plenty of experience returning in 2025-26. Senior Sam Hoiberg started 15 games last season, including all four games in the College Basketball Crown, while Connor Essegian is NU's top returning scorer from a year ago at 10.7 points per game. Junior Cale Jacobsen is a steady veteran who has played 44 games at NU while Jamarques Lawrence returns to NU where he began his college career and started 23 games on NU's 2024 NCAA Tournament team. The Huskers added a trio of veterans in transfers Pryce Sandfort, Kendall Blue and Will Cooper.

Braden Frager returns after a redshirt season and is poised to make a significant impact while freshman Quentin Rhymes brings impressive credentials to the Husker program.

Hoiberg is the veteran of the Husker lineup, as he begins his fifth season in the program. He has played a major role in building the Husker culture during his career and has played every game since being inserted into the Husker lineup during his redshirt freshman year. Hoiberg saw his most extensive action in 2024-25, as he started 15 of the final 16 games of the season. He averaged 3.9 points, 2.4 rebounds, 1.9 assists and a team-high 1.4 steals per game, finishing 11th in the Big Ten in steals. Hoiberg posted a nearly 2-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio while also shooting 36 percent from the field. Hoiberg led NU in both assists (3.8 apg) and steals (2.0 spg) during the College Basketball Crown, including a career-high seven assists without a turnover in the title game vs. UCF. He posted both of his double-figure efforts in the final five games of the year, including a season-high 12 points in the regular-season finale with Iowa, and can be used on or off the ball.

Essegian's return provides the Huskers with a proven backcourt scorer and reliable 3-point threat. He thrived in the role as Nebraska's sixth man last season, averaging 10.7 points per game after transferring from Wisconsin. Essegian ranked among the Big Ten leaders in both



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Kendall Blue was a three-year starter at St. Thomas and averaged 12.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game while shooting 42 percent from 3-point range last season.

3-pointers per game (2.2 per game, 10th) and 3-point percentage (.377, 11th), while his 78 3-pointers were the most by a Husker since 2018-19. Essegian had 17 double-figure efforts on the year, including five 20-point games. He capped his junior year with a 21-point effort against UCF in the College Basketball Crown title game, as he averaged 13.3 ppg during the Crown. He spent part of the summer playing for the Armenian National Team and averaged 16.0 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game in a two-game sweep of Costa Rica. The 6-foot-4 senior guard needs just 109 points to reach 1,000 career points and has the ability to flourish with a year of experience in the system.

Jacobsen is another returnee who took advantage of opportunities during the postseason and put himself in position for a more expanded role this season. The 6-foot-4 guard played in 24 games last season, primarily as a situational sub and defensive replacement. His versatility was on display during NU's postseason run, as he made the first three starts of his career and averaged more than 26 minutes per game in Las Vegas. During the four-game tournament, he posted career bests in points, rebounds, assists and steals and showed the ability to guard several positions. Jacobsen's biggest strengths are his versatility and basketball IQ, as he has the ability to play nearly every spot in the lineup despite his size.

Lawrence returns to Nebraska after spending the 2024-25 season at Rhode Island. He can play either backcourt spot and is a career 36 percent from beyond the arc for his career. Lawrence has two years of experience in the system and has been a leader in his second stint at NU. Lawrence started all 31 games at Rhode Island last season, averaging nearly 10 points per game while ranking second on the team in both assists (2.5 apg) and steals (0.8 spg). Lawrence was seventh in the A-10 in 3-point percentage (.391) and totaled 13 double-figure efforts. The 6-foot-3 guard played in all 34 games in helping Nebraska to 23 wins and an NCAA Tournament bid in 2023-24. That year, he averaged 6.9 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game while starting 23 games for the Huskers. He played some of his best basketball down the stretch, averaging 9.5 ppg on 55 percent shooting, including 52 percent from 3-point range, over NU's final 11 contests.

Blue continues a trend under Hoiberg of bigger guards in the backcourt, as the 6-foot-6, 190-pound guard comes



Jamarques Lawrence returns to Nebraska after starting 31 games at Rhode Island last year. Lawrence averaged 6.9 ppg at NU in 2023-24.

to NU after spending three seasons at St. Thomas. He was a three-year starter for the Tommies, totaling over 1,000 career points and starting 89 games at the school. Last season, Blue averaged 12.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game to help St. Thomas to a 24-10 record and a runner-up finish at the Summit League Tournament. He finished among the Summit League leaders in assists, rebounds and steals while shooting over 50 percent from the field and 42 percent from beyond the arc. Blue had 23 double-figure outings on the year, including four 20-point games. His best game of the season came at Oklahoma State, when he finished with 18 points, including 4-of-7 from 3-point range, and a season-high 11 rebounds. Blue, who has averaged double figures in each of the past two years, is also a 36 percent shooter for his career from 3-point range.

Sandfort gives the Huskers a three-level scorer with size on the wing after transferring from Iowa in the offseason. He understands what it takes to play in the Big Ten after playing nearly every game at Iowa the past two seasons. The Husker coaching staff believes Sandfort has the potential to enjoy a breakout season in 2025-26. The 6-foot-7 wing played in 33 games last season, averaging 8.8 points and 2.9 rebounds per game, as he was one of the Big Ten's top bench scorers.



Junior Cale Jacobsen played in 24 games last season and made his first three career starts at the College Basketball Crown.



Pryce Sandfort averaged 8.8 points per game while shooting 40 percent from 3-point range at Iowa last season.

Sandfort shot nearly 50 percent from the field, including 40 percent from 3-point range, and was third on the team with 56 3-pointers. He reached double-figures 15 times, including a 22-point game against Southern, and posted his first double-double in the regular-season finale with 16 points and a career-high 11 rebounds at Nebraska. Sandfort is also a solid playmaker, as he averaged more than an assist per game while posting a 3-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio.

Cooper comes back to his home state after spending his freshman year at Air Force. A 6-foot-6 forward, Cooper averaged 5.3 points per game on 45 percent shooting, including 38 percent from 3-point range. He came off the bench for the Falcons and saw extensive action over his final six games where he averaged 11.8 points per game. His rookie campaign was highlighted by a 21-point effort against Fresno State, including a career-high six 3-pointers, and a 16-point outburst against NCAA Tournament qualifier Utah State. One of six in-state products on the 2025-26 Husker basketball roster, Cooper's ability to space the floor will help improve NU's offensive attack.

After a year of waiting, Frager is poised to be a significant part of the Huskers' rotation. The 6-foot-7, 220-pound forward has been impressive in summer workouts and brings a strong combination of size, physicality and athleticism to the table. Frager, who redshirted after reclassifying into the class of 2024, averaged 18.3 points and 7.0 rebounds per game as a junior at Lincoln Southwest despite playing most of the season with a wrist injury that required surgery when he got to campus. Frager totaled 20-or-more points in six of his final eight contests, including a school-record 39-point performance at Kearney.

Rhymes is the only true freshman in the Huskers' backcourt rotation and brings a combination of size, shot marking and athleticism to the lineup. The 6-foot-6 wing was a top-150 recruit by On3 in the class of 2025 after starring for Hillcrest Prep last season. He averaged 22.4 points per game on 52 percent shooting along with 7.8 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 2.1 steals per game en route to second-team all-state honors. Rhymes also shot 41 percent in helping Hillcrest to a 28-6 mark in 2024-25. He made significant strides during summer workouts and has put himself in position to make a contribution as a true freshman.



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Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	21-14	10-6	5-7	6-1
CONFERENCE	7-13	4-6	3-7	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	14-1	6-0	2-0	6-1

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Nebraska	1218	1396	46	2660
Opponents	1188	1301	52	2541

Team Box Score

No.	Player				Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds											
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-3FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
3	WILLIAMS, Brice	35-35	1192:20	34.1	228-484	.471	68-184	.370	189-214	.883	19	123	142	4.1	63	0	100	83	10	38	713	20.4
4	GARY, Juwan	35-35	1068:52	30.5	176-389	.452	42-124	.339	116-145	.800	65	115	180	5.1	74	1	31	39	23	41	510	14.6
0	ESSEGAN, Connor	35-3	785:38	22.4	125-308	.406	78-207	.377	48-60	.800	8	90	98	2.8	36	0	38	33	3	17	376	10.7
23	MORGAN, Andrew	35-9	671:48	19.2	111-191	.581	4-14	.286	62-109	.569	54	100	154	4.4	66	1	37	51	12	16	288	8.2
24	WORSTER, Rollic	31-26	795:38	25.7	79-183	.432	11-50	.220	49-69	.710	20	107	127	4.1	56	1	82	40	7	27	218	7.0
9	BUYUKTUNCCEL, Berke	31-28	703:09	22.7	69-172	.401	23-83	.277	26-40	.650	43	126	169	5.5	74	2	43	38	20	25	187	6.0
1	HOIBERG, Sam	35-15	815:32	23.3	46-106	.434	20-56	.357	24-28	.857	11	68	79	2.3	70	3	65	34	5	48	136	3.9
34	MEAH, Braxton	29-20	387:17	13.4	36-47	.766	0-0	.000	14-31	.452	29	69	98	3.4	46	0	19	29	12	7	86	3.0
2	ULIS, Ahron	31-1	346:10	11.2	30-83	.361	6-26	.231	9-20	.450	13	28	41	1.3	32	0	48	16	0	15	75	2.4
12	GRIFFITHS, Gavin	16-0	135:43	8.5	13-38	.342	7-28	.250	0-0	.000	3	23	26	1.6	15	0	12	6	6	5	33	2.1
31	JACOBSEN, Cale	24-3	180:02	7.5	11-25	.440	4-11	.364	3-4	.750	3	26	29	1.2	12	0	21	11	5	11	29	1.2
8	GRACE, Jeff	11-0	11:12	1.0	3-5	.600	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	2	1	3	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	0.6
35	BURT, Henry	4-0	06:39	1.7	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.5
Team											53	40	93					16				
Total		35	7100		928-2035	.456	263-784	.335	541-722	.749	323	916	1239	35.4	546	8	496	396	103	251	2660	76.0
Opponents		35	7100		905-2117	.427	329-971	.339	402-564	.713	365	871	1236	35.3	608	14	473	431	110	203	2541	72.6

Team Statistics

	NEBR	OPP
Scoring		
Points per game	2660	2541
Scoring margin	76.0	72.6
	+3.4	-
Field goals-att		
Field goal pct	928-2035	905-2117
	.456	.427
3 point fg-att		
3-point FG pct	263-784	329-971
	.335	.339
3-pt FG made per game	7.5	9.4
Free throws-att		
Free throw pct	541-722	402-564
	.749	.713
F-Throws made per game	15.5	11.5
Rebounds		
Rebounds per game	1239	1236
	35.4	35.3
Rebounding margin	+0.1	-
Assists		
Assists per game	496	473
	14.2	13.5
Turnovers		
Turnovers per game	396	431
	11.3	12.3
Turnover margin	+1.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.3	1.1
Steals		
Steals per game	251	203
	7.2	5.8
Blocks		
Blocks per game	103	110
	2.9	3.1
Winning streak		
Home win streak	4	-
	0	-
Attendance		
Home games-Avg/Game	239426	126885
	16-14964	12-10574
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	7-3589

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
11/04/2024	UTRGV	W	87-67	14305
11/09/2024	Bethune-Cookman	W	63-58	15138
11/13/2024	FDU	W	86-60	14473
11/17/2024	vs Saint Mary's (CA)	L	74-77	3241
11/22/2024	at Creighton	W	74-63	18475
11/27/2024	South Dakota	W	96-79	15172
12/01/2024	North Florida	W	103-72	15359
12/07/2024	at Michigan St.	L	52-89	14797
12/13/2024	Indiana	W	85-68	14635
12/22/2024	vs Murray St.	W	66-49	5049
12/23/2024	at Hawaii	W	69-55	4611
12/25/2024	vs Oregon St.	W	78-66	5086
12/30/2024	Southern U.	W	77-43	14855
01/04/2025	UCLA	W	66-58	15167
01/07/2025	at Iowa	Lot	87-97	7812
01/12/2025	at Purdue	L	68-104	14876
01/16/2025	Rutgers	L	82-85	13999
01/19/2025	at Maryland	L	66-69	11069
01/22/2025	Southern California	L	73-78	14492
01/26/2025	at Wisconsin	L	55-83	16838
01/30/2025	Illinois	Wot	80-74	14893
02/02/2025	at Oregon	W	77-71	7848
02/05/2025	at Washington	W	86-72	6384
02/09/2025	Ohio St.	W	79-71	15633
02/13/2025	Maryland	L	75-83	14785
02/16/2025	at Northwestern	W	68-64	7039
02/19/2025	at Penn St.	L	72-89	7115
02/24/2025	Michigan	L	46-49	15074
03/01/2025	Minnesota	L	65-67	15749
03/04/2025	at Ohio St.	Lot2	114-116	10021
03/09/2025	Iowa	L	68-83	15697
03/31/2025	vs Arizona St.	W	86-78	2947
04/02/2025	vs Georgetown	W	81-69	2512
04/05/2025	vs Boise St.	W	79-69	2972
04/06/2025	vs UCF	W	77-66	3314