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2005 FOOTBALL

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Game 6



vs.



Nebraska
(4-1, 1-1)

Baylor
(4-1, 1-1)

► Huskers-Bears Briefly

Date: Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005

Time: 6:05 p.m.

Site: Waco, Texas

Stadium: Floyd Casey Stadium

Surface: Natural Grass

Capacity: 50,000

Nebraska Radio: (Jim Rose—Play-by-Play; Adrian Fiala—Analyst; Randy Lee—Booth; Matt Davison—Sideline)
55-station Pinnacle Sports Network

Internet: Live Radio on Huskers.com

Satellite Radio: Sirius Satellite Radio, Channel 110

Series Record: Nebraska leads, 8-1 (NU leads 2-0 in Waco)

Last Meeting: Nebraska 59, Baylor 27, Oct. 16, 2004, Lincoln, Neb.

This Week in Husker Football

Monday, Oct. 10

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

Tuesday, Oct. 11

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, Oct. 12

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

Thursday, Oct. 13

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

6:05 p.m. Radio Show (Bill Busch)

Friday, Oct. 14

6:50 a.m. Big Red Breakfast (Bill Busch)

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

Saturday, Oct. 15

6:05 p.m. Kickoff at Baylor

Huskers Take to the Road for First Time in 2005

Nebraska goes on the road for the first time in 2005 this weekend, traveling to Waco, Texas to take on the 4-1 Baylor Bears. The Huskers have played five straight home games to start the season, but will now finish the season with four of their last six games away from home. The stretch begins with the road test at Baylor, with kickoff set for 6:05 p.m.

Nebraska will also enter the game with a 4-1 record, including a 1-1 record in Big 12 action after a 34-31 loss to Texas Tech on Saturday in Lincoln. The Huskers nearly staged the largest comeback in school history, rallying from a 21-0 deficit to take a 31-27 lead late in the fourth quarter. However, Texas Tech scored the game-winning touchdown with 12 seconds remaining to send Nebraska to its first loss of the season. The Texas Tech game marked Nebraska's third straight game that was decided in the game's final seconds or overtime.

Baylor appears to be one of the nation's most-improved teams in 2005. A year after the Bears finished with a 3-8 record, including a 1-7 mark in the Big 12, Baylor has won four of its first five games of the year. Baylor's only loss was a 16-13 overtime setback at Texas A&M on Oct. 1, but the Bears responded with a 23-13 victory at Iowa State last Saturday.

Late Texas Tech Touchdown Ends Husker Hopes

Nebraska nearly made history by coming back from a 21-point first-half deficit, but Texas Tech quarterback Cody Hodges found Joel Filani on a 10-yard touchdown pass on 4th-and-2 with 12 seconds left to allow the No. 15 Red Raiders to escape from Memorial Stadium with a 34-31 win over the Huskers.

Filani's touchdown catch, his third of the day, came on fourth down as the Red Raiders managed to convert a pair of fourth-down plays inside Nebraska's 20-yard line. Texas Tech also overcame an interception by Nebraska senior defensive tackle **Le Kevin Smith** that had been tipped in the air by sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon**, which appeared to end the Red Raiders' hopes of victory.

But Texas Tech offensive lineman Bryan Kegans hit Smith during the interception return and forced a fumble

2005 Nebraska Football Schedule/Results

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result	TV	Series	Last Meeting (Site)/Notes
Sat.	Sept. 3	Maine	W, 25-7	PPV	NU, 1-0	NU's 20th straight win in a season opener; School-record 11 sacks for Blackshirts
Sat.	Sept. 10	Wake Forest	W, 31-3	TBS	NU, 2-0	NU sets school record with three defensive touchdowns, two INT return TDs
Sat.	Sept. 17	Pittsburgh	W, 7-6	ABC	Pitt, 15-6-3	Two blocked field goals, strong defense and punting key third straight win vs. Pitt
Sat.	Oct. 1	Iowa State#	W, 27-20(2OT)	ABC	NU, 82-16-2	NU improves to 4-0 all-time in OT games; Taylor throws for school-record 431 yards
Sat.	Oct. 8	Texas Tech#	L, 34-31	TBS	NU, 7-2	Raider TD with 12 seconds left thwarts NU comeback/Glenn, Nunn 2 TDs each
Sat.	Oct. 15	at Baylor#	6:05 p.m.		NU, 8-1	NU, 59-27, 2004 (Lincoln)/Huskers have scored 48 or more points in last five meetings
Sat.	Oct. 22	at Missouri#	11:30 a.m.	FSN	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.

Huskers Notch Four Wins in Five-Game Opening Homestand

Nebraska opened the season with five straight home games, winning the first four before a last-second 34-31 loss to Texas Tech. The Huskers collected wins over Maine, Wake Forest, Pitt and Iowa State before the loss to the Red Raiders. The Baylor game will be the first of two straight road tests for the Huskers, who will also travel to Missouri on Oct. 22.

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

► The 2005 campaign marked 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.

► NU 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.

that was recovered by Red Raider wide receiver Danny Amendola at the NU 19. The turnover was Nebraska's fifth of the game, while the Blackshirts forced a pair of turnovers by Texas Tech.

Nebraska slipped to 4-1 overall and 1-1 in the Big 12 despite the nearly record-setting comeback after falling behind 21-0. The Huskers saw their 36-game Homecoming winning streak come to an end, in NU's third straight game that was decided in the final seconds.

Nebraska quarterback **Zac Taylor** and the Huskers withstood a quick start by Hodges and Texas Tech, which entered the game as the nation's top-ranked passing offense. Taylor led Nebraska to a fourth-quarter lead with just over 10 minutes left on wide receiver **Terrence Nunn**'s magnificent catch in the corner of the end zone to give NU a 28-27 advantage.

After Nunn's catch, his second touchdown grab of the day and his Nebraska career, the Blackshirts shut down Hodges and the Red Raiders. Taylor led the Huskers on their final scoring drive, marching to the Texas Tech 10-yard line to set up Jordan Congdon's 27-yard field goal to give NU a 31-27 lead with 5:10 left. Taylor completed 21-of-35 passes for 229 yards with two touchdowns.

While the offense provided the spark for Nebraska's comeback, it was the defense that put the Huskers in position to win the game by slowing Hodges and the Texas Tech passing attack until the Red Raiders' decisive scoring drive in the fourth quarter.

After Congdon's field goal pushed NU's lead to 31-27, Amendola returned NU's kickoff 30 yards, and Hodges hit Filani on a 31-yard pass to quickly put the Red Raiders inside NU territory. From there, the Blackshirts forced a pair of fourth downs and a turnover, but were still unable to prevent Hodges from finally finding Filani in the end zone.

The Huskers trailed by 21 points early in the second quarter before rallying against the Red Raiders. Trailing 21-0 with 9:25 left in the first half, Taylor marched the Huskers 80 yards in 13 plays in just over four minutes. NU's first scoring drive of the day was capped by freshman l-back **Cody Glenn**'s first career touchdown from five yards out.

The Blackshirts then produced their first defensive stop of the day with a quick three-and-out. Husker return man **Cortney Grixby** fielded a short kick and raced ahead 20 yards. A Texas Tech personal foul tacked on another 15 yards, putting NU at the Tech 29. Six plays later Glenn scored his second touchdown of the day on a one-yard plunge to trim Texas Tech's lead to 21-14 with 52 seconds left in the first half.

The Red Raiders temporarily stalled Nebraska's momentum by forcing turnovers deep in Nebraska territory on each of the Huskers' first two drives of the second half. However, the Blackshirt defense stood tall, holding Tech to a pair of field goals to keep NU within striking distance at 27-14. The Husker offense responded in a big way, marching 68 yards in 11 plays to trim the Red Raider lead to 27-21 with 1:51 left in the third quarter. On the drive, Taylor complete all seven of his pass attempts for 59 yards, capped by a 15-yard TD pass to Nunn for his first career touchdown catch.

After a defensive stop, Nebraska committed its fourth turnover of the day on a fumble by receiver **Mark LeFlore**. But the Blackshirts responded again, as defensive end **Jay Moore** hit Hodges behind the line of scrimmage to force a fumble that was scooped up by linebacker **Bo Ruud**, who rumbled 46 yards to the Texas Tech 14. The fumble return set up Nebraska's go-ahead score on the pass from Taylor to Nunn early in the fourth quarter.

Noting Game Five... Texas Tech 34, Nebraska 31

► The loss was the first by Nebraska in four matchups against Texas Tech in Lincoln. Nebraska leads the overall series by a 7-2 margin. Nebraska lost its Homecoming game for the first time since 1968, as Tech snapped a Husker streak of 36 straight Homecoming wins. NU's last loss on Homecoming was a 12-0 loss to Kansas State in 1968.

► The first-quarter touchdown by Texas Tech marked the first points Nebraska has allowed in the first quarter in 2005. Tech's score also marked the first touchdown against NU in the first half this season. Tech scored 21 points in the first half. Coming into the game, NU's first four opponents scored a combined six points in the first half.

► Nebraska senior l-back **Cory Ross** produced 119 all-purpose yards. Ross rushed 15 times for 68 yards and caught four passes out of the backfield for 51 yards. Ross is averaging 132.6 all-purpose yards per game.

► Nebraska junior quarterback **Zac Taylor** completed 21-of-35 passes for 229 yards and two touchdowns. Taylor has thrown for a combined 660 yards in the past two games, including a school-record 431 yards passing in a win over Iowa State. Taylor completed just 3 of his first 10 pass attempts against Texas Tech, but connected on 18-of-25 the rest of the way. Taylor completed passes to eight different receivers.

► Nebraska freshman running back **Cody Glenn** scored the first two touchdowns of his career. Glenn scored on runs of 5 and 1 yards in the second quarter, slicing Texas Tech's lead at the half to 21-14. Glenn carried the ball 12 times for 39 yards in the game.

► Nebraska sophomore wide receiver **Terrence Nunn** caught three passes for 39 yards and nabbed the first two touchdowns of his Nebraska career. Nunn had a 15-yard third-quarter touchdown reception from Taylor, for his first career touchdown, then added a four-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter to give NU its first lead of the game.

NU-Texas Tech Stat Wrap

Team Stats	TT	NU
First Downs	23	22
Rushes-Yards	23-44	35-135
Passes	45-34-1	35-21-2
Passing Yards	368	229
Total Offense	412	364
Turnovers	2	5
Sacks by	2-11	4-38

NU Rushing Leader

Cory Ross—15 carries, 68 yards

Cody Glenn—12 carries, 39 yards, 2 TD

NU Passing Leader

Zac Taylor—35-21-2, 229 yards, 2 TD

NU Receiving Leaders

Mark LeFlore—5 receptions, 53 yards

Cory Ross—4 receptions, 51 yards

Terrence Nunn—3 receptions, 39 yards, 2 TD

NU Defensive Leaders

Daniel Bullocks—12 tackles, 2 PBU

Bo Ruud—6 tackles, 1-9 sacks, 46-yard FR

Jay Moore—4 tackles, 3-18 TFL, FC, 1 PBU

2005 Big 12 Standings

North Division

Team	Records		
	Overall	Big 12	Next Game
Colorado	4-1	2-0	at Texas 10/15
Nebraska	4-1	1-1	at Baylor 10/15
Kansas State	4-1	1-1	at Texas Tech 10/15
Missouri	3-2	1-1	vs. Iowa State 10/15
Iowa State	3-2	0-2	at Missouri 10/15
Kansas	3-2	0-2	vs. Oklahoma 10/15

South Division

Texas	5-0	2-0	vs. Colorado 10/15
Texas Tech	5-0	2-0	vs. Kansas State 10/15
Baylor	4-1	1-1	vs. Nebraska 10/15
Texas A&M	3-2	1-1	vs. Oklahoma State 10/15
Oklahoma	2-3	1-1	at Kansas 10/15
Oklahoma St.	3-2	0-2	at Texas A&M 10/15

2005 Nebraska Non-Conference Opponents

Team	Record-Next Game
Maine	2-3, at Hofstra 10/15
Wake Forest	2-4, at Boston College 10/15
Pittsburgh	2-4, vs. South Florida 10/15

Last Week's Opponent/Big 12 Results

Texas Tech 34, Nebraska 31
 Baylor 23, Iowa State 13
 Texas 45, Oklahoma 12
 Colorado 41, Texas A&M 20
 Kansas State 12, Kansas 3
 Missouri 38, Oklahoma State 31
 Pittsburgh 38, Cincinnati 20
 Florida State 41, Wake Forest 24
 James Madison 38, Maine 2

2005 Baylor Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
9/3	SMU	W, 35-21
9/10	Samford	W, 48-14
9/17	at Army	W, 20-10
10/1	at Texas A&M	L, 13-16 (ot)
10/8	at Iowa State	W, 23-13
10/15	Nebraska	6:05 p.m.
10/22	at Oklahoma	
10/29	Texas Tech	
11/5	Texas	
11/12	at Missouri	
11/19	Oklahoma State	

Nebraska-Baylor Notes

► The Bears have just 12 players on the roster who hail from a state other than Texas, including linebacker Tyler Lindstrom of Omaha (Millard West). The Huskers have nine players from the state of Texas including Greg Austin (Cypress), Titus Brothers (San Antonio), David Dyches (Spring), Cody Glenn (Rusk), Grant Mulkey (Arlington), Terrence Nunn (Houston), Mark O'Shea (Dallas), Matt O'Shea (Dallas), J.B. Phillips (Colleyville).

► Nebraska has lost only once in the series with Baylor, a 26-7 setback in Lincoln in 1956. The Huskers have only played in Waco twice, but are 2-0 and have outscored the Bears 97-28 in the two contests.

► Nebraska tied the NCAA record with four 100-yard rushers the last time the Huskers played in Waco. The game on Oct. 13, 2001 was delayed 36 minutes because of lightning, but that did not slow the Huskers as Thunder Collins (165 yards), Dahrnan Diedrick (137), Heisman Trophy Winner Eric Crouch (132) and Judd Davies (119) all topped the century mark on the ground.

► Despite turning the ball over five times, the Huskers rushed for 641 yards against Baylor the last time the teams met in Waco. The total is second on the Nebraska single-game rushing chart.

Scouting the Baylor Bears



When the Huskers hit the road for the first time this season, they will face an improved Baylor squad that has run to a 4-1 record this season, including a 1-1 mark in league play. The Bears' lone loss this year was a three-point setback in overtime at Texas A&M to open league play.

Last week, Baylor ended one of its most notorious streaks by winning on the road in a Big 12 matchup for the first time since the formation of the league in 1996. The Bears held on for a victory over Iowa State, 23-13, in Ames, snapping a 37-game Big 12 Conference road losing streak, and a 38-game conference road losing streak overall. Their last league win away from Waco had been Nov. 11, 1995, a 48-7 victory over SMU in a Southwest Conference clash.

The Bears have won behind similar traits exhibited by the Huskers this season. Baylor ranks among the national leaders in several defensive categories, including 13th in scoring defense, 15th in total defense and seventh in pass efficiency defense, while seeing improvements each week in the offensive attack.

Baylor is led by senior free safety Maurice Lane, who has a team-high 44 tackles this season. Lane has topped the 100-tackle mark each of the past two years, including a career-best 129 tackles as a sophomore in 2003. Along with Lane, senior defensive end Montez Murphy has created pressure on opposing teams and recorded 24 tackles including team highs with five tackles for loss and three sacks. Murphy has also caused a pair of fumbles, as the Bears have forced eight and recovered five fumbles on the season.

On offense, the Bears spread the ball around, averaging 147 yards per game on the ground and 204 yards through the air. Quarterback Shawn Bell has hit 61.1 percent of his pass attempts (102-of-167) and has tossed five touchdowns while allowing four interceptions. Bell's favorite target so far this season has been wide receiver Shaun Rochon, who has hauled in 23 catches for 174 yards, but has a long reception of only 14 yards. Junior wide receivers Trent Shelton and Dominique Zeigler pace the squad with 205 receiving yards apiece, and Zeigler is tied with junior running back Paul Mosley with two receiving touchdowns.

Mosley has also added a team-best four rushing scores and 424 rushing yards. His six combined touchdowns lead the team, and he ranks second in scoring (36 points) behind place-kicker Ryan Havens, who has 46 points on 11 field goals (15 attempts) and 13 extra points (13 attempts).

The Bears have a solid group of special teamers, including one of the nation's top punters, to help win the field-position battle. Despite ranking third among league punters, 2004 Ray Guy winner Daniel Sepulveda ranks sixth nationally with a punting average of 45.85 yards per boot and has pinned opponents inside their 20 yard line on seven of his 20 punts. Along with Sepulveda, Havens ranks fourth nationally in field goals per game (2.2), while Rochon is fifth in the NCAA standings for punt returns at 19.2 yards per return. Rochon trails only Nebraska's Terrence Nunn (27.6 ypr) in the Big 12 standings.

Baylor Coach Guy Morriss

In his third season guiding the Bears, Guy Morriss owns a 10-18 record and is 19-32 overall in his fifth season as a head coach. Morriss spent two years in charge of the program at Kentucky before taking over at Baylor before the 2003 campaign.

Morriss has led BU to four victories this season after picking up only six wins over the past two years. A native of Texas, Morriss also spent time as an assistant at Kentucky, Mississippi State and Valdosta State, as well as in the professional ranks with Arizona and New England in the NFL and San Antonio of the CFL.

Morriss was an All-Southwest Conference guard at TCU before going on to play in the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots. He played in two Super Bowls and was an All-Pro in 1981 with the Eagles.

Nebraska-Baylor Series...10th All-Time Meeting...Nebraska Leads 8-1

The Huskers and Bears are meeting for the 10th time in the series which began with a 20-0 Husker victory in Lincoln in 1939. Baylor won the next matchup by a 26-7 margin in 1956, but the Huskers have reeled off seven straight wins entering this weekend, including the last five when the teams faced off as Big 12 opponents.

Nebraska has entered the contest ranked six times and won every game. This weekend's contest will be the fourth matchup between unranked Nebraska and Baylor squads, with NU holding a 2-1 series lead in those games.

Nebraska-Baylor Statistical Comparison

Category	Nebraska (4-1, 1-1 Big 12)			Baylor (4-1, 1-1 Big 12)		
	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.	Avg.	Big 12	Natl.
Rushing Offense	117.2	11th	84th	147.8	8th	59th
Passing Offense	211.8	6th	70th	204.6	8th	79th
Total Offense	329.0	9th	91st	352.4	7th	74th
Scoring Offense	24.2	8th	72nd	26.4	7th	63rd
Rushing Defense	67.8	2nd	4th	109.2	6th	t-27th
Pass Defense	228.6	7th	62nd	185.0	5th	32nd
Pass Efficiency Defense	112.2	6th	34th	92.4	2nd	7th
Total Defense	296.4	4th	17th	294.2	3rd	15th
Scoring Defense	14.0	2nd	10th	15.2	4th	13th
Net Punting	39.5	2nd	7th	38.3	7th	19th
Punt Returns	15.3	3rd	13th	14.2	4th	18th
Kickoff Returns	22.4	4th	41st	22.3	5th	43rd
Turnover Margin	(-0.6)	11th	t-93rd	0.4	2nd	t-36th

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	4-1	1.000	
Totals	9-7	.563	
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	9-7
vs. AP Ranked Teams	1-2
vs. AP Top 10 Teams	0-1
vs. Unranked Teams	8-5
vs. Big 12 Teams	4-6
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	2-4
When passing for 300 or more yards	2-1
When NU player rushes for 100 Yards	5-3
When NU has two 100-yard rushers in same game	1-0
When Opponent has 100 Yd. Rusher	1-2
When Scoring 35 or More Points	2-0
When Hold Opp. to 10 Pts. or less	5-0
When Nebraska scores first	7-0
When Nebraska leads at halftime	8-0
When Nebraska trails at halftime	0-7
When Nebraska is tied at halftime	1-0
Record in games decided by 11 points or more	5-3
Record in games decided by 10 or less	4-4
Record in games decided by 7 or less	4-4
Record in games decided by 3 or less	1-1
Record in overtime games	1-0

Callahan Continuing NU Walk-on Tradition

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

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

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

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

Nebraska Head Coach Bill Callahan

Coach **Bill Callahan** (Illinois Benedictine, 1978) is in his second season as the head coach of the Nebraska football program and owns a 9-7 record at Nebraska. Callahan is the 27th head coach in Husker history, taking the reins of the program in January of 2004.

Callahan came to Nebraska after two seasons as the head coach of the Oakland Raiders. He guided Oakland to the AFC Championship and Super Bowl XXXVII in his rookie season as a head coach in 2002, and compiled a 17-18 overall record as the Raiders' head man.

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

The 49-year-old Callahan spent nine years in the National Football League, beginning his pro coaching career with the Philadelphia Eagles from 1995 to 1997. He served as an assistant with the Raiders for four seasons from 1998 to 2001, before taking over the top job in Oakland in 2002.

Callahan had extensive experience at the collegiate level before taking the job at Nebraska. Before moving into the professional ranks, Callahan served as the offensive line coach at Wisconsin for five seasons and also had assistant coaching stints at Illinois, Northern Arizona and Southern Illinois. Overall, Callahan is in his 28th year in the coaching profession. In addition to his nine years in the National Football League and 15 previous seasons as a collegiate assistant, Callahan was an assistant coach for two seasons in the Illinois prep ranks in 1978 and 1979.

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



Nebraska Staff Features Minor Adjustments for 2005 Season

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

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

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

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

► The staff has recruiting ties in nearly every part of the United States. Recruiting analyst Tom Lemming compiled a list of the 10 best recruiters in college history in 2001. Callahan was included on the list although he had been out of the college ranks for six years at that time. Defensive line coach John Blake was recognized by Rivals.com as one of the nation's top recruiters in 2005.

Callahan Has Busy Summer of Charity Events

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

The second Football 101 for Women took place on June 6 in Lincoln, with more than 1,100 participants learning more about the game of football. Attendees opened the day with tours of Memorial Stadium. The evening included demonstrations on officiating, football uniforms, as well as nutrition and strength training for Husker players. Football 101 concluded with participants breaking into beginning, intermediate and advanced groups to learn more about the X's and O's of the game from members of the Husker staff. The second annual Football 101 for Women raised nearly \$50,000 to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

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

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

Nebraska Football Notables

- ▶ Five national championships (1970, 1971, 1994, 1995, 1997)
- ▶ 43 conference championships
- ▶ Three Heisman trophies, eight Outland trophies, four Lombardi awards
- ▶ 106 All-Americans
- ▶ Nation-leading 83 academic All-Americans
- ▶ NCAA-record 273 consecutive sellouts in Memorial Stadium
- ▶ 790 all-time victories—third in NCAA
- ▶ 42 all-time bowl appearances—fourth in NCAA
- ▶ 120-11 home record in last 19 seasons (since 1986)

NU Streaks...The Huskers have...

- ▶ won 96 straight when rushing for 400 yards
- ▶ won 115 consecutive games when holding the opponent to 10 or fewer points (223-5-1 all-time)
- ▶ scored in 118 consecutive games
- ▶ scored in 239 straight home games
- ▶ shut out opponents 102 times

Homecoming Win Streak Comes to an End

Texas Tech's last-second 34-31 victory over Nebraska in Lincoln on Saturday ended NU's run of 36 straight Homecoming victories. Nebraska's previous loss on Homecoming was a 12-0 setback to Kansas State in 1968. The Huskers are now 71-20-4 all-time on Homecoming.

Big 12 Conference POW Nominees

Game	Offense	Defense	Special Teams
Maine	Hardy	Ruud	Congdon
Wake	Ross	Bullocks	Tiedtke
Pitt	Ross	Carriker	S. Koch
Iowa St.	Taylor	Moore	none
Tech	Nunn	Moore	Robison

Baylor
Mizzou
Oklahoma
Kansas
K-State
Colorado
Bold indicates winner

Huskers on Watch Lists

- Daniel Bullocks, Sr., SS**
Lott Trophy Watch List (Impact Defensive Player)
- Cory Ross, Sr., IB**
Doak Walker Award Watch List
- Sam Koch, Sr., P**
Ray Guy Award Watch List
- Kurt Mann, Jr., C**
Lombardi Award Watch List
Rimington Trophy Watch List
- Adam Carriker, Jr., DE**
Lombardi Award Watch List
- Le Kevin Smith, Sr., NT**
Lombardi Award Watch List

Huskers, Bears in NCAA Rankings

Nebraska
Team
 Rushing Defense, 67.8 (4th)
 Total Defense, 296.4 ypg (17th)
 Scoring Defense, 14.0 ppg (10th)
 Net Punting, 39.5 ypp (7th)
 Punt Returns, 15.3 ypr (13th)
Individual
 Sam Koch, Punting, 43.56 ypp (18th)
 Terrence Nunn, Punt Returns, 27.6 ypr (2nd)
 Jordan Congdon, Field Goals, 1.60 pg (20th)

Baylor
Team
 Pass Efficiency Defense, 92.41 (7th)
 Total Defense, 294.2 ypg (15th)
 Scoring Defense, 15.2 ppg (13th)
 Net Punting, 38.3 ypp (19th)
 Punt Returns, 14.2 ypr (18th)
Individual
 Daniel Sepulveda, Punting, 45.85 ypp (6th)
 Shaun Rochon, Punt Returns, 19.2 ypr (5th)
 Willie Andrews, Punt Returns, 12.9 ypr (23rd)
 Ryan Havens, Field Goals, 2.20 pg (4th)

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- ▶ Nebraska senior wide receiver **Mark LeFlore** caught five passes for 53 yards, marking the second straight season he had five catches vs. the Red Raiders. Last season LeFlore's five receptions covered a career-high 110 yards.
- ▶ NU converted five trips into the Red Zone into four touchdowns and a field goal. Texas Tech penetrated the Nebraska Red Zone six times and scored three touchdowns and two field goals.
- ▶ Nebraska senior linebacker **Adam Ickes** blocked a Alex Trlica field goal attempt in the first quarter, marking Ickes' second blocked field goal of the season and the third by Nebraska in 2005. Ickes also blocked a Pitt field goal on the final play of Nebraska's win over the Panthers and freshmen Zach Potter and Barry Turner teamed up to block a Pitt field goal in the first quarter of that game.
- ▶ The Nebraska defense recorded four sacks, giving the Huskers 30 in 2005, after recording 25 sacks in 2004.
- ▶ Nebraska junior defensive end **Jay Moore** finished the game with three tackles for loss for 18 yards, including a 12-yard sack of Cody Hodges. Moore also forced a Red Raider fumble and had a pass breakup at the line.
- ▶ Texas Tech had 412 yards of total offense, and 294 yards at the half. After halftime, Texas Tech managed just 118 yards of total offense.
- ▶ Nebraska senior punter **Sam Koch** punted just one time for 32 yards, but downed the ball on the Tech 6 after punting from the Red Raider 38. Koch has had 14 of his 25 punts downed inside the 20 this season.
- ▶ Nebraska had five turnovers (four offensive), after committing just two turnovers in the previous three games combined. Nebraska's defense allowed 13 points after the five turnovers, all coming after Tech took over inside the Nebraska 20. On Nebraska's first turnover of the day, the Huskers blocked a field goal, while following a fourth-quarter fumble, the Nebraska defense forced a fumble that resulted in a touchdown and a 28-27 NU lead.

Huskers Look for Success in Road Opener

The Baylor contest will mark Nebraska's road opener for the 2005 season after opening with five consecutive home games. Nebraska has won its last two road openers, picking up a 24-17 victory at Pitt last season after a 38-14 win at Southern Miss in 2003.

Overall, Nebraska has won 10 of its last 12 road openers dating back to 1993. The Baylor game marks the third time in that stretch the Huskers have had their first road game against a conference opponent, most recently at Missouri in 2001.

The Huskers will be looking to end a three-game slide in Big 12 road openers. The Huskers have lost consecutive conference road openers at Iowa State (2002), at Missouri (2003) and at Texas Tech (2004). Nebraska had lost just one other league road opener since 1974 prior to the three-game slide. Saturday night's game at Baylor will mark the fourth time since the formation of the Big 12 Conference that Nebraska has played its first conference road game in the state of Texas. Nebraska won 49-21 at Baylor in 1997, dropped a 28-21 decision at Texas A&M in 1998 and lost 70-10 at Texas Tech in 2004.

If the Game Were Played on Paper

Nebraska has played three consecutive games that have been decided in the game's final seconds or overtime. Looking simply at a statistical comparison it would appear that the Huskers' matchup with Baylor could be another tight matchup. The teams are quite similar statistically through five games of the 2005 season.

Native Texan Nunn Providing Huskers with Dual Threat

Nebraska sophomore wideout **Terrence Nunn** will return to his home state this weekend when the Huskers travel to Waco, Texas to take on Baylor. Nunn is a Houston native who played his prep football at Cypress Falls High School.



The sophomore has been a dual threat for Nebraska this season. In the passing game, Nunn is tied for second on the team with 17 receptions, covering 180 yards. Nunn had a career-high eight catches two weeks ago against Iowa State, then caught three passes for 39 yards and his first two career touchdowns versus Texas Tech. Nunn had second-half TD grabs of 15 and 4 yards to help NU take a fourth-quarter lead in the game.

The impact of the 6-0, 185-pounder has not been limited to receiving. Nunn shares Nebraska's punt return duties with fellow sophomore Cortney Grixby. Nunn has made the most of his opportunities by returning nine punts for 248 yards, an average of 27.6 yards per return, an average that ranks second in the nation. Nunn has a pair of 62-yard returns this season (Maine, Pitt) and also had a 45-yard return against Maine.

Nunn and Grixby have Nebraska ranked 13th nationally in team punt return average at 15.3 yards per return. A year ago, the Huskers finished the season with a total of 181 punt return yards, and through five games, Nebraska has more than doubled that total with 414 return yards.

Terrence Nunn Game-by-Game

Game	Rec.	Yards	Long	TD	P. Ret.	Yards	Avg.	Long
Maine	1	8	8	0	4	135	33.8	62
Wake Forest	4	38	13	0	1	3	3.0	3
Pitt	1	36	36	0	2	75	37.5	62
Iowa State	8	59	16	0	2	35	17.5	27
Texas Tech	3	39	18	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	180	36	2	9	248	27.6	62

Red-Hot NU Passing Attack Looks to Match 2004 Performance Against Bears

The Nebraska passing game has been strong in the past two weeks. Nebraska passed for 229 yards and two touchdowns against Texas Tech, while completing 21-of-35 passes. That performance came one week after a record-shattering passing display in a 27-20 double-overtime win over Iowa State.

Against the Cyclones, Nebraska quarterback **Zac Taylor** passed for a school-record 431 yards and two touchdowns, while connecting with 10 different receivers. Nebraska has improved its passing percentage from 42 percent to 53.6 percent in the past two weeks.

Many of the records that fell against Iowa State were produced in last year's 59-27 Husker victory over Baylor. In that contest, Nebraska produced the first 300-yard passing day in school history, throwing for 342 yards and five touchdowns in the game. NU connected on 13-of-20 passes in the victory and had six pass plays of 25 yards or longer against the Bears.

Nebraska Win Over Iowa State Continues Long History of Success In League Openers

Nebraska's 27-20 victory over Iowa State continued its history of starting conference play on a winning note. NU has now won 30 of its last 31 conference openers since 1975, with the lone loss a 36-14 setback at Iowa State in 2002.

Additionally, Nebraska has won its last 28 conference home openers since a 24-21 setback against Iowa State to begin the 1977 home Big Eight slate. Nebraska is 90-18-2 all-time in conference openers, including a 40-6-1 mark in Lincoln. Since the inception of the Big 12 Conference, Nebraska is 9-1 in league openers.

Blackshirt Sack Attack

Nebraska has recorded 30 sacks in the season's first five games to lead the nation. The Huskers are on pace to shatter the school record for sacks, set with 53 quarterback sacks in 1999. Nebraska also leads the nation in tackles for loss.

Game	Sacks	Yds.	TFL	Yards
Maine	11	69	18	82
Wake	5	46	15	65
Pitt	4	34	9	49
Iowa St.	6	43	12	55
Tx. Tech	4	38	7	51
Totals	30	230	61	302

2005 Blackshirts Against the Run

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
Maine	37	-6	0	15
Wake	52	130	0	20
Pitt	36	114	0	30
ISU	38	57	1	11
Tech	23	44	0	26

Yards per Game—67.8

Yards per Attempt—1.8 ypr

2005 Blackshirts Against the Pass

Game	Passes	Yds.	TD	Long	Sacks
Maine	36-16-1	149	1	52	11-69
Wake	28-12-3	117	0	34	5-46
Pitt	28-11-0	190	0	73	4-34
ISU	41-23-1	317	1	60	6-43
Tech	45-34-1	368	4	31	4-38

Yards per Game—228.6

Yards per Attempt—6.4 ypa

Pass Efficiency Rating—112.25

The Huskers and Bears have both relied on strong defense and outstanding special teams in building their respective 4-1 starts. Nebraska and Baylor each rank in the top 20 nationally in five statistical categories. Among those, both Baylor and the Huskers are in the top 20 in total defense, scoring defense, net punting and punt returns.

In addition to stingy on defenses, both teams feature similar play in special teams. Nebraska punter **Sam Koch** ranks 18th nationally in punting at 43.6 yards per punt, while downing 14 of his 25 punts inside the 20. Baylor's Daniel Sepulveda won the 2004 Ray Guy Award and is having a strong 2005 campaign, ranking sixth nationally by averaging 45.9 yards per boot. In the punt return department, Nebraska's **Terrence Nunn** ranks second nationally at 27.6 yards per return, while **Cortney Grixby** gives the Huskers a one-two punch in the return game. Baylor also has two outstanding punt returners, as both Shaun Rochon and Willie Andrews rank in the top 25 nationally in that department. The Bears' Ryan Havens is fourth nationally in field goals per contest, connecting on 2.2 per game, while NU true freshman **Jordan Congdon** has made 1.6 per game to rank 20th in the nation.

Blackshirts Keying Huskers' 2005 Success

Nebraska's Blackshirt defense has ranked among the nation's best units through early October, providing the spark for the Huskers' 4-1 start. Through five games, the Husker defense has made its mark in the record book, while ranking among the nation's statistical leaders in several categories. In week one, the defense tied school records for sacks and tackles for loss, and against Wake Forest, the Blackshirts scored three touchdowns of their own, setting a school record for defensive touchdowns.

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

Highlights for the 2005 Blackshirts include...

- ▶ Nebraska leads the nation in sacks (30) and tackles for loss (61), and has recorded at least four sacks in each of the first five games. Eleven different defenders have recorded a sack this season.
- ▶ Junior defensive end **Adam Carriker** leads the Blackshirts with six sacks for 61 yards, while sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** has five and senior end **Wali Muhammad** has recorded four sacks. Last season, Nebraska finished the year with a total of 25 sacks in 11 games, with team leader Benard Thomas recording four sacks.
- ▶ In the opener against Maine, Nebraska tied school records with 11 sacks and 18 tackles for loss. The Huskers previously had 11 sacks in a 1989 victory over Oregon State, while the previous 18 TFL effort came against Iowa State in 1969.
- ▶ The defense has scored four touchdowns, all in a five-quarter stretch spanning the fourth quarter of the Maine game and the Wake Forest contest. The scores came on interception returns by linebackers **Bo Ruud** (27 yards vs. Maine), **Corey McKeon** (38 yards vs. Wake Forest) and **Stewart Bradley** (43 yards vs. Wake Forest), in addition to a 30-yard fumble return for a touchdown by strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** against Wake Forest.
- ▶ Nebraska set a school record with three defensive touchdowns against Wake Forest, and the two defensive scores in the first quarter also marked the first time a Blackshirt defense scored two TDs in a single quarter. The two interception returns for touchdowns tied a school record set on four previous occasions, most recently vs. Texas A&M in 2003.
- ▶ Before the Wake Forest game, the last time Nebraska scored consecutive touchdowns on defense was on Oct. 19, 1963, when the Huskers had consecutive scores on interception returns in a 28-6 victory over Kansas State. In that game, Ron Michka returned an interception 16 yards for a score in the second quarter, and Larry Tomlinson had a 34-yard interception return in the third quarter.
- ▶ Nebraska has three interception returns for touchdowns, just two off the single-season record of five interceptions for touchdowns set in 1971 and 1995. Overall, Nebraska has four defensive touchdowns, after not posting a defensive touchdown last season.
- ▶ Nebraska is allowing 14.0 points per game, to rank 10th nationally in scoring defense. Nebraska allowed zero first-quarter points and just six first-half points in the season's first four games. NU had a 10-quarter stretch of not allowing a touchdown (Wake Forest, Pitt, first half of ISU game).
- ▶ While Nebraska's five opponents have averaged just 14.0 points per game against the Blackshirts, those same five teams are averaging 32.2 points per game in their other games. While Nebraska did allow 34 points to national scoring leader Texas Tech, the Huskers limited Tech to just 13 points in the game's final 39 minutes.
- ▶ On the strength of the school-record 11 sacks, Nebraska held Maine to minus-six yards rushing to mark the second straight year the Husker defense has held its opponent to negative rushing yards in the opener. Nebraska ranks in the top five in the nation in rushing defense, allowing just 67.8 yards per game.
- ▶ Nebraska has forced 37 opponent punts in five games, including 13 by Maine in the season opener.

A Mirror Image?

Here is a comparison of Nebraska and Baylor in a few statistical areas.

Category	Nebraska	Baylor
Total Defense	296.4	294.2
Scoring Defense	14.0	15.2
Net Punting	39.5	38.3
Punt Returns	15.3	14.2

Nebraska Defensive Rankings

Category	Avg.	Big 12	National
Rush Def.	67.8	2	4
Pass Eff. Def.	112.22	6	34
Total Def.	296.4	4	17
Scoring Def.	14.0	2	10

Bullocks Makes Most of Touches

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

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

Bullocks' returns include...

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

NU Defensive Back Career Tackles

Rank	Player	Years	Tackles
1.	Mike Brown, 1996-99		287
2.	Tyrone Byrd, 1989-92		209
3.	Reggie Cooper, 1987-90		195
4.	Keyuo Craver, 1998-01		192
5.	Steve Carmer, 1988-92		182
6.	Daniel Bullocks, 2002-present		180
7.	Josh Bullocks, 2002-04		160

Ross, Bullocks Elected as Team Captains

Nebraska seniors **Cory Ross** and **Daniel Bullocks** have been elected team captains for the 2005 campaign. Ross is poised to crack the top 10 on Nebraska's career rushing list, while Bullocks continues to make his mark as one of the finest defensive backs in school history.

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).

Opponents Find Third Down Tough vs. Blackshirts

The Nebraska defense has been strong on third downs, allowing the opponents to convert on just 19-of-80 third-down attempts this season. NU was at its best on third down against Pitt, holding the Panthers to just one conversion in 14 third-down situations, while limiting Texas Tech to 1-of-10 on third down.

On the season, Nebraska ranks fourth nationally in third-down defensive conversion percentage at 24 percent. This week, the Huskers will battle one of the Big 12's best offenses at converting third downs. Baylor has converted 37-of-80 third downs (46.3 percent) and rank 22nd nationally in that category.

2005 Husker Takeaways

Game	Fumb.	INT	Total
Maine	1	1	2
Wake	1	3	4
Pitt	0	0	0
ISU	0	1	1
T. Tech	1	1	2
Totals	3	6	9

Defensive Touchdowns

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

Bullocks Leading Secondary in Senior Season

Senior strong safety **Daniel Bullocks** may have felt a little lonely in the Husker secondary at the start of the 2005 season. Not only was 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 is looking to join his brother on Nebraska's prestigious All-America wall with a strong senior season.

One of two Nebraska co-captains, Bullocks has continued to elevate his play in his senior season. Bullocks ranks second on the team in tackles with 37 stops, including three tackles for loss. He also leads the Huskers in pass breakups with eight, including two in each of the past three games.

After a solid opener against Maine, Bullocks had a monster game against Wake Forest, recording 13 tackles and forcing and returning a fumble 30 yards for a touchdown to give Nebraska a 14-0 lead. The 13 tackles was the second-best total of Bullocks' career, while the touchdown was the second of Bullocks' career. Last season he returned a botched Kansas State punt snap 10 yards for a touchdown. He had six and five tackles, respectively, against Pitt and Iowa State, then had 12 tackles and a pair of breakups against Texas Tech last weekend.

► With his 37 tackles this fall, Bullocks continues to climb the Nebraska career tackles chart. One of seven defensive backs in the top 50 on Nebraska's career tackles list, Bullocks is just 20 stops from becoming the third NU defensive back to top 200 career tackles. Bullocks currently ranks sixth in tackles among defensive backs and tied for 33rd overall in school history. Against Pitt, Bullocks passed his brother on the Nebraska career tackles list.

► Bullocks intercepted a team-leading five passes last season, returning the picks for 187 yards, a school single-season record for interception return yardage. Bullocks has yet to record an interception this season and 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 to move into the top five on NU's career interceptions list. He is six interceptions behind his brother Josh, who ranks second in school history with 13 interceptions.

Defensive Ends Carriker and Moore Pounding Opposing Quarterbacks

Nebraska's improved pass rush has truly been a team effort this season. However, bookend junior defensive ends **Adam Carriker** and **Jay Moore** have constantly applied pressure from the edge. Carriker leads NU with six sacks for 61 yards in losses, while Moore has added 2 1/2 sacks and caused turnovers each of the past three weeks.

Carriker has shown flashes of dominance throughout his Nebraska career. The Kennewick, Wash., native has prototypical size (6-6, 280) and strength for a defensive end. However, Carriker's first two seasons of play for Nebraska were disrupted by ankle injuries. As a redshirt freshman in 2003, Carriker missed three games with an ankle injury, but was a strong pass rusher when healthy. He capped the year with a breakout game at Colorado with three quarterback hurries and a sack. Last fall, Carriker again had injury problems, suffering an ankle injury that forced him to miss a game and slowed him for most of the first half of the year. Carriker was back to full strength late in the season and had 28 tackles, five tackles for loss and a sack in the season's final five games.

The strong finish to 2004 has carried over to 2005. From his base end position, Carriker has eight tackles for loss, including six sacks for 61 yards. Carriker's six sacks are tied for fourth in the nation and his 61 yards in losses on sacks is third-best nationally. Carriker produced his best game at Nebraska against Pittsburgh, finishing with seven tackles, four tackles for loss (26 yards), a pair of sacks (21 yards), a quarterback hurry and a pass breakup.

Moore has totaled 14 tackles this season, including seven tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks for 21 yards. The 6-4, 270-pounder has been dominant the past two weeks. Against Iowa State, Moore had three tackles, including a pair of tackles for loss and a six-yard sack. He also forced a Cyclone fumble and picked off a pass ending a third-quarter ISU scoring threat. The Elkhorn, Neb., native was again strong against Texas Tech recording four tackles, including three tackles for loss of 18 yards, and a 12-yard sack. He also forced a fourth-quarter fumble that set up a Husker touchdown to give NU a 28-27 lead.

McKeon Making Most of First Season as a Starter

Nebraska sophomore linebacker **Corey McKeon** faced one of the most difficult jobs entering the season. Not only is he charged with getting the Husker Blackshirt defense aligned correctly, he was also asked to fill the shoes of Nebraska's all-time leading tackler **Barrett Ruud**. A second-round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Ruud was Nebraska's starter at MIKE linebacker for the past three seasons and piled up 432 career tackles.

The 6-1, 225-pound McKeon entered the season having played in only one game last season as a redshirt freshman. However, the boisterous native of suburban Chicago has performed like a veteran since the start of the season, helping an energized Blackshirt unit key a 4-1 start.

Adam Carriker Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Hurries
Maine	4-0-4	2-13	2-13	0	1
Wake Forest	1-1-2	1-14	1-14	1	0
Pitt	4-3-7	4-26	2-21	1	2
ISU	2-4-6	0-0	0-0	0	3
Tech	1-0-1	1-13	1-13	0	1
Totals	12-8-20	8-66	6-61	2	7

Jay Moore Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Hurries
Maine	1-2-3	1-3	0.5-3	0	1
Wake Forest	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1
Pitt	4-0-4	1-3	0-0	0	0
ISU	2-1-3	2-10	1-6	1	1
Tech	3-1-4	3-18	1-12	1	1
Totals	10-4-14	7-34	2.5-21	2	4

Other: INT vs. Iowa State; fumbles caused vs. Pitt, ISU, TT

Corey McKeon Game-by-Game

Opponent	UT-AT-TT	TFL	Sacks	INT	Hurries
Maine	8-2-10	3-5	1-2	—	1
Wake Forest	6-4-10	2-11	2-11	1-38*	0
Pitt	3-3-6	1-2	—	—	2
ISU	9-1-10	5-23	2-18	—	3
Tech	0-6-6	—	—	—	—
Totals	26-16-42	11-41	5-31	1-38*	6

Points Not Coming Easy vs. Blackshirts

Nebraska allowed just 36 points in the first four games of the 2005 season, including only 29 in regulation play. National scoring leader Texas Tech did score 34 points against the Huskers, but only 13 in the game's final 39 minutes. Nebraska ranks second in the Big 12 and 10th nationally allowing 14.0 points per game.

Tech was also the first team this season to score a point against the Huskers in the first quarter and the first team to score a touchdown against Nebraska in the first half.

Punter Sam Koch Game-by-Game in 2005

Game	Punts	Avg.	120	Long	Returns
Maine	4	46.8	2	70	0-0
Wake	8	42.5	4	76	3-23
Pitt	8	46.0	5	84	3-7
ISU	4	40.5	2	55	1-11
Tech	1	32.0	1	32	0-0

Congdon Continuing NU Frosh Kicking Success

True freshman place-kicker **Jordan Congdon** is adding to the recent success of Nebraska freshman place-kickers. Congdon connected on his only field goal attempt and all four PATs against Texas Tech and is now 8-of-11 on field goals this season. He connected on all four of his FG attempts in his debut against Maine. Congdon missed his first career extra-point attempt, but has connected on his past 13 PAT attempts.

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

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

Congdon's eight field goals puts him just four field goals from the top 10 on NU's single-season FG list.

Among McKeon's accomplishments early in the season are...

► McKeon leads the Huskers with 42 total tackles, including three 10-tackle efforts (Maine, Wake Forest, Iowa State). McKeon also leads the team with 11 tackles for loss, resulting in 41 yards.

► McKeon got Nebraska on the scoreboard against Wake Forest, returning a first-quarter interception 38 yards for a touchdown, one of three defensive touchdowns in the 31-3 victory.

► McKeon is second on the team in sacks with five, a total that is tied for 10th nationally. McKeon had two sacks each against Wake Forest and Iowa State.

► McKeon set a Nebraska linebacker record with five tackles for loss against Iowa State. The Nebraska season record for sacks and tackles for loss by a linebacker were both set by Demorris Williams in 2003, with 11 sacks and 21 tackles for loss. Prior to Williams' record-setting season the position records were 13 tackles for loss by Clete Pillen in 1975 and 6.5 sacks by Carlos Polk in 1999. Barrett Ruud recorded 18 tackles for loss in 2004, the second-most ever by an NU linebacker in a single season.

Senior Punter Koch a Constant for Husker Special Teams

Nebraska will see 2004 Ray Guy Award-winning punter Daniel Sepulveda of Baylor this Saturday. However, the Huskers need look no farther than the practice field to see one of the nation's best punters. Senior **Sam Koch** was the special teams standout for Nebraska in 2004, and is putting together an even better 2005 campaign. Koch is averaging 43.56 yards per punt, a figure that places him 18th nationally. Koch's punting effort helps Nebraska rank seventh nationally in net punting at 39.5 yards per punt.

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

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

► Koch has had 14 of his 25 punts this fall downed inside the opponent's 20-yard line, including five vs. Pitt.

► Koch has allowed only seven returns for 41 yards in five games this season.

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

► Koch owns two of the longest four punts in school history with his 84-yard punt against Pitt (second) and his 76-yarder vs. Wake Forest (fourth). Koch's 84-yard punt against Pitt is one of only 26 80-plus-yard punts in Division I-A in the past 10 seasons (1996 to 2005).

► Of Koch's 25 punts, 10 have come from inside Nebraska's own 40-yard line. On those punts, Koch is averaging 50.8 yards per boot.

► Fifteen of Koch's 25 punts have come from past Nebraska's 40-yard line or in opponent territory. On those punts, Koch has downed 12 of the 15 inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Koch Just Part of Nebraska Special Teams Story

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

The highlights from special teams in 2005 include...

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

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

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

► Sophomore **Tierre Green** had a career-long 45-yard return on his only attempt against Iowa State, bettering a 43-yard return against Maine in the season opener. Green is averaging 27.5 yards per return to rank 29th nationally.

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

► Nebraska has also been strong in coverage, allowing just 41 yards on seven opponent punt returns, while the opposition is averaging just 15.4 yards per kickoff return, second in the Big 12.

Cory Ross Game-by-Game Rushing in 2005

Game	Att.	Yds.	TD	Avg.	Long
Maine	20	80	1	4.0	30
Wake	20	123	0	6.2	57
Pitt	32	153	0	4.8	19
ISU	15	32	1	2.1	6
Tx. Tech	15	68	0	4.5	11

Ross' Career 100-Yard Rushing Games (11)

19 carries, 108 yards at Kansas, 2003
 22 carries, 103 yards, 1 TD at Colorado, 2003
 37 carries, 138 yards, 2 TD vs. Michigan St., 2003 Alamo Bowl
 13 carries, 125 yards vs. Western Illinois, 2004
 27 carries, 169 yards vs. Southern Miss, 2004
 19 carries, 107 yards, 1 TD vs. Kansas, 2004
 19 carries, 194 yards, 2 TD vs. Missouri, 2004
 19 carries, 126 yards, 1 TD at Iowa State, 2004
 30 carries, 130 yards at Oklahoma, 2004
 20 carries, 123 yards vs. Wake Forest, 2005
 32 carries, 153 yards vs. Pitt, 2005

Charting the Husker Backs in 2005

Game	Ross	B. Jackson	Lucky	Glenn	Total
Maine	20-80-1	6-18-0	13-44-0	DNP	39-142-1
Wake	20-123-0	4-3-0	2-3-0	DNP	26-129-0
Pitt	32-153-0	2-4-0	1-(-4)-0	4-20-0	39-177-0
ISU	15-32-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	15-32-1
Tech	15-68-0	1-4-0	3-23-0	12-39-2	31-134-2

Charting the Husker Offense

Coach Bill Callahan's Husker offense featured outstanding balance in 2004, and Nebraska should possess similar ability this fall. Through five games, Nebraska has rushed the ball 180 times and attempted 179 passes.

Opp.	Rush Att.	Rush Yds.	Pass Att.	Pass Yds.	TD
Maine	42	121	36	192	4
Wake	30	120	33	114	1
Pitt	48	174	20	93	0
ISU	25	36	55	431	1
Tech	35	135	35	229	4

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

School Records Set or Tied vs. Iowa State

Single-Game Passing Yards: 431, Zac Taylor (36-55-0)

Previous Record: 342, Joe Dailey vs. Baylor, 2004

Single-Game Completions: 36, Zac Taylor

Previous Record: 29, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

Single-Game Passing Attempts (Tied): 55, Zac Taylor

Previous Record: 55, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

Single-Game Total Offense: 433, Zac Taylor (431 pass, 2 rush)

Previous Record: 369, Jammal Lord vs. McNeese St., 2002

Single-Game Total Offense Attempts: 62, Zac Taylor

Previous Record: 60, Joe Dailey vs. Colorado, 2004

Receiving Yards by a RB: 131, Cory Ross (8 receptions)

Previous Record: 124, Jeff Kinney vs. Missouri, 1969

Receiving TDs by a RB (Tied): 2, Cory Ross

Previous Record: 2, Ahman Green vs. Kansas State, 1995

Most First Downs by Pass, Team: 24

Previous Record: 16, vs. Missouri, 1972

Senior I-Back Ross Building Another Impressive Season

Nebraska senior I-back **Cory Ross** showed he was an ideal fit in the West Coast Offense in 2004. The 5-6, 195-pound Ross was a workhorse as a runner, and was also adept at catching the ball out of the Nebraska backfield. This fall, Ross has provided more evidence that he is a natural for Head Coach Bill Callahan's offense.

Ross has averaged 152.7 all-purpose yards in Nebraska's past three games. The manner that he put those totals together shows the versatility Ross provides the Nebraska offense.

Against Pitt, Ross was a workhorse in the running game, toting the ball 32 times for 153 yards, while also catching three passes for 23 yards. In the double-overtime win against Iowa State, Ross flashed his receiving skills as Nebraska amassed a school-record 431 yards passing. Ross caught eight passes out of the backfield for a Nebraska running back record 131 yards. He provided all three of the Huskers' touchdowns, scoring on a 70-yard screen pass in the third quarter, a one-yard TD run in the first overtime and an eight-yard reception in the second extra period.

In Nebraska's game against Texas Tech, Ross flashed both his rushing and receiving skills in the same contest. He rushed for 68 yards on 15 carries, while catching four passes for 51 yards out of the backfield. Ross ranks among the Big 12 leaders in both rushing (91.2 ypg) and all-purpose yardage (133.6 ypg). His four touchdowns are a team-high and his 18 receptions also lead the team.

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

► Ross continues to climb Nebraska's career rushing chart. Against Wake Forest Ross had a 57-yard run, the second-longest of his career and surpassed 2,000 career yards on the play. Ross now has 2,317 career rushing yards to rank 16th on the NU career chart, just 256 yards from reaching the top 10 on NU's career rushing list. If Ross was to match his 1,100-yard season from 2004, he would finish sixth on the Husker career charts.

► Ross has a pair of 100-yard outings in 2005 (Wake Forest, Pitt) and has 11 career 100-yard rushing games.

► Ross caught 21 passes for 262 yards and two TDs last fall. His 74-yard touchdown reception against Baylor was the longest by a NU running back since 1978 and his 21 catches were the most in a decade by a Husker back.

► The 70-yard touchdown reception against Iowa State marked the third reception of 60 yards or longer in Ross' career. Last fall, he had the 74-yard TD catch against Baylor and a 63-yard reception at Kansas State.

► 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.

2005 Offense Featuring Flexibility, Ball Security

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.

Nebraska's offensive play-calling is nearly perfectly balanced in 2005, rushing the ball 180 times while attempting 179 passes. Against Texas Tech, Nebraska ran 35 times, while also throwing 35 passes. In the previous two games, Callahan's offense exhibited its flexibility.

The Huskers featured the rushing attack against Pitt, churning out 174 yards on 48 rushing attempts, while throwing just 20 passes in a 7-6 victory. A week later, the Huskers used an aerial assault to upend No. 23 Iowa State, throwing for a school-record 431 yards on a record-tying 55 pass attempts. In the game, NU rushed just 25 times to tie for the second-lowest team rushing attempt total in school history.

In Oakland, Callahan's offenses exhibited the same characteristics—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.

► Callahan's 2002 Raiders completed better than 67 percent of their passes 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.

While the 2004 Husker offense did feature balance, it was held back primarily by one factor—turnovers. Nebraska threw 23 interceptions and lost 10 fumbles in 2004. As a result, Nebraska was a minus-12 in turnover margin, and ranked 110th nationally in that category.

Callahan made better ball security a primary focus for Nebraska throughout spring and fall camp and the results have been mixed. The Huskers struggled in that department in game one, committing four offensive turnovers. Nebraska protected the ball well in wins over Wake Forest, Pitt and Iowa State, committing just two turnovers and playing seven quarters of turnover-free football in one stretch. The Huskers were again plagued by miscues in a 34-31 loss to Texas Tech, turning the ball over four times on offense.

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. Cory Ross, IB, 2002-present	2,317
17. Jeff Kinney, HB, 1969-71	2,244
18. Doug DuBose, IB, 1982-85	2,205
19. Bobby Reynolds, HB, 1950-52	2,196
20. Jarvis Redwine, IB, 1979-80	2,161

It Doesn't Get Much Closer Than This

Nebraska fans got their money's worth in the Huskers' three most recent games against Pitt, Iowa State and Texas Tech. All three games at Memorial Stadium were decided in the game's final seconds or in overtime.

Nebraska 7, Pitt 6

► The Huskers' 7-6 win over Pitt was decided as time expired. After Nebraska missed a field goal with 1:28 remaining, Pitt drove to the Nebraska 29-yard line and lined up for a potential game-winning field goal. A bizarre finish ensued. The Panthers botched the snap on their field-goal attempt on second down and kicker Josh Cummings threw an incomplete pass with one second remaining. Pitt lined up for a second 46-yard FG attempt that was blocked by Adam Ickes to preserve the NU victory.

Nebraska 27, Iowa State 20 (2OT)

► A turnover inside the ISU 20-yard line late in a 13-13 tie, forced Nebraska and the Cyclones into overtime. After Iowa State scored a touchdown to open the overtime, Nebraska matched the score to force a second overtime. The Huskers scored on an eight-yard Zac Taylor to Cory Ross pass, then held ISU on downs to complete a 27-20 victory in the first overtime game in Memorial Stadium history.

Texas Tech 34, Nebraska 31

► After trailing 21-0 in the second quarter, Nebraska rallied for a 31-27 edge with 5:10 remaining. Tech mounted a scoring threat, but Cody Hodges was picked off by defensive tackle Le Kevin Smith with just more than one minute remaining. However, Tech forced Smith to fumble and recovered at the NU 18. Four plays later on fourth-and-2, Hodges connected with Joel Filani for a 10-yard touchdown pass with 12 seconds left to give the Red Raiders a 34-31 victory.

NU Features Hardy Passing Attack in Opener

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hardy continued his strong play in game two, tying for the team lead with four receptions, while nabbing his first career TD at Nebraska on a four-yard reception from Taylor in the third quarter. Through five games, Hardy has 17 receptions for a season-high 237 yards.

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.

NU Shines Under Memorial Stadium Lights

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

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

Record-Setting Performance vs. Iowa State Jump Starts Quarterback Taylor

Nebraska junior quarterback **Zac Taylor** executed the Nebraska offense in record-breaking fashion in the Huskers' 27-20 double-overtime victory over Iowa State on Oct. 1. Taylor completed 36-of-55 passes for a school-record 431 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions against the Cyclones. Taylor's performance against Iowa State earned him SBC Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors and also made him one of four nominees for the Cingular/ABC Sports College All-America Player of the Week.

Taylor continued to be strong in the passing game against Texas Tech. Despite starting the game by connecting on just 3-of-10 passes, Taylor finished the game by hitting on 21-of-35 passes for 229 yards and a pair of touchdown passes to Terrence Nunn. After completing just 43 percent of his passes through three games, Taylor has hit on 57-of-90 (63.3 percent) in the past two weeks, raising his season passing percentage to 53.6 percent.

Taylor and the Huskers threw for a total of 399 yards in the first three games, but eclipsed that total against Iowa State with the school-record 431 yards. In addition to breaking the single-game passing record by 89 yards, Taylor also set the school record for total offense (433 yards), pass completions (36) and total offense attempts (62), while tying the record for most pass attempts (55).

Taylor opened the season with a solid performance against Maine, throwing for 192 yards for his previous single-game high. The Norman, Okla., native surpassed that total before halftime against ISU, throwing for 198 yards in the first half, including connecting on his first seven passes of the game. Head Coach Bill Callahan showed his confidence in Taylor by calling pass plays on 17 straight plays spanning the first and second quarter. Taylor continued his accuracy after halftime, hitting on 17-of-23 passes, including 4-of-6 and a touchdown in overtime.

Taylor has thrown for 1,059 yards this season and is more than halfway to Nebraska's season passing record of 2,074 yards by Dave Humm in 1972. Nebraska has had just four quarterbacks eclipse 2,000 passing yards in a season in school history.

Zac Taylor Game-by-Game

Game	Att.	Comp.	Yards	TD	INT	Long
Maine	36	15	192	0	2	73 (Hardy)
Wake Forest	33	14	114	1	1	25 (Mulkey)
Pitt	20	10	93	0	0	36 (Nunn)
ISU	55	36	431	2	0	70 (Ross)
Texas Tech	35	21	229	2	2	24 (Ross)
Totals	179	96	1,059	5	5	73 (Hardy)

Taylor Spreading the Wealth in Nebraska Passing Attack

Husker coaches have regularly talked about the poise and command quarterback Zac Taylor possesses in the pocket. That poise has led to Taylor spreading the football to several different receivers in the passing game. Eleven different receivers have caught passes for Nebraska this season, including 10 in the school-record 431-yard passing effort against Iowa State. In the win over ISU, four receivers—Cory Ross, Terrence Nunn, Grant Mulkey, Nate Swift—had five or more catches, with each of the four setting career highs for receptions. Swift's five receptions for 81 yards were the first catches of his Nebraska career. Taylor followed that effort by connecting with eight different receivers against Texas Tech.

Breakdown of Taylor's pass distribution....

Game	Passing Yards	No. of Receivers	Leading Receiver (Yds)	Leading Receiver (Catches)
Maine	192	7	Frantz Hardy (152)	Hardy (7)
Wake Forest	114	6	Terrence Nunn (38)	Nunn, Hardy (4)
Pittsburgh	93	6	Nunn (36)	Cory Ross (3)
Iowa State	431	10	Ross (131)	Ross, Nunn (8)
Texas Tech	229	8	Mark LeFlore (53)	LeFlore (5)

Eleven True Freshmen Among Huskers Seeing 2005 Action

Nebraska had an influx of young talent in its 2005 recruiting class and that has been evident by looking at the field in the first part of this season. Among the numerous newcomers who have hit the field are 11 true freshmen, including nine who made their Husker debuts against Maine. The nine true fresh are the most ever to play in a season opener for the Huskers.

The true freshmen seeing action in the opener included PK **Jordan Congdon**, DE **Barry Turner**, LB **Phillip Dillard**, DE **Zach Potter**, S **Jeff Souder**, OT **Matt Slauson**, IB **Marlon Lucky**, WR **Chris Brooks** and DT **Ndamukong Suh**. Against Pitt, I-back **Cody Glenn** and safety **Leon Jackson** joined the group of freshmen, with Glenn having an impressive performance with four carries for 20 yards.

Of the freshman group, Congdon had the biggest impact in game one, connecting on four field goals to tie a Nebraska freshman record. Congdon was 4-for-4 on field goals, hitting from 23, 33, 38 and 23 yards and supplied 13 points in his NU debut. Through five games, he has connected on 8-of-11 field goals.

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

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

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.

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 118 straight games.
- ▶ Nebraska has not been shut out at home since Kansas State shut out the Huskers, 12-0, on Homecoming in 1968 (239 games).
- ▶ The Huskers have been shut out just five times since 1962, including once at home during that span. The Huskers have not been shut out by a conference opponent since a 27-0 loss at Oklahoma in 1973. NU was shut out by Miami in the 1992 Orange Bowl (22-0), the only time the Huskers have been shut out in a bowl game.
- ▶ The Huskers have scored 30-or-more points in six of their last nine bowl games, including a school and NCAA bowl-record 66 vs. Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.
- ▶ Nebraska posted two shutouts in 2003, and has 102 shutouts in school history.

NU Completes Perfect Non-Conference Slate

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

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

NU Schedule Features Five 2004 Bowl Teams

Nebraska just completed a stretch of three consecutive games against teams that played in bowl games in 2004. The Huskers posted a 7-6 victory over Pittsburgh, the 2004 Big East champ that played in the Fiesta Bowl. NU knocked off Iowa State 27-20 in double overtime, defeating a Cyclone team that played in the 2004 Independence Bowl. Last weekend 2004 Holiday Bowl champion Texas Tech handed Nebraska its first loss, 34-31, in Lincoln.

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.

NCAA Record Sellout Streak Continues

Nebraska boasts an incredible NCAA-record 273 consecutive sellouts at Memorial Stadium. The sellout streak dates back to Hall of Fame Coach Bob Devaney's first year in 1962 (vs. Missouri on Nov. 3). Notre Dame is second in all-time consecutive sellouts with 180, 93 fewer than Nebraska.

The Huskers are 241-32 during the 273 sellouts. The mark includes a 39-21 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 153-16 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 two remaining home games in 2005, Nebraska's record sellout streak is set to reach 275 by the end of the season.

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 109-9 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 476-128-20 (.779, 624 games, 116 years) in Lincoln, 351-105-13 (.762, 469 games, 83 years) in Memorial Stadium (since 1923).

Since 1986, only seven 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 (239 games). NU has posted 40 unbeaten and untied home seasons.

Construction Continuing at Memorial Stadium

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

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

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

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

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

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

LeFlore Named to Good Works Team

Nebraska senior wide receiver Mark LeFlore was one of 11 Division I-A players named to the 2005 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team. LeFlore is the 10th Husker selected to the Good Works Team since its inception in 1992, a total that leads the nation. The Good Works Team is comprised of two 11-player teams, a Division I-A team and a combined team from Divisions I-AA, II, III and the NAIA, and honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service. LeFlore is one of four Big 12 players on the Good Works Team, the most honorees of any conference.

LeFlore is an active member in the Lincoln and Nebraska community, who was named to Nebraska's 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team for his efforts. LeFlore has volunteered his time at numerous activities, including the Village Manor Retirement Center, Children's Discovery Center, the Malone Community Center for Youth, the Omaha Children's Hospital, Lincoln's St. Elizabeth's Hospital and local Special Olympics. LeFlore is the Community Outreach Officer for the Nebraska Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, a member of the Student-Athlete Minority group committed to degree completion and also speaks at numerous elementary schools.

Kurt Mann Presented with Jake Young Memorial Scholarship

Nebraska junior center **Kurt Mann** was presented with the Jake Young Memorial Scholarship earlier this season. Young, a Husker two-time All-American and academic All-American at center, 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 in 2004, as well each of this year's first four games. 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.

Todd is 2005 Recipient of Berringer Scholarship

Nebraska junior fullback **Dane Todd** was the 2005 recipient of the Brook Berringer Memorial Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship was endowed in the memory of former Nebraska quarterback Brook Berringer, who died in a plane crash on April 18, 1996.

Criteria for the Brook Berringer Memorial Scholarship includes the following: Must be a football student-athlete; must be involved in community service along with high ideals, excellent character and integrity.

Todd is arguably Nebraska's top scholar-athlete. The Lincoln Southeast graduate carries a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and was a 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honoree and a first-team Academic All-Big 12 pick. Todd is also a leader in the community, being named to the Brook Berringer Citizenship Team each of his first three seasons at Nebraska. The citizenship team recognizes Huskers who take a leading role in the Huskers' community outreach activities.

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 3.97 grade-point average. Both Todd and Mann will be favorites to earn academic All-America honors in 2005.

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

► Huskers Enter Fall With Outstanding Academic Record

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

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

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

► Helming and Ickes Playing 2005 as Graduate Students

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

► An additional 11 Husker football student-athletes are expected to graduate this December, giving Nebraska 13 of 23 seniors as graduates by the close of the season. Among that group, senior wide receiver **Mark LeFlore** is scheduled to complete his undergraduate work in communication studies in just 3 1/2 years.

► By May of 2006, 21 of the 23 members of the Huskers' senior class are scheduled to graduate.

► The graduation rate of this year's senior class comes on the heels of a similar showing by Nebraska's 2004 senior class. At the conclusion of NU's 2005 spring semester, 18 of 20 members of Nebraska's 2005 senior class had picked up their degrees.

► Nebraska Honored by AFCA for Football Graduation Rate

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

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

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

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

► Huskers Pace Big 12 in Academic Honors

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

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

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.

Maine is Latest Season-Opening Victim

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

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

Nebraska Season-Opening Win Streak (20)

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

*--Kickoff Classic, East Rutherford, N.J.

► Football Program Earns Life Skills Team Award

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

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

Nebraska Boasts Tradition of Winning

Nebraska ranks as the nation's fourth-winningest program, both in terms of victories and winning percentage. The Husker football program owns a 790-318-40 all-time record in 1,148 games (.706) in 116 years of football. In the last 36-plus years, Nebraska's record is an impressive 356-77-5 for an .818 winning percentage in 438 games, an average of 9.8 wins per season.

► NU has won 10-or-more games 24 times since 1962, has gone undefeated and untied through the regular season seven times, played in 13 national title games (for at least one of the teams) and won the championship five times.

► Since the first Nebraska season in 1890, Husker teams have won 11 or more games 12 times, including seven of the last 12 years.

► NU has won 12 or more games seven times, and 13 games three times (1971, 1994 and 1997).

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

All-Time Victories

1.	Michigan	845
2.	Notre Dame	806
3.	Texas	792
4.	Nebraska	790
5.	Alabama	769

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

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.

NU Leads Conference in Football Crowns

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

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

Big 12 History

Year	Division Winners		Big 12 Champ
	North	South	
1996	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

Huskers in the National Football League

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



Former Husker, Current NFL Team Active Roster

- Eric Johnson, Arizona Cardinals
- Benard Thomas, Atlanta Falcons
- Demorrio Williams, Atlanta Falcons
- Chris Kelsay, Buffalo Bills
- Mike Minter, Carolina Panthers
- Mike Rucker, Carolina Panthers
- Mike Brown, Chicago Bears
- Kyle Larson, Cincinnati Bengals
- Scott Shanle, Dallas Cowboys
- Dominic Raiola, Detroit Lions
- Cory Schlesinger, Detroit Lions
- Ahman Green, Green Bay Packers
- Kris Brown, Houston Texans
- Zach Wiegert, Houston Texans
- Will Shields, Kansas City Chiefs
- Eric Warfield, Kansas City Chiefs
- Ralph Brown, Minnesota Vikings
- Russ Hochstein, New England Patriots
- Josh Bullocks, New Orleans Saints
- Trevor Johnson, New York Jets
- Adam Treu, Oakland Raiders
- Fabian Washington, Oakland Raiders
- Toniu 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

Husker Records Report

Category.....	Record
All-time	790-318-40
Home	476-128-20
Memorial Stadium	351-105-13
Since 1962.....	424-95-5
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.....	448-157-16
In Big 12 Action (since '96)	55-22
Home	32-6
Away.....	20-15
Neutral	3-1
Bowls	21-21
On ABC	78-35
On FieldTurf.....	41-9
In Overtime	4-0
At Night	59-20-3
vs. Ranked Teams...	
All-Time	91-99-3
Home	43-33-0
Away	28-51-3
Neutral.....	20-15-0
as No. 1 Team	46-7-1
In 273 Consecutive Sellout Streak...	
All-Time	241-32
vs. Ranked Teams	39-21

Nebraska A Regular Supplier to NFL

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

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

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

A Look at the Numbers

Scoring Drives

Nebraska has produced 16 scoring drives this season, with four coming in five or fewer plays, including one one-play drive. Overall, the Huskers have scored eight touchdowns and kicked eight field goals in their 16 scoring drives this season. NU has four rushing touchdowns and four passing touchdowns. NU's 16 scoring drives have covered a total of 809 yards in 133 plays in a total of 54:06, for an average scoring drive that has covered 50.6 yards in 8.3 plays and 3:23.

The Huskers' longest scoring drive in terms of yardage went 83 yards in 14 plays and 6:37 against Iowa State, ending in a field goal. Nebraska's shortest drive covered one yard on one play and took just four seconds against Maine.

Game	Scoring		Time		Plays		5 or less	1-Play
	Drives	Total	Avg.	Total	Avg.			
Maine	5	12:40	2:32	36	7.2	2	1	
Wake	2	6:51	3:25	20	10	0	0	
Pitt	1	2:51	2:51	6	6	0	0	
ISU	3	13:37	4:32	29	9.7	1	0	
Tech	5	18:07	3:37	42	8.4	1	0	
Totals	16	54:06	3:23	133	8.3	4	1	
Opponents	13	33:35	2:35	89	6.8	4	0	

Long Season Plays (20 or more yards)

The Huskers have produced 29 plays that have covered 20 yards or more, including nine long passes, three long runs and 17 long returns. Quarterback Zac Taylor connected with wide receiver Frantz Hardy on a 73-yard pass against Maine for the Huskers' longest pass play of the season. I-Back Cory Ross sprinted 57 yards against Wake Forest for NU's longest run from scrimmage.

The Huskers have yielded 25 long plays to opponents this season, including 14 long passes, seven long returns and four long runs. Pittsburgh quarterback Tyler Palko connected with Greg Lee for a 73-yard pass for the longest pass play against the Huskers this season, while Pittsburgh running back LaRod Stephens-Howling provided the longest run with his 30-yard scamper.

	Husker Long Plays				Opponent Long Plays			
	Rush	Pass	Return	Total	Rush	Pass	Return	Total
Maine	1	2	4	7	0	1	3	4
Wake	1	1	4	6	1	1	2	4
Pitt	0	1	2	3	2	4	0	6
ISU	1	4	2	7	0	4	0	4
Tech	0	1	5	6	1	4	2	7
Total	3	9	17	29	4	14	7	25

Nebraska in the Red Zone

Nebraska has converted 16-of-22 trips inside the red zone this season into scores, coming away with nine touchdowns (five rushing, four passing) and seven field goals. Three Husker drives stalled due to turnovers, while one was lost on downs and two were lost due to missed field goals. Against Texas Tech, the Huskers were 5-for-5 inside the red zone.

Game	Chances	Scores Inside 20			No Score Inside 20			Half/Gm.	Pct.
		Total	TDs	FGs	MissFGs	TDs	Downs		
Maine	6	4	1	3	0	2	0	0	.667
Wake	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	.667
Pitt	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	.500
ISU	6	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	.500
Tech	5	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
Totals	22	16	9	7	2	3	1	0	.727
Opp.	16	10	5	5	2	2	2	0	.625

Nebraska Points Off Turnovers

The Blackshirts have forced nine turnovers this season, converting six of those opponent miscues into touchdowns. The Huskers forced a season-high four turnovers against Wake Forest. On the year, Nebraska has intercepted six passes and recovered three fumbles, while throwing five interceptions and losing seven fumbles.

Game	TDs		Scores		Turnovers	
	Gained	TDs	FG-FGA	Pts.	(Fumbles/Lost, INT)	
Maine	2 (3/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)	
Wake	4 (3/1 F/L, 3 INT)	3	0-0	21	1 (2/0 F/L, 1 INT)	
Pitt	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	0	0-0	0	0 (0/0 F/L, 0 INT)	
ISU	1 (1/0 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	1 (1/1 F/L, 0 INT)	
Tech	2 (2/1 F/L, 1 INT)	1	0-0	7	5 (5/3 F/L, 2 INT)	
Totals	9 (9/3 F/L, 6 INT)	6	0-0	42	12 (13/7 F/L, 5 INT)	
Opp.	12 (13/7 F/L, 5 INT)	1	2-2	13	9 (9/3 F/L, 6 INT)	

Starting Field Position

Nebraska has enjoyed a solid field position advantage this season with a 8.5 yard-per-drive edge against the opponent. Nebraska produced an average start at its own 49.3 in game one, while limiting Maine to an average start at its own 24.5.

NU has started eight drives inside its own 20 this season, while opponents have started 29 drives inside their 20, thanks in a large part to the punting of Sam Koch.

	NU Avg. Start	Opp. Avg. Start	Advantage
Maine	49.3 (838/17)	24.5 (441/18)	24.8
Wake	30.9 (402/13)	23.6 (378/16)	7.3
Pitt	33.9 (407/12)	21.8 (283/13)	12.1
ISU	28.2 (338/12)	23.5 (259/11)	4.7
Tech	34.3 (412/12)	39.6 (515/13)	-5.3
Total	36.3 (2397/66)	27.8 (1837/66)	8.5

Penalty Numbers

NU is averaging 7.4 penalties for 65.8 yards per game, while opponents are averaging 5.8 penalties for 52.2 yards per game. Against Maine, the Huskers were not whistled for a single penalty for the first time since an Oct. 18, 1997 game against Texas Tech.

	NU Pen.-Yds.	Opp. Pen.-Yds.
Maine	0-0	7-55
Wake	10-86	5-48
Pitt	11-91	4-35
Iowa St.	8-80	4-34
Tech	8-72	9-89
Total	37-329	29-261
Average	7.4-65.8	5.8-52.2

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	5	20
Brandon Koch, RG, Sr. (Gothenburg, Neb.)	0	2	11	5	18
Seppo Esvwaraye, OT, Sr. (Vaasa, Finland)	0	0	11	5	16
Kurt Mann, C, Jr. (Grand Island, Neb.)	-	0	11	5	16
Terrence Nunn, WR (X), Soph. (Houston, Texas)	-	-	6	5	11
J.B. Phillips, TE, Soph. (Colleyville, Texas)	0	0	6	5	11
Mark LeFlore, WR (Z), Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	1	5	3	0	9
Isaiah Fluellen, WR (Z), Jr. (Ramstein, Germany)	-	4	2	1	7
Greg Austin, LG, Jr. (Cypress, Texas)	-	0	0	5	5
Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, OT, Sr. (Honolulu, Hawaii)	-	-	0	5	5
Zac Taylor, QB, Jr. (Norman, Okla.)	-	-	-	5	5
Frantz Hardy, WR (Z), Soph. (Miami, Fla.)	-	-	-	3	3
Grant Mulkey, WR (X), Jr. (Arlington, Texas)	-	0	2	1	3
Brandon Jackson, IB, Soph. (Horn Lake, Miss.)	-	-	0	2	2
Josh Mueller, TE, Soph. (Columbus, Neb.)	-	-	0	1	1
Clayton Sievers, TE, Fr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	-	-	-	1	1
Dane Todd, FB, Jr. (Lincoln, Neb.)	=	=	=	1	1
Totals	2	27	71	55	155

Defensive Starters	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Le Kevin Smith, DT, Sr. (Macon, Ga.)	0	12	11	5	28
Daniel Bullocks, SS, Sr. (Chattanooga, Tenn.)	1	9	11	5	26
Titus Adams, DT, Sr. (Omaha, Neb.)	0	1	10	5	16
Stewart Bradley, SAM, Jr. (Salt Lake City, Utah)	-	0	10	5	15
Adam Carriker, DE, Jr. (Kennewick, Wash.)	-	0	8	5	13
Jay Moore, DE, Jr. (Elkhorn, Neb.)	-	0	5	5	10
Tierre Green, CB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	3	5	8
Cortney Grixby, LCB, Soph. (Omaha, Neb.)	-	-	2	5	7
Corey McKeon, LB, Soph. (Naperville, Ill.)	-	-	0	5	5
Blake Tiedtke, FS, Sr. (Cedar Rapids, Iowa)	0	0	0	5	5
Bo Ruud, LB, Soph. (Lincoln, Neb.)	-	-	0	4	4
Steve Octavien, LB, Jr. (Naples, Fla.)	=	=	=	1	1
Totals	1	22	60	55	138

Starting Kickers	'02	'03	'04	'05	Total
Sam Koch, P, Sr. (Seward, Neb.)	0	0	11	5	16
David Dyches, PK, Jr. (Spring, Texas)	-	11	2	0	13
Jordan Congdon, PK, Fr. (San Diego, Calif.)	=	=	=	5	5
Totals	0	11	13	10	34

Starts by True Freshmen: 5

Number of Native Nebraskans With Starts: 23

Number of Offensive Players with Career Starts: 18

Number of Defensive Players with Career Starts: 12

2005 Nebraska Depth Chart (Texas Tech)

Offense

TE (Y):	85 J.B. Phillips* , 6-3, 255, So., Colleyville, Texas 88 Clayton Sievers, 6-4, 240, RFr., Elkhorn, Neb.
LT:	79 Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas, 6-5, 315, Sr., Honolulu, Hawaii 76 Lydon Murtha, 6-7, 315, RFr., Hutchinson, Minn.
LG:	65 Greg Austin** , 6-1, 290, Jr., Cypress, Texas 73 Jared Helming* , 6-3, 295, Sr., Springfield, Mo.
C:	50 KURT MANN* , 6-4, 290, Jr., Grand Island, Neb. 65 Greg Austin** , 6-1, 290, Jr., Cypress, Texas
RG:	75 BRANDON KOCH** , 6-4, 310, Sr., Gothenburg, Neb. 61 Mike Huff, 6-4, 300, RFr., Ralston, Neb. -or- 54 Chris Patrick, 6-4, 285, So., Ithaca, Mich.
RT:	77 SEPPO EVWARAYE** , 6-5, 320, Sr., Laurel, Neb. 70 Matt Slauson, 6-5, 340, Fr., Colorado Springs, Colo.
WR (X):	7 Frantz Hardy, 6-0, 175, So., Miami, Fla. 28 Isaiah Fluellen** , 6-0, 185, Jr., Ramstein, Germany
WR (Z):	83 TERENCE NUNN* , 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas 9 Mark LeFlore*** , 5-11, 195, Sr., Omaha, Neb.
FB:	41 Dane Todd** , 5-10, 235, Jr., Lincoln, Neb. 33 Grant Miller, 6-0, 225, Jr., Peabody, Mass.
IB:	4 CORY ROSS*** , 5-6, 195, Sr., Denver, Colo. 32 Brandon Jackson* , 5-11, 205, So., Horn Lake, Miss.
QB:	13 Zac Taylor, 6-2, 210, Jr., Norman, Okla. 8 Joe Ganz, 6-1, 200, RFr., Palos Heights, Ill.

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

Injured (Not on Depth Chart)

Offense

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

Defense

LB	15 Steve Octavien, 6-0, 235, Jr., Naples, Fla.
DT	77 Ndamukong Suh, 6-4, 300, Fr., Portland, Ore.

Defense

OPEN END:	44 Jay Moore* , 6-4, 270, Jr., Elkhorn, Neb. 55 Wali Muhammad* , 6-1, 255, Sr., Bloomfield, N.J.
NT:	66 Le KEVIN SMITH*** , 6-2, 305, Sr., Macon, Ga. 54 Ola Dagunduro, 6-2, 290, Jr., Inglewood, Calif.
DT:	96 TITUS ADAMS*** , 6-3, 300, Sr., Omaha, Neb. 94 Barry Cryer, 6-2, 275, Jr., Marrero, La.
BASE END:	90 ADAM CARRIKER** , 6-6, 280, Jr., Kennewick, Wash. 43 Ty Steinkuhler, 6-3, 260, RFr., Lincoln, Neb.
SAM:	34 STEWART BRADLEY** , 6-4, 240, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah 49 Adam Ickes* , 6-2, 225, Sr., Page, Neb.
MIKE:	13 Corey McKeon , 6-1, 225, So., Naperville, Ill. 38 Phillip Dillard, 6-2, 250, Fr., Tulsa, Okla.
WILL:	51 Bo Ruud* , 6-3, 230, So., Lincoln, Neb. 40 Lance Brandenburg* , 6-1, 230, So., Overland Park, Kan.
S CB:	2 Cortney Grixby* , 5-9, 165, So., Omaha, Neb. 1 Zackary Bowman, 6-2, 190, Jr., Anchorage, Alaska
FS:	25 Blake Tiedtke* , 5-10, 190, Sr., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 4 Tyler Fisher, 5-11, 195, Sr., Grand Island, Neb.
SS:	14 DANIEL BULLOCKS*** , 6-2, 210, Sr., Chattanooga, Tenn. 8 Andrew Shanle** , 6-1, 205, Jr., St. Edward, Neb.
W CB:	30 Tierre Green* , 6-1, 200, So., Omaha, Neb. 35 Chris LeFlore, 5-10, 210, So., Omaha, Neb.

Specialists

PK:	29 Jordan Congdon, 5-11, 180, Fr., San Diego, Calif. 27 DAVID DYCHES** , 6-1, 180, Jr., Spring, Texas
P:	37 SAM KOCH** , 6-1, 225, Sr., Seward, Neb. 17 Todd Peterson, 6-4, 205, RFr., Grand Island, Neb.
LSNAP:	92 LANE KELLY** , 6-4, 270, Jr., Omaha, Neb. 55 Nathan McBride, 6-1, 205, Fr., Scottsdale, Ariz.
KOR:	30 TIERRE GREEN* , 32 BRANDON JACKSON* 20 Marlon Lucky, 7Frantz Hardy
PR:	2 Cortney Grixby* , 5-9, 165, So., Omaha, Neb. 83 Terrence Nunn* , 6-0, 185, So., Houston, Texas
H:	37 Sam Koch** , 6-1, 225, Sr., Seward, Neb. 8 Joe Ganz, 6-1, 200, RFr., Palos Heights, Ill.

Nebraska Alphabetical Roster

Numerical Roster

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

Lettermen in Bold; *-Indicates Letters Earned

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

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

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Bill Callahan (Illinois Benedictine, 1978)

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers: Kevin Cosgrove

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks: Jay Norvell

Defensive Line: John Blake

Safeties/Special Teams Coordinator: Bill Busch

Tight Ends/Specialists/Recruiting Coordinator: Scott Downing

Cornerbacks: Phil Elmastian

Receivers: Ted Gilmore

Running Backs: Randy Jordan

Offensive Line: Dennis Wagner

Graduate Assistant/Offense: Angus McClure

Graduate Assistant/Defense: Aaron Stamm

Associate A.D./Football: Tim Cassidy

Head Strength Coach: Dave Kennedy

The Husker Probable Starters, In Depth

Offense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
TE (Y)	85	J.B. Phillips*	6-3, 255, So.....Powerful blocker has registered six receptions through five games in 2005—first receptions of NU career
LT	79	Comealius Fuamatu-Thomas	6-5, 315, Sr.....Honolulu native is in first year as starter; Dropped more than 30 pounds in offseason to improve mobility and conditioning
LG	65	Greg Austin**	6-1, 290, Jr.Junior is in his first year as a starter; Overcame a severe knee injury during his freshman season
C	50	Kurt Mann*	6-4, 290, Jr.Second-year starter is a candidate for Rimington Trophy and Academic All-America honors with a 3.97 cumulative GPA
RG	75	Brandon Koch**	6-4, 310, Sr.One of three Nebraskans on the starting offensive line, Koch has started 16 consecutive games over past two years
RT	77	Seppo Ewvaraye**	6-5, 320, Sr.....Former D-lineman has started all 16 games in past two seasons; Mother, Sirpa, attended first games in U.S. vs. ISU and Tech
WR (X)	7	Frantz Hardy	6-0, 175, So.....JUCO teammate of Zac Taylor at Butler County CC; First on the team in receiving yards (237) and second in receptions (17) -or-
	28	Isaiah Fluellen**	6-0, 185, Jr.....Attended high school on U.S. Air Force base in Germany; First two catches of 2004 season went for touchdowns vs. Baylor
WR (Z)	83	Terrence Nunn*	6-0, 185, So.....Texan has 11 starts in first 16 games of Husker career; First two career TDs vs. Texas Tech; Tied for team lead with 18 receptions
FB	41	Dane Todd**	5-10, 235, Jr.Lincoln native provides strong blocking presence in backfield; Academic All-America candidate with perfect 4.0 GPA
IB	4	Cory Ross***	5-6, 195, Sr.....Ranks 16th at Nebraska in career rushing; 11 career 100-yard rushing games; Leading team with 18 receptions (eight vs. ISU)
QB	13	Zac Taylor	6-2, 210, Jr.School-record 431 yards passing vs. ISU; Native of Norman, Okla.; Father, Sherwood, was a starting defensive back at OU in late 1970s

Defense

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
O END	44	Jay Moore*	6-4, 270, Jr.Part-time starter in 2004 has forced a fumble in each of past three games; First career interception vs. ISU stalled a scoring threat
NT	66	Le Kevin Smith***	6-2, 305, Sr.....Senior has started 28 consecutive games; Has five tackles for loss, two sacks, INT and four QB hurries in 2005
DT	96	Titus Adams***	6-3, 300, Sr.....Has posted 14 tackles and a sack in first five games of season; Played in 42 career games over the past four seasons
B END	90	Adam Carriker**	6-6, 280, Jr.Junior is in second season as a starter; Team leader in sacks (6) and second in TFL (8); Washington native was born in Nebraska
SAM	34	Stewart Bradley**	6-4, 240, Jr.Nebraska's leading returning tackler; 26 tackles, three sacks and five TFL in 2005; First career TD on INT return vs. Wake Forest
MIKE	13	Corey McKeon	6-1, 225, So.....Illinois native off to dynamic start in 2005; 42 tackles leads team, including 11 TFL, five sacks and INT return for TD vs. Wake
WILL	51	Bo Ruud*	6-3, 230, So.....Made first career start against Wake Forest; Third on the team with 32 tackles; Also has an INT for a touchdown and two fumble recoveries
S CB	2	Cortney Grixby*	5-9, 165, So.....Sophomore is in first year as a starter; Had strong freshman season with four PBU and 21 tackles; 15 tackles and 3 PBU in '05
FS	25	Blake Tiedtke*	5-10, 190, Sr.Former walk-on earned a scholarship last spring; Ranks fourth on team with 28 tackles; Two sacks, 3 PBU and an INT
SS	14	Daniel Bullocks***	6-2, 210, Sr.....All-America and Thorpe Award candidate has seven career interceptions and two fumble returns for touchdowns
W CB	30	Tierre Green*	6-1, 200, So.....Sophomore earned starting job after switching from I-back in the spring; Accounted for 782 all-purpose yards in 2004

Specialists

Pos	#	Player	Worth Noting
PK	29	Jordan Congdon	5-11, 180, Fr.True freshman made first five FG of career and is 8-of-11 through five games; Made 13 straight PATs since missing first
P	37	Sam Koch**	6-1, 225, Sr.Ray Guy candidate is averaging nearly 44 yards per punt; Three punts of more than 70 yards, including 84-yarder vs. Pitt
LS	92	Lane Kelly**	6-4, 270, Jr.Omaha native has handled long snapping chores for past three seasons; Earned scholarship during fall camp
KOR	30	Tierre Green*	6-1, 200, So.....Had 498 yards in kickoff returns in 2004; Recorded a career-long 45-yard return vs. Iowa State and ranks 29th nationally
	32	Brandon Jackson*	5-11, 205, So.....No. 2 I-back averaged 21.1 yards per KO return in 2004; Three returns for 37 yards in 2005; 29 yards rushing this season
PR	2	Cortney Grixby*	5-9, 165, So.....Played quarterback at Omaha's Central High School; 17 returns for 164 yards in '05; 23-yarder vs. Tech was career-best
	83	Terrence Nunn*	6-0, 185, So.....Ranks second nationally averaging 27.6 yards per punt return; 62-yard returns vs. Maine and Pitt are longest by NU in three seasons
H	37	Sam Koch**	6-1, 225, Sr.Senior punter is in his first season doubling as Nebraska's holder