

Individual Special Teams Records

Punting Game

Punts: 18; Paul Dobson, vs. Notre Dame, Nov. 28, 1918

Average (min. 3 punts): 57.6; Dan Hadenfeldt, vs. Colorado, Nov. 26, 1999 (7 punts, 403 yards)

Long Nebraska Punt: 87; Mike Stigge, vs. Oklahoma St., Oct. 10, 1992

Top 10 Longest Punts

Punter, Opponent, Date	Yards
1. Mike Stigge vs. Oklahoma St., Oct. 10, 1992	87
2. Sam Koch, vs. Pittsburgh, Sept. 17, 2005	84
3. Kyle Larson at Texas, Nov. 1, 2003	80
4. Sam Koch, vs. Wake Forest, Sept. 10, 2005	76
Jesse Kosch vs. Arizona St., Sept. 16, 1995	74
6. Dan Hadenfeldt vs. California, Nov. 26, 1999	73
Darin Erstad at Oklahoma, Nov. 25, 1994	73
8. Kyle Larson vs. Troy St., Oct. 4, 2003	71
Kyle Larson vs. Utah St., Sept. 7, 2002	71
10. Sam Koch, vs. Maine, Sept. 3, 2005	70
Dan Wingard at Missouri, Oct. 19, 1985	70

Bowl Game Record

Grant Campbell vs. Clemson, Jan. 1, 1982	62
Orange Bowl	

Punting Season

Punts: 73; Kyle Larson, 2002 (43.23 avg.)

Average (min. 30 punts): 46.51; Sam Koch, 2005 (3,302 yards, 71 punts)

Top 10 Seasons, Punting Average

Punter, Year (Yards, Punts)	Avg.
1. Sam Koch, 2005 (3,302 yards, 71 punts)	46.51
2. Kyle Larson, 2003 (2,978 yards, 66 punts)	45.12
3. Dan Hadenfeldt, 1999 (2,924 yards, 65 punts)	44.98
4. Bill Lafleur, 1998 (2,337 yards, 52 punts)	44.94
5. Jesse Kosch, 1996 (1,967 yards, 44 punts)	44.70
6. Dan Hadenfeldt, 2000 (1,708 yards, 39 punts)	43.79
7. Grant Campbell, 1981 (1,821 yards, 42 punts)	43.36
8. Kyle Larson, 2002 (3,156 yards, 73 punts)	43.23
9. Mike Stigge, 1992 (2,290 yards, 53 punts)	43.21
10. Darin Erstad, 1994 (2,130 yards, 50 punts)	42.60

Punting Career

Punts: 195; Kyle Larson, 2001-02-03 (43.67 avg.)

Average (min. 100 punts): 44.54; Dan Hadenfeldt, 1997-00 (4,632 yards, 104 punts)

Top 10 Careers, Punting Average

Punter, Year (Yards, Punts)	Avg.
1. Dan Hadenfeldt, 1997-00 (4,632 yards, 104 punts)	44.54
2. Sam Koch, 2002-05 (5,902 yards, 134 punts)	44.04
3. Kyle Larson, 2001-03 (8,515 yards, 195 punts)	43.67
4. Jesse Kosch, 1994-97 (4,234 yards, 101 punts)	41.92
5. Mike Stigge, 1989-92 (6,973 yards, 167 punts)	41.75
6. Scott Livingston, 1982-84 (3,406 yards, 83 punts)	41.04
7. Grant Campbell, 1980-82 (3,157 yards, 77 punts)	41.00
8. Jack Pesek, 1946-47 (2,831 yards, 70 punts)	40.44
9. Rich Sanger, P/VP, 1971-73 (4,259 yards, 106 punts)	40.18
10. Tim Smith, 1977-79 (6,005 yards, 150 punts)	40.03

Punt Return Game

Returns: 9; Dana Stephenson, CB/P, at TCU, Oct. 25, 1967 (68 yards)

Yards: 170; Johnny Rodgers, WB, at Oklahoma State, Oct. 23, 1971 (7 ret.)

Yards Per Return (min. 3 ret.): 37.00; Larry Wachholtz, S, vs. Colorado, Oct. 23, 1965 (3 ret., 111 yards)

Touchdowns: 2; DeJuan Groce, RCB, vs. Troy St., Aug. 31, 2002 (83 and 72 yards)

Long Nebraska Punt Return: 94 (TD);

Bobby Newcombe, WB, vs. Missouri, Sept. 30, 2000

Long Nebraska Punt Return, No TD: 68; Corey Dixon, SE, at Colorado, Oct. 30, 1993

Top 10 Longest Punt Returns

Player, Opponent, Date	Yards
1. Bobby Newcombe, WB vs. Missouri, Sept. 30, 2000 (TD)	94
2. Johnny Rodgers, WB at Oklahoma St., Oct. 23, 1971 (TD)	92
3. DeJuan Groce, RCB vs. Missouri, Oct. 12, 2002 (TD)	89
4. Nate Swift, WR, vs. Virginia Tech, Sept. 27, 2008 (TD)	88
5. Dave Butterfield, CB vs. TCU, Sept. 25, 1976 (TD)	87
6. Pat Fischer, HB vs. Oklahoma St., Nov. 12, 1960 (TD)	84
7. DeJuan Groce, RCB vs. Troy St., Aug. 31, 2002 (TD)	83
8. Irving Fryar, WB at Hawaii, Dec. 4, 1982 (TD)	82
Ron Clark, HB at Penn St., Oct. 15, 1949 (TD)	82
Don Bloom, HB vs. Kansas St., Nov. 6, 1948 (TD)	82

Bowl Game Record

Johnny Rodgers, WB vs. Alabama, Jan. 1, 1972	77
Orange Bowl (TD)	

Other Bowl Game Punt Return Touchdowns

DeJuan Groce, RCB vs. Miami, Jan. 3, 2002	71
Rose Bowl (TD)	
DeJuan Groce, RCB vs. Mississippi, Dec. 27, 2002	60
Independence Bowl (TD)	
Dana Brinson, WB vs. Florida St., Jan. 1, 1988,	52
Fiesta Bowl (TD)	

Punt Return Season

Returns: 43; DeJuan Groce, RCB, 2002 (732 yards)

Yards: 732; DeJuan Groce, RCB, 2002 (43 ret.)

Yards Per Return (min. 10 ret.): 20.33; Bobby Newcombe, WB, 1997 (12 returns, 244 yards)

Touchdowns: 4; DeJuan Groce, RCB, 2002

Top 10 Season Punt Return Yards

Player, Opponent, Year	Yards
1. DeJuan Groce, RCB, 2002 (43 ret.)	732
2. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1972 (39 ret.)	618
3. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1971 (33 ret.)	548
4. DeJuan Groce, RCB, 2001 (33 ret.)	469
5. Larry Wachholtz, S, 1965 (31 ret.)	452
6. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970 (26 ret.)	349
7. Cortney Grixby, CB, 2005 (32 ret.)	333
8. Dana Brinson, WB, 1986 (27 ret.)	330
9. Irving Fryar, WB, 1981 (24 ret.)	318
10. Larry Wachholtz, S, 1966 (29 ret.)	299

Note: Johnny Rodgers (1971) and Joe Walker (1998) are the only Huskers to return a punt and kickoff for a touchdown in the same season. In 1971, Rodgers had a 98-yard kickoff return against Texas A&M and three punt returns for touchdowns (92 at Oklahoma State, 62 vs. Iowa State, 72 vs. Oklahoma). In 1998, Walker tied an NCAA record by returning a punt, a kickoff and an interception for touchdowns in the same season. Walker opened the year with a 99-yard kickoff return touchdown against Louisiana Tech, before adding a 73-yard punt return for a touchdown against Oklahoma State and a 65-yard interception return for a touchdown at Iowa State.

Punt Return Career

Returns: 98; Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (1,515 yards)

Yards: 1,515; Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (98 ret.)

Yards Per Return: 18.33; Pat Fischer, HB, 1958-60 (30 ret., 550 yards)

Touchdowns: 7; Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72

Top 10 Career Punt Return Yards

Player, Opponent, Years	Yards
1. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (98 ret.)	1,515
2. DeJuan Groce, RCB, 1999-02 (78 ret.)	1,218
3. Bobby Newcombe, WB, 1997-00 (48 ret.)	829
4. Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (65 ret.)	817
5. Larry Wachholtz, S, 1964-66 (62 ret.)	788
6. Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (77 ret.)	767
7. Irving Fryar, WB, 1981-83 (60 ret.)	708
8. Jeff Smith, IB, 1981-84 (44 ret.)	665
9. Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-00 (78 ret.)	653
10. Pat Fischer, HB, 1958-60 (30 ret.)	550

Kick Return Game

Returns: 7; Josh Davis, IB, at Kansas St., Nov. 16, 2002

(186 yards); Joe Walker, ROV, at Missouri, Nov. 8, 1997 (185 yards); Cortney Grixby, CB, vs. Oklahoma St., Oct. 13, 2007 (161 yards); Grixby, CB, at Colorado, Nov. 23, 2007 (107 yards); Niles Paul, WR, at Oklahoma, Nov. 1, 2008 (145 yards)

Yards: 186; Josh Davis, IB, at Kansas St., Nov. 16, 2002 (7 returns)

Yards Per Return (min. 3 ret.): 51.0; Tyrone Hughes, WB, at Kansas St., Oct. 6, 1990 (3 ret., 153 yards)

Touchdowns: 1; by several players, most recently Niles Paul, WR, vs. San Jose State, Sept. 6, 2008 (85 yards)

Long Nebraska Kickoff Return: 105 (TD); Owen Frank, B, vs. Kansas St., Oct. 14, 1911; Modern record: 100 (TD); Ron Clark, HB, at Kansas State, Oct. 8, 1949

Top 10 Longest Kickoff Returns

Player, Opponent, Date	Yards
1. Owen Frank, B, vs. Kansas St., Oct. 14, 1911	105
2. Ron Clark, HB, at Kansas St., Oct. 8, 1949	100
3. Joe Walker, ROV, vs. Louisiana Tech, Aug. 29, 1998	99
Tyrone Hughes, WB, at Kansas St., Oct. 6, 1990	99
5. Keith Jones, IB, vs. Kansas, Nov. 16, 1985	98
Johnny Rodgers, WB, vs. Texas A&M, Sept. 25, 1971	98
7. Cortney Grixby, CB, vs. Kansas State, Nov. 10, 2007	94
8. Mike Rozier, IB, at Kansas St., Nov. 7, 1981	93
9. Willie Ross, HB, vs. Miami, Dec. 15, 1962, Gotham Bowl	92
Pat Fischer, HB, vs. Penn St., Sept. 20, 1958	92
Bob Smith, HB, at Missouri, Oct. 27, 1951	92

Bowl Game Record

Willie Ross, HB, vs. Miami, Dec. 15, 1962, Gotham Bowl	92
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Kick Return Season

Returns: 45; Cortney Grixby, CB, 2007 (1,094 yards)

Yards: 1,094; Cortney Grixby, CB, 2007 (45 ret.)

Yards Per Return (min. 5 ret.): 33.71; Pat Fischer, HB, 1958 (7 ret., 236 yards)

Touchdowns: 1; by several players, most recently Niles Paul, WR, 2008

Top 10 Season Kickoff Return Yards

Player, Opponent, Year	Yards
1. Cortney Grixby, CB, 2007 (45 ret.)	1,094
2. Josh Davis, IB, 2002 (42 ret.)	994
3. Niles Paul, WR, 2008 (41 ret.)	969
4. Josh Davis, IB, 2001 (25 ret.)	675
5. Josh Davis, IB, 2003 (23 ret.)	596
6. Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1990 (18 ret.)	523
7. Dana Brinson, WB, 1988 (23 ret.)	510
8. Tierre Green, IB, 2004 (26 ret.)	498
9. Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1992 (19 ret.)	424
10. Joe Walker, ROV, 1997 (15 ret.)	389

Kick Return Career

Returns: 92; Josh Davis, IB, 2000-03 (2,265 yards)

Yards: 2,265; Josh Davis, IB, 2000-03 (92 ret.)

Yards Per Return (min. 10 ret.): 28.29; Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret., 1,443 yards)

Touchdowns: 1; by several players, most recently Niles Paul, WR, 2007-present

Top 10 Career Kickoff Return Yards

Player, Opponent, Years	Yards
1. Josh Davis, IB, 2000-03 (92 ret.)	2,265
2. Tyrone Hughes, WB, 1989-92 (51 ret.)	1,443
3. Joe Walker, ROV, 1997-00 (53 ret.)	1,159
4. Dana Brinson, WB, 1985-88 (51 ret.)	1,154
5. Cortney Grixby, CB, 2004-07 (45 ret.)	1,094
6. Niles Paul, WR, 2007-present (42 ret.)	977
7. Johnny Rodgers, WB, 1970-72 (35 ret.)	847
8. Frank Solich, FB, 1963-65 (35 ret.)	818
9. Ron Clark, HB, 1949-50-54	797
10. Pat Fischer, HB, 1958-60 (31 ret.)	786