

# NEBRASKA

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### Game 3



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Nebraska  
(2-0)

Pittsburgh  
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### ► Huskers-Panthers Briefly

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005      **Time:** 2:36 p.m.      **Site:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**Stadium:** Memorial Stadium      **Field:** Tom Osborne Field      **Surface:** FieldTurf (2005)  
**Capacity:** 73,918 (271st Consecutive Sellout)  
**Nebraska Radio:** (Jim Rose—Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala—Analyst; Randy Lee—Booth; Matt Davison—Sideline)  
55-station Pinnacle Sports Network  
**TV:** ABC Regional (Brent Musburger—Play-by-Play; Gary Danielson—Color; Jack Arute—Sidelines)  
**Internet:** Live Radio on Huskers.com      **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 141  
**Special Events:** Red Cross Appreciation Day

### This Week in Husker Football

#### Monday, Sept. 12

11:50 a.m. .... Coach Callahan on Big 12 Teleconference

#### Tuesday, Sept. 13

Weekly Press Conference

11 a.m. .... Lunch

11:30 a.m.-Noon ..... Player Interviews

Noon ..... Head Coach Bill Callahan

12:20-1:15 p.m. .... Player Interviews

3:45-6 p.m. .... Practice (Interviews after practice)

#### Wednesday, Sept. 14

3:30-5:45 p.m. .... Practice (Interviews after practice)

#### Thursday, Sept. 15

3:40-5:25 p.m. .... Practice (Coach Callahan available)

6:05 p.m. .... Radio Show (John Blake)

#### Friday, Sept. 16

6:50 a.m. .... Big Red Breakfast (Dennis Wagner)

..... Walk-Thru (No Media)

#### Saturday, Sept. 17

2:36 p.m. .... Kickoff vs. Pittsburgh (ABC)

### Nebraska Looks to Continue Season-Opening Momentum vs. Pitt

Fresh off two dominant defensive efforts, Nebraska will look to complete non-conference play unbeaten this Saturday when the Huskers play host to defending Big East Conference champion Pittsburgh at Memorial Stadium. The game will kickoff at 2:36 p.m. and will be televised to a regional audience by ABC, with Brent Musburger, Gary Danielson and Jack Arute on the call.

Nebraska is off to a 2-0 start thanks in large part to a tenacious Blackshirt defense. After recording school records for sacks and tackles for loss in the opener against Maine, the Husker defense continued its assault on the record books last week against Wake Forest. The Blackshirts set a school record with three defensive touchdowns, including two in the first quarter to set the tone for a 31-3 victory over the Demon Deacons.

The Panthers come to Lincoln with an 0-2 record, after a 16-10 overtime loss at Ohio last Friday night. Pittsburgh's defense was stout in the game, but fell victim to a pair of Ohio defensive touchdowns. The Panthers opened the season with a home loss against Notre Dame. Pitt will be looking to regain the momentum from last season when the Panthers finished 8-4 and represented the Big East in the Bowl Championship Series.

This marks the second straight season the teams have hooked up on the gridiron after the Huskers won 24-17 at Heinz Field a year ago. The schools have met a total of 23 times, but Pitt has not traveled to Lincoln since 1958.

### Blackshirt Defense Gets Offensive in Win over Wake Forest

The Nebraska Blackshirts scored three touchdowns and forced four Wake Forest turnovers to power the Huskers to a 31-3 victory over the Demon Deacons in front of the NCAA-record 270th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium on Saturday night. The Husker defense fueled Nebraska to a 2-0 start by not only slowing Wake Forest's potent running game, but by providing plenty of offensive punch.

Sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** opened the Blackshirts' onslaught by intercepting a Benjamin Mauk pass and racing 38 yards to paydirt to give the Huskers a 7-0 lead with 6:24 remaining in the first quarter. McKeon went on to a big night, finishing with 10 total tackles including two for a loss of 11 yards. Less than four minutes later, senior

### 2005 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Sept. 3	Maine	W, 25-7	PPV	NU, 1-0	NU's 20th straight win in a season opener; School-record 11 sacks for Blackshirts
Sat.	Sept. 10	Wake Forest	W, 31-3	TBS	NU, 2-0	NU sets school record with three defensive touchdowns, two INT return TDs
Sat.	Sept. 17	Pittsburgh	2:36 p.m.	ABC	Pitt, 15-5-3	NU 24-17, 2004 (Pittsburgh)/First matchup in Lincoln since 1958 NU win
Sat.	Oct. 1	Iowa State#	TBA		NU, 81-16-2	ISU, 34-27, 2004 (Ames)/NU has won 13 straight in Lincoln; 100th meeting in '05
Sat.	Oct. 8	Texas Tech#	TBA		NU, 7-1	TT, 70-10, 2004 (Lubbock)/NU averages 21-point margin of victory in three Lincoln wins
Sat.	Oct. 15	at Baylor#	TBA		NU, 8-1	NU, 59-27, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers have scored 48 or more points in last five meetings
Sat.	Oct. 22	at Missouri#	TBA		NU, 62-33-3	NU, 24-3, 2004 (Lincoln)/NU has held Mizzou to 13 points or fewer in 7 of past 10 games
Sat.	Oct. 29	Oklahoma#	TBA		OU, 41-37-3	OU, 30-3, 2004 (Norman)/NU winner of six straight over OU at Memorial Stadium
Sat.	Nov. 5	at Kansas#	TBA		NU, 87-21-3	NU, 14-8, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers have won 36 straight over KU since 1968
Sat.	Nov. 12	Kansas State#	TBA		NU, 72-15-2	KSU, 45-21, 2004 (Manhattan)/Winner has scored at least 29 points in last 10 games
Fri.	Nov. 25	at Colorado#	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU, 44-17-2	CU, 26-20, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers 5-1-1 in last seven meetings in Boulder

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

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**Huskers.com****Weekly Football Press Conference**

Nebraska will hold its regular weekly press conferences on Tuesdays throughout the 2005 season.

The press conferences are held in the Don Bryant Media Facility on Level 6 of West Stadium and will begin with lunch at 11 a.m. Volleyball Coach John Cook will address the media at 11:15 a.m., with selected players available at 11:30 a.m. Head Coach Bill Callahan will speak to the media at Noon, and selected players will be available following Callahan.

Each press conference will be available via teleconference and selected conferences will be carried on satellite. 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 Media Relations 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 Media Relations office.

Media wishing to speak to request interviews with Nebraska players at Tuesday's press luncheon should contact Andy Anderson or David Graff in the Media Relations Office by 2 p.m. on Monday.

**Big 12 Conference POW Nominees**

Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
Maine	Hardy	Ruud	Congdon
Wake	Ross	Bullocks	Tiedtke

Pitt

Iowa St.

Tech

Baylor

Mizzou

Oklahoma

Kansas

K-State

Colorado

**Bold indicates winner**

**NU Looking for Non-Conference Perfection**

Nebraska hopes to complete non-conference play unbeaten with a victory over Pittsburgh this Saturday. A perfect non-league slate would not be uncommon for the Nebraska football program...

► Nebraska has gone unbeaten through its non-conference schedule in nine of the past 12 seasons.

► The Huskers have been perfect in the non-conference portion of their schedule in 24 of 43 seasons since 1962. In two other seasons in that time period (1970, 1976) NU's only non-conference blemish was a tie.

► NU most recently went unbeaten in non-league play in 2003.

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strong safety **Daniel Bullocks**, who led the defense with 13 total tackles, gave the Blackshirts their third touchdown in two quarters by forcing a fumble by Demon Deacon running back Micah Andrews and racing 30 yards untouched into the end zone to give the Huskers a 14-0 lead. The two defensive touchdowns in the first quarter represented the first time in school history that Nebraska had produced a pair of defensive scores in the same quarter.

In the fourth quarter, linebacker **Stewart Bradley** intercepted another Mauk pass and raced 43 yards into the end zone with 10:23 left in the game to produce the final margin. The Blackshirts' history-making performance stretched the NU record book. It was the fifth time in school history that the Huskers had scored twice in the same game on interception returns, most recently against Texas A&M in 2003. The Blackshirts' scoring barrage also marked the first time in school history that the defense had scored three return touchdowns in a game. The Blackshirts have returned three interceptions for touchdowns in their first two games of 2005, providing a serious threat to the school record of five interception returns for touchdowns in the Huskers' national championship seasons of 1971 and 1995.

Senior free safety **Blake Tiedtke** forced a fourth Wake Forest turnover with his first interception on the Demon Deacons' opening possession of the second quarter. Tiedtke raced 28 yards on the return to give the Huskers 139 yards in defensive returns on the night.

While the Blackshirts owned the first half, the Husker offense came alive on the opening drive of the second half. Senior I-back Cory Ross ran into the Nebraska record book by sprinting 57 yards down the sideline to the Wake Forest 9 to go over 100 yards on the night and 2,000 yards in his career. Ross finished the night with 20 carries for 123 yards for his 10th career 100-yard game. Quarterback **Zac Taylor** capped the drive by hooking up with sophomore wide receiver **Frantz Hardy** on a four-yard touchdown that pushed the Huskers' lead to 21-3.

Taylor continued to heat up in the third quarter, completing six consecutive passes to four different receivers, including two each to Hardy and Grant Mulkey, who made a highlight-reel 25-yard grab to spark the Husker march. NU's drive stalled at the Wake Forest 4 with a pair of incompletions, but **Jordan Congdon** increased Nebraska's lead to 24-3 with a 21-yard field goal with 1:41 left in the third quarter. The Huskers thoroughly controlled the third quarter, piling up 160 yards of total offense while owning the ball for 8:38 to carry their 24-3 lead into the fourth quarter, before Bradley produced the final margin with his fourth quarter interception return.

Wake Forest place-kicker Sam Swank provided the lone highlight for the Demon Deacons with his 51-yard field goal in the final second of the first half. The game marked the first time since Nov. 11, 2000 that Wake Forest went without scoring a touchdown in a game.

Playing against his former team, Taylor finished the night by completing 14 of 33 pass attempts for a total of 114 yards. The Huskers put up 234 total yards of offense on the Demon Deacons, who recorded 247 yards of total offense.

**Noting Game One...Nebraska 31, Wake Forest 3**

► Nebraska's three defensive touchdowns set a school record and the Huskers' two defensive scores in the first quarter marked the first time in school history NU had two defensive TDs in a quarter. The two interception returns for touchdowns tied a school record set on four previous occasions, most recently vs. Texas A&M in 2003. The 2003 game against the Aggies was also the most recent two-TD effort by the Blackshirt defense.

► Before the Wake Forest game, the last time Nebraska scored consecutive touchdowns on defense was on Oct. 19, 1963, when the Huskers had consecutive scores on interception returns in a 28-6 victory over Kansas State. In that game, Ron Michka returned an interception 16 yards for a score in the second quarter, and Larry Tomlinson had a 34-yard interception return in the third quarter.

► **Corey McKeon's** 38-yard INT return for a touchdown was the second pick of his career and his first career touchdown. It also marked the second straight quarter Nebraska had a interception return for a touchdown. Fellow linebacker Bo Ruud had a 27-yard interception return for a score in the fourth quarter against Maine.

► Nebraska senior safety **Daniel Bullocks** returned a first-quarter fumble 30 yards for a touchdown to give Nebraska a 14-0 advantage. The touchdown was Nebraska's third defensive touchdown in a span of two quarters. In 2004, Nebraska did not score a touchdown on defense.

► The fumble return for a touchdown was the second of Bullocks' career. His first came last season at Kansas State when he returned a fumble punt snap 10 yards for a touchdown.

► In addition to his fumble return, Bullocks had 13 tackles, the second-highest tackle total of Bullocks' career, trailing only a 15-tackle effort at Texas in 2003. Bullocks' 13 tackles pushed his career total to 157, moving him into the top 50 on Nebraska's career tackles list.

► The Nebraska defense forced four turnovers, marking the first time the Blackshirts had forced three or more turnovers in a game since NU took the ball away from Pittsburgh four times last season.

**NU-Wake Forest Stat Wrap**

Team Stats	WF	NU
First Downs	19	13
Rushes-Yards	52-130	30-120
Passes	28-12-3	33-14-1
Passing Yards	117	114
Total Offense	247	234
Turnovers	4	1
Sacks by	1-6	5-46

**NU Rushing Leader**

Cory Ross—20 carries, 123 yards

**NU Passing Leader**

Zac Taylor—33-14-1, 114 yards

**NU Receiving Leader**

Frantz Hardy—4 receptions, 29 yards, TD

Terrence Nunn—4 receptions, 38 yards

**NU Defensive Leaders**

Daniel Bullocks—13 tackles, 30-yard fumble return for TD, 1-3 TFL

Corey McKeon—10 tackles, 38-yard INT

return for TD, 2-11 sacks, 1 PBU

Bo Ruud—8 tackles, 1-3 TFL, 2 QB hurries

**NU Special Teams Leader**

Sam Koch—8 punts, long 76, 4 inside 20

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## 2005 Big 12 Standings

### North Division

Team	Records		
	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Colorado	2-0	0-0	at Miami 9/24
Iowa State	2-0	0-0	at Army 9/23
Kansas	2-0	0-0	vs. Louisiana Tech 9/17
Kansas State	2-0	0-0	vs. North Texas 9/24
<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>vs. Pittsburgh 9/17</b>
Missouri	1-1	0-0	vs. Troy 9/17

### South Division

Baylor	2-0	0-0	at Army 9/17
Oklahoma St.	2-0	0-0	vs. Arkansas State 9/17
Texas	2-0	0-0	vs. Rice 9/17
Texas Tech	1-0	0-0	vs. Sam Houston St. 9/17
Oklahoma	1-1	0-0	at UCLA 9/17
Texas A&M	0-1	0-0	vs. SMU 9/17

### 2005 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Maine	1-1, vs. Richmond 9/17
Wake Forest	0-2, vs. East Carolina 9/17
Pittsburgh	0-2, at Nebraska 9/17

### Last Week's Opponent/Big 12 Results

Nebraska 31, Wake Forest 3  
 Maine 28, William Penn 0  
 Ohio 16, Pittsburgh 10 (OT)  
 Iowa 23, Iowa State 3  
 Baylor 48, Samford 14  
 New Mexico 45, Missouri 15  
 Oklahoma 31, Tulsa 15  
 Kansas 36, Appalachian State 8  
 Kansas State 21, Marshall 19  
 Colorado 39, New Mexico State 0  
 Texas 25, Ohio State 22  
 Oklahoma State 23, Florida Atlantic 3  
 Texas Tech 56, Florida International 3  
 Texas A&M (open)

### 2005 Pittsburgh Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
9/3	Notre Dame	L, 21-42
9/10	at Ohio	L, 10-16 (OT)
9/17	at Nebraska	
9/24	Youngstown State	
9/30	at Rutgers	
10/8	Cincinnati	
10/15	South Florida	
10/22	Syracuse	
11/3	at Louisville	
11/12	Connecticut	
11/24	at West Virginia	

### Nebraska-Pittsburgh Ties

► Nebraska Athletic Director Steve Pederson, Executive Associate AD Marc Boehm, Head Strength Coach Dave Kennedy and Assistant Strength Coach Dave Langworthy each served stints on the Pittsburgh staff immediately prior to joining the Huskers.

► Four Pittsburgh coaches have ties to the Big 12 Conference, including Pitt head coach Dave Wannstedt who coached at Oklahoma State from 1979-82. Along with Wannstedt, defensive coordinator Paul Rhodes served at Iowa State (1995-99) while defensive ends coach Charlie Partridge was at Iowa State as a graduate assistant (1998-99) and director of football operations (2000-01). Offensive line coach Paul Dunn served at Kansas State from 1998 to 2002.

## Scouting the Pittsburgh Panthers



Nebraska is set to face Pittsburgh for the 24th time in series history and the second straight season when the teams square off Saturday afternoon on ABC. The matchup at Memorial Stadium will be the first between the squads in Lincoln since 1958 when NU won 14-6 over the No. 14 Panthers. It was one of just three wins for NU that season. Overall Pittsburgh leads owns a 6-1-3 record against Nebraska in Lincoln.

Despite returning 18 starters from last year's 8-4 squad, Pitt enters the weekend looking for its first win of the year after dropping a pair of contests to open the season. First-year head coach Dave Wannstedt will be trying to find the right formula in all three phases of the game as the Panthers try to avoid their first 0-3 start to the season since 1984, when it opened with four straight losses.

If the Panthers are going to get into the win column this week, it will likely be on the arm of quarterback Tyler Palko. The dynamic playmaker who recorded 3,067 passing yards and 24 touchdowns last year has hit 55.0 percent through the air (33-of-60) but has recorded just one passing touchdown against four interceptions. Palko's favorite target has been wide receiver Greg Lee, who has a team-best eight receptions for 107 yards over the opening two contests. Also a junior like Palko, Lee recorded 78 catches for 1,297 yards and 10 scores last year while helping the Panthers overcome a slow start to win the Big East Conference's spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

While Pittsburgh's passing offense ranks 92nd nationally through two weekends, its running game has not fared much better as the Panthers have averaged 125.5 rushing yards per game to rank 75th in the country. Senior Raymond Kirkley has led the way with 130 yards on the ground while freshman Rashad Jennings ranks second on the team with 70 rushing yards.

Defensively, the Panthers have one of the top young playmakers in the country in H.B. Blades. The middle linebacker has recorded at least nine tackles in each of the team's opening two games. He is looking to follow last year's impressive showing when he was an all-league performer as a sophomore by collecting a team-best 108 tackles and 11 tackles for loss. Ranking in the top 30 nationally in pass defense by allowing just 170.5 passing yards to open the year, the Pitt secondary has a pair of standout cornerbacks in Josh Lay and Darrelle Revis while Tez Morris returns for his fourth year as starting free safety. Lay had a team-high 15 pass breakups last season with three interceptions. Already leads the team with one interception and three breakups a year after earning freshman All-America honors according to the Sporting News.

### Pittsburgh Coach Dave Wannstedt

Coach Dave Wannstedt returned to his alma mater in December 2004 after more than a decade coaching in the National Football League. Wannstedt is the ninth former Panther to return to serve as Pitt's head football coach.

An offensive tackle at Pitt from 1970-73 and a captain on the Panthers' 1973 Fiesta Bowl squad, Wannstedt has coached 10 bowl teams, six NFL playoff teams, two college national title squads (1976 Pittsburgh; 1987 Miami) and one Super Bowl champion (1992 Dallas Cowboys). He spent 11 seasons as a head coach in the NFL, including six years guiding the Chicago Bears (1993 to 1998) and five with the Miami Dolphins (2000 to 2004). In 14 years as a college assistant coach at Pitt, Oklahoma State and Southern California, Wannstedt's teams combined for a 112-48-4 record.

### Nebraska-Pittsburgh Series...24th All-time Meeting, Pitt leads 15-5-3

The Huskers and Panthers will meet for the 24th time in the series and the second year in a row when they face off Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The meeting will be just the second between the teams since 1958, which is also the last time the teams faced off in Lincoln.

Pittsburgh owns a 15-5-3 series advantage although Nebraska is looking for its series-high third straight victory over the Panthers. Nebraska won 14-6 over the No. 14 Panthers in 1958 and 24-17 last year at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, equaling its most consecutive wins in the series also set in 1939 and 1940.

Pitt dominated the series' early matchups, posting an unbeaten record over 12 contests after NU won the series opener in 1921. The teams faced off for 16 straight seasons between 1927 and 1942, but did not play between 1958 and 2004.

### Nebraska-Pittsburgh Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (2-0, 0-0 Big 12)			Pittsburgh (0-2, 0-0 Big East)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	ACC	Natl.
Rushing Offense	120.5	12th	77th	125.5	8th	75th
Passing Offense	153.0	8th	100th	170.0	5th	92nd
Total Offense	273.5	11th	99th	295.5	7th	95th
Scoring Offense	28.0	7th	t-47th	15.5	8th	95th
Rushing Defense	<b>62.0</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>17th</b>	184.5	8th	90th
Pass Defense	<b>134.0</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>11th</b>	170.5	5th	28th
Pass Efficiency Defense	<b>71.6</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>5th</b>	127.9	5th	69th
Total Defense	<b>196.0</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>6th</b>	355.0	7th	61st
Scoring Defense	<b>5.0</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>	29.0	7th	83rd
Net Punting	<b>40.3</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>10th</b>	34.9	4th	57th
Punt Returns	13.1	4th	32nd	6.5	7th	76th
Kickoff Returns	<b>43.0</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>21st</b>
Turnover Margin	0.0	7th	54th	(-2.0)	8th	101st

**bold** indicates top-25 national ranking

**Callahan as a Head Coach Year-by-Year**

Year	Record	Pct.	Postseason
<b>Nebraska</b>			
2004	5-6	.455	None
2005	2-0	1.000	
Totals	7-6	.538	
<b>Oakland Raiders</b>			
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

**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 second year back in the college ranks, after taking over at Army last year.

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)

**Huskers Under Callahan**

Overall .....	7-6
vs. AP Ranked Teams .....	0-1
vs. AP Top 10 Teams .....	0-1
vs. Unranked Teams .....	6-5
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	3-5
When Rushing for 200 or more yards .....	2-2
When Rushing for 300 or more yards .....	1-0
When passing for 200 or more yards .....	2-3
When passing for 300 or more yards .....	1-1
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards .....	4-3
When NU has two 100-yard rushers in same game..	1-0
When Opponent has 100 Yd. Rusher .....	1-2
When Scoring 35 or More Points .....	2-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less .....	4-0
When Nebraska scores first .....	5-0
When Nebraska leads at halftime .....	7-0
When Nebraska trails at halftime .....	0-6
When Nebraska is tied at halftime .....	0-0
Record in games decided by 11 points or more .....	5-3
Record in games decided by 10 or less .....	2-3
Record in games decided by 7 or less .....	2-3
Record in games decided by 3 or less .....	0-0

**Callahan Has Busy Summer of Charity Events**

In addition to spending his summer readying for the 2005 campaign, Head Coach Bill Callahan also took time to take part in numerous public events, including two charity events.

The second Football 101 for Women took place on June 6 in Lincoln, with more than 1,100 participants learning more about the game of football. Attendees opened the day with tours of Memorial Stadium. 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 from members of the Husker staff. The second annual Football 101 for Women raised nearly \$50,000 to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Callahan and his wife, Valerie, also spearheaded Coach Callahan's Fun Run/Walk for Resources on Saturday, Aug. 20. Coach Callahan was the starter for the race and also welcomed the winners to the finish line on Stadium Drive. The event raised funds for Juvenile Diabetes and the University Libraries.

In addition to the charity events, Callahan also took part in the Husker Nation Tour, Nebraska's annual Fan Day and was the featured speaker at the Make-a-Wish Foundation's Red Tie Dinner in Lincoln in late July.

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**Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan**

Coach **Bill Callahan** (Illinois Benedictine, 1978) is in his second season as the head coach of the Nebraska football program and owns a 7-6 record at Nebraska. Callahan is the 27th head coach in Husker history, taking the reins of the program in January of 2004.

Callahan came to Nebraska 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 49-year-old Callahan spent 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 had extensive experience at the collegiate level before taking the job at Nebraska. 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 28th 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.

Callahan has Midwest roots, as he is a native of Chicago. He 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.



**Nebraska Staff Features Minor Adjustments for 2005 Season**

The coaching staff Bill Callahan has assembled at Nebraska has a championship background, both on the collegiate and professional level. There is only one change on the 2005 staff as **Ted Gilmore** is serving as Nebraska's receivers coach after spending the previous two seasons on the Colorado coaching staff. Gilmore has also coached wideouts at Purdue, Houston, Kansas and his alma mater, Wyoming. In addition to adding Gilmore to the staff, Callahan also made a minor adjustment to the defensive staff prior to spring football. Bill Busch moved from coaching the outside linebackers to tutoring Nebraska's safeties, while secondary coach Phil Elmassian now focuses on the cornerbacks. Defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove now coaches all three Husker linebacker positions.

Gilmore's strong coaching background adds to an impressive staff that has had success at all levels, both on the field and on the recruiting trail.

► Callahan's 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 Ten, Mid-American, Mountain West, Pac-10 and Western Athletic.

► The staff has recruiting ties in nearly every part of the United States. 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. Defensive line coach John Blake was recognized by Rivals.com as one of the nation's top recruiters in 2005.

**Huskers-Pitt Matchup to Have NFL Flavor**

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan and Pitt head man Dave Wannstedt are among 10 current Division I-A head coaches who previously served as head coaches in the National Football League. Callahan was the head coach of the Oakland Raiders in 2002 and 2003, while Wannstedt had NFL head-coaching stints with the Chicago Bears (1993-98) and the Miami Dolphins (2000-04).

Callahan and Wannstedt met once as NFL head coaches, with Wannstedt's Dolphins posting a 23-17 victory over the Raiders in December of 2002. The setback was the Raiders' final loss before Callahan led them through the AFC Playoffs and to a berth in the Super Bowl.

Before taking over as the Raiders' head coach in 2002, Callahan spent seven years as an NFL assistant coach, including 1995-97 with the Philadelphia Eagles and 1998-2001 with the Raiders. During that period, Callahan and Wannstedt were on the opposite sideline in three additional games, with Wannstedt owning a 2-1 edge. The Raiders, with Callahan as offensive coordinator, defeated Miami, 27-0 in the 2000 AFC Divisional Playoffs.

**Callahan vs. Wannstedt in the National Football League**

Year	Matchup	Result	Site
1995	Chicago vs. Philadelphia	Bears, 20-14	Chicago
2000	Miami vs. Oakland*	Raiders, 27-0	Oakland
2001	Miami vs. Oakland	Dolphins, 18-15	Miami
2002	Miami vs. Oakland	Dolphins, 23-17	Miami

**Bold indicates Callahan (Oakland), Wannstedt (Miami) head coaching matchup**

\*-AFC Divisional Playoff

The Nebraska-Pitt matchup on Saturday is one of four matchups this season in Division I-A college football between teams with head coaches who previously served as NFL head coaches. Other matchups include Virginia-Georgia Tech (Groh-Gailey), Kentucky-South Carolina (Brooks-Spurrier) and Hawaii-USC (Jones-Carroll).

**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 83 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 271 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (includes Pittsburgh)
- ▶ 788 all-time victories—third in NCAA
- ▶ 42 all-time bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 118-10 home record in last 18 seasons (since 1986)

**NU Streaks...The Huskers have...**

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 114 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (222-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 115 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 236 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

**NU Schedule Features Five 2004 Bowl Teams**

After opening against Maine and Wake Forest, the Huskers will now face three straight 2004 bowl teams at home before hitting the road. The home tests against Pittsburgh, Iowa State and Texas Tech are three of five Nebraska contests against 2004 bowl teams.

Nebraska won at Pittsburgh last season before the Panthers rallied to win the Big East title and earn a trip to the Fiesta Bowl as the conference's BCS representative. Iowa State posted a 6-5 regular-season record and played in the Independence Bowl, while Texas Tech defeated California in the Holiday Bowl.

The Huskers' final two games against 2004 bowl teams are against last year's Big 12 title game participants Oklahoma (Oct. 29) and Colorado (Nov. 25). The Sooners captured the Big 12 title en route to a trip to the Orange Bowl, while Colorado earned a berth in the Houston Bowl.

**Huskers on Preseason Watch Lists**

- Daniel Bullocks, Sr., SS**  
Lott Trophy Watch List (Impact Defensive Player)
- Cory Ross, Sr., IB**  
Doak Walker Award Watch List
- Kurt Mann, Jr., C**  
Lombardi Award Watch List  
Rimington Trophy Watch List

**Huskers, Panthers in NCAA Rankings**

- Nebraska**
- Team**
- Rushing Defense, 62.0 ypg (17th)
  - Pass Efficiency Defense, 71.63 (5th)
  - Total Defense, 196.0 ypg (6th)
  - Scoring Defense, 5.0 ppg (3rd)
  - Net Punting, 40.33 ypp (10th)
  - Kickoff Returns, 43.0 ypr (2nd)
  - Pass Defense, 134.0 ypg (11th)

- Individual**
- Sam Koch, Punting, 43.92 ypp (17th)
  - Terrence Nunn, Punt Returns, 27.6 ypr (3rd)
  - Jordan Congdon, Field Goals, 2.5 pg (6th)

- Pittsburgh**
- Team**
- Kickoff Returns, 26.29 ypr (21st)
- Individual**
- Adam Graessle, 45.33 ypp (8th)

**NU-Wake Forest Notes Continued from page 2**

- ▶ Nebraska has allowed just 10 points in the season's first two games, the fewest points Nebraska has allowed in the first two games of the season since allowing seven points combined in the first two games of the 1999 season (42-7 vs. Iowa, 45-0 vs. California).
- ▶ Linebacker **Stewart Bradley** gave Nebraska its third defensive score of the night with a 43-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, giving Nebraska a 31-3 lead. The touchdown was the first of Bradley's career, and also marked his first career interception.
- ▶ Nebraska senior I-back **Cory Ross** rushed for 123 yards on 20 carries, pushing his career rushing total to 2,064 yards, making Ross the 23rd player in Nebraska history to surpass 2,000 career rushing yards. Ross eclipsed the 2,000-yard mark on a 57-yard scamper at the start of the third quarter that set up Nebraska's TD that put the Huskers ahead 21-3. The 57-yard run was the second-longest rush of Ross' career. The 123-yard effort by Ross was the 10th 100-yard rushing game of his Nebraska career.
- ▶ **Sam Koch's** 76-yard punt in the fourth quarter was the third-longest punt in school history, topping his previous career long of 70 set in last week's season opener. He is only the second punter in school history to record two 70-yard punts, joining current Cincinnati Bengal Kyle Larson, who had three during his career.
- ▶ Nebraska's victory over Wake Forest improved the Huskers to 2-0 all-time against the Demon Deacons, and marked Nebraska's first regular-season victory over an ACC opponent since a 1973 win over North Carolina State.
- ▶ The 31-3 Husker victory marked just the second loss by more than seven points for Wake Forest in the past two seasons and the first time since the 2000 season that Wake Forest was held without an offensive touchdown.
- ▶ The 51-yard field goal by Wake Forest place-kicker Sam Swank tied for the second-longest field goal by an opponent at Memorial Stadium, trailing only Auburn's Al Del Greco, who connected on a 52-yard attempt on Oct. 3, 1981.

**Season-Opening Homestand Continues Against Pittsburgh**

Nebraska will spend the first five games of its 2005 season in front of the Husker faithful at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers opened the season with a 25-7 victory over Maine (Sept. 3) and a 31-3 win over Wake Forest (Sept. 10). The Huskers now welcome three 2004 bowl teams to Lincoln in Pittsburgh (Sept. 17), Iowa State (Oct. 1) and Texas Tech (Oct. 8), before facing their first road test of the season at Baylor on Oct. 15, followed by a road trip to Missouri.

The Huskers' long season-opening homestand is a rarity for the program.

- ▶ The 2005 campaign marks the first time Nebraska has had five straight home games to open the season since 1975, when NU won its first five games at home en route to a 10-0 start. The only other times in school history Nebraska has opened with five straight home games were in 1906 and 1918.
- ▶ Nebraska has opened the season with four straight home games 10 times in school history, most recently in 2001.
- ▶ The last time Nebraska played five consecutive home games at any point in the season was in 1995. After opening the year with two straight road games, Nebraska played games three through seven at Memorial Stadium, winning all five on its way to a second straight national championship.

**Sophomore McKeon at Middle of NU Defensive Success**

Nebraska quarterback Zac Taylor was the No. 13 drawing most of the attention during preseason, but sophomore middle linebacker **Corey McKeon** has made No. 13 prominent on the Husker defense as well. McKeon faced the difficult task of replacing Nebraska all-time leading tackler Barrett Ruud who was the starting MIKE 'backer for the past three seasons.



Through two games, the 6-1, 225-pound McKeon has been a dominant force in the middle of the Husker defense, spearheading two school-record performances by the Blackshirts. In the opener against Maine, McKeon made his presence felt with 10 tackles, including eight solo stops. The Naperville, Ill., native had three tackles for loss, including a sack and also forced a Maine fumble. In the win over the Black Bears, Nebraska tied school records for tackles for loss (18) and sacks (11).

In week two, McKeon was even more impressive, helping Nebraska to a 31-3 win over Wake Forest. McKeon again registered 10 total tackles, including two sacks for 11 yards and a pass breakup. McKeon's biggest play of the night came early in the game when he intercepted a Demon Deacon pass and raced 38 yards for a touchdown to give Nebraska a 7-0 advantage. McKeon's INT return for a touchdown was the first of a school-record three defensive touchdowns for the Blackshirt defense. The interception was the second of McKeon's NU career.

McKeon was unheralded entering the season, after playing in just one game a year ago. He redshirted in his first year at Nebraska in 2003.

**Corey McKeon Game-by-Game**

Opponent	UT-AT-TI	TFL	Sacks	PBU	INT	FC
Maine	8-2-10	3-5	1-2	—	—	1
Wake Forest	6-4-10	2-11	2-11	1	1-38 (TD)	0
<b>Totals</b>	14-6-20	5-16	3-13	1	1-38 (TD)	1

## 1995 National Title Team to Celebrate 10-Year Anniversary

For the second consecutive year, the Nebraska football program will hold a reunion of a national championship team. Last season, Nebraska's 1994 national championship team had a reunion the weekend of the Huskers' game against Missouri. This fall, many of the same former players will be on hand when the Huskers pay tribute to the 1995 national championship team the weekend of Oct. 28-29. The Huskers will host long-time rival Oklahoma on Saturday to culminate the weekend of activities that will include a pre-game social event.

The 1995 Nebraska football team is widely regarded as one of the best in the history of college football. Nebraska posted a 12-0 record capped by a 62-24 win over Florida in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl. Nebraska capped the regular season with a 37-0 shutout of Oklahoma in the final Big Eight Conference game. During the season, Nebraska defeated all 12 of its opponents by at least 14 points with nine of the victories by 37 points or more.

## 2005 Husker Takeaways

Game	Fumb.	INT	Total
Maine	1	1	2
Wake	1	3	4
Totals	2	4	6

### Touchdowns

Bo Ruud, 27-yard INT return vs. Maine  
 Corey McKeon, 38-yard INT return vs. Wake Forest  
 Daniel Bullocks, 30-yard fumble return vs. Wake Forest  
 Stewart Bradley, 43-yard INT return vs. Wake Forest

## 2005 Blackshirts Against the Run

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
Maine	37	-6	0	15
Wake	52	130	0	20

Yards per Game—62.0

Yards per Attempt—1.4 ypr

## Bullocks Makes Most of Touches

Nebraska senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** played quarterback at Chattanooga's Hixson High School, and it is clear he has not forgotten what to do with the football in his hands. As a prepster, Bullocks capped his high school career by rushing for 1,432 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior.

At Nebraska, Bullocks has three career fumble recoveries and seven career interceptions. Of those 10 takeaways, Bullocks has returned seven of them at least 10 yards, including a pair of fumble returns for touchdowns.

### Bullocks' returns include...

- 11-yard INT return at Kansas, 2003
- 58-yard INT return vs. Western Illinois, 2004
- 16-yard INT return vs. So. Mississippi, 2004
- 38-yard INT return at Texas Tech, 2004
- 44-yard INT return vs. Baylor, 2004
- 10-yard fumble return at Kansas State, 2004 (TD)
- 31-yard INT return at Iowa State, 2004
- 30-yard fumble return vs. Wake Forest, 2004 (TD)

## NU Defensive Back Career Tackles

Rank	Player, Years	Yards
1.	Mike Brown, 1996-99	287
2.	Tyrone Byrd, 1989-92	209
3.	Reggie Cooper, 1987-90	195
4.	Keyuo Craver, 1998-01	192
5.	Steve Carmer, 1988-92	182
6.	Josh Bullocks, 2002-04	160
...	<b>Daniel Bullocks, 2002-present</b>	<b>157</b>

## Husker Defense Looks to Apply Pressure to Pitt QB Palko

Nebraska has shown a strong pass rush early this season, recording 16 sacks in two victories, including a school-record 11 sacks in a 25-7 season-opening victory against Maine. The Blackshirts have also regularly been in the face of opposing quarterbacks, helping force four interceptions, three of which have been returned for touchdowns.

A strong pass rush was a key to the Huskers' 24-17 victory at Pittsburgh last season. The Blackshirts recorded three sacks against the Panthers, and constantly pressured Pitt, recording 21 quarterback hurries, including five by defensive end **Wali Muhammad**. The pressure on the quarterback led to three first-half interceptions of Pitt's Tyler Palko, two of which were returned inside the Panther 5. The constant pressure on Palko allowed the quarterback to complete just 22-of-45 passes on the day.

## Blackshirts Setting Tone for 2005 Season

Nebraska's Blackshirt defense has shown early-season signs of being a dominant unit. Through two games, the Husker defense has made its mark in the record book, while allowing just 10 points in a pair of Nebraska victories. In week one, the defense tied school records for sacks and tackles for loss, and in last week's win over Wake Forest, the Blackshirts scored three touchdowns of their own, setting a school record for defensive touchdowns.

The Huskers' early defensive success has come despite having to replace three players who were selected in the top 40 picks of the 2005 NFL Draft, in addition to a pair of four-year lettermen.

### Highlights for the 2005 Blackshirts include...

► In the opener against Maine, Nebraska tied school records with 11 sacks and 18 tackles for loss. The Huskers previously had 11 sacks in a 1989 victory over Oregon State, while the previous 18 TFL effort came against Iowa State in 1969.

► Through two games, Nebraska has recorded 16 sacks, led by three sacks each from sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** and junior defensive end **Adam Carriker**. Last season, Nebraska finished the year with a total of 25 sacks, with team leader Benard Thomas recording four sacks on the season.

► The defense has scored four touchdowns in two games, all in the past five quarters. The scores have come on interception returns by linebackers **Bo Ruud** (27 yards vs. Maine), **McKeon** (38 yards vs. Wake Forest) and **Stewart Bradley** (43 yards vs. Wake Forest), in addition to a 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown by strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** against Wake Forest.

► Nebraska set a school record with three defensive touchdowns against Wake Forest, and the two defensive scores in the first quarter also marked the first time a Blackshirt defense scored two TDs in a single quarter.

► Nebraska has three interception returns for touchdowns in two games, just two off the single-season record of five interceptions for touchdowns set in 1971 and 1995. Overall, Nebraska has four defensive touchdowns in two games, after not posting a defensive touchdown last season.

► Nebraska has six takeaways through two games, including four turnovers against Wake Forest. The four turnovers marked the first time Nebraska had forced three or more turnovers in a game since causing four Pittsburgh miscues in last season's 24-17 victory over the Panthers.

► Nebraska has allowed just 10 points in the season's first two games, the fewest points Nebraska has allowed in the first two games of the season since allowing seven points combined in the first two games of the 1999 season (42-7 vs. Iowa, 45-0 vs. California).

► Maine and Wake Forest generated a combined two trips inside the Nebraska Red Zone, with Wake Forest moving inside the 20-yard line twice, but generating no points on those possessions. The only points allowed have come on a 52-yard TD pass by Maine and a 51-yard field goal by Wake Forest.

► Opponents have snapped the ball only 33 times in Nebraska territory, including just 13 times before halftime. Of the 33 snaps in Nebraska territory, four were punts and two were field goal attempts.

► On the strength of the school-record 11 sacks, Nebraska held Maine to minus-six yards rushing to mark the second straight year the Husker defense has held its opponent to negative rushing yards in the opener.

► The Husker defense has allowed just three plays of 20 yards or longer in the first two games.

► Nebraska has forced 21 opponent punts in two games, including 13 by Maine in the season opener.

## Bullocks Leading Secondary in Senior Season

Senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** may feel a little lonely in the Husker secondary early in the 2005 season. Not only is he the only returning starter in the Nebraska defensive backfield, but it is the first time Bullocks has played without seeing his twin brother, Josh, alongside him in the Blackshirt secondary.

Josh Bullocks gave up his senior season at NU, and was a second-round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints. Josh earned All-America honors in 2003 when he intercepted a Big 12-record 10 passes. A second-team All-Big 12 pick last season, Daniel Bullocks will look to join his brother on Nebraska's prestigious All-America wall with a strong senior season. A year ago, Daniel stepped out of his brother's shadow with a standout junior season and is poised to continue to make his mark in the Nebraska record book.

After a solid opener against Maine, Bullocks had a monster game against Wake Forest, recording 13 tackles and forcing and returning a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown to give Nebraska a 14-0 lead. The touchdown was the second of Bullocks' career. Last season he returned a botched Kansas State punt snap 10 yards for a touchdown.

The 13-tackle effort against Wake Forest marked the second-best tackle total of Bullocks' career and pushed him into the top 50 on Nebraska's career tackles list.

## Nebraska Defensive Rankings

Category	Avg.	Big 12	National
Rush Def.	62.0 ypg	2	17
Pass Eff. Def.	71.63	1	5
Total Def.	196.0	1	6
Scoring Def.	5.0	1	3
Pass Yds.	134.0	1	11

## Ross, Bullocks Elected as Team Captains

Nebraska seniors **Cory Ross** and **Daniel Bullocks** have been elected team captains for the 2005 campaign. Ross enters his senior season poised to make a push for the top 10 on Nebraska's career rushing list, while Bullocks could move into the top five on Nebraska's career interceptions list.

This marks the first time since the 1982 season that Nebraska has had just two captains. Ross is the first Husker I-back to serve as a team captain since Dan Alexander in 2000, and just the third Husker captain from that position since 1984.

This marks the second straight season a Bullocks has served as a team captain. Last season, free safety Josh Bullocks was a team captain as a junior, before leaving Nebraska for the NFL after his junior season. Daniel and Josh Bullocks are just the sixth set of brothers to serve as captains at Nebraska. The last set of brothers to serve as captains were the Kelsay brothers (Chad in 1998; Chris in 2002). Other brother combinations in school history to serve as team captains were Mike (1983) and Andy Keeler (1988), Erik (1991) and Zach Wiegert (1994), Christian (1995) and Jason Peter (1997) and Grant (1997) and Tracey Wistrom (2001).

## Punter Sam Koch Game-by-Game in 2005

Game	Punts	Avg.	120	Long	Returns
Maine	4	46.8	2	70	0-0
Wake	8	42.5	4	76	3-23

## Cory Ross Game-by-Game in 2005

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Long
Maine	20	80	1	4.0	30
Wake	20	123	0	6.2	57

## Ross' Career 100-Yard Rushing Games (10)

19 carries, 108 yards at Kansas, 2003  
 22 carries, 103 yards, 1 TD at Colorado, 2003  
 37 carries, 138 yards, 2 TD vs. Michigan St., 2003 Alamo Bowl  
 13 carries, 125 yards vs. Western Illinois, 2004  
 27 carries, 169 yards vs. Southern Miss, 2004  
 19 carries, 107 yards, 1 TD vs. Kansas, 2004  
 19 carries, 194 yards, 2 TD vs. Missouri, 2004  
 19 carries, 126 yards, 1 TD at Iowa State, 2004  
 30 carries, 130 yards at Oklahoma, 2004  
 20 carries, 123 yards vs. Wake Forest, 2005

## Charting the Husker Backs in 2005

Nebraska I-backs combined to rush for 142 yards in the season opener against Maine.

Game	Ross	B. Jackson	Lucky	Total
Maine	20-80-1	6-18-0	13-44-0	39-142-1
Wake	20-123-0	4-3-0	2-3-0	26-129-0

## Callahan Continuing NU Walk-on Tradition

Nebraska Head Coach **Bill Callahan** has embraced a number of Husker traditions in his two years at the helm of the program. At the top of that list is continuing Nebraska's storied walk-on program, and rewarding the players who come to Lincoln without a scholarship.

The week of the season opener Callahan announced that four Huskers—junior wide receiver **Grant Mulkey**, senior wide receiver **Matt Schroeder**, senior defensive back **Joey Robison** and junior long snapper **Lane Kelly**—had been placed on scholarship.

The four walk-ons added to scholarship pushed the total of former walk-ons Callahan has put on scholarship to 11 since his arrival in January of 2004. Of that group, eight were native Nebraskans, two hailed from Iowa and Mulkey came to Nebraska from Texas.

Earlier this summer, Callahan placed senior safety **Blake Tiedtke** and junior offensive lineman **Newton Lingenfelter** on scholarship. Tiedtke has since earned a Blackshirt and a starting spot on the defense.

► Bullocks intercepted a team-leading five passes last season, returning the picks for 187 yards, a school single-season record for interception return yardage. Bullocks needs 56 interception return yards in 2005 to set the Nebraska career record, currently held by Ralph Brown who had 253 interception return yards in his career.

► He has seven career interceptions and needs four interceptions in 2005 to move into the top five on Nebraska's career interceptions list. He is six interceptions behind his brother Josh, who ranks second in school history with 13 interceptions.

► Daniel Bullocks has 157 tackles in his Nebraska career and needs 43 more tackles to become the third defensive back in school history to record 200 career tackles. He is just three tackles behind his brother, Josh, for the sixth-most tackles ever by a Nebraska defensive back.

## Nebraska Showing Strong Special Teams Effort to Start 2005 Season

In addition to a strong defensive start to the 2005 season, Nebraska has shown marked improvement in its special teams play through two games.

Nebraska's return game made a big impact in the season opener, as the Huskers threatened the school record for punt return yardage with 198 yards. Last season, Nebraska finished the season with just 181 punt return yards.

### *The highlights from the return game include...*

► Sophomore **Terrence Nunn** had a 62-yard return on the first punt return attempt of his career vs. Maine, the longest punt return for a Husker since DeJuan Groce had an 89-yard return for a touchdown in a 24-13 win over Missouri in 2002. Nunn added a 45-yard punt return on his second career punt return and his 135 return yards vs. Maine nearly doubled Nebraska's team leader from 2004, Santino Panico, who finished the season with 68 punt return yards. Nunn ranks third nationally in punt returns averaging 27.6 yards per return.

► On Nebraska's only kickoff return of the season, sophomore **Tierre Green** had a 43-yard return to open the second half vs. Maine, a career long for Green.

► In 2004, Nebraska had three punt or kickoff returns of 40 yards or more. The Huskers matched that total with three 40-plus-yard returns against Maine.

Nebraska has also been strong in coverage, allowing just 23 yards on three opponent punt returns, while the opposition is averaging just 14.5 yards per kickoff return.

## Senior Punter Koch a Constant for Husker Special Teams

Senior punter **Sam Koch** was the special teams standout for Nebraska in 2004, and appears poised for a standout 2005 campaign. Koch is averaging 43.9 yards per punt through two games in 2005. Koch's punting effort helps Nebraska rank 10th nationally in net punting at better than 40.3 yards per attempt.

Koch has shown the ability to punt both with finesse and power. Half of his 12 punts have been downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line and he has allowed only three returns for 23 yards. He has also hit the long ball twice this year, connecting on a 70-yard punt against Maine, before uncorking a career-long 76-yard punt in the fourth quarter against Wake Forest. Koch's 76-yard punt was the third-longest punt in school history and he became only the second punter in school history with two or more 70-yard punts. Koch's predecessor, 2003 All-American Kyle Larson, had three 70-yard-plus punts in his career.

## Senior I-Back Ross Poised for Another Big Season

Nebraska senior I-back **Cory Ross** showed he was an ideal fit in the West Coast Offense in 2004. The 5-6, 195-pound Ross was a workhorse as a runner, and was also adept at catching the ball out of the Nebraska backfield.

Ross is off to a strong start to his 2005 season, including his 10th career 100-yard rushing game against Wake Forest, when he finished with 123 yards on 20 carries. Ross opened the year with 80 yards on 20 carries against Maine, including a one-yard TD run.

### *Among the growing accomplishments for the All-America and Doak Walker Award candidate are...*

► Ross' 57-yard third-quarter run against Wake Forest was the second-longest run of his career. On the run, Ross became the 23rd player in school history to top 2,000 career rushing yards.

► Ross posted the first 1,000-yard rushing season by a Nebraska I-back since the 2001 campaign, finishing the 11-game 2004 slate with 1,102 yards.

► Ross rushed for a career-high 194 yards and two touchdowns in a 24-3 win over Missouri. He topped the century mark six times last season and was the only back in 2004 to rush for 100 yards against Oklahoma.

► Ross is just 509 yards from reaching the top 10 on Nebraska's career rushing list, and if he were to match his 1,100-yard season from 2004, Ross would finish sixth on the Husker career charts.

► Ross needs 89 yards this week against Pittsburgh to move into the top 20 on Nebraska's career rushing list.

► Ross caught 21 passes for 262 yards and a pair of touchdowns last fall. His 74-yard touchdown reception against Baylor was the longest by a Nebraska running back since 1978 and his 21 catches were the most in a decade by a Husker back. This season, Ross has three receptions in the first two games.

## Nebraska Career Rushing

Player, Years	Yards
1. Mike Rozier, 1981-83	4,780
2. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
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10. Jammal Lord, QB, 2000-03	2,573
11. Correll Buckhalter, IB, 1997-00	2,522
12. Keith Jones, IB, 1984-87	2,488
13. Dan Alexander, IB, 1997-00	2,456
14. Rick Berns, IB, 1976-78	2,449
15. Roger Craig, IB, 1979-82	2,446
16. Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969-71	2,244
17. Doug DuBose, IB, 1982-85	2,205
18. Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1950-52	2,196
19. Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1979-80	2,161
20. Tony Davis, IB/FB, 1973-75	2,153
21. Steve Taylor, QB, 1985-88	2,125
22. Monte Anthony, IB, 1974-77	2,077
<b>23. Cory Ross, IB, 2002-present</b>	<b>2,064</b>
24. Jeff Smith, IB, 1980-84	1,992
25. Joe Orduna, HB, 1967-70	1,968
26. Tommie Frazier, QB, 1992-95	1,955

## Charting the Husker Offense

Coach Bill Callahan's Husker offense featured outstanding balance in 2004, and Nebraska should possess similar ability this fall. Through two games, Nebraska has rushed the ball 72 times and attempted 69 passes.

Opp.	Rush Att.	Rush Yds.	Pass Att.	Pass Yds.	TD
Maine	42	121	36	192	5
Wake	30	120	33	114	1

## Balanced Husker Offenses Since 1973

Year	Total Offense	Pct. Rush	Pct. Pass
2004	363.2	48.5	51.5
1976	407.8	53.9	46.1
1973	396.0	56.9	43.1
1975	406.2	61.0	39.0

## Zac Taylor Game-by-Game

Game	Passing	Yards	TD	Long
Maine	36-15-2	192	0	73 (Hardy)
Wake Forest	33-14-1	114	1	25 (Mulkey)
Totals	69-29-3	306	1	73 (Hardy)

## Maine is Latest Season-Opening Victim

The Huskers extended their season-opening win streak to 20 games with their 25-7 victory over Maine. Nebraska has not lost a season opener since a 17-13 setback at the hands of Florida State to open the 1985 season.

Nebraska's 20-game win streak in season openers leads the nation, bettering 16 straight wins by both Kansas State and Florida. The Huskers have won each of those 20 games by 10 points or more, and owns an 85-26-5 all-time record in season openers. Since 1973, the Huskers are 28-4-1 in season openers, including 23-2 at Memorial Stadium, with losses to only Florida State in 1985 and Washington State in 1977. In all-time home openers, Nebraska is 94-17-5, including 66-14-3 at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers are 30-2 in their last 32 home openers.

## Nebraska Season-Opening Win Streak (20)

Year	Opponent (Rank)	Result
1986	Florida State (11)	W, 34-17
1987	Utah State	W, 56-12
1988	Texas A&M* (10)	W, 23-14
1989	Northern Illinois	W, 48-17
1990	Baylor	W, 13-0
1991	Utah State	W, 59-28
1992	Utah	W, 49-22
1993	North Texas	W, 76-14
1994	West Virginia* (24)	W, 31-0
1995	at Oklahoma State	W, 64-21
1996	Michigan State	W, 55-14
1997	Akron	W, 59-14
1998	Louisiana Tech	W, 56-27
1999	at Iowa	W, 42-7
2000	San Jose State	W, 49-13
2001	Texas Christian	W, 21-7
2002	Arizona State	W, 48-10
2003	Oklahoma State (24)	W, 17-7
2004	Western Illinois	W, 56-17
2005	Maine	W, 25-7

\*—Kickoff Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.

## Ball Security Remains a Key for 2005 Husker Offense

Nebraska featured the offensive balance Bill Callahan promised from the West Coast Offense in 2004. The Huskers rushed the ball on 412 of 734 (56.1 percent) offensive attempts in 2004, and picked up 48.5 percent of their offense on the ground, against 51.5 percent through the air. The offense was Nebraska's most balanced attack since 1972. The balanced attack in 2004 showed some of the elements that Bill Callahan's West Coast attack displayed during his coaching tenure with the Oakland Raiders.

In Oakland, Callahan's offenses exhibited outstanding balance, efficiency and flexibility, including...

- ▶ In 2000 with Callahan as offensive coordinator, Oakland led the NFL in rushing by averaging 154.4 yards per game. Two seasons later, the flexibility of the West Coast Offense allowed the Raiders to lead the NFL in passing at 279.7 yards per game in Callahan's first season as head coach.

- ▶ In 2002, Oakland became the first team to win games in the same season while rushing at least 60 times and passing at least 60 times.

- ▶ Coach Callahan's 2002 Raiders completed better than 67 percent of their pass attempts en route to an AFC Championship.

- ▶ While leading the NFL in passing in 2002, the Raiders averaged nearly 4.5 yards per rush in 2002, and scored 21 rushing touchdowns, while ranking second in the NFL in scoring at more than 28 points per game.

The 2004 Husker offense did feature balance, but it was held back primarily by one factor—turnovers. Nebraska threw 23 interceptions and lost 10 fumbles in 2004. The Husker defense gained 21 turnovers of its own, but NU was a minus-12 in turnover margin, and ranked 110th nationally in that category.

Callahan made better ball security a primary focus for Nebraska throughout spring and fall camp, and while game one did not provide the results the Huskers had hoped for, Nebraska protected the ball well against Wake Forest. After committing five turnovers, including two inside the 5-yard-line against Maine, NU had just one turnover in a 31-3 victory over Wake Forest.

## Huskers Featuring Hardy Passing Attack in 2005

First-year Nebraska wide receiver **Frantz Hardy** made his Nebraska debut a memorable one against Maine. The Miami native hauled in seven passes for 152 yards, including a 73-yard connection with quarterback Zac Taylor in the second quarter. The 6-0, 175-pound sophomore is a transfer from Butler County Community College and was a teammate of Taylor's last fall at the school.

*Hardy's receiving effort ranks among the top pass catching days in school history...*

- ▶ The 152 receiving yards rank as the fourth-highest single-game total in Nebraska history, just 15 yards shy of the school single-game record

- ▶ Hardy's 152 yards were the most by a Husker since Matt Davison's school-record 167 receiving yards against Texas A&M on Oct. 10, 1998

- ▶ The 152 yards are the most ever by a Nebraska player in a season opener, bettering the previous opening-day record of 127 yards held by Irving Fryar (vs. Iowa, 1982)

- ▶ Hardy's receiving total is the most ever by a Nebraska player in a first game

Hardy continued his strong play in game two, tying for the team lead with four receptions (29 yards), while nabbing his first career TD at Nebraska on a four-yard reception from Taylor in the third quarter. Hardy's 181 receiving yards through two games puts him more than halfway to last year's team leader in receiving yards (337).

Hardy and Taylor formed a solid combination at Butler County CC last season, as Taylor passed for nearly 3,000 yards and threw for 29 touchdowns. Hardy was a big part of that success, with 34 receptions for 820 yards and five touchdowns.

## Nine True Freshmen Debut in Season Opener

Nebraska had an influx of young talent in its 2005 recruiting class and that has been evident by looking at the field in the first two games. Among the 17 newcomers who have hit the field are nine true freshmen who made their Husker debuts against Maine. The nine true frosh are the most ever to play in a season opener for the Huskers.

The true freshmen seeing action in the opener included PK **Jordan Congdon**, DE **Barry Turner**, LB **Phillip Dillard**, DE **Zach Potter**, S **Jeff Souder**, OT **Matt Slauson**, IB **Marlon Lucky**, WR **Chris Brooks** and DT **Ndamukong Suh**.

Of the group, Congdon had the biggest impact in game one, connecting on four field goals to tie a Nebraska freshman record. Congdon was 4-for-4 on field goals, hitting from 23, 33, 38 and 23 yards and supplied 13 points in his NU debut. He added a 21-yard field goal in game two and is 5-for-5 on FG attempts.

The nine true freshmen who played were in addition to a large number of junior-college transfers who had an immediate impact.

- ▶ Eight Huskers made their first career starts against Maine. On offense the first-time starters were left tackle **Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas**, left guard **Greg Austin**, wide receiver **Frantz Hardy** and quarterback **Zac Taylor**. On defense, the first-time starters were MIKE linebacker **Corey McKeon**, WILL linebacker **Steve Octavien**, and free safety **Blake Tiedtke**. True freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon** also drew a start in his first career collegiate game. In addition, cornerback **Tierre Green** started his first game on defense, after switching from I-back last spring.

- ▶ Sophomore linebacker **Bo Ruud** and sophomore running back **Brandon Jackson** made their first career starts in the second game of the season. Ruud replaced Octavien who was lost for the season with a broken leg suffered against Maine, while Jackson lined up at fullback in front of starting I-back Cory Ross.



**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 saw a 26-game home winning streak come to an end in November of 2002 against Texas, ending the third-longest home winning streak in school history. The streak was 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 4-2 at home in 2004, and have won at least six home games in 17 of the past 18 seasons. Nebraska is 107-8 at home the last 17 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 474-127-20 (.779, 621 games, 116 years) in Lincoln, 349-104-13 (.763, 466 games, 83 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923).

Since 1986, only six different schools have escaped Memorial Stadium with a victory. Nebraska has not been shut out at home since a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968 (236 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons.

**Husker Records Report**

Category .....	Record
All-time .....	788-317-40
Home .....	474-127-20
Memorial Stadium .....	349-104-13
Since 1962 .....	422-94-5
Away .....	314-189-20
Road (on campus) .....	276-152-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls) .....	38-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points .....	309-2
vs. Big 12 Teams .....	447-156-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96) .....	54-21
Home .....	31-5
Away .....	20-15
Neutral .....	3-1
Bowls .....	21-21
On ABC .....	76-35
On FieldTurf .....	39-8
At Night .....	59-20-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time .....	90-98-3
Home .....	42-32-0
Away .....	28-51-3
Neutral .....	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team .....	46-7-1
In 270 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time .....	239-31
vs. Ranked Teams .....	38-20

**Huskers 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), USC (5), Nebraska (4) and Minnesota (4) next in line. 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 fourth with Miami with four titles, behind Alabama and Oklahoma with six apiece, and USC with five.

**NCAA Record Sellout Streak Continues**

Including this week's matchup against Pittsburgh, Nebraska now boasts an incredible NCAA-record 271 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 179, 92 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 239-31 during the 270 sellouts entering Saturday's game. 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 advantage for the Huskers. Nebraska has won at least six home games in 17 of the past 18 seasons and is a remarkable 151-15 at home since 1981. Eight of the losses in the span have come against teams that finished in the top eight of the final AP poll. With seven home games in 2005, Nebraska's record sellout streak is set to reach 275 by the end of the season.

**Memorial Stadium Remains a Work in Progress**

While a packed house is nothing new at Memorial Stadium, the 82-year-old facility continues to take on a different look. Construction continues on the Memorial Stadium Expansion Project, the Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex and the Championship Indoor Center.

► The expansion project includes more than 6,400 new seats in the North Stadium, which will raise Memorial Stadium's capacity to more than 80,000 for the 2006 season. There will also be 13 new sky suites high above the North Stadium, including a 48-seat Super Suite.

► The Osborne Complex will provide the Husker football program with state-of-the-art locker room, strength and conditioning and athletic medicine facilities. The building will also house new offices for the Nebraska coaching staff. The football team will move into its new home before the start of the 2006 season.

► Nebraska will be able to utilize the Championship Indoor Center during the 2005 season. The building gives Nebraska two full-sized indoor facilities. When completed the Championship Indoor Center and the Osborne Complex will be connected by a sky bridge.

► The Nebraska Sideline Club made its debut for the 2005 season. The field-level seating area provides 42 premium seats just off the Southeast corner of the playing field. Fans in the Sideline Club will be seated outdoors, but will have access to an indoor area. The Sideline Club is the first seating area of its kind in college football.

► A new FieldTurf playing surface was installed in Memorial Stadium in the summer of 2005. The two-tone green playing surface sits on a new sub-surface, and the crown of the field was cut in half, from its previous 18 inches to nine inches for the 2005 season.

**Callahan's Huskers Continuing Academic Excellence**

Nebraska continued its long-standing tradition of academic excellence and honors during the 2004-05 academic year and appears set to do so again this fall.

In 2004, Nebraska seniors **Chad Sievers** and **Kellen Huston** were the latest Huskers to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America honors. Sievers completed his undergraduate work with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average, was selected as a first-team academic All-American and received a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Huston was chosen as a second-team academic All-American. The selection of the two Nebraska defenders gave the Husker football program 83 all-time academic All-Americans, including 60 first-team selections, both nation-leading totals. The Husker athletic program as a whole also leads the nation with 222 academic All-America selections across all teams and all sports.

The selection of Sievers and Huston is far from the total story of academic success for the Husker football program under Callahan's leadership in the past year.

► **Four Huskers Earn Academic All-District VII Honors**

In addition to Sievers and Huston, 2004 sophomores **Dane Todd** and **Kurt Mann** earned first team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honors last fall. Todd maintains a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade-point average heading into his junior year, while Mann carries better than a 3.96 grade-point average. Both Todd and Mann will be favorites to earn academic All-America honors in 2005.

In addition to pacing all schools in academic All-Americans, the Husker football program also leads the nation with nine NCAA Today's Top Eight Award winners, 32 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners, including Sievers last fall and 20 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athletes.

► **Huskers Enter Fall With Outstanding Academic Record**

Nebraska's football team finished the spring semester with a strong academic standing. The Huskers cumulative grade-point average as a team was just below 3.0, the highest ever for a Nebraska football team entering the summer session.

► Of Nebraska's 93 returning players, 36 student-athletes (39 percent) carried a 3.0 cumulative grade-point average or higher after the 2005 spring semester. Of that group, 13 players had a 3.5 grade-point average or higher, led by junior **Dane Todd** who has completed six semesters at Nebraska with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

► During the 2005 spring semester, 44 of Nebraska's 93 players (47 percent) posted a 3.0 or better semester grade-point average. Sixteen of those players were at the 3.5 mark or higher, paced by Todd and freshman linebacker **Tyler Wortman** who both had 4.0 spring semesters.

## Getting to the Points

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 2005, the Huskers have ranked among the nation's top 10 in scoring average 22 of the last 27 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 115 straight games.
- ▶ Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (236 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.

## NU Shines Under Memorial Stadium Lights

The Huskers have a stellar record in night games on their home field, posting a 22-2 all-time record in home night contests at Memorial Stadium, including season-opening victories in 2005 over Maine and Wake Forest.

Nebraska has regularly dominated the opposition under the Memorial Stadium lights, posting 17 of its 22 home night victories by 17 points or more. In 24 home night games, Nebraska has outscored the opposition by an average score of 37.5-13.5, with the only two losses to No. 4 Washington in 1991 and seventh-ranked Texas in 2002.

## NU Home Night Games (22-2)

Year	Opponent	Result
2005	Wake Forest	W, 31-3
2005	Maine	W, 25-7
2004	Kansas	W, 14-8
2004	Western Illinois	W, 56-17
2003	Penn State	W, 18-10
2002	Texas (7)	L, 27-24
2002	Utah State	W, 44-13
2002	Troy State	W, 31-16
2002	Arizona State	W, 48-10
2001	Texas Tech	W, 41-31
2001	Iowa State	W, 48-14
2001	Rice	W, 48-3
2001	Notre Dame (17)	W, 27-10
2000	Missouri	W, 42-24
1999	Iowa State	W, 49-14
1998	Kansas	W, 41-0
1997	Kansas State (17)	W, 56-26
1996	Kansas	W, 63-7
1992	Kansas (13)	W, 49-7
1991	Washington (4)	L, 36-21
1990	Baylor	W, 13-0
1988	Arizona State	W, 47-16
1986	Oklahoma State	W, 30-10
1986	Florida State (11)	W, 34-17

## ▶ Helming and Ickes to Play 2005 as Graduate Students

Two members of Nebraska's 23-player senior class will compete in their senior seasons as graduate students. Defensive tackle **Jared Helming** completed his undergraduate work in business administration last May, while linebacker **Adam Ickes** (business administration) picked up his degree at the close of summer school in August. The two graduates will be in good company by the end of 2005.

- ▶ An additional 11 Husker football student-athletes are expected to graduate this December, giving Nebraska 13 of 23 seniors as graduates by the close of the season. Among that group, senior wide receiver **Mark LeFlore** is scheduled to complete his undergraduate work in communication studies in just 3 1/2 years.
- ▶ By May of 2006, 21 of the 23 members of the Huskers' senior class are scheduled to graduate.
- ▶ The graduation rate of this year's senior class comes on the heels of a similar showing by Nebraska's 2004 senior class. At the conclusion of NU's 2005 spring semester, 18 of 20 members of Nebraska's 2005 senior class had picked up their degrees.

## ▶ Nebraska Honored by AFCA for Football Graduation Rate

Nebraska was one of 25 schools from across the nation to have its football program honored with the 2005 Academic Achievement Award by the American Football Coaches Association.

The Huskers, who posted a strong graduation rate of 88 percent for their 1999-2000 freshman class, were one of just 25 schools nationally to be honored for graduating 70 percent or more of their football student-athletes. Only six schools in the country achieved a rate of 90 percent or better. Duke and Northwestern led the nation with 100 percent graduation rates for their freshman classes of 1999-2000, while Boston College, Miami (Ohio), Notre Dame and Vanderbilt all managed graduation rates of 90 percent or better.

Along with Nebraska, Big 12 Conference schools Colorado and Texas Tech were both honored for having graduation rates of 70 percent or higher. Of the record number of 103 schools that responded to the AFCA's graduation rate survey, the median graduation rate for the 1999-2000 freshman class was 57 percent. This marked the fifth straight year Nebraska had received the honor.

Nebraska leads the Big 12 Conference in exhausted eligibility graduation rate for all athletes at better than 91 percent.

## ▶ Huskers Pace Big 12 in Academic Honors

Nebraska placed 60 players on the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll, after having 54 players earn the same recognition during the fall semester. The honor roll recognizes all student-athletes who earned a 3.0 grade-point average or better in the previous semester. Nine members of the football team produced 4.0 grade-point averages last fall, while two players managed the feat during the spring semester.

▶ Nebraska led the Big 12 Conference in academic all-conference picks in 2004, as 24 Huskers were honored by the league office. Eighteen Huskers were named to the first-team, while another six players earned second-team honors.

## ▶ Football Program Earns Life Skills Team Award

Under Head Coach Bill Callahan, the Husker football team has learned the concept of total player development. That is evident by the football program picking up the Athletic Department's Life Skills Team Award for 2004-05.

The award honors the Nebraska team that accumulates the most points in the Life Skills competition, which encompasses community outreach and character education among other factors. Among Nebraska's community involvement activities were hospital visits by the entire team in both the Lincoln and Omaha communities. On the day before Thanksgiving last fall, Nebraska football players divided into four groups and visited four hospitals in the Lincoln community. The team conducted a similar venture to Omaha before the start of spring practice, visiting Children's and Veteran's hospitals in Omaha in early March.

## Nebraska Boasts Tradition of Winning

Nebraska ranks as the nation's fourth-winningest program, both in terms of victories and winning percentage. The Husker football program owns a 788-317-40 all-time record in 1,145 games (.706) in 116 years of football. In the last 36-plus years, Nebraska's record is an impressive 354-76-5 for an .820 winning percentage in 435 games, an average of 9.8 wins per season.

▶ 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 12 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 combined.

### All-Time Victories

1.	Michigan	843
2.	Notre Dame	804
3.	Texas	789
4.	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>788</b>
5.	Alabama	766

## Huskers in the National Football League

Nebraska has an impressive list of former players in the professional ranks heading into the 2005 NFL season. As of Sept. 6, 32 former Huskers were on NFL rosters.



### Former Husker, Current NFL Team

#### Active Roster

Eric Johnson, Arizona Cardinals  
 Benard Thomas, Atlanta Falcons  
 Demorrio Williams, Atlanta Falcons  
 Chris Kelsay, Buffalo Bills  
 Mike Minter, Carolina Panthers  
 Mike Rucker, Carolina Panthers  
 Mike Brown, Chicago Bears  
 Kyle Larson, Cincinnati Bengals  
 Scott Shanle, Dallas Cowboys  
 Dominic Raiola, Detroit Lions  
 Cory Schlesinger, Detroit Lions  
 Ahman Green, Green Bay Packers  
 Kris Brown, Houston Texans  
 Zach Wiegert, Houston Texans  
 Will Shields, Kansas City Chiefs  
 Eric Warfield, Kansas City Chiefs  
 Ralph Brown, Minnesota Vikings  
 Russ Hochstein, New England Patriots  
 Josh Bullocks, New Orleans Saints  
 Trevor Johnson, New York Jets  
 Adam Treu, Oakland Raiders  
 Fabian Washington, Oakland Raiders  
 Toniui Fonoti, San Diego Chargers  
 Josh Brown, Seattle Seahawks  
 Grant Wistrom, Seattle Seahawks  
 DeJuan Groce, St. Louis Rams  
 Barrett Ruud, Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 Kyle Vanden Bosch, Tennessee Titans

#### Injured Reserve

Correll Buckhalter, Philadelphia Eagles  
 Carlos Polk, San Diego Chargers

#### Practice Squad

Jammal Lord, Houston Texans  
 T.J. Hollowell, New York Giants

## 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 2005 roster is no exception.

Of the 123 players on the roster, 51 hail from the Cornhusker state. Omaha leads the way with 10 players on this year's roster, while eight players from Lincoln stayed within the city limits to play for Nebraska. Omaha Creighton Prep and Lincoln Southeast lead the way with four players on the roster.

Nebraska is just one of 31 states represented on the 2004 roster. California is home to 11 Huskers, while 10 players come to Nebraska from the state of Texas. Florida and Colorado each have five players on the NU roster. From the international ranks, receiver Isaiah Fluellen hails from Germany. In addition, senior offensive lineman Seppo Ewvaraye is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

## 2005 Huskers Look for Return to Bowl Season

Nebraska's NCAA record for consecutive bowl appearances ended at 35 years in 2004, but the Huskers are intent on starting a new streak this fall. The Huskers' NCAA-record 35-bowl streak is five bowl games longer than the streak of 30 consecutive bowl trips by Michigan, that spans 1975 to the present.

Nebraska's 42 overall bowl appearances is fifth best, one behind USC's 43 and also trailing Alabama's 52, Tennessee's 45, and Texas' 44.

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 bowl streak began with a 45-6 win over Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl, and ended with a 17-3 victory over Michigan State in the 2003 Alamo Bowl. The Huskers are 21-21 all-time in bowl games.

### All-Time Bowl Appearances

1.	Alabama	52
2.	Tennessee	45
3.	Texas	44
4.	USC	43
5.	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>42</b>

## NU Leads Conference in Football Crowns

Nebraska is one of only two teams to capture two or more Big 12 titles in the first nine seasons of the conference. Oklahoma captured its third Big 12 crown in 2004, while the Huskers won Big 12 titles in 1997 and 1999 and appeared in the game in 1996. Nebraska, Texas, Colorado and Kansas State have also made three Big 12 title game appearances, while Oklahoma has made four appearances.

Nebraska has won 43 football conference championships overall, including eight under Coach Bob Devaney and 13 under Coach Tom Osborne. Oklahoma has won 35 conference championships to rank second behind NU among conference schools.

### Big 12 History

Year	Division Winners		Big 12 Champ
	North	South	
1996	<b>Nebraska</b>	Texas	Texas
1997	<b>Nebraska</b>	Texas A&M	<b>Nebraska</b>
1998	Kansas St.	Texas A&M	Texas A&M
1999	<b>Nebraska</b>	Texas	<b>Nebraska</b>
2000	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2001	Colorado	Texas	Colorado
2002	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
2003	Kansas St.	Oklahoma	Kansas State
2004	Colorado	Oklahoma	Oklahoma

## All-Americans Call Nebraska Home

In addition to pacing all Division I schools in academic All-Americans, Nebraska owns a long tradition of being among the nation's leaders in All-Americans on the field. In 2003, punter Kyle Larson and free safety Josh Bullocks were each picked as first-team All-America selections adding to Nebraska's long list of All-Americans, beginning with tackle Vic Halligan in 1914.

The Huskers have had at least one first-team All-American in all but three (1991, 1998, 2004) of the past 35 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.

Last season, senior linebacker Barrett Ruud was a third-team All-America selection by the Associated Press.

## Nebraska A Regular Supplier to NFL

Nebraska had three players selected in the 2005 NFL Draft, all in the first 40 picks of the draft. Cornerback Fabian Washington was taken as the 23rd pick in the first round by the Oakland Raiders, giving Nebraska its first selection in the opening round since 1998. In addition to Washington, linebacker Barrett Ruud was taken with the 36th overall pick by Tampa Bay, while safety Josh Bullocks was selected 40th overall by New Orleans.

Nebraska is one of the most well-represented schools in the National Football League. The Huskers had a total of 37 former players on NFL rosters at the start of the 2004 regular season. In all, 21 teams had at least one former Husker on their 2004 opening day roster. Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro offensive guard Will Shields is Nebraska's most experienced NFL veterans, entering his 13th season in the league in 2005. Shields and Green Bay Packer running back Ahman Green represented the Huskers in the 2005 Pro Bowl in Honolulu.

Following final NFL cuts (Sept. 5), 28 former Huskers were listed on active NFL rosters, with two others on the injured reserve and a pair of Huskers on NFL practice squads.

### A Look at the Numbers

#### Scoring Drives

Nebraska has produced seven scoring drives this season, with two coming in five plays or less, including one one-play drive. Overall, the Huskers have scored two touchdowns and kicked five field goals in their seven scoring drives this season. NU has one rushing touchdown and one passing touchdown. NU's seven scoring drives (2 TDs, 5 FG) have covered a total of 328 yards in 56 plays in a total of 19:31, for an average scoring drive that has covered 46.9 yards in 8.0 plays and 2:47.

The Huskers' longest scoring drive in terms of yardage went 80 yards in just seven plays and 2:08 against Wake Forest. Nebraska put together a 13-play, 77-yard drive that took 4:43 against Wake Forest, its third drive of 10-or-more plays this season. Nebraska's shortest drive covered one yard on one play and took just four seconds against Maine.

Game	Scoring		Time		Plays			
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play	
Maine	5	12:40	2:32	36	7.2	2	1	
Wake	2	6:51	3:25	20	10	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19:31</b>	<b>2:47</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2:15</b>	<b>1:07</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	

#### Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

The Huskers have produced 13 plays that have covered 20 yards or more, including three long passes, two long runs and eight long returns. Quarterback Zac Taylor connected with wide receiver Frantz Hardy on a 73-yard pass against Maine for the Huskers' longest pass play of the season. I-Back Cory Ross sprinted 57 yards against Wake Forest for NU's longest run from scrimmage, while sophomore wide receiver Terrence Nunn contributed NU's longest punt return of the season with his 62-yarder against Maine. Cornerback Terre Greene provided NU's longest kickoff return of the season with his 43-yard return against Maine. Linebacker Stewart Bradley gave Nebraska a long interception return against Wake Forest with a 43-yard interception return for a touchdown. In the same game, safety Daniel Bullocks provided Nebraska with a 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown, the Huskers' longest fumble return of the season.

The Huskers have yielded eight long plays to opponents this season, including two long passes, five long returns and one long run. Maine quarterback Ron Whitcomb connected with Kevin McMahan for an 52-yard touchdown. Wake Forest running back Chris Barclay provided the longest run against the Huskers with his 20-yard scamper. Wake's Josh Gattis returned an interception 41 yards for the longest return against the Huskers this season.

Game	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Return	Total	Rush	Pass	Return	Total
UM	1	2	4	7	0	1	3	4
WF	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>

#### Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska has converted 6-of-9 trips inside the red zone this season into scores, coming away with two touchdowns (one rushing, one passing) and four field goals. Two Husker drives stalled due to turnovers, while one was lost on downs. Wake Forest is the only team to have reached the red zone against the Huskers, missing a field goal and losing the ball on downs in two trips inside the 20-yard line.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/	Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TDs	Downs	Gm.		
UM	6	4	1	3	0	2	0	0	.667	
WF	3	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	.667	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.667</b>	
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>	

#### Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

The Blackshirts have forced six turnovers this season, converting four of those opponent miscues directly into touchdowns. Against Wake Forest, the Huskers forced a season-high four turnovers, three of which were returned for touchdowns.

For the season, Nebraska has intercepted four passes and recovered two fumbles, while the Huskers have thrown three interceptions and lost three fumbles.

Game	TDs		Scores		Turnovers	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)	
Maine	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)	
Wake	4 (3/1 F/L, 3 INT)	3	0-0	21	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 (6/2 F/L, 4 INT)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6 (7/3 F/L, 3 INT)</b>	
<b>Opp.</b>	<b>6 (7/3 F/L, 3 INT)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6 (6/2 F/L, 4 INT)</b>	

#### Starting Field Position

Nebraska has enjoyed a large field position advantage this season with a 17.2 yard-per-drive edge against the opponent. Nebraska produced an average start at its own 49.3 in game one, while limiting Maine to an average start at its own 24.5.

Against Maine, the Huskers started 10 drives in Black Bear territory, including one start inside the Black Bears' 10. NU's best starting field position of the season came at Maine's one yard line.

NU has started three drive inside its own 20 this season, while opponents have started 15 drives inside their own 20.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
Maine	49.3 (838/17)	24.5 (441/18)	24.8
Wake	30.9 (402/13)	23.6 (378/16)	7.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.3 (1240/30)</b>	<b>24.1 (819/34)</b>	<b>17.2</b>

#### Penalty Numbers

On the season, the Huskers have committed 10 penalties for 86 yards. All 10 of those penalties came against Wake Forest. Nebraska was whistled for zero penalties against Maine, marking the first time since 1997 NU did not commit a penalty in a game. Maine's seven penalties resulted in 55 yards, opponent highs for times whistled and yardage against this season.

Game	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
Maine	0-0	7-55
Wake	10-86	5-48
<b>Total</b>	<b>10-86</b>	<b>12-103</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>5.0-43.0</b>	<b>6.0-51.5</b>

#### Husker Starting Experience (Includes bowl games)

Offensive Starters	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Matt Herian, TE, Sr. (Pierce, Neb.)	0	13	8	0	21
Cory Ross, IB, Sr. (Denver, Colo.)	1	3	11	2	17
Brandon Koch, RG, Sr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	0	2	11	2	15
Seppo Ewvaraye, OT, Sr. (Vaasa, Finland)	0	0	11	2	13
Kurt Mann, C, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	-	0	11	2	13
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	1	5	3	0	9
Terrence Nunn, WR (X), Soph. (Houston, Texas)	-	-	6	2	8
J.B. Phillips, TE, Soph. (Colleyville, Texas)	0	0	6	2	8
Isaiah Fluellen, WR (Z), Jr. (Ramstein, Germany)	-	4	2	0	6
Grant Mulkey, WR (X), Jr. (Arlington, Texas)	-	0	2	1	3
Greg Austin, LG, Jr. (Cypress, Texas)	-	0	0	2	2
Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, OT, Sr. (Honolulu, Hawaii)	-	-	0	2	2
Frantz Hardy, WR (Z), Soph. (Miami, Fla.)	-	-	-	2	2
Zac Taylor, QB, Jr. (Norman, Okla.)	-	-	-	2	2
Brandon Jackson, IB, Soph. (Horn Lake, Miss.)	-	-	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>122</b>

Defensive Starters	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Sr. (Macon, Ga.)	0	12	11	2	25
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Sr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	1	9	11	2	23
Titus Adams, DT, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	10	2	13
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Jr. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	-	0	10	2	12
Adam Carriker, DE, Jr. (Kennewick, Wash.)	-	0	8	2	10
Jay Moore, DE, Jr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	-	0	5	2	7
Tierre Green, CB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	3	2	5
Cortney Grixby, LCB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	2	2	4
Corey McKeon, LB, Soph. (Naperville, Ill.)	-	-	0	2	2
Blake Tiedtke, FS, Sr. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	0	0	0	2	2
Bo Ruud, LB, Soph. (Lincoln, Neb.)	-	-	0	1	1
Steve Octavien, LB, Jr. (Naples, Fla.)	-	-	-	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>105</b>

Starting Kickers	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
David Dyches, PK, Jr. (Spring, Texas)	-	11	2	0	13
Sam Koch, P, Sr. (Seward, Neb.)	0	0	11	2	13
Jordan Congdon, PK, Fr. (San Diego, Calif.)	-	-	-	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>

#### Starts by True Freshmen: 2

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 20

Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts: 15

Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts: 12

Most Career Starts on Offense: Matt Herian, TE (21)

Most Career Starts on Defense: Le Kevin Smith, DT (25)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Cory Ross (16)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: LeKevin Smith (24)

# 2005 Nebraska Depth Chart (Wake Forest)

## Offense

**TE (Y):** 85 **J.B. Phillips\***, 6-3, 255, So., Colleyville, Texas  
88 Clayton Sievers, 6-4, 240, RFr., Elkhorn, Neb.

**LT:** 79 Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, 6-5, 315, Sr., Honolulu, Hawaii  
54 Chris Patrick, 6-4, 285, So. Ithaca, Mich.

**LG:** 65 **Greg Austin\*\***, 6-1, 290, Jr., Cypress, Texas  
73 **Jared Helming\***, 6-3, 295, Sr., Springfield, Mo.

**C:** 50 **KURT MANN\***, 6-4, 290, Jr., Grand Island, Neb.  
65 **Greg Austin\*\***, 6-1, 290, Jr., Cypress, Texas

**RG:** 75 **BRANDON KOCH\*\***, 6-4, 310, Sr., Gothenburg, Neb.  
61 Mike Huff, 6-4, 300, RFr., Ralston, Neb.

**RT:** 77 **SEPPO EVWARAYE\*\***, 6-5, 320, Sr., Laurel, Neb.  
70 Matt Slauson, 6-5, 340, Fr., Colorado Springs, Colo.

**WR (X):** 7 Frantz Hardy, 6-0, 175, So., Miami, Fla.  
87 Nate Swift, 6-2, 195, RFr., Hutchinson, Minn. -or-  
28 **Isaiah Fluellen\*\***, 6-0, 185, Jr., Ramstein, Germany

**WR (Z):** 83 **TERRENCE NUNN\***, 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas  
84 **Grant Mulkey\*\***, 5-11, 180, Jr., Arlington, Texas -or-  
9 **Mark LeFlore\*\*\***, 5-11, 195, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

**FB:** 41 **Dane Todd\*\***, 5-10, 235, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.  
33 Grant Miller, 6-0, 225, Jr., Peabody, Mass.

**IB:** 4 **CORY ROSS\*\*\***, 5-6, 195, Sr., Denver, Colo.  
32 **Brandon Jackson\***, 5-11, 205, So., Horn Lake, Miss.

**QB:** 13 Zac Taylor, 6-2, 210, Jr., Norman, Okla.  
8 Joe Ganz, 6-1, 200, RFr., Palos Heights, Ill.

**Key:** \*indicates letters earned; **returning lettermen are in boldface**; players in ALL CAPS are returning starters; New depth chart will be released each Tuesday

## Injured (Not on Depth Chart)

### Offense

**TE** 11 **MATT HERIAN\*\*\***, 6-5, 240, Sr., Pierce, Neb.  
**OL** 62 Andy Christensen, 6-3, 300, RFr., Bennington, Neb.

### Defense

**LB** 15 Steve Octavien, 6-0, 235, Jr., Naples, Fla.

## Defense

**OPEN END:** 44 **Jay Moore\***, 6-4, 270, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb.  
55 **Wali Muhammad\***, 6-1, 255, Sr., Bloomfield, N.J.

**NT:** 66 **Le KEVIN SMITH\*\*\***, 6-2, 305, Sr., Macon, Ga.  
54 Ola Dagunduro, 6-2, 290, Jr., Inglewood, Calif.

**DT:** 96 **TITUS ADAMS\*\*\***, 6-3, 300, Sr., Omaha, Neb.  
94 Barry Cryer, 6-2, 275, Jr., Marrero, La.

**BASE END:** 90 **ADAM CARRIKER\*\***, 6-6, 280, Jr., Kennewick, Wash.  
43 Ty Steinkuhler, 6-3, 260, RFr., Lincoln, Neb.

**SAM:** 34 **STEWART BRADLEY\*\***, 6-4, 240, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah  
49 **Adam Ickes\***, 6-2, 225, Sr., Page, Neb.

**MIKE:** 13 **Corey McKeon**, 6-1, 225, So., Naperville, Ill.  
38 Phillip Dillard, 6-2, 250, Fr., Tulsa, Okla.

**WILL:** 51 **Bo Ruud\***, 6-3, 230, So., Lincoln, Neb.  
40 **Lance Brandenburg\***, 6-1, 230, So., Overland Park, Kan.

**S CB:** 2 **Cortney Grixby\***, 5-9, 165, So., Omaha, Neb.  
1 Zackary Bowman, 6-2, 190, Jr., Anchorage, Alaska

**FS:** 25 **Blake Tiedtke\***, 5-10, 190, Sr., Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
4 Tyler Fisher, 5-11, 195, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.

**SS:** 14 **DANIEL BULLOCKS\*\*\***, 6-2, 210, Sr., Chattanooga, Tenn.  
8 **Andrew Shanle\*\*** 6-1, 205, Jr., St. Edward, Neb.

**W CB:** 30 **Tierre Green\***, 6-1, 200, So., Omaha, Neb.  
35 Chris LeFlore, 5-10, 210, So., Omaha, Neb.

## Specialists

**PK:** 29 Jordan Congdon, 5-11, 180, Fr., San Diego, Calif.  
27 **DAVID DYCHES\*\***, 6-1, 180, Jr., Spring, Texas

**P:** 37 **SAM KOCH\*\***, 6-1, 225, Sr., Seward, Neb.  
17 Todd Peterson, 6-4, 205, RFr., Grand Island, Neb.

**LSNAP:** 92 **LANE KELLY\*\***, 6-4, 270, Jr., Omaha, Neb.  
55 Nathan McBride, 6-1, 205, Fr., Scottsdale, Ariz.

**KOR:** 30 **TIERRE GREEN\***, 32 **BRANDON JACKSON\***  
20 Marlon Lucky, 7Frantz Hardy

**PR:** 2 **Cortney Grixby\***, 5-9, 165, So., Omaha, Neb.  
83 **Terrence Nunn\***, 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas

**H:** 37 **Sam Koch\*\***, 6-1, 225, Sr., Seward, Neb.  
8 Joe Ganz, 6-1, 200, RFr., Palos Heights, Ill.

# Nebraska Alphabetical Roster

## Numerical Roster

No.	Let.	Name	Pos.
1		Zackary Bowman	CB
2	*	Cortney Grixby	CB
3		Harrison Beck	QB
4	***	Cory Ross	IB
4		Tyler Fisher	FS
5		Shamus McKoy	WR
6	*	Donald DeFrاند	CB
7		Jordan Adams	QB
7		Frantz Hardy	WR
8	**	Andrew Shanle	S
8		Joe Ganz	QB
9	***	Mark LeFlore	WR
9		Jake Peetz	CB/LS
10		Justin Tomerlin	DE
11	***	Matt Herian	TE
13		Corey McKeon	LB
13		Zac Taylor	QB
14	***	Daniel Bullocks	SS
14	*	Matt Schroeder	WR
15		Beau Davis	QB
15		Steve Octavien	LB
16	**	Mike Stuntz	FS
17		Todd Peterson	WR
18		Travis Gingery	CB
19		Tyler Kester	P
19	*	Joey Robison	CB
20		Marlon Lucky	IB
21		Titus Brothers	SS
22		Robert Rands	CB/RS
23		Chris Brooks	WR
23		Leon Jackson	FS
24	*	Brandon Rigoni	SS
25	*	Blake Tiedtke	FS
26		Dan Erickson	WR
26		Mychael Brown	SS
27	**	David Dyches	PK
28	**	Isaiah Fluellen	WR
28		Bryan Wilson	CB
29		Jordan Congdon	PK
30	*	Tierre Green	CB
32	*	Brandon Jackson	IB
33		Grant Miller	FB
33		Matt O'Hanlon	SS
34	**	Stewart Bradley	LB
34		Cody Glenn	IB
35		David Harvey	TE
35		Chris LeFlore	CB
36		Thomas Lawson	IB/FB
37	**	Sam Koch	P
37		Mike Sampogna	IB
38		Phillip Dillard	LB
39		Jeff Souder	S
40	*	Lance Brandenburg	LB
41	**	Dane Todd	FB
42		Matt Senske	FB
43		Ty Steinkuhler	DE
44	*	Jay Moore	DE
45		Nick Covey	LB
45		Will Otto	FB
46		Ben Eisenhart	SS
47		Andy Kadavy	LB
47		Paul Farino	FB
48		Adam Blankenship	DE
48		Andy Sand	TE
49	*	Adam Ickes	LB
50	*	Kurt Mann	C
51	*	Bo Ruud	LB
52		Mark O'Shea	LB
52		Bryan Benzel	LS

Lettermen in Bold; \*-Indicates Letters Earned

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthda	Yr.	Hometown (High School/College)
7	Adams, Jordan	QB	6-3	200	6/7/84	So.	Santee, Calif. (West Hills/Grossmont College)
<b>96</b>	<b>*** Adams, Titus</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1/28/83</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)</b>
93	Alegria, Jordan	PK	6-1	210	11/26/86	Fr.	North Platte, Neb.
<b>65</b>	<b>** Austin, Greg</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>11/19/84</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Cypress, Texas (Cypress-Fairbanks)</b>
3	Beck, Harrison	QB	6-2	210	9/1/87	Fr.	Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)
52	Benzel, Bryan	LS	6-2	270	4/11/87	Fr.	Alliance, Neb.
48	Blankenship, Adam	DE	6-2	245	6/17/85	RFr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Union)
1	Bowman, Zackary	CB	6-2	190	11/18/84	Jr.	Anchorage, Alaska (Bartlett/N.M. Military)
<b>34</b>	<b>** Bradley, Stewart</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>11/2/83</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Salt Lake City, Utah (Highland)</b>
<b>40</b>	<b>* Brandenburg, Lance</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>8/4/85</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>Overland Park, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas)</b>
23	Brooks, Chris	WR	6-2	195	2/5/87	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)
21	Brothers, Titus	CB	5-11	190	6/5/85	So.	San Antonio, Texas (Judson)
26	Brown, Mychael	SS	5-5	180	7/4/85	Fr.	Topeka, Kan.
65	Bryant, Chris	DL	6-3	280	3/4/84	Jr.	Aurora, Colo. (Smoky Hills)
<b>14</b>	<b>*** Bullocks, Daniel</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2/28/83</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Chattanooga, Tenn. (Hixson)</b>
59	Byford, Brett	OL	6-3	305	8/9/84	So.	Hartselle, Ala.
<b>90</b>	<b>** Carriker, Adam</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>5/6/84</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Kennewick, Wash.</b>
62	Christensen, Andy	OL	6-3	300	6/24/86	RFr.	Bennington, Neb.
29	Congdon, Jordan	PK	5-11	180	12/15/86	Fr.	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine)
45	Covey, Nick	LTB	6-2	225	5/9/87	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge)
94	Cryer, Barry	DL	6-2	275	9/19/84	Jr.	Marrero, La. (John Ehret/Dodge City CC)
54	Dagunduro, Ola	DL	6-2	290	1/6/84	Jr.	Inglewood, Calif. (Compton CC)
15	Davis, Beau	QB	6-4	185	7/15/85	So.	Venice, Calif.
<b>6</b>	<b>* DeFrاند, Donald</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2/4/82</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan/Dodge City CC)</b>
38	Dillard, Phillip	LB	6-2	250	12/10/86	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Jenks)
<b>27</b>	<b>** Dyches, David</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>10/16/84</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Spring, Texas (Westfield)</b>
46	Eisenhart, Ben	SS	5-11	200	3/10/84	So.	Culbertson, Neb.
26	Erickson, Dan	WR	6-0	195	4/26/85	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
<b>77</b>	<b>** Ewvaraye, Seppo</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>6/1/82</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Laurel, Neb. (Laurel-Concord)</b>
47	Farino, Paul	FB	6-0	240	11/25/87	Fr.	East Meadow, N.Y. (Kellenberg Memorial)
4	Fisher, Tyler	FS	5-11	195	11/17/82	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Anselmo-Merna/Wayne St.)
<b>28</b>	<b>** Fluellen, Isaiah</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>6/11/84</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Ramstein, Germany (Ramstein America)</b>
57	Fredinburg, Conan	OL	6-7	310	12/4/86	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt)
79	Fuamatu-Thomas, Cornealius	OL	6-5	315	2/4/83	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Farrington/College of San Francisco)
8	Ganz, Joe	QB	6-1	200	12/6/85	RFr.	Palos Heights, Ill. (Amos Alonzo Stagg)
69	Gibson, Adam	OL	6-4	355	12/23/84	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Rock Valley [III.] JC)
18	Gingery, Travis	CB	5-10	180	3/31/85	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
34	Glenn, Cody	IB	6-0	230	10/6/86	Fr.	Rusk, Texas
66	Graue, William	OL	6-3	300	10/21/86	Fr.	Ft. Stockton, Texas
<b>30</b>	<b>* Green, Tierre</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2/4/85</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>Omaha, Neb. (Benson)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>* Grixby, Cortney</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2/14/86</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>Omaha, Neb. (Central)</b>
7	Hardy, Frantz	WR	6-0	175	1/6/85	So.	Miami, Fla. (Booker T. Washington/Butler Co. CC)
35	Harvey, David	TE	6-3	235	5/16/87	Fr.	LaPlata, Md. (McDonough)
<b>73</b>	<b>* Helming, Jared</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>12/23/82</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo)</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>*** Herian, Matt</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>10/7/83</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Pierce, Neb.</b>
86	Hill, Sean	TE	6-3	255	11/12/84	So.	Lisle, Ill. (Naperville North)
61	Huff, Mike	OL	6-4	300	8/23/85	RFr.	Ralston, Neb.
<b>49</b>	<b>* Ickes, Adam</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>6/20/82</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Page, Neb. (Orchard)</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>* Jackson, Brandon</b>	<b>IB</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>10/2/85</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>Horn Lake, Miss.</b>
23	Jackson, Leon	FS	6-2	210	6/1/86	Fr.	Pasco, Wash.
47	Kadavy, Andy	LB	5-11	225	10/10/83	Jr.	Seward, Neb.
<b>92</b>	<b>** Kelly, Lane</b>	<b>LS</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>4/12/84</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)</b>
19	Kester, Tyler	P	6-1	200	3/20/85	So.	Clearwater, Neb.
<b>75</b>	<b>** Koch, Brandon</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>11/14/82</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Gothenburg, Neb.</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>** Koch, Sam</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>8/13/82</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Seward, Neb.</b>
36	Lawson, Thomas	IB/FB	6-0	225	4/14/86	RFr.	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)
35	LeFlore, Chris	CB	5-10	210	8/23/85	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
<b>9</b>	<b>*** LeFlore, Mark</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>5-11</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>2/25/84</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Omaha, Neb. (Central)</b>
74	Lingenfelter, Newton	OL	6-5	280	9/8/83	Jr.	Plainview, Neb.
20	Lucky, Marlon	IB	6-0	210	2/28/86	Fr.	North Hollywood, Calif.
91	Lueshen, Eric	PK	6-2	190	8/1/84	So.	Pierce, Neb.
89	Luhrs, Kevin	DE	6-1	255	9/29/84	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
<b>50</b>	<b>* Mann, Kurt</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>8/17/83</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Grand Island, Neb.</b>
55	McBride, Nathan	LS	6-1	205	3/27/87	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral)
13	McKeon, Corey	LB	6-1	225	8/29/84	So.	Naperville, Ill. (North)

5	McKoy, Shamus	WR	6-1	195	4/28/82	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C. (Enloe/Scottsdale CC)
33	Miller, Grant	FB	6-0	225	12/23/83	Jr.	Peabody, Mass. (Veterans Memorial)
58	Moore, Dontrell	LB	6-2	230	9/17/84	Jr.	Thibodaux, La. (Coffeyville CC)
44	* Moore, Jay	DE	6-4	270	8/16/83	Jr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
81	* Mueller, Josh	TE	6-5	265	8/28/84	So.	Columbus, Neb. (Lakeview)
55	* Muhammad, Wali	DE	6-1	255	4/17/83	Sr.	Bloomfield, N.J. (Coffeyville CC)
84	** Mulkey, Grant	WR	5-11	180	4/19/84	Jr.	Arlington, Texas
76	Murtha, Lydon	OL	6-7	315	11/13/85	RFr.	Hutchinson, Minn.
83	* Nunn, Terrence	WR	6-0	185	7/25/86	So.	Houston, Texas (Cypress Falls)
33	O'Hanlon, Matt	SS	5-11	200	10/5/85	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)
82	O'Leary, T.J.	LS	6-2	260	12/20/85	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North/New Mexico St.)
52	O'Shea, Mark	LB	5-11	225	5/25/84	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit College Prep/Iona)
95	O'Shea, Matt	DL	6-1	295	10/5/82	Sr.	Dallas, Texas (Jesuit College Prep)
15	Octavien, Steve	LB	6-0	235	11/25/84	Jr.	Naples, Fla. (Lely/W.R. Harper College)
45	Otto, Will	FB	5-11	240	10/5/83	Jr.	Fullerton, Calif. (Troy/Fullerton College)
78	Pasteur, Brock	OL	6-6	290	11/23/83	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (University/Mesabi Range College)
54	Patrick, Chris	OL	6-4	285	8/22/84	So.	Ithaca, Mich.
9	Peetz, Jake	CB/LS	5-10	185	4/5/83	Sr.	O'Neill, Neb. (St. Mary's)
56	Peterson, T.J.	LB	6-2	230		Fr.	Kearney, Neb.
17	Peterson, Todd	WR	6-4	205	10/26/85	RFr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)
85	* Phillips, J.B.	TE	6-3	255	5/23/85	So.	Colleyville, Texas (Heritage)
68	Picou, Jordan	OL	6-2	320	10/2/85	Jr.	Rialto, Calif. (Eisenhower/Mt. San Antonio CC)
72	Picou, Rodney	OL	6-4	300	5/13/86	Fr.	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Canyon Springs)
56	* Pike, Gary	OL	6-4	330	11/15/82	Sr.	Pueblo, Colo. (Centennial)
98	Potter, Zach	DE	6-7	270	5/4/86	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
86	Poulosky, Andy	DE	6-2	240	5/14/84	So.	Ponca, Neb.
22	Rands, Robert	CB/RS	5-7	160	1/28/87	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (East)
85	Rice, Thomas	DE	6-1	235	1/15/85	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
24	* Rigoni, Brandon	SS	5-6	180	3/8/83	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
63	Roark, Craig	OL	6-2	300	10/15/85	Fr.	Ada, Okla.
19	* Robison, Joey	CB	5-9	180	4/10/82	Sr.	Bertrand, Neb.
4	*** Ross, Cory	IB	5-6	195	9/22/82	Sr.	Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)
51	* Ruud, Bo	LB	6-3	230	9/2/84	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
71	Sampogna, Mike	IB	5-10	200	4/14/86	RFr.	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
48	Sand, Andy	TE	6-2	225	6/21/84	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
14	* Schroeder, Matt	WR	6-4	215	10/18/82	Sr.	Belden, Neb. (Laurel-Concord)
42	Senske, Matt	FB	6-3	230	4/19/85	So.	Bellevue, Neb. (East)
8	** Shanle, Andrew	S	6-1	205	3/9/83	Jr.	St. Edward, Neb.
88	Sievers, Clayton	TE	6-4	240	1/13/86	RFr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
70	Slauson, Matt	OL	6-5	340	2/18/86	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Force Prep)
66	*** Smith, Le Kevin	DL	6-2	305	7/21/82	Sr.	Macon, Ga. (Stratford Academy)
39	Souder, Jeff	S	6-0	200	2/21/87	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (West)
43	Steinkuhler, Ty	DE	6-3	260	9/11/85	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
16	** Stuntz, Mike	FS	6-1	200	11/23/82	Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa (St. Albert)
77	Suh, Ndamukong	DL	6-4	300	1/6/87	Fr.	Portland, Ore. (Grant)
84	Sullivan, Tony	DE	6-3	240	7/12/85	So.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
87	Swift, Nate	WR	6-2	195	8/24/85	RFr.	Hutchinson, Minn.
13	Taylor, Zac	QB	6-2	210	5/10/83	Jr.	Norman, Okla. (Wake Forest/Butler County CC)
89	Teafatiller, Hunter	TE	6-3	205	10/30/86	Fr.	Kingsbury, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial)
25	* Tiedtke, Blake	FS	5-10	190	6/24/82	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Jefferson)
97	Titchener, Dan	P	6-0	195	1/24/86	RFr.	Cheyenne, Wyo. (East)
41	** Todd, Dane	FB	5-10	235	8/8/83	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
10	Tomerlin, Justin	DE	6-6	265	12/27/82	So.	San Clemente, Calif. (Butler County CC)
99	Turner, Barry	DL	6-3	245	1/7/87	Fr.	Antioch, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy)
59	Voges, Brian	LB	6-3	225	12/7/84	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest/Phoenix JC)
98	Wesch, Jake	PK	6-1	190	10/1/85	RFr.	North Bend, Neb.
28	Wilson, Bryan	CB	6-2	190	5/9/84	So.	Granada Hills, Calif. (Pierce College)
53	Wortman, Tyler	LB	6-3	220	6/13/86	RFr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)
53	Tyler Wortman.....	LB					
54	Ola Dagunduro.....	DL					
54	Chris Patrick.....	OL					
55	* Wali Muhammad.....	DE					
55	Nathan McBride.....	LS					
56	* Gary Pike.....	OL					
56	T.J. Peterson.....	LB					
57	Conan Fredinburg.....	OL					
58	Dontrell Moore.....	LB					
59	Brett Byford.....	OL					
59	Brian Voges.....	LB					
61	Mike Huff.....	OL					
62	Andy Christensen.....	OL					
63	Craig Roark.....	OL					
65	** Greg Austin.....	OL					
65	Chris Bryant.....	DL					
66	*** Le Kevin Smith.....	DL					
66	William Graue.....	OL					
68	Jordan Picou.....	OL					
69	Adam Gibson.....	OL					
70	Matt Slauson.....	OL					
72	Rodney Picou.....	OL					
73	* Jared Helming.....	OL					
74	Newton Lingenfelter.....	OL					
75	** Brandon Koch.....	OL					
76	Lydon Murtha.....	OL					
77	** Seppo Ewvaraye.....	OL					
77	Ndamukong Suh.....	DL					
78	Brock Pasteur.....	OL					
79	C. Fuamatu-Thomas.....	OL					
81	* Josh Mueller.....	TE					
82	T.J. O'Leary.....	LS					
83	* Terrence Nunn.....	WR					
84	** Grant Mulkey.....	WR					
84	Tony Sullivan.....	DE					
85	* J.B. Phillips.....	TE					
85	Thomas Rice.....	DE					
86	Sean Hill.....	TE					
86	Andy Poulosky.....	DE					
87	Nate Swift.....	WR					
88	Clayton Sievers.....	TE					
89	Kevin Luhrs.....	DE					
89	Hunter Teafatiller.....	TE					
90	** Adam Carriker.....	DE					
91	Eric Lueshen.....	PK					
92	** Lane Kelly.....	LS					
93	Jordan Alegria.....	PK					
94	Barry Cryer.....	DL					
95	Matt O'Shea.....	DL					
96	*** Titus Adams.....	DL					
97	Dan Titchener.....	P					
98	Zach Potter.....	DE					
98	Jake Wesch.....	PK					
99	Barry Turner.....	DL					

**Coaching Staff**

**Head Coach:** Bill Callahan (Illinois Benedictine, 1978)

**Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers:** Kevin Cosgrove

**Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks:** Jay Norvell

**Defensive Line:** John Blake

**Safeties/Special Teams Coordinator:** Bill Busch

**Tight Ends/Specialists/Recruiting Coordinator:** Scott Downing

**Cornerbacks:** Phil Elmajian

**Receivers:** Ted Gilmore

**Running Backs:** Randy Jordan

**Offensive Line:** Dennis Wagner

**Graduate Assistant/Offense:** Angus McClure

**Graduate Assistant/Defense:** Aaron Stamm

**Associate A.D./Football:** Tim Cassidy

**Head Strength Coach:** Dave Kennedy

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## Big 12 Conference Media Information

### Monday Big 12 Coaches Briefing:

The Big 12 hosts individual telephonic news conferences with each head coach on Mondays, starting at 10 a.m. (Central time) during the 2005 season. The briefings originate from conference headquarters in Dallas.

### The Big 12 Coaches Schedule (10 minutes each)

**Mondays, Aug. 30-Dec. 6**

**Media Phone: (913) 981-4913**

**Replay Phone: (402) 222-9912 (after 4 p.m. Monday)**

**Live/Archive via web: [www.big12sports.com](http://www.big12sports.com)**

10 a.m. .... Mark Mangino, Kansas  
 10:10 a.m. .... Bob Stoops, Oklahoma  
 10:20 a.m. .... Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State  
 10:30 a.m. .... Bill Snyder, Kansas State  
 10:40 a.m. .... Gary Pinkel, Missouri  
 10:50 a.m. .... Mike Leach, Texas Tech  
 11 a.m. .... Guy Morriss, Baylor  
 11:10 a.m. .... Dan McCarney, Iowa State  
 11:20 a.m. .... Mack Brown, Texas  
 11:30 a.m. .... Dennis Franchione, Texas A&M  
 11:40 a.m. .... Gary Barnett, Colorado  
 11:50 a.m. .... **Bill Callahan, Nebraska**

### Big 12 Satellite Feed:

Fox Sports Net joins the Big 12 Conference in presenting a one-hour package of weekly satellite highlights of previous week's games as well as features from Big 12 schools and student-athletes' short subjects from Tuesday, Aug. 30 through Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005.

**Feed Times (Aug. 30-Dec. 6):** 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Central), Tuesdays

**Coordinates:** Galaxy C-3, Transponder 6, C-Band, analogue

### Nebraska Press Conference Satellite Feeds:

ESPN News will once again televise selected Nebraska press conferences live. Stations other than ESPN may not use its satellite feed for live coverage, but are welcome to use the satellite feed on a delayed basis.

Coordinates for the Tuesday, Sept. 6 press conference are SBS 6, Transponder 17, Frequency 12,117 mhz horizontal... the feed time is from 11:30-1 p.m. CDT.

### Player Mugs:

Husker color digital mugs and those of the coaching staff can be downloaded directly to your system for media usage. The headshots are available for media use at [www.Huskers.com](http://www.Huskers.com) (go to football page, go to biographies, click on bio, when picture appears, click on the magnifying glass below the picture, then click the word "larger".)

### Media Guide and Supplement On-Line:

PDF versions of the 2005 Nebraska media guide and media supplement are available on [Huskers.com](http://Huskers.com) Please go to the "Football" page, on the left menu, click on "2005 Media Guide" and proceed from there. Hard copies of the Media Supplement may be obtained from the Media Relations Office.

## Coach Guest Appearances Schedule:

Week	Press Conference (Tuesday, Noon)
8/29-9/3 (Maine)	Tuesday, 8/30
9/4-9/10 (Wake Forest)	Tuesday, 9/6
9/11-9/17 (Pittsburgh)	Tuesday, 9/13
9/18-9/24 (OPEN)	Tuesday, 9/20-NONE
9/25-10/1 (Iowa State)	Tuesday, 9/27
10/2-10/8 (Texas Tech)	Tuesday, 10/4
10/9-10/15 (Baylor)	Tuesday, 10/11
10/16-10/22 (Missouri)	Tuesday, 10/18
10/23-10/29 (Oklahoma)	Tuesday, 10/25
10/30-11/5 (Kansas)	Tuesday, 11/1
11/6-11/12 (Kansas State)	Tuesday, 11/8
11/13-11/19 (OPEN)	Tuesday, 11/15-NONE
11/21-11/26 (Colorado)	Monday, 11/21
11/27-12/3 (Big 12, TBA)	Friday, 12/3-TBA

## Nebraska Media Information and Policies

### General Policies

► All player and coach interviews must be arranged at least one day in advance through the Husker Media Relations Office. Contact Keith Mann, Jerry Trickie, Andy Anderson or David Graff at 402-472-2263. All post-practice interviews will be conducted at the practice site (Memorial Stadium or grass practice field), or just outside the locker room area underneath the South Stadium stands. Interviews will not be conducted in the weight room, Hewitt Center, training room, hallways or the tunnel leading from the locker room to the field. Please do not approach players or coaches for interviews in these areas. The Nebraska locker room, training room and football office meeting rooms are **OFF-LIMITS** to the media and general public. Please check in at the Media Relations Office, when arriving for interviews, or proceed to the practice field through the West Stadium entrance.

► Players home phone numbers will **NOT** be given to the media. Requested NU players are available (depending on class schedules) at the Tuesday press conferences from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and after practice on the field on Tuesday and Wednesday. No player interviews will be allowed the two days prior to a game (Thursday and Friday for Saturday game).

► Practices are **closed** to the media and to the general public; however, photographers and videographers are allowed to shoot the stretching period of practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the season, then will be asked to leave until practice is completed. A representative from the Media Relations Office will be on hand to assist media present.

► After all home games, Nebraska's locker room is closed, requested players and coaches will be brought to the Postgame Interview Room/Players' Lounge after a 10-minute cooling off period. The postgame interview room is located on the field level at the Southeast Corner of the Stadium. Media are asked to wait to set up camera equipment until after Nebraska has left the locker room to return to the field at the conclusion of halftime. On the road, Coach Callahan and requested players and assistant coaches will be brought to the designated interview area. Please note, **NO INTERVIEWS** will be conducted on the field as the players are returning to the locker room.

► During the season, Coach Callahan is available on the Big 12 teleconference on Monday, the Nebraska teleconference on Tuesday and in person on the field Wednesday and Thursday following practice.

► The general interview availability for Nebraska players and coaches is as follows...

**Sundays...**No media availability

**Mondays...**Coach Callahan on Big 12 Teleconference at 11:50 a.m.

**Tuesdays...**Coach Callahan and requested players available at press conference; Offensive Coordinator Jay Norvell,

Defensive Coordinator Kevin Cosgrove and requested players not at press conference available after practice

**Wednesdays...**Coach Callahan, requested players and requested assistant coaches available after practice

**Thursdays...**Coach Callahan available after practice

**Fridays...**Designated coach at Big Red Breakfast in Omaha

### Coach Callahan/Player Press Conferences

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan will conduct weekly Tuesday press/teleconferences in the Don Bryant Media Facility Level 6, prior to home and away games. After an 11 a.m. lunch, Coach Callahan will address the media at Noon and will answer questions until approximately 12:20 p.m. Nebraska Volleyball Coach John Cook will be available each week at 11:15 a.m. Selected Husker players may be available beginning at 11:30 a.m. and again from 12:20 to 1:15 p.m. Each press conference will be available via the Huskers' subscription website ([Huskers.com](http://Huskers.com)) on [Huskers.com](http://Huskers.com). Selected NU press conferences on Tuesday will be televised live by ESPN News, which has exclusive live rights to the press conference satellite feed. Stations other than ESPN may not use its satellite feed for live coverage, but are welcome to use the satellite feed on a delayed basis.

The number to access the teleconference is (877) 229-1563. Please contact the Nebraska Media Relations Office at 402-472-2263 to obtain the weekly passcode. At least two players will be on the conference line, before those in attendance break up for individual player interviews. Player requests must be made a day in advance and should be made to Andy Anderson or David Graff in the Media Relations Office. Callahan quotes and quotes from selected players will be transcribed and posted on [Huskers.com](http://Huskers.com), NU's official athletic department website. Quotes from Nebraska's coordinators will be available on [Huskers.com](http://Huskers.com) following Tuesday evening's practice. *Audio quotes from the press conference are edited and placed on [NewsNetNebraska.com](http://NewsNetNebraska.com), courtesy of UNL Broadcasting.*

### The Coach Callahan Show

Coach Callahan's one-hour weekly TV show, *The Coach Callahan Show*, with host Jim Rose, will be carried on these stations;

- WOV (Omaha, 11:05 p.m., Sunday)
- KSTV (Scottsbluff, 6 p.m., Central, Tuesday)
- KOLN/KGIN (Lincoln, 10:30 p.m., Sunday)
- Fox Sports Midwest (10 a.m., Sunday)
- KNOP (North Platte, 10:30 p.m., Sunday)
- KPTH (Sioux City, 11 p.m., Sunday)

### Other Media Opportunities for Media With Coach Callahan and Staff

► **The Big Red Breakfast** is held at the Holiday Inn at 72nd and Grover on Fridays at 6:45 a.m., featuring a Nebraska coach each week (see schedule below).

► **"The Coach Callahan"** Radio Show, on the Sports Pinnacle Network each Thursday at 6 p.m., featuring a Husker coach each week (see schedule below).



# The Husker Probable Starters, In Depth

## Offense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
TE (Y)	85	J.B. Phillips*	6-3, 255, So.....Powerful blocker has registered first two catches of Nebraska career early in season
LT	79	Comealius Fuamatu-Thomas	6-5, 315, Sr.....Honolulu native is in first year as starter; Dropped more than 30 pounds in offseason to improve mobility and conditioning
LG	65	Greg Austin**	6-1, 290, Jr. ....Junior is in his first year as a starter; Overcame a severe knee injury during his freshman season
C	50	Kurt Mann*	6-4, 290, Jr. ....Second-year starter is a candidate for Rimington Trophy and Academic All-America honors with a 3.97 cumulative GPA
RG	75	Brandon Koch**	6-4, 310, Sr. ....One of three Nebraskans on the starting offensive line, Koch has started 13 consecutive games over past two years
RT	77	Seppo Ewvaraye**	6-5, 320, Sr.....Former D-lineman has started all 13 games in past two seasons; Native of Finland who came to Nebraska as exchange student
WR (X)	7	Frantz Hardy	6-0, 175, So.....Junior college teammate of Zac Taylor at Butler County CC; Leads team in receptions (11) and receiving yards (181)
WR (Z)	83	Terrence Nunn*	6-0, 185, So.....Has eight starts in first 13 games of Husker career; Caught four passes vs. Wake Forest and has five receptions in 2005
FB	41	Dane Todd**	5-10, 235, Jr. ....Lincoln native provides strong blocking presence in backfield; Academic All-America candidate with perfect 4.0 GPA
IB	4	Cory Ross***	5-6, 195, Sr.....Became 23rd player in school history with 2,000 career rushing yards vs. Wake Forest; 10 career 100-yard rushing games
QB	13	Zac Taylor	6-2, 210, Jr. ....Passed for 306 yards in two games; Native of Norman, Okla.; Father, Sherwood, was a starting defensive back at OU in late 1970s

## Defense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
O END	44	Jay Moore*	6-4, 270, Jr.....Junior earned a Blackshirt and was a part-time starter in 2004; One of five native Nebraskans among defensive starters
NT	66	Le Kevin Smith***	6-2, 305, Sr.....Senior has started 25 consecutive games; Off to strong start in 2005 with three tackles for loss and two sacks
DT	96	Titus Adams***	6-3, 300, Sr.....Has posted seven tackles and a sack in first two games of season; Played in 39 career games over the past four seasons
B END	90	Adam Carriker**	6-6, 280, Jr. ....Junior is in second season as a starter; Opened the year with three sacks in two games; Washington native was born in Nebraska
SAM	34	Stewart Bradley**	6-4, 240, Jr. ....Nebraska's leading returning tackler; Eight tackles and two sacks in first two games; First career TD on INT return vs. Wake Forest
MIKE	13	Corey McKeon	6-1, 225, So.....Illinois native off to dynamic start in 2005; 20 tackles leads team, including team-high five TFL and three sacks
WILL	51	Bo Ruud*	6-3, 230, So.....Made first career start against Wake Forest; Third on the team with 13 tackles; Also has an INT for a touchdown and a fumble recovery
S CB	2	Cortney Grixby*	5-9, 165, So.....Sophomore is in first year as a starter; Had strong freshman season with four PBU and 21 tackles
FS	25	Blake Tiedtke*	5-10, 190, Sr. ....Former walk-on earned a scholarship last spring; Performance in opener against Maine made him game captain vs. Wake Forest
SS	14	Daniel Bullocks***	6-2, 210, Sr.....All-America and Thorpe Award candidate has seven career interceptions and two fumble returns for touchdowns
W CB	30	Tierre Green*	6-1, 200, So.....Sophomore earned starting job after switching from I-back in the spring; Accounted for 782 all-purpose yards in 2004

## Specialists

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
PK	29	Jordan Congdon	5-11, 180, Fr. ....True freshman has connected on first five field goals of his collegiate career; Ranks sixth nationally in FG per game
P	37	Sam Koch**	6-1, 225, Sr. ....Senior punter is averaging better than 43 yards per punt; Two punts of more than 70 yards in 2005
LS	92	Lane Kelly**	6-4, 270, Jr.....Omaha native has handled long snapping chores for past three seasons; Earned scholarship during fall camp
KOR	30	Tierre Green*	6-1, 200, So.....Had 498 yards in kickoff returns in 2004; Recorded a career-long 43-yard kickoff return vs. Maine in 2005 opener
	32	Brandon Jackson*	5-11, 205, So.....No. 2 I-back averaged 21.1 yards per KO return in 2004; Has rushed for 21 yards in season's first two games
PR	2	Cortney Grixby*	5-9, 165, So.....Dangerous return man who played quarterback at Omaha's Central High School; Nine punt returns in 2005
	83	Terrence Nunn*	6-0, 185, So.....Ranks third nationally averaging 27.6 yards per punt return; 62-yard return vs. Maine was NU's longest in three seasons
H	37	Sam Koch**	6-1, 225, Sr. ....Ray Guy Award candidate is in his first season doubling as Nebraska's holder

# All-America Candidate

## #14—Daniel Bullocks

- ▶ Strong Safety, Sr., 6-2, 210
- ▶ Chattanooga, Tenn.



- ▶ 2004 Second-Team All-Big 12
- ▶ 12th Nationally in Interceptions in 2004 (0.45 pg)

### 2005

Strong safety Daniel Bullocks returns for his senior season as the veteran leader of a youthful Husker secondary. In his third year as a starter, Bullocks is lone returning starter in the secondary following the graduation of Lornell McPherson and the early departures to the NFL of Fabian Washington and Daniel's twin brother, Josh.

Bullocks opened the year by registering one tackle-for-loss in the Huskers 25-7 win over Maine. He was instrumental in limiting the Black Bears' offense to only 151 yards passing and seven points. The coverage of the Husker secondary also aided a Blackshirt pass rush that recorded school-record-tying totals of 11 quarterback sacks and 18 total tackles-for-loss.

The co-captain recorded the finest game of his career against Wake Forest, making 13 stops and scoring one of three Nebraska defensive touchdowns on a 30-yard fumble return in the first quarter. Bullocks wrestled the football away from the Demon Deacons' tailback in the backfield and sprinted into the end zone for his second career score. He later added a tackle-for-loss during the Huskers' 31-3 win.

#### Bullocks Game-by-Game in 2005

**Maine**—Bullocks started the season with one stop, a tackle-for-loss, against the Black Bears.

**Wake Forest**—Bullocks scored his second career touchdown on a 30-yard fumble return after forcing the turnover. He added 13 tackles, the second-highest total of his career, and one tackle-for-loss.

*For more on Daniel Bullocks, please see pages 76-77 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.*

#### Career Statistics

Year	Defense (-----Tackles-----)						Fum.					QB Int.			
	G/S	UT	AT	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	11/11	38	20	58	4-19	1-12	1-1	0	9	5	5	0			
2005	2/2	8	6	14	2-4	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38/23</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>10-28</b>	<b>1-12</b>	<b>4-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>			

#### 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. Western Illinois, 2004
- Touchdowns**—10-yard fumble return for a touchdown at Kansas State, 2004; 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown vs. Wake Forest, 2005

#### 2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles				Sacks	Fumbles	PBU	QBH	INT
	UT	AT	TI	TFL	No.-Yds	FF-FR			
Maine	1	0	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
WFU	7	6	13	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	0	0-0

# All-America Candidate

## #4—Cory Ross

- ▶ I-Back, Sr., 5-6, 195
- ▶ Denver, Colo.



- ▶ 2005 Doak Walker Award Watch List
- ▶ 23rd in NU Career Rushing (2,064 yards)

### 2005

I-back Cory Ross entered the 2005 campaign as Nebraska's top returning offensive weapon from 2004, when he became the 27th Husker to record a 1,000-yard rushing season. He became the first I-back to top 1,000 yards since 2001, en route to second-team All-Big 12 and Team Offensive MVP honors.

The Denver native scored NU's lone offensive touchdown and added 80 yards rushing on 20 carries in NU's season-opening 25-7 win against Maine. Ross broke off a game-high 30-yard run in the fourth quarter, while also making one catch for no gain.

Ross became the 23rd Husker to break the 2,000-yard rushing barrier for a career during Nebraska's 31-3 win over Wake Forest. He totaled 123 yards on the ground, including a 57-yard run on the first drive of the second half that set up the Huskers' lone offensive touchdown. He also added two receptions for seven yards.

#### Ross Game-by-Game in 2005

**Maine**—Ross carried 20 times for 80 yards in the Huskers' 25-7 victory. He also caught one pass for no gain.

**Wake Forest**—Ross surpassed the 2,000-yard rushing mark for his career with 123 yards in NU's 31-3 win. He broke a season-long 57-yard run, also the second-best of his career, to set up the Huskers' lone offensive touchdown. Ross added two catches for seven yards.

*For more on Cory Ross, please see pages 80-81 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.*

#### Career Statistics

Year	Rushing										Long	TDs
	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G					
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	11/11	207	1,141	39	1,102	5.3	100.2	86 vs. MU	6			
2005	2/2	40	220	17	203	5.1	101.5	57 vs. WFU	1			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38/17</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>5.01</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>86 vs. MU</b>	<b>13</b>			

**Receiving:** 29-337-2 total; 5-39-0 in 2002; 2-36-0 in 2003; 21-262-2 in 2004; 2-7-0 in 2005

#### 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)

#### 2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Rushing					Receiving			
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
Maine	20	80	4.0	30	1	1	0	0	0
WFU	20	123	6.2	57	0	2	7	0	9

# All-America Candidate

## #37—Sam Koch

- ▶ Punter, Sr., 6-1, 225
- ▶ Seward, Neb.



- ▶ Ranks Second in Big 12 and 17th Nationally in Punting Average (43.92 ypg)

### 2005

Senior punter Sam Koch returns for his second season as Nebraska's starting punter after taking over for former All-American Kyle Larson in 2004. The Seward, Neb., native averaged better than 41 yards per attempt in last season, while placing 27 punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Koch started his season with a bang in NU's 25-7 win over Maine, averaging a personal-best 46.8 yards (minimum two attempts) on four punts. Included among the attempts were a career-long 70-yard punt and two others that stuck inside the Black Bears' 20-yard line. Koch did not allow a return attempt on any of his four kicks.

Koch recorded a personal-best kick for the second game in a row during the Huskers' 31-3 win over Wake Forest. He struck a 76-yard punt, the third-longest kick in Nebraska history, midway through the fourth quarter to pin the Demon Deacons at their own eight-yard line. The senior became only the second punter in NU history with two 70-yard kicks, joining current Cincinnati Bengals kicker Kyle Larson, who had three during his career. Koch placed four of his eight kicks inside the Wake Forest 20-yard line.

### Koch Game-by-Game in 2005

**Maine**—Koch punted four times for a personal-best 46.8-yard average. He registered a career-long 70-yard punt and two others that rested inside Maine's 20-yard line.

**Wake Forest**—Koch averaged 42.5 yards on eight punts. He landed four of his kicks inside the Wake Forest 20-yard line, while he also recorded the third-longest punt in NU history with a career-long 76-yard kick.

For more on Sam Koch, please see page 88 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

### Career Statistics

Punting						
Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Avg.	l20	Long
2001			Redshirt			
2002	0/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2003	7/0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2004	11/11	63	2,600	41.3	27	65 vs. Missouri
2005	2/2	12	527	43.9	6	76 vs. WFU
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20/13</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>76 vs. WFU</b>

### Single-Game Bests:

- Punts—10 vs. Missouri, 2004
- Punting Yards—395 vs. Missouri, 2004
- Punting Average (min. 2 punts)—46.8 vs. Maine, 2005
- Long Punt—76 vs. Wake Forest, 2005
- Number of Career Punts of 50-Plus Yards—15; 13 in 2004, 2 in 2005
- Most Punts Downed Inside 20-Yard Line—5 vs. Missouri, 2004

### 2005 Game-by-Game

Game	No.	Avg.	Lg	l20
Maine	4	46.8	70	2
WFU	8	42.5	76	4

# All-Big 12 Candidate

## #34—Stewart Bradley

- ▶ SAM Linebacker, Jr., 6-4, 240
- ▶ Salt Lake City, Utah



- ▶ NU's Leading Returning Tackler (67)

### 2005

Junior Stewart Bradley entered the season as the lone returning holdover from Nebraska's linebacking crew after a strong performance in 2004. In his first season as a starter, Bradley took control of the strongside linebacker position and finished second on the team with 67 tackles.

The Salt Lake City native anchored a ferocious defensive attack in NU's season-opening 25-7 win over Maine. Bradley added the first two sacks of his career and three tackles-for-loss to the Blackshirts' school-record-tying totals of 11 sacks and 18 tackles-for-loss. He also made six tackles and two quarterback hurries against the Black Bears.

Bradley iced Nebraska's 31-3 win against Wake Forest with a 43-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. The takeaway and score were each career firsts for the junior. Bradley added a pair of tackles and a quarterback hurry while helping the Huskers limit the Demon Deacons to only 247 yards of total offense.

### Bradley Game-by-Game in 2005

**Maine**—Bradley registered his first two career sacks among three tackles-for-loss in the season opener. He was in on six total tackles while adding two quarterback hurries.

**Wake Forest**—Bradley recorded his first career takeaway and touchdown on the same play during a 43-yard return interception return for a score during the fourth quarter. He also made two tackles and added one quarterback hurry.

For more on Stewart Bradley, please see page 83 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

### Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)											Fum.		QB Int.	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.		
2002														
2003	13/0	4	2	6	3-4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0		
2004	11/10	38	29	67	11-26	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	5	0		
2005	2/2	3	5	8	3-17	2-16	0-0	0	0	1	3	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26/12</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>17-47</b>	<b>2-16</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>		

2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Michigan State: Tackles, None

### Single-Game Bests:

- Tackles—12 vs. Kansas, 2004
- Solo Tackles—6, three times in 2004
- Sacks—2 vs. Maine, 2005
- Tackles for Loss—3-17 vs. Maine, 2005
- QB Hurries—2, vs. Western Illinois in 2004, vs. Maine in 2005
- Interception—1 vs. Wake Forest, 2005
- Interception Return—43 yards vs. Wake Forest, 2005
- Touchdown—43-yard interception return vs. Wake Forest, 2005

### 2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles				Sacks	Fumbles	PBU	QBH	INT
	UT	AT	TT	TFL	No.-Yds	FF-FR			
Maine	3	3	6	3-17	2-16	0-0	0	2	0-0
WFU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-43

# All-Big 12 Candidate

## #66—Le Kevin Smith

- ▶ Defensive Tackle, Sr., 6-2, 305
- ▶ Macon, Ga.



- ▶ 2004 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12

### 2005

Defensive tackle Le Kevin Smith returns for his senior season as one of the Huskers' most experienced players, having started in each of NU's last 24 games. A three-year Blackshirt, Smith has topped 40 tackles in each of his previous three seasons.

The Macon, Ga., native recorded a career-best two sacks in Nebraska's 2005 season-opening 24-7 win over Maine. Smith's effort helped the NU defense tie school team records with 11 sacks and 18 tackles-for-loss. His two tackles-for-loss tied his single-game high, which he has accomplished four other times. Smith finished the game with three total tackles.

Smith helped the Blackshirts limit Wake Forest to only 247 yards of total offense during Nebraska's 31-3 win against Wake Forest. He made three tackles, including one tackle for a two-yard loss on a fourth-down play in the fourth quarter that stopped the Demon Deacons' best offensive drive of the night.

#### Smith Game-by-Game in 2005

**Maine**—Smith was one of three Huskers to notch two sacks in NU's season opener. He made three total tackles.

**Wake Forest**—Smith recorded three tackles, two solo, and one tackle for loss. He added his first quarterback hurry of the season.

*For more on Le Kevin Smith, please see page 93 in the 2005 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.
2001	Redshirt										
2002	14/0	16	26	42	6-11	1-6	0-0	0	0	0	5 0
2003	12/12	20	24	44	6-18	0-0	0-1	0	2	0	4 1
2004	11/11	18	25	43	11-29	2.5-14	0-0	0	0	0	4 0
2005	2/2	4	2	6	3-14	2-12	0-0	0	0	0	1 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39/25</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>26-72</b>	<b>5.5-32</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14 1</b>

**2002 Independence Bowl vs. Ole Miss:** Tackles, 1 UT, 4 AT, 5 TT; 1-1 TFL, 2 QB Hurries

**2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Michigan St.:** Tackles, 1 UT, 1 TT; 1-6 TFL, QB Hurry (INT caused)

#### Single-Game Bests:

**Tackles**—10 at Missouri, 2003

**Solo Tackles**—7 at Missouri, 2003

**Tackles for Loss**—2-8 vs. Penn State, 2003; 2-7 vs. Utah State, 2002; 2-5 vs. Southern Miss, 2004; 2-7 vs. Missouri, 2004; 2-12 vs. Maine, 2005

**Sacks**—2 vs. Maine, 2005

**QB Hurries**—2 vs. Texas, 2002; vs. Ole Miss, 2002 Independence Bowl

**Passes Broken Up**—2 vs. Iowa State, 2003

#### 2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles			Sacks		Fumbles			INT
	UT	AT	TT	TFL	No.-Yds	FF-FR	PBU	QBH	
Maine	2	1	3	2-12	2-12	0-0	0	0	0-0
WFU	2	1	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0

## #13—Zac Taylor

- ▶ Quarterback, 6-2, 210, Junior
- ▶ Norman, Okla.



### 2005

Junior quarterback Zac Taylor has found a home in Lincoln after a much-traveled three years in college football. The Norman, Okla., native separated himself during a wide-open quarterback battle in spring and fall camp to earn the 2005 starting nod.

Taylor began his Husker career by completing 15-of-36 attempts for 192 yards passing during NU's season-opening 25-7 win over Maine. He was 11-of-18 for 160 yards in the first half, including a career-long 73-yard completion to former Butler Community College teammate Frantz Hardy that set up place-kicker Jordan Congdon's first field goal.

Nebraska's offense found a rhythm in the third quarter of the Huskers' 31-3 win over Wake Forest with Taylor at the helm. He connected with Hardy on a four-yard touchdown strike, his first as a Husker, on NU's opening drive of the second half, and went 9-for-15 for 82 yards during the quarter. Taylor finished the win against his former team 14-for-33 with 114 yards.

#### Taylor Game-by-Game in 2005

**Maine**—Taylor compiled 192 passing yards in his debut as Nebraska's starting quarterback, completing 15 of 36 attempts with two interceptions. He connected with wide receiver Frantz Hardy on a career-long 73-yard completion in the second quarter.

**Wake Forest**—Taylor notched his first career touchdown pass on a four-yard strike to finish off the Huskers' opening drive of the second half. He completed 14 of 33 attempts for 114 yards with one interception.

*For more on Zac Taylor, please see page 120 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.*

#### Career Statistics

##### Passing

Year	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Y/A	Y/G	LP TD	Eff.R.
2005	2/2	69	29	3	.420	306	4.4	153.0	73 1	75.37
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.420</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>153.0</b>	<b>73 1</b>	<b>75.37</b>

#### Single-Game Bests:

**Pass Attempts**—36 vs. Maine, 2005

**Pass Completions**—15 vs. Maine, 2005

**Passing Yards**—192 vs. Maine, 2005

**Passing Touchdowns**—1 vs. Wake Forest, 2005

**Long Pass**—73 yards to Frantz Hardy vs. Maine, 2005

**Long Rush**—1 yard vs. Wake Forest, 2005

#### 2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Passing				Rushing			Total Offense		
	A-C-I	Yds.	.Pct	TD	No.	Yds.	TD	Att.	Yds.	TD
Maine	36-15-2	192	.417	0	2	-5	0	38	187	0
WFU	33-14-1	114	.424	1	2	-5	0	35	109	1