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► Huskers-Cyclones Briefly

Date: Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005 **Time:** 2:36 p.m. **Site:** Lincoln, Neb.
Stadium: Memorial Stadium **Field:** Tom Osborne Field **Surface:** FieldTurf (2005)
Capacity: 73,918 (272nd 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 (Dr. Jerry Punch—Play-by-Play; Terry Bowden—Color; Trenni Kusnierek—Sidelines)
Internet: Live Radio on Huskers.com **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 141
Special Events: Special Olympics Day; 100th All-Time Meeting Between Two Schools

This Week in Husker Football

Monday, Sept. 26

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

Tuesday, Sept. 27

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. 28

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

Thursday, Sept. 29

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

6:05 p.m. Radio Show (Scott Downing)

Friday, Sept. 30

6:50 a.m. Big Red Breakfast (Phil Elmassian)

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

Saturday, Oct. 1

2:36 p.m. Kickoff vs. Iowa State (ABC)

Nebraska, Cyclones Kick Off Big 12 Season with Key North Division Matchup

Nebraska returns to action following a bye week by kicking off Big 12 action with a North Division matchup against Iowa State. The Cyclones and Huskers both come into the game after perfect 3-0 non-conference seasons. The Nebraska-ISU contest will be televised to a regional audience by ABC, with kickoff set for 2:36 p.m. Dr. Jerry Punch will call the play-by-play action, with Terry Bowden providing color analysis and Trenni Kusnierek on the sidelines.

The Huskers enter the game with a 3-0 record in large part because of dominant defense and special teams play during the non-conference slate. The defense has allowed only 16 points in three games and scored four touchdowns of its own. The special teams have also played a key role, highlighted by a blocked field goal on the game's final play in a 7-6 victory over Pitt on Sept. 17 at Memorial Stadium.

Iowa State represents Nebraska's first game of the season against a ranked opponent, as the Cyclones come to Lincoln ranked 23rd in this week's Associated Press Poll and are atop the list of others receiving votes in the coaches poll. ISU completed its perfect non-league slate with a 28-21 victory at Army last Friday night. Iowa State's most impressive win to date was a 23-3 victory over then No. 8 Iowa on Sept. 10 in Ames.

Saturday's matchup marks the 100th all-time meeting between the two schools, with Nebraska holding an 81-16-2 advantage in the series. The Huskers have won the past 13 matchups in Lincoln and hold a 47-6 advantage in home games against Iowa State.

Huskers Survive Bizarre Finish in Win over Pittsburgh

In a wild ending to a game filled with missed opportunities, Nebraska linebacker **Adam Ickes** blocked Josh Cummings' 46-yard field goal attempt with no time on the clock to preserve Nebraska's 7-6 victory over visiting Pittsburgh at Memorial Stadium. Ickes' blocked field goal was the second field goal block of the day for the Huskers, joining freshman defensive end **Zach Potter**'s first-quarter block on Pitt's opening drive. Nebraska had a pair of missed field goals, but a stellar defensive effort by Nebraska's Blackshirts and spectacular play from the Husker punt teams allowed NU to improve to 3-0 on the season.

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	W, 7-6	ABC	Pitt, 15-6-3	Two blocked field goals, strong defense and punting key third straight win vs. Pitt
Sat.	Oct. 1	Iowa State#	2:36 p.m.	ABC	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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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	Ross	Carriker	S. Koch

- Iowa St.
- Tech
- Baylor
- Mizzou
- Oklahoma
- Kansas
- K-State
- Colorado

Bold indicates winner

NU Completes Perfect Non-Conference Slate

Nebraska went through its 2005 non-conference schedule with an unbeaten 3-0 record. A perfect non-league slate was nothing new for the Nebraska football program...

- ▶ Nebraska has gone unbeaten through its non-conference schedule in 10 of the past 13 seasons.
- ▶ The Huskers have been perfect in the non-conference portion of their schedule in 25 of 44 seasons since 1962. In two other seasons in that time period (1970, 1976) NU's only non-conference blemish was a tie.

The Nebraska defense kept the defending Big East champ Panthers out of the end zone, while sacking 2004 All-Big East quarterback Tyler Palko four times. Defensive ends **Adam Carriker** and **Wali Muhammad** powered a strong defensive effort that kept the opponent out of the end zone for the second straight week. Carriker finished the day with seven tackles, including four tackles for 26 yards lost and two sacks for 21 yards, while Muhammad added three tackles with a pair of sacks.

The Huskers also received strong special teams play from Ray Guy Award nominee **Sam Koch**, who smashed the longest punt of his career for the third consecutive week. Koch boomed an 84-yard punt, the second-longest punt in school history, in the third quarter. Koch's punt flipped the field on the Panthers, burying them inside their own 10. Koch hit three punts of 50 or more yards on the day and pinned Pitt inside its own 20 on five of his eight punts, and was named Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

After Nebraska missed a field goal early in the second quarter, the Blackshirts kept the pressure on Palko, helping give the offense excellent field position. Junior quarterback **Zac Taylor** then found wide receiver **Terrence Nunn** deep down the middle of the field on a 36-yard pass play, before Taylor capped the drive with the first rushing touchdown of his career on a one-yard scoring plunge with 7:51 left in the second quarter.

Pittsburgh sliced into NU's lead with a pair of third-quarter field goals by Cummings. He connected from 38 yards with 12:39 to play in the period, then hit on a 27-yard field goal with 1:44 left in the third to cut the lead to a single point at 7-6. Cummings misfired on a 49-yard attempt that would have put Pitt in front with 11:19 to play.

After Nebraska's **Jordan Congdon** missed his second field goal of the day on a 38-yard attempt with 1:28 remaining in the game, Palko drove Pitt from its own 22 to the Nebraska 29 to set up a potential game-winning field goal on second down with seven seconds left. After Nebraska took two timeouts, the Panthers snapped the ball off holder Adam Graessle's helmet when he was not looking, but the ball zipped off Graessle's head directly into Cummings' hands, who threw an incomplete pass behind the Nebraska defense. The Nebraska sideline erupted into celebration, but one tick remained on the clock, giving the Panthers a second chance for the win on third down.

But Ickes sent the crowd and Nebraska sideline into a frenzy again when he sprinted off the corner of the right side of Nebraska's line and smashed Cummings' kick into the ground. It was the first blocked kick of Ickes' career.

Senior I-back **Cory Ross** carried the offensive load for the Huskers, carrying 16 times for 83 yards in the first half alone, and finishing with 32 carries for 153 yards, while also leading the Huskers with three receptions for 23 yards.

Taylor finished the day 10-of-20 through the air for 93 yards, while Palko struggled to complete just 11-of-26 passes for 190 yards against the Blackshirts. The Huskers finished the day with 267 yards of total offense, while the Panthers accumulated 304 yards of total offense. Nebraska did own an edge in time of possession, controlling the ball for 32:43, while Pitt maintained possession for just 27:17.

Noting Game Three...Nebraska 7, Pittsburgh 6

▶ I-back **Cory Ross** rushed 32 times for 153 yards, marking his 11th career 100-yard rushing game. The 153 rushing yards moved Ross into the top 20 on NU's career rushing list. Ross now has 2,217 career rushing yards, good for 17th place on the Nebraska career rushing list.

▶ Nebraska junior defensive end **Adam Carriker** had two sacks for 21 yards and finished with seven total tackles and four tackles for loss netting 26 yards in losses. Carriker leads Nebraska this season with five sacks, resulting in 48 yards in losses.

▶ Senior defensive end **Wali Muhammad** recorded two sacks for 13 yards, giving him four sacks on the season. The game marked Muhammad's second consecutive big day against the Panthers. Last year in Pittsburgh, Muhammad had an interception, a forced fumble, one tackle for loss, two pass breakups and five quarterback hurries.

▶ The Nebraska defense finished with four sacks for 34 yards in losses. In three games the Huskers now have 20 total sacks, including a school-record tying 11 sacks against Maine and five against Wake Forest.

▶ The Nebraska defense has not allowed a point in the first quarter in three games this season and has allowed just three points in the first half on the year. The three points came on 51-yard field goal by Wake Forest's Sam Swank on the final play of the first half.

▶ Nebraska senior punter **Sam Koch** rocketed a career-long 84-yard punt in the third quarter, giving him three punts of 70 yards or longer this season. The 84-yard punt is the second-longest punt in Nebraska school history, trailing only an 87-yard punt by Mike Stigge on Oct. 10, 1992 against Oklahoma State. Koch is just the second punter in school history with three career punts of 70 yards or more, joining his predecessor Kyle Larson, now a member of the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals. Koch also had five of his punts downed inside the Panther 20, including one at the one-yard line and another at the Panther 4.

▶ Nebraska sophomore **Terrence Nunn** returned a second-quarter punt 62 yards, tying his career-long set earlier this season against Maine. Nunn has seven returns for 213 yards this season.

NU-Pitt Stat Wrap

Team Stats	Pitt	NU
First Downs	14	14
Rushes-Yards	36-114	48-174
Passes	28-11-0	20-10-0
Passing Yards	190	93
Total Offense	304	267
Turnovers	0	0
Sacks by	4-27	4-34

NU Rushing Leader

Cory Ross—32 carries, 153 yards

NU Passing Leader

Zac Taylor—20-10-0, 93 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Cory Ross—3 receptions, 23 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Blake Tiedtke—8 tackles

Adam Carriker—7 tackles, 4-26 TFL;

2-21 sacks, 1 PBU, 1 QB hurry

Daniel Bullocks—6 tackles, 1-3 TFL; 2 PBU

Wali Muhammad—3 tackles, 2-13 sacks

NU Special Teams Leaders

Sam Koch—8 punts, long 84, 46.0 yard-average;

5 punts downed inside 20

2005 Big 12 Standings

North Division

Team	Records		Next Game
	Overall	Big 12	
Iowa State	3-0	0-0	at Nebraska 10/1
Kansas	3-0	0-0	at Texas Tech 10/1
Kansas State	3-0	0-0	at Oklahoma 10/1
Nebraska	3-0	0-0	vs. Iowa State 10/1
Colorado	2-1	0-0	at Oklahoma St. 10/1
Missouri	2-1	0-0	Texas 10/1

South Division

Baylor	3-0	0-0	at Texas A&M 10/1
Oklahoma St.	3-0	0-0	Colorado 10/1
Texas	3-0	0-0	at Missouri 10/1
Texas Tech	3-0	0-0	Kansas 10/1
Texas A&M	2-1	0-0	Baylor 10/1
Oklahoma	1-2	0-0	Kansas State 10/1

2005 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Maine	1-2, vs. Albany 10/1
Wake Forest	1-3, vs. Clemson 10/1
Pittsburgh	1-3, at Rutgers 10/30

Last Week's Opponent/Big 12 Results

Maryland 22, Wake Forest 12
 Pittsburgh 41, Youngstown State 0
 Iowa State 28, Army 21
 Miami 23, Colorado 3
 Kansas State 54, North Texas 7
 Texas Tech 63 Indiana State 7
 Texas A&M 44, Texas State 31
 Kansas, Missouri, Baylor, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas, Maine (open)

2005 Iowa State Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
9/3	Illinois State	W, 32-21
9/10	Iowa	W, 23-3
9/23	at Army	W, 28-21
10/1	at Nebraska	2:30 p.m.
10/8	Baylor	
10/15	at Missouri	
10/22	Oklahoma State	
10/29	at Texas A&M	
11/5	Kansas State	
11/12	Colorado	
11/26	at Kansas	

Husker Staff Familiar with McCarney

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan and Iowa State Head Coach Dan McCarney both served on the Wisconsin coaching staff as assistants from 1990 to 1994. Callahan was the offensive line coach and McCarney was the defensive coordinator.

Husker defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove was a member of the Badger defensive staff with McCarney, then took over as defensive coordinator when McCarney left for Iowa State. NU offensive coordinator Jay Norvell was on the Wisconsin staff from 1989 to 1994, then was hired by McCarney as the assistant head coach (quarterbacks, receivers) at Iowa State, where he coached from 1995 to 1997, before moving to the NFL. Husker outside linebackers coach Bill Busch was a graduate assistant at Wisconsin during the 1994 campaign, working for McCarney's defensive staff.

Nebraska-Iowa State Ties

- ▶ Cyclone wide receivers coach Mike Grant lettered at quarterback at Nebraska in 1989, 1990 and 1992. Grant served as a graduate assistant with the Huskers from 1994 to 1996.
- ▶ ISU offensive coordinator Barney Cotton lettered for the Huskers in 1976, 1977 and 1978, and was NU's offensive coordinator in 2003.
- ▶ Nebraska has two players from the state of Iowa on its roster—senior safeties **Mike Stuntz** (Council Bluffs) and **Blake Tiedtke** (Cedar Rapids).

Scouting the Iowa State Cyclones



Like Nebraska, Iowa State completed its non-conference scheduled unbeaten following a 28-21 victory at Army last Friday. The Cyclones also knocked off Illinois State (32-21) and then eighth-ranked Iowa (23-3) during non-conference action.

The Cyclones have relied on solid defense and special teams in building their 3-0 start. ISU ranks 11th nationally in pass efficiency defense (95.12), 15th in scoring defense (15.0 ppg), 12th in kickoff returns (30.43 ypr) and 39th in net punting (36.53). Iowa State is also among the nation's top teams in turnover margin, entering the Nebraska contest with a +1.33 turnover margin to rank second in the Big 12 and 16th nationally.

Offensively, Iowa State is led by sophomore quarterback Bret Meyer, who is completing 68 percent of his passes. Meyer has thrown for four touchdowns, and threw for 314 yards in the season-opening victory over Illinois State. Meyer distributes the ball very well. Through three games, a trio of Cyclone receivers have 14 or more catches, including Austin Flynn (15-129-2), Todd Blythe (14-190-1) and Jon Davis (14-123-0). Running back Stevie Hicks carries the load for the ISU running attack, piling up 230 yards and a touchdown through three games.

Defensively, Iowa State has been led by junior linebacker Matt Robertson, who has 28 tackles, including three tackles for loss in the season's first three games. Fellow linebacker Tim Dobbins has also been solid, recording 19 tackles, a sack and and three pass breakups. ISU has picked off seven passes, including three by Steve Paris and a 28-yard interception return for a touchdown by LaMarcus Hicks in the win over Iowa.

Punter Troy Blankenship has been solid early in the season, averaging 41.5 yards per punt, while place-kicker Tony Yelk has connected on 2-of-3 field goals and made 5-of-6 extra points.

Iowa State Coach Dan McCarney

Dan McCarney is in his 11th season as Iowa State's head coach and owns a 48-72 overall record with the Cyclones, including a 35-30 mark since 2000. He has guided the Cyclones to victories in eight of their past nine games entering Saturday's contest in Lincoln. While in Ames, McCarney has taken the Cyclones to four bowl appearances in the past five seasons, including a trip to the Independence Bowl in 2004. McCarney is 2-9 against Nebraska, 0-5 against the Huskers in Lincoln.

Nebraska-Iowa State Series... 100th All-time Meeting, Nebraska leads, 81-16-2

Iowa State is Nebraska's second-most frequent opponent as Saturday's matchup will mark the 100th all-time meeting between the two schools. Nebraska holds a commanding 81-16-2 edge in the all-time series between the two schools and a 47-6 advantage in games played in Lincoln (37-4 at Memorial Stadium). The Huskers have won the past 13 matchups with Iowa State in Lincoln, dating back to a 24-21 ISU win over No. 9 Nebraska in 1977.

The Cyclones have had recent success in the series, winning two of the last three meetings after Nebraska had won 23 of 24 meetings from 1978 to 2001. Saturday's matchup will mark the first time in series history a ranked Iowa State team will take on an unranked Husker squad.

Last Year in Ames....Iowa State 34, Nebraska 27

Nebraska's late comeback attempt fell short as Iowa State held on for a 34-27 victory over the Huskers in Ames. The Cyclones jumped to a 10-0 lead after the first quarter and led 24-7 at the half on the strength of a strong passing effort by Bret Meyer and the running of Stevie Hicks.

After ISU opened the second half with a field goal to push the lead to 20 points, Nebraska made a strong comeback. Cory Ross scored on a third-quarter touchdown run to cut the lead to 27-14 and give Nebraska momentum. However, ISU put Nebraska back into a 20-point disadvantage when Meyer connected with wideout Jon Davis on a 77-yard touchdown late in the third quarter. The Huskers fought back with a pair of fourth-quarter scores to slice ISU's lead to just 34-27 with 5:01 to play. The Nebraska defense then stopped Iowa State, but a Nebraska interception on the ensuing drive sealed the Huskers' fate.

I-back Cory Ross led the Nebraska rushing attack with 126 yards on 19 carries, and NU also threw for 249 yards on a then-school-record 43 pass attempts. Nebraska totaled 444 yards of offense, but was unable to slow ISU's offense which picked up 466 yards on the afternoon.

Last Year's Meeting

ISU 34, NU 27, Nov. 6, 2004, Ames

Scoring Summary

NU	0	7	7	13	-	27
ISU	10	14	10	0	-	34

Team Stats

	NU	ISU
First Downs	20	22
Rushes-Yards	35-195	36-102
Passes	43-19-1	39-18-1
Passing Yards	249	364
Total Offense	444	466
Turnovers	1	1

Nebraska-Iowa State Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (3-0, 0-0 Big 12)			Iowa State (3-0, 0-0 Big 12)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
Rushing Offense	138.3	11	62	110.7	12	88
Passing Offense	133.0	11	108	208.7	8	71
Total Offense	271.3	12	107	319.3	9	91
Scoring Offense	21.0	11	87	27.7	8	58
Rushing Defense	79.3	2	10	131.3	12	63
Pass Defense	152.7	3	16	209.7	7	46
Pass Efficiency Defense	79.1	1	2	131.6	5	49
Total Defense	232.0	1	6	341.0	9	40
Scoring Defense	5.3	1	1	15.0	6	15
Net Punting	41.3	2	4	36.5	7	39
Punt Returns	15.1	3	17	9.9	9	40
Kickoff Returns	28.3	2	14	30.4	1	12
Turnover Margin	0.0	6	55	+1.33	2	16

bold indicates top-25 national ranking

Callahan as a Head Coach Year-by-Year

Year	Record	Pct.	Postseason
Nebraska			
2004	5-6	.455	None
2005	3-0	1.000	
Totals	8-6	.571	
Oakland Raiders			
2002	13-6	.684	2-1; Won AFC Championship, lost to Tampa Bay in Super Bowl XXXVII
2003	4-12	.250	None
NFL Totals	17-18	.486	One playoff appearance

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	8-6
vs. AP Ranked Teams	0-1
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	0-1
vs. Unranked Teams	8-5
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	5-3
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	5-0
When Nebraska scores first	6-0
When Nebraska leads at halftime	8-0
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	3-3
Record in games decided by 7 or less	3-3
Record in games decided by 3 or less	1-0

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.

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 an 8-6 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.

Wagner to be Inducted into Wayne State Hall of Fame

Nebraska offensive line coach **Dennis Wagner** will be honored on Saturday by Wayne State College. The head coach at WSC from 1989 to 1996, Wagner is one of five individuals being inducted into Wayne State's Hall of Fame on Saturday. The group will be honored at halftime of Saturday's Wayne State-Minnesota-Moorhead game, with induction ceremonies in the evening.

Wagner compiled a 44-37-1 record as the Wildcats' head coach, the second-most victories in school history. He guided the 1993 Wayne team to a 9-1 record.



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.

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 272 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (includes Iowa State)
- ▶ 789 all-time victories—third in NCAA
- ▶ 42 all-time bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 119-10 home record in last 18 seasons (since 1986)

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 115 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (223-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 116 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 237 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

NU Schedule Features Five 2004 Bowl Teams

After opening against Maine and Wake Forest, the Huskers are now in the midst of three straight games against 2004 bowl teams at Memorial Stadium 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 posted a 7-6 victory over Pittsburgh, the 2004 Big East champ who played in the Fiesta Bowl. 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, Cyclones in NCAA Rankings
Nebraska

- Team**
- Rushing Defense, 79.3 ypg (10th)
 - Pass Efficiency Defense, 79.11 (2nd)
 - Total Defense, 232.0 ypg (6th)
 - Scoring Defense, 5.3 ppg (1st)
 - Net Punting, 41.25 ypp (4th)
 - Punt Returns, 15.05 ypr (17th)
 - Kickoff Returns, 28.33 ypr (14th)
 - Pass Defense, 152.7 ypg (16th)

- Individual**
- Cory Ross, Rushing, 118.67 ypg (11th)
 - Sam Koch, Punting, 44.75 ypp (12th)
 - Terrence Nunn, Punt Returns, 30.4 ypr (2nd)
 - Jordan Congdon, Field Goals, 1.67 pg (20th)

- Iowa State**
- Team**
- Pass Efficiency Defense, 95.12 (11th)
 - Scoring Defense, 15.0 ppg (15th)
 - Kickoff Returns, 30.43 ypr (12th)
 - Turnover Margin, +1.33 (16th)

- Individual**
- Steve Paris, Interceptions, 1.0 pg (tie 2nd)

NU-Pitt Notes Continued from page 2

▶ Nebraska freshman defensive end **Zach Potter** blocked a field goal attempt by Pitt on its first drive of the day, marking the first blocked field goal by a Husker since Trevor Johnson blocked a field goal at Texas in 2003. Senior linebacker **Adam Ickes** added another blocked field goal attempt on the final play of the game, marking the first time NU recorded two blocked field goals in a game since a Nov. 26, 2000 game against Colorado.

▶ The 13 combined points marked the fewest combined points in a Nebraska game since the Huskers' 13-0 victory over Baylor on Sept. 1, 1990. The last time NU was victorious with seven points was a 7-3 win at Oklahoma on Nov. 19, 1988. The last time the Huskers were victorious when scoring fewer than seven points was at Missouri on Oct. 24, 1981 (6-0).

▶ Neither team committed a turnover in the game, marking the first time since a 24-17 Nebraska win over Oklahoma State at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 3, 1998 that the Huskers were involved in a turnover-free game. The Pitt game was Nebraska's first turnover-free contest since last year's win over Baylor.

▶ Nebraska freshman place-kicker Jordan Congdon misfired on a 26-yard field goal early in the second quarter, ending a streak of five straight made FG to open his Husker career.

▶ Four Huskers made their Nebraska debuts against Pitt. Place-kicker **Jake Wesch** handled kickoff duties, while running back **Cody Glenn** saw his first action of the season, carrying four times for 20 yards. Safety **Leon Jackson** and redshirt freshman offensive tackle **Lydon Murtha** also played for the first time in their NU careers. Redshirt freshman tight end **Clayton Sievers** made his first career start as NU opened in a two tight-end formation.

Season-Opening Homestand Continues Versus Cyclones

Although Nebraska has now enjoyed an off weekend, the Huskers are still two weeks from taking to the road for the first time in the 2005 season. Saturday's matchup with Iowa State is the fourth of five consecutive home games to open the 2005 campaign. The Huskers have opened the season with three straight home wins over non-conference opponents—25-7 over Maine (Sept. 3), 31-3 over Wake Forest (Sept. 10) and 7-6 vs. Pitt (Sept. 17). Pitt was the first of three straight 2004 bowl teams to come to Memorial Stadium, joining Iowa State (Saturday) and Texas Tech (Oct. 8). Nebraska will face its first road test of the season on Oct. 15 at Baylor, followed by a game at Missouri on Oct. 22.

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.

Healthy Carriker Creating Havoc for Opposition

Nebraska junior defensive end **Adam Carriker** has shown flashes of dominance throughout his Nebraska career. The Kennewick, Wash., native has prototypical size (6-6, 280) and strength for a defensive end. However, Carriker's first two seasons of play for Nebraska have been disrupted by ankle injuries.

As a redshirt freshman in 2003, Carriker played extensively in passing situations to open the year, but suffered an ankle injury in the second game and missed the subsequent three games. He was back at full speed by season's end and had a breakout game at Colorado with three quarterback hurries and a sack.

In 2004, Carriker suffered a similar fate in the second game, suffering an ankle injury against Southern Miss. He missed the next game and was slowed for most of the mid-season. Carriker was back to full strength late in the season and had 28 tackles, five tackles for loss and a sack in the season's final five games.

Carriker has carried the momentum of a strong finish to the 2004 season into a dominant start this fall. The junior is lining up at base end in Nebraska's powerful defensive front and has been a fixture in the opponent's backfield. Through three games, Carriker leads the Huskers with seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage, resulting in 53 yards in losses. He also tops all Husker defenders with five quarterback sacks for 48 yards in losses, bettering his previous career total of four entering the season.

Carriker produced his best game at Nebraska against Pittsburgh, finishing with seven tackles, four tackles for loss (26 yards), a pair of sacks (21 yards), a quarterback hurry and a pass breakup. The Nebraska defense has recorded 20 sacks in three games in 2005, after finishing last season with 25 total sacks.

Adam Carriker Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Hurries
Maine	4-0-4	2-13	2-13	0	2
Wake Forest	1-1-2	1-14	1-14	1	0
Pitt	4-3-7	4-26	2-21	1	1
Totals	9-4-13	7-53	5-48	2	3



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.

NU Traditionally Strong Following Off Weeks

Nebraska will enjoy an extra week of preparation for its conference opener with Iowa State after having a bye in the schedule. The Huskers have a history of success coming off bye weeks, posting a 33-10 record in such situations over the past 31 seasons. A year ago, Nebraska posted a victory over Kansas (14-8) in the Big 12 opener, and lost to Colorado (26-20) after its off Saturdays.

Seven of Nebraska's 10 losses following bye weeks in the past 31 years have come before Nebraska's post-Thanksgiving matchups (four vs. Oklahoma, three vs. Colorado). Nebraska's second open date this fall will occur before the Huskers' regular-season finale with Colorado on Nov. 25.

Nebraska vs. Ranked Iowa State Teams

This year's matchup with Iowa State will mark the fourth time the Huskers have faced a ranked Cyclone squad. The previous meetings between NU and a ranked ISU team are listed below.

Year	NU Rank	ISU Rank	Result	Site
2002	20	19	ISU, 36-14	Ames
1978	10	15	NU, 23-0	Ames
1972	3	17	tie, 23-23	Ames

2005 Husker Takeaways

Game	Fumb.	INT	Total
Maine	1	1	2
Wake	1	3	4
Pitt	0	0	0
Totals	2	4	6

Defensive 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
Pitt	36	114	0	30

Yards per Game—79.3

Yards per Attempt—1.9 ypr

2005 Blackshirts Against the Pass

Game	Passes	Yds.	TD	Long	Sacks
Maine	36-16-1	149	1	52	11-69
Wake	28-12-3	117	0	34	5-46
Pitt	28-11-0	190	0	73	4-34

Yards per Game—152.7 ypg

Yards per Attempt—5.0 ypa

Pass Efficiency Rating—79.11 (3rd in Nation)

Huskers Hope to Continue Dominance of ISU in Lincoln

Iowa State has won just six times in 53 tries against Nebraska in Lincoln and in recent years, the Huskers have made life at Memorial Stadium miserable for the visitors from the east. Nebraska has won the past 13 matchups against the Cyclones in Lincoln, and has scored at least 28 points in each of those 13 games. The Huskers have had a victory margin of at least 28 points in the last 13 matchups with Iowa State in Lincoln, including a 28-0 shutout of Iowa State in 2003.

Since a 24-21 Iowa State win at Memorial Stadium in 1977, the Huskers have outscored ISU 639-135 in 13 matchups in Lincoln, an average score of 49.2-10.4. Iowa State has not scored more than 14 points in Lincoln since 1989.

Fast Starts Key in Nebraska-ISU Series

Nebraska has allowed the opposition just three points in the first half this season, including no first-quarter points. Nebraska itself hopes to get a quicker start as the Huskers have scored just one first-half offensive touchdown in the first three games.

Fast starts have a recent history of playing a key role in the Husker-Iowa State series. A year ago, Iowa State jumped to a 10-0 lead after the first quarter and a 24-7 halftime edge and held on for a 34-27 victory. The Cyclones posted a 36-14 win in Ames in 2002, after jumping to a 10-0 lead early in the second quarter and a 19-7 halftime edge.

In Lincoln, it has been Nebraska applying the quick starts. The Huskers floored Iowa State in 2003 with 21 first-quarter points en route to a 28-0 shutout victory. In 2001, the Huskers threw a similar knockout blow at Iowa State in Lincoln, leading 21-0 after one quarter and 42-0 at the half on their way to a 48-14 victory.

Huskers Set to Square Off Against Nationally-Ranked Iowa State Team

Saturday's matchup against Iowa State is the first of the season against a ranked opponent for the Huskers, as ISU comes to Lincoln ranked 23rd by the AP and just outside the top 25 in the coaches poll. This year's meeting marks just the fourth time in 100 meetings that Iowa State has entered the Nebraska game ranked in the Associated Press Poll (see left column). The matchup against a ranked Iowa State team marks two firsts in the NU-Cyclone series...

- ▶ This season marks the first time Nebraska has faced a ranked Iowa State team in Lincoln
- ▶ The 2005 meeting also marks the first time an unranked Nebraska team has squared off against a ranked Cyclone squad

The previous matchup between an unranked Nebraska team and a ranked opponent in Lincoln came in the 2003 season and Big 12 opener when the Huskers upended 24th-ranked Oklahoma State, 17-7.

Nebraska Has History of Success in League Openers

Nebraska has made a tradition of opening conference play in a winning fashion. The Huskers have won 29 of their last 30 conference openers since 1975, with the lone loss a 36-14 setback at Iowa State in 2002. Last season, Nebraska opened Big 12 play with a 14-8 victory over Kansas at Memorial Stadium.

Additionally, Nebraska has won its last 27 conference home openers since a 24-21 setback against Iowa State to begin the 1977 home Big Eight slate. Nebraska is 89-18-2 all-time in conference openers, including a 39-6-1 mark in Lincoln. Since the inception of the Big 12 Conference, Nebraska is 7-1 in league openers.

Blackshirts Setting Tone for 2005 Season

Nebraska's Blackshirt defense has shown early-season signs of being a dominant unit. Through three games, the Husker defense has made its mark in the record book, while allowing just 16 points in Nebraska victories over Maine, Wake Forest and Pitt. In week one, the defense tied school records for sacks and tackles for loss, and against 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 three games, Nebraska has recorded 20 sacks, led by five sacks by junior defensive end **Adam Carriker** and four sacks from senior end **Wali Muhammad**. Last season, Nebraska finished the year with a total of 25 sacks, with team leader **Bernard Thomas** recording four sacks.

- ▶ The defense has scored four touchdowns in three games, all in a five-quarter stretch spanning the fourth quarter of the Maine game and the Wake Forest contest. The scores came on interception returns by linebackers **Bo Ruud** (27 yards vs. Maine), **Corey 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.

NU-ISU in Lincoln

Results of the last 13 NU-ISU meetings in Lincoln, since ISU's 24-21 win in 1977.

Year	NU	ISU	Margin
2003	28	0	28
2001	48	14	34
1999	49	14	35
1997	77	14	63
1995	73	14	59
1993	49	7	42
1991	38	13	25
1989	49	17	32
1987	42	3	39
1985	49	0	49
1983	72	29	43
1981	31	7	24
1979	34	3	31
Avg.	49.2	10.4	38.8

Points Not Coming Easy vs. Blackshirts

Nebraska has allowed just 16 points in the first three games of the 2005 season. Maine scored a fourth-quarter touchdown against the Huskers, while Wake Forest managed a field goal and Pitt had just two field goals. Nebraska is tied for the national lead in scoring defense, allowing just 5.3 points per game.

The stingy start by the 2005 Blackshirts ranks among the top scoring defense starts in school history. Below are the fewest points allowed by an NU defense in the first three games since WWII.

NU Points Allowed in Season's First Three Games

Year	Points
1952	13
1961	14
1990	14
2005	16
1980	16
1984	17
1999	20

Opponents Find Third Down Tough vs. Blackshirts

The Nebraska defense has been particularly tough on opponents on third downs, allowing the opponents to convert on just 11-of-51 third-down attempts this season. NU was at its best on third down against Pitt, holding the Panthers to just one conversion in 14 third-down situations.

On the season, Nebraska ranks among the top 10 defenses nationally in third-down defensive conversion percentage at 21.1 percent.

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.	Daniel Bullocks, 2002-present	163
7.	Josh Bullocks, 2002-04	160

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
Pitt	8	46.0	5	84	3-7

70-Plus Yard Punts in 2005

Sam Koch's 84-yard punt against Pitt was the second-longest in school history, the longest in Big 12 history (since 1996) and the longest in the nation in 2005. Koch has three of the seven punts of 70 yards or longer in Division I-A this season.

Punts of 70 yards or more in 2005...

- Sam Koch, Nebraska, 84 yards vs. Pitt
- Danny Baugher, Arizona, 76 yards vs. Purdue
- Sam Koch, Nebraska, 76 yards vs. Wake Forest
- John Torp, Colorado, 72 yards vs. Colorado State
- Sam Koch, Nebraska, 70 yards vs. Maine
- Cody Freeby, Oklahoma, 70 yards vs. Tulsa
- Justin Bergendahl, Nevada, 70 yards vs. UNLV

► 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. The two interception returns for touchdowns tied a school record set on four previous occasions, most recently vs. Texas A&M in 2003.

► 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.

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

► Nebraska has allowed just 16 points in three games, the fewest points NU has allowed in the first three games of the season since allowing 14 points combined in the first three games of the 1990 season. Nebraska has allowed less than 20 points in the season's first three games just seven times since World War II. (see left margin)

► The Nebraska defense has not allowed a point in the first quarter in three games this season and has allowed just three points in the first half on the year. The three first-half points came on 51-yard field goal by Wake Forest's Sam Swank on the final play of the first half.

► Nebraska's first three opponents have generated a combined three trips inside the Nebraska Red Zone. Wake Forest was unsuccessful on two trips inside the Red Zone, while Pitt was limited to a field goal on its one trek inside the Nebraska 20.

► Opponents have snapped the ball only 57 times in Nebraska territory, including just 19 times before halftime. Of the 57 snaps in Nebraska territory, four were punts and seven 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.

► Nebraska has forced 28 opponent punts in three games, including 13 by Maine in the season opener.

Bullocks Leading Secondary in Senior Season

Senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** may have felt a little lonely in the Husker secondary at the start of 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.

Bullocks has continued to elevate his play in his senior season. 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. He had another solid performance against Pitt, finishing with six tackles and a pair of pass breakups.

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.

► 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 163 tackles in his Nebraska career and needs 37 more tackles to become the third defensive back in school history to record 200 career tackles. Against Pitt, Bullocks passed his brother on the Nebraska career tackles list, and now has the sixth-most tackles ever by an NU defensive back.

Senior Punter Koch a Constant for Huskers Special Teams

Senior punter **Sam Koch** was the special teams standout for Nebraska in 2004, and appears poised for an even better 2005 campaign. Koch is averaging 44.75 yards per punt through three games in 2005, a figure that places him 12th nationally. Koch's punting effort helps Nebraska rank among the top five nationally in net punting at better than 41.2 yards per punt.

Koch is coming off a game-changing performance against Pitt, in which he punted eight times and averaged 46.0 yards per boot. Koch drilled a career-long 84-yard punt in the third quarter of the game, marking the third straight week he has bettered his previous career long. The 84-yard punt was the second-longest punt in Nebraska history and the longest in Big 12 history (since 1996). Koch also pinned Pitt inside its 20-yard line five times on eight punts, with second-half punts downed on the Panther 1 and 4 yard lines. Koch's performance against Pitt earned him SBC Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week.

Koch has racked up several other accomplishments early in 2005, including...

- Koch has had 11 of his 20 punts this fall downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, including five vs. Pitt.
- Koch has allowed only six returns for 30 yards in three games this season.
- Koch has three punts of 70 yards or longer. Koch is one of only two punters in school history, joining his

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).

Congdon Continuing Husker Frosh Kicking Success

True freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon** is adding to the recent success of Nebraska freshman place-kickers. Congdon missed on a pair of FG attempts against Pitt, but is 5-of-7 on field-goal attempts through three games, including connecting on all four of his kicks against Maine. Congdon missed his first career extra-point attempt, but has connected on his past six PAT attempts.

Congdon's backup at place-kicker, **David Dyches**, had a similar start to his Nebraska career in 2003. Dyches did not begin the season as the starter, but took over the place-kicking duties in game two against Utah State and made four field goals. He then connected on his first three field goal attempts the following week against Penn State, giving him seven straight made field goals to open his Nebraska career. Dyches also made all 32 of his PAT attempts as a rookie.

Before Congdon and Dyches, current NFL place-kickers Kris Brown and Josh Brown both had successful rookie seasons at Nebraska. In his redshirt freshman season in 1999, Josh Brown made 14-of-20 field goals and 46-of-47 PAT attempts. The 14 field goals by Dyches and Josh Brown are an NU record for field goals by a freshman. In 1995, Kris Brown made 13-of-16 field-goal attempts as a true freshman, including the first four field goals of his Nebraska career. Like Congdon, Kris Brown misfired on the first PAT attempt of his career, but rebounded to make 58-of-61 during the 1995 season.

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
Pitt	32	153	0	4.8	19

Ross' Career 100-Yard Rushing Games (11)

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
 32 carries, 153 yards vs. Pitt, 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	Glenn	Total
Maine	20-80-1	6-18-0	13-44-0	DNP	39-142-1
Wake	20-123-0	4-3-0	2-3-0	DNP	26-129-0
Pitt	32-153-0	2-4-0	1-(-4)-0	4-20-0	39-177-0

predecessor, Kyle Larson, to have three punts of 70 yards or more in school history. Larson is now the starting punter for the Cincinnati Bengals. A fourth punt of 70 yards or more this season would make Koch the only punter in Division I-A in the past 10 seasons to have four 70-plus yard punts in the same season.

► Koch owns two of the longest four punts in school history with his 84-yard punt against Pitt (second) and his 76-yarder vs. Wake Forest (fourth). Koch's 84-yard punt against Pitt is one of only 25 80-plus-yard punts in Division I-A in the past 10 seasons (1996 to 2005).

► Of Koch's 20 punts, nine have come from inside Nebraska's own 40-yard line. On those punts, Koch is averaging 52.4 yards per boot.

► Eleven of Koch's 20 punts have come from past Nebraska's 40-yard line or in opponent territory. On those punts, Koch has downed nine of the 11 inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Koch Just Part of Nebraska Special Teams Story

The performance of Sam Koch has been the highlight of Nebraska's improved special teams, however the Huskers have shown marked improvement in several other special teams categories.

Most recently, Nebraska used a pair of blocked field goals to help secure a 7-6 victory over Pitt. After freshman **Zach Potter** blocked a field goal in the first quarter of the contest, senior linebacker **Adam Ickes** blocked another Panther attempt on the game's final play to allow NU to escape with victory. The Pitt contest marked the first time since a 2000 victory over Colorado that Nebraska had blocked two field goals in a game.

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 matched his career-best with a 62-yard return against Pitt and ranks second nationally in punt return average at 30.4 yards per return.

► Sophomore **Tierre Green** had a career-long 43-yard return on his first attempt of the season against Maine and is averaging 28.3 yards on three returns.

► In 2004, Nebraska had three punt or kickoff returns of 40 yards or more. The Huskers have four such returns through three games in 2005.

Nebraska has also been strong in coverage, allowing just 30 yards on six opponent punt returns, while the opposition is averaging just 14.5 yards per kickoff return.

Senior I-Back Ross Building Another Impressive 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 the 2005 season, racking up a pair of 100-yard rushing games, including a 153-yard effort on 32 carries against Pitt. Ross also topped the century mark with 123 yards on 20 carries against Wake Forest and owns 11 career 100-yard rushing games. Ross is averaging 118.7 yards rushing per game to rank first in the Big 12 and 11th nationally.

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 has moved into the top 20 on the Nebraska career rushing list with 2,217 career rushing yards to rank 17th on the Husker chart. Ross is just 356 yards from reaching the top 10 on NU'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 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 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 six receptions in the first three 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. Cory Ross, IB, 2002-present	2,217
18. Doug DuBose, IB, 1982-85	2,205
19. Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1950-52	2,196
20. Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1979-80	2,161

Charting the Husker Offense

Coach Bill Callahan's Husker offense featured outstanding balance in 2004, and Nebraska should possess similar ability this fall. Through three games, Nebraska has rushed the ball 120 times and attempted 89 passes.

Opp.	Rush Att.	Rush Yds.	Pass Att.	Pass Yds.	TO
Maine	42	121	36	192	5
Wake	30	120	33	114	1
Pitt	48	174	20	93	0

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)
Pitt	20-10-0	93	0	36 (Nunn)
Totals	89-39-3	399	1	73 (Hardy)

NU Features Hardy Passing Attack in Opener

First-year Nebraska wide receiver **Frantz Hardy** made his 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, while nabbing his first career TD at Nebraska on a four-yard reception from Taylor in the third quarter. Hardy's 196 receiving yards through three 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.

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 475-127-20 (.809, 622 games, 116 years) in Lincoln, 350-104-13 (.763, 467 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 (237 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons.

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 and Pitt. After committing five turnovers, including two inside the 5-yard-line against Maine, NU has had just one turnover in the past two games, with none in the win over Pitt.

Eleven True Freshmen Among Huskers Seeing 2005 Action

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 three games. Among the numerous newcomers who have hit the field are 11 true freshmen, including nine 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**. Against Pitt, I-back **Cody Glenn** and safety **Leon Jackson** joined the group of freshmen, with Glenn having an impressive performance with four carries for 20 yards.

Of the freshman 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-7 on FG attempts.

The nine true freshmen who played in game one 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. Redshirt freshman tight end **Clayton Sievers** made his first career start against Wake Forest when NU opened in a two-tight end formation.

NCAA Record Sellout Streak Continues

Including this week's matchup against Iowa State, Nebraska now boasts an incredible NCAA-record 272 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 180, 92 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 240-31 during the 271 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 152-15 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.

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.

Husker Records Report

Category	Record
All-time	789-317-40
Home	475-127-20
Memorial Stadium	350-104-13
Since 1962	423-94-5
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	77-35
On FieldTurf	40-8
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 271 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	240-31
vs. Ranked Teams	38-20

Construction Continuing at Memorial Stadium

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.

▶ 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.

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 Ewwaraye is a native of Finland who was an exchange student in Laurel, Neb.

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.

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 116 straight games.
- ▶ Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (237 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.

▶ 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 789-317-40 all-time record in 1,146 games (.706) in 116 years of football. In the last 36-plus years, Nebraska's record is an impressive 355-76-5 for an .820 winning percentage in 436 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	844
2.	Notre Dame	805
3.	Texas	790
4.	Nebraska	789
5.	Alabama	768

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.	Nebraska	42

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
 Tonia 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

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.

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.

Big 12 History

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

A Look at the Numbers

Scoring Drives

Nebraska has produced eight scoring drives this season, with two coming in five plays or less, including one one-play drive. Overall, the Huskers have scored three touchdowns and kicked five field goals in their eight scoring drives this season. NU has two rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown. NU's eight scoring drives (3 TDs, 5 FG) have covered a total of 367 yards in 62 plays in a total of 22:22, for an average scoring drive that has covered 45.9 yards in 7.75 plays and 2:48.

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	
Pitt	1	2:51	2:51	6	6	0	0	
Totals	8	22:22	2:48	62	7.8	2	1	
Opponents	4	7:12	1:48	22	5.5	2	0	

Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

The Huskers have produced 16 plays that have covered 20 yards or more, including four long passes, two long runs and 10 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 returns of the season with his two 62-yarders, one against Maine and one against Pittsburgh. Cornerback Tierre 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.

The Huskers have yielded 14 long plays to opponents this season, including six long passes, five long returns and three long runs. Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko connected with Greg Lee for an 73-yard pass. Pittsburgh running back LaRod Stephens-Howling provided the longest run against the Huskers with his 30-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
Maine	1	2	4	7	0	1	3	4
Wake	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	4
Pitt	0	1	2	3	2	4	0	6
Total	2	4	10	16	3	6	5	14

Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska has converted 7-of-11 trips inside the red zone this season into scores, coming away with three touchdowns (two rushing, one passing) and four field goals. Two Husker drives stalled due to turnovers, while one was lost on downs and one was lost due to a missed field goal. Pittsburgh is the only team to convert inside the red zone against the Huskers, connecting on a 27-yard field goal.

Game	Scores Inside 20				No Score Inside 20				Half/Gm.	Pct.
	Chances	Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TDs	Downs			
Maine	6	4	1	3	0	2	0	0	.667	
Wake	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	.667	
Pitt	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	.500	
Totals	11	7	3	4	1	2	1	0	.636	
Opp.	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	.333	

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)	
Pitt	0 (3/0 F/L, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	0 (1/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
Totals	6 (9/2 F/L, 4 INT)	4	0-0	28	6 (8/3 F/L, 3 INT)	
Opp.	6 (8/3 F/L, 3 INT)	0	0-0	0	6 (9/2 F/L, 4 INT)	

Starting Field Position

Nebraska has enjoyed a large field position advantage this season with a 13.9 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 five drives inside its own 20 this season, while opponents have started 20 drives inside their own 20, thanks in a large part to the punting of Sam Koch.

	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
Pitt	33.9 (407/12)	21.8 (283/13)	12.1
Total	39.2 (1647/42)	25.3 (1063/42)	13.9

Penalty Numbers

NU is averaging seven penalties for 59.0 yards per game, while opponents are averaging 5.3 penalties for 46.0 yards per game. Against Maine, the Huskers were not whistled for a single penalty, a feat that had not been accomplished since Oct. 18, 1997 against Texas Tech.

Game	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
Maine	0-0	7-55
Wake	10-86	5-48
Pitt	11-91	4-35
Total	21-177	16-138
Average	7.0-59.0	5.3-46.0

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	3	18
Brandon Koch, RG, Sr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	0	2	11	3	16
Seppo Ewvaraye, OT, Sr. (Vaasa, Finland)	0	0	11	3	14
Kurt Mann, C, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	-	0	11	3	14
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	1	5	3	0	9
Terrence Nunn, WR (X), Soph. (Houston, Texas)	-	-	6	3	9
J.B. Phillips, TE, Soph. (Colleyville, Texas)	0	0	6	3	9
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	3	3
Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, OT, Sr. (Honolulu, Hawaii)	-	-	0	3	3
Zac Taylor, QB, Jr. (Norman, Okla.)	-	-	-	3	3
Frantz Hardy, WR (Z), Soph. (Miami, Fla.)	-	-	-	2	2
Brandon Jackson, IB, Soph. (Horn Lake, Miss.)	-	-	0	2	2
Clayton Sievers, TE, Fr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	=	=	=	1	1
Totals	2	27	71	33	133

Defensive Starters

Defensive Starters	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Sr. (Macon, Ga.)	0	12	11	3	26
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Sr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	1	9	11	3	24
Titus Adams, DT, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	10	3	14
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Jr. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	-	0	10	3	13
Adam Carriker, DE, Jr. (Kennewick, Wash.)	-	0	8	3	11
Jay Moore, DE, Jr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	-	0	5	3	8
Tierre Green, CB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	3	3	6
Cortney Grixby, LCB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	2	3	5
Corey McKeon, LB, Soph. (Naperville, Ill.)	-	-	0	3	3
Blake Tiedtke, FS, Sr. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	0	0	0	3	3
Bo Ruud, LB, Soph. (Lincoln, Neb.)	-	-	0	2	2
Steve Octavien, LB, Jr. (Naples, Fla.)	=	=	=	1	1
Totals	1	22	60	33	116

Starting Kickers

Starting Kickers	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Sam Koch, P, Sr. (Seward, Neb.)	0	0	11	3	14
David Dyches, PK, Jr. (Spring, Texas)	-	11	2	0	13
Jordan Congdon, PK, Fr. (San Diego, Calif.)	=	=	=	3	3
Totals	0	11	13	6	29

Starts by True Freshmen: 3

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 21

Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts: 16

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 (26)

2005 Nebraska Depth Chart (Pitt)

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 76 Lydon Murtha, 6-7, 315, RFr., Hutchinson, Minn.
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. -or- 54 Chris Patrick, 6-4, 285, So., Ithaca, Mich.
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. 28 Isaiah Fluellen** , 6-0, 185, Jr., Ramstein, Germany
WR (Z):	83 TERENCE NUNN* , 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas 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.
LB	40 Lance Brandenburgh* , 6-1, 230, So., Overland Park, Kan.

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. 58 Dontrell Moore, 6-2, 230, Jr., Thibodaux, La. -or- 39 Jeff Souder, 6-0, 200, Fr., Bellevue, Neb.
S CB:	2 Courtney 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 Courtney 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.	Birthay	Yr.	Hometown (High School/College)
7	Adams, Jordan	QB	6-3	200	6/7/84	So.	Santee, Calif. (West Hills/Grossmont College)
96	*** Adams, Titus	DL	6-3	300	1/28/83	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
93	Alegria, Jordan	PK	6-1	210	11/26/86	Fr.	North Platte, Neb.
65	** Austin, Greg	OL	6-1	290	11/19/84	Jr.	Cypress, Texas (Cypress-Fairbanks)
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)
34	** Bradley, Stewart	LB	6-4	240	11/2/83	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah (Highland)
40	* Brandenburg, Lance	LB	6-1	230	8/4/85	So.	Overland Park, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
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)
14	*** Bullocks, Daniel	SS	6-2	210	2/28/83	Sr.	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Hixson)
59	Byford, Brett	OL	6-3	305	8/9/84	So.	Hartselle, Ala.
82	Cammack, Wes	WR	5-11	180		Fr.	DeWitt, Neb. (Tri County)
90	** Carriker, Adam	DE	6-6	280	5/6/84	Jr.	Kennewick, Wash.
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	LB	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.
6	* DeFrاند, Donald	CB	6-0	175	2/4/82	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Stranahan/Dodge City CC)
38	Dillard, Phillip	LB	6-2	250	12/10/86	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Jenks)
27	** Dyches, David	PK	6-1	180	10/16/84	Jr.	Spring, Texas (Westfield)
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)
77	** Ewvaraye, Seppo	OL	6-5	320	6/1/82	Sr.	Laurel, Neb. (Laurel-Concord)
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.)
28	** Fluellen, Isaiah	WR	6-0	185	6/11/84	Jr.	Ramstein, Germany (Ramstein America)
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
30	* Green, Tierre	CB	6-1	200	2/4/85	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Benson)
2	* Grixby, Cortney	CB	5-9	165	2/14/86	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
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)
73	* Helming, Jared	OL	6-3	295	12/23/82	Sr.	Springfield, Mo. (Kickapoo)
11	*** Herian, Matt	TE	6-5	240	10/7/83	Sr.	Pierce, Neb.
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.
49	* Ickes, Adam	LB	6-2	225	6/20/82	Sr.	Page, Neb. (Orchard)
32	* Jackson, Brandon	IB	5-11	205	10/2/85	So.	Horn Lake, Miss.
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.
92	** Kelly, Lane	LS	6-4	270	4/12/84	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
19	Kester, Tyler	P	6-1	200	3/20/85	So.	Clearwater, Neb.
75	** Koch, Brandon	OL	6-4	310	11/14/82	Sr.	Gothenburg, Neb.
37	** Koch, Sam	P	6-1	225	8/13/82	Sr.	Seward, Neb.
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)
9	*** LeFlore, Mark	WR	5-11	195	2/25/84	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
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)
50	* Mann, Kurt	C	6-4	290	8/17/83	Jr.	Grand Island, Neb.
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)
77	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.	Kingsburg, 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					
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 Ewvarayae.....	OL					
77	Ndamukong Suh.....	DL					
78	Brock Pasteur.....	OL					
79	C. Fuamatu-Thomas.....	OL					
81	* Josh Mueller.....	TE					
82	Wes Cammack.....	WR					
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 Elmastian

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

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. 27 press conference are TBA...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 (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 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.

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) on 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, NU's official athletic department website. Quotes from Nebraska's coordinators will be available on Huskers.com following Tuesday evening's practice. *Audio quotes from the press conference are edited and placed on 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).

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

Radio Show (Thursday, 6 p.m.)

Thursday, 9/1-Bill Callahan
Thursday, 9/8-Jay Norvell
Thursday, 9/15-John Blake
Thursday, 9/22-Bill Callahan
Thursday, 9/29-Scott Downing
Thursday, 10/6-Bill Busch
Thursday, 10/13-Dennis Wagner
Thursday, 10/20-Phil Elmassian
Thursday, 10/27-Ted Gilmore
Thursday, 11/3-Kevin Cosgrove
Thursday, 11/10-Randy Jordan
Thursday, 11/17-Bill Callahan
Wednesday, 11/23-Bill Busch
Thursday, 12/1-Bill Callahan

Omaha Breakfast (Friday, 6:45 a.m.)

Friday, 9/2-Bill Callahan
Friday, 9/9-Kevin Cosgrove
Friday, 9/16-Dennis Wagner
Friday, 9/24-NONE
Friday, 9/30-Phil Elmassian
Friday, 10/7-Randy Jordan
Friday, 10/14-Bill Busch
Friday, 10/21-Scott Downing
Friday, 10/28-John Blake
Friday, 11/4-Ted Gilmore
Friday, 11/11-Bill Busch
Friday, 11/18-NONE
Wednesday, 11/23-Jay Norvell
Friday, 12/2-Kevin Cosgrove

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 four receptions through three games in 2005—first receptions of NU career
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 14 consecutive games over past two years
RT	77	Seppo Ewvaraye**	6-5, 320, Sr.....Former D-lineman has started all 14 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 (13) and receiving yards (196)
WR (Z)	83	Terrence Nunn*	6-0, 185, So.....Has nine starts in first 14 games of Husker career; Caught four passes vs. Wake Forest and has six 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; 11 career 100-yard rushing games
QB	13	Zac Taylor	6-2, 210, Jr.Passed for 399 yards in three 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 26 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 eight tackles and a sack in first three games of season; Played in 40 career games over the past four seasons
B END	90	Adam Carriker**	6-6, 280, Jr.Junior is in second season as a starter; Team leader in sacks (5) and tackles for loss (7); Washington native was born in Nebraska
SAM	34	Stewart Bradley**	6-4, 240, Jr.Nebraska's leading returning tackler; 15 tackles, two sacks and four TFL in 2005; 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; 26 tackles leads team, including six TFL, three sacks and INT return for TD vs. Wake
WILL	51	Bo Ruud*	6-3, 230, So.....Made first career start against Wake Forest; Third on the team with 17 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 connected on first five field goals of his career before two misses vs. Pitt; Made six straight PATs since missing first
P	37	Sam Koch**	6-1, 225, Sr.Ray Guy candidate is averaging better nearly 45 yards per punt; Three punts of more than 70 yards, including 84-yarder vs. Pitt
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 25 yards in season's first three games
PR	2	Cortney Grixby*	5-9, 165, So.....Dangerous return man who played quarterback at Omaha's Central High School; 12 punt returns in 2005
	83	Terrence Nunn*	6-0, 185, So.....Ranks second nationally averaging 30.4 yards per punt return; 62-yard returns vs. Maine and Pitt are longest by NU in three seasons
H	37	Sam Koch**	6-1, 225, Sr.Senior punter 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
- ▶ NU's Second-Leading Tackler (20)

2005

Strong safety Daniel Bullocks serves as the experienced leader of a Nebraska secondary that has helped the Husker defense rank tied for first nationally in scoring defense (5.33 ppg), third in passing efficiency (79.11) and ninth in total defense (232.0 ypg).

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 helped anchor a Nebraska defense that held Pittsburgh without a touchdown during NU's 7-6 win over the Panthers. He tallied six tackles, one of which went for a loss, and two pass breakups against Pitt.

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.

Pittsburgh—Bullocks made six tackles, and four solo stops, during the Huskers' tough defensive win against the Panthers. His performance featured one tackle-for-loss and his first two pass breakups of the season.

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

Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)		Fum.			QB Int.							
Year	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	3/3	12	8	20	3-7	0-0	1-1	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	39/24	99	64	163	11-31	1-12	4-3	0	14	7	9	0

Single-Game Bests:

- Tackles**—15 at Texas, 2003
- Solo Tackles**—10, at Texas, 2003
- Interceptions**—1, seven times
- Pass Breakups**—4, vs. Kansas, 2004
- Long Interception Return**—58 yards vs. 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	0-0	
WFU	7	6	13	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0-0	
Pitt	4	2	6	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	

All-America Candidate

#4—Cory Ross

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



- ▶ 2005 Doak Walker Award Watch List
- ▶ Second-Leading Big 12 Rusher (118.7 ypg)
- ▶ 17th in NU Career Rushing (2,217 yards)

2005

I-back Cory Ross has proven to be Nebraska's top offensive weapon in his second year as a starter and continues to move up NU's all-time rushing chart.

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.

He made another giant leap up the NU rushing charts with a 32-carry performance during the Huskers' 7-6 win over Pittsburgh. Ross ran for 153 yards against the Panthers to up his career yardage total to 2,217, which ranks 17th all-time at NU.

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.

Pittsburgh—Ross ground out a season-high 153 yards on 32 carries during the Huskers' win over Pitt. The number of attempts ranks second in his career, and only to his own school-record total of 37. Ross also added three catches for 23 yards.

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

Career Statistics

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
2001	Redshirted								
2002	12/1	35	188	4	184	5.3	15.3	34 vs. ASU	2
2003	13/3	130	596	21	575	4.4	44.2	23 vs. CU	4
2004	11/11	207	1,141	39	1,102	5.3	100.2	86 vs. MU	6
2005	3/3	72	381	25	356	4.9	118.7	57 vs. WFU	1
Totals	39/18	444	2,306	89	2,217	4.99	56.8	86 vs. MU	13

Receiving: 29-337-2 total; 5-39-0 in 2002; 2-36-0 in 2003; 21-262-2 in 2004; 6-30-0 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
Pitt	32	153	4.8	19	0	3	23	0	10

All-America Candidate

All-Big 12 Candidate

#37—Sam Koch

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



- ▶ Ranks Second in Big 12 and Seventh Nationally in Punting Average (44.75 ypg)
- ▶ Big 12 Special Teams Player of Week (9/19)

2005

Senior punter Sam Koch has been a catalyst behind Nebraska's improved special teams in 2005. His current punting average of 44.75 would rank fourth in school history, while he owns three of the nation's seven punts of 70 yards or more this season.

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 then-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 midway through the fourth quarter to pin the Demon Deacons at their own eight-yard line.

The Seward, Neb., native followed up his big game against the Deacons with an even greater performance during NU's 7-6 win over Pittsburgh. Koch stuck five of his eight punts inside the Panthers' 20-yard line, while he booted a career-long 84-yard kick, the second-longest punt in school history, during the third quarter. He also kicked two others over 50 yards. The 84-yard punt is the longest in Big 12 history (since 1996), and Koch became only the second punter in school history with three kicks over 70 yards, joining current Cincinnati Bengals punter Kyle Larson.

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.

Pitt—Koch continued his excellent season by averaging 46.0 yards on eight punts, including a career-best-tying five of which landed inside the Panther 20-yard line. He also boomed three attempts over 50 yards, including one that traveled 84 yards.

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.	120	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	3/3	20	895	44.8	11	84 vs. Pitt
Totals	21/14	83	3,495	42.1	38	84 vs. Pitt

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—84 vs. Pitt, 2005

Number of Career Punts of 50-Plus Yards—18; 13 in 2004, 5 in 2005

Most Punts Downed Inside 20-Yard Line—5, vs. Missouri, 2004; vs. Pitt, 2005

2005 Game-by-Game

Game	No.	Avg.	Lg	120
Maine	4	46.8	70	2
WFU	8	42.5	76	4
Pitt	8	46.0	84	5

#34—Stewart Bradley

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



- ▶ NU's Leading Returning Tackler (67)

2005

Junior SAM linebacker Stewart Bradley has emerged as a leading performer among a talented Nebraska linebacking corps. The second-year starter has been an anchor for a defense tied for first nationally in scoring defense (5.33 ppg), third in passing efficiency (79.11) and ninth in total defense (232.0 ypg).

Bradley 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.

The Salt Lake City native 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.

He played a big role in keeping Pittsburgh's offense out of the end zone with seven tackles during NU's 7-6 win over the Panthers. Bradley made one tackle-for-loss among his seven stops.

Bradley Game-by-Game in 2005

Maine—Bradley registered his first two career sacks among three tackles-for-loss in the 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.

Pittsburgh—Bradley made seven tackles, and two solo stops, during NU's tough defensive win against the Panthers. He also notched one tackle-for-loss.

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

Career Statistics

Year	Defense G/S	Tackles					Fum.			QB Int.		
		UT	AT	TI	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	Csd.
2002		Redshirted										
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	3/3	5	10	15	4-18	2-16	0-0	0	0	1	3	0
Totals	27/13	47	41	88	18-48	2-16	0-0	0	2	1	12	0

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	TI	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
Pitt	2	5	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

All-Big 12 Candidate

All-Big 12 Candidate

#90—Adam Carriker

- ▶ Defensive End, Jr., 6-6, 280
- ▶ Kennewick, Wash.



#66—Le Kevin Smith

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



- ▶ ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game (Pitt)
- ▶ Nebraska Leader in Sacks (5) and TFL (7)

- ▶ 2004 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12

2005

Defensive end Adam Carriker is one of the primary forces behind Nebraska's dominant front four this fall. Following two injury-plagued seasons, he has returned healthy to a Husker defense that ranks tied for first nationally in scoring defense (5.33 ppg), third in passing efficiency defense (79.11) and ninth in total defense (232.0 ypg).

2005

Defensive tackle Le Kevin Smith has been one of the major reasons behind Nebraska's defensive rebound in 2005. He ranks among the leaders in sacks (tie-fourth), tackles-for-loss (tie-fifth) and quarterback hurries (tie-second) for a defense ranked tied for first among Division I-A teams in scoring defense (5.33 ppg). A three-year starter for NU's Blackshirt defense, Smith has made 26 consecutive starts.

The Kennewick, Wash., native began his junior season by notching two of the Huskers' school-record tying 11 sacks in the team's 25-7 win over Maine. Carriker made four solo tackles and one quarterback hurry in one of his finest efforts at NU.

The Macon, Ga., native recorded a career-best two sacks in Nebraska's 2005 season-opening 25-7 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.

Carriker added another sack in Nebraska's next win, a 31-3 decision over Wake Forest. He also notched an assisted tackle while registering his first career pass breakup during the victory.

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.

Carriker recorded the finest game of his career during the Huskers' 7-6 win over Pittsburgh. He proved to be a disruptive force all game against the Panthers, tallying a career-best four tackles-for-loss and two sacks of Pitt quarterback Tyler Palko. He made seven stops from his base end position and added one quarterback hurry and a pass breakup. Carriker earned ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game honors for his efforts.

Smith Game-by-Game in 2005

Carriker 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.

Maine—Carriker was one of three Huskers to collect a pair of sacks in NU's season opener. He made four solo tackles and added a quarterback hurry.

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

Wake Forest—Carriker notched a sack as one of his two tackles against the Demon Deacons. He also added a pass breakup.

Pittsburgh—Smith made one unassisted tackle and added a quarterback hurry during the Huskers' tough defensive win.

Pittsburgh—Carriker earned ABC/Chevrolet Player of the Game honors after registering four tackles-for-loss against the Panthers for 26 yards. He made seven total tackles during his finest game in an NU uniform, which included two sacks, one pass breakup and a quarterback hurry.

For more on Le Kevin Smith, please see page 93 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

For more on Adam Carriker, please see page 84 in the 2005 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Career Statistics

Career Statistics

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
2002	Redshirt											
2003	9/0	2	1	3	1-9	1-9	0-0	0	0	0	3	0
2004	10/8	19	17	36	7-23	3-18	0-0	0	0	0	7	0
2005	3/3	9	4	13	7-53	5-48	0-0	0	2	0	2	0
Totals	22/11	30	22	52	15-85	9-75	0-0	0	2	0	12	0

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	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	3/3	5	2	7	3-14	2-12	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	40/25	59	77	136	26-72	5.5-32	0-1	0	2	0	15	1

2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Michigan St.: Tackles, none

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

Single-Game Bests:

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

Tackles—9 at Kansas State, 2004

Single-Game Bests:

Solo Tackles—4, vs. Maine, vs. Pittsburgh, 2004

Tackles—10 at Missouri, 2003

Tackles for Loss—4-26 vs. Pittsburgh, 2005

Solo Tackles—7 at Missouri, 2003

Sacks—2, vs. Western Illinois, 2004; vs. Maine, vs. Pittsburgh, 2005

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

QB Hurries—4 vs. Missouri, 2004

Sacks—2 vs. Maine, 2005

Passes Broken Up—1, vs. Wake Forest, vs. Pittsburgh 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

2005 Game-by-Game

Game	Tackles			Sacks		Fumbles		QBH	INT
	UT	AT	TT	TFL	No.-Yds	FF-FR	PBU		
Maine	4	0	4	2-13	2-13	0-0	0	1	0-0
WFU	1	1	2	1-14	1-14	0-0	1	0	0-0
Pitt	4	3	7	4-26	2-21	0-0	1	1	0-0

Game	Tackles			Sacks		Fumbles		QBH	INT
	UT	AT	TT	TFL	No.-Yds	FF-FR	PBU		
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
Pitt	1	0	1	0-0	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 as Nebraska's starting signal caller in 2005.

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 County 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 scored the game-winning touchdown on a 10-yard bootleg run early in the second quarter of the Husker's 7-6 win over Pittsburgh. He went on to complete 10-of-20 passes for 93 yards and no interceptions against the Panthers.

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.

Pittsburgh—Taylor scored the game-winning touchdown on a 10-yard bootleg run in the second quarter of NU's tough defensive victory. Through the air, he completed 10-of-20 passes for 93 yards.

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	3/3	89	39	3	.438	399	4.5	133.0	73	1	78.44
Totals	3/3	89	39	3	.438	399	4.5	133.0	73	1	78.44

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—10 yards (touchdown) vs. Pitt, 2005

Rushing Touchdowns—1 vs. Pitt, 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
Pitt	20-10-0	93	.500	0	7	-11	1	27	82	1