

NEBRASKA

WOMEN'S GOLF

RAINBOW WAHINE INVITATIONAL - KAPOLEI, OAHU, HAWAII - OCTOBER 30-31, 2018

N 2018-19 SCHEDULE

FALL 2018

Sept. 17-19	Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic Fort Collins, Colo. (300-295-293-888)	3rd/13
Sept. 24-26	Golfweek Conference Challenge Vail, Colo. (Red Sky GC) (303-311-285-899)	11th/18
Oct. 5-7	Ron Moore Intercollegiate Denver (Highlands Ranch GC) (305-315-299-916)	16th/16
Oct. 21-23	UNLV Collegiate Showdown Boulder City, Nev. (290-294-291-875)	10th/17
Oct. 30-31	Rainbow Wahine Invitational Kapolei, Hawaii (Kapolei GC)	1 p.m.

SPRING 2019

Feb. 10-12	Lady Puerto Rico Classic Rio Grande, P.R. (Rio Mar CC)	7 a.m.
Feb. 24-25	Westbrook Spring Invitational Peoria, Ariz. (Westbrook Village GC)	10 a.m.
March 15-17	Clover Cup Mesa, Ariz. (Longbow GC)	10 a.m.
April 13-14	Lady Buckeye Spring Invitational Columbus, Ohio (Scarlet Course)	8 a.m.
April 19-21	Big Ten Championship Maineville, Ohio	8 a.m.
May 6-8	NCAA Regionals Auburn, Washington Michigan State, Oklahoma	TBA
May 17-22	NCAA Championships Fayetteville, Ark. (The Blessings Club)	TBA

N NEBRASKA ROSTER

Student-Athlete	Class	Hometown (High School/Other)
Noor Ahmed*	So.	Folsom, Calif. (Vista del Lago)
Kirsten Baete	RFr.	Beatrice, Neb. (Beatrice)
Vanessa Bouvet	Fr.	Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei
Nicole Hansen	Fr.	Bloomington, Ill. (Lake Park)
Jessica Haraden**	Jr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Oaks Christian)
Brooke Newell	RFr.	Atlantic, Iowa (Atlantic)
Kate Smith**	Jr.	Detroit Lakes, Minn. (Detroit Lakes)
Haley Thiele**	Jr.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
Hannah Thiele*	So.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
Megan Whittaker	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn South)

*denotes letters earned at Nebraska

N HUSKER QUICK FACTS

Head Coach/Years	Robin Krapfl (Nebraska, 1984)/32nd
Associate Head Coach/Years	Kolton Lapa (Arizona, 2016)/1st
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2017-18 Top 10 Finishes	6/10
2017-18 Top Five Finishes	3/10
2017-18 Tournament Titles	None
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HUSKERS CLOSE FALL CAMPAIGN AT RAINBOW WAHINE INVITATIONAL

The Nebraska women's golf team puts an exciting end to its fall season by competing at the Rainbow Wahine Invitational in Hawaii, Oct. 30-31.

The University of Hawaii plays host to a 12-team field that is also expected to include 10 individuals competing outside team lineups on the par-72, 6,128-yard layout of the Kapolei Golf Course on the island of Oahu.

Play begins Tuesday with two rounds and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. (CT). The two-day tournament concludes with Wednesday's final round with another shotgun start at 1 p.m. (CT).

Live scoring for the tournament will be available at GolfStat.com.

Kate Smith leads the Huskers to Hawaii after a strong showing at the UNLV Collegiate Showdown, Oct. 21-23. The junior from Detroit Lakes, Minn., tied for eighth place in a 90-player tournament field with a six-under-par individual total of 210 (71-68-71) over 54 holes. It marked the 11th top-10 finish and 16th top-25 showing of her career.

Sophomore Noor Ahmed (Folsom, Calif.) added one of the best efforts of her career with a three-round total of 217 (+1). Ahmed shot solid rounds of 72-73-72 to close in a tie for 27th as Nebraska's No. 2 finisher.

Nebraska produced a 10th-place finish in a solid 17-team field with a season-best three-round team total of 875. The Huskers improved their team season stroke average to 298.42.

The trip to Hawaii will be Nebraska's first as a team since the spring of 2016, when the Huskers competed in the Dr. Donniss Thompson Invitational. The only current Husker who was on that team is junior Haley Thiele, who led NU with a tie for 31st (72-78-76-226) as a true freshman.

SMITH SHOOTS FOR THIRD STRAIGHT RECORD-SETTING SEASON AS HUSKER

Junior Kate Smith is focused on improving on her back-to-back school-record stroke averages while making a return trip to NCAA Regional competition.

Smith, who notched a then-school-record 73.90 average as a freshman on her way to a 2017 NCAA Regional bid, improved to a 73.66 stroke average as a sophomore but just missed a regional berth.

In 2017-18, Smith smashed a school record with her 14-under-par 202, which is seven strokes better than any other Husker has ever recorded. The previous mark of 209 was set by first-team All-American Sarah Sasse at the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic in September of 2002.

Smith's effort at the 2018 Westbrook Spring Invite (Peoria, Ariz., Feb. 25-26), included a school-record eight-under-par 64 in the second round.

Smith, who posted Nebraska's top finish by taking 19th at the 2018 Big Ten Championships, owns three career Big Ten Golfer-of-the-Week awards, including two during the fall of 2017. Smith owns 16 top-25 tournament finishes in her career, including her 11th top-10 performance in Nebraska's last competition at the UNLV Collegiate Showdown, Oct. 21-23. Smith tied for eighth three a three-round total of 210 (71-68-71) in Las Vegas.

Smith opened the season by tying for sixth with an even-par 216 at the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic in Colorado, Sept. 17-19. She heads to Hawaii with a team-best 73.42 average through 12 rounds.

She has fired 20 rounds better than par in her career, including a season-best second-round 68 at UNLV (Oct. 22). Smith owns a school-record 73.72 career stroke average over 72 rounds.

RAINBOW WAHINE INVITATIONAL

Location	Kapolei, Oahu, Hawaii
Host	Hawaii
Course	Kapolei Golf Course (Par 72, 6,128 Yards)
Tuesday, Oct. 30 (Shotgun)	1 p.m. (CT)
Wednesday, Oct. 31 (Shotgun)	1 p.m. (CT)
Live Scoring:	GolfStat.com

Participating Teams (12)

BYU	Florida International
Grand Canyon	Hawaii
Hawaii-Hilo	Hawaii-Pacific
Nebraska	New Mexico State
Northern Arizona	Sacramento State
Sam Houston State	UTRGV

NEBRASKA LINEUP

1. Kate Smith	2. Noor Ahmed
3. Vanessa Bouvet	4. Haley Thiele
5. Kirsten Baete	IND - Megan Whittaker

BOUVET, BAETE MAKE EARLY IMPACT TO LEAD BIG RED FRESHMEN

Vanessa Bouvet and Kirsten Baete have made major impacts for the Huskers while playing in their first collegiate tournaments to open 2018-19.

Bouvet (Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei) produced possibly the best performance by a Husker freshman in a career-opening event with her two-under-par 214 to tie for third individually in the 75-player field at the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic in Fort Collins, Colo., Sept. 17-19.

Bouvet's second-round 68 tied for the second-best round ever by a Nebraska freshman. Bouvet

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was tied for the tournament lead with two-time All-Big Sky golfer Tara Finigan with three holes to play.

"Vanessa is a power player with the length to be comfortable on any golf course," Nebraska Coach Robin Krapfl said. "We also expect her to be an outstanding student and teammate who will have a chance to come in and compete for a spot in our lineup as a freshman. Her experience in growing up and playing golf around the world will be an added benefit to our entire team."

Another powerful young player, Baete improved her scores significantly in all three rounds at the Ptarmigan Ram, including a two-over 74 in the final round. Baete (Beatrice, Neb.) matched Bouvet for the Huskers' second-best individual score of the final round.

Baete opened with a 75 at the Golfweek Conference Challenge (Sept. 24-26), then closed by tying her season best with a 74 in the final round on her way to a career-best 231 tournament total.

She tied that career best with another 231 at the UNLV Collegiate Showdown, including a career-best 73 in the final round (Oct. 23).

Baete was the 2016 Nebraska Class B State High School Champion and enjoyed a strong redshirt season in 2017-18.

"Kirsten is coming off a redshirt season where she made big strides in her game," Krapfl said. "It will be exciting to see what she can accomplish. She has the length to really put herself in great scoring situations. The next step is staying committed and confident under par. She can really help us this year when she starts seeing herself as the great talent we think she is."

ADJUSTMENTS HELP HALEY THIELE IMPROVE GAME FOR JUNIOR YEAR

Haley Thiele battled the continuing effects of a wrist injury in 2017-18, after the injury kept her off the course as a redshirt in 2016-17.

During the summer of 2018, Thiele made significant adjustments to her swing and began seeing the fruits of her labor during qualifying rounds for the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic.

Thiele continued to see those improved results in Colorado, finishing in a tie for 35th (228) at the Ram Fall Classic. Thiele improved her scores (77-76-75) with each round at the season-opening tournament.

The improvement continued the following week back in Colorado at the Golfweek Conference Challenge (Sept. 24-26). Thiele led the Huskers with a three-round total of 219 to tie for 21st. Her effort included a season-best 69 in the final round.

Although Thiele may experience some ups and downs that go along with making major swing adjustments, she has the potential to return to the form she showed as one of the nation's top junior players.

Thiele produced one of the best freshman seasons in Nebraska history in 2015-16, notching a then-freshman school-record 75.63 stroke average. She also closed her rookie year as NU's No. 2 finisher at the Big Ten Championships in 39th place.

During the season, Thiele tied the Husker freshman record with a five-under-par 67 at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown while matching first-team All-American Sarah Sasse's then-overall NU record with a 54-hole score of 209.

SOPHOMORE AHMED SHOOTS FOR SOLID SECOND SEASON

Noor Ahmed (Folsom, Calif.) became a key player in Nebraska's lineup as a true freshman in 2017-18. After battling her way into the lineup at times during the fall season, she became a fixture in the Huskers' top five in the spring of 2018. She went on to post Nebraska's No. 2 finish with her tie for 40th at the Big Ten Championships.

Ahmed enjoyed a career-best two-under-par 70 in the final round at the Westbrook Spring Invitational, Feb. 26. It was her first collegiate round better than par. She finished fourth among the Huskers with her 76.45 stroke average in 2017-18.

Ahmed joins Kate Smith as the only returning Huskers to compete in all 29 rounds for Nebraska in 2017-18. Ahmed was a member of the Husker lineup in all 15 rounds during the 2018 spring season, and she opened her sophomore year with lineup spots at the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic and the Golfweek Conference Challenge.

AHMED, SMITH FACES OF THE BIG TEN

Noor Ahmed gained national exposure when she was featured by the Golf Channel for her courage while encountering discrimination. Ahmed is the first NCAA Division I golfer to compete while wearing a hijab - the traditional head covering worn in public by Muslim women.

Ahmed and Husker teammate Kate Smith were featured together in the Golf Channel piece, and the good friends will be featured among the Faces of the Big Ten created by the Big Ten Network in 2018-19.

HANNAH THIELE HOPES TO FIGHT PAIN TO CONTEND FOR SPOTS

Hannah Thiele was one of the state of Nebraska's top high school and junior golfers for four years at Wahoo Bishop Neumann before battling a back injury as a high school senior. The injury hampered her as a freshman at Nebraska, but she managed to compete for the Huskers and claimed Nebraska's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award in 2018.

The 2015 and 2016 Nebraska Golf Association Girls' Amateur of the Year, Thiele was the youngest player in history to win the Nebraska Women's Stroke Play and Match Play tournaments, sweeping the titles in 2016 at age 18. Thiele also finished fourth at the 2016 Optimist International Junior Championship in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

As a freshman in 2017-18, Thiele competed in 22 rounds and was one of six golfers to represent the Huskers at the 2018 Big Ten Championships.

"Hannah is kind of a wildcard," Nebraska Coach Robin Krapfl said. "So much depends on how her back holds up, and whether she can regain the confidence and distance she had before the injury. She was making great progress in both areas before a setback this summer. We are not going to rush things, but we also know what she is capable of doing when she is on top of her game."

SMITH CONTINUES MINNESOTA CONNECTION

Kate Smith, a junior from Detroit Lakes, Minn., continues an outstanding tradition of top golfers from the state of Minnesota playing at Nebraska.

Smith, who set Nebraska's single-season stroke average record (73.66) for the second straight year in 2018, also qualified for the 2017 NCAA Central Regional. Smith is the latest in a nearly continuous flow of Huskers from the Land of 10,000 Lakes. Cassie Deeg (Hugo, 2013-16), Steffi Neisen (New Prague, 2011-14), Chrissie McArdle (Eden Prairie, 2004-07) and Jackie Beste (2003-06) were all standout golfers for the Big Red.

The 2018-19 season marks the ninth straight year Nebraska has had a Minnesota golfer in its lineup.

Smith is the only five-time individual state champion in Minnesota high school history. She capped her career by claiming a share of her record fifth title on June 15, 2016 while leading Detroit Lakes High School to its fourth state team championship in the past five years. She was also the winner of the 2016 Minnesota Ms. Golf Award.

BIG RED FACE SOLID SCHEDULE

The Huskers face another strong schedule in 2018-19, beginning with the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic in Fort Collins, Colo., Sept. 17-19.

Nebraska continued play in Colorado at the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Vail, Colo., Sept. 24-26, before wrapping up a three-tournament Colorado road trip at the Ron Moore Intercollegiate in Highlands Ranch, Colo., Oct. 5-7.

The Huskers competed at the UNLV Collegiate Showdown in Boulder City, Nev., Oct. 21-23, before concluding the fall campaign with a visit to the Rainbow Wahine Invitational in Kapolei, Hawaii, Oct. 30-31.

The Big Red open the spring portion of their campaign at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Grande, P.R., Feb. 10-12, before heading to the Westbrook Spring Invitational in Peoria, Ariz., Feb. 24-25.

The Huskers return to Arizona for the Clover Cup in Mesa, Ariz., March 15-17, before closing the regular season at the Lady Buckeye Spring Invitational in Columbus, Ohio, April 13-14.

Nebraska returns to Maineville, Ohio, to compete at the Big Ten Championships, April 19-21, 2019. The Huskers will compete for the conference crown on the Arnold Palmer-designed Tournament Players Club River's Bend Course, which will serve as the host to the conference tournament for the third straight season.

NCAA Regional competitions will be held in Auburn, Ala., Cle Elum, Wash., East Lansing, Mich., and Norman, Okla., May 6-8, before the NCAA Championships are held at The Blessings Golf Club in Fayetteville, Ark., May 17-22.

HUSKERS SET PACE IN CLASSROOM

Nebraska leads the nation with 333 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans and 17 NCAA Top 10 Award winners across all sports. Nebraska women's golf leads the nation with 74 WGCA Scholastic All-Americans since 1989.

Current Huskers Haley Thiele (2016, 2018) and Hannah Thiele (2018) are the latest Huskers to claim spots on the WGCA's prestigious academic team.

Five Huskers added academic All-Big Ten honors last season, led by returning Huskers Kate Smith and Haley Thiele, along with former NU golfers Emily Gillman, Audrey Judd and Annie Sritragul.

NEBRASKA WOMEN'S GOLF 2018-19 STATISTICS

NEBRASKA 2018-19 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament	Place/Teams (Round-by-Round Score)
Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic (Sept. 17-19)	300-295-293-888
Golfweek Conference Challenge (Sept. 24-26)	303-311-285-899
Ron Moore Intercollegiate (Oct. 5-7)	305-315-299-919
UNLV Collegiate Showdown (Oct. 21-23)	290-294-291-875
Rainbow Wahine Invitational (Oct. 30-31)	1 p.m.
Lady Puerto Rico Classic (Feb. 10-12)	7 a.m.
Westbrook Spring Invitational (Feb. 24-25)	10 a.m.
Clover Cup (March 15-17)	10 a.m.
Lady Buckeye Spring Invitational (April 13-14)	8 a.m.
Big Ten Championship (April 19-21)	8 a.m.
Season Totals	3,581/12 Rounds
2017-18 Team Stroke Average	298.42
Season Low Round	285 (2018 Golfweek, 3rd)
Season Low (54 Holes)	875 (2018 UNLV)
Tournament Titles	0/4
Top Five Finishes	1/4
Top 10 Finishes	3/4

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST ROUND

Golfer	Round
Kate Smith	64 (2018 Westbrook, 2nd - school record)
Haley Thiele	67 (2015 UNLV Collegiate, 1st)
Vanessa Bouvet	68 (2018 Ptarmigan Ram, 2nd)
Noor Ahmed	70 (2018 Westbrook, 3rd)
Jessica Haraden	73 (2018 Lady Puerto Rico, 1st) 73 (2016 Chip-N Club, 3rd)
Hannah Thiele	73 (Ron Moore, 3rd) 73 (2017 Pinehurst, 2nd)
Kirsten Baete	73 (2018 UNLV, 3rd)
Megan Whittaker	76 (2018 UNLV, 2nd)

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST TOURNAMENT

Golfer	Three Rounds
Kate Smith	202 (2018 Westbrook - school record)
Haley Thiele	209 (2015 UNLV Collegiate)
Vanessa Bouvet	214 (2018 Ptarmigan Ram)
Noor Ahmed	216 (2017 Pinehurst)
Hannah Thiele	228 (2018 Mountain View)
Jessica Haraden	230 (2018 Lady Puerto Rico)
Kirsten Baete	231 (2018 UNLV) 231 (2018 Golfweek)
Megan Whittaker	233 (2018 UNLV)

NEBRASKA 2018-19 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

KATE SMITH

Tournament	Results	Place
Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic	73-73-70-216	T6th
Golfweek Conference Challenge	76-81-73-230	T54th
Ron Moore Intercollegiate	76-76-74-225	T33rd
UNLV Collegiate Showdown	71-68-71-210	T8th
Season Totals	881 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2018-19 Stroke Average	73.42	
Season Low Round	68	
Top Five Finishes	0/4	
Top 10 Finishes	2/4	
Top 20 Finishes	2/4	

VANESSA BOUVET

Tournament	Results	Place
Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic	72-68-74-214	T3rd
Golfweek Conference Challenge	79-79-69-227	T40th
Ron Moore Intercollegiate	74-79-76-229	T50th
UNLV Collegiate Showdown	71-76-75-222	T47th
Season Totals	892 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2018-19 Stroke Average	74.33	
Season Low Round	68	
Top Five Finishes	1/4	
Top 10 Finishes	1/4	
Top 20 Finishes	1/4	

HALEY THIELE

Tournament	Results	Place
Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic	77-76-75-228	T35th
Golfweek Conference Challenge	75-75-69-219	T21st
Ron Moore Intercollegiate	77-80-77-234	T75th
UNLV Collegiate Showdown	76-77-77-230	T74th
Season Totals	911 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2018-19 Stroke Average	75.92	
Season Low Round	69	
Top Five Finishes	0/4	
Top 10 Finishes	0/4	
Top 20 Finishes	0/4	

NOOR AHMED

Tournament	Results	Place
Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic	78-79-79-236	T62nd
Golfweek Conference Challenge	77-76-80-233	T67th
*Ron Moore Intercollegiate	77-79-73-229	T50th
UNLV Collegiate Showdown	72-73-72-217	T27th
Season Totals	915 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2018-19 Stroke Average	76.25	
Season Low Round	72	
Top Five Finishes	0/3	
Top 10 Finishes	0/3	
Top 20 Finishes	0/3	

**competed as an individual outside NU lineup*

HANNAH THIELE

Tournament	Results	Place
Ron Moore Intercollegiate	78-81-73-232	T69th
Season Totals	232 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2018-19 Stroke Average	77.33	
Season Low Round	73	
Top Five Finishes	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes	0/1	
Top 20 Finishes	0/1	

KIRSTEN BAETE

Tournament	Results	Place
Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic	83-78-74-235	T58th
Golfweek Conference Challenge	75-82-74-231	T59th
Ron Moore Intercollegiate	79-83-76-238	T80th
UNLV Collegiate Showdown	77-81-73-231	T77th
Season Totals	935 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2018-19 Stroke Average	77.92	
Season Low Round	73	
Top Five Finishes	0/4	
Top 10 Finishes	0/4	
Top 20 Finishes	0/4	

MEGAN WHITTAKER

Tournament	Results	Place
*Golfweek Conference Challenge	80-80-83-243	T85th
*UNLV Collegiate Showdown	79-76-78-233	T82nd
Season Totals	476 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2018-19 Stroke Average	79.33	
Season Low Round	76	
Top Five Finishes	0/2	
Top 10 Finishes	0/2	
Top 20 Finishes	0/2	

**competed as an individual outside NU lineup*

JESSICA HARADEN

Tournament	Results	Place
*Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic	84-82-81-247	T74th
Season Totals	247 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2018-19 Stroke Average	82.33	
Season Low Round	81	
Top Five Finishes	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes	0/1	
Top 20 Finishes	0/1	

**competed as an individual outside NU lineup*