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► Huskers-Demon Deacons Briefly

Date: Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005 **Time:** 6:10 p.m. **Site:** Lincoln, Neb.
Stadium: Memorial Stadium **Field:** Tom Osborne Field **Surface:** FieldTurf (2005)
Capacity: 73,918 (270th Consecutive Sellout)
Nebraska Radio: (Jim Rose—Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala—Analyst; Randy Lee—Booth; Matt Davison—Sideline)
55-station Pinnacle Sports Network
TV: TBS National (Ron Thulin—Play-by-Play; Charles Davis—Color; Craig Sager—Sidelines)
Internet: Live Radio on Huskers.com **Satellite Radio:** Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 125
Special Presentation: Jake Young Memorial Scholarship Presented to Kurt Mann

This Week in Husker Football

Monday, Sept. 5

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

Tuesday, Sept. 6

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. 7

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

Thursday, Sept. 8

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

6:05 p.m. Radio Show (Jay Norvell)

Friday, Sept. 9

6:50 a.m. Big Red Breakfast (Kevin Cosgrove)

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

Saturday, Sept. 10

6:10 p.m. Kickoff vs. Wake Forest (TBS)

Huskers Set for Second Straight Week Under Memorial Stadium Lights

Nebraska will play host to a primetime contest at Memorial Stadium for a second consecutive week, taking on Wake Forest in a 6:10 p.m. contest in Lincoln on Saturday night. The Huskers were successful in their season opener, using a stout defensive effort to post a 25-7 victory over Maine, marking Nebraska's 20th consecutive victory in a season opener.

Wake Forest will come to Lincoln with an 0-1 record, after dropping its season opener against Vanderbilt, 24-20, last Thursday in Winston-Salem, N.C. Despite the setback, the Demon Deacons showed their offensive ability in the contest, rolling up 472 yards of total offense behind a powerful rushing attack. The close loss in the season opener has a flashback to the 2004 campaign for Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons finished the season with a 4-7 record, but six of their seven losses were by a touchdown or less, including two overtime setbacks.

The Huskers relied on an outstanding effort by the Blackshirts and a strong punt return game to offset five turnovers in their season-opening victory over Maine. The Husker defense limited Maine to minus-six yards rushing on the strength of a school-record 11 sacks that totaled 69 yards in losses. In the punt return game, Nebraska returned 10 punts for 198 yards, a total that bettered Nebraska's punt return yardage for the entire 2004 season.

The matchup with Wake Forest will be the second meeting between the two schools, and a rare matchup for Nebraska with the Atlantic Coast Conference. The last time Nebraska played a regular-season game against a member of the ACC at game time was a 1973 matchup with North Carolina State.

Saturday night's contest will be nationally televised by TBS, with kickoff set for 6:10 p.m.

Blackshirt Barrage Buries Maine Offense

Nebraska battled its way to the Huskers' 20th consecutive season-opening victory in front of the NCAA-record 269th consecutive sellout at Memorial Stadium with a 25-7 win over Maine on Saturday night. In a game that featured one of the top-five receiving performances in Nebraska history, the Nebraska Blackshirt defense and Husker special teams stole the show in a hard-fought team victory.

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	6:10 p.m.	TBS	NU, 1-0	NU 36-12, 1970 (Lincoln)/First regular season game vs. ACC foe since 1973
Sat.	Sept. 17	Pittsburgh	2:30 p.m.	ABC	Pitt, 15-5-3	NU 24-17, 2004 (Pittsburgh)/First matchup in Lincoln since 1958 NU win
Sat.	Oct. 1	Iowa State#	TBA		NU, 81-16-2	ISU, 34-27, 2004 (Ames)/NU has won 13 straight in Lincoln; 100th meeting in '05
Sat.	Oct. 8	Texas Tech#	TBA		NU, 7-1	TT, 70-10, 2004 (Lubbock)/NU averages 21-point margin of victory in three Lincoln wins
Sat.	Oct. 15	at Baylor#	TBA		NU, 8-1	NU, 59-27, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers have scored 48 or more points in last five meetings
Sat.	Oct. 22	at Missouri#	TBA		NU, 62-33-3	NU, 24-3, 2004 (Lincoln)/NU has held Mizzou to 13 points or fewer in 7 of past 10 games
Sat.	Oct. 29	Oklahoma#	TBA		OU, 41-37-3	OU, 30-3, 2004 (Norman)/NU winner of six straight over OU at Memorial Stadium
Sat.	Nov. 5	at Kansas#	TBA		NU, 87-21-3	NU, 14-8, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers have won 36 straight over KU since 1968
Sat.	Nov. 12	Kansas State#	TBA		NU, 72-15-2	KSU, 45-21, 2004 (Manhattan)/Winner has scored at least 29 points in last 10 games
Fri.	Nov. 25	at Colorado#	2:30 p.m.	ABC	NU, 44-17-2	CU, 26-20, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers 5-1-1 in last seven meetings in Boulder

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

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Huskers.com**Weekly Football Press Conference**

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

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

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

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

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.

Nebraska's Blackshirt defense, which featured four first-time starters, surrendered only a 52-yard scoring pass with just under 12 minutes left in the game to end the Huskers' hopes for a shutout. The Blackshirts' assault on the Black Bear offense included a school-record tying 18 tackles for loss, including a school-record tying 11 sacks.

First-time starter MIKE linebacker Corey McKeon, recorded three tackles for loss among his team-leading 10 tackles, while returning starters Le Kevin Smith, Stewart Bradley and Adam Carriker each posted two sacks. Sophomore linebacker Bo Ruud also made a major impact in the game. Ruud recovered a fumble early in the fourth quarter and picked off a Ron Whitcomb pass and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown to seal the Husker victory with 9:58 left in the game.

While the defense shut down Maine for most of the night, the Husker special teams shined to help the offense. Sophomore Terrence Nunn ripped off a pair of long punt returns with sprints of 62 and 45 yards to help the Huskers find the scoreboard in the first half. He finished the night with four returns for 135 yards. Courtney Grixby added five returns for 61 yards to push NU's team punt return total to 198 yards on the night, just 10 yards shy of the school record team punt return total. In 2004, Nebraska's punt return team managed just 181 yards on 31 returns for the entire season.

Junior quarterback Zac Taylor completed 15-of-36 passes for 192 yards, including seven catches for 152 yards by sophomore wide receiver Frantz Hardy, his former Butler County (Kan.) Community College teammate. Hardy's 152 receiving yards ranked as the fourth-highest total in school history and marked the highest single-game receiving effort since Matt Davison set the school record with 167 yards against Texas A&M in 1998.

Despite a big opening night from Hardy, the Husker offense was hampered by five turnovers and Maine's defense was successful in keeping the Huskers out of the end zone for most of the night. Nebraska received four field goals from true freshman Jordan Congdon and a one-yard scoring plunge from senior I-back Cory Ross to produce the final margin. Ross finished the night with 20 carries for 80 yards.

After playing a scoreless opening 24 minutes against the Black Bears, Congdon, who tied the school freshman record with four field goals, finally put the Huskers on the board with a 23-yard field goal with 5:21 remaining in the first half. Nebraska's opening score of the 2005 season was set up by a 73-yard pass from Taylor to Hardy. Nunn's 62-yard punt return to the Maine 1 set up Ross' scoring run and gave NU a 9-0 advantage heading to the locker room. Congdon added two third-quarter field goals to give Nebraska a 15-point advantage before the Black Bears' threw a scare into Nebraska with a 52-yard scoring play early in the fourth. However, Ruud's interception for a touchdown ended any hopes of an upset and secured the Nebraska victory.

Noting Game One...Nebraska 25, Maine 7

► The win over Maine marked the Huskers' 20th-straight win in a season opener, dating back to a 17-13 loss to Florida State in 1985. Since that loss, the Huskers have won each of the last 20 season openers by 10 points or more.

► Nebraska finished with a school-record 11 sacks for 69 yards in losses, tying the mark set against Oregon State on Sept. 30, 1989.

► Nebraska's 18 tackles for loss matched the Huskers' total from a 17-3 homecoming victory over Iowa State on Nov. 8, 1969.

► Eight Huskers made their first career starts. 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.

► Among the Huskers making their debuts on Saturday night were nine true freshmen, including 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**.

► The 73-yard pass play from **Zac Taylor** to **Frantz Hardy** in the second quarter was the longest pass play for Nebraska since a 74-yard pass from Joe Dailey to Cory Ross in last year's win over Baylor.

► Hardy had seven receptions for 152 yards against Maine, including five for 134 yards before halftime. Hardy's 152 receiving yards were the fourth-most in school history, the most by a Husker in seven seasons, the most ever by a Husker in his first game in a Nebraska uniform and the most ever by an NU player in a season opener.

► Sophomore **Terrence Nunn** had a 62-yard punt return on the first punt return attempt of his career, which marked 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 nearly doubled Nebraska's team leader from 2004, Santino Panico, who finished the season with 68 punt return yards.

NU-Maine Stat Wrap

Team Stats	UM	NU
First Downs	10	17
Rushes-Yards	37-(-6)	42-121
Passes	36-16-1	36-15-2
Passing Yards	151	192
Total Offense	145	313
Turnovers	2	5
Penalties	7-55	0-0
Sacks	2-5	11-69

NU Rushing Leaders

Cory Ross—20 carries, 80 yards, 1 TD
Marlon Lucky—13 carries, 44 yards

NU Passing Leader

Zac Taylor—36-15-2, 192 yards

NU Receiving Leader

Frantz Hardy—7 receptions, 152 yards

NU Defensive Leaders

Corey McKeon—10 tackles, 3 TFL, 1 FF
Stewart Bradley—6 tackles, 3 TFL, 2 sacks
Bo Ruud—5 tackles, INT for TD, 1 TFL, 1 FF
1 PBU, 1 QB Hurry

NU Special Teams Leaders

Terrence Nunn—4 punt returns, 135 yards
Courtney Grixby—5 punt returns, 61 yards

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2005 Big 12 Standings

North Division

Team	Records		
	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Colorado	1-0	0-0	vs. New Mexico St. 9/10
Iowa State	1-0	0-0	vs. Iowa 9/10
Kansas	1-0	0-0	vs. Appalachian St. 9/10
Kansas State	1-0	0-0	at Marshall 9/10
Missouri	1-0	0-0	vs. New Mexico 9/10
Nebraska	1-0	0-0	vs. Wake Forest 9/10

South Division

Baylor	1-0	0-0	vs. Samford 9/10
Oklahoma St.	1-0	0-0	at Florida Atlantic 9/8
Texas	1-0	0-0	at Ohio State 9/10
Texas Tech	0-0	0-0	vs. Fla. International 9/10
Oklahoma	0-1	0-0	vs. Tulsa 9/10
Texas A&M	0-1	0-0	vs. SMU 9/17

2005 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Maine	0-1, vs. William Penn 9/10
Wake Forest	0-1, at Nebraska 9/10
Pittsburgh	0-1, at Ohio 9/9

Last Week's Opponent/Big 12 Results

Nebraska 25, Maine 7
 Vanderbilt 24, Wake Forest 20
 Notre Dame 42, Pittsburgh 21
 Iowa State 32, Illinois State 21
 Baylor 28, SMU 21
 Missouri 44, Arkansas State 17
 TCU 17, Oklahoma 10
 Kansas 30, Florida Atlantic 19
 Kansas State 35, Florida International 21
 Colorado 31, Colorado State 28
 Texas 60, Louisiana-Lafayette 3
 Oklahoma State 15, Montana State 10
 Clemson 25, Texas A&M 24

2005 Wake Forest Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
9/1	Vanderbilt	L, 20-24
9/10	at Nebraska	
9/17	East Carolina	
9/24	Maryland	
10/1	Clemson	
10/8	at Florida State	
10/15	at Boston College	
10/22	NC State	
10/29	at Duke	
11/5	at Georgia Tech	
11/19	Miami	

Nebraska-Wake Forest Ties

► Nebraska has one player from the state of North Carolina, senior wide receiver Shamus McKoy (Raleigh, N.C./Enloe HS). Wake Forest has one player on its roster from the Cornhusker state, freshman offensive lineman Boomer Peterson (Lincoln, Neb./Southeast HS). Nebraska assistant coach Randy Jordan also hails from the Tar Heel state, as he was born and raised in Manson, N.C., north of Durham.

► Husker legend Paul Amen coached at Wake Forest for four years (1956 to 1959) and was named the ACC Coach of the Year in 1956 and 1959. Amen, who also coached at Army, had a record of 11-26-3 and had 10 players selected in the NFL Draft. Amen left Nebraska tied for second in school history with nine varsity letters. He lettered three times in football, basketball and baseball, and went on to play on the U.S. baseball team in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. Amen passed away on June 4, 2005.

► Nebraska senior captain Daniel Bullocks and Wake Forest senior linebacker Jason Pratt both hail from Tennessee and competed together at Hixson High School.

Scouting the Wake Forest Demon Deacons



Nebraska returns to Memorial Stadium for the second of five straight home games to open the season when it takes on an unfamiliar foe in the Wake Forest Demon Deacons. While the Huskers hope to improve to 2-0 following a solid 25-7 victory over Maine last weekend, WFU enters the matchup searching for its first win of the year.

The Demon Deacons opened the season with a 24-20 loss to Vanderbilt on Sept. 1. The four-point loss was probably tough to swallow because it was so similar to several games last year. Six of the Demon Deacons' seven losses in 2004 were by a touchdown or less, including two in overtime.

Despite coming up on the short end of the final score against Vanderbilt, Wake Forest found several signs of good things to come this season. WFU was solid on offense as it rolled up 472 yards of total offense, including amassing 274 yards on the ground. Running back Micah Andrews had the second-best opening weekend total in the nation this season as he posted 254 rushing yards while starting in place of two-time All-ACC performer Chris Barclay, who was suspended for the first game of the season. Barclay has rushed for more than 1,000 yards in each of the past two seasons.

Along with Downs, sophomore quarterback Benjamin Mauck added 198 yards through the air, but the Demon Deacons were doomed by small miscues, including a fumble inside the 5-yard line. Mauck's favorite target against the Commodores was Chris Davis, who had a team-best six catches for 45 yards.

Defensively, the Demon Deacons allowed 276 yards through the air and 422 yards of total offense. Vanderbilt quarterback Jay Cutler sliced the WFU secondary, completing 25-of-36 pass attempts including a 20-yard touchdown in the second quarter to give Vandy a 10-7 halftime lead.

Cornerback Kevin Patterson led the Demon Deacon defense by recording nine tackles with one breakup while free safety Josh Gattis had seven tackles and an interception. Cornerback Alphonso Smith added six tackles and three pass breakups. Sophomore linebacker Jon Abbate, who had just three tackles in the season opener, led Wake Forest with 101 tackles as a rookie last year.

Wake Forest Coach Jim Grobe

Coach Jim Grobe is in his fifth season guiding the Demon Deacon program where he owns a 22-26 career record. No coach in WFU history has had more wins in his first four seasons on the Demon Deacon sideline than Grobe. Eighteen players have earned All-ACC accolades in the past four seasons under Grobe's guidance.

Overall, Grobe has been a head coach for 10 years while compiling a 55-59-1 career record. He spent six seasons as head coach at Ohio following an assistant coaching career that spanned 17 years between Air Force, Marshall and Emory & Henry.

A native of Huntington, W. Va., Grobe has helped his teams to eight bowl games, including five victories, while on the sideline as an assistant coach (7) and head coach (1). His teams have won at least six games five times, and he was named the Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year in 1996.

Nebraska-Wake Forest Series...Second Meeting, NU leads 1-0

The Huskers and Demon Deacons have a limited knowledge of each other as the teams have met just once before more than 30 years ago. The only other meeting between the teams came in a 1970 Husker victory, 36-12, in the team's season opener. The following week, Nebraska tied USC, 21-21, before reeling off 10 straight victories to earn the program's first national championship.

In the only other meeting, Wake Forest led 3-0 in the first quarter, but managed just a safety until a late touchdown when the game was out of hand. Despite the thorough defeat, the Demon Deacons came back to win the ACC title with a 5-1 conference record. WFU was 6-5 overall on the year.

Nebraska-Wake Forest Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (1-0, 0-0 Big 12)			Wake Forest (0-1, 0-0 Atlantic Coast)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	ACC	Natl.
Rushing Offense	121.0	8th	54th	274.0	1st	11th
Passing Offense	192.0	5th	63rd	198.0	5th	61st
Total Offense	313.0	10th	72nd	472.0	1st	18th
Scoring Offense	25.0	8th	43rd	20.0	6th	t-59th
Rushing Defense	(-6.0)	1st	2nd	146.0	5th	51st
Pass Defense	151.0	2nd	17th	276.0	5th	67th
Pass Efficiency Defense	83.24	2nd	8th	137.41	6th	56th
Total Defense	145.0	1st	4th	422.0	7th	64th
Scoring Defense	7.0	2nd	7th	24.0	5th	t-50th
Net Punting	41.8	4th	8th	33.8	4th	54th
Punt Returns	19.8	2nd	19th	0.00	7th	74th
Kickoff Returns	43.0	1st	3rd	13.4	7th	84th
Turnover Margin	(-3.0)	11th	84th	0.0	3rd	37th

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	1-0	1.000	
Totals	6-6	.500	

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	6-6
vs. AP Ranked Teams	0-1
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	0-1
vs. Unranked Teams	6-5
vs. Big 12 Teams	3-5
When Rushing for 200 or more yards	2-2
When Rushing for 300 or more yards	1-0
When passing for 200 or more yards	2-3
When passing for 300 or more yards	1-1
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	3-3
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	3-0
When Nebraska scores first	4-0
When Nebraska leads at halftime	6-0
When Nebraska trails at halftime	0-6
When Nebraska is tied at halftime	0-0
Record in games decided by 11 points or more	4-3
Record in games decided by 10 or less	2-3
Record in games decided by 7 or less	2-3
Record in games decided by 3 or less	0-0

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 270 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium (includes Wake Forest)
- ▶ 787 all-time victories—third in NCAA
- ▶ 42 all-time bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 117-10 home record in last 18 seasons (since 1986)

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 113 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (221-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 114 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 235 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan

Coach **Bill Callahan** (Illinois Benedictine, 1978) is in his second season as the head coach of the Nebraska football program and owns a 6-6 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 NIAA 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 Nebraska coaching staff features four coaches who have either played or coached in the Super Bowl. Callahan and Norvell coached in Super Bowl XXXVII with Oakland, and running backs coach Randy Jordan was a player on that team. John Blake was part of the Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl championship teams in both 1993 and 1995.

▶ In addition to the NFL success of the coaches, Callahan's staff has a history of winning championships at the collegiate level. Members of the Nebraska coaching staff have been part of teams that have captured league titles in each of the following conferences—Atlantic Coast, Big 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.

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.

NU Shines Under Memorial Stadium Lights

The Huskers have a stellar record in night games on their home field, posting a 21-2 all-time record in home night contests at Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska has regularly dominated the opposition under the Memorial Stadium lights, posting 16 of its 21 home night victories by 17 points or more. In 23 home night games, Nebraska has outscored the opposition by an average score of 37.8-14.0, with the only two losses to No. 4 Washington in 1991 and seventh-ranked Texas in 2002.

NU Home Night Games (21-2)

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

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.

Huskers, Demon Deacons in NCAA Rankings

Nebraska

Team

Rushing Defense, -6.0 ypg (2nd)
 Pass Efficiency Defense, 83.24 (8th)
 Total Defense, 145.0 ypg (4th)
 Scoring Defense, 7.0 ppg (7th)
 Net Punting, 41.75 ypp (8th)
 Punt Returns, 19.8 ypr (12th)
 Kickoff Returns, 43.0 ypr (3rd)
 Pass Defense, 151.0 ypg (17th)

Individual

Frantz Hardy, Receiving Yards Per Game, 152.0 ypg (5th)
 Bo Ruud, Interceptions, 1.0 pg (4th)
 Sam Koch, Punting, 46.8 ypp (4th)
 Terrence Nunn, Punt Returns, 33.8 ypr (2nd)
 Courtney Grixby, Punt Returns, 12.2 ypr (23rd)
 Jordan Congdon, Field Goals, 4.0 pg (3rd)
 Jordan Congdon, Scoring, 13.0 ppg (13th)

Wake Forest

Team

Rushing Offense, 274.0 ypg (11th)
 Total Offense, 472.0 ypg (18th)

Individual

Michah Andrews, Rushing, 254.0 ypg (2nd)
 Josh Gattis, Interceptions, 1.0 pg (4th)
 Sam Swank, Field Goals, 2.0 pg (10th)
 Micah Andrews, All-Purpose Runners, 287.0 ypg (2nd)

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▶ As a team, Nebraska had 10 punt returns for 198 yards vs. Maine. In addition to Nunn's 135 yards, sophomore **Courtney Grixby** had five returns for 61 yards. By comparison, Nebraska had 31 punt return attempts for a total of 181 yards all of last season.

▶ **Tierre Green's** 43-yard return to open the second half was a career-long return.

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

▶ The 27-yard interception return for a touchdown by **Bo Ruud** was his first career interception and touchdown. Ruud's touchdown was Nebraska's first interception for a touchdown since the Huskers returned two interceptions for a touchdown against Texas A&M on Oct. 18, 2003. Titus Adams and Bo's brother, Barrett, returned interceptions for touchdowns in the 48-12 win over the Aggies.

▶ Bo Ruud also recovered a fumble and finished the game with five tackles, including a shared sack, and also had a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry.

▶ Nebraska limited Maine to minus-6 yards rushing, marking the 14th-best mark in school history and the fewest since holding Troy State to minus-25 on Sept. 1, 2001. It also marked the second straight season Nebraska has allowed negative rushing yards in the season opener.

▶ Three Huskers had their first career receptions against Maine, including Hardy, redshirt freshman tight end **Clayton Sievers** and sophomore tight end **J.B. Phillips**.

▶ Senior I-back **Cory Ross** rushed 20 times for 80 yards and a touchdown, pushing his career rushing total to 1,941 yards.

▶ Nebraska finished the game without a penalty, marking the first time Nebraska had not been flagged since an Oct. 18, 1997 game against Texas Tech.

▶ The scoreless first quarter against Maine marked the first time the first quarter has been scoreless in any Nebraska game since NU and Penn State were scoreless after the first quarter of a 2002 game in Happy Valley. Penn State went on to win the game 40-7. The scoreless first quarter in a season opener was the first since a 0-0 tie after the first quarter in the 1999 opener at Iowa. Nebraska led 7-0 at the half vs. the Hawkeyes en route to a 42-7 win.

Season-Opening Homestand Continues Against Wake Forest

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

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

▶ The 2005 campaign marks the first time Nebraska has had five straight home games to open the season since 1975, when NU won its first five games at home en route to a 10-0 start. The only other times in school history Nebraska has opened with five straight home games were in 1906 and 1918.

▶ Nebraska has opened the season with four straight home games 10 times in school history, most recently in 2001.

▶ The last time Nebraska played five consecutive home games at any point in the season was in 1995. After opening the year with two straight road games, Nebraska played games three through seven at Memorial Stadium, winning all five on its way to a second straight national championship.

Husker QB Taylor to See Familiar Faces on Saturday

Nebraska junior quarterback **Zac Taylor** may be a little confused when he first takes the field on Saturday. Taylor joined the Husker program in January after one season at Butler County Community College in El Dorado, Kan.

However, the Norman, Okla., native began his college career far from Lincoln, playing two seasons at Wake Forest for Coach Jim Grobe. Taylor redshirted in his first season with the Demon Deacons in 2002, and was part of a team that played in the 2002 Seattle Bowl and finished with a 7-5 record.

In 2003, Taylor served as Wake's backup quarterback, and appeared in three games (Florida State, Clemson and Connecticut). He completed his only pass attempt as a Demon Deacon against UConn, with the play covering three yards.

Among the former teammates Taylor will see on Saturday night is Wake Forest sophomore tight end Zac Selmon. The two were teammates in 2003 at Wake Forest, but were also high school teammates at Norman High, where Selmon was a two-year starter at both tight end and defensive end. Selmon is the son of former Oklahoma great Dewey Selmon.

Taylor got a lot more work than he saw at Wake in his Nebraska debut on Saturday against Maine, completing 15-of-36 passes for 192 yards in Nebraska's 25-7 victory. He and Butler County CC teammate Frantz Hardy continued to click, as Hardy hauled in seven passes for 152 yards, the most-ever by a Husker player in his NU debut.

Zac Taylor Game-by-Game

Opponent	Passing	Passing Yards	TD	Long Pass
Maine	36-15-2	192	0	73 to Frantz Hardy



Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
Maine	Hardy	Ruud	Congdon
Wake			
Pitt			
Iowa St.			
Tech			
Baylor			
Mizzou			
Oklahoma			
Kansas			
K-State			
Colorado			

Bold indicates winner

NU Schedule Features Five 2004 Bowl Teams

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

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

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

Charting the Husker Offense

Coach Bill Callahan's Husker offense featured outstanding balance in 2004, and Nebraska should possess similar ability this fall. In the opener, Nebraska had 42 rushing attempts and 36 pass attempts, and finished the game with 121 yards rushing and 192 through the air.

Opp.	Rush Att.	Rush Yds.	Pass Att.	Pass Yds.	TD
Maine	42	121	36	192	5

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

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.

Huskers-ACC Unfamiliar Opponents

Nebraska's matchup with Wake Forest is a rare contest for the Huskers against a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Huskers have not played a regular-season game against a team that was a member of the ACC at game time since a 31-14 victory over North Carolina State in 1973. Before that matchup, Nebraska's previous matchup with an ACC foe was a 36-12 victory over Wake in the 1970 season opener, the only previous meeting between the two schools.

The Huskers have had numerous battles with current ACC members Florida State and Miami since 1973. However, all of the matchups with Miami were before the Hurricanes joined the Atlantic Coast Conference for the 2004 season. Of the eight meetings with Florida State, the four regular-season meetings (1980, 1981, 1985, 1986) were before the 'Noles joined the ACC. Two of the four bowl matchups came after FSU joined the ACC.

Nebraska owns a 12-14 all-time record against current members of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Of those games, only three previous contests were regular-season matchups against members of the ACC at game time (N.C. State, 1962, 1973; Wake Forest, 1970).

Nebraska vs. ACC

Team	Record	Last Meeting
Clemson	0-1	1981*
Duke	0-1	1954*
Florida State	2-6	1993
Georgia Tech	0-1	1990*
Miami	5-5	2001
North Carolina	1-0	1977*
N.C. State	2-0	1973
Virginia Tech	1-0	1996*
Wake Forest	1-0	1970

Overall 12-14

*-Only meeting was in a bowl game.

Husker Defensive Front to Face Tough Test vs. Demon Deacons

Nebraska coaches have talked throughout the preseason about the Husker defensive front being the strength of the 2005 team. Nebraska returned five Blackshirts on the defensive line and had an influx of young talent that has provided added depth up front. The front four had a dominant debut against Maine, holding the Black Bears to negative rushing yards, while providing the lead role on school-record tying sack (11) and tackle for loss (18) totals.

The Blackshirt front should face a formidable early-season task this Saturday night against Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons opened the season with 274 yards rushing and 472 yards of total offense in a 24-20 loss against Vanderbilt on Thursday evening. Wake's rushing attack did not miss a beat against Vanderbilt, despite being without two-time All-ACC tailback Chris Barclay. His replacement, junior Micah Andrews, rolled for 254 yards rushing on 34 carries. A year ago, Wake Forest was second in the ACC and finished 17th nationally in rushing offense, averaging 206.1 yards per game.

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, but game one did not provide the results the Huskers had hoped for. The Huskers overcame five turnovers, including two inside the 5-yard-line in a 25-7 victory over Maine last Saturday.

Senior I-Back Ross Poised for Another Big Season

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

Ross had a solid debut on Saturday night against Maine, rushing 20 times for 80 yards and crossing the goal line for the first time this season. The Denver native's one-yard TD plunge in the second quarter gave Nebraska a 9-0 advantage heading to the locker room.

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

- ▶ 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.

Cory Ross Game-by-Game in 2005

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Long
Maine	20	80	1	4.0	30

Charting the Husker Backs in 2005

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

Game	Ross	B. Jackson	Lucky	Total
Maine	20-80-1	6-18-0	13-44-0	39-142-1

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).

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

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.

► Ross is just 632 yards from reaching the top 10 on Nebraska's career rushing list, and if he were to match his 1,100-yard season from 2004, Ross would finish sixth on the Husker career charts.

► Ross needs just 59 yards against Wake Forest to become the 23rd Husker to reach 2,000 career rushing yards. He is just 15 yards from passing 1995 Heisman Trophy runner-up Tommie Frazier for the 25th spot on the career chart.

► 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.

Bullocks Leading Secondary in Senior Season

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

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

► Bullocks intercepted 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 144 tackles in his Nebraska career and needs 56 more tackles to become the third defensive back in school history to record 200 career tackles.

Huskers Feature Hardy Passing Attack in Opener

First-year Nebraska wide receiver **Frantz Hardy** made his Nebraska debut a memorable one on Saturday night. 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 and Taylor formed a solid combination at Butler County CC last season, as Taylor passed for nearly 3,000 yards and threw for 29 touchdowns. Hardy was a big part of that success, with 34 receptions for 820 yards and five touchdowns.

Nine True Freshmen Debut in Season Opener

Nebraska had an influx of young talent in its 2005 recruiting class and that was evident by looking at the field on Saturday night. Among the newcomers hitting the field against Maine were nine true freshmen, the most true freshmen ever to play in a season opener for the Huskers.

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

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

Lucky, Dillard and Turner also made their presence known against Maine. Lucky rushed 13 times for 44 yards; Dillard made a pair of tackles, including a TFL for two yards; and Turner had a pair of tackles, including a nine-yard sack and added a quarterback hurry.

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

Nebraska Career Rushing

Player, Years	Yards
1. Mike Rozier, 1981-83	4,780
2. Ahman Green, IB, 1995-97	3,880
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10. Jammal Lord, QB, 2000-03	2,573
11. Correll Buckhalter, IB, 1997-00	2,522
12. Keith Jones, IB, 1984-87	2,488
13. Dan Alexander, IB, 1997-00	2,456
14. Rick Berns, IB, 1976-78	2,449
15. Roger Craig, IB, 1979-82	2,446
16. Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969-71	2,244
17. Doug DuBose, IB, 1982-85	2,205
18. Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1950-52	2,196
19. Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1979-80	2,161
20. Tony Davis, IB/FB, 1973-75	2,153
21. Steve Taylor, QB, 1985-88	2,125
22. Monte Anthony, IB, 1974-77	2,077
23. Jeff Smith, IB, 1980-84	1,992
24. Joe Orduna, HB, 1967-70	1,968
25. Tommie Frazier, QB, 1992-95	1,955
26. Cory Ross, IB, 2002-present	1,941

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 106-8 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 473-127-20 (.779, 620 games, 116 years) in Lincoln, 348-104-13 (.762, 465 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 (235 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons.

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.

Kurt Mann to Be Presented with Jake Young Memorial Scholarship

Nebraska junior center **Kurt Mann** will be presented with the Jake Young Memorial Scholarship during pre-game ceremonies on Saturday night. Young, a Husker two-time All-American and academic All-American, was tragically killed in October, 2002, in a terrorist bomb attack in Bali.

The Jake Young Memorial Scholarship was made possible by generous donations from friends and family, Husker fans across the nation and by a generous donation from Lynn and Dana Roper. The Roper's were Young's Lincoln parents.

Mann has been a key part of Nebraska's offensive line each of the past two years, starting all 11 games last season at center, as well as this year's opener against Maine. Mann has also distinguished himself as one of Nebraska's top scholar-athletes. A native of Grand Island, Neb., Mann majors in mechanized systems management and owns a 3.97 cumulative grade-point average. He was a CoSIDA Academic All-District pick last season and is a strong contender for Academic All-America accolades as a junior. Mann is also a regular contributor in the community, and was named to the 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team.

Young is a former University of Nebraska All-American football player who was in Bali when a bomb attack killed nearly 200 people on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002. Young was in Bali competing in a final rugby tournament with his Hong Kong Football Club teammates prior to moving back to Kansas City after working for a law firm, Clifford Chance in Hong Kong, the last two years. Young was a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American for Coach Tom Osborne and the Huskers, earning four letters from 1986 to 1989. He graduated with a degree in finance in 1989. As a senior, Young was a Lombardi semifinalist and earned the coveted NCAA Today's Top Six Award.

NCAA Record Sellout Streak Continues

Including this week's matchup against Wake Forest, Nebraska now boasts an incredible NCAA-record 270 consecutive sellouts at Memorial Stadium. The sellout streak dates back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 179, 91 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 238-31 during the 269 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 150-15 at home since 1981. Eight of the losses in the span have come against teams that finished in the top eight of the final AP poll. With seven home games in 2005, Nebraska's record sellout streak is set to reach 275 by the end of the season.

Memorial Stadium Remains a Work in Progress

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

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

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

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

► The Nebraska Sideline Club made its debut last weekend. 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 UNL 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.

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 114 straight games.
- ▶ Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (235 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.

Husker Records Report

Category.....	Record
All-time	787-317-40
Home	473-127-20
Memorial Stadium	348-104-13
Since 1962.....	421-94-5
Away	314-189-20
Road (on campus).....	276-152-17
Neutral Sites (includes bowls).....	38-37-3
When Scoring 35+ Points.....	309-2
vs. Big 12 Teams.....	447-156-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	54-21
Home.....	31-5
Away.....	20-15
Neutral	3-1
Bowls	21-21
On ABC	76-35
On FieldTurf.....	38-8
At Night	58-20-3
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 269 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	238-31
vs. Ranked Teams	38-20

▶ 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 UNL's 2005 spring semester, 18 of 20 members of Nebraska's 2005 senior class had picked up their degrees.

▶ Nebraska Honored by AFCA for Football Graduation Rate

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

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

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

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

▶ Huskers Pace Big 12 in Academic Honors

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

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

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 787-317-40 all-time record in 1,144 games (.705) in 116 years of football. In the last 36-plus years, Nebraska's record is an impressive 353-76-5 for an .819 winning percentage in 434 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.

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. 5, 31 former Huskers were on NFL rosters.



Former Husker, Current NFL Team

Active Roster

Eric Johnson, Arizona Cardinals
Demorris 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
Toniou Fonoti, San Diego Chargers
Josh Brown, Seattle Seahawks
Grant Wistrom, Seattle Seahawks
DeJuan Groce, St. Louis Rams
Barrett Ruud, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Kyle Vanden Bosch, Tennessee Titans

Injured Reserve

Correll Buckhalter, Philadelphia Eagles
Carlos Polk, San Diego Chargers

Practice Squad

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

Huskers Come From Near and Far

Nebraska has a great history of attracting the top in-state high school talent to Lincoln. However, with a population base of just 1.7 million people, Nebraska has traditionally looked across the United States and beyond for recruits. The 2005 roster is no exception.

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

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

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), 27 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

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

A Look at the Numbers

Scoring Drives

Nebraska has produced five scoring drives this season, with two coming in five plays or less, including one one-play drive. Overall, the Huskers have scored one touchdown and kicked four field goals in their five scoring drives this season. NU has one rushing touchdown and no passing touchdowns. NU's 5 scoring drives (1 TDs, 4 FG) have covered a total of 171 yards in 36 plays in a total of 12:40, for an average scoring drive that has covered 34.2 yards in 7.2 plays and 2:32.

The Huskers' longest scoring drive in terms of yardage went 75 yards in just five plays and 1:27 against Maine. Nebraska put together a 11-play, 43-yard drive that took 4:46 against Maine, its second drive of 10-or-more plays this season. Nebraska's shortest drive covered one yard on one play and took just four seconds against the Black Bears.

Game	Scoring Drives			Time			
	Total	Avg.	Plays	Total	Avg.	5 or less	1-Play
Maine	5	12:40	2:32	36	7.2	2	1
Totals	5	12:40	2:32	36	7.2	2	1
Opponents	1	2:08	2:08	9	9.0	0	0

Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

The Huskers have produced seven plays that have covered 20 yards or more, including two long passes, one long run and four 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. Cory Ross sprinted 30 yards against the Black Bears for NU's longest run from scrimmage, while sophomore wide receiver Terrence Nunn contributed NU's longest punt return of the season with his 62-yarder against Maine. Sophomore cornerback Tierre Greene provided NU's longest kickoff return of the season with his 43-yard return against Maine. Sophomore linebacker Bo Ruud gave Nebraska a long interception return in game one with a 27-yard interception return for a touchdown.

The Huskers yielded four long plays to Maine, including one long pass, three long returns and no long rushes. Maine quarterback Ron Whitcomb connected with Kevin McMahan for an 52-yard touchdown, while Arel Gordon provided the longest return against the Huskers with his 22-yard kickoff return.

UM	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Return	Total	Rush	Pass	Return	Total
UM	1	2	4	7	0	1	3	4
Total	1	2	4	7	0	1	3	4

Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska converted 4-of-6 trips inside the Maine 20-yard line into scores, coming away with one touchdown (rushing) and three field goals. Two Husker drives stalled with turnovers. Maine did not reach the red zone against the Huskers, scoring only on a 52-yard touchdown pass.

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

Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

The Blackshirts forced two turnovers against Maine and converted the miscue into seven points on a Bo Ruud interception return for a score.

The Huskers committed five turnovers against Maine, but the Black Bears did not convert any of those miscues into points.

For the season, Nebraska has intercepted one pass and recovered one fumble, while the Huskers have thrown two interceptions and lost three fumbles.

Game	TOs Gained	TDs	Scores		Turnovers	
			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)	
Totals	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)	
Opp.	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)	0	0-0	0	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	

Starting Field Position

Nebraska enjoyed a large field position advantage with a 24.8 yard-per-drive edge against Maine. The Huskers produced an average start at their own 49.3, while holding Maine to an average start at its own 24.5. The Huskers buried the Black Bears inside the 20 six times.

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 one drive inside its own 20 this season, while Maine started six drives inside their own 20.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
Oklahoma	49.3 (838/17)	24.5 (441/18)	24.8
Total	49.3 (838/17)	24.5 (441/18)	24.8

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

Penalty Numbers

Nebraska was whistled for zero penalties against Maine, marking the first time since 1997 NU did not commit a penalty in a game. Maine's seven penalties resulted in 55 yards.

Game	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
Maine	0-0	7-55
Total	0-0	7-55
Average	0.0-0.0	7.0-55.0

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	1	16
Brandon Koch, RG, Sr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	0	2	11	1	14
Seppo Evwaraye, OT, Sr. (Vaasa, Finland)	0	0	11	1	12
Kurt Mann, C, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	-	0	11	1	12
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	1	5	3	0	9
Terrence Nunn, WR (X), Soph. (Houston, Texas)	-	-	6	1	7
J.B. Phillips, TE, Soph. (Colleyville, Texas)	0	0	6	1	7
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	1	1
Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, OT, Sr. (Honolulu, Hawaii)	-	-	0	1	1
Frantz Hardy, WR (Z), Soph. (Miami, Fla.)	-	-	-	1	1
Zac Taylor, QB, Jr. (Norman, Okla.)	-	-	-	1	1
Totals	2	27	71	11	111

Defensive Starters	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Sr. (Macon, Ga.)	0	12	11	1	24
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Sr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	1	9	11	1	22
Titus Adams, DT, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	10	1	12
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Jr. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	-	0	10	1	11
Adam Carriker, DE, Jr. (Kennewick, Wash.)	-	0	8	1	9
Jay Moore, DE, Jr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	-	0	5	1	6
Tierre Green, CB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	3	1	4
Cortney Grixby, LCB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	2	1	3
Corey McKeon, LB, Soph. (Naperville, Ill.)	-	-	0	1	1
Steve Octavien, LB, Jr. (Naples, Fla.)	-	-	-	1	1
Blake Tiedtke, FS, Sr. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	1	22	60	11	94

*-Green's starts were on offense

Starting Kickers	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
David Dyches, PK, Jr. (Spring, Texas)	-	11	2	0	13
Sam Koch, P, Sr. (Seward, Neb.)	0	0	11	1	12
Jordan Congdon, PK, Fr. (San Diego, Calif.)	-	-	-	1	1
Totals	0	11	13	2	26

Starters Briefly

Starts by True Freshmen: 1

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 19

Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts: 14

Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts: 11

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

Most Career Starts on Defense: Le Kevin Smith, DT (24)

Most Consecutive Starts on Offense: Cory Ross (15)

Most Consecutive Starts on Defense: LeKevin Smith (23)

2005 Nebraska Depth Chart (Maine)

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
68 Jordan Picou, 6-2, 320, Jr., Rialto, Calif.

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

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

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

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

WR (X): 7 Frantz Hardy, 6-0, 175, So., Miami, Fla.
87 Nate Swift, 6-2, 195, RFr., Hutchinson, Minn.

WR (Z): **83 TERENCE NUNN***, 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas
84 Grant Mulkey**, 5-11, 180, Jr., Arlington, Texas

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

WR **9 Mark LeFlore*****, 5-11, 195, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

TE **11 MATT HERIAN*****, 6-5, 240, Sr., Pierce, Neb.

WR 23 Chris Brooks, 6-2, 195, Fr., St. Louis, Mo.

WR **28 Isaiah Fluellen****, 6-0, 185, Jr., Ramstein, Germany

OL 62 Andy Christensen, 6-3, 300, RFr., Bennington, Neb.

OL 76 Lydon Murtha, 6-7, 315, RFr., Hutchinson, Minn.

Defense

LB **40 Lance Brandenburgh***, 6-1, 230, So., Overland Park, Kan.

DE 89 Kevin Luhrs, 6-1, 255, So., Omaha, Neb.

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: 15 Steve Octavien, 6-0, 235, Jr., Naples, Fla.
51 Bo Ruud*, 6-3, 230, So., Lincoln, Neb.

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

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

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

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

Specialists

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

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

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

KOR: **30 TIERRE GREEN***, 6-1, 200, So., Omaha, Neb.
20 Marlon Lucky, 6-0, 210, Fr., North Hollywood, Calif.

KOR: **32 BRANDON JACKSON***, 5-11, 205, So., Horn Lake, Miss.
7 Frantz Hardy, 6-0, 175, So., Miami, Fla.

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

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

Nebraska Alphabetical Roster

Numerical Roster

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

Lettermen in Bold; *-Indicates Letters Earned

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthday	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.
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	LTB	6-2	225	5/9/87	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge)
94	Cryer, Barry	DL	6-2	275	9/19/84	Jr.	Marrero, La. (John Ehret/Dodge City CC)
54	Dagunduro, Ola	DL	6-2	290	1/6/84	Jr.	Inglewood, Calif. (Compton CC)
15	Davis, Beau	QB	6-4	185	7/15/85	So.	Venice, Calif.
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
66	Graue, William	OL	6-3	300	10/21/86	Fr.	Ft. Stockton, 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)
71	Sampogna, Mike	IB	5-10	200	4/14/86	RFr.	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
48	Sand, Andy	TE	6-2	225	6/21/84	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
14	* Schroeder, Matt	WR	6-4	215	10/18/82	Sr.	Belden, Neb. (Laurel-Concord)
42	Senske, Matt	FB	6-3	230	4/19/85	So.	Bellevue, Neb. (East)
8	** Shanle, Andrew	S	6-1	205	3/9/83	Jr.	St. Edward, Neb.
88	Sievers, Clayton	TE	6-4	240	1/13/86	RFr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
70	Slauson, Matt	OL	6-5	340	2/18/86	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Force Prep)
66	*** Smith, Le Kevin	DL	6-2	305	7/21/82	Sr.	Macon, Ga. (Stratford Academy)
39	Souder, Jeff	S	6-0	200	2/21/87	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. (West)
43	Steinkuhler, Ty	DE	6-3	260	9/11/85	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
16	** Stuntz, Mike	FS	6-1	200	11/23/82	Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa (St. Albert)
77	Suh, Ndamukong	DL	6-4	300	1/6/87	Fr.	Portland, Ore. (Grant)
84	Sullivan, Tony	DE	6-3	240	7/12/85	So.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
87	Swift, Nate	WR	6-2	195	8/24/85	RFr.	Hutchinson, Minn.
13	Taylor, Zac	QB	6-2	210	5/10/83	Jr.	Norman, Okla. (Wake Forest/Butler County CC)
89	Teafatiller, Hunter	TE	6-3	205	10/30/86	Fr.	Kingsbury, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial)
25	* Tiedtke, Blake	FS	5-10	190	6/24/82	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Jefferson)
97	Titchener, Dan	P	6-0	195	1/24/86	RFr.	Cheyenne, Wyo. (East)
41	** Todd, Dane	FB	5-10	235	8/8/83	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
10	Tomerlin, Justin	DE	6-6	265	12/27/82	So.	San Clemente, Calif. (Butler County CC)
99	Turner, Barry	DL	6-3	245	1/7/87	Fr.	Antioch, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy)
59	Voges, Brian	LB	6-3	225	12/7/84	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest/Phoenix JC)
98	Wesch, Jake	PK	6-1	190	10/1/85	RFr.	North Bend, Neb.
28	Wilson, Bryan	CB	6-2	190	5/9/84	So.	Granada Hills, Calif. (Pierce College)
53	Wortman, Tyler	LB	6-3	220	6/13/86	RFr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)
53	Tyler Wortman.....	LB					
54	Ola Dagunduro.....	DL					
54	Chris Patrick.....	OL					
55	* Wali Muhammad.....	DE					
55	Nathan McBride.....	LS					
56	* Gary Pike.....	OL					
56	T.J. Peterson.....	LB					
57	Conan Fredinburg.....	OL					
58	Dontrell Moore.....	LB					
59	Brett Byford.....	OL					
59	Brian Voges.....	LB					
61	Mike Huff.....	OL					
62	Andy Christensen.....	OL					
63	Craig Roark.....	OL					
65	** Greg Austin.....	OL					
65	Chris Bryant.....	DL					
66	*** Le Kevin Smith.....	DL					
66	William Graue.....	OL					
68	Jordan Picou.....	OL					
69	Adam Gibson.....	OL					
70	Matt Slauson.....	OL					
72	Rodney Picou.....	OL					
73	* Jared Helming.....	OL					
74	Newton Lingenfelter.....	OL					
75	** Brandon Koch.....	OL					
76	Lydon Murtha.....	OL					
77	** Seppo Ewwaraye.....	OL					
77	Ndamukong Suh.....	DL					
78	Brock Pasteur.....	OL					
79	C. Fuamatu-Thomas.....	OL					
81	* Josh Mueller.....	TE					
82	T.J. O'Leary.....	LS					
83	* Terrence Nunn.....	WR					
84	** Grant Mulkey.....	WR					
84	Tony Sullivan.....	DE					
85	* J.B. Phillips.....	TE					
85	Thomas Rice.....	DE					
86	Sean Hill.....	TE					
86	Andy Poulosky.....	DE					
87	Nate Swift.....	WR					
88	Clayton Sievers.....	TE					
89	Kevin Luhrs.....	DE					
89	Hunter Teafatiller.....	TE					
90	** Adam Carriker.....	DE					
91	Eric Lueshen.....	PK					
92	** Lane Kelly.....	LS					
93	Jordan Alegria.....	PK					
94	Barry Cryer.....	DL					
95	Matt O'Shea.....	DL					
96	*** Titus Adams.....	DL					
97	Dan Titchener.....	P					
98	Zach Potter.....	DE					
98	Jake Wesch.....	PK					
99	Barry Turner.....	DL					

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