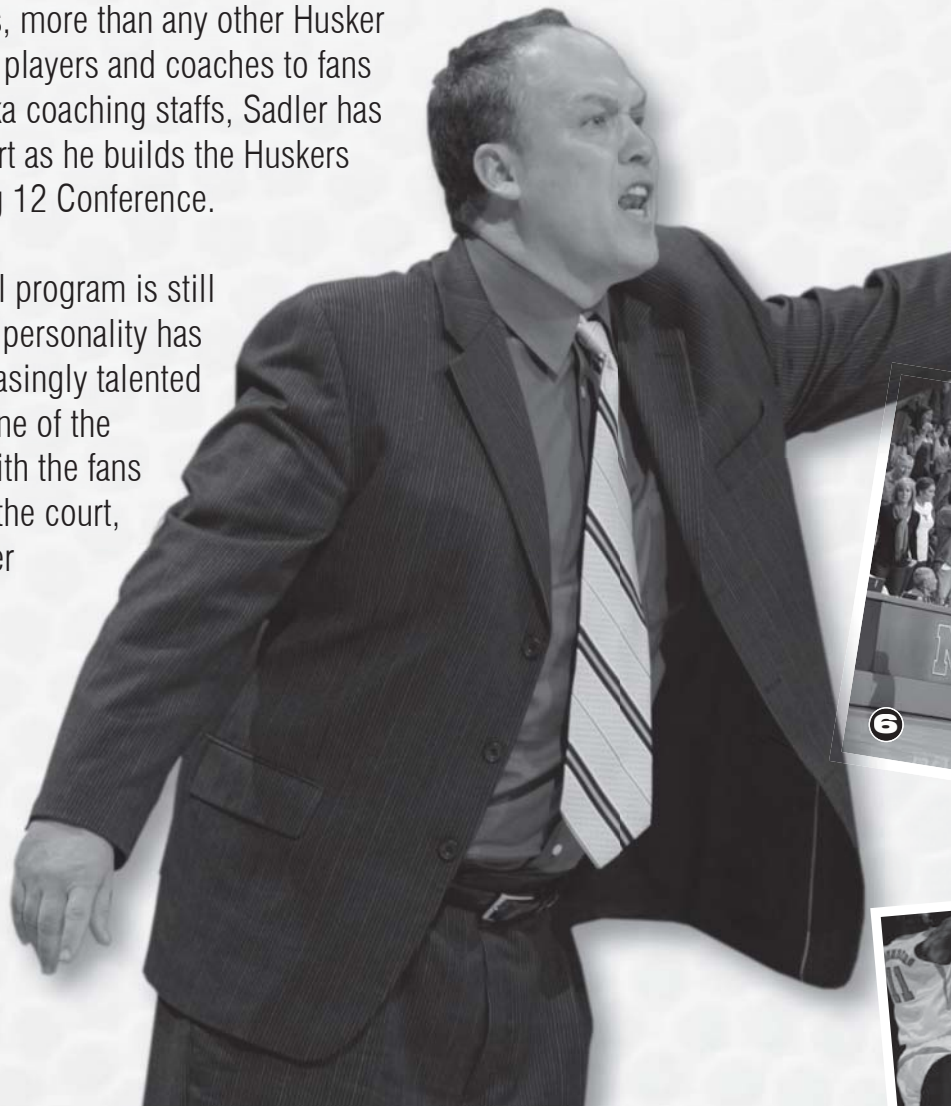


# THIS IS NEBRASKA BASKETBALL

Nebraska basketball is about family and winning. In his tenure on the NU sideline, coach Doc Sadler has provided both, bringing the Cornhusker family back together and winning 55 times, more than any other Husker coach in his first three years. From former players and coaches to fans across the country and even other Nebraska coaching staffs, Sadler has engaged them all and enlisted their support as he builds the Huskers into an annual contender in the rugged Big 12 Conference.

Excitement around the Nebraska basketball program is still building. Sadler's energetic and engaging personality has carried over to his hard-working and increasingly talented squad, which has earned a reputation as one of the toughest defensive units in the country. With the fans back on board and a competitive team on the court, the Huskers know only one way to go under Sadler's direction – up.



## COACHING WINS - FIRST FIVE YEARS AT DIVISION I

(Big 12 Coaches Only)

1. Mike Anderson (MU) ..... 107-53
2. **Doc Sadler (NU)..... 103-58**
3. Jeff Capel (OU) ..... 95-56
4. Greg McDermott (ISU)..... 90-63
5. Rick Barnes (UT) ..... 88-63
6. Jeff Bzdelik (CU) ..... 87-67
7. Bill Self (KU) ..... 74-66
8. Mark Turgeon (A&M)..... 67-75
9. Travis Ford (OSU)..... 61-80
10. Scott Drew (BU) ..... 56-80
- Frank Martin (KSU)..... 43-24
- Pat Knight (TTU)..... 18-26

## POSTSEASON APPEARANCES - FIRST FIVE YEARS AT DIVISION I

(Big 12 Coaches Only)

1. **Doc Sadler (NU).....4**
- Mike Anderson (MU) ..... 4
3. Rick Barnes (UT) ..... 3
- Greg McDermott (ISU)..... 3
5. Jeff Capel (OU) ..... 2
- Frank Martin (KSU)..... 2
6. Jeff Bzdelik (CU) ..... 1
7. Bill Self (KU) ..... 1
8. Mark Turgeon (A&M)..... 1
9. Scott Drew (BU) ..... 1
10. Travis Ford (OSU)..... 1
- Pat Knight (TTU).....



**1** Former Husker and NBA veteran Stu Lantz returned as a special guest for the third annual Doc Sadler Golf Classic in 2009, one of the many ways Sadler has reached out to former Nebraska players and coaches to bring them back into the NU family.

**2** Former Huskers like Jerry Fort, the school's third-leading all-time scorer, have made Sadler's summer golf outing an annual event after being away from the program for years.

**3** Numerous other former Husker have returned to the program recently, including NBA veteran Erick Strickland and former Husker coach Danny Nee, both 2009 Nebraska Basketball Hall of Fame inductees.

**4** During his time in Lincoln, Sadler has embraced all the sporting teams and coaches at Nebraska. He and wrestling coach Mark Manning and football coach Bo Pelini frequently talk and attend each others' practices and games/meets.

**5** Off the court, Sadler pushes his athletes to succeed in the classroom. In Sadler's first three years at NU, 11 Huskers have received academic honors and five have earned their degrees. Five more Huskers are scheduled to receive diplomas within the next year.

**6** Over the past three years, Sadler has pushed the Huskers to rarely seen heights. NU has improved its league record each year, won at least 17 games every season, reached two postseason tournaments and defeated five ranked teams.



## WINNINGEST COACHES AT NU

(first three years only)

DOC SADLER 55

MOE IBA 53

DANNY NEE 51



“Watching Doc Sadler’s team practice and play is a joy because I honestly don’t think there are five teams in all of college basketball that play harder or get more out of their ability than Sadler’s club. Every single drill was carried out at full speed because the players’ energy level was equaled by their head coach and then some. And every piece of instruction to the players was met with total attention.”

**- FRAN FRASCHILLA,  
ESPN Color Analyst**

“He’s making Nebraska Basketball a family. We all feel welcome to go back there anytime. His door is always open to former players and we can come back and go to games.

He just wants us to come back and be a part of the program again. That makes us want to get out there and recruit for him and help him however we can.”

**- JAKE MUHLEISEN,  
former Husker  
team captain**

## WHAT THEY’RE SAYING ABOUT COACH DOC SADLER AND NEBRASKA

“While we fixate on title contending teams and are valuing wins and losses, elevating and writing off teams, and deifying and dismissing players (all of which is fair game and fine), we can sometimes overlook just how important these games are to the players and coaches. Case in point is Nebraska’s Doc Sadler. After a hard-fought win over Texas, Sadler broke down in tears talking about how much the win meant to his team.

The Cornhuskers are a hard-working bunch, laying the foundation for a program to compete with Big 12 powers. They go to work every day, and plow and sweat to get better and compete with the best teams. And nobody works any harder to win. Nebraska lays it on the line every game, and they are striving to make every game, and every possession, important.

And Nebraska is not alone. We can argue about which teams are “NCAA tournament worthy”, but we also have to respect the effort put in to win, and how much it hurts to lose. These players and coaches are laying their hearts on the line every time they step onto the court.”

– Jay Bilas, College Basketball Analyst

“I’ve seen Doc’s teams play for many years. This guy can recruit, he can coach, he stresses academics and he has a great way with people. People gravitate toward him.”

– Gar Forman, Chicago Bulls,  
General Manager

“I’ve had a lot of coaches over my NBA career, some well-respected in the NBA. After watching Doc go through a couple practices last year, I saw that this guy can coach. He can coach and he’s very, very good at coaching defense. Defense is what wins basketball games. For last year’s team to go 8-8 in the Big 12 Conference play says an awful lot about Doc Sadler and his ability to coach and get through to players.”

– Eric Piatkowski, 13-year NBA veteran and  
Nebraska Basketball Hall of Famer

“I love the direction the program is going. I think the players play hard. They play with passion and I think we’re on the brink of something special here.”

– Jason Dourisseau, former Husker team MVP





# MAGICAL EXPERIENCE

Husker fans have created an intimidating environment for visiting teams since the Bob Devaney Sports Center opened 33 years ago. The Huskers own an all-time record of 398-125 (.761) in the building, including a 246-33 (.882) mark vs. non-conference opponents.

Nebraska, which owns a 27-1 home record against non-conference teams under Coach Doc Sadler, has seen its significant home-court advantage increase over the past few years behind the support of the "Red Zone" student section.

The past two years, the Huskers have averaged more than 10,000 fans per game in Big 12 play, the most since 1997-98.





“I think it’s one of the toughest places to play in this league. The people of Nebraska understand sports, they understand momentum and they know what a big part they can play in tough situations. They are always there when those times get tough.”

**COACH DOC SADLER,**  
on playing at the Devaney Center



# BOB DEVANEY SPORTS CENTER



Named after the Cornhuskers' long-time football coach and athletic director, the 13,595-seat Bob Devaney Sports Center is home to Nebraska basketball. With recent renovations to the locker room, coaching offices and support staff areas, the Devaney Center now has everything the Huskers need under one roof. In 2011, the Huskers will add to the impressive facilities with the opening of a new practice facility that will be attached to the Devaney Center.





The locker room (top) and players lounge area (above) were refurbished over the past two years. Each player has a custom-made wood locker with security system and a rolling chair to relax in before getting ready for practices or games. There are two televisions in the lounge area and a video gaming system, allowing players to enjoy some down time between practices and class.

Before the 1999-2000 season, the Devaney Center underwent \$7.9 million in renovations, including several major renovations on the concourse level and the addition of HuskerVision screens and stat boards. The arena court was refinished and redesigned in 2004.

The team video area (above right) was also updated and a pair of computers were installed so that players could have Internet access and word processing ability to work on projects without having to leave the arena.

The Husker coaches' offices received an upgrade during the 2006-07 season, giving the front desk/waiting area (bottom middle) a complete overhaul while also adding valuable space to the video editing/archive room (below). Each assistant coaches' office was also updated while Coach Sadler's office was remodeled to allow easier access for the players.

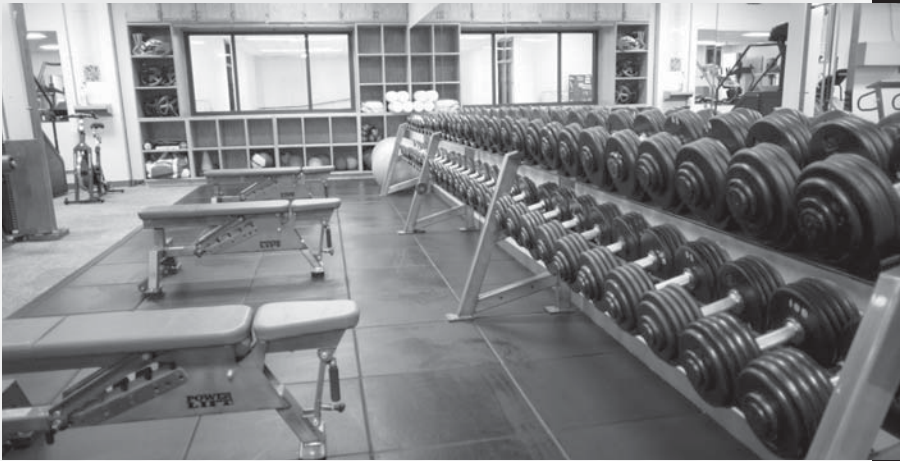


# HUSKER POWER

The model strength and conditioning program in the nation, Husker Power plays a major role in the continuing success of Nebraska athletics. Nebraska's strength program was the first in the nation, and with 11 current staff members is now one of the most comprehensive strength and conditioning organizations in the country.

The Devaney Center also houses a separate weight room utilized by the men's basketball team on a daily basis. Along with the athletic training room and locker room, it is just steps away from the arena floor.





### **THREE REASONS FOR SUCCESS**

**PROGRAM** - The Husker Power Strength and Conditioning Program is geared for maximum improvement of performance on the basketball court. Each athlete receives his own individual computerized program each year.

**SUPERVISION** - The Husker Power staff has seven full-time strength and conditioning specialists and four interns. Basketball strength coach Rusty Ruffcorn is devoted to working directly with the basketball program to help Husker athletes prepare for a successful career on the court.

**FACILITIES** - The Charles and Romona Myers Performance Center in the Osborne Athletic Complex is the finest all-around athletic facility in the nation, providing athletes with all the tools necessary to achieve at the highest level. Nebraska basketball players also have a weight room at the Devaney Center to utilize on a daily basis.



**Rusty  
Ruffcorn**

Basketball Strength Coach

“When you start talking about the training table, life skills, travel, equipment, all of that, we have everything you need to be successful.”

**- DOC SADLER,  
in September 2009 interview  
with ESPN.com Writer Dana O'Neill**



# ATHLETIC MEDICINE

Providing expert care to nearly 600 Husker student-athletes, Nebraska features one of the most well-trained and highly skilled athletic medicine staffs in the country.

Under the guidance of Director of Athletic Medicine Dr. Lonnie Albers and Head Athletic Trainer and Physical Therapist Jerry Weber, the 2009-10 Nebraska athletic medicine staff consists of five doctors, two therapist/athletic trainers, six athletic trainers and six graduate assistant athletic trainers.

Nebraska's team of orthopaedists is led by Chief of Staff Dr. Pat Clare, a nationally respected orthopaedic surgeon with more than 30 years of service to Husker athletics.



**R.J. Pietig**  
Assistant Athletic Trainer/  
Men's Basketball

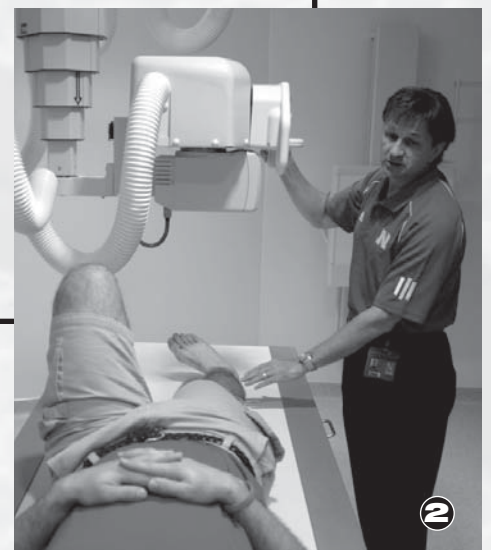
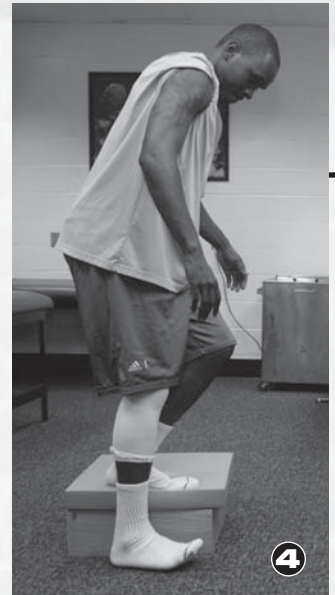
**1 AND 2** Husker student-athletes have the benefit of using state-of-the-art equipment for rehabilitation and injury prevention.

**3, 4 AND 5** Nebraska basketball players are cared for on a daily basis by Assistant Athletic Trainer R.J. Pietig, who works to keep athletes physically prepared for practice and games, and provides expert care in rehabilitation services.

**6** Assistant Athletic Trainer R.J. Pietig provides individual care for basketball players, helping them safely reach peak performance.

**7** In addition to the training room at the Devaney Center, student-athletes have access to the finest equipment and rehab area in the country at the Osborne Complex on campus.

**8** A leader in preventative care, Nebraska installed a new cold plunge tank in the Devaney Center training room last year.





# SPORTS NUTRITION

Making solid nutritional choices helps an athlete become stronger and improves game-day performance. NU Sports Nutritionists Josh Hingst and Lindsey Remmers work with all 23 of Nebraska's sports by educating athletes on topics such as gaining weight, losing body fat, staying hydrated, increasing energy and supplement use.



**1** Student-athletes are given expert direction in how to make smart dietary choices to stay in peak shape during the season.

**2** The Hewitt Dining Center is a great location for athletes to utilize the training they receive from the sports nutrition staff.

**3** At the Landing, athletes can grab a drink or light snack to help recharge between classes and workouts.

**4** The sports nutrition staff keeps the area at the Landing stocked with quality nutritional products for athletes.



# MEDIA EXPOSURE

Media attention is at an all-time high in college basketball and the Huskers have been the beneficiary of a great wave of positive media since Coach Doc Sadler joined the program. The media-savvy Sadler has also endeared himself to the Nebraska public, as he is one of the most engaging speakers in the state.

Nebraska basketball will continue to be in the national spotlight this season as more than 20 games will be televised live. Every game will be broadcast on the radio and carried for free on Huskers.com, with select broadcasts on Sirius Satellite Radio. Non-conference home games not televised will also be available on Huskers.com.




**Follow Coach Sadler and the Huskers on Twitter and Facebook at:**

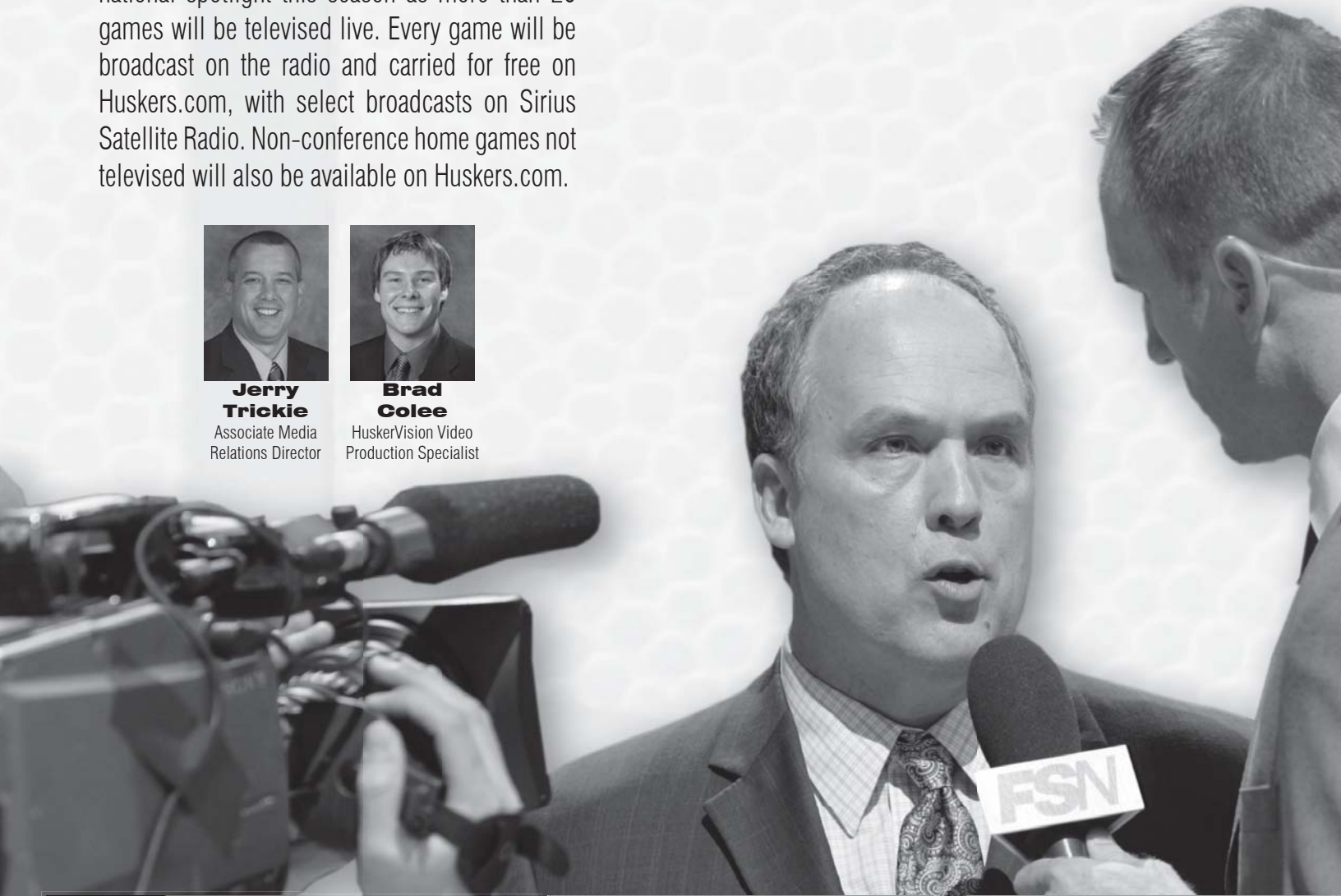
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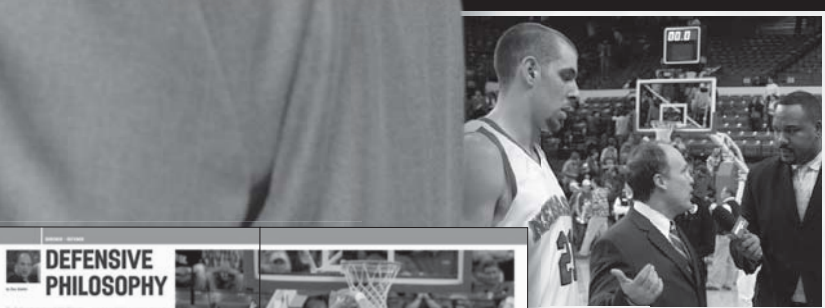


**Jerry Trickie**  
Associate Media Relations Director



**Brad Colee**  
HuskerVision Video Production Specialist





**DEFENSIVE PHILOSOPHY**

BY ANDY KATZ  
The Huskers' defensive philosophy is a key to their success. Coach Doc Sadler has implemented a system that emphasizes team defense and individual effort. This approach has helped the team become a competitive group in the Big 12 conference. The challenge now is to make them into a title contender. Sadler's tenacity in recruiting and in the gym should help push Nebraska in that direction.



“Doc Sadler has ensured the Huskers are a competitive group. The challenge now is to make them into a Big 12 title contender. Sadler’s tenacity in recruiting and in the gym should help push Nebraska in that direction.”

**- Andy Katz, ESPN.com Senior Writer**

# HUSKER EQUIPMENT

Nebraska student-athletes are fitted with the finest adidas equipment and clothing as part of the apparel manufacturer's lucrative sponsorship deal with the Nebraska Athletic Department. From head to toe, Husker athletes receive the newest gear to not only look sharp, but to also have the latest technology at their disposal.

Devaney Center Equipment Manager Pat Norris works closely with an on-campus adidas representative to make sure Husker basketball players have everything they need to represent the University in a proper manner. From warmups to workout gear and shoes to winter coats, Norris orders the best fitting, most appropriate gear for the Huskers every season so they can look their best on and off the court.

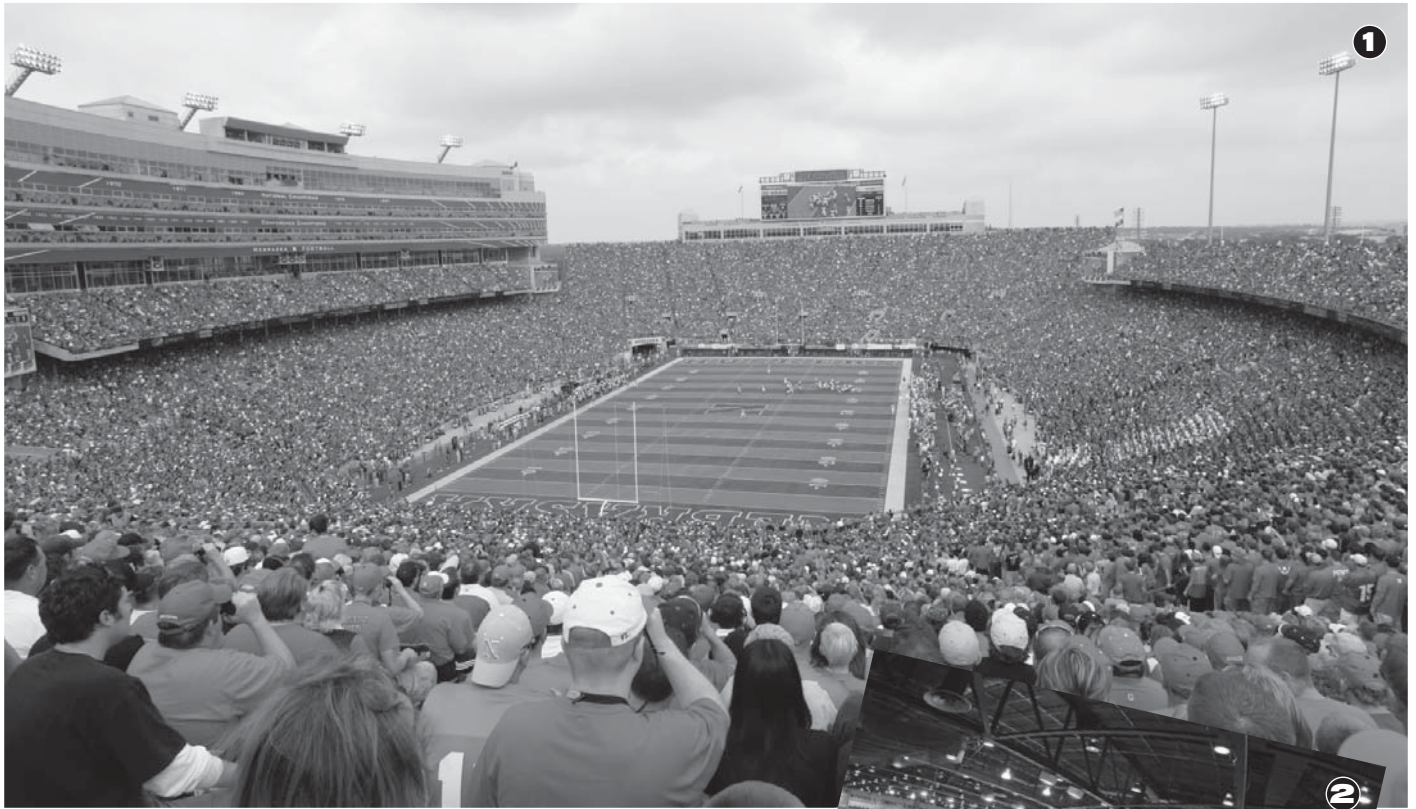


**Pat Norris**  
Devaney Center  
Equipment Manager





# NEBRASKA FACILITIES



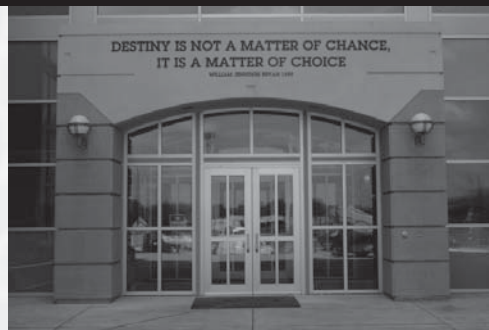
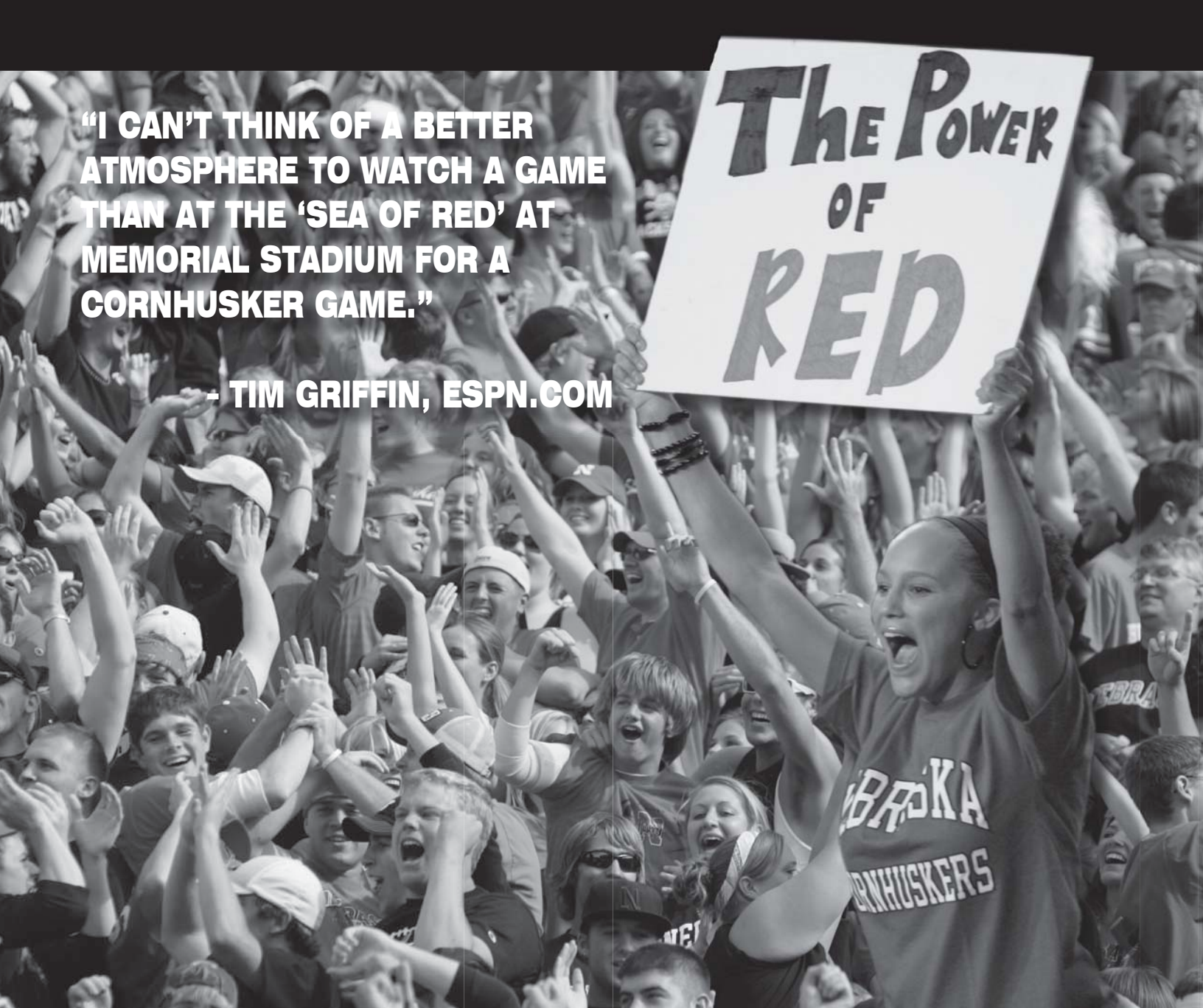
Nebraska's first-class facilities are not limited to the nationally renowned football program (picture 1). Nebraska is dedicated to providing all of its athletes with the best game-day and practice atmospheres in every sport. That dedication to providing strong facilities allows Nebraska to annually host several Big 12 and NCAA Championship events, including track and field (2), bowling (3), volleyball (4), soccer (5), wrestling (6), baseball (7), softball, gymnastics, golf and swimming and diving.



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**- TIM GRIFFIN, ESPN.COM**

**The Power  
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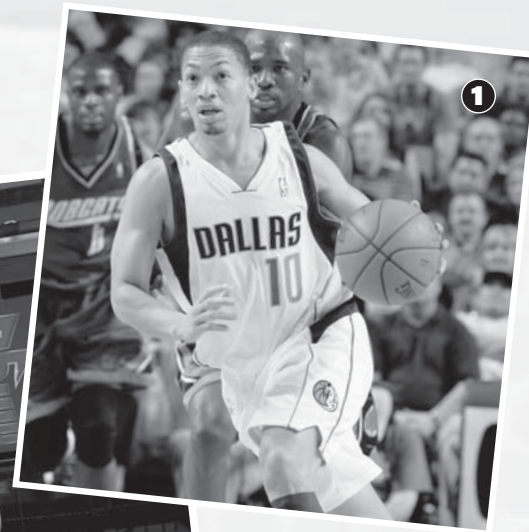
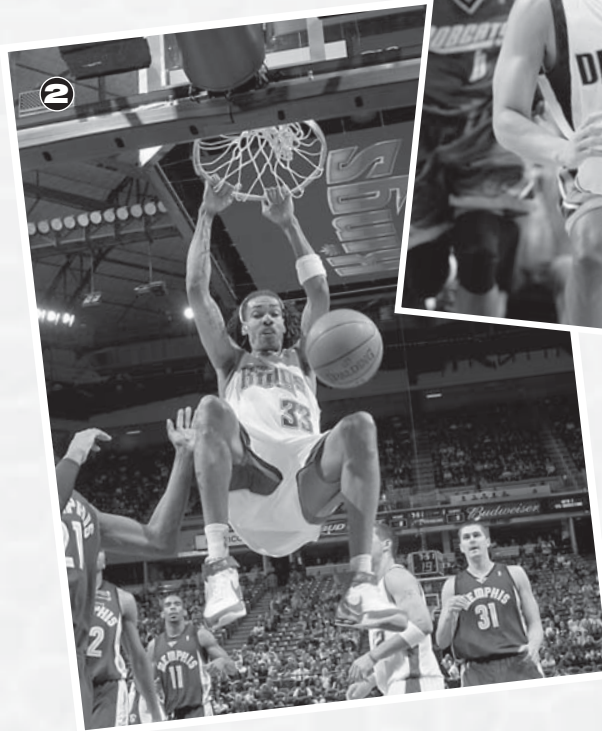


# NBA CONNECTION

Nebraska players have enjoyed significant professional success following their careers as Huskers. Nebraska has had 26 players drafted by teams in the National Basketball Association, including three first-round picks during the 1990s.

Two former Huskers played in the NBA last year – Tyronn Lue and Mikki Moore. Lue has won two World Championships in his career as part of three NBA Finals squads and Moore has made a name for himself over the past 10 years after being an undrafted free agent out of Nebraska.

With former NBA veterans Eric Piatkowski and Erick Strickland playing in the league as recently as 2008, Nebraska has had one of the highest totals of active NBA players among Big 12 schools this decade.



## HUSKER COACHES AND THE NBA

During his career, Coach Doc Sadler has recruited or coached 19 players who have gone on to play in the NBA. Sadler personally recruited eight of those players. The Nebraska staff has combined to coach 25 players who went on to play in the league.

### THE SADLER NBA CONNECTION

#### Players Recruited By Sadler

Michael Batiste  
Tony Battie  
Cory Carr  
Mark Davis  
Darvin Ham  
Eddie House  
Maurice Jeffers  
Jason Sasser



#### Players Coached By Sadler

Greg Anderson  
Mario Bennett  
Randy Brown  
Isaac Burton  
Byron Irvin  
Joe Kleine  
Andrew Lang  
Ron Riley  
Alvin Robertson  
Darrell Walker  
Rickie Winslow



**1** Tyronn Lue has played for seven teams during his 11-year NBA career. During that time, he won two World Championship rings with Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neil and the L.A. Lakers and played beside one of the greatest players in NBA history, Michael Jordan, with the Washington Wizards. Lue is the only league player from the Big 12 era to win multiple NBA titles. Last year, Lue was traded to Orlando before the Magic's run to the NBA championship series.

**2** During his 11 years in the league, Mikki Moore has played with nine teams, including finishing last year with a Boston Celtics squad that reached the conference semifinals. Moore was the first non-drafted player to lead the league in field-goal percentage as he hit 60.9 percent from the floor for New Jersey in 2006-07.

**3** Eric Piatkowski played 13 seasons in the NBA and set the L.A. Clippers' club record for 3-pointers made. After retiring following the 2007-08 campaign, he moved to the commentator's booth, working as a color analyst for Nebraska television games.

**4** Erick Strickland played nine years in the NBA after entering the league as an undrafted free agent.

**5** Rich King was a 1991 first-round draft pick after helping NU to a school-record 26 wins as a senior.

**6** Nebraska's all-time leading scorer, Dave Hoppen was the second pick of the 1988 expansion draft by the Charlotte Hornets.

**7** Husker great Stu Lantz played eight years in the NBA, twice averaging more than 18 ppg for a season.

**8** Fans at the Devaney Center can now check out the memorabilia for all former Huskers who played in the NBA on the exhibit that opened in 2009.



Through the years, Nebraska has had 26 players drafted by teams in the National Basketball Association.

In the 1990s, Nebraska had three first-round selections in the NBA Draft. Rich King was the 14th selection in 1991, Eric Piatkowski was picked 15th overall in 1994 and Tyronn Lue, who entered the draft following his junior season, was selected 23rd overall in 1998.

### HUSKERS IN THE NBA DRAFT

The first NBA draft of collegiate players was held following the 1947-48 season, but the league did not begin to keep records of team-by-team draft lists until 1952. Here is a list of the 26 Cornhusker players drafted by the NBA since 1949:

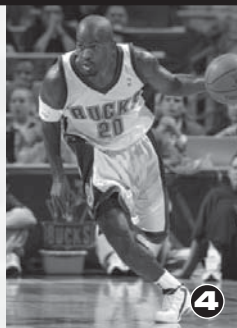


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| 1949 | Claude Retherford,<br>St. Louis Bombers  | 1979 | Carl McPipe,<br>Philadelphia 76ers (5th)               |
| 1950 | Bus Whitehead,<br>Chicago Stag (7th)   | 1981 | Andre Smith,<br>Cleveland Cavaliers (7th)              |
| 1951 | Bob Pierce,<br>Indianapolis Olympians (5th)  | 1982 | Jack Moore, K.C. Kings (9th)                           |
| 1952 | Jim Buchanan, Boston Celtics (6th)   | 1985 | Curtis Moore,<br>K.C.-Omaha Kings (6th)                |
| 1954 | Bill Johnson, Boston Celtics (11th)  | 1986 | Dave Hoppen, Atlanta Hawks (3rd)                       |
| 1960 | Herschell Turner,<br>Syracuse Nationals (6th)  | 1991 | Rich King,<br>Seattle SuperSonics<br>(1st/14th pick)   |
| 1966 | Grant Simmons,<br>Washington Bullets (12th)  | 1994 | Eric Piatkowski,<br>Indiana Pacers (1st/15th pick)     |
| 1967 | Willie Campbell,<br>Seattle SuperSonics (15th)   | 1998 | Tyronn Lue,<br>Denver Nuggets (1st/23rd pick)          |
| 1968 | Stuart Lantz, Houston Rockets (3rd)<br>Tom Baack, Detroit Pistons (10th)   | 1999 | Venson Hamilton,<br>Houston Rockets<br>(2nd/50th pick) |
| 1970 | Jim Brooks, Houston Rockets (12th)   |      |  |
| 1971 | Marvin Stewart,<br>Philadelphia 76ers (2nd)  |      |  |
| 1972 | Leroy Chalk, Boston Celtics (13th)<br>Chuck Jura, Chicago Bulls (3rd)<br>Mike Peterson,<br>Portland Trail Blazers (16th) |      |  |
| 1974 | Brendy Lee, Atlanta Hawks (10th)   |      |  |
| 1976 | Jerry Fort, Boston Celtics (3rd)   |      |  |

Note: Nate Branch was drafted by the American Basketball Association's Oakland franchise in 1967; Stuart Lantz was drafted by Oakland in 1968; Marvin Stewart was drafted by the New York Nets in 1971; and Chuck Jura was selected by the Utah Stars in 1972.



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# HUSKER CENTURY



Three numbers for Nebraska men's basketball and one on the women's side have been retired. Eric Piatkowski was the most recent honoree to have his number retired in 2006.

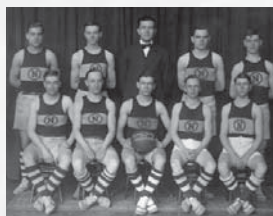
Entering the 114th year of Husker basketball, the Nebraska program has collected more than 1,300 wins and 22 all-time postseason appearances.

The Huskers are looking to build on two of the strongest decades in school history. Nebraska has averaged more than 18 wins per season over the past quarter century, while making 14 postseason tournaments during that span. Fourteen of the school's 24 1,000-point scorers have also played for the Huskers in the last 25 years.



## HUSKER PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

- The Cornhuskers own 1,353 all-time victories, including 12 20-win seasons. Nebraska's last 20-win season came in 2007-08, as coach Doc Sadler led NU to a 20-13 record and the second round of the NIT.
- Nebraska has made 22 appearances in the postseason, including six NCAA berths and 16 trips to the NIT. All but two of the postseason appearances have come since 1980.
- Overall, 24 Huskers have topped the 1,000-point mark in program history, most recently by Aleks Maric in 2007. Herschell Turner was the first to accomplish the feat in 1960.
- Dave Hoppen owns the school record with 2,167 points between 1983 and 1986. He is the only 2,000-point scorer in school history.



1911-12 Nebraska Cornhuskers



Milton "Bus" Whitehead



Eric Piatkowski



Danny Nee, Nebraska's all-time winningest coach

## 1897-1906

Nebraska posted a 59-26 (.694) record in its first decade of basketball, including three perfect seasons. In those 10 years, the Huskers were coached by Frank Lehmer, T.P. Hewitt, E. Berry, Fred Morrell, Walter Hiltner and R.G. Clapp.

## 1907-16

The last five teams of the Huskers' second decade all posted winning records. The 1911-12 team won the school's first Missouri Valley Conference title and then repeated as champs in 1912-13 and 1913-14.

## 1917-1926

Nebraska fashioned its first-ever 20-win season in 1919-20, finishing 22-2 and setting a school record for wins that stood until 1990-91. During the decade, Nebraska was 111-71 (.610) and had six winning campaigns.

## 1927-1936

NU opened the decade in the Nebraska Coliseum, but finished under .500 at home in 1925-26. In 1928-29, Nebraska joined Missouri, Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State and Oklahoma to form the Big Six Conference.

## 1937-1946

Nebraska's record of 65-120 (.351) in the decade was its worst ever. Twice, in 1943-44 and 1944-45, the Huskers mustered only two wins. Sid Held and Don Fitz earned first-team All-Big Six honors in 1940-41.

## 1947-1956

The Huskers were 102-141 (.420) in the decade. However, the 1948-49 team tied for first in the Big Seven Conference and beat Oklahoma to advance to the NCAA District Tournament. Claude Retherford was a first-team All-Big Seven pick that season and led the team in scoring. In 1949-50, Bus Whitehead earned first-team all-conference honors as Nebraska tied Kansas and Kansas State for the Big Seven championship.

## 1957-66

The Huskers' 20-5 record in 1965-66 was their first 20-win season since 1919-20. Stuart Lantz, who finished second to KU's Jo Jo White in the Sophomore-of-the-Year balloting, would go on to become a third-round NBA draft pick. For the decade, NU was 102-142 (.418).

## 1967-1976

Nebraska finished above .500 for the decade with a 147-111 (.570) record. Marvin Stewart was first player to average 20 points in a season in 1970-71. The Huskers opened Bob Devaney Sports Center in 1976-77 season. Jerry Fort earned three straight first-team all-conference awards from 1974 to 1976.

## 1977-1986

The Cornhuskers posted a 175-119 (.595) record in the decade, including a 15-14 ledger in 1976-77, the first season at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. In 1977-78, the Huskers earned their second postseason tournament bid and first since 1966-67, advancing to the second round of the NIT. NU posted 20 wins twice during the decade (1977-78, 1982-83).

## 1987-1996

The Huskers enjoyed their most successful decade, winning 20-or-more games five times. Nebraska advanced to the NCAA Tournament four times, won its first-ever Phillips 66 Big Eight Tournament trophy in 1994 and captured the NIT Championship in 1996. For the decade NU was 185-131 (.585).

## 1997-2006

Nebraska continued its success while starting its second century of play. The Huskers added a pair of 20-win seasons as NU was also one of just 15 schools to appear in nine consecutive postseason tournaments from 1991 to 1999.

## 2007-PRESENT

Nebraska posted back-to-back winning seasons to open the frame, including adding the program's 12th 20-win campaign. A postseason appearance in 2009 was Nebraska's fourth in six years. Aleks Maric was an all-conference selection as a senior and the first Husker ever with 1,600 points and 1,000 rebounds.

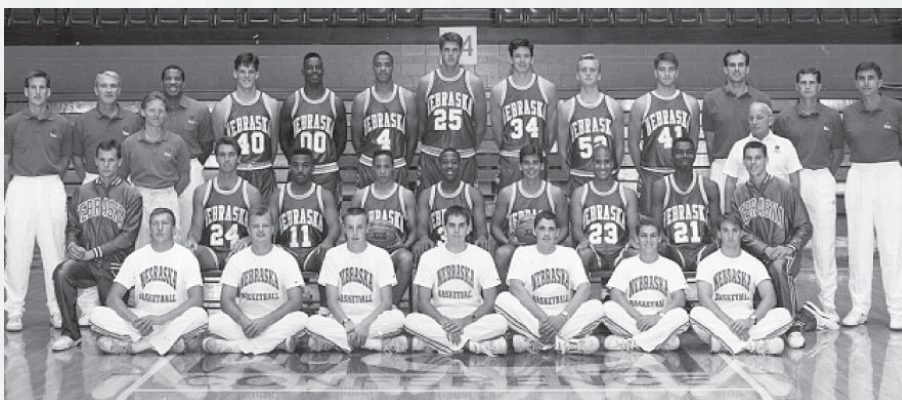


Fourth-year coach Doc Sadler has helped Nebraska reach the postseason NIT each of the past two years, the first time NU has made consecutive postseason appearances since nine straight in the 1990s.

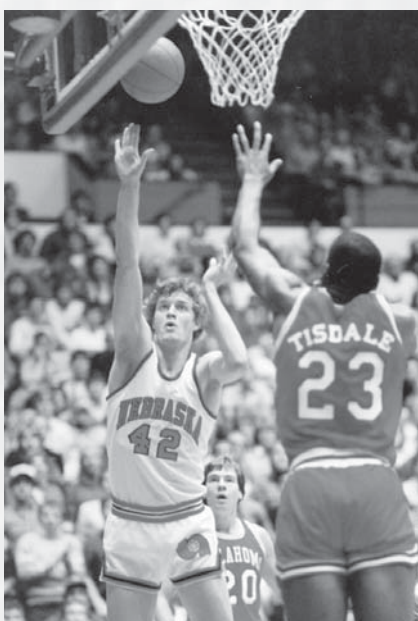


"I'm really psyched about the direction the program is going. I follow the Huskers as much as I can, but being in Connecticut, everyone is crazy about UConn. I saw that program turn around back when (UConn coach) Jim Calhoun took over in 1986. They had a rough first couple of years, but they got better and better, making it to the NIT, then the NCAA Tournament and before we knew it, they were winning national championships. It takes effort from coaches, players, alumni and fans. There's a certain kind of formula that worked there, and it's what I'm starting to see here with Doc."

**- JERRY FORT,  
NO. 3 ON NEBRASKA'S  
ALL-TIME SCORING CHART**



Nebraska's winningest team in program history, the 1990-91 Cornhusker squad won 26 games and had a pair of eventual first-round NBA selections.



Dave Hoppen is Nebraska's all-time leading scorer and helped the Huskers to four straight postseason appearances.



Nebraska won the 1994 Big Eight Tournament title on its way to a fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament bid.

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The success of Nebraska student-athletes reaches far beyond athletic competition. More Husker student-athletes have been selected to CoSIDA Academic All-America teams than any other school in the nation. In addition to individual academic recognition, NU has led the Big 12 in graduation rates in eight of the conference's first 12 years.

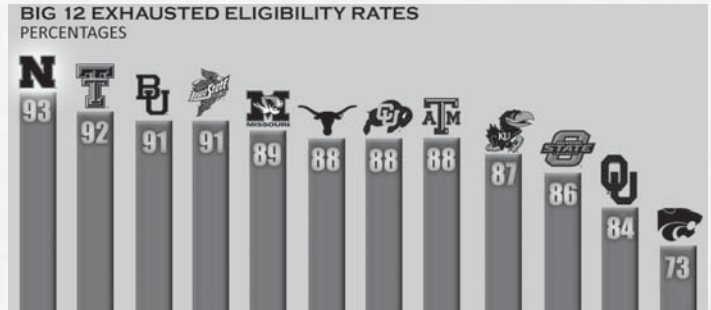
## ACADEMIC TRADITION THRIVES IN 2008-09

Husker softball star Molly Hill, a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American, helped lead Nebraska's strong academic performance in 2008-09. Hill, a native of Wayne, Neb., pitched NU to a berth in the NCAA Tournament while earning her bachelor's degree in speech language pathology. The first-team academic All-American finished her career with a 3.955 grade-point average. The first-team All-Big 12 pitcher also became the 59th student-athlete in Husker history to be a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American.

Hill was one of six Huskers to earn academic All-America recognition in 2008-09. Volleyball standouts Kori Cooper and Amanda Gates were also first-team selections, while teammate Jordan Larson was named to the second team. Football stars Todd Peterson and Tyler Wortman also earned selections to the second team. Gates and baseball senior Nick Sullivan were each awarded Dr. Prentice Gault Postgraduate Scholarships from the Big 12 Conference, while both student-athletes also earned NCAA Postgraduate scholarships.

Nebraska student-athletes claimed a Big 12-leading 172 academic All-Big 12 selections, including an astounding 145 first-team academic All-Big 12 honorees. NU student-athletes also earned a league-leading 626 spots on the Big 12 Commissioner's Fall and Spring Academic Honor Rolls.

The hard work, dedication and commitment of Nebraska's student-athletes in the classroom resulted in 71 current or former student-athletes earning degrees from August of 2008 through May of 2009. The Huskers continued to set the graduation standard among Big 12 Conference schools by maintaining their Exhausted Eligibility Graduate Rate of 93 percent.



**Andrea Einspahr**  
Academic Counselor

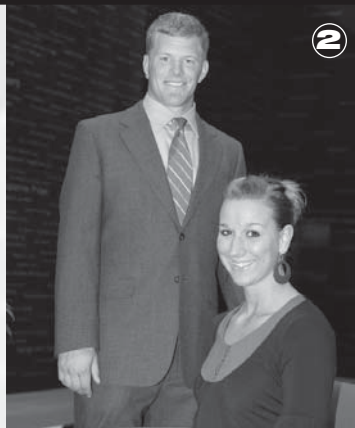
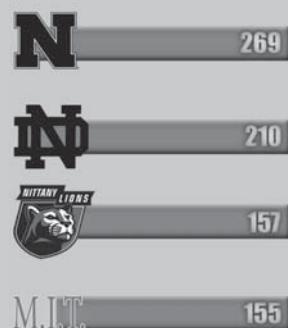
**1** All Husker student-athletes receive tremendous academic support. The Husker basketball program is third in the league in academic All-Big 12 honors since the formation of the conference and has earned more than 25 spots on the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll since the 2006-07 season when Doc Sadler took over.

**2** Nebraska student-athletes are honored at a yearly banquet. In 2009, Nick Sullivan and Amanda Gates were named the Nebraska Student-Athletes of the Year.

**3** Huskers graduate at a record pace at Nebraska, as the athletic department has led the Big 12 in exhausted eligibility graduation rates at 93 percent.

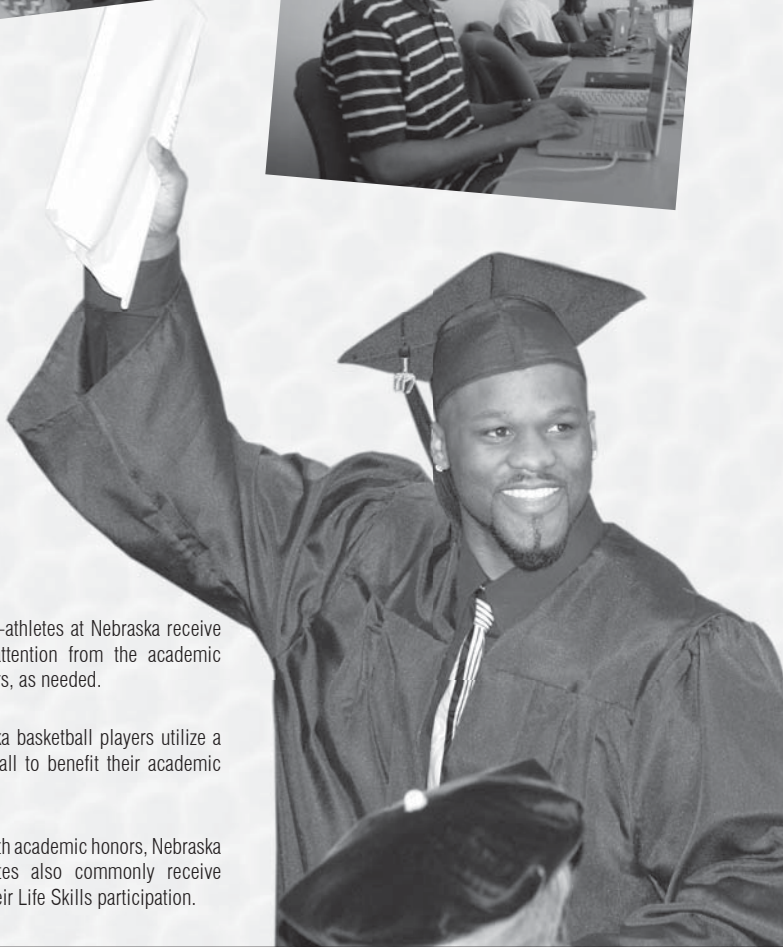
## ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

ALL TEAMS, ALL SPORTS AS OF JULY 2009



## NEBRASKA'S 2008-09 ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- 269 All-Time CoSIDA Academic All-Americans across all sports (leads nation)
- 98 Football Academic All-Americans (leads nation among all sports)
- 35 Volleyball Academic All-Americans (leads nation among all female sports)
- 26 Softball Academic All-Americans (No. 2 nationally among all female sports)
- 6 Academic All-Americans in 2008-09 (3 first-team, 3 second-team): First-Team: Kori Cooper (Volleyball), Amanda Gates (Volleyball), Molly Hill (Softball); Second-Team: Jordan Larson (Volleyball), Todd Peterson (Football), Tyler Wortman (Football)
- 3 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winners (3 of 87 nationally, \$7,500 each): Amanda Gates (Volleyball), Nick Sullivan (Baseball), Joslyn Dalton (cross country/track)
- 1 NCAA Women's Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship Winner (1 of 13 nationally, \$6,000): Amanda Gates (Volleyball)
- Dr. Prentice Gault Big 12 Conference Postgraduate Scholarship Winners (\$7,500 each): Amanda Gates (Volleyball), Nick Sullivan (Baseball)
- Big 12-Leading 172 Academic All-Big 12 Selections Across All Sports (3.0 GPA or above)
- Big 12-Leading 145 First-Team Academic All-Big 12 Picks Across All Sports (3.2 GPA or above)
- Big 12-Leading 626 Student-Athletes Honored on Big 12 Commissioner's Fall and Spring Honor Rolls (3.0 GPA or above): 58 more honorees than 2007-08; 147 more honorees than 2005-06
- Big 12-Leading 90 Student-Athletes Earned Perfect 4.0 GPAs in either the Fall or Spring Semester
- 71 Student-Athletes Earned Degrees from August 2008 through May 2009 (39 in May, 26 in December, 6 in August)
- 93 percent - Nebraska's Exhausted Eligibility Graduation Rate (1992-2001) (Leads Big 12)
- Male Student-Athlete of the Year - Nick Sullivan, Baseball (3.78 GPA, Finance)
- Female Student-Athlete of the Year - Amanda Gates, Volleyball (3.965 GPA, Communication Studies)
- Men's Herman Award Winner - Men's Cross Country Team (3.309 Cumulative GPA in 2008)
- Women's Herman Award Winner - Women's Cross Country Team (3.671 Cumulative GPA in 2008)



**4** Student-athletes at Nebraska receive specialized attention from the academic staff and tutors, as needed.

**5** Nebraska basketball players utilize a daily study hall to benefit their academic performance.

**6** Along with academic honors, Nebraska student-athletes also commonly receive honors for their Life Skills participation.



# ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE



## NEBRASKA'S ATHLETIC/ACADEMIC COUNSELING - A NATIONAL LEADER

From the day student-athletes decide the University of Nebraska is the right place to be, the athletic academic counseling unit provides personal and academic support to ensure that student-athletes will get the most out of their years as Huskers. Andrea Einspahr will serve as the basketball team's academic counselor for the 2009-10 academic year.

Featuring one of the most innovative and comprehensive academic support systems in the country, Nebraska is dedicated to helping its student-athletes become outstanding leaders in their chosen fields. The academic support team is comprised of 14 full-time staff members and a tutorial staff of approximately 70 tutors addressing all subject areas.

### Academic Counseling

Seven academic counselors and five assistant academic counselors are in place to monitor daily academic progress, receive consistent course feedback, assist with the advising/registration process and monitor continuing eligibility and progress toward graduation. Essentially, academic counselors assist student-athletes in navigating the University of Nebraska system.

### Tutorial Support

A tremendous resource for all academic abilities, unlimited tutorial support is available from day one up to college graduation. Subject and mentor tutors help provide academic support and study strategies to be successful. Supplemental Instruction, a sub-component of the tutorial program, provides targeted group review sessions to help ease the transition to college academics while improving study strategies and building academic self-esteem.

### Study Hall

There are two facets to the study hall program. Student-athletes either attend a structured study hall, typically two hours in length held four days a

week, or have flex time where they study a specific number of hours each week as determined by their academic counselor and/or coach. Daily study hall reports are provided to the coaching staff.

### Mentoring

All incoming student-athletes are required to meet with a mentor on a weekly basis to assist in making a smooth transition from high school to college. Mentors collect syllabi, gather and report academic progress information and teach academic success strategies.

### Educational Assessments

Assessments are administered during new student-athlete orientation to determine student strengths and areas for improvement. Results allow academic counselors to develop a personalized academic support program and to determine if more in-depth testing is warranted. When additional assessments are necessary, referrals are made to a consulting psychologist who conducts the assessments. If it is determined that a student-athlete has a learning disability, appropriate accommodations are made through the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities.

### Multi-Cultural Programs

Designed to enhance cultural awareness, staff members concentrate efforts on issues of transition, adjustment and retention for students of color, international students and women.

These support programs include Ladies First, International Night and Your Degree First. Your Degree First is a program designed to assist, motivate and promote minority student-athletes in pursuing the degree of their choice.

### Student-Athlete Orientation

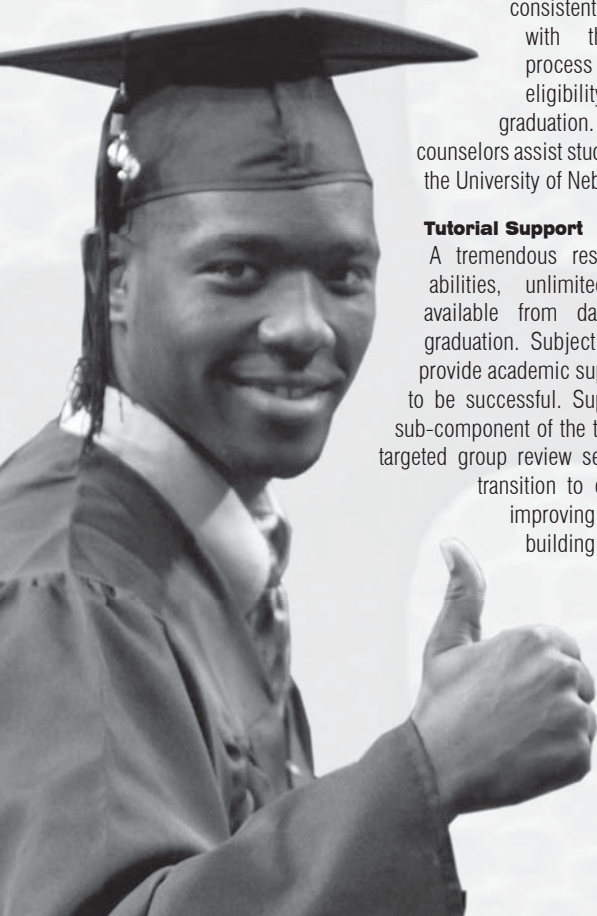
The Hewitt Center staff coordinates New Student-Athlete Orientation to help newcomers adjust to the multiple demands of being a college student-athlete. Presentations are made by academic counselors, compliance officials, NU faculty and administrators, business/community professionals and student-athletes.

### Personal Counseling

Student-athletes will find a supportive and caring environment at Nebraska. Transitional issues, stress management, time management, academic focus and problem resolution are all addressed in a proactive manner throughout the year. If necessary, counseling referrals are also made to designated practitioners at the University Health Center.

### Computer Resources

Student-athletes enjoy a state-of-the-art computer lab with nearly 50 computers and professional supervision. Laptops are also available during team travel. Student-athletes have the benefit of ongoing education and assistance from a full-time computer technician.



# LIFE SKILLS

Nebraska has long been considered a pioneer in life skills support and programming. In 1998, Nebraska was one of five Division I schools nationally to win the prestigious Program of Excellence Award recognizing a strong commitment to total person development. The program aims to provide proactive education, resources and support throughout college and beyond, best preparing Husker student-athletes for life after sports. Services foster post-athletic career transition, retention, responsible decision-making, leadership, volunteerism and career development.

## LIFE SKILLS COMPONENTS

### Proactive Education

**Life Skills Seminar** – All incoming student-athletes complete a 16-week fall semester seminar addressing a variety of life skills topics ranging from leadership to money to relationships and study skills. **Team Workshops** – Campus and community experts facilitate team-specific life skills education workshops. **Student-Athlete Assemblies** – Meetings featuring remarks from Athletic Director Tom Osborne and nationally recognized life skills trainers.

### Personalized Support/Individual Sessions

**Resume Development** – Each student-athlete works individually with a life skills staff member to create a personalized resume with periodic follow-up meetings to make updates through graduation. **Game Plan Creation** – Life skills counselors will create a “Game Plan for Life” outlining specific goals and objectives to be completed to enhance marketability prior to college graduation. **Sports Psychology/Performance Enhancement** – Sports psychology resources are available to assist with performance enhancement.

### Community Outreach

Nebraska student-athletes combine to impact more than 100,000 people statewide on annual basis. **Team Service Requirement** – Each team participates in a minimum of two service projects per year. **School Outreach** – Individuals participate in numerous school outreach campaigns in both classroom and assembly settings. **Hospital Visits** – Huskers are frequent hospital visitors providing cheer and encouragement to a variety of patients. **Mondays Matter** – Monday evening outreach to various local community

agencies placing athletics in the proper perspective. **Mentoring Programs** – Typically requires one hour of service per week serving as a youth mentor.

### Leadership/Citizenship

Life Skills promotes leadership development and provides recognition opportunities for extraordinary citizenship. **Your Degree First – Leadership** group providing programming and specialized support to student-athletes of color, women and international student-athletes. **HERO Leadership Award** – Individual recognition to Huskers who have consistently went above and beyond serving as an exemplary role-model. **Brook Berringer Citizenship Team** – Annual “Good Works” team honoring football players for dedicated service in memory of late Husker Brook Berringer. **Life Skills Award of Excellence** – Presented to the single men’s and women’s team who scores the highest point total in the year long life skills team competition.

### Career Commitment

In addition to the creation of a personalized resume and game plan, the following career resources are available to every Husker. **Student-Athlete Career Fair** – Attended by approximately 25 companies. **Networking/Nexpo Night** – Former Huskers and every UNL college educate student-athletes about major and career options. **Assessments** – On-line assessments to help individuals discover talents and match with a major and career. **Practical Experience** – Programs in place to facilitate shadowing and internship placements. **Job Preparation** – Expert advice on cover letter writing, interviewing skills and evaluating the job offer.

### Postgraduate Assistance

Commitment to helping student-athletes pursue postgraduate plans and scholarships. **Career Nights** – Learn from the experts to gain valuable insight on timelines, application procedures, entrance requirements, personal essays and more. **Scholarships** – Seniors in their final season of athletic eligibility can apply for numerous postgraduate awards.

**1** The new Student Life Center will be a centerpiece of the Athletic Department, and will provide a home to multiple facets of the nationally renowned Life Skills program.

**2** Every athlete who letters in a varsity sport and graduates from Nebraska is recognized in the Hall of Distinction.

**3** Husker athletes routinely participate in Life Skills events outside the classroom and campus, giving the athletes a chance to view the world from a different perspective.

**4** Nebraska student-athletes continually prepare for life after basketball at functions like the business and career fairs presented by the Life Skills Department.



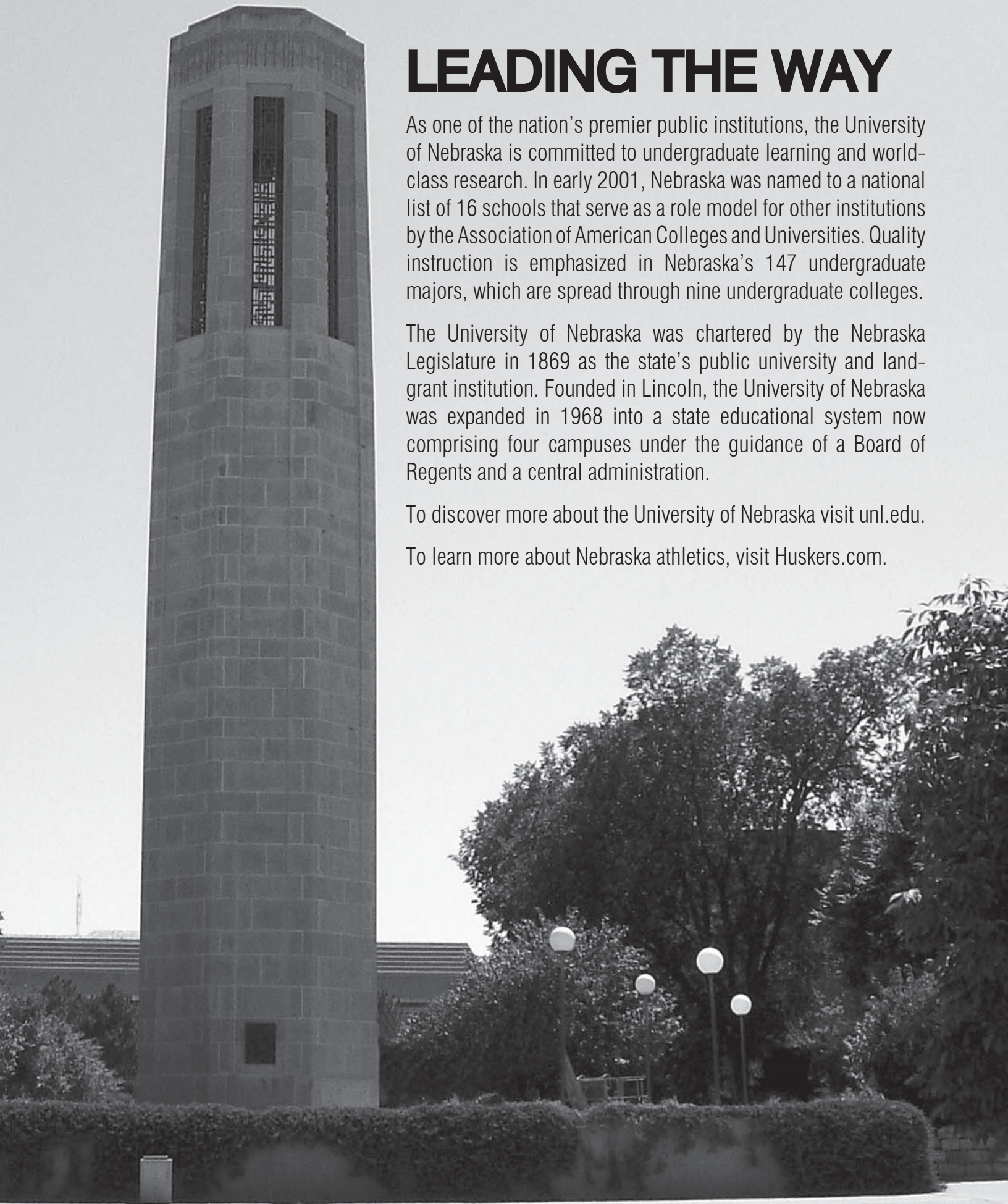
# LEADING THE WAY

As one of the nation's premier public institutions, the University of Nebraska is committed to undergraduate learning and world-class research. In early 2001, Nebraska was named to a national list of 16 schools that serve as a role model for other institutions by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Quality instruction is emphasized in Nebraska's 147 undergraduate majors, which are spread through nine undergraduate colleges.

The University of Nebraska was chartered by the Nebraska Legislature in 1869 as the state's public university and land-grant institution. Founded in Lincoln, the University of Nebraska was expanded in 1968 into a state educational system now comprising four campuses under the guidance of a Board of Regents and a central administration.

To discover more about the University of Nebraska visit [unl.edu](http://unl.edu).

To learn more about Nebraska athletics, visit [Huskers.com](http://Huskers.com).



“I can honestly say that I do not remember a time when the prospects for enhancing the academic quality or reputation of this University were brighter.”

**Harvey Perlman**  
**University of Nebraska Chancellor**



**1** The Bell Tower on campus is a focal point for students and alumni.

**2** The Van Brunt Visitors Center is located at the gateway to the city campus. It offers resources and information for visitors to the UNL campus, and is utilized extensively for recruiting new students by the UNL Office of Admissions.

**3** The Esther L. Kaufmann Center was completed in May 2001 and houses the Jeffery S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management.

**4** Students find numerous places to study or find a moment of relaxation while enjoying the natural surroundings of the UNL campus.

**5** On-campus apartment-style housing provides friendly surroundings in close proximity to the Devaney Center, the Osborne Complex and campus.

**6** The Nebraska Student Union is the meeting place on campus where students can spend a little down time between classes. It has areas to use for studying as well as a food court.



# LINCOLN, NEBRASKA



Featuring the advantages of an urban setting, the Star City is only minutes away from the scenic beauty and wide open spaces of America's Heartland. Living in Lincoln enables one to enjoy the benefits of life in a city, while residing in a community that:

- Is known as the Star City
- Has a population of nearly 251,624
- Is the second-largest city in the Big 12 Conference
- Has been ranked among the 10 best places to live in the United States
- Is listed among the top five "most fit" cities in the nation
- Consistently lists one of the lowest crime rates in the nation among cities its size
- Offers more than 6,000 acres of parks, including 10 lakes, 11 municipal swimming pools, more than 80 miles of biking and hiking trails and 12 public golf courses





## PROMINENT PEOPLE WITH NEBRASKA TIES

Grover Cleveland Alexander (1887–1950)  
Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher

Fred Astaire (1899–1987)  
dancer and actor

Max Baer (1909–1959)  
boxer

Marlon Brando (1924–2004)  
Academy Award-winning actor

William Jennings Bryan (1860–1925)  
U.S. Secretary of State, U.S. Representative, Democratic Party nominee for president 1896, 1900, and 1908, and prosecuting attorney in Scopes Trial

Warren Buffett (1930–)  
investor; Forbes Magazine's 2008 Richest Man in the World

Richard N. Cabela (1936–)  
entrepreneur, founder of Cabela's sporting store

**Johnny Carson (1925–2005)**  
comedian

**Joba Chamberlain (1985–)**  
Professional baseball player for the New York Yankees

Dick Cheney (1941–)  
46th U.S. Vice-president

Henry Fonda (1905–1982)  
Academy Award-winning actor

Bob Gibson (1935–)  
Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher for St. Louis Cardinals

Alex Gordon (1984–)  
Professional baseball player for the Kansas City Royals

**Marg Helgenberger (1958–)**  
actress (CSI, Mr. Brooks, In Good Company)

Peter Kiewit (1900–1979)  
contractor, investor and philanthropist

Jaime King (1979–)  
actress (My Name is Earl)

Ted Kooser (1939–)  
Poet Laureate of the United States and Pulitzer Prize winner

**Larry the Cable Guy (1963–)**  
comedian

**Malcolm X (1925–1965)**  
civil rights leader

Nick Nolte (1941–)  
actor, producer

Edwin Perkins (1889–1961)  
inventor of Kool-Aid, philanthropist

**Andy Roddick (1982–)**  
tennis star, 2003 U.S. Open Champion

Gale Sayers (1943–)  
Football Hall of Fame running back for the Chicago Bears

Elliott Smith (1969–2003)  
singer-songwriter

Hilary Swank (1974–)  
2-time Academy Award-winning actress

**Gabrielle Union (1973–)**  
actress (10 Things I Hate About You, Bring It On, Ugly Betty)

**James Valentine (1978–)**  
Maroon 5 guitarist

Paula Zahn (1956–)  
Former News anchor for CNN

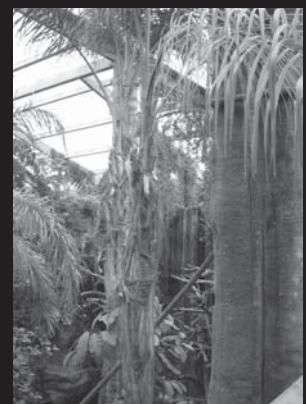
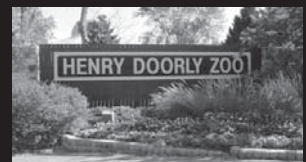


## OMAHA, NEBRASKA



Omaha is Nebraska's largest city and is less than an hour's drive from Lincoln. With a population of nearly 800,000, Omaha has a clear metropolitan feel to go along with a down-home charm like that of many Midwestern towns.

Omaha is home to Rosenblatt Stadium (top), the NCAA College World Series, the AAA Omaha Royals, the world-renowned Henry Doorly Zoo (bottom), the Joslyn Art Museum (bottom), and Qwest Center Omaha (top), which hosts the 2010 NCAA Wrestling Championships.



# NATIONAL POWERS

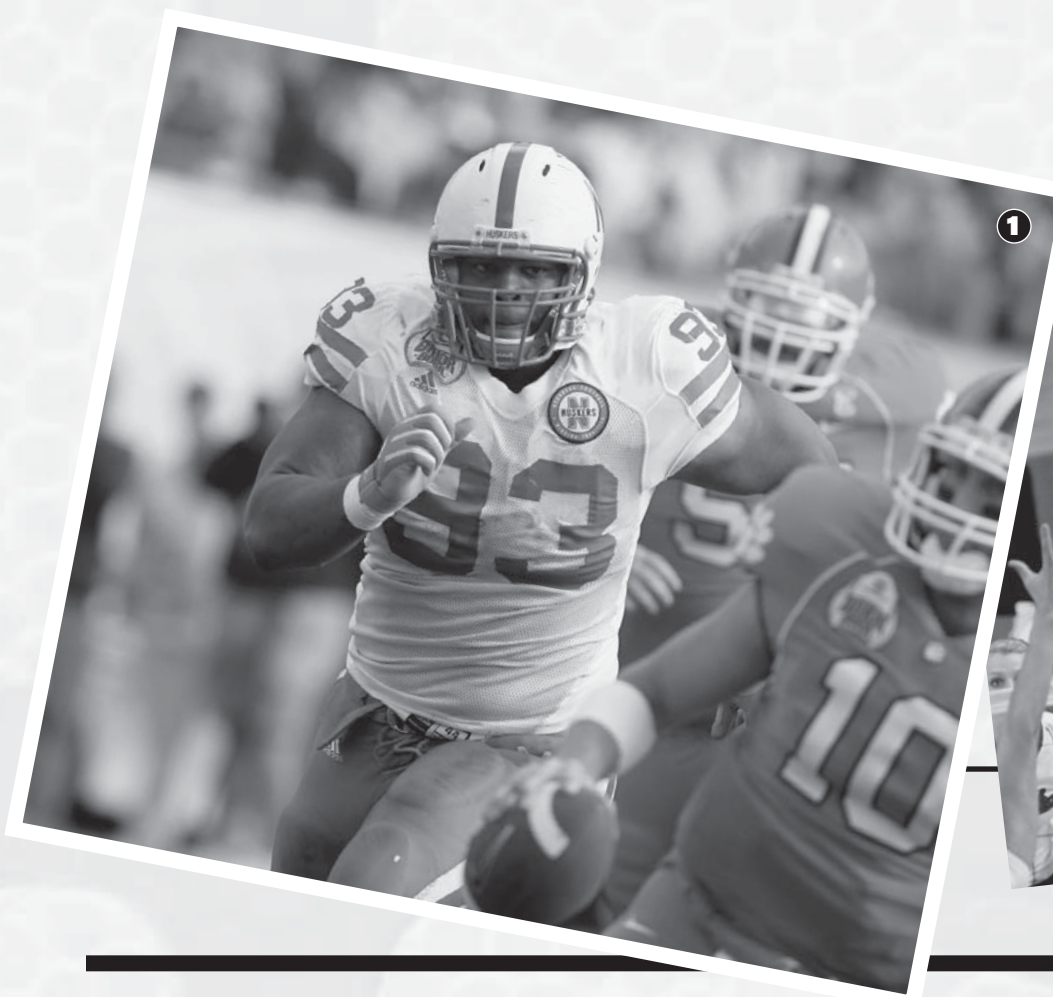
One of the nation's premier athletic programs, Nebraska is dedicated to and successful in all 23 of its varsity sports. In 2008-09, five Husker teams finished among the top 10 in their respective sports. Nebraska has won a total of 24 team national championships since 1970, including a fifth bowling crown in 2009, eight men's gymnastics titles, five football championships, three volleyball titles and three women's track and field championships.

Individually, several Huskers excelled in 2008-09. Jordan Burroughs and Nicholas Gordon each captured individual national titles in their respective sports. Burroughs put together the only undefeated season in Nebraska wrestling history, finishing 35-0 en route to the NCAA title at 157 pounds.

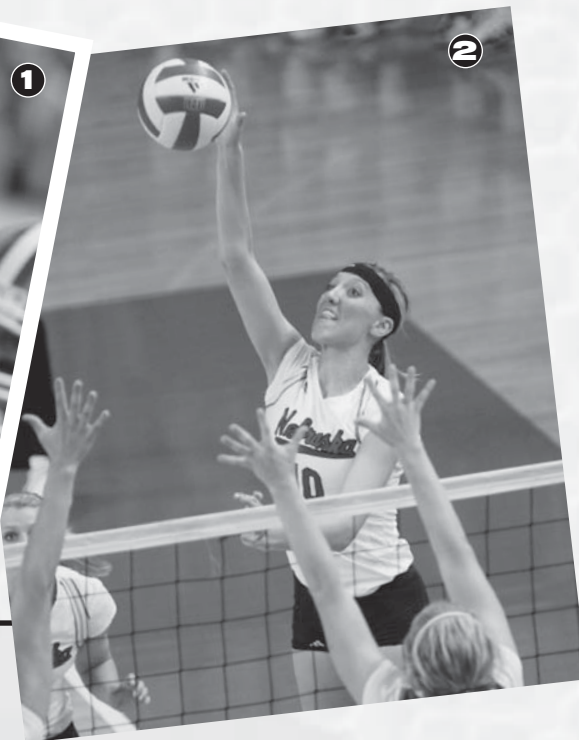
Gordon captured the NCAA indoor long jump national championship with a leap of 26-4 ¼. Bowler Cassandra Leuthold helped lead Nebraska to the NCAA bowling title, as she was named the championship's Most Outstanding Performer. On the volleyball court, Jordan Larson capped a tremendous career by earning All-America honors for the third straight season, while becoming the first player in Big 12 history to be named Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year in the same season.

Overall, Nebraska produced 21 individuals who captured 27 All-America awards in their respective sports in 2008-09.

Nebraska finished either first or second in the conference in five sports, including the volleyball program's 11th title in the 13-year history of the Big 12 Conference. The Huskers also added Big 12 titles last season in wrestling and men's outdoor track, which marked the track and field program's 100th all-time conference championship. The NU football team also tied for first in the Big 12 North Division under first-year head coach Bo Pelini.



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**1** Defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh helped a resurgent Nebraska defense finish second in the Big 12 in total defense in 2008. Suh bolstered Nebraska's efforts on defense as the Blackshirts paved the way for six wins in the Cornhuskers' last seven games, including a victory in the 2009 Gator Bowl over Clemson. Suh entered this season on the watch lists for the Outland Award and Lombardi Trophy and was a preseason All-American by numerous publications.

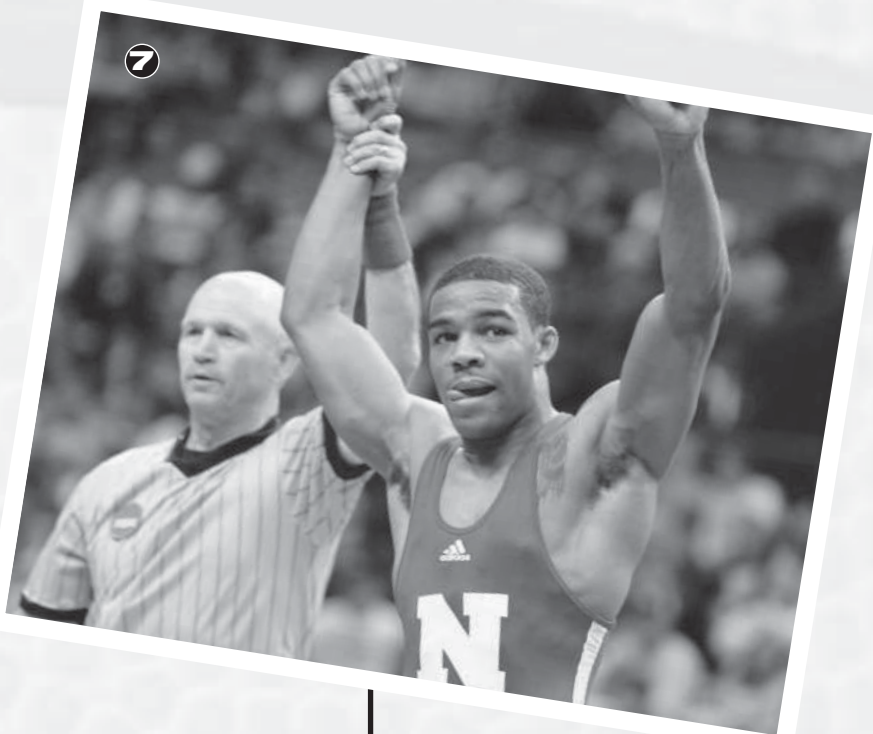
**2** Jordan Larson was a three-time All-American on the court while leading Nebraska to three trips to the NCAA Semifinals in the past four seasons, including the 2006 national title. In a stellar senior campaign, Larson earned her second straight first-team All-America award, while claiming third-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

## BIG 12 LEADERS

In addition to Nebraska's success at the national level, the Huskers have been a leader in the powerful Big 12 Conference since its inception. Nebraska has captured 66 total team titles, including a league-high 21 championships in track and field, 11 in volleyball, eight in soccer and women's gymnastics, seven in baseball, six in softball, two each in football and swimming and diving and one in wrestling.

The Huskers have won more Big 12 Conference championships than any other league school in the following categories:

Baseball Regular Season: 3	Women's Indoor Track: 5
Baseball Postseason: 4	Men's and Women's Track: 21
Baseball Overall: 7	Women's Gymnastics: 8
Men's Indoor Track: 9	Soccer Postseason: 5
Men's Outdoor Track: 5	Volleyball: 11
Men's Track Combined: 14	



**3** All-American Nicholas Gordon captured the 2009 NCAA indoor national championship in the long jump with a winning leap of 26-4 ¼ in his final attempt. Following the season, Gordon earned a spot in the 2009 World Championships with a personal-best jump of 26-7 ¼.

**4** With the return of two-time All-Big 12 first-team performer Kelsy Griffin, Nebraska will be gunning for its seventh straight postseason appearance in 2010.

**5** Molly Hill led Nebraska to its 14th NCAA Tournament appearance in 15 seasons in 2009. Hill was a first-team All-Big 12 selection and a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American, which marked her second straight academic All-America award.

**6** The Nebraska bowling team won the 2009 NCAA national championship, marking the Huskers' third title in the six years that bowling has been an NCAA sport. All-American Cassandra Leuthold was named the championship's Most Outstanding Player.

**7** Jordan Burroughs made Husker history while winning the 2009 national title at 157 pounds. Burroughs finished a perfect 35-0 en route to winning the national championship, becoming the only Husker ever to post an undefeated season.

# BIG 12 CONFERENCE

Formed before the 1996-97 campaign, the Big 12 Conference has been one of the strongest basketball leagues in the nation over the past 13 years. Big 12 squads play a 16-game conference schedule including home and away contests with each divisional foe and one contest with each school in the opposite division. The Huskers' division includes Colorado, Iowa State, Kansas, Kansas State and Missouri.

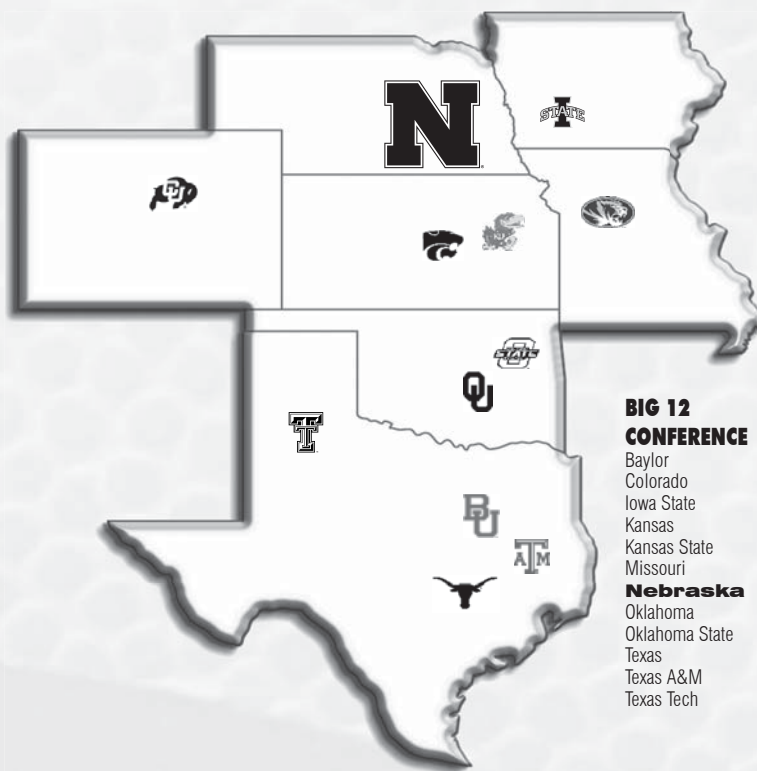
The conference tournament has been contested in Kansas City, Dallas and Oklahoma City since its inception in 1977. The 2010 Big 12 Championship returns to the Sprint Center in Kansas City.



The Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship returns to Kansas City and the Sprint Center in 2010. More than 113,000 people came through the gates during the 2009 league championship at the Ford Center in Oklahoma City.

## BIG 12 CONFERENCE FACTS

- The Big 12 Conference is the only league in the country with a top-2 selection in the NBA Draft each of the past four years. Overall, 14 players were drafted from Big 12 teams in the past two seasons.
- The Big 12 owns the nation's best winning percentage in NCAA Tournament play since 2003.
- The conference has had five different players named consensus All-Americans over the last three years. The total is two more than any other Division I conference.
- Since 2002, the Big 12 has had more NCAA regional finalists than any other conference and has had 20 teams reach the Sweet 16.
- The Big 12 had six teams in the top 42 nationally in scoring offense last year, more than any other league. There have been a total of 43 career 30-point games by Big 12 athletes who were active in 2008-09.
- The Big 12 had seven teams finish in the top 45 of the final RPI published by the NCAA, tied for the most of any Division I conference.
- Big 12 teams recorded a .769 winning percentage and a league-record 153 victories in non-conference games in 2008-09. The win total was second in the nation.
- The Big 12 set a league attendance record and surpassed the two-million fan mark for the third consecutive season in 2008-09.



**BIG 12 CONFERENCE**  
Baylor  
Colorado  
Iowa State  
Kansas  
Kansas State  
Missouri  
**Nebraska**  
Oklahoma  
Oklahoma State  
Texas  
Texas A&M  
Texas Tech



For more information on the Big 12 Conference, see page 207 of this media guide or check out the league on the Internet at [www.big12sports.com](http://www.big12sports.com).