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vs.



Nebraska
(5-4, 3-3)

Oklahoma
(9-0, 6-0)

► Huskers-Sooners Briefly

Date: Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004 **Time:** 6:10 p.m. **Site:** Norman, Okla.
Stadium: Gaylord Family-Oklahoma Memorial Stadium **Surface:** Natural Grass
Capacity: 81,207
Nebraska Radio: (Jim Rose—Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala—Analyst; Randy Lee—Booth; Matt Davison—Sideline)
54-station Pinnacle Sports Network
Internet: Live Radio on Huskers.com
TV: FSN National (Kevin Eschenfelder-Play-by-Play; Gary Reasons-Color; John Rhadigan-Sideline)
Series History: OU leads, 40-37-3 **Last Meeting:** NU 20, Oklahoma 10 (Oct. 27, 2001, Lincoln)

This Week in Husker Football

Monday, Nov. 8

11:50 a.m. Coach Callahan on Big 12 Conference Call

Tuesday, Nov. 9

Weekly Press Conference

11:15 a.m. Lunch

11:40 a.m. Nebraska Coordinators

Noon Head Coach Bill Callahan

12:30-1:30 p.m. Player Interviews

3:50 p.m. Practice (Interviews after practice)

Wednesday, Nov. 10

3:50 p.m. Practice (Final player interviews)

Thursday, Nov. 11

3:50 p.m. Practice (No player interviews)

Friday, Nov. 12

7 a.m. Big Red Breakfast, Omaha (Randy Jordan)

Noon Extra Point Luncheon, Lincoln (Associate A.D. Paul Miles)

Saturday, Nov. 13

..... Kickoff at Oklahoma, 6:10 p.m. (FSN)

Sunday, Nov. 14

4 p.m. Media availability in South Stadium

..... Coach Norvell, 2-4 selected players

Nebraska Travels To Oklahoma to Renew One of College Football's Great Rivalries

Nebraska faces its toughest test of the 2004 season this Saturday when Nebraska travels to Norman, Okla., to take on second-ranked Oklahoma at OU's Memorial Stadium. The game is set for a national telecast on FSN, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Huskers are coming off a 34-27 loss at Iowa State that dropped Nebraska out of sole possession of the lead in the Big 12 North's Division. With the setback, Nebraska stands 5-4 overall and 3-3 in Big 12 action, tied with Iowa State for the divisional lead. The Huskers remain alive in the race for a berth in the Big 12 Championship Game, but no longer controls their own destiny for a trip to Kansas City.

Oklahoma enters Saturday night's contest with a perfect 9-0 record after two hard-fought road victories in the past two weeks. One week after a three-point win at Oklahoma State, the Sooners rallied from a 14-point deficit for a 42-35 victory at Texas A&M on Saturday. The win kept Oklahoma second in both national polls, and a victory over Nebraska would earn the Sooners their third straight trip to the Big 12 Championship Game.

The Nebraska-Oklahoma matchup has long been one of the top matchups in college football. Oklahoma owns a 40-37-3 overall edge in the all-time series and Saturday's game will be the first meeting since a 20-10 victory by third-ranked Nebraska over No. 2 Oklahoma in Lincoln in 2001.

Husker Rally Falls Short in Road Loss to Iowa State

Nebraska twice rallied from 20-point second-half deficits on Saturday at Iowa State, but a late rally fell short in a 34-27 loss to the Cyclones at Jack Trice Stadium. Iowa State sprinted to a 24-7 halftime lead and led 27-7 early in the second half, but Nebraska cut into the ISU advantage with two fourth-quarter scores, before a late interception sealed the ISU victory. The outcome left both teams with 5-4 overall records and tied atop the Big 12 North Division at 3-3 in conference play.

Brandon Jackson capped a nine-play, 60-yard scoring drive with 5:01 remaining in the game to pull Nebraska within seven points, 34-27. The scoring run was Jackson's second of the day, marking his third two-touchdown

2004 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Sept. 4	Western Illinois	W, 56-17	PPV	NU, 1-0	Dailey accounts for school record six TDs; Defense holds WIU to -3 rushing yards
Sat.	Sept. 11	Southern Miss	L, 21-17	ABC	NU, 2-1	Huskers hold 476-239 edge in total offense, but commit five turnovers in loss
Sat.	Sept. 18	at Pittsburgh	W, 24-17	ABC	Pitt, 15-5-3	Husker defense has four takeaways in first half, limits Pitt to 30 rushing yards
Sat.	Oct. 2	Kansas#	W, 14-8	PPV	NU, 87-21-3	Blackshirt defense holds KU out of end zone to give NU 36 straight wins in series
Sat.	Oct. 9	at Texas Tech#	L, 70-10	TBS	NU, 7-1	Huskers suffer most-lopsided loss in school history; Ruud breaks career tackle record
Sat.	Oct. 16	Baylor#	W, 59-27		NU, 8-1	Dailey passes for school-record 342 yards; Huskers commit no turnovers in win
Sat.	Oct. 23	at Kansas State#	L, 45-21		NU 72-15-2	K-State picks up third straight win in series; Ruud records career-high 19 tackles
Sat.	Oct. 30	Missouri# (HC)	W, 24-3	FSN	NU, 62-33-3	NU wins 14th straight over Tigers in Lincoln; Ross rushes for career-high 194 yards
Sat.	Nov. 6	at Iowa State#	L, 34-27		NU, 81-16-2	Husker rally falls short in Ames; Nebraska attempts school-record 43 passes
Sat.	Nov. 13	at Oklahoma	6 p.m.	FSN	OU, 40-37-3	2001, NU 20-10 (Lincoln)/Huskers have won four of past six in Norman
Fri.	Nov. 26	Colorado#	11 a.m.	ABC	NU 44-16-2	2003, NU 31-22 (Boulder)/Ninth straight post-Thanksgiving NU-CU matchup

All times Central and subject to change; # Big 12 Conference games

National Polls

Associated Press (11-7)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	USC (52)	9-0	1,611
2.	Oklahoma (10)*	9-0	1,555
3.	Auburn (3)	9-0	1,512
4.	Wisconsin	9-0	1,384
5.	California	7-1	1,341
6.	Texas	8-1	1,259
7.	Utah	9-0	1,245
8.	Georgia	8-1	1,210
9.	Michigan	8-1	1,133
10.	Virginia	7-1	971
11.	Florida State	7-2	887
12.	Louisville	6-1	866
13.	West Virginia	8-1	862
14.	Boise State	8-0	788
15.	Tennessee	7-2	654
16.	Virginia Tech	7-2	631
17.	LSU	6-2	628
18.	Miami	6-2	593
19.	Iowa	7-2	522
20.	Arizona State	7-2	345
21.	Boston College	6-2	254
22.	Texas A&M	6-3	160
23.	UTEP	6-2	148
24.	Notre Dame	6-3	143
25.	Oklahoma State	6-3	131

ESPN/USA Today/Coaches (11-7)

No.	Team (1st)	Record	Points
1.	USC (50)	9-0	1,514
2.	Oklahoma (10)*	9-0	1,452
3.	Auburn (1)	9-0	1,416
4.	Wisconsin	9-0	1,289
5.	Georgia	8-1	1,233
6.	California	7-1	1,203
7.	Texas	8-1	1,169
8.	Utah	9-0	1,124
9.	Michigan	8-1	1,060
10.	West Virginia	8-1	886
11.	Virginia	7-1	877
12.	Florida State	7-2	868
13.	Boise State	8-0	782
14.	Louisville	6-1	727
15.	LSU	6-2	649
16.	Virginia Tech	7-2	582
17.	Miami	6-2	568
18.	Tennessee	7-2	466
19.	Iowa	7-2	450
20.	Arizona State	7-2	331
21.	Boston College	6-2	244
22.	Northern Illinois	7-2	205
23.	Texas A&M	6-3	150
24.	Oklahoma State	6-3	138
25.	Texas Tech*	6-3	112

*-Denotes 2004 NU opponent

Huskers in the 2004 Polls

Date	A	C	B	Results
Pre.	RV	RV	NA	
8-29	no poll	RV	NA	def. Western Illinois, 56-17
9-5	RV	RV	NA	lost to Southern Miss, 21-17
9-12	-	RV	NA	def. Pittsburgh, 24-17
9-19	-	RV	NA	idle
9-26	-	RV	NA	def. Kansas, 14-8
10-3	RV	RV	NA	lost to Texas Tech, 70-10
10-10	-	-	NA	def. Baylor, 59-27
10-17	-	-	-	lost to Kansas State, 45-21
10-24	-	-	-	def. Missouri, 24-3
10-31	RV	RV	-	lost to Iowa State, 34-27
11-7	-	-	-	

a=Associated Press; C-Coaches; B-BCS

game this season and the fourth straight game NU had an I-back run for two scores.

Following Jackson's touchdown, the Blackshirts held ISU in check on the next drive before getting the ball back with 2:55 to play. But quarterback **Joe Dailey's** first pass was picked off and Iowa State converted a late fourth-down attempt to clinch the win.

ISU quarterback Bret Meyer threw for three touchdowns and his performance was among the Cyclones' top 10 single-game passing yardage marks. He connected on 17-of-36 attempts for 345 yards and three scores, including a 77-yarder to Jon Davis with 1:58 left in the third period to put Iowa State in front by 20 points at 34-14. Davis finished with 103 yards on four receptions, and freshman Todd Blythe had 188 yards on eight catches, all in the first half. Blythe's touchdown with five seconds left in the first half gave the Cyclones a 24-7 lead at intermission.

After ISU extended its lead to 27-7, **Cory Ross** capped a 15-play, 77-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown, that sliced the ISU lead to 27-14 late in the third period. After Iowa State surged back in front with the long pass play, Nebraska again fought back. Jackson reached the end zone for the Huskers with 13:14 left in the game to get the Huskers back within 34-20. Jackson and Ross combined for three touchdowns, as Ross finished with a game-high 126 rushing yards on 19 carries, including a pair of 30-plus-yard rushes in the first half.

Iowa State struck first with a Bret Culbertson 28-yard field goal with 11:01 to play in the first half and made it 10-0 on a Ben Barkema four-yard touchdown reception, the first catch of his career, later in the first quarter. Meyer set up the scoring pass with a 51-yard strike to Blythe earlier on the drive.

The Huskers got on the board on the first play of the second quarter when **Steve Kriewald** grabbed his second receiving touchdown of the season. Dailey connected on a six-yarder on third down that Kriewald snagged out of the air to pull NU within three, 10-7, with 14:55 to play in the first half.

The completion was Dailey's sixth of the day to six different receivers. Dailey finished with 230 passing yards on 18-of-42 passing. It was the fourth time this season Dailey attempted at least 30 passes in a contest, and the third time he tied the school record for pass attempts in a game.

Recapping Game Nine...Iowa State 34, Nebraska 27

► Nebraska quarterback **Joe Dailey** attempted a school-record tying 42 passes, equaling the mark previously set on four occasions. It was the second time in 2004 Dailey has attempted 42 passes. Dailey threw for 230 yards, and has 1,646 yards passing in 2004, fourth on Nebraska's single-season list. Dailey's first six passes were completed to six different receivers.

► I-back **Cory Ross** had runs of 38 and 33 yards in the first half. Ross has five plays in the past four games that have covered 33 yards or more. In addition to his two rushes vs. Iowa State, Ross had a 74-yard reception for a touchdown against Baylor, a 63-yard reception at Kansas State and an 86-yard touchdown run against Missouri.

► Ross finished with 19 carries for 126 yards, his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season and his eighth in the past 13 games dating back to last season. Ross has 937 rushing yards this season and is just 63 yards shy of recording the 27th 1,000-yard season in school history. Ross has 1,696 yards in his career and moved up two spots to 27th place on the Nebraska career list.

► Junior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** intercepted his fifth pass of the season and the seventh of his Nebraska career. Bullocks returned the second-quarter interception 31 yards, and has returned his five interceptions this season a total of 187 yards, an average of 37.4 yards per return.

► Freshman wide receiver **Terrence Nunn** had five receptions for 55 yards, setting a career high for receptions and tying his career high for receiving yards.

► Senior linebacker **Barrett Ruud** made 11 tackles against Iowa State, pushing his career tackle total to 409. Ruud is the seventh player in Big 12 history to record 400 or more tackles. Ruud added one tackle for loss, pushing his career tackle for loss total to 47 to rank second on the Nebraska career list.

► Ruud increased his season total to 120 tackles, moving him into a tie for eighth place on the single-season Husker tackle list. Ruud owns the top spot on that list with 149 tackles last season and is 21 tackles from owning the top two spots on the single-season tackle list.

► Nebraska punter **Sam Koch** averaged 44.5 yards on six punts. Koch had three punts of 50 yards or longer in the game, and had four punts downed inside the Cyclone 20-yard line.

► Nebraska senior tight end **Dusty Keiser** caught two passes for 41 yards, both career highs. He had a career-long 32-yard reception in the first quarter.

► Nebraska sophomore receiver **Isaiah Fluellen** had four receptions for 64 yards against Iowa State. His four receptions tied his career high as Fluellen previously had four catches for 84 yards in the Alamo Bowl against Michigan State.

NU-Iowa State Stat Wrap

Team Stats	NU	ISU
First Downs	20	22
Rushes-Yards	35-195	36-102
Passes	43-19-1	39-18-1
Passing Yards	249	364
Total Offense	444	466
Turnovers	1	1
Penalties	11-84	7-70

NU Rushing Leaders

Cory Ross—19 carries, 126 yards, 1 TD
 Brandon Jackson—4 carries, 13 yards, 2 TD
 Joe Dailey—8 carries, 39 yards

NU Passing Leader

Joe Dailey—42-18-1, 230 yards, 1 TD

NU Receiving Leaders

Terrence Nunn—5 receptions, 55 yards
 Isaiah Fluellen—4 receptions, 64 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Daniel Bullocks—8 tackles, interception
 Barrett Ruud—11 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 QB hurry

NU Special Teams Leader

Sam Koch—6 punts, 44.5 ypp, 4 inside 20

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2004 Big 12 Standings

North Division

Team	Records		
	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Iowa State	5-4	3-3	at Kansas State, 11/20
Nebraska	5-4	3-3	at Oklahoma, 11/13
Colorado	5-4	2-4	vs. Kansas State, 11/13
Missouri	4-5	2-4	vs. Kansas, 11/20
Kansas State	4-5	2-4	at Colorado, 11/13
Kansas	3-6	1-5	vs. Texas, 11/13

South Division

Oklahoma	9-0	6-0	vs. Nebraska, 11/13
Texas	8-1	5-1	at Kansas, 11/13
Texas A&M	6-3	4-2	vs. Texas Tech, 11/13
Texas Tech	6-3	4-2	at Texas A&M, 11/13
Oklahoma St.	6-3	3-3	vs. Baylor, 11/13
Baylor	3-6	1-5	at Oklahoma St., 11/13

2004 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Western Illinois	4-6—at Western Kentucky, 11/13
Southern Miss	5-2—at Memphis, 11/12
Pittsburgh	5-3—at Notre Dame, 11/13

Last Week's Opponent/Big 12 Results

Iowa State 34, Nebraska 27
 Texas 56, Oklahoma State 35
 Kansas State 35, Missouri 24
 Colorado 30, Kansas 21
 Texas Tech 42, Baylor 17
 Oklahoma 42, Texas A&M 35
 Syracuse 38, Pittsburgh 31 (2ot)
 Cincinnati 52, Southern Miss 24
 Youngstown State 34, Western Illinois 7

2004 Oklahoma Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
9/4	Bowling Green	W, 40-24
9/11	Houston	W, 63-13
9/18	Oregon	W, 31-7
10/2	Texas Tech	W, 28-13
10/9	vs. Texas#	W, 12-0
10/16	at Kansas State	W, 31-21
10/23	Kansas	W, 41-10
10/30	at Oklahoma State	W, 38-35
11/6	at Texas A&M	W, 42-35
11/13	Nebraska (FSN)	6 p.m.
11/20	Baylor	

- at Dallas

NU-Oklahoma Series Notes

- ▶ The evening matchup between Nebraska and Oklahoma marks the first night game in series history.
- ▶ The winning team has come from behind in 26 of the past 35 meetings.
- ▶ An unranked team has upset a ranked opponent four times in the series.
- ▶ At least one of the teams has entered the game ranked in all but two seasons since 1948, and the game featured an AP top-10 team in 22 straight meetings from 1970 to 1990.

Nebraska-Oklahoma Ties

- ▶ Nebraska defensive line coach John Blake is a 1986 graduate of Oklahoma, where he lettered from 1979 to 1982. Blake, an All-Big Eight nose guard as a player, returned to his alma mater as head coach from 1996 to 1998.
- ▶ Oklahoma co-defensive coordinator Bo Pelini was the Huskers' defensive coordinator and interim head coach in 2003.
- ▶ Oklahoma director of sport enhancement Jerry Schmidt is a Harvard, Neb., native and a 1986 graduate of Nebraska.
- ▶ The Huskers have just one player from the state of Oklahoma on their roster - Adam Blankenship (Fr., Tulsa). The Sooners do not have a player from the state of Nebraska on their roster.

Scouting the Oklahoma Sooners



The Huskers make their final conference road trip of the season this weekend then they head south to the Sooner state to take on No. 2 Oklahoma in Norman. Against the Sooners, Nebraska will try to get back on the winning track and keep pace with Iowa State in the Big 12 North title race, which remains up for grabs with five teams within a game of the division lead entering the weekend.

The matchup between the Huskers and Sooners will be the first since 2001, when Nebraska edged OU, 20-10, in Lincoln. The game was a battle between the top two teams in the BCS standings, a common occurrence when NU and OU face off on the gridiron.

Oklahoma comes into this weekend's game again ranked No. 2 in the BCS standings after earning a 9-0 record, including a 6-0 mark in league play. The Sooners have relied on a stingy defense and efficient offense to remain in national title contention.

Adrian Peterson has led the Sooner offense all season, as he has recorded nine straight 100-yard rushing games, an NCAA freshman record. Peterson ranks fifth nationally in rushing with 152.6 yards per game (1,373 rushing yards). Peterson has been aided by 2003 Heisman Trophy winner Jason White, who ranks eighth nationally in passing efficiency (160.6) while completing 62.4 percent (161-of-258) of his passes for 2,130 yards and 25 touchdowns against four interceptions.

On the other side of the ball, Brodney Pool has 65 tackles to lead the squad, while Dan Cody adds 33 tackles, including 12 tackles for loss and eight sacks. Pool paces the Sooners with two interceptions, nine pass breakups and one blocked kick.

On special teams, punter Blake Ferguson (42.2 ypp) is one of five kickers in the league averaging more than 42 yards per punt, while Antonio Perkins ranks third in the conference with 11.3 yards per punt return, and has eight career returns for touchdowns.

Oklahoma Coach Bob Stoops

Coach Bob Stoops has garnered a 64-11 record at Oklahoma since the 1999 campaign. His teams have won at least 11 games each of the past four seasons, and have dropped just six games in the past five years after losing five contests in his first season.

Stoops was named the 2000 national coach of the year after leading the Sooners to a final No. 1 ranking with a victory over Florida State in the Orange Bowl. Stoops has also been named the Big 12 Coach of the Year (2000, 2003) and the Walter Camp National Coach of the Year (2000, 2003) on two occasions.

Stoops came to the Sooners after three seasons with the Florida Gators, where he was the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator. He was also on the sidelines for Kansas State from 1989 to 1995 following a one-year stint at Kent State. Stoops began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Iowa, from 1983 to 1984 and then spent three seasons as a volunteer coach with the Hawkeyes.

Nebraska-Oklahoma Series...OU leads, 40-37-3

The Huskers and Sooners meet for the 81st time in the rivalry, but the first time since 2001 when they clash on Saturday in Norman. Nebraska and Oklahoma had played 71 straight seasons until 1998.

Oklahoma holds a slim 40-37-3 series advantage, as Nebraska has closed the gap with eight wins in the last nine meetings. NU has also won four of the last six contests in Norman.

The 80 contests in the series is the most for the Huskers against a current Big 12 South divisional opponent, and is longer than the Huskers' series with Colorado (62 games entering 2004). The next longest series against a South foe is 40 games against Oklahoma State.

Nebraska-Oklahoma Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (5-4, 3-3 Big 12)			Oklahoma (9-0, 6-0 Big 12)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
Rushing Offense	185.7	5th	27th	216.1	3rd	17th
Passing Offense	186.3	10th	86th	242.2	3rd	35th
Total Offense	372.0	7th	62nd	458.3	3rd	12th
Scoring Offense	28.0	7th	43rd	36.2	3rd	10th
Rushing Defense	94.2	2nd	9th	90.4	1st	7th
Pass Defense	256.6	12th	104th	230.2	9th	83rd
Pass Efficiency Defense	109.7	4th	25th	118.3	6th	51st
Total Defense	350.8	9th	50th	320.7	3rd	26th
Scoring Defense	26.9	10th	72nd	17.6	2nd	19th
Net Punting	37.9	6th	30th	39.3	3rd	14th
Punt Returns	6.1	12th	100th	10.7	4th	42nd
Kickoff Returns	19.9	7th	62nd	18.3	9th	95th
Turnover Margin	(-1.0)	11th	106th	1.0	3rd	10th

Last Meeting (2001)...

Nebraska 20, Oklahoma 10

Team Stats	OU	NU
First Downs	21	13
Rushes-Yards	29-105	44-164
Passes	50-22-2	19-11-1
Passing Yards	234	165
Total Offense	339	329
Turnovers	2	1
Time of Possession	29:08	30:52

NU Rushing Leaders

Dahrran Diedrick—23 carries, 90 yards, 1 TD
 Thunder Collins—4 carries, 47 yards

NU Passing Leader

Eric Crouch—18-10-1, 102 yards
 Mike Stuntz—1-1-0, 63 yards, 1 TD

NU Receiving Leaders

Wilson Thomas—6 receptions, 48 yards
 Eric Crouch—1 reception, 63 yards, 1 TD

NU Defensive Leaders

Jamie Burrow—17 tackles, 1 sack
 Chris Kelsay—8 tackles

Special Teams Leaders

Josh Brown— 2-2 PAT, 2-2 FGA

Callahan as a Head Coach Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct.	Postseason
Oakland Raiders			
2002	13-6	.684	2-1; Won AFC Championship, lost to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII
2003	4-12	.250	None
NFL Totals	17-18	.486	One playoff appearance
Nebraska			
2004	5-4	.555	

From the Super Bowl to Campus

Five coaches have taken a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding their team to a Super Bowl appearance. In addition to Callahan, Bobby Ross is in his first year back in the college ranks, taking over at Army.

Coach	NFL Team	Super Bowls	College (Year)
Bill Callahan	Oakland	XXXVII	Nebraska (2004)
Bobby Ross	San Diego	XXIX	Army (2004)
Bill Walsh	San Fran.	XVI, XIX, XXII	Stanford (1992)
Forrest Gregg	Cincinnati	XVI	SMU (1989)
George Allen	Washington	VII	Long Beach State (1990)

Callahan Charity Events a Hit in Husker Nation

Callahan has been embraced by Cornhusker fans throughout the state of Nebraska and nationwide since he took over the program last winter. This summer, he and his staff have met fans across the state on several occasions, including two new charity events.

Coach Callahan's Football 101 for Women took place on July 29 in Lincoln, with more than 1,000 participants learning more about the game of football. Attendees opened the day with tours of Memorial Stadium, followed by the opportunity to participate in the Tunnel Walk. The evening included demonstrations on officiating, football uniforms, as well as nutrition and strength training for Husker players. Football 101 concluded with participants breaking into beginning, intermediate and advanced groups to learn more about the X's and O's of the game. The first annual Football 101 for Women raised \$35,000 to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

The first-year coach and his staff also organized Coach Callahan's Fun Run/Walk for Resources on Saturday, Aug. 21. More than 800 participated in the event that began and ended on Stadium Drive. Coach Callahan's wife, Valerie, started the race, which raised \$5,500 each for Juvenile Diabetes and the University Libraries. Runners who participated in the event had the opportunity to attend NU's closed practice after the event.

Huskers Under Callahan

Overall	5-4
vs. AP Ranked Teams	0-0
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	0-0
vs. Unranked Teams	5-4
vs. Big 12 Teams	3-3
When Rushing for 200 or more yards	2-1
When Rushing for 300 or more yards	1-0
When passing for 200 or more yards	2-2
When passing for 300 or more yards	1-0
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	3-2
When NU has two 100-yard rushers in same game	1-0
When Opponent has 100 Yd. Rusher	1-1
When Scoring 35 or More Points	2-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	2-0
When Nebraska scores first	3-0
When Nebraska leads at halftime	5-0
When Nebraska trails at halftime	0-4
When Nebraska is tied at halftime	0-0
Record in games decided by 11 points or more	3-2
Record in games decided by 10 or less	2-2
Record in games decided by 7 or less	2-2
Record in games decided by 3 or less	0-0

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan

Coach Bill Callahan (Illinois Benedictine, 1978) is the 27th head coach in Nebraska history, after being named to the post on Jan. 9, 2004. Callahan took control of the NU program after two seasons as the head coach of the Oakland Raiders. He guided Oakland to the AFC Championship and Super Bowl XXXVII in his rookie season as a head coach in 2002, and compiled a 17-18 overall record as the Raiders' head man.

Callahan is one of five coaches to take a collegiate head coaching job after previously guiding a team to a Super Bowl appearance. Army Head Coach Bobby Ross is also active in the college ranks, while George Allen, Forrest Gregg and Bill Walsh previously led teams to the Super Bowl and returned to the college game.

The 48-year-old Callahan has spent the past nine years in the National Football League, beginning his pro coaching career with the Philadelphia Eagles from 1995 to 1997. He served as an assistant with the Raiders for four seasons from 1998 to 2001, before taking over the top job in Oakland in 2002.

Callahan has extensive experience at the collegiate level. Before moving into the professional ranks, Callahan served as the offensive line coach at Wisconsin for five seasons and also had assistant coaching stints at Illinois, Northern Arizona and Southern Illinois. Overall, Callahan is in his 27th year in the coaching profession. In addition to his nine years in the National Football League and 15 previous seasons as a collegiate assistant, Callahan was an assistant coach for two seasons in the Illinois prep ranks in 1978 and 1979.

A native of Chicago, Callahan earned his bachelor's degree from Illinois Benedictine in 1978. He was an NAIA honorable-mention All-America selection as a quarterback in each of his final two seasons.



Callahan Looking to Guide Huskers to Bowl Trip in First Season

The NU football program has a history of success under first-year head coaches. Bill Callahan is the 27th coach in the 115-year history of the program, but just the fourth head coach since the start of the 1962 season. With his 56-17 victory over Western Illinois, Callahan became the fourth straight Nebraska head coach to open his career with a victory. The win gave first-year Husker head coaches a 19-7-1 all-time record in their coaching debuts on the Nebraska sideline. Each of Nebraska's past three head coaches used a win in their season opener to build momentum for a strong season in their first Husker campaign. Bob Devaney posted a 9-2 record and led NU to the Gotham Bowl in 1962, following six consecutive losing seasons; Tom Osborne guided the Huskers to a 9-2-1 record and a Cotton Bowl bid in 1973; and Frank Solich's first squad in 1998 finished 9-4 and played in the Holiday Bowl.

Huskers' Championship Staff Has Diverse Background, Tradition of Recruiting Excellence

Nebraska's coaching staff includes men who spent the 2003 campaign in six collegiate conferences, including the Big 12 (Scott Downing, Turner Gill), Big Ten (Kevin Cosgrove, Phil Elmassian), SEC (John Blake), Mountain West (Bill Busch), Western Athletic (Dennis Wagner) and Big East (Dave Kennedy). In addition to Callahan, Randy Jordan and Jay Norvell also joined the NU staff after coaching in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders last season.

► Callahan's Nebraska coaching staff features four coaches who have either played or coached in the Super Bowl. Callahan and Norvell coached in Super Bowl XXXVII with Oakland, and running backs coach Randy Jordan was a player on that team. John Blake was part of the Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl championship teams in both 1993 and 1995.

► In addition to the NFL success of the coaches, Callahan's staff has a history of winning championships at the collegiate level. Members of the Nebraska coaching staff have been part of teams that have captured league titles in each of the following conferences—Atlantic Coast, Big 12, Big Ten, Mid-American, Mountain West, Pac-10 and Western Athletic.

► The staff has recruiting ties in nearly every part of the United States. ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Lemming compiled a list of the 10 best recruiters in college history in 2001. Callahan was included on the list although he had been out of the college ranks for six years at that time. Husker Associate A.D. Tim Cassidy was on Lemming's Top 10 recruiters (current college coaches) in 1999, and Kevin Cosgrove and Turner Gill were listed as "other big-time recruiting names."

Husker Coaching Game-Day Assignments	
Offense	Defense
Field	Field
Jordan	Cosgrove
Gill	Blake
Wagner	Busch
Press Box	Press Box
Norvell	Elmassian
Downing	Stamm (G.A.)
McClure (G.A.)	

Huskers Strive for Unity On and Off Field

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan has stressed the Huskers' togetherness off the field since taking over in Lincoln last January. The Huskers have had numerous team-building activities and outings since last winter. Included in the list are a team bowling tournament at the conclusion of winter conditioning, a team softball game at the end of the spring semester, and a college football video game tournament throughout the summer.

Under Callahan the Huskers have also taken team outings to Husker men's basketball and women's soccer contests.

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Weekly Football Press Conference

Nebraska will hold a weekly press conference/teleconference on Tuesdays throughout the season.

The press conferences are held in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6 and will begin with Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook at 11 a.m., with lunch served at 11:15 a.m. Husker coordinators will be available at 11:40 a.m., followed by Head Coach Bill Callahan at noon. Nebraska players will be available following Callahan.

Each press conference will be available via teleconference and selected conferences will be carried on satellite (please see page 17 for details and coordinates) and quotes will be transcribed and posted by mid-afternoon on Huskers.com, while edited sound bites are available on NebraskaNet.com. The teleconferences are also carried live on HuskersNSide.com. Media wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the SID office at (402) 472-2263 for more information. The toll-free number for the teleconference is (877) 229-1563 and media can acquire the weekly passcode by calling the SID office.

Please note Nebraska's press conference to preview the Friday, Nov. 26 game against Colorado will be held on Monday, Nov. 22, instead of the regular Tuesday press conference.

Huskers, Sooners in NCAA Rankings

Nebraska

Team

Rushing Defense, 94.2 (9th)

Pass Efficiency Defense, 109.72 (25th)

Individual

Daniel Bullocks, Interceptions, 0.56 pg (6th)

Cory Ross, Rushing, 104.1 ypg (20th)

Oklahoma

Team

Rushing Offense, 216.1 (17th)

Total Offense, 458.3 (12th)

Scoring Offense, 36.2 (10th)

Rushing Defense, 90.4 (7th)

Scoring Defense, 17.6 (19th)

Net Punting, 39.3 (14th)

Turnover Margin, +1.0 (10th)

Pass Efficiency, 160.5 (8th)

Individual

Adrian Peterson, Rushing, 152.7 ypg (5th)

Jason White, Passing Efficiency, 160.6 (8th)

Adrian Peterson, All-Purpose Runners, 153.2 ypg (16th)

Four Huskers Elected as 2004 Captains

Four Husker players have been elected by their teammates to serve as captains for the 2004 football season. The group is headed by senior **Barrett Ruud**, who is in his third year as the Huskers' starting middle linebacker. Ruud is the fourth member of his family to serve as a Nebraska team captain.

Coach Bill Callahan opened up captaincy to juniors and sophomores and three non-seniors were elected as captains. On offense, junior wide receiver **Ross Pilkington** and sophomore quarterback **Joe Dailey** were tabbed as captains. Joining Ruud as a captain on defense is junior free safety **Josh Bullocks** who earned All-America honors during his sophomore season.

▶ Nebraska's 15-play touchdown drive in the third quarter was its longest in terms of plays this season, bettering a 13-play touchdown drive against Western Illinois.

▶ The Nebraska defense limited Iowa State to 102 rushing yards in Saturday's game, marking the eighth time in nine games the Huskers have limited the opposition to 105 yards or less on the ground. Nebraska made six tackles for loss in the contest, including two sacks.

▶ Iowa State receiver Todd Blythe had eight receptions for 188 yards in Saturday's game, all in the first half. Blythe's receiving yards total was the most by a Husker opponent this season and seventh all-time, and was the most receiving yards against Nebraska since Quincy Morgan had 199 yards on Nov. 11, 2000, for Kansas State.

Huskers, OU to Resume Historic Series

This week's meeting marks the first between Nebraska and Oklahoma since a 20-10 Cornhusker victory in 2001. That game pitted the nation's No. 2 (Oklahoma) and No. 3 (Nebraska) teams according to the Associated Press, continuing a series filled with matchups between highly ranked teams.

With Oklahoma entering Saturday's matchup ranked second in both major polls, this will mark the eighth straight meeting between the two schools in which one of the teams has been ranked fifth or higher. The series has a remarkable history of matching top teams, including...

▶ The 2004 matchup marks the 40th straight season at least one of the teams has entered the game ranked in a national poll.

▶ In that same stretch, at least one team has been ranked in the top five entering the game in 32 of 40 meetings, including nine games with both teams among the nation's top five.

▶ Since the start of the Associated Press Poll in 1936, the NU-OU game has had at least one ranked team 57 times in 66 contests and the series has featured at least one top 10 team 46 times.

Nebraska, Sooners Dominate Big 12

Nebraska and Oklahoma had a long-standing tradition of being the "Big Two" in the Big Eight Conference. The two long-time football powers have continued to dominate since the inception of the Big 12 Conference.

The Huskers and Sooners are the only two schools to win two Big 12 titles since the start of the conference in 1996. Additionally, Nebraska and Oklahoma are two of four schools that have played in three conference championship games.

Nebraska to Face First Ranked Opponent in 2004

Saturday's matchup at second-ranked Oklahoma marks the highest-ranked opponent Nebraska has faced in the regular season since taking on the Sooners in 2001. Oklahoma was also ranked second according to the Associated Press entering that contest, and No. 3 Nebraska pulled out a 20-10 victory in Lincoln. In Nebraska's most recent trip to Norman in 2000, the top-ranked Huskers were defeated, 31-14, by Oklahoma, which entered the game ranked third. Saturday's game will mark Nebraska's fourth matchup against a top-five team since the start of the 2000 season, with three of those games against Oklahoma. Nebraska also faced top-ranked Miami in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

The game against Oklahoma also marks Nebraska's first in 2004 against a ranked opponent. The Huskers split two games against ranked opponents in 2003, defeating Oklahoma State in Lincoln, and losing at Texas.

Strong Run Defenses to Square Off in Nebraska-Sooner Matchup

Two top 10 run defenses will square off this weekend at Oklahoma, with the Sooners leading the Big 12 and ranking seventh nationally in run defense, and the Huskers just behind at ninth nationally, allowing 94.2 rushing yards per game. Both offenses will test the rushing defense, as Oklahoma ranks 17th nationally in rushing and Nebraska is 27th on the ground.

Nebraska held the Iowa State rushing attack in check, allowing 102 yards to the Cyclones, marking the eighth time in nine games Nebraska has surrendered 105 yards or less on the ground in 2004. Only Kansas State has picked up more than 105 yards rushing against the Husker defense. With the exception of the Kansas State contest, the Huskers have succeeded this season in making opposing offenses one-dimensional by shutting down the running game.

▶ Nebraska allows just 2.73 yards per rush, the seventh-best mark in the country.

▶ Nebraska had a streak of 25 straight quarters without allowing a rushing touchdown end against Texas Tech. Only four opponents have rushed for a touchdown against Nebraska.

▶ Nebraska has allowed just six runs of longer than 20 yards in nine games.

▶ The Huskers held Western Illinois to minus-three yards rushing, marking the 19th time in school history the Huskers held an opponent to negative rushing yards.

Part of Nebraska's rush defense excellence has been the negative yardage piled up as a result of sacks. The Huskers have recorded 24 sacks this season, including a team-high four by senior defensive end **Benard Thomas**. Sophomore defensive end **Jay Moore**, junior defensive end **Wali Muhammad**, senior linebacker **Barrett Ruud** and sophomore defensive end **Adam Carriker** have each chipped in three sacks. The Huskers have 74 total tackles for loss, including 14 tackles behind the line against Missouri. Ruud leads the charge with 15 tackles for loss.

Huskers Against the Run				
Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
WIU	35	-3	0	6
USM	33	97	0	14
Pitt	25	30	0	9
KU	33	105	0	29
TT	15	72	4	24
BU	38	100	1	14
KSU	61	294	6	34
MU	35	51	0	24
ISU	36	102	1	21

Large Crowd to Watch Husker-Sooner Matchup

With a sellout crowd of nearly 85,000 fans expected at Oklahoma's Memorial Stadium on Saturday, the game will mark one of the largest crowds to ever see Nebraska play. Nebraska has played in just six regular-season contests with crowds of 83,000 or larger. The 10 largest crowds to see Nebraska play are listed below. **Regular season games in bold.**

Crowd	Date	Site	Opponent
110,753	9-14-02	Univ. Park, Pa.	Penn State
93,781	1-3-02	Rose Bowl	Miami
92,000	1-1-41	Rose Bowl	Stanford
85,304	9-25-82	Univ. Park, Pa.	Penn State
84,585	9-27-80	Univ. Park, Pa.	Penn State
84,086	9-10-88	Pasadena, Calif.	UCLA
84,012	10-23-99	Austin, Texas	Texas
83,308	11-1-03	Austin, Texas	Texas
82,000	1-2-67	Sugar Bowl	Alabama
81,753	1-1-95	Orange Bowl	Miami

Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
WIU	Herian	Cooper	Shanle
USM	Ross	D. Bullocks	Ickes
PITT	none	Muhammad	Rigoni
KU	Ross	Ba. Ruud	Rigoni
TT	LeFlore	Ba. Ruud	Bo Ruud
BU	Dailey	Bradley	Jackson
KSU	Ross	Ba. Ruud	Brandenburgh
MU	Ross	Ba. Ruud	Shanle
ISU	Ross	none	Ickes
OU			
CU			

Bold indicates winner

Barrett Ruud Game-by-Game in 2004

Opp.	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks
WIU	5	5	10	1-0	0
USM	7	2	9	0	0
Pitt	7	5	12	3-9	1-3
KU	10	5	15	1-3	0
TTU	10	2	12	0-0	0
BU	6	9	15	2-1	0.5-1
KSU	16	3	19	3-4	1-1
MU	6	11	17	4-7	0.5-2
ISU	5	6	11	1-1	0-0
Totals	72	48	120	15-25	3-7

Big 12 Career Tackle Leaders

Rank	Player	School	Years	Tackles
1.	Lawrence Flugence	Texas Tech	1999-02	500
2.	Rocky Calmus	Oklahoma	1998-01	431
3.	Dat Nguyen	Texas A&M	1996-98	423
4.	Kevin Curtis	Texas Tech	1998-01	421
5.	Barrett Ruud	Nebraska	2001-present	409
6.	Josh Buhl	Kansas State	2000-03	402
7.	Mark Simoneau	Kansas State	1996-99	400

Nebraska Career Tackles for Loss

Rank	Player	Yr.	TFL
1.	Grant Wistrom	DE, 1994-97	58.5
2.	Barrett Ruud	MLB, 2001-present	47
3.	Trev Alberts	OLB, 1990-93	45
4.	Jim Skow	DT, 1982-85	44
5.	Broderick Thomas	OLB, 1985-88	39

Nebraska Season Tackles for Loss

Rank	Player	Yr.	TFL
1.	Jim Skow	DT, 1985	25
2.	Demorrio Williams	WLB, 2003	21
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9.	Chris Kelsay	RE, 2001	17
	Kyle Vanden Bosch	RE, 2000	17
	Grant Wistrom	RE, 1997	17
	Broderick Thomas	OLB, 1988	17
...			
	Barrett Ruud	MLB, 2004	15

Turnovers Continue to Play Key Role in NU Fortunes

Nebraska's Blackshirt defense has a reputation of traditionally being one of the nation's most dominant defenses. The current group of Blackshirts has shown a special knack for taking the ball away from the opposition. Last season, Nebraska had a school-record 47 takeaways. This season Nebraska has not been quite as disruptive in the turnover department, but has still shown the ability to change a game with takeaways, forcing 19 opponent turnovers, including 13 interceptions.

As always, the turnover battle will play a key role against Oklahoma. Nebraska enters the game ranked 106th nationally in turnover margin at -1.0 per game, while Oklahoma is 10th in the country at +1.0 per game. Last season's 47 takeaways tied the Nebraska school record, also set in 1972, while Nebraska's 32 interceptions set a school record. Over the past 30 years, Nebraska has had a positive turnover margin in 27 of those seasons and was even in another season.

NU forced five Western Illinois turnovers in the 2004 opener, including four interceptions. The five takeaways marked the second straight year the Blackshirts had forced five turnovers in the season opener. The Huskers had four takeaways at Pittsburgh, all before half and converted those miscues into 17 points. The Husker defense has now caused five or more turnovers four times in the past 22 games after not having a five-takeaway game in the previous 43 games. In 21 games since the start of the 2003 season, Nebraska has forced at least three turnovers 12 times.

- ▶ Nebraska's 13 interceptions are tied for 11th nationally.
- ▶ In addition to causing turnovers, the Blackshirt defense responded very well to Nebraska's own turnovers in the first four games. The Husker offense committed 16 turnovers in the first four games, while the kickoff return unit mishandled two kicks against Western Illinois for a total of 18 "sudden changes". Off those opportunities, the opposition scored just 28 points, with six of those points coming on an interception return for a touchdown by Southern Miss. Texas Tech converted seven Nebraska turnovers into 35 points.

2004 Husker Takeaways			
Game	Fumb.	INT	Total
WIU	1	4	5
USM	0	1	1
Pitt	1	3	4
KU	0	1	1
TT	0	1	1
BU	1	1	2
KSU	2	0	2
MU	1	1	2
ISU	0	1	1
Totals	6	13	19

A "Ruud" Awakening

Nebraska senior Mike linebacker **Barrett Ruud** continues to make a strong case for All-America consideration. The Lincoln native has enjoyed a memorable career in the Husker program and his senior season is shaping up to be his finest in a Husker uniform. Ruud's 17-tackle performance against Missouri, including four tackles for loss, earned him Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors for the first time in 2004 and the second time in his career.

The 6-2, 240-pound Ruud had a record-setting 2003 campaign when he racked up 149 tackles, the most ever in a season by a Husker defender. Ruud had 78 unassisted tackles among his total, the second most in a season in Nebraska history, trailing only 2003 teammate Demorrio Williams who racked up 83 unassisted tackles. Both of Ruud's 2003 totals are in serious jeopardy because of his dominant play this fall.

The dominant presence on a Nebraska defense that ranks ninth nationally against the run, Ruud has a team-leading 120 tackles in 2004, including 72 solo stops. Ruud's 120 tackles this season rank eighth on the single-season tackle charts. Ruud's list of Nebraska milestones and records is nearly too long to detail, but includes...

▶ Ruud became Nebraska's all-time leading tackler on Oct. 9 at Texas Tech. He made 12 tackles in that game to push his career total to 347 stops, surpassing the previous Nebraska record of 342 tackles by Jerry Murtaugh from 1968 to 1970.

▶ Ruud continues to add to the Nebraska tackle standard. After making 11 tackles against Iowa State, Ruud has 409 career tackles, including a school-record 204 solo stops.

▶ Ruud is among a group of seven players in Big 12 history (1996 to present) to record 400 career tackles. He is within 22 tackles (431) of becoming the No. 2 tackler in conference history.

▶ Two weeks ago at Kansas State, Ruud had a career-high 19 tackles, including a school-record 16 solo stops. Ruud has posted four 15-plus tackle games in Big 12 play, and has eight double-figure tackle efforts in nine games this season.

▶ Ruud has 20 double-figure tackle games in his career, including 15 of the past 17 games.

▶ Ruud has led Nebraska in tackles eight times this season and 16 times since the start of the 2003 campaign.

▶ In Nebraska's past three games, Ruud has eight tackles for loss. His four stops behind the line against Missouri tied a single-game Nebraska record for linebackers.

▶ Ruud's 15 tackles for loss this season are a team-high and his 47 career tackles for loss are second in school history, trailing only 1997 Lombardi winner Grant Wistrom. Against Missouri, he passed 1993 Butkus winner Trev Alberts (45) and 1985 All-American Jim Skow (44) on NU's career tackles for loss list.

▶ Ruud became just the fourth player in school history to record more than one season with 100-plus tackles when he cracked the century mark against Missouri. He is one of only three players with two single-season tackle efforts in the Nebraska top 10, joining Lee Kunz and Clete Pillen.

▶ Ruud leads the Big 12 in tackles per game and is among the top five nationally in that category.

Nebraska Career Tackles			
Rank	Player	Yrs.	Tackles
1.	Barrett Ruud	2001-pres.	409
2.	Jerry Murtaugh	1968-70	342
3.	Mike Brown	1996-99	287
4.	Lee Kunz	1976-78	276
5.	Clete Pillen	1974-76	273

Nebraska Season Tackles			
Rank	Player	Yrs.	Tackles
1.	Barrett Ruud	2003	149
2.	Lee Kunz	1977	141
3.	Jerry Murtaugh	1970	132
4.	Clete Pillen	1976	129
5.	Demorrio Williams	2003	128
6.	Mike Knox	1983	125
	Clete Pillen	1975	125
8.	Barrett Ruud	2004	120
	Lee Kunz	1978	120
10.	Wayne Meylan	1967	119

Nebraska Season Interceptions

Rank, Player, Yr.	INTs
1. Josh Bullocks, FS, 2003	10
2. Larry Wachholtz, S, 1966	7
Dana Stephenson, RCB, 1969	7
Bill Kosch, S, 1970	7

Nebraska Career Interceptions

Rank, Player, Years	INTs
1. Dana Stephenson, RCB, 1967-69	14
2. Josh Bullocks, FS, 2002-present	13
3. Bret Clark, S, 1982-84	12
4. Fabian Washington, CB, 2002-present	11
Ralph Brown, RCB, 1996-99	11
Tyrone Byrd, FS, 1989-92	11
Tom Novak, LB, 1946-49	11
Larry Wachholtz, S, 1964-66	11
Joe Blahak, CB, 1970-72	10
Bill Kosch, S, 1969-71	10

Nebraska Career Pass Breakups

Rank, Player, Years	PBU
1. Ralph Brown, CB, 1996-99	50
2. DeJuan Groce, CB, 1999-02	41
Keyuo Craver, CB, 1998-01	41
4. Fabian Washington, CB, 2002-present	38
Erwin Swiney, CB, 1997-01	38

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 112 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (220-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 111 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 233 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

Nebraska Football Notables

- ▶ Five national championships (1970, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1997)
- ▶ 43 conference championships
- ▶ Three Heisman trophies, eight Outland trophies, four Lombardi awards
- ▶ 106 All-Americans
- ▶ Nation-leading 76 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 267 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 786 all-time victories—third in NCAA
- ▶ 42 consecutive winning regular seasons
- ▶ 35 consecutive bowl appearances—NCAA record
- ▶ 42 all-time bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 116-9 home record in last 18 seasons (since 1986)

Huskers Come From Near and Far

Nebraska has a great history of attracting the top in-state high school talent to Lincoln. However, with a population base of just 1.7 million people, Nebraska has traditionally looked across the United States and beyond for recruits. The 2004 roster is no different.

Just over half of Nebraska's 125-man roster are in-state players with 67 players hailing from the Cornhusker state. Omaha leads the way with 13 players on this year's roster, while 12 players from Lincoln stayed within the city limits to play for Nebraska. Omaha Central High School and Lincoln Southeast High School are regular suppliers of talent to Lincoln, and are well-represented in 2004. Seven current Huskers are from Southeast, while six players graduated from Omaha Central.

Nebraska is just one of 24 states represented on the 2004 roster. Texas is home to nine Huskers, with Colorado (6), California (5) and Illinois (5) just behind. From the international ranks, Nebraska has players from Canada (Sandro DeAngelis) and Germany (Isaiah Fluellen). In addition, junior offensive lineman Seppo Ewvaraye is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

Tackling Part of Ruud Family Tradition

During his record-setting 2003 season, Barrett Ruud raced past his father, Tom, on the NU career tackles list. Tom Ruud finished his Husker career (1972-74) with 202 career tackles, including a team-leading 104 tackles in 1974.

- The father-son Ruud combination owns several Husker defensive milestones.
- ▶ Tom and Barrett Ruud are the only father-son combination to both lead NU in tackles in a single season. Barrett accomplished the feat last season and will do so in 2004, while Tom's 104 tackles in 1974 were a team-high.
- ▶ The Ruud's are the only family combination to both rank in the top 25 on Nebraska's career tackles list.
- ▶ Barrett and Tom Ruud have a combined 611 tackles.

During fall camp, Barrett Ruud was elected as one of four team captains for the 2004 season, allowing the Butkus Award candidate to join his father in the fraternity of Husker captains. The Ruuds are the first father-son duo to serve as captains during their respective Husker careers.

The family connections continue beyond the father-son relationship for the Ruud family. In addition to Tom and Barrett Ruud, several other family members have made their mark at Nebraska. Barrett's great-grandfather, Clarence Swanson, was an all-conference selection during his Nebraska career (1918-21), while two of Barrett's uncles, Bob Martin (1973-75) and John Ruud (1978-79) also played for Nebraska. Both Swanson and Martin also served as Husker team captains. This fall, the Ruud family connection grows, as Barrett's younger brother, Bo, is a redshirt freshman Sam linebacker.

Secondary Numbers

The Nebraska defensive backfield is one of the nation's most experienced units. The Huskers returned three starters for the 2004 season—free safety Josh Bullocks, strong safety Daniel Bullocks and cornerback Fabian Washington. Fifth-year senior Lornell McPherson had played in 38 games and made nine starts entering his senior season.

Josh Bullocks earned first-team All-America honors last season when he intercepted a school-record 10 passes. This summer, Bullocks was named to nearly every first-team All-America list and is a contender for the Thorpe Award. Washington was a third-team All-Big 12 pick and the No. 6 cornerback in the country by The Sporting News heading into the 2004 season.

As a group the Bullocks' brothers, McPherson and Washington have played in 149 career games at Nebraska with a combined 95 starts. They have also combined to intercept 37 passes, led by Josh Bullocks' 13 picks, and break up 80 passes, including 38 by Washington.

McPherson is the only senior among the group, while the others are in their junior seasons.

The Blackshirts have a history of outstanding defensive backs, but never before has a Nebraska defense featured a secondary with a chance to make such a significant dent in the school record book.

- ▶ Josh Bullocks picked off his second pass of the season against Missouri, pushing his career total to 13 interceptions. Bullocks is second on the Nebraska career interceptions list, just one behind career leader Dana Stephenson. Washington has three interceptions in 2004, giving him 11 in his career, good for a tie for fourth on the Husker career list. Daniel Bullocks has the top 10 in his sights with seven career picks, including a team-high five in 2004. He ranks sixth nationally in interceptions per game at 0.56 per contest.

The 1969 Husker team featured a threesome that completed their careers with 33 interceptions (Stephenson, 14; Bill Kosch, 10; Jim Anderson, 9), while Kosch, Anderson and Joe Blahak were all members of the 1970 and 1971 national championship teams and completed their careers with a combined 29 interceptions. Josh Bullocks, Washington and Daniel Bullocks need three more combined interceptions to become the top trio of teammates in career interceptions, and have the rest of 2004 and all of the 2005 season to accomplish the feat.

- ▶ The 24 combined interceptions of Josh Bullocks and Fabian Washington ties the most by two teammates in school history, matching the 24 combined picks of Stephenson and Kosch who were teammates on the 1969 team.

The Husker secondary has also exhibited its depth this season. McPherson missed the Pittsburgh and Kansas games with an injury, while Washington sat out the second half at Pittsburgh with an injury. True freshman **Cortney Grixby** started two games in McPherson's place, while fifth-year senior **Kellen Huston** has been a key player throughout the season.

Both Grixby and Huston responded well. Grixby had seven tackles and two pass breakups in his two starts, while Huston had 10 tackles, two tackles for loss, a fumble recovery and seven pass breakups in wins over Kansas and Pittsburgh. Huston's five breakups at Pittsburgh tied for the third-most in school history. Reserve free safety **Andrew Shanle** was called on for major duty against Kansas State with Josh Bullocks slowed with an injury. Shanle had seven tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery against the Wildcats, and blocked a punt and recovered a fumble in Nebraska's 24-3 win over Missouri.

Nebraska Defensive Backs by the Numbers

Player	GP	Starts	INT	PBU	Tackles
Josh Bullocks, Jr., FS	35	27	13	16	139
Daniel Bullocks, Jr., SS	34	19	7	11	127
Lornell McPherson, Sr., CB	45	16	6	15	112
Fabian Washington, Jr., CB	35	33	11	38	138
Totals	149	95	37	80	516

First-Half Offensive Explosion Highlights Opener

Nebraska racked up 398 yards of total offense and 42 points before halftime in its 56-17 victory over Western Illinois. Nebraska's 398 total yards included 213 through the air and 185 rushing yards. The 398 total offensive yards in the first half were the most Nebraska has posted in an opening half since gaining 405 yards in the first half of a 49-0 win over Baylor on Oct. 12, 1996 in Lincoln. The Huskers' 42 points were their most before half since also dropping 42 points on Iowa State on Oct. 6, 2001. Nebraska had 21 first downs at halftime en route to 30 for the game, marking the first time Nebraska has had 30 first downs in a game since also posting 30 vs. Texas Tech in 2001.

WCO Makes Exciting Debut in Heartland

Nebraska's West Coast Offense made a strong debut in the season opener against Western Illinois. The Huskers took just 1:53 to reach the end zone on the first drive of the game in the season opener against Western Illinois, mixing the run and the pass. By the end of the first quarter against WIU the stat sheet exhibited the precision, potency and versatility of Nebraska's West Coast Offense.

- ▶ 13 first downs
- ▶ 13 rushing attempts for 110 yards
- ▶ 13 passing attempts for 105 yards
- ▶ 215 total offensive yards, the most by Nebraska in an opening quarter since the Huskers piled up 224 yards in the opening quarter of a 41-31 victory over Texas Tech in 2001 (NU led 21-13 after first quarter)

The offensive execution continued in the second quarter, as NU rolled up 398 yards before half. The Huskers finished the game with 581 total yards, their most since posting 595 total yards in a victory over McNeese State in 2002. The Huskers' 56-point output was the most by Nebraska in 41 games, dating back to a 66-17 victory over Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl. Nebraska surpassed its point total with 59 points in the win over Baylor.

The "200-200" Club

Nebraska topped 200 yards in both rushing and passing in each of the first two games this fall. Entering the season, Nebraska had not had a game in which it has recorded both 200 yards rushing and passing since Sept. 5, 1998, when the Huskers accomplished the feat against UAB. The consecutive "200-200" games marked the first time the Huskers posted back-to-back games with 200-plus totals in both rushing and passing since the 1993 season. In 1993, Nebraska opened with victories against North Texas and Texas Tech and topped 300 yards in both games on the ground, while producing 215 and 217-yard passing efforts, respectively. The Huskers also had a very balanced attack at Iowa State, just missing the 200-200 mark with 195 yards rushing and 249 yards in the air.

Nebraska Career Rushing

Rank	Player	Years	Yards
1.	Mike Rozier	1981-83	4,780
2.	Ahman Green	1995-97	3,880
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25.	Tommie Frazier	1992-95	1,955
26.	Andra Franklin	1977-80	1,738
27.	Cory Ross, 2002-present		1,696
28.	Leodis Flowers	1988-90	1,635
29.	Harry Wilson	1964-66	1,610
30.	Damon Benning	1993-96	1,562

NU Freshman Single-Season Rushing

Rank	Player	Year	Yards
1.	Ahman Green	1995	1,086
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6.	Lawrence Phillips	1993	508
7.	Eric Crouch	1998	459
8.	Tommie Frazier	1992	399
9.	Derek Brown	1990	375
10.	Brandon Jackson, 2004		347
...	Tierre Green, 2004		262

Excellent Balancing Act

Nebraska's version of the West Coast Offense has exhibited excellent balance through nine games. The Huskers are averaging 372.0 yards per game overall, including 185.7 yards rushing and 186.3 passing.

Through nine games, Nebraska has rushed 349 times and thrown 254 passes, roughly a 58-42 run-pass ratio. The Huskers have generated 49.9 percent of their total offense on the ground and 50.1 percent through the air. If Nebraska continues at its current run-pass ratio, it would mark the Huskers' most balanced offense since 1973.

Year	Total Offense	Pct. Rush	Pct. Pass
1976	407.8	53.9	46.1
1973	396.0	56.9	43.1
1975	406.2	61.0	39.0
2004	372.0	49.9	50.1

Ross Leading Productive Nebraska I-Back Committee

Junior I-back **Cory Ross** is the featured back in Nebraska's offensive attack, but he has plenty of capable help at the position as evidenced by the Huskers' ground production in 2004.

The Huskers rank fifth in the Big 12 and 27th nationally in rushing offense at 185.7 yards per game, part of a balanced Nebraska offensive attack. Nebraska churned out 363 rushing yards against Western Illinois, its most since rushing for 383 yards in a 38-31 win at Texas A&M in 2002.

While running backs coach **Randy Jordan** has employed a committee-like rotation, Ross has been the chairman of the I-back committee. Ross is averaging 104.1 yards rushing per game, highlighted by a career-high 194 yards in the Huskers' 24-3 victory over Missouri. Ross capped the career day with a career-long 86-yard run late in the fourth quarter, the eighth-longest run in school history and the longest by a Nebraska I-back since 1992. Ross' 194 rushing yards were the most by a Nebraska I-back since Dan Alexander rushed for 240 yards against Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

Ross continues to churn out strong performances despite battling a painful turf toe injury. He ran for 126 yards on 19 carries at Iowa State and has rushed for more than 100 yards five times in 2004 and eight times in his past 13 games. In addition to his performance against Missouri, Ross also topped 100 yards against Western Illinois (125), Southern Miss (169) and Kansas (107).

- ▶ Ross topped the 1,000-yard career rushing mark against Southern Miss and continues to climb the NU career rushing list. After topping the century mark at Iowa State, Ross has 1,696 rushing yards, good for 27th in Nebraska history.
- ▶ In producing eight 100-yard games in the past 13 games since late in the 2004 season, Ross has piled up 1,373 yards (105.7 ypg).
- ▶ Ross' 104.1 yards per game ranks fifth in the Big 12 and 20th nationally, while his 133.0 all-purpose yards per game is also fifth in the conference.
- ▶ Ross is 63 yards from producing the 27th 1,000-yard rushing season in school history.
- ▶ Ross ranks third for the Huskers with 17 receptions for 231 yards. He has a pair of touchdown receptions, including a 74-yard score against Baylor, the longest reception by a Husker back since 1978.

Other committee members have also had plenty of input on Nebraska's offense. Redshirt freshman **Tierre Green** and true freshman **Brandon Jackson** got off to outstanding starts in the season opener against Western Illinois and have played key roles throughout the year. Junior **David Horne** gives Nebraska four excellent options at the I-back spot, and gives Nebraska a pair of 1,000-yard career rushers, as he has 1,119 career rushing yards.

▶ Green rushed for 112 yards on seven carries (16.0 ypc) against Western Illinois, including two touchdowns. His rushing total is the most rushing yards by a Husker in a varsity debut since Tony Davis ran for 147 yards in the 1973 season opener against UCLA. Green has totaled 257 yards on 40 carries (6.4 ypc).

▶ The double 100-yard performance by Ross and Green against WIU marked the 70th time in school history that NU has had a pair of 100-yard rushers in the same game.

▶ Jackson combined with Green to carry the bulk of Nebraska's second-half rushing load vs. Western Illinois. Jackson carried 13 times for 79 yards. His 79 yards were the most by an NU true freshman since Horne rushed for 122 yards against Kansas in 2002, and the most by a Husker true freshman in a season opener since at least 1973.

▶ Jackson had a breakout game in Nebraska's victory over Baylor. The native of Horn Lake, Miss., rushed 18 times for 89 yards and his first two career touchdowns. Jackson also sparked Nebraska's kickoff return game with five returns for 158 yards, including returns of 59 and 40 yards, Nebraska's two longest returns of the season. Jackson tallied 247 all-purpose yards in the game, the 10th-best total in school history and second-best by a Nebraska freshman. Jackson added his third kickoff return of 40-plus yards against Missouri (40 yards).

▶ In addition to his effort at Baylor, Jackson led Nebraska in rushing at Kansas State, rushing 11 times for 57 yards and two touchdowns. He has rushed for 347 yards this season, the 10th-most by a Nebraska freshman.

▶ Nebraska has had one of its I-backs rush for two touchdowns in each of the last four games—Jackson against Baylor, Kansas State and Iowa State and Ross against Missouri.

▶ The I-back committee has combined for 1,573 yards on 295 carries, an average of 5.33 yards per attempt.

Tracking the Husker Backs

Nebraska's I-backs have combined for 174.8 yards per game in 2004.

Game	Ross	Green	Jackson	Horne	Total
WIU	13-125	7-112-2	13-79	DNP	33-316-2 TD
USM	27-169	11-66	1-1	0-0	39-236
Pitt	24-73-1	5-24	DNP	6-12	35-109-1 TD
KU	19-107-1	1-2	7-28	0-0	27-137-1TD
TT	15-49	2-4	12-24	2-9	31-104
BU	14-51-1	8-34	18-89-2	0-0	40-174-3 TD
KSU	16-43-0	3-17-0	11-57-2	DNP	30-117-2 TD
MU	19-194-2	3-(-2)-0	12-38-0	DNP	34-230-2 TD
ISU	19-126-1	2-5-0	4-13-2	1-6-0	26-150-3 TD
Totals	166-937-6	42-262-2	78-347-6	9-27	295-1573-15 TD

Husker Passing Game Spreading the Wealth

Nebraska has had six different players lead the team in receiving yardage in a game and five players lead the Huskers in receptions in a game. Nebraska's game-by-game receiving leaders are as follows...

- Western Illinois**—Matt Herian, 7 receptions, 98 yards, 2 TD
- Southern Miss**—Matt Herian, 8 receptions, 71 yards, 1 TD
- Pittsburgh**—Ross Pilkington, 5 receptions, 81 yards, 1 TD
- Kansas**—Ross Pilkington, 8 receptions, 113 yards
- Texas Tech**—Mark LeFlore, 5 receptions, 110 yards, 1 TD
- Baylor**—Cory Ross, 2 receptions, 77 yards, 1 TD
Grant Mulkey, 3 receptions, 75 yards, 1 TD
- Kansas State**—Cory Ross, 1 reception, 63 yards
Terrence Nunn, 1 reception, 55 yards
- Missouri**—Terrence Nunn, 2 receptions, 10 yards
- Iowa State**—Terrence Nunn, 5 receptions, 55 yards
Isaiah Fluellen, 4 receptions, 64 yards

NU Career Receptions

Rank	Player, Years	Catches
1.	Johnny Rodgers, 1970-72	143
2.	Matt Davison, 1997-2000	93
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10.	Abdul Muhammad, 1991-94	61
	Jerry List, 1970-72	61
	Dennis Richnafsky, 1965-67	61
13.	Tracey Wistrom, 1998-01	58
14.	Ross Pilkington, 2002-present	56
	Bobby Thomas, 1974-76	56
	Chuck Malito, 1974-76	56
17.	Jon Bostick, 1989-91	55
	Junior Miller, 1977-79	55
19.	Matt Herian, 2002-present	53
	Jim McFarland, 1968-69	53
	Tony Davis, 1973-75	53

NU Career Tight End Receptions

Rank	Player, Years	Catches
1.	Jerry List, 1970-72	61
2.	Tracey Wistrom, 1998-01	58
3.	Junior Miller, 1977-79	55
4.	Matt Herian, 2002-present	53
	Jim McFarland, 1968-69	53

NU Single-Season Passing Yards

Rank	Player, Years	Yards
1.	Dave Humm, 1972	2,074
2.	Vince Ferragamo, 1976	2,071
3.	Jerry Tagge, 1971	2,019
4.	Joe Dailey, 2004	1,646
5.	Tom Sorley, 1978	1,571

Huskers Break Pass Attempt Record at ISU

Nebraska threw a school-record 43 passes in its 34-27 loss at Iowa State last week. The 43 attempts broke the record of 42 attempts on four occasions, including earlier this season against Texas Tech and Southern Miss. Nebraska also attempted 42 passes at Missouri in 1969 and at Iowa State in 1972.

The Huskers rushed 35 times at Iowa State, marking the second time this season Nebraska has had more pass attempts than rushing attempts in a game (also Texas Tech).

Prior to the Texas Tech game, Nebraska had not had more pass attempts than rushes in a game in 35 seasons. The previous game in which Nebraska had more pass attempts than rushing attempts was against Missouri on Oct. 11, 1969. The Huskers' offensive effort that day included 38 rushes and 42 passes.

Husker Ball Security Improving

Nebraska has committed 28 turnovers this season, but has taken better care of the football in the past four games. The Huskers were turnover-free in victories over Baylor and Missouri. Nebraska committed four turnovers in the loss at Kansas State, all in the fourth quarter. At Iowa State, Nebraska's costly fourth-quarter interception was its only miscue of the day. The Huskers have now played turnover-free football in 14 of their past 16 quarters since committing seven miscues at Texas Tech.

NU Passing Record Falls after 31 Years

One of college football's more amazing statistical records came to an end in Nebraska's victory over Baylor. For the first time in school history, the Huskers passed for more than 300 yards. Sophomore quarterback **Joe Dailey** completed 13-of-20 passes for a school-record 342 yards and five touchdowns.

- ▶ The Nebraska single-game passing record stood for 387 games.
- ▶ Dailey moved past 300 yards early in the fourth quarter on a 43-yard strike to tight end **Matt Herian**. He surpassed the previous Nebraska passing record of 297 yards by Dave Humm against Wisconsin on Sept. 29, 1973.
- ▶ In his record-setting day, Dailey completed passes to seven receivers, including four players who had more than 60 yards receiving.
- ▶ Dailey averaged 17.1 yards per attempt and 26.3 yards per completion in the record-setting effort.
- ▶ Dailey's 65 percent completion rate, plus five touchdowns without an interception resulted in a 291.14 pass efficiency rating, the third-best single-game rating in Nebraska school history.

NU's Top Five Passing Games

Joe Dailey, Oct. 16, 2004 vs. Baylor	342 yards, 13-of-20
Dave Humm, Sept. 29, 1973 vs. Wisconsin	297 yards, 25-of-36
Dave Humm, Oct. 13, 1973 at Missouri	292 yards, 20-of-29
Frank Patrick, Nov. 23, 1967 vs. Oklahoma	290 yards, 22-of-40
Jerry Tagge, Nov. 13, 1971 at Kansas State	285 yards, 20-of-28

Sophomore Dailey Leading NU's West Coast Attack

Sophomore quarterback **Joe Dailey** has set several passing records during the 2004 season. The Jersey City, N.J. native threw for a Nebraska record 342 yards in the victory over Baylor, including five touchdown passes and no interceptions. Dailey has topped 200 yards passing three other times this season, including 230 yards at Iowa State. Dailey has completed 47.7 percent of his passes for 1,646 yards, with 15 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. Among Dailey's passing milestones in 2004 are...

- ▶ Dailey's 342 passing yards against Baylor marked the first 300-yard passing day in school history and shattered the old NU single-game passing record by 45 yards (297, Dave Humm vs. Wisconsin, 1973). Dailey also tied the school record with five touchdown passes against the Bears, including four before halftime.
- ▶ Dailey's 218 passing yards against Western Illinois marked the first time a Husker had passed for more than 200 yards in five seasons. Dailey threw for 213 yards in the first half, the most by a Husker player before halftime since Scott Frost threw for 220 yards against Kansas in 1996.
- ▶ Dailey is the first Husker since World War II to throw six touchdown passes in the first two games of a season.
- ▶ Dailey's six total touchdowns against Western Illinois tied a Nebraska school record, joining quarterback Gerry Gdowski who accounted for six touchdowns in a 1989 win over Iowa State (4 rush, 2 pass), and I-back Calvin Jones who rushed for six touchdowns at Kansas in 1991.
- ▶ The 218 passing yards against Western Illinois were the most ever by a Husker in a season opener, and his 420 passing yards in the first two games were the most since at least 1946. The last time a Husker had passed for 200 yards in two straight games prior to Dailey was Vince Ferragamo against TCU (218) and Miami (264) in 1976.
- ▶ Dailey has 1,646 yards passing this season, fourth on the Nebraska-single season list. Dailey surpassed the 1,000-yard passing mark in six games.
- ▶ Dailey has tied the Nebraska record for pass attempts in a game (42) twice in 2004.
- ▶ Dailey's 291.14 pass efficiency rating vs. Baylor was the third-best in school history and the best in 15 years.

Joe Dailey Game-by-Game

Opp.	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TDs
WIU	30	15	4	218	4
USM	42	22	3	202	2
Pitt	22	11	1	142	1
KU	24	16	3	183	1
TT	34	14	1	187	1
BU	20	13	0	342	5
KSU	12	3	1	116	0
MU	17	4	0	26	0
ISU	42	18	1	230	1
Totals	243	116	14	1,646	15
Completion Percentage —47.7					
Passing Yards Per Game —182.9					
Total Offense Per Game —191.3					

Loss of Tight End Herian Impacts Husker Offense

Junior tight end **Matt Herian** has been one of Nebraska's key offensive threats each of the past three seasons. The 6-5, 240-pound Herian hauled in seven touchdown catches in his first two seasons and earned All-Big 12 honors as a sophomore. This season he was one of the main beneficiaries of Nebraska's new offensive attack, catching a team-leading 24 passes before suffering a fractured left leg against Missouri.

The junior caught seven passes for 98 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the opener against Western Illinois, and tied the Nebraska single-game record for receptions by a tight end with eight catches for 71 yards and a touchdown a week later against Southern Miss. Before his injury, Herian put together a strong 2004 season, including...

- ▶ Herian's seven and eight-catch efforts to open the season rank as two of the five best receiving days by a tight end in school history. Herian's eight receptions tied Dennis Morrison's eight receptions at Colorado on Oct. 22, 1966, and his seven-catch effort is tied for third on the single-game tight end list.
- ▶ Herian's 15 receptions in the first two games were the most in a two-game stretch by any Husker since Johnny Rodgers caught 15 passes in consecutive games at Kansas State (10) and at Oklahoma (5) in 1971.

Herian, a native of Pierce, Neb., ranks second in school history for receiving yards among tight ends. Herian's 312 receiving yards this season pushed his career receiving yardage total to 1,097 yards. He is the 12th Husker with 1,000 career receiving yards and just the third tight end. He passed Junior Miller (1,045) in career receiving yards against Baylor and will enter his senior year just 53 yards shy of career tight end leader Tracey Wistrom (1,150).

Herian's 53 career receptions are tied for the fourth-most by a Husker tight end, and just eight shy of the career tight end record of 61 catches, set by Jerry List from 1970 to 1972. Additionally, Herian is tied for 19th on the overall receptions list, just eight catches shy of moving into the top 10.

Husker Football...A Family Tradition

Family is one of the first things that comes to mind in the Nebraska football program. The Ruud family is just one of the families with father-son and brother combinations represented on the 2004 Husker squad.

The brother combination list for 2004 includes: twin brothers Josh (FS) and Daniel Bullocks (2001-present); FS Dan (2000-present) and LB Jamie Burrow (1997-2001); OL Mike (2000-present) and WR Dan Erickson (2003-present); LB Adam (2001-present) and DB Matt Ickes (1998-2001); WR Mark (2002-present) and DB Chris LeFlore (2003-present); LBs Barrett (2001-present) and Bo Ruud (2003-present); CB Andrew (2002-present) and SLB Scott Shanle (1998-2002); FB DeAntae (1999-2003) and Courtney Grixy (2004-present) and LB Chad (2001-present) and TE Clayton Sievers (2004-present). In addition, offensive lineman Cory Timm's older brother, Dustin, is a pitcher for the Husker baseball team.

Second generation Huskers include the Burrows (father Jim played in 1974-75 and was a graduate assistant for NU); LBs Bo and Barrett Ruud (father Tom played in 1972-74 and Ruud's great-grandfather Clarence Swanson played for NU from 1918 to 1921 and is a member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame); DE Ty Steinkuhler (father Dean played in 1981-83 and swept both the Outland Trophy and Outland Award in 1983); SS Shane Siegel (father Robert played basketball for NU in 1974-77); OL Newton Lingenfelter (father Bob played for NU in 1975-75-76).

► Getting to the Points

The look of Nebraska's offense has changed in 2004 with a switch to the West Coast Offense. However, the end goal remains the same—putting points on the scoreboard, something Nebraska has never found difficult. The Huskers have a long history of ranking among the nation's leaders in scoring offense and have posted some amazing offensive numbers.

► NU has averaged more than 35 points a game 15 times in the last 18 years.

► NU has averaged 40-or-more points eight times since 1982, including four of the last nine seasons.

► Entering 2004, the Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average 22 of the last 26 years (since 1978) and finished first on four occasions (1982, 1983, 1994 and 1997).

► Nebraska is 307-2 all time when scoring 35-or-more points, losing only to Oklahoma, 49-35, in 1950 and at Colorado, 62-36, in 2001. Before the loss at Colorado in 2001, NU had won 237 consecutive games when scoring 35-or-more points.

► The last time the Huskers were shut out was a 19-0 loss at Arizona State in 1996. Nebraska has since scored in 111 straight games.

► Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (233 games).

► The Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. The Huskers have not been shut out by a conference opponent since a 27-0 loss at Oklahoma in 1973. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.

► The Huskers have scored 30-or-more points in six of their last nine bowl games, including a school and NCAA bowl-record 66 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

► Nebraska posted two shutouts in 2003, and has 102 shutouts in school history.

'55 Orange Bowl Team Gathers for Kansas Game

The Nebraska football program honored the 50th anniversary of its first Orange Bowl team when the Huskers hosted Kansas. The 1954 Husker team that played in the 1955 Orange Bowl was the first of a record 17 NU teams to participate in the Orange Bowl. Thirty-four members of the 1954 team took part in the weekend's festivities, in addition to Head Coach Bill Glassford. The Huskers lost 34-7 to Duke in the 1955 Orange Bowl. The 1954 Cornhuskers finished second behind Oklahoma in the Big Seven race, but went to the Orange Bowl under the no-repeat rule.

Koch Adding to Husker Walk-On Punting Success

Junior punter **Sam Koch** had one of the toughest tasks of any Husker entering the 2004 season. A walk-on from Seward, Neb., Koch replaced three-year starter and 2003 All-American Kyle Larson as Nebraska's starting punter. Larson closed his Nebraska career in outstanding fashion, averaging a school-record 45.1 yards per punt in 2004.

Koch has performed well this season, most notably the past two weeks. Koch ranks fifth in the Big 12 averaging 41.2 yards per punt. Two weeks ago against Missouri, Koch averaged 39.5 yards on 10 punts on an extremely windy day. He pinned the Tigers inside their own 20 five times and also had a career-long 65-yard punt. Against Iowa State, Koch averaged 44.5 yards on six punts and pinned ISU inside its 20-yard line four times.

The situation Koch faced was not new to the recent Husker punters. Nebraska has had four straight walk-on punters since 1995, and each of them has performed admirably. Jesse Kosch was Nebraska's starting punter for three straight seasons from 1995 to 1997 and finished his career with a 41.92-yard average to rank third on Nebraska's career punting chart. Kosch was followed by Bill Lafleur, who started one season and ranked fifth nationally in punting in 1998 at 44.94 yards per boot. Lafleur was followed by Dan Hadenfeldt, who handled the chores in 1999 and 2000 and holds Nebraska's career punting average record at 44.54 yards on 104 career punts. Larson was not fazed by the task of replacing Hadenfeldt, as he finished his career averaging 43.67 yards on 195 career punts.

1994 National Championship Team Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary

Nebraska celebrated the 10th anniversary of its run to the 1994 national championship conjunction with the 24-3 win over Missouri on Oct. 30. More than 90 members of the 1994 team that went 13-0 and defeated Miami in the Orange Bowl were on hand for festivities that included a Friday night reception and a Tunnel Walk reunion on Saturday before kickoff.

The 1994 Huskers overcame injuries and adversity to give Head Coach Tom Osborne his first of three national championships. The Huskers used three starting quarterbacks in their championship run. Coach Osborne was joined by former assistant coaches Charlie McBride, Milt Tenopir and Dan Young as coaching staff members on hand for the weekend. Captains of the 1994 team were offensive linemen Zach Wiegert and Rob Zatechka, linebacker Ed Stewart and defensive tackle Terry Connealy.

Scanning the Polls

Nebraska was unranked entering the season for the second consecutive year. The Huskers received enough points in the preseason ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll to rank 26th and were 27th in points in the Associated Press listing. This season marked just the second time since 1969 that Nebraska has opened the season unranked in the Associated Press Poll (also 2003).

Oklahoma enters this weekend's matchup ranked second in both polls. Four other Big 12 teams are ranked in at least one poll this week. Texas is No. 6 in the AP poll and seventh in the coaches listing, Texas A&M is 22nd in the AP poll and 23rd by the coaches, Oklahoma State is 24th and 25th, while Texas Tech is 25th in the coaches poll.

Huskers Continue Nation's Best Win Streak in Season Openers

Nebraska continued a long run of dominance in season openers with a 56-17 win over Western Illinois. The Huskers have been victorious in their last 19 season openers since a 17-13 setback against Florida State in 1985 at Memorial Stadium. Nebraska's 19-game win streak in season openers tops the nation, followed by Kansas State and Florida with 15 each.

Nebraska has won each of those 19 games by at least 10 points, and owns an 84-26-5 all-time record in season openers. Since 1973, the Huskers are 27-4-1 in season openers, including 22-2 at Memorial Stadium, with losses to only Florida State in 1985 and Washington State in 1977. In all-time home openers, Nebraska is 93-17-5, including 65-14-3 at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers are 29-2 in their last 31 home openers.

Construction at Memorial Stadium to Continue Throughout 2004

Nebraska is in the midst of a major building and stadium improvement project on the north end of Memorial Stadium. The \$50 million project includes an addition of more than 6,000 seats to Memorial Stadium, which will raise Nebraska's average crowd to 80,000 fans per game.

The project also includes the Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex, which will include a new locker room for the Husker football program. The building will include new football offices, a new strength complex, new training room, water therapy pools and administrative offices. The improvement project also features a new indoor workout facility, giving the Huskers two full-sized indoor practice areas adjacent to two outdoor grass fields. The project will not be completed until the 2006 season, leading to a few changes for Husker fans and opponents this fall.

The demolition of the north fieldhouse has forced the relocation of opposing teams to East Stadium. Husker opponents will locker in the south end of the East Stadium. The opponent will travel under East Stadium and enter and exit the field from the northeast corner. Nebraska will continue to enter the playing field from the southwest corner for the next two seasons, before moving to the North Stadium for the 2006 season.

Husker fans have also seen minor changes in their game-day routine. Gate 14 on the northeast corner of the stadium has been combined with Gate 15. Fans previously using that entrance now use Gate 15.

Nebraska A Regular Supplier to NFL

Nebraska had five players selected in the 2004 NFL Draft, led by Demorrio Williams who was a fourth-round selection of the Atlanta Falcons. In addition to Williams, Jammal Lord (Houston), Josh Sewell (Denver), Trevor Johnson (New York Jets) and Ryon Bingham (San Diego) had their names called during the 2004 draft. Six other Huskers signed free-agent contracts with NFL teams after the draft.



The Huskers had a total of 37 former players on 2004 NFL opening day rosters. In all, 21 teams had at least one former Husker on their 2004 opening day roster, with San Diego and Houston with four former Huskers each, while Kansas City has three former Nebraska players on its roster. Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro offensive guard Will Shields and Oakland Raiders defensive tackle John Parrella are Nebraska's most experienced NFL veterans, both entering their 12th season in the league in 2004. Below is a list of former Huskers currently on NFL rosters.

Ryon Bingham, DT, San Diego (I.R.)
 Josh Brown, PK, Seattle
 Kris Brown, PK, Houston
 Mike Brown, FS, Chicago (I.R.)
 Ralph Brown, CB, Minnesota
 Correll Buckhalter, RB, Philadelphia (I.R.)
 Keyuo Craver, CB, New Orleans
 Josh Davis, RB, New York Jets (I.R.)
 Dahrran Diedrick, RB, Green Bay (Practice)
 Chris Dishman, OG, St. Louis
 Tonia Fonoti, OG, San Diego
 Jay Foreman, LB, Houston
 Aaron Golliday, TE, Kansas City (Practice)
 Ahman Green, RB, Green Bay
 DeJuan Groce, CB, St. Louis
 Russ Hochstein, OG, New England
 T.J. Hollowell, LB, New York Giants
 Eric Johnson, LB, Atlanta
 Trevor Johnson, DE, New York Jets
 Chris Kelsay, DE, Buffalo
 Kyle Larson, P, Cincinnati
 Jammal Lord, DB, Houston (Practice)
 Mike Minter, SS, Carolina
 John Parrella, DT, Oakland
 Jerrell Pippens, DB, San Diego
 Carlos Polk, LB, San Diego
 Dominic Raiola, C, Detroit
 Mike Rucker, DE, Carolina
 Cory Schlesinger, FB, Detroit
 Josh Sewell, C, Denver (Practice)
 Scott Shanle, LB, Dallas
 Will Shields, OG, Kansas City
 Erwin Swiney, CB, Green Bay (Reserve)
 Adam Treu, C, Oakland
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE, Arizona
 Eric Warfield, CB, Kansas City
 Zach Wiegert, OT, Houston
 Demorrio Williams, LB, Atlanta
 Tyrone Williams, CB, Dallas
 Grant Wistrom, DE, Seattle

Week Nine Husker NFL Highlights

Among the notable performances from week nine of the NFL season by former Huskers were...

Chris Kelsay, DE, Buffalo—Kelsay made five tackles, including a sack as the Bills won their third game in the past four weeks.

Tonia Fonoti, OG, San Diego—Fonoti started in the Chargers' 43-17 victory over New Orleans, San Diego's fifth win in its past six games.

Husker Personnel, Injury Update

Nebraska took a significant hit on the injury front against Missouri when All-Big 12 tight end **Matt Herian** went down with a fractured left leg. Herian was injured while blocking on a second-quarter rushing play. Senior **Dusty Keiser** has seen significant action all season at tight end and moved into the top position at tight end. Redshirt freshman **J.B. Phillips** had seen more action in recent weeks and his role expanded in Herian's absence.

The Huskers are in relatively good shape late in the season aside from the injury to Herian. Sophomore quarterback **Jordan Adams**, a transfer from Grossmont (Calif.) College, has not played this season. Adams had his spleen removed on Friday, Aug. 27 but returned to practice on a limited basis the week before the Pittsburgh contest.

Several Husker newcomers have made their mark in 2004. Six Husker first-timers made their debut in the season opener and eight true freshmen have played through nine games.

True freshman wide receiver **Terrence Nunn** was the first Husker rookie to make noise in 2004. Nunn was in the starting lineup in the opener, and became the first Husker offensive player to start the first game of his true freshman season since World War II. Other Husker offensive newcomers who saw action against Western Illinois included true freshman quarterback **Ryan Goodman**, true freshman I-back **Brandon Jackson** and junior college transfers **Shamus McKoy** (WR) and **Cornealius Thomas** (OT). Defensively, true freshman **Cortney Grixby** made his Husker debut at cornerback against Western Illinois and started the Pittsburgh and Kansas games at right corner in place of the injured Lornell McPherson.

Three other true freshmen have made their debuts since the season opener. Two frosh made their debuts on special teams in game two, including receiver **Santino Panico** who is serving as NU's punt returner and linebacker **Lance Brandenburg** who has played on Husker coverage units. Quarterback **Beau Davis** played the majority of the second half in Nebraska's loss at Texas Tech.

NCAA-Record 267 Consecutive Sellouts

Nebraska boasts an incredible NCAA-record 267 consecutive sellouts at Memorial Stadium. The sellout streak dates back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 178, 89 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 237-30 during the 267 sellouts. The mark includes a 38-20 record against ranked teams. Nebraska is 5-0 in the five milestone sellouts during that period (50th, 100th, 150th, 200th and 250th sellouts), including a 24-7 win over No. 2 Colorado on Oct. 29, 1994 (No. 200) and a 44-13 victory over Utah State on Sept. 7, 2002 (No. 250).

The fan support at Memorial Stadium has led to a dominant home field advantage for the Huskers in Lincoln. Nebraska is a remarkable 148-14 at Memorial Stadium since 1981, with eight of those losses coming against teams that finished the season ranked in the top eight of the Associated Press Poll. Nebraska closes its 2004 home schedule on Nov. 26 against Colorado, which will push the sellout streak to 268 games.

Memorial Stadium Magic

Nebraska's record home sellout streak is testament to the Huskers playing in front of the nation's best college football fans. On the field, Nebraska has rewarded the loyalty of the Husker Nation with incredible success at Memorial Stadium through the years. Nebraska had a nation-leading 26-game home winning streak end with a loss to Texas in November, 2002. The loss ended the third-longest home winning streak in school history and Nebraska's third home win streak of 20 games or more since 1980, including a school-record 47-game home winning streak from 1991 to 1998.

The Huskers finished 6-1 at home in 2003, and Nebraska is 105-7 at home the last 16 years, including a pair of losses to teams that went on to win shares of the national championship—Colorado in 1990 and Washington in 1991. The Huskers are 472-126-20 (.780, 618 games, 115 years) in Lincoln, 347-103-13 (.763, 463 games, 82 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923). The 2002 season marked the first time Nebraska has lost two home games (Texas, Colorado) in a season since 1980.

Since 1986 (19 seasons), NU is 116-9 in Lincoln, with losses to Colorado (twice), Washington, Oklahoma (twice), Texas (twice), Kansas State and Southern Miss. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (233 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons. Husker faithful set a new attendance record in Memorial Stadium in 2002 against Texas with 78,268 fans.

Huskers Own An Unprecedented Winning Tradition

Nebraska, the nation's third-winningest program all time (fourth by percentage), boasts a 786-315-40 record in 1,141 games (.706) in 115 years of football. In the last 36 years, NU is tops, posting a record of 352-74-5 for an .823 winning percentage (431 games), an average of nearly 10 wins per year.

NU has won 10-or-more games 24 times since 1962, has gone undefeated and untied through the regular season seven times, played in 13 national title games (for at least one of the teams) and won the championship five times. Since the first Nebraska season in 1890, Husker teams have won 11 or more games 12 times, including seven of the last 11 years. NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997).

Nebraska (702), Michigan (705), Alabama (728) and Notre Dame (736) were the only four programs to win 700 games in the 1900s. NU became the first Division I team to win 100 or more games in consecutive decades, ranking first in the 1980s (103-20-0, .837) and second in the 1990s (108-16-1, .890) and posted a nation's best 309-56-5 record in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Husker Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	786-315-40
Home	472-126-20
Memorial Stadium	347-103-13
Since 1962	420-92-5
Away	314-188-20
Road (on campus)	276-151-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls)	38-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points.....	309-2
vs. Big 12 Teams	447-154-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	54-19
Home	31-4
Away	20-14
Neutral	3-1
Bowls	21-21
On ABC	76-34
On FieldTurf.....	37-7
At Night	57-19-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	90-97-3
Home	42-32-0
Away	28-50-3
Neutral.....	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1
In 267 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	237-30
vs. Ranked Teams	38-20

All-Time Bowl Appearances

1. Alabama	51
2. Tennessee	44
3. Texas	43
4. Nebraska	42
USC	42

Consecutive Bowl Appearances

Rank	Team	Most	Current
1.	Nebraska	*35	*35
2.	Michigan	29	29
3.	Alabama	25	--

*NCAA record

NU Among Leaders in AP National Titles

Notre Dame leads the nation by winning eight Associated Press national titles since 1936, with Oklahoma (7), Alabama (6), Miami (5), Nebraska (4) and Minnesota (4) rounding out the top five. While the Huskers were awarded the national title by the coaches in 1997, NU finished second to Michigan in the AP poll. In 1970, NU was awarded the AP national title, but not the coaches (Texas was first, Ohio State second and NU third) as the final poll was released before the bowl games were played. In the coaches poll (since 1950), Nebraska is tied for third with USC and Miami with four titles, behind Alabama and Oklahoma with six apiece.

Huskers Lead Conference in Crowns

Nebraska and Oklahoma are the only teams to capture two Big 12 titles in the first eight years of the Big 12 Conference. The Huskers won titles in 1997 and 1999, and appeared in the league title game in 1996. Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas State have also made three Big 12 title game appearances. In the last 11 seasons, Nebraska has won five conference crowns (three Big Eight, two Big 12). Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney, 13 under Coach Tom Osborne and one under Coach Frank Solich.

Oklahoma has won 35 conference championships to rank second behind NU among conference schools.

Big 12 History

	Division Winners		
Year	North	South	Big 12 Champ
1996	Nebraska	Texas	Texas
1997	Nebraska	Texas A&M	Nebraska
1998	Kansas St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
1999	Nebraska	Texas	Nebraska
2000	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2001	Colorado	Texas	Colorado
2002	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2003	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Kansas State

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NU One Win from Qualifying for NCAA-Record 36th Consecutive Bowl Appearance

Nebraska needs one more victory to reach six wins and qualify the Huskers for an NCAA-record 36th consecutive bowl trip. Michigan's streak of consecutive bowl appearances reached 29 last year, the second-longest streak in NCAA history. Nebraska's 42 overall bowl appearances is tied for fourth best with USC, trailing Alabama's 51, Tennessee's 44 and Texas' 43.

Nebraska played the first of its 42 bowls in the Rose Bowl, when No. 7 Nebraska lost to No. 2 Stanford, 21-13, following the 1940 season. NU's 35 consecutive bowls began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. The Huskers are 21-21 all-time in bowl games.

NU Owns 42 Consecutive Winning Regular Seasons

The Huskers own a remarkable 42 consecutive winning regular seasons and have posted 41 winning seasons in the last 42 years. Nebraska needs one more victory to reach a 43rd consecutive winning regular season. Nebraska saw its streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons end with a 7-7 mark in 2002. Nebraska's streak of 40 consecutive winning seasons fell two years short of Notre Dame's NCAA-record run of 42 straight winning campaigns from 1889 to 1932.

Nebraska's 42 straight non-losing seasons is tied for second all-time in NCAA Division I-A, with Notre Dame's 42 (1889-1932), trailing only Penn State's 49 (1939-87). Since Nebraska's 42-year .500-or-better streak began, the Huskers have averaged nearly 10 wins per season with a 420-92-5 record (.817).

All-Americans Call Nebraska Home

Free safety Josh Bullocks and punter Kyle Larson are the latest players to add their names to Nebraska's prestigious list of All-Americans, receiving honors in 2003. Larson was named a first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, while Bullocks was tabbed by The Sporting News.

Larson and Bullocks' All-America selections added to Nebraska's long list of All-Americans, beginning with tackle Vic Halligan in 1914. The Huskers have had at least one All-American in all but two (1991, 1998) of the past 34 years. Overall, Nebraska has seen 92 different players earn first-team All-America honors from at least one recognized source with 14 winning double honors for a total of 106 first-team awards. Nebraska had its most All-Americans in one season when six Huskers earned first-team honors in the 1971 national championship campaign. The offensive line is Nebraska's most honored position, with 26 players earning 31 first-team All-America certificates.

Huskers Continue Nebraska Tradition of Award-Winning Excellence in Classroom

The Husker football program has a tradition of winning that can be matched by few in college football. Off the field, Nebraska has established a tradition of academic excellence that is matched by no one.

► **Huskers Continue to Lead Nation in Academic Honors**

Nebraska continues to lead the nation in CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for all sports and all teams with 217; in first-team winners for all sports with 109; and also leads the nation in football academic honor winners with 59 first-team certificates and 81 football all-teams certificates. The 217 overall honorees is 61 better than second-place Notre Dame, while the 59 football honorees is 21 more than second-place Notre Dame's 38.

The Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 31 NCAA postgraduate scholarship winners, including Judd Davies in 2004, and 20 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes, most recently Chris Kelsay in 2002.

► **Kriewald, Cooper Playing 2004 Season as Graduate Students**

Two members of Nebraska's 20-player senior class will compete in their senior seasons as graduate students. Fullback **Steve Kriewald** picked up his degree in construction management in May. Linebacker **Ira Cooper** graduated with his degree in sociology at the close of summer school in August. In addition to Kriewald and Cooper, five Huskers are on track to finish their undergraduate work in December. Another 12 are scheduled to graduate in May of 2005, putting 19 of 20 Husker seniors on track to earn their degrees by next spring.

► **4.0 GPAs not Uncommon to Husker Football Team**

Three Husker players carry a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade-point average into the fall semester. Senior linebacker **Chad Sievers** (business administration) has completed his first eight semesters of college without a blemish on his report card. In addition to Sievers, sophomore offensive lineman **Kurt Mann** and sophomore fullback **Dane Todd** have each completed four semesters of college with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages.

During the spring 2004 semester, a total of seven players had 4.0 grade-point averages. Joining the three players listed above were quarterback **Garth Glissman**, defensive lineman **Nathan Krug**, safety **Brandon Rigoni** and safety **Blake Tiedtke**. A total of nine players had perfect 4.0 semesters in the fall of 2003.

► **Eleven Huskers Nominated for CoSIDA All-America Honors**

Eleven Huskers have been nominated for academic All-America honors in 2004. To be eligible for CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, a player must be a starter or significant reserve and carry a 3.2 or higher cumulative grade-point average. Players nominated in 2004 include senior place-kicker **Sandro DeAngelis**, senior cornerback **Kellen Huston**, sophomore center **Kurt Mann**, junior offensive lineman **Gary Pike**, sophomore defensive back **Brandon Rigoni**, senior linebacker **Barrett Ruud**, sophomore safety **Andrew Shanle**, junior safety **Shane Siegel**, senior linebacker **Chad Sievers**, junior defensive back **Blake Tiedtke** and sophomore fullback **Dane Todd**.

Nebraska Maintains Remarkable Win Streak Against Jayhawks

Nebraska's hard-fought 14-8 victory over Kansas on Oct. 2 was the Huskers' 36th straight win in the series vs. the Jayhawks and their 18th straight against Kansas in Lincoln. Nebraska's 36-game win streak in the series is the second-longest win streak ever against a Division I-A opponent, trailing only Notre Dame's 40 straight victories over Navy (also active). The six-point victory over Kansas was Nebraska's slimmest margin of victory over the Jayhawks since a 21-20 victory in Lawrence in 1993. The win over Kansas was also Nebraska's 29th victory in its last 30 conference openers. The two teams have met in 99 consecutive seasons, the longest continuous series in Division I-A.

NU Continues Happy Homecoming Tradition

Nebraska's 24-3 victory over Missouri on Homecoming continued the Huskers' dominance in front of the alumni. Nebraska has now won 36 straight Homecoming contests since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968. That game also marked the last time Nebraska was shut out at home. The Huskers improved to 71-19-4 all-time on Homecoming with the win over Missouri and has won 17 of its last 19 Homecoming contests by 17 points or more. Nebraska is now 11-5-1 all-time against Missouri on Homecoming.

Brandon Koch Receives Jake Young Scholarship

Nebraska offensive guard **Brandon Koch** was awarded the Jake Young Memorial Scholarship in pre-game ceremonies before the Kansas contest. Young, a Husker two-time All-American and academic All-American, was tragically killed in October, 2002, in a terrorist bomb in Bali. The Jake Young Memorial Scholarship was made possible by generous donations from friends and family, Husker fans across the nation and by a generous donation from Lynn and Dana Roper. The Roper's were Young's Lincoln parents.

Originally a walk-on, Koch was awarded a scholarship near the completion of spring ball and is Nebraska's starting left guard. A 2003 first-team academic All-Big 12 selection, Koch carries a 3.119 grade-point average in secondary education. He has also been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's honor roll four times during his collegiate career and was an honorable-mention pick on the 2003 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team.

Ruud Adds Berringer Scholarship to Long List of Accomplishments

Nebraska senior linebacker **Barrett Ruud** was presented with the Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship before the start of the Baylor contest. The scholarship is named in honor of Berringer, a former Nebraska quarterback who was killed in a private plane crash in April of 1996. The endowment was established by a benefit concert given on Aug. 27, 1997, by the members of the country singing group, Sawyer Brown, who were friends of Berringer. Criteria for the Brook Berringer Memorial Endowed Scholarship include the following: Must be a senior scholarship football student-athlete; must be involved in community service along with high ideals, excellent character and integrity.

Ruud is a two-time first-team academic All-Big 12 selection and is a regular volunteer in the community. Ruud has been a speaker during American Education Week and is one of the featured members of the Fall Tour of Excellence, which is being held on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 18-19 during Nebraska's fall break.

► Huskers Top Big 12 in Graduation Rates

For the fifth consecutive year, the University of Nebraska Athletic Department leads the Big 12 Conference in the Exhausted Eligibility Graduation Rate. Nebraska's rate increased by another percentage point to 91 percent, posting an improved rate for the fifth straight year. The Exhausted Eligibility Rate surveys the graduation of scholarship student-athletes who entered the University of Nebraska from 1988-89 through 1997-98 and exhausted their athletic eligibility at the University of Nebraska.

Nebraska's Exhausted Eligibility Graduation Rate is eight percentage points higher than the national average (83 percent). NU's four-class rate for football student-athletes entering in 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 ranks second in the Big 12, at 63 percent, 10 percentage points higher than the national average and nine points higher than the UNL average of 54 percent. Nebraska is the only Big 12 University that has ranked among the top three in the conference since the Big 12 was formed in 1996.

Nebraska's one-class average, for football student-athletes entering school in 1997, is 72 percent, 17 percentage points higher than the national average and 13 points higher than the UNL average of 59 percent.

Two members of this year's senior class (**Steve Kriewald**, **Ira Cooper**) have already earned their degrees with nine more set to pick up their diplomas in December.

► Nebraska Unveils Hall of Distinction

The University of Nebraska Athletic Department unveiled the Hall of Distinction on Thursday, Sept. 2 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Hall of Distinction, which is located in the Hewitt Center in West Memorial Stadium, honors every Husker letterwinner who has graduated and those who have earned national academic honors.

Nebraska men's sports date back to 1890 and its women's sports began nearly 30 years ago. During that span, 4,625 letterwinners have earned their degrees. Nebraska currently carries a 91 percent graduation rate for student-athletes who complete their eligibility at Nebraska.

The graduation display, which honors every student-athlete who lettered and earned their undergraduate degree, is in the same hallway as the academic All-American portraits, and a display honoring Nebraska's nation-leading 14 NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners. Since the award began, Nebraska leads the nation in academic All-Americans with 217 first-, second-, and third-team honorees from all sports and also leads the nation in with 109 first-team academic All-Americans.

NU Athletic Director Steve Pederson said the display was the brainchild of Associate Athletic Director for Academic Programs and Student Services Dennis Leblanc. Approximately two years of research went into tracking the letterwinners to verify names, graduation dates and degrees.

A Look at the Numbers

Scoring Drives

Nebraska has produced 37 scoring drives this season, with 21 coming in five plays or less, including seven one-play drives. The Huskers put their quick-strike capabilities on display against Baylor, unleashing nine scoring drives, with six drives taking five plays or less, including three one-play drives that resulted in touchdowns.

Overall, the Huskers have scored 32 touchdowns and kicked five field goals in their 136 drives this season. NU has 17 rushing touchdowns and 15 passing touchdowns. NU's 37 scoring drives (32 TDs, 5 FG) have covered a total of 1,944 yards in 202 plays in a total of 73:17, for an average scoring drive that has covered 52.5 yards in just 5.5 plays and 1:59.

The Huskers' longest scoring drive in terms of yardage went 92 yards in just two plays and 0:54 against Missouri. Nebraska put together a 15-play, 77-yard drive that took 5:43 against Iowa State, their third drive of 10-or-more plays this season. Nebraska's shortest drive covered two yards on one play and took just three seconds against Pittsburgh. The Huskers added a one-play, six-yard drive that took six seconds against the Panthers. NU had three one-play drives against Baylor, including a one-play, seven-yard drive that took six seconds, a one-play, 45-yard drive that took seven seconds, and a one-play, 74-yard drive that took 13 seconds. The Huskers' most recent one-play drive came against Missouri, when NU scored from 15 yards out on one play over five seconds.

Texas Tech produced an opponent season-long 14-play drive, which Kansas State and Iowa State matched. The Wildcats' drive took an opponent long 6:20. Iowa State matched the longest scoring drive of the year against NU with a 93-yard drive on 14 plays over 3:23, one of two 80-yard drives against the Huskers. Texas Tech also had pair of 80-plus yard marches, going 86 and 85 yards for the score.

The Red Raiders also produced the four shortest touchdown drives of the season against NU in terms of yards (6, 8, 12, 14). Tech's sixth drive took an opponent season-best seven seconds on one play covering 14 yards. TTU covered six yards on two plays in 13 seconds on its ninth scoring drive. Southern Miss covered just three yards in four plays and 1:16 to get a field goal against the Huskers, while Missouri went four yards on four plays in 16 seconds to get a field goal. ISU had a three-play drive covering 80 yards in 34 seconds.

Game	Scoring		Time		Plays		
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
W. Illinois	8	15:37	1:57	46	5.8	4	1
Southern Miss	3	6:30	2:10	18	6.0	2	0
Pittsburgh	4	5:11	1:18	14	3.5	3	2
Kansas	2	4:27	2:14	13	6.5	1	0
Texas Tech	2	1:46	0:53	7	3.5	2	0
Baylor	9	17:51	1:59	43	4.8	6	3
Kansas State	2	4:44	2:22	11	5.5	1	0
Missouri	3	4:40	1:33	13	4.3	2	1
Iowa State	4	12:31	3:08	37	9.3	0	0
Totals	37	73:17	1:59	202	5.5	21	7
Opponents	39	105:31	2:42	282	7.2	14	3

Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

The Huskers have produced 63 plays that have covered 20 yards or more, including 22 long passes, 13 long runs and 28 long returns. Quarterback Joe Dailey connected with wide receiver Mark LeFlore on a 74-yard touchdown pass at Texas Tech for the Huskers' longest pass play of the season, then matched that a week later against Baylor on a 74-yard score to I-back Cory Ross. Ross sprinted 86 yards against Missouri for NU's longest run from scrimmage this season, and the eighth-longest run in NU history. Freshman I-back Brandon Jackson contributed NU's longest kickoff return of the season with his 59-yard against Baylor. Junior strong safety Daniel Bullocks unleashed NU's longest interception return of the year with his 58-yard return against Western Illinois. Kade Pittman added NU's longest punt return (36 yards vs. WIU).

The Huskers have yielded 55 long plays to the opposition, including 28 long passes, 21 long returns and six long rushes. Western Illinois' James Norris erupted for a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, which tied for the third-longest kickoff return in school history by an NU opponent. Pittsburgh's Marcus Furman added a 96-yard kickoff return for a score. Southern Miss' Naton Stewart had the longest interception return by an opponent this season with a 49-yarder for a touchdown. Texas Tech quarterback Sonny Cumbie connected with Jarrett Hicks for an 80-yard touchdown and the longest pass play of the season by an NU opponent. Kansas State's Darren Sproles owns the two longest runs by an opposing back with carries of 34 and 30 yards.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Return	Total	Rush	Pass	Return	Total
WIU	4	5	4	13	0	3	3	6
USM	2	2	5	9	0	2	3	5
PITT	0	1	2	3	0	4	2	6
KU	1	2	0	3	1	1	2	4
TTU	0	1	3	4	1	4	4	9
BU	1	6	5	12	0	5	3	8
KSU	1	2	3	6	2	1	2	5
MU	2	0	2	4	1	4	1	6
ISU	2	3	4	9	1	4	1	6
Total	13	22	28	63	6	28	21	55

Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska has excelled in the red zone, converting 26-of-31 trips inside the opponent's 20-yard line through nine games. NU has come away with 22 touchdowns and four field goals. NU has turned the ball over on downs two times in the red zone, while committing one turnover in the red zone. The Huskers have eight passing touchdowns inside the red zone this season, which is eight times the number they produced last season in that category. The Huskers have added 14 rushing scores in the red zone. Sandro DeAngelis has added four red zone field goals with one against Southern Miss, one at Pittsburgh, one against Baylor and one against Missouri. NU was a perfect 5-for-5 on red zone chances against Baylor.

Opponents have converted 29-of-39 red zone chances, including a 5-of-6 effort last week by Iowa State. The Cyclones ended the game inside NU's 20 for their only non-score. On the season, opponents have scored 12 red-zone touchdowns via the rush, with eight passing touchdowns and nine field goals.

Game	Chances	Scores Inside 20			No Score Inside 20			Half/	
		Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TDs	Downs	Gm.	Pct.
WIU	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
USM	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	.750
PITT	5	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	.800
KU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
TTU	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000
BU	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
KSU	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
MU	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
ISU	6	4	4	0	2	0	0	0	.667
Totals	31	26	22	4	2	1	2	0	.839
Opp.	39	29	20	8	3	3	2	2	.744

Note: Nebraska has 14 rushing TDs, eight passing TDs and four FGs in the red zone. Opponents have 12 rushing TDs, nine passing TD and eight FGs in the red zone.

Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

The Blackshirts have forced 19 turnovers through nine games, including a season-high five against Western Illinois and four more at Pittsburgh. NU has converted opponent turnovers into 69 points.

The Huskers have committed 28 turnovers of their own in nine games, including a season-high seven turnovers in the loss at Texas Tech. Opponents have scored 77 points off NU's turnovers, including a season-high 35 points by the Red Raiders. Texas Tech converted five of NU's seven turnovers into touchdowns, all in the second half. Opponents had managed just 28 points off NU's first 16 turnovers through the first four games. Nebraska did not commit a turnover in wins over Baylor and Missouri.

For the season, Nebraska has intercepted 13 passes and recovered six fumbles, while the Huskers have thrown 18 interceptions and lost 10 fumbles.

Game	TOs Gained	TDs	Scores		Turnovers	
			FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)	
WIU	5 (1/1 F/L, 4 INT)	2	0-0	14	6 (3/2 F/L, 4 INT)	
USM	1 (0/0 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/2 F/L, 3 INT)	
PITT	4 (2/1 F/L, 3 INT)	2	1-1	17	1 (1/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
KU	1 (1/0 F/L, 1 INT)	0	0-1	0	4 (4/1 F/L, 3 INT)	
TTU	1 (3/0 F/L, 1 INT)	0	1-1	3	7 (2/2 F/L, 5 INT)	
BU	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	2	0-0	14	0 (2/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
KSU	2 (3/2 F/L, 0 INT)	1	0-0	7	4 (3/3 F/L, 1 INT)	
MU	2 (1/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
ISU	1 (0/0, 1 INT)	0	0-1	0	1 (3/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
Totals	19 (14/6 F/L, 13 INT)	9	2-4	69	28 (23/10 F/L, 18 INT)	
Opp.	28 (23/10 F/L, 18 INT)	10	3-4	77	19 (14/6 F/L, 13 INT)	

Husker 100-Yard Rushing Games (6)

The Huskers continue to feature a strong running attack and have produced six 100-yard efforts in nine games this season.

Junior I-back Cory Ross has reeled off five 100-yard efforts, including a career-high 194 yards on 19 carries against Missouri. He also had a then-career-high 169 yards on 27 attempts against Southern Miss, and added 126 yards last week at Iowa State, 107 yards against Kansas and 125 yards in the season-opening win over Western Illinois. Against the Leathernecks, redshirt freshman I-back Tierre Green joined Ross across the century mark with 112 yards and two touchdowns on just seven carries in his first career game.

While the Huskers sprinted for 363 yards against the Leathernecks, the Blackshirts held Western Illinois to minus-three yards in rushing. Through nine games, Nebraska has racked up 1,671 yards rushing while allowing only 848 yards on the ground. The Huskers held five straight opponents to less than 100 yards rushing dating back to last season, before Kansas managed 105 yards. Kansas State added a pair of 100-yard performances against the Huskers with a season-high 147 yards by quarterback Allen Webb and 135 yards by running back Darren Sproles.

Nebraska's Individual Rushing 100-yard Games (6)

W. Illinois – Cory Ross-13 att., 125 yards, 0 TD; Tierre Green-7 att., 112 yards, 2 TDs

Southern Miss – Cory Ross-27 att., 169 yards, 0 TD

Pittsburgh – None

Kansas – Cory Ross-19 att., 109 yards, 1 TD

Texas Tech – None

Baylor – None

Kansas State – None

Missouri – Cory Ross-19 att., 194 yards, 2 TDs

Iowa State – Cory Ross-19 att., 126 yards, 1 TD

Starting Field Position

Nebraska enjoyed its largest field position advantage of the season with a 14.5 yard-per-drive edge against Missouri. The Huskers produced a season-best average start at their own 42.1, while holding Missouri to an average start at its own 27.6. The Huskers buried the Tigers inside the 20 five times. Nebraska also forced Iowa State to start drives inside the 20 five times, while limiting the Cyclones to an opponent season-low average start at its own 22.9.

Against Pittsburgh, the Huskers started a season-high five drives in Panther territory, including three starts inside the Panthers' 10. NU's best starting field position of the season came at the Panthers' 2. The Huskers added a Daniel Bullocks touchdown return on a botched punt attempt at Kansas State, and an Adam Ickes touchdown return on Andrew Shanle's blocked punt against Missouri.

Western Illinois produced an opponent season-best average start at its own 45.8-yard line, while NU managed an average drive start at its own 36.6. WIU established an opponent season high with six drives on NU's half of the field, which Texas Tech and Kansas State both matched. The Red Raiders gave the Huskers their largest starting yard-line disadvantage this season. Texas Tech produced an average start at its own 44.4, while limiting NU to a season-low average start at its own 26.3 (-18.1). NU opponents own three returns for touchdowns, including kickoff returns by Western Illinois and Pittsburgh and an interception return for a score by Southern Miss.

NU has started 27 drives inside its own 20 this season, including eight at Kansas State, while opponents have started 32 drives inside their own 20.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
Western Illinois	36.6 (659/18)	45.8 (870/19)	-9.2
Southern Miss	33.4 (467/14)	33.1 (497/15)	+0.3
Pittsburgh	42.0 (672/16)	30.4 (487/16)	+11.6
Kansas	32.3 (516/16)	29.0 (464/16)	+3.3
Texas Tech	26.3 (447/17)	44.4 (710/16)	-18.1
Baylor	39.8 (518/13)	29.9 (418/14)	+9.9
Kansas State	27.6 (414/15)	43.7 (655/15)	-16.1
Missouri	42.1 (716/17)	27.6 (469/17)	+14.5
Iowa State	34.9 (524/15)	22.9 (344/15)	+12.0
Total	35.0 (4,933/141)	34.7 (4,914/143)	+0.3

Note: Total starting yard lines and total number of drives in parentheses.

Penalty Numbers

Nebraska was whistled for a season-high 11 penalties for 84 yards at Iowa State, while Kansas picked up an opponent season-high 13 penalties. Texas Tech had an opponent season-high 121 penalty yards marched off against the Red Raiders. NU committed a season-low five penalties for just 25 yards in the loss to Southern Miss, and matched the season low with five penalties at Texas Tech. Missouri committed an opponent season-low six penalties for 35 yards.

Game	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
Western Illinois	6-55	7-41
Southern Miss	5-25	8-59
Pittsburgh	8-60	11-60
Kansas	8-66	13-99
Texas Tech	5-36	10-121
Baylor	7-47	8-50
Kansas State	6-45	9-41
Missouri	7-58	6-35
<u>Iowa State</u>	<u>11-84</u>	<u>7-70</u>
Total	63-476	79-576
Average	7.0-52.9	8.8-64.0

Husker Starting Experience

(Regular Starters in boldface, includes bowl games)

Offensive Starters	'01	'02	'03	'04	Total
Willie Amos, WR (X), Sr. (Sweetwater, Texas)	6*	–	0	0	6*
Jake Andersen, RG, Jr. (Littleton, Colo.)	0	0	11	9	20
Joe Dailey, QB, So. (Jersey City, N.J.)	–	–	0	9	9
Mike Erickson, OL, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	14	13	9	36
Seppo Ewvarayae, OT, Jr. (Vaasa, Finland)	–	0	0	9	9
Isaiah Fluellen, WR (Z), So. (Ramstein, Germany)	–	–	4	1	5
Matt Herian, TE, Jr. (Pierce, Neb.)	–	0	13	8	21
Tierre Green, IB, RFr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	–	–	2	2
Dusty Keiser, TE, Sr. (Norfolk, Neb.)	0	0	0	5	5
Brandon Koch, LG, Jr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	–	0	2	9	11
Steve Kriewald, FB, Sr. (Scotia, Neb.)	2	1	0	3	6
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	–	1	5	3	9
Kurt Mann, C, Soph. (Grand Island, Neb.)	–	–	0	9	9
Grant Mulkey, WR (E), Soph. (Arlington, Texas)	–	–	0	2	2
Terrence Nunn, WR (Z), Fr. (Houston, Texas)	–	–	–	4	4
Jack O'Holleran, WR (Z), Sr. (North Platte, Neb.)	–	0	2	0	2
Ross Pilkington, WR (X), Jr. (Ft. Collins, Colo.)	–	0	13	8	21
Nick Povendo, RT, Sr. (Keller, Texas)	0	2	0	0	2
<u>Cory Ross, IB, Jr. (Denver, Colo.)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>
Totals	8	19	66	99	192

*-Amos' starts were on defense

Defensive Starters	'01	'02	'03	'04	Total
Titus Adams, DT, Jr. (Omaha, Neb.)	–	0	1	8	9
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Soph. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	–	–	0	8	8
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Jr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	–	1	9	9	19
Josh Bullocks, FS, Jr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	–	5	13	9	27
Adam Carriker, DE, So. (Kennewick, Wash.)	–	–	0	5	5
Ira Cooper, LB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	0	3	4
Cortney Grixby, LCB, Fr. (Omaha, Neb.)	–	–	–	2	2
Kellen Huston, DB, Sr. (Ankeny, Iowa)	0	0	0	1	1
Lornell McPherson, RCB, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	3	4	2	7	16
Jay Moore, DE, So. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	–	–	0	5	5
Barrett Ruud, MIKE, Sr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	0	14	13	8	35
Chad Sievers, WILL, Sr., (Valley, Neb.)	–	0	0	7	7
Shane Siegel, SS, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	–	1	0	1	2
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Jr. (Macon, Ga.)	–	0	12	9	21
Benard Thomas, LDE, Sr. (East Palo Alto, Calif.)	0	–	10	8	18
<u>Fabian Washington, LCB, Jr. (Bradenton, Fla.)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>33</u>
Totals	3	37	73	99	212

Starting Kickers	'01	'02	'03	'04	Total
Sandro DeAngelis, PK, Sr. (Niagara Falls, Ontario)	4	0	2	9	15
David Dyches, PK, So. (Spring, Texas)	–	–	11	0	11
<u>Sam Koch, P, Jr. (Seward, Neb.)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
Totals	4	0	13	18	35

Starters Briefly

Starts by True Freshmen: 3

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 18

Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts: 19

Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts: 17

Most Career Starts on Offense: Mike Erickson, LT (36)

Most Career Starts on Defense: Barrett Ruud, MLB (35)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Mike Erickson (36)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: Fabian Washington (31)

The Husker Probable Starters, In Depth

Offense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
TE (Y)	47	Dusty Keiser*	6-3, 245, Sr.....Fifth-year senior assumed starting role with Herian sidelined; Career-high two catches for 41 yards at Iowa State
LT	78	Mike Erickson***	6-4, 300, Sr.Omaha native has started 36 straight games over past three seasons; younger brother, Dan, is a redshirt freshman WR
LG	75	Brandon Koch*	6-3, 300, Jr.....One of three Nebraskans on starting offensive line; Former walk-on earned scholarship near close of spring practice
C	64	Kurt Mann	6-4, 280, So.....First-year starter earned starting nod during fall camp; Grand Island native carries a perfect 4.0 grade-point average
RG	71	Jake Andersen**	6-1, 290, Sr.....Second-year starter is only Husker O-lineman starting in same position as 2003; One of six Colorado natives on NU roster
RT	77	Seppo Ewvaraye*	6-5, 315, Jr.Native of Finland who made switch from defensive line in spring practice; Attended high school at Laurel-Concord (Neb.) HS
WR (X)	2	Ross Pilkington**	6-0, 185, Jr.Co-captain is former Colorado Rockies farmhand; 56 career receptions; Second on team with 20 receptions in 2004
WR (Z)	83	Mark LeFlore**	5-11, 190, Jr.....Set career-high with 110 receiving yards at Texas Tech (5 catches); Four career touchdowns, including three TD catches
ZEBRA	84	Grant Mulkey*	5-11, 190, So.....Ranks fourth on team with 12 receptions; Scored second touchdown of season on 31-yard fourth-quarter catch vs. Baylor
FB	45	Steve Kriewald***	5-10, 245, Sr.....Senior has two receiving touchdowns in 2004, the first two by an NU fullback in 12 seasons; Graduated last May
IB	4	Cory Ross**	5-6, 195, Jr.86-yard run vs. Mizzou was eighth-longest in school history; 74-yard catch vs. Baylor was longest by NU back in 26 years
QB	12	Joe Dailey*	6-0, 205, So.....Needs 428 passing yards to break NU single-season passing yardage record; accounted for 18 total TDs (15 pass, 3 rush)

Defense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
LDE	5	Benard Thomas***	6-4, 270, Sr.Second-year Blackshirt leads team with four sacks; second on team with 10 TFL; 15 QB hurries, including five vs. Pitt
LT	66	Le Kevin Smith**	6-2, 305, Jr.Has 35 tackles, including nine tackles for loss, third on the team; Has rebounded from two torn ACLs in NU career
RT	96	Titus Adams**	6-3, 285, Jr.Seven TFL is fifth on the team; nine QB hurries; Two career interceptions; First-team academic All-Big 12 in 2003
RDE	90	Adam Carriker*	6-6, 275, So.....Tied for second on team with three sacks; Career-high nine tackles vs. K-State; 2004 Nebraska Lifter of the Year
SAM	34	Stewart Bradley*	6-4, 240, So.Converted end ranks second on team with 57 tackles; 10 TFL ranks second on team; starter for national championship high school rugby team
MIKE	38	Barrett Ruud***	6-2, 240, Sr.....Leads team with 120 tackles, including 72 solos; One of four Huskers with two 100-tackle seasons; Two-time academic All-Big 12 pick
WILL	54	Chad Sievers***	6-3, 230, Sr.Transfer from New Mexico State is only married Husker, expecting first child in next week; ranks third on team with 47 tackles
LCB	3	Fabian Washington**	5-11, 180, Jr....Florida native is tied for fourth on team in PBU; Others in top five are all active NFL cornerbacks; started 31 straight games
FS	20	Josh Bullocks**	6-0, 205, Jr.....Second in school history with 13 interceptions; Second INT of year vs. Mizzou; 42 tackles in 2004 is fifth on team
SS	14	Daniel Bullocks**	6-1, 205, Jr.High school quarterback has five INTs in 2004; career-best four PBU vs. KU; first career TD at KSU; older of twins by one minute
RCB	1	Lornell McPherson***	5-9, 180, Sr. ...Omaha native has played in 45 career games; missed Pittsburgh and KU games with leg injury; Two sacks in 2003

Specialists

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
PK	22	Sandro DeAngelis**	5-8, 200, Sr.Connected on four-of-nine field goals in 2004; Career-long 41-yard FG vs. MU; Canada native is one of three international Huskers
P	37	Sam Koch*	6-1, 230, Jr.21 of 51 punts have been downed inside opponent's 20, including nine in past two weeks; Averaging 41.2 yards per punt
LS	92	Lane Kelly*	6-4, 260, So.Walk-on is in second season handling long-snapping chores; One of 13 Omaha natives on Husker roster
KOR	30	Tierre Green	6-0, 200, RFr.,Averages 19.3 yards per kickoff return with a long of 28 yards; Rushed for 262 yards and 2 TDs as a reserve I-back
	32	Brandon Jackson	6-0, 220, Fr.....Averages 21.5 yards per kickoff return; Had returns of 59 and 40 yards vs. Baylor; Second on team in rushing yards
PR	80	Santino Panico	6-0, 185, Fr.....Illinois native was one of first players to commit to Nebraska following Callahan's hiring; 21 returns for 71 yards
H	29	Kellen Huston*	5-11, 195, Sr.Ankeny, Iowa native also serves as Nebraska's starting nickel back; Second on team with 12 PBU, including five vs. Pittsburgh

All-America Candidate, Thorpe Award Candidate

#14—Daniel Bullocks

► Strong Safety, Jr., 6-1, 205
 ► Chattanooga, Tenn.

► 2003 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12
 ► Sixth Nationally in Interceptions (0.56 pg)



2004

Junior strong safety Daniel Bullocks teams with his twin brother, Josh, to give Nebraska one of the nation's best safety tandems. The older of the twins by one minute, Daniel received fewer accolades than his twin entering the season, but his play in 2004 has been just as strong as the All-American.

Bullocks opened the year with interceptions in each of the first two games, and has picked off three passes since, including his fifth of the year at Iowa State. Bullocks has made the most of his interceptions, returning them 187 yards, including a 58-yard return against Western Illinois.

Daniel Bullocks' five interceptions have helped set the tone for a Blackshirt defense that has picked off 13 opponent passes, tied for the 11th-most in the country. Bullocks' five interceptions are a team-high, and he is tied for sixth nationally in interceptions per game.

A hard hitter, Bullocks is also strong against the run and a key in several of Nebraska's blitz packages. Bullocks has registered 42 tackles through nine games, including 25 solo stops. He also has four tackles for loss, including a 12-yard sack in a 24-17 victory over Pittsburgh. Bullocks scored his first career touchdown at Kansas State when he returned a botched Kansas State punt attempt 10 yards for a third-quarter touchdown.

Bullocks has been a key part of a talented Nebraska secondary each of the past three seasons. A year ago, he earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors, while compiling 69 tackles, the most among Nebraska defensive backs.

Bullocks Game-by-Game in 2004

Western Illinois—Bullocks started the season on a strong note, intercepting a pass and returning it 58 yards for one of Nebraska's five takeaways. He also made a pair of tackles, including a four-yard tackle for loss.

Southern Miss—Bullocks intercepted his second pass of the season in the third quarter and returned it 16 yards. The pick set up an NU touchdown that gave the Huskers a 17-9 lead. Bullocks also made six solo tackles and added a hurry.

Pittsburgh—Bullocks was a key part of a defense that harrassed Panther quarterback Tyler Palko all afternoon. He finished with three solo tackles, including a 12-yard sack and added a quarterback hurry.

Kansas—Bullocks broke up a career-high four passes as the NU defense batted down 17 Jayhawk pass attempts. Bullocks also made four tackles and had two hurries of KU quarterback Adam Barmann.

Texas Tech—Bullocks made four tackles to go along with an interception, and also broke up a pass in the matchup with the Red Raiders.

Baylor—Bullocks had a season-high seven tackles, and picked off his fourth pass of the season, returning the ball 44 yards deep into Baylor territory. He also had his sixth pass breakup of the season.

Kansas State—Bullocks had just one tackle in the game, but scored his first career touchdown in the third quarter when he scooped up a fumbled Kansas State punt snap and ran 10 yards for a touchdown. Bullocks also had an interception nullified because of penalty in the game.

Missouri—Bullocks had seven tackles against the Tigers, including two tackles for loss. Bullocks also added a pass breakup as the Huskers held Mizzou out of the end zone in a 24-3 victory.

Iowa State—Bullocks intercepted his fifth pass of the season in the second quarter and made a season-high eight tackles against the Cyclones. He added his eighth pass breakup of 2004.

For more on Daniel Bullocks, please see page 95 in the 2004 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Defense		Tackles					Fum.			QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AI	TI	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
2001		Redshirted										
2002	12/1	5	11	16	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	1	0
2003	13/9	44	25	69	4-5	0-0	1-1	0	3	2	3	0
2004	9/9	25	17	42	4-19	1-12	0-1	0	8	5	5	0
Totals	34/19	74	53	127	8-24	1-12	2-2	0	11	7	9	0

Single-Game Bests:

- Tackles**—15 at Texas, 2003
- Solo Tackles**—10, at Texas, 2003
- Interceptions**—1, seven times
- Pass Breakups**—4, vs. Kansas, 2004
- Long Interception Return**—58 yards vs. Kansas, 2004
- Touchdown**—10-yard fumble return for a touchdown at Kansas State, 2004

2004 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles				Sacks	Fumbles	PBU	QBH	INT
	UT	AI	TI	TFL	No.-Yds	FF-FR			
WIU	1	1	2	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-58
USM	6	0	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-16
PITT	3	0	3	1-12	1-12	0-0	0	1	0
KU	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	4	2	0
TT	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-38
BU	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-44
KSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
MU	4	3	7	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
ISU	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-31



All-America Candidate, Thorpe Award Candidate

#20—Josh Bullocks

- ▶ Free Safety, Jr., 6-0, 205
- ▶ Chattanooga, Tenn.



- ▶ 2003 First-Team All-American
- ▶ 2003 First-Team All-Big 12
- ▶ Nebraska and Big 12 Record Holder for Interceptions in a Season (10 in 2003)
- ▶ Second on Nebraska Career INT List (13)
- ▶ 2003 Thorpe Award Semifinalist

2004

Junior free safety Josh Bullocks exploded onto the national scene last season by intercepting a Nebraska and Big 12 record 10 passes. Bullocks keyed a defense that led the nation in interceptions and for his efforts was named a first-team All-American and a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award.

Bullocks' performance as a sophomore earned him preseason mention on nearly every All-America list and the Husker secondary is generally regarded as one of the nation's best. Behind the leadership of Bullocks, one of four Nebraska captains, the Blackshirt defense has once again exhibited the ability to be among the Big 12's best defenses in 2004. The Huskers also rank 11th nationally with 13 interceptions.

Bullocks picked off his second pass of the season against Missouri in a 24-3 Nebraska victory. The pick was the 13th of his career, second on NU career interceptions list, just one shy of the Nebraska school record. Bullocks has also made 42 tackles in his junior season to rank fifth on the team, tied with his twin brother, Daniel, for most among defensive backs. Bullocks ranks fourth on the team with six pass breakups.

The Chattanooga, Tenn., roams the NU secondary alongside his twin brother, Daniel, who has started the past two seasons at strong safety.

Bullocks Game-by-Game in 2004

Western Illinois—Bullocks opened the season with three tackles and one pass breakup as the Husker defense forced five turnovers in a 56-17 victory over the Leathernecks.

Southern Miss—Bullocks made four tackles and broke up a pass in Nebraska's 21-17 loss. The Huskers allowed Southern Miss just 239 yards and the Golden Eagles completed only 12-of-28 passes.

Pittsburgh—Bullocks picked off his first pass of the season in the second quarter and returned it 38 yards. He finished the day with six tackles, a pair of pass breakups and a quarterback hurry.

Kansas—Bullocks had five tackles and broke up a KU pass, as Nebraska limited the Jayhawks to just 24-of-49 accuracy through the air.

Texas Tech—Bullocks recorded seven tackles against Texas Tech, including six solo stops.

Baylor—Bullocks had a season-high eight tackles, one off his career high in NU's 59-27 victory.

Kansas State—Bullocks started his 25th straight game despite playing with an injured shoulder. Bullocks made two tackles in the game.

Missouri—Bullocks picked off a Brad Smith pass in the fourth quarter of Nebraska's 24-3 victory, his 13th career interception. Bullocks was part of a defense that allowed Smith to complete just 24-of-56 pass attempts.

Iowa State—Bullocks made two unassisted tackles and broke up a pass in Nebraska's road loss at Iowa State.

For more on Josh Bullocks, please see pages 84-85 in the 2004 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Year	Defense (-----Tackles-----)					Fum.					QB Int.	
	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.Csd.	Int.
2001	Redshirted											
2002	13/5	26	22	48	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	3	1	2	0
2003	13/13	23	26	49	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	7	10	5	0
2004	9/9	27	15	42	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	6	2	1	0
Totals	35/27	76	63	139	1-2	0-0	1-1	1	16	13	8	0

Single-Game Bests:

Tackles—9 vs. Ole Miss, 2002 Independence Bowl; **Solo Tackles**—5, twice

PBU—2, vs. Penn State, 2003, 2 vs. Michigan State, 2003 Alamo Bowl

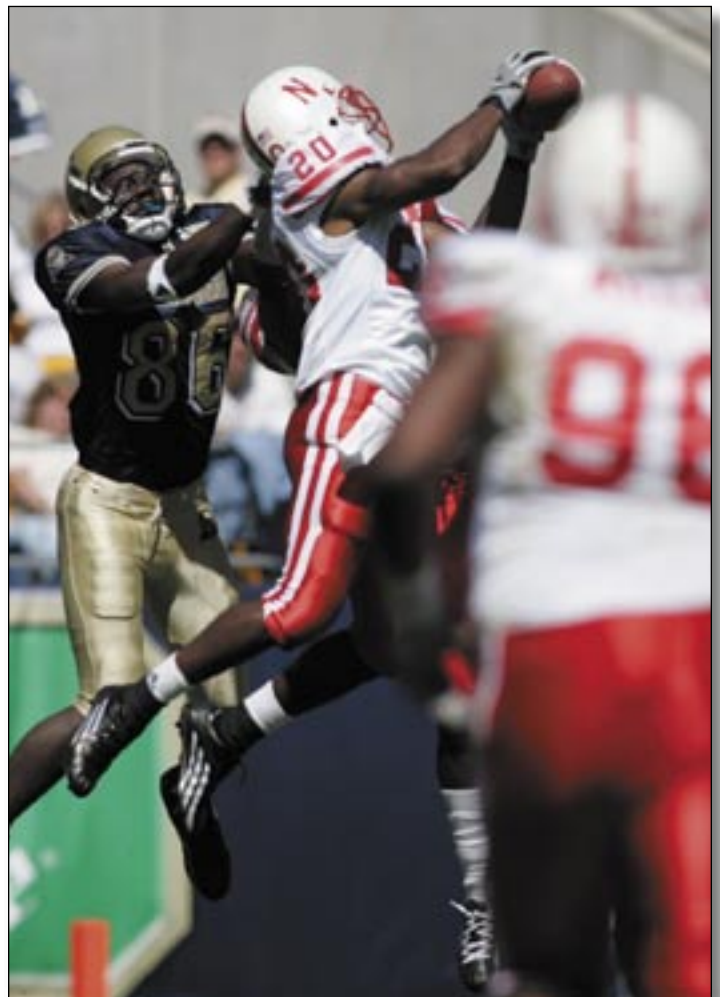
Interceptions—2 vs. Oklahoma State, 2003

Long INT Return—41 yards vs. Southern Miss, 2003, vs. Kansas State, 2003

Touchdowns—26-yard blocked punt return for touchdown vs. Iowa State, 2003

2004 Game-by-Game

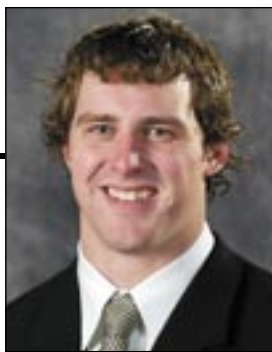
Game	Tackles				TFL	Sacks No.-Yds	Fumbles		
	UT	AT	TT	TFL			FF-FR	PBU	QBH
WIU	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
USM	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
PITT	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	1-38
KU	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
TT	6	1	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
BU	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
KSU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
MU	3	2	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
ISU	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0



All-America Candidate

#38—Barrett Ruud

- ▶ Mike Linebacker, Sr., 6-2, 240
- ▶ Lincoln, Neb.



- ▶ Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (MU)
- ▶ 2004 Butkus Watch List
- ▶ 2004 Lombardi Award Watch List
- ▶ Nebraska Career Tackle Leader (409)
- ▶ Nebraska Season Record for Tackles (149 in 2003)
- ▶ 2004 Nebraska Team Captain
- ▶ 2003 Second-Team All-Big 12
- ▶ Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12

2004

Senior middle linebacker Barrett Ruud is in his third season as the field general for the Nebraska defense and has placed his name prominently in the Nebraska record book. The All-America candidate moved to the top of Nebraska's all-time tackle list at Texas Tech and continues to pile up the tackles.

Ruud made 12 tackles against the Red Raiders to move his career total to 347 tackles, surpassing the previous career leader Jerry Murtaugh who had 342 tackles from 1968 to 1970. Ruud made a career-high 19 tackles, including a school-record 16 solo stops at Kansas State, then had 17 tackles and four TFL in Nebraska's win over Missouri to earn Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Ruud now has 409 career tackles and is one of just seven players in Big 12 history to top 400 career tackles.

Last season, Ruud set the single-season tackle record with 149 total tackles, including 78 solo stops. With 72 solo tackles in 2004, Ruud has 204 career solo stops, shattering another Nebraska record.

The 6-2, 240-pound Ruud has been a model of consistency and excellence during his junior and senior seasons. Since the start of the 2003 campaign, Ruud has had 10 or more tackles in 17 of 22 games, and has made at least seven tackles in 25 straight games dating back to his sophomore campaign. This fall, Ruud has eight double-figure tackle games to give him 20 career games with 10 or more total tackles.

A Lincoln Southeast product, Ruud has four games with 15 or more tackles this season. He made a pair of key stops in the fourth quarter of NU's 14-8 victory over Kansas, part of a 15-tackle day. After a Husker turnover left KU deep in Husker territory, Ruud had a three-yard tackle for loss of KU quarterback Adam Barmann to stop a Jayhawk scoring threat. Late in the fourth quarter, he made an unassisted stop on a KU fake punt attempt, helping seal the six-point win. Ruud leads the Huskers with 15 tackles for loss this season and has 47 career stops behind the line of scrimmage, second in Nebraska history.

Ruud is one of four Nebraska co-captains this season. The Ruud family has a long history with Nebraska football. Barrett's father Tom (1972-73-74) played for Nebraska, as did two of his uncles (Bob Martin, John Ruud) and his great-grandfather, Clarence Swanson. Barrett's younger brother, Bo, is a redshirt freshman linebacker for Nebraska.

Ruud Game-by-Game in 2004

Western Illinois—Ruud opened the season with a 10-tackle effort in Nebraska's 56-17 victory over the Leathernecks. Ruud also recorded a tackle for loss in the victory.

Southern Miss—Ruud moved past 300 career tackles with nine tackles in Nebraska's 21-17 loss to the Golden Eagles.

Pittsburgh—Ruud posted his second double-figure tackle effort of the season with 12 stops in a 24-17 victory at Pittsburgh. Ruud also had a pass breakup, his first sack of the 2004 season (three yards) and three tackles for loss.

Kansas—Ruud posted 15 tackles, the fifth-highest tackle total of his Nebraska career and his 15th career double-figure tackle game. Ruud made 10 solo stops in the 14-8 victory, had two pass breakups and a three-yard tackle for loss.

Texas Tech—Ruud moved to the top of Nebraska's all-time tackle list with 12 tackles against Tech, including 10 solo stops. Ruud broke the record late in the third quarter and improved his career tackle total to 347 by game's end.

Baylor—Ruud had 15 tackles in a 59-27 win. He was in on a sack and had two total tackles for loss, pushing his career total to 39 TFL.

Kansas State—Ruud recorded a career-high 19 tackles, including a school-record 16 solo tackles in Nebraska's game at Kansas State. Ruud also made three tackles for loss, including a sack and moved his career TFL total to 42, fourth in school history.

Missouri—Ruud made 17 tackles, including a Nebraska linebacker record four tackles for loss in the Huskers' 24-3 victory. One of his four tackles for loss was a sack. His effort earned him Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors for the second time in his career.

Iowa State—Ruud reached double figures in tackles for the seventh straight game with 11 stops, and had a quarterback hurry that forced a Cyclone interception.

For more on Barrett Ruud, please see pages 90-91 in the 2004 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

What Others are Saying

▶ "I can see why he makes the tackles he does because he's well-prepared. He's into the game, and he loves football. You see him work and function on the field, and you see a desire to make a play. He has the ability to diagnose a play, an offense, a blocking scheme. He knows where he fits. He knows how to play off other players, and he's relentless. Even if he's not there, he's going to chase the ball, and he's going to get there. To me, that's one of the outstanding attributes of his play."

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan

▶ "Barrett Ruud is as efficient of a linebacker as I've ever been around. He's very smart and always in the right spot. He's becoming a more physical player, has tremendous range and is just a smart player. He really understands the game and picks things up very well."

Nebraska Defensive Coordinator Kevin Cosgrove

Career Statistics

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	QB Hry.	Int. Csd.
2001	12/0	18	31	49	6-15	0.5-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
2002	14/14	36	55	91	12-36	2-17	2-0	0	4	0	13	1
2003	13/13	78	71	149	14-39	2.5-21	4-3	0	5	1	11	0
<u>2004</u>	<u>9/8</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>15-25</u>	<u>3-7</u>	<u>1-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	48/35	204	205	409	47-115	8-48	7-3	0	12	1	28	2

Single-Game Bests:

Tackles—19 at Kansas State, 2004; **Solo Tackles**—16, at Kansas State, 2004

Tackles For Loss—4-7 vs. Missouri, 2004

Sacks—1.5-12 vs. Troy State, 2003

Quarterback Hurries—3 at Missouri, 2003

2004 Game-by-Game

Game	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks No.-Yds	Fumbles FF-FR	PBU	QBH
WIU	5	5	10	1-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USM	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
PITT	7	5	12	3-9	1-3	0-0	1	0
KU	10	5	15	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1
TT	10	2	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
BU	6	9	15	2-1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0
KSU	16	3	19	3-4	1-1	1-0	0	0
MU	6	11	17	4-7	0.5-2	0-0	0	1



#2—Ross Pilkington

- ▶ **Wide Receiver, Jr., 6-0, 185**
- ▶ **Fort Collins, Colo.**



- ▶ NU Freshman Receiving Yards Record (301 in 2002)
- ▶ 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12

2004

Junior receiver Ross Pilkington has exhibited his ability as a go-to-receiver in Nebraska's West Coast Offense. The Colorado native ranks second in receptions for the 2004 Huskers with 20 catches, including a career-high eight catches against Kansas.

The 6-0, 185-pound Pilkington set career highs for both receptions and receiving yards in Nebraska's 14-8 win over Kansas, hauling in eight passes for 113 yards. Pilkington's eight receptions were the most by a Husker wideout since Matt Davison caught 10 balls at Texas A&M in 1998.

Pilkington's 20 catches rank second for the Huskers, four behind junior tight end Matt Herian. Pilkington is also second for the Huskers in receiving yards with 266, and averages 13.3 yards per reception. His 20 catches this fall have pushed Pilkington's career receptions total to 56, good for 14th on the Husker career list.

Pilkington delayed his enrollment at Nebraska by two years. After originally signing with the Huskers in February of 2000, Pilkington spent two years as an outfielder in the Colorado Rockies baseball organization.

Pilkington Game-by-Game in 2004

Western Illinois—Pilkington caught one pass for 10 yards in Nebraska's 56-17 victory over the Leathernecks.

Southern Miss—Pilkington was a key part of Nebraska's passing attack, hauling in three receptions for 40 yards.

Pittsburgh—The leading receiver for Nebraska, Pilkington tied his career high with five receptions for 81 yards, including a 41-yard first-quarter reception. He also caught the third touchdown of his career, a six-yard catch from Joe Dailey in the second quarter to give Nebraska a 17-7 lead.

Kansas—Pilkington established new career highs for receptions (8) and receiving yards (113) and moved into the top 20 on the Nebraska career receptions list. Pilkington had six catches for 101 yards after the half, including a 37-yard reception.

Texas Tech—Pilkington caught three passes for 22 yards against Tech, pushing his season total to 20 receptions.

Baylor—Pilkington was held without a catch for the first time in 2004.

Kansas State—Pilkington did not have a catch in Nebraska's loss.

Missouri—Pilkington continued to be slowed by injury and did not have a catch.

Iowa State—Pilkington did not have a reception, but completed a 19-yard pass to quarterback Joe Dailey in the second quarter.

For more on Ross Pilkington, please see page 105 in the 2004 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Receiving							
Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2002	14/0	14	301	21.5	21.5	90 at Iowa State	1
2003	13/13	22	338	15.4	26.0	44 at Southern Miss	1
2004	9/8	20	266	13.3	29.6	41 at Pittsburgh	1
Totals	36/21	56	905	16.2	25.1	90 at Iowa State	3

Single-Game Bests:

Receptions—8 vs. Kansas, 2004

Receiving Yards—113 vs. Kansas, 2004

Long Reception—90 at Iowa State, 2002 (TD)

TD Receptions—1, three times

Number of Career Catches of 25-Plus Yards—9; 2 in 2002, 4 in 2003; 3 in 2004

2004 Game-by-Game

Game	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	20+
WIU	1	10	10.0	10	0	0
USM	3	40	13.3	21	0	1
PITT	5	81	16.2	41	1	1
KU	8	113	14.1	37	0	2
TT	3	22	7.3	10	0	0
BU	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
KSU	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
MU	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
ISU	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

#3—Fabian Washington

- ▶ **Cornerback, Jr., 5-11, 180**
- ▶ **Bradenton, Fla.**



- ▶ 2003 Third-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- ▶ Fourth on NU Career Interceptions List (11) and Tied for Fourth in PBU (38)
- ▶ 2002 Second-Team Freshman All-American (The Sporting News)
- ▶ Tied for 53rd Nationally in Interceptions Per Game (0.33 pg)

2004

Junior cornerback Fabian Washington has been a mainstay in the Husker secondary in each of the past three seasons. The Florida native earned a starting job as a true freshman and has been a key performer for the Blackshirts ever since. Washington earned third-team All-Big 12 honors last fall, and is poised for honors again this fall.

The 5-11, 180-pound Washington has been a key factor for the 2004 Blackshirts. Washington has three interceptions, increasing his career total to 11 interceptions. His 11 interceptions are good for a tie for fourth place on the Nebraska career charts and just three from the school record.

Washington also has a team-high 15 pass breakups this season, just two PBU shy of the school single-season record. He now has 38 career breakups, tied for fourth on the Husker career list. The four players in front of Washington on the Husker career PBU charts are all active cornerbacks in the National Football League. Washington had six breakups against Kansas, the second-most in Nebraska school history.

Washington Game-by-Game in 2004

Western Illinois—Washington made four tackles, including a five-yard tackle for loss, and also picked off a pass, one of five Nebraska takeaways in a 56-17 victory.

Southern Miss—Washington made four tackles and recorded his first pass breakup of the season as NU limited Southern Miss to 239 yards of total offense.

Pittsburgh—Washington intercepted a first-quarter pass and returned it 19 yards to the Panther 4 to set up a Husker field goal. Washington missed the last 2 1/2 quarters of the game with an injury.

Kansas—The junior had one of the finest games of his Nebraska career, with six pass breakups, the second-most in NU history. Washington also picked off his third pass of the season in the first quarter and added three tackles and a tackle for loss.

Texas Tech—Washington made four tackles, including three solo stops.

Baylor—Washington had five tackles and a pair of pass breakups in Nebraska's 59-27 victory in Lincoln.

Kansas State—Washington made six tackles and had a pass breakup against KSU.

Missouri—Washington had four tackles and a pass breakup in the Huskers' 24-3 victory over Missouri.

Iowa State—Washington had three tackles and broke up three passes in Nebraska's seven-point loss at Iowa State.

For more on Fabian Washington, please see page 110 in the 2004 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)											Fum.			QB Int.	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.	Int.		
2002	13/11	34	15	49	1-2	0-0	2-1	0	13	4	0	0	0		
2003	13/13	36	19	55	3-6	0-0	1-1	0	10	4	2	0	0		
2004	9/9	21	13	34	2-6	0-0	0-0	0	15	3	1	0	0		
Totals	35/33	91	47	138	6-14	0-0	3-2	0	38	11	3	0	0		

Interception Returns: 11-71-1 TD; 4-35-1 TD in 2002; 4-14-0 in 2003; 3-23-0

Single-Game Bests:

Tackles—11 vs. Oklahoma State, 2003; **Solo Tackles**—8 vs. Oklahoma State, 2003;

Pass Breakups—6 vs. Kansas, 2004; **Interceptions**—2 at Iowa State, 2002

2004 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles				Sacks	Fumbles	PBU	Int.-Yds.	QBH
	UT	AT	TT	TFL					
WIU	1	3	4	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0
USM	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	1
PITT	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1-19	0
KU	2	1	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	6	1-4	0
TT	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0
BU	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0-0	0
KSU	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
MU	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0
ISU	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0-0	0

#4—Cory Ross

► I-Back, Jr., 5-6, 195
► Denver, Colo.



- Ranks Fifth in Big 12 and 20th Nationally in Rushing Yards Per Game (104.1 ypg)
- 27th in NU Career Rushing (1,696 yards)

2004

Junior I-back Cory Ross became NU's go-to-runner late last season and has been impressive in 2004. Ross posted three 100-yard rushing games late last season and has five 100-yard games in 2004.

The 5-6, 195-pound Ross opened this season with 125 yards on just 13 carries against Western Illinois, then posted 169 yards against Southern Miss. He picked up his third 100-yard game of the season versus Kansas when he rushed for 107 yards. He also had the first touchdown reception of his career against the Jayhawks. Ross had a career-high 194 yards and two touchdowns in the Huskers' 24-3 win over Missouri, then followed with 126 yards on 19 carries at Iowa State. Ross ranks 20th nationally in rushing yards per game at 104.1 yards per contest. Ross has proven to be an all-around back, catching 17 passes, including a pair of touchdowns, out of the Husker backfield.

The Denver native played sparingly last season, before coming off the bench in the second half at Kansas and rushing for 108 yards. He followed that up with 100-plus yard-outings against Colorado and Michigan State, and carried a school-record 37 times against the Spartans in the Alamo Bowl. Ross has nearly 1,400 rushing yards in the past 13 games and has 1,696 career rushing yards to rank 27th on the Nebraska career charts. He is 63 yards from the 27th 1,000-yard rushing season in school history.

Ross Game-by-Game in 2004

Western Illinois—Ross carried 13 times for 125 yards in the Huskers' 56-17 victory, part of a 363-yard rushing effort by the Huskers. Ross also caught two passes for 32 yards.

Southern Miss—Ross rushed for 169 rushing yards on 27 carries in Nebraska's 21-17 loss to Southern Miss. Ross also caught a career-high five passes for 27 yards. In the game, he became the 52nd 1,000-yard rusher in school history on a 52-yard run.

Pittsburgh—Ross rushed 24 times for 73 yards in Nebraska's 24-17 victory, and scored his first touchdown of the year, a two-yard first quarter run.

Kansas—Ross posted his third 100-yard game of the young season with 19 carries for 107 yards and a touchdown against the Jayhawks. Ross also caught three passes for 37 yards, and had his first career receiving touchdown.

Texas Tech—Ross rushed 15 times for 49 yards and also had one reception.

Baylor—Ross rushed 14 times for 51 yards and a seven-yard touchdown. As a receiver, he caught two passes for 77 yards, including a 74-yard touchdown. Ross' 74-yard catch is the longest by a Nebraska back since 1978.

Kansas State—Ross carried 16 times for 43 yards against KSU, and also caught a 63-yard pass out of the backfield to set up Nebraska's first score of the day.

Missouri—Ross rushed for a career-high 194 yards on 19 carries, including a pair of touchdowns. Ross' 86-yard touchdown scamper in the fourth quarter was the eighth longest run in school history and the longest by an NU I-back in 12 seasons. His 194 yards rushing were the most by a Husker I-back in four years.

Iowa State—Ross rushed for 126 yards on 19 carries and scored his sixth touchdown of the season. He also caught three passes out of the Nebraska backfield.

Career Statistics

Rushing	Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
	2001								Redshirted	
	2002	12/1	35	188	4	184	5.3	15.3	34 vs. ASU	2
	2003	13/3	130	596	21	575	4.4	44.2	23 vs. CU	4
	2004	9/9	166	969	32	937	5.6	104.1	86 vs. MU	6
Totals		34/13	331	1,753	57	1,696	5.12	49.9	86 vs. MU	12

Receiving: 24-306-1 total; 5-39-0 in 2002; 2-36-0 in 2003; 17-231-2 in 2004

Single-Game Bests:

- Rushing Attempts**—37 vs. Michigan State, 2003 Alamo Bowl (School Record)
- Rushing Yards**—194 vs. Missouri, 2004 (19 carries)
- Long Rush**—86 vs. Missouri, 2004 (TD)
- Rushing Touchdowns**—2 vs. Michigan State, 2003 Alamo Bowl, vs. Missouri, 2004
- Pass Receptions**—5 vs. Southern Miss, 2004
- Receiving Yards**—77 vs. Baylor, 2004
- Long Pass Reception**—74 yards vs. Baylor, 2004 (TD)

2004 Game-by-Game

Game	Rushing					Receiving			
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
WIU	13	125	9.6	20	0	2	32	0	20
USM	27	169	6.3	52	0	5	27	0	14
PITT	24	73	3.1	9	1	0	0	0	0
KU	19	107	5.6	22	1	3	37	1	24
TT	15	49	3.3	12	0	1	-5	0	-5
BU	14	51	3.6	13	1	2	77	1	74
KSU	16	43	2.7	13	0	1	63	0	63
MU	19	194	10.2	86	2	0	0	0	0
ISU	19	126	6.6	38	1	3	0	0	3

#12—Joe Dailey

► Quarterback, 6-0, 205, Soph.
► Jersey City, N.J.



- Nebraska Single-Game Passing Yards Record (342 vs. Baylor, 2004)
- Tied Nebraska Record for Total Touchdowns in a Game (6 vs. W. Illinois)

2004

Sophomore quarterback Joe Dailey was charged with the difficult duty of running Nebraska's West Coast Offense this fall. The 6-0, 205-pound Dailey has posted solid passing yardage totals this season, but continues to strive for better ball security.

Dailey established a new Nebraska single-game passing record with 342 yards in a 59-27 victory over Baylor. Dailey completed 13-of-20 passes in the game and threw for five touchdowns to tie another school record. Dailey has topped 200 yards passing four times in 2004. He threw for 218 yards against Western Illinois, when he threw for 213 yards and four touchdowns before halftime. Dailey also rushed for two touchdowns in the 56-17 victory over the Leathernecks, and his six total touchdowns tied a Nebraska school record. He also topped 200 yards passing against Southern Miss and Iowa State.

Through nine games, Dailey is completing 48 percent of his passes and is averaging 183 yards per game through the air. Dailey was Nebraska's No. 2 quarterback in 2003, and played in eight games as Jammal Lord's top backup.

Dailey Game-by-Game in 2004

Western Illinois—Dailey had a strong starting debut, connecting on 15-of-30 passes for 218 yards and four touchdowns, including 213 yards before halftime. Dailey also rushed four times for 28 yards and two touchdowns, but also threw four interceptions in the 56-17 victory.

Southern Miss—Dailey topped 200 passing yards for the second straight game, hitting 22-of-42 passes for 202 yards and two touchdowns. His 42 passing attempts tied a school record. He also rushed seven times for a season-high 38 yards.

Pittsburgh—Dailey completed 11-of-22 pass attempts with one interception in a 24-17 victory at Heinz Field. Dailey also connected with Ross Pilkington on a six-yard touchdown pass and ran 17 yards for another score. He also completed a season-long 41-yard pass to Pilkington.

Kansas—Dailey hit on 16-of-24 pass attempts for 183 yards and a touchdown. Dailey continued to be plagued by turnovers, throwing three interceptions.

Texas Tech—Dailey completed 14-of-34 passes for 187 yards and a 74-yard touchdown pass to Mark LeFlore. The pass to LeFlore was a career long for Dailey. He also surpassed 1,000 career passing yards in the game.

Baylor—Dailey established a new Husker record for passing yards in a game with 342 yards. He also tied the Nebraska record with five passing touchdowns, including four before halftime. Dailey connected on 13-of-20 passes and did not have an interception. His 335 total offense yards is the third-best total in school history.

Kansas State—Dailey connected on two pass plays of longer than 55 yards, but completed just 3-of-12 passes and did not have a passing TD for the first time in 2004.

Missouri—Dailey completed just 4-of-17 passes for 26 yards on a windy day in Lincoln.

Iowa State—Dailey tied the school record for pass attempts for the second time in 2004, completing 18-of-42 passes for 230 yards and a touchdown. He also had his first career reception on a 19-yard catch from Ross Pilkington.

Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Y/A	Y/G	LP	TD	Eff.R.
2003	8/0	14	9	2	.643	117	8.4	14.6	29	2	153.06
2004	9/9	243	116	14	.477	1,646	6.8	182.9	74	15	113.48
Totals	17/9	257	125	16	.486	1,763	6.86	103.7	74	17	115.13

Single-Game Bests:

- Pass Attempts**—42 vs. Southern Miss, 2004, at Iowa State, 2004 (tied school record)
- Pass Completions**—22 vs. Southern Miss, 2004
- Passing Yards**—342 yards vs. Baylor, 2004 (school record)
- Passing Touchdowns**—5 vs. Baylor, 2004 (tied school record)
- Long Pass**—74 yards to Mark LeFlore, at Texas Tech, 2004; 74 yards to Cory Ross vs. Baylor, 2004
- Rushing Attempts**—15 vs. Iowa State, 2003
- Rushing Yards**—55 vs. Iowa State, 2003
- Long Rush**—23 yards vs. Utah State, 2003

2004 Game-by-Game

Game	Passing					Rushing			Total Offense	
	A-C-I	Yds.	Pct.	TD	No.	Yds.	TD	Att.	Yds.	TD
WIU	30-15-4	218	.500	4	4	28	2	34	246	6
USM	42-22-3	202	.524	2	7	38	0	49	240	2
PITT	22-11-1	142	.500	1	8	14	1	30	156	2
KU	24-16-3	183	.667	1	5	2	0	29	185	1
TT	34-14-1	187	.412	1	5	-5	0	39	182	1
BU	20-13-0	342	.650	5	1	-7	0	21	335	5
KSU	12-3-1	116	.250	0	4	-11	0	16	105	0
MU	17-4-0	26	.235	0	3	-22	0	20	4	0
ISU	42-18-1	230	.429	1	8	39	0	50	269	1