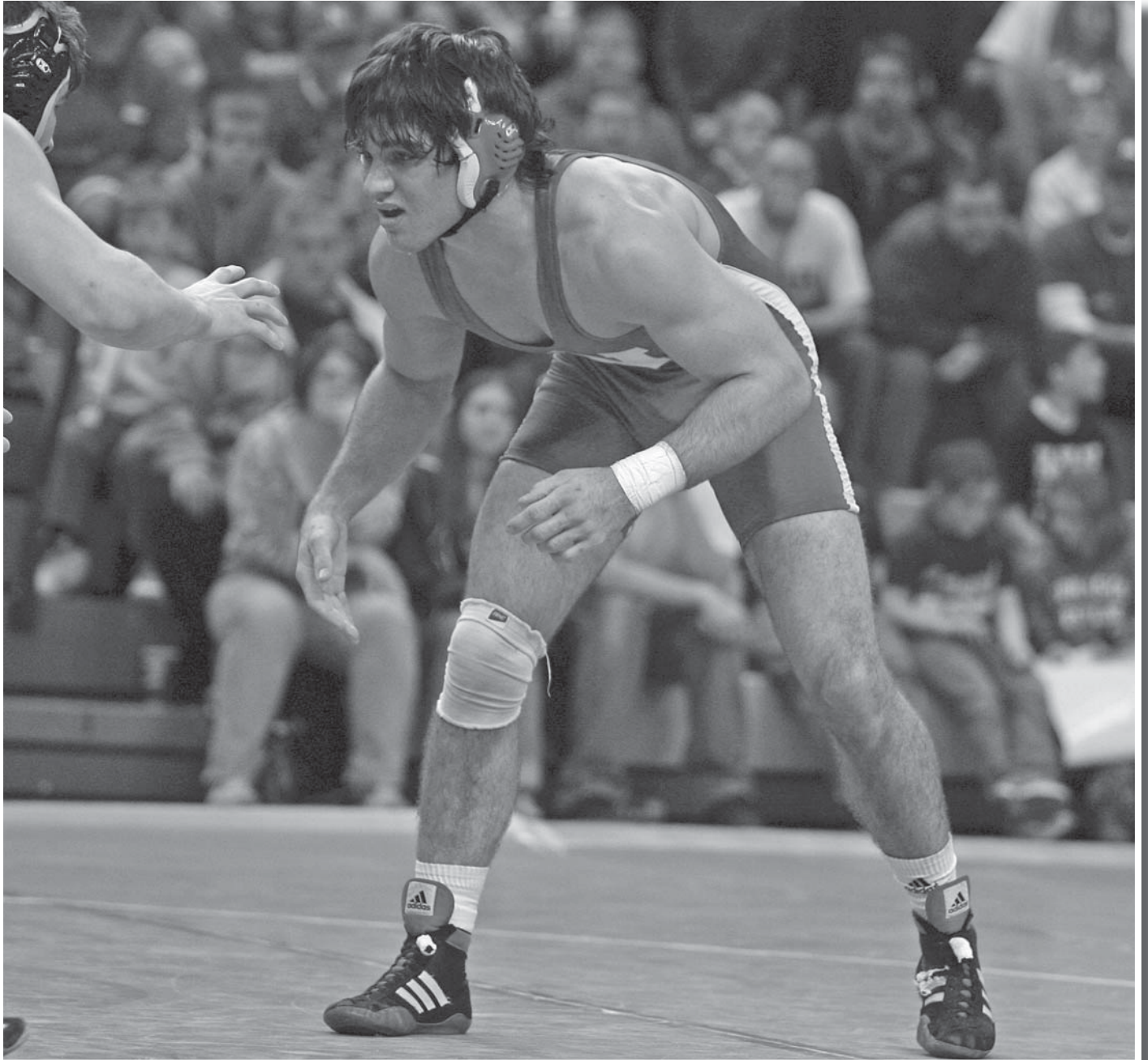




2008-09 NEBRASKA WRESTLING

Stephen Dwyer - Junior - 165 Pounds



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Huskers Look Primed for Repeat

INTRODUCTION

Continued Success

Coming off one of the best seasons in its history, the 2008-09 Nebraska wrestling team brings a good blend of experienced leadership and young talent to the mat this year.

Coach Mark Manning guided NU to new heights in his eighth year at the helm in 2007-08. The Huskers established themselves as national title contenders with a second-place finish at the NWCA National Duals by knocking off three ranked teams, including top-ranked Penn State. Nebraska used that momentum to beat Oklahoma State for just the third time in school history and nearly posted a perfect Big 12 regular-season record, falling only at Iowa State in the season finale. NU produced a 14-3 overall dual record, its most wins since 2004-05, before finishing second at the Big 12 Championships. The Huskers racked up their most points ever at the conference tournament with 62.5, as three NU wrestlers earned conference crowns. Jordan Burroughs claimed Outstanding Wrestler-of-the-Meet honors, while Manning was voted the Big 12 Coach of the Year. Nebraska capped its season with a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Championships, the team's highest finish since 1993, while five Huskers earned All-America accolades.

The excitement surrounding the program comes from a solid core of five returning starters ready to take aim at the sport's highest collegiate prize. Nebraska returns four All-Americans among its five starters, while seven Huskers have qualified for the NCAA Championships. NU's four returning All-Americans are the most for Nebraska since 1995-96, and only one is a senior. In fact, the Huskers have just four seniors on the 34-man roster. NU also welcomes 14 freshmen into the mix this fall.

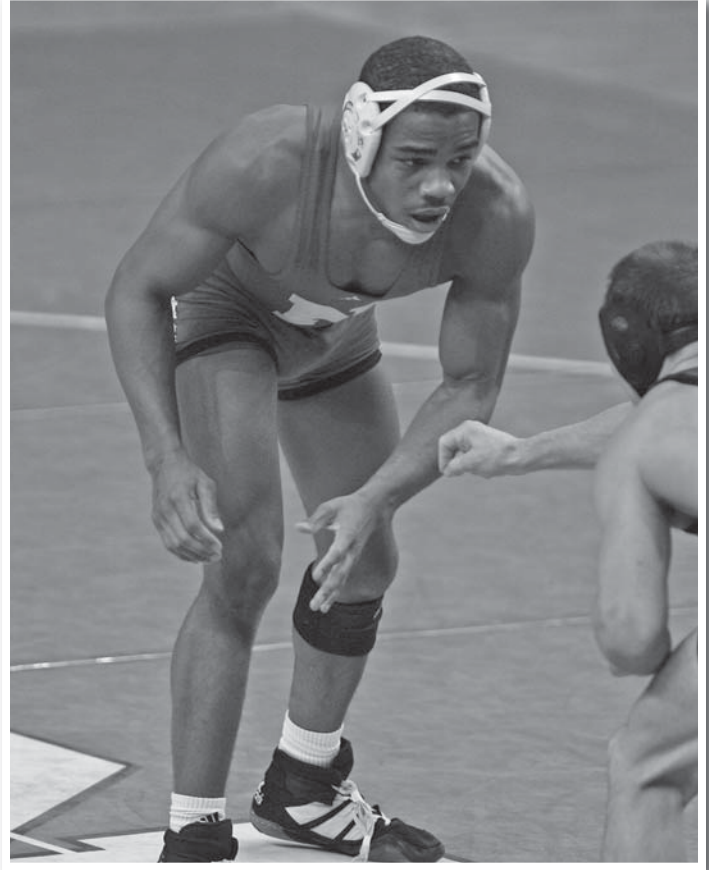
Nebraska's Proven Leadership

Leading the way for Nebraska will be All-American Jordan Burroughs, who has established himself as a leader in the locker room with his striking improvements on the mat at 149 pounds. Burroughs worked his way to a 16-13 record as a freshman in the NU program, before dominating opponents for a 34-6 record as a sophomore. He demolished the Huskers' single-season dual takedown mark by notching 98 in 17 duals before breezing through the competition at the Big 12 Championships. Burroughs was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler after earning a technical fall and major decision to take the title. Burroughs was just as impressive at the NCAA Championships, finishing third with a 5-1 record by defeating four ranked opponents to earn his first All-America honor. Burroughs continued his training through the summer by capturing a national title at the FILA Junior Nationals and took 10th at the FILA Junior World Championships last August. The junior's NCAA title chase this season could play a major role in Nebraska's NCAA title hopes this season.

All-American Brandon Browne also showed progress last season, after sitting out his sophomore year. Browne led the Huskers in wins (35) and dual wins (14) to tie him for 15th on Nebraska's top 20 single-season wins list. Browne opened the season with 13 straight wins, helping the Huskers to a third-place finish at the Las Vegas Invitational, and was named Big 12 Wrestler of the Week after defeating No. 2 Brandon Mason in NU's dual win over Oklahoma State. Browne finished the season an impressive 7-0 against Big 12 opponents and went 12-4 versus ranked foes on the way to finishing fourth at the NCAA Championships for his first All-America honor. Browne will enter his senior season as one of the top-ranked wrestlers at 174 pounds and is yet another Husker with individual title hopes.

Juniors Craig Brester and Stephen Dwyer round out the Huskers' returning All-Americans. Brester, a native of Howells, Neb., went 5-2 at last year's NCAA Championships to earn fourth. Both losses came to wrestlers ranked in the top six at 197 pounds, including No. 1 Josh Glenn of American. Brester worked his way through a midseason knee injury to finish with a 26-7 overall record, including 14 bonus-point victories. Brester ended his season with 12 of his final 13 opponents ranked in the top 20 in the nation, going 8-4 against them. A talented individual intellectually and athletically, Brester could earn All-America honors on the mat and in the classroom this season.

One of the most focused wrestlers on the team, Dwyer earned the 10th spot on the Husker



Junior Jordan Burroughs enters his third year in the Nebraska program looking to build on his impressive resume. Burroughs finished third at the 2008 NCAA Championships at 149 pounds and could be a key component in the Huskers' hunt for a national title this year.

sophomore wins list with his 32-10 record last season. He was the only NU wrestler to go 4-0 at the National Duals, racking up a 12-3 dual record. Wrestling in one of the toughest weights in the conference, Dwyer finished second at 165 pounds at the Big 12 Championships before claiming his first All-America accolade with his eighth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Dwyer's determination could be a driving force in Nebraska's national championship aspirations in 2009.

Nebraska will also look for increased contributions from seniors Robert Sanders, Patrick Aleksanyan and Vince Jones. All three are locked in battles for a starting position, but all three have previously qualified for the NCAA Championships.

Talent in Tow

Nebraska's impressive set of veterans will try to help acclimate 14 freshmen to the collegiate ranks this season. Jon Burns, a 141-pounder from Apex, N.C., leads the crop of new Huskers. Wrestling for Cardinal Gibbons High School, Burns closed his prep career with a 178-5 career mark, including an astounding 128-0 record in his final two seasons. Burns won several prominent tournaments before being named the wrestler of the year by the National High School Coaches Association. The NHSCA also selected him as a two-time All-American. He was ranked the No. 3 wrestler at 145 pounds by InterMat and could see starting time at 141 pounds this season for the Huskers.

A native of Pittsburg, Kan., Tyler Koehn had a standout prep career before joining the Huskers this fall. Koehn was a five-time All-American at the Junior National Championships in Fargo, N.D. He earned three top-eight finishes in freestyle and two in Greco-Roman, including a fourth-place finish in 2008. Koehn also earned a top-three finish at the state championships his final three years and won a state title his junior season under Coach Scott Rieck. Koehn is expected to wrestle at 157 pounds for Nebraska.

Romero Cotton (Hutchinson) also brings Kansas roots to the Cornhuskers. Romero's high school credentials are eye-catching. He was a 10-time state champion across three sports, and claimed four state titles in wrestling with a 137-11 career record. Cotton amassed a 72-0 record over his final two seasons under Coach Mike Garcia, and was voted an all-state selection four times in wrestling. He added four more state titles in football from his running back position and was a two-time power lifting state champion. Cotton also claimed titles at the 2006 Cadet National Championships in freestyle and Greco-Roman to earn the No. 7 national ranking at 189 pounds, according to InterMat. Cotton is projected to wrestle at 184 pounds for NU.

The Huskers also continued to sign the best talent from the state, with Riley Essay and

2008-09 Nebraska Wrestling Quick Facts

General Information

Location	Lincoln, Neb.	Dual Record	14-3
Population	248,744	Conference Finish	3-1 (Second)
Founded	1869	NCAA Finish	4th (74points)
Enrollment	22,000		
Colors	Scarlet and Cream		
Nickname	Cornhuskers, Huskers	Head Coach	Mark Manning
Affiliation	NCAA Division I	Alma Mater	Nebraska-Omaha (1985)
Conference	Big 12	Record at NU	109-42-2 (Eight years)
Home Facility	NU Coliseum (4,030)	Career Record	132-66-4 (11 years)
Chancellor	Harvey Perlman, J.D.	Asst. Coaches	Mike Greenfield, Tony Erstrand
Athletic Director	Tom Osborne	Strength Coach	Jason Mester
Ticket Information	(800) 8-BIG-RED	Volunteer Asst. Coach	Dominick Moyer
		Club Coaches	Travis and Trent Paulson
		Wrestling Office Phone	(402) 472-9430

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		All-Americans Returning/Lost	4/1

Nebraska's Projected Starters

125 Pounds: Redshirt Freshman Andy Pokorny



Andy Pokorny overcame medical issues during his first year in the Nebraska program to post a 9-1 record in open tournaments and will step on the mat as the projected starter for the Huskers. The Bennington, Neb., native was a three-time state champion in high school and will look to use his determination and positive attitude to continue that success for NU this season. Pokorny will also be looked upon to provide leadership to freshman Ridge Kiley at one of the Huskers' least experienced weights.

133 Pounds: Senior Patrick Aleksanyan or Sophomore Matt Vacanti



The 133-pound starting job is a toss up between two highly talented Huskers. Sophomore Matt Vacanti is fully recovered from a knee injury that forced him to sit out last season. The Papillion, Neb., native was a four-time state champion in high school, but will face a tough battle for the starting spot from senior Patrick Aleksanyan (left). An NCAA qualifier in 2006 at 133 pounds, Aleksanyan bumped up to

141 last year but returns to 133 this season. Aleksanyan is one of seven returning Huskers with NCAA experience.

141 Pounds: Sophomore Curtis Salazar



After contending with several other wrestlers for the lead position last season, sophomore Curtis Salazar enters the 2008-09 campaign as the starter at 141 pounds for Nebraska. Salazar made three dual appearances last season, picking up wins against South Dakota State and Wyoming. Several impressive showings in open tournaments last year and his continued development physically and mentally have made Salazar the front-runner at 141, but high school standout Jon Burns from Apex, N.C., could challenge for starting time at 141 pounds during his first season in the program.

149 Pounds: Junior Jordan Burroughs



A leader on the mat and in the locker room, junior Jordan Burroughs will look to continue his rise this year. Burroughs had a breakout sophomore season by claiming the Big 12 title at 149 pounds en route to finishing with a 34-6 record and earning his first All-America honors with a third-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Sophomore Paul Sanders steps down to 149 this season to provide a solid second option at the weight, and promising freshman Ross Grande of Palantine, Ill., will look to learn from both upperclassmen.

157 Pounds: Senior Robert Sanders or Redshirt Freshman Chris Hacker



The 157 pound weight class features another battle between two capable Huskers. One of the smartest wrestlers in the classroom, senior Robert Sanders (left) brings national experience to the mat after qualifying for the NCAA Championships in 2006. Sanders moves up to 157 after earning starting time for NU at 141 last season. Sanders will compete with redshirt freshman Chris Hacker, who showed

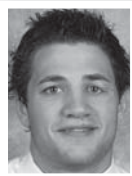
marked improvement in his first year in the program. Hacker notched a 15-5 record in open competition, earning six pins and a technical fall. Hacker earned the second-fastest pin last season with a victory in 26 seconds and possesses great potential at the weight.

165 Pounds: Junior Stephen Dwyer



Junior Stephen Dwyer is one of four returning All-Americans for Nebraska, and he will attempt to build on his eighth-place finish at the 2008 NCAA Championships. Known as one of the most relentless wrestlers on the team, Dwyer takes that dedication and focus into the classroom, earning academic honors from the Big 12 and NWCA last season. Coach Mark Manning will depend on Dwyer to be a positive influence on Husker newcomers Eric Reinert and Alex Howard at this weight.

174 Pounds: Senior Brandon Browne



After sitting out his sophomore season, Brandon Browne compiled a 35-4 record to finish fourth at the 2008 NCAA Championships and climb his way onto Nebraska's single-season wins list. Browne went 7-0 against Big 12 foes on his way to claiming the conference crown. Browne will look to cap his collegiate career by leading Nebraska in its pursuit of an NCAA team title, after the Huskers finished fourth last season. Sophomore Andy Johnson saw spot duty behind Browne at 174 last season, and will likely provide support at the weight again this year.

184 Pounds: Senior Vince Jones or Junior Levi Wofford



Two skilled wrestlers, senior Vince Jones (left) and junior Levi Wofford once again enter the season locked in competition for NU's starting spot at 184 pounds. Wofford appeared sparingly for the Huskers last season, but was a key component in Nebraska's dual victory over Lehigh. A lanky, evasive wrestler, Wofford appeared in several open tournaments, but Jones went on a hot streak to earn the starting nod

the rest of the season. An explosive wrestler, Jones finished with a 23-15 record to earn a wildcard berth to the NCAA Championships. Jones upset third-ranked Tyrel Todd of Michigan but finished just one second away from earning All-America honors.

197 Pounds: Junior Craig Brester



Nebraska's starter at 197 pounds the last two seasons, junior Craig Brester has been a constructive influence in the locker room and classroom for the Huskers. Last season, Brester battled through a midseason knee injury to capture his first All-America award with a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. He is also a two-time selection to the Academic All-Big 12 first team and NWCA All-Academic Team. A gritty competitor, Brester earned 14 bonus-point victories for the Huskers last season and will be a valuable figure in NU's lineup.

Hwt.: Redshirt Freshman Tucker Lane



At heavyweight, redshirt freshman Tucker Lane steps into the shoes of two-time NCAA qualifier Jon May this season. Lane is one of several promising young wrestlers on the Huskers' squad. He posted an impressive 27-3 record in open tournaments last season. Lane won four of the seven tournaments he competed in, racking up seven pins and three major decisions. Named Nebraska's 2008 Redshirt of the Year, Lane will look to continue a history of high-level wrestling at heavyweight for the Huskers.

Hadley Cooksley joining the team this season. Wrestling for Alliance High School, Essay finished in the top five at the state championships all four years under Coach Dale Hall. Essay claimed fourth his freshman year before taking fifth his sophomore year and wrapped up his career with third-place showings as a junior and senior. Essay went 80-5 his final two seasons en route to a 134-21 career mark. He also set the single-season nearfall record with 134 during his senior season, while guiding Alliance to three top-10 finishes at the state tournament. Essay is expected to wrestle 133 pounds as a Husker.

Cooksley, an Alda native, was a three-sport athlete at Grand Island Northwest and wrestled under Coach Brian Sybrandts. Cooksley nearly completed a perfect season during his senior campaign, winning all of his matches except the state final to go 33-1 with 33 pins. He finished with a 118-17 record on the mat, including 89 pins. Cooksley also had an accomplished career on the football field, being selected to the Shrine Bowl and All-Star Classic his senior year. He plans to wrestle heavyweight at Nebraska.

Huskers Set to Host

After hosting just four home duals in 2007-08, Nebraska fans will have plenty of chances to catch the Huskers in action this year, as NU hosts 12 duals in the NU Coliseum and the Big 12 Championships. The 2008-09 schedule is not only filled with home matches, it is guaranteed to be one of the most challenging schedules in the nation. Nebraska faces eight teams at home that were ranked in the final top-25 dual rankings last season. The Huskers also travel to meet three ranked foes from a year ago.

The Huskers open on Nov. 20 against Tennessee-Chattanooga, which finished 2008 ranked No. 18, before hosting Kent State and Minnesota on Dec. 20 and 21. The Golden Flashes earned the No. 21 spot in last year's final rankings, while Minnesota finished No. 8. Michigan, which finished at No. 11 last season, visits Lincoln on Jan. 4 and No. 22 Maryland faces Nebraska on Jan. 18 at the NU Coliseum. Penn comes to town for Parents Night on Jan. 23, while the Huskers' final two home duals promise to be emotional battles. Big 12 rival and last year's No. 5 Oklahoma State faces Nebraska on Feb. 5, and No. 3 Iowa State ends NU's regular season on Feb. 22.

Nebraska travels to face No. 2 Central Michigan on Jan. 25 in Mount Pleasant, Mich., No. 12 Missouri on Jan. 31 in Columbia, Mo., and No. 14 Oklahoma on Feb. 8 in Norman, Okla. The Huskers will also journey to several tough tournaments again, including the Las Vegas Invitational Dec. 5-6, and National Duals, Jan. 10-11, where Nebraska finished second last year. NU also will travel its entire squad to the Kaufman-Brand Open, hosted by Nebraska-Omaha, on Nov. 22.

As an added bonus, Nebraska hosts the Big 12 Championships at the NU Coliseum on March 7. The Huskers host the conference tournament for just the second time since the inception of the Big 12 and the first time since 2000. NU finished fourth when it hosted the event in 2000, but is in the hunt for a team title this season after its second-place showing last season.

All of Nebraska's competitions are in preparation for one goal, the 2009 NCAA Championships, which return to the Scottrade Center in St. Louis, Mo. Competition for the three-day event is set to begin on March 19.

2008-09 Roster

Alphabetical Roster

Name	Weight	Year	Hometown (Previous School)
Aleksanyan, Patrick	133	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif. (Cal St. Fullerton/Calvary Chapel)
Ashton, Matt	133	Fr.	Eagan, Minn. (Eagan)
Barnes, Austin	141	Fr.	Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall)
Brester, Craig	197	Jr.	Howells, Neb. (Howells)
Browne, Brandon	174	Sr.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
Browne, Cameron	197	So.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
Burns, Jon	141	Fr.	Apex, N.C. (Cardinal Gibbons)
Burroughs, Jordan	149	Jr.	Sicklerville, N.J. (Winslow Township)
Cooksley, Hadley	Hwt	Fr.	Alda, Neb. (Grand Island Northwest)
Cotton, Romero	184	Fr.	Hutchinson, Kan. (Hutchinson)
Dwyer, Stephen	165	Jr.	Rockton, Ill. (Hononegah)
Essay, Riley	133	Fr.	Alliance, Neb. (Alliance)
Grande, Ross	149	Fr.	Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
Hacker, Chris	157	RFr.	El Reno, Okla. (El Reno)
Howard, Alex	165	Jr.	Beale Air Base, Calif. (Sierra College/Bay)
Ihnen, Josh	184	Fr.	Sheldon, Iowa (Sheldon)
Johnson, Andy	174	So.	Yankton, S.D. (Yankton)
Jones, Vince	184	Sr.	Sicklerville, N.J. (Winslow Township)
Kiley, Ridge	125	Fr.	Eagle Grove, Iowa (Eagle Grove)
Koehn, Tyler	157	Fr.	Pittsburg, Kan. (Pittsburg)
Lane, Tucker	Hwt	RFr.	Redvale, Colo. (Nucla)
Litch, Brian	141	RFr.	Wayzata, Minn. (Wayzata)
Lukow, Livingston	197	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Christian)
Pokorny, Andy	125	RFr.	Bennington, Neb. (Bennington)
Reinert, Eric	165	Fr.	Watertown, Minn. (Watertown-Mayer)
Roto, Peter	133	So.	Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
Salazar, Curtis	141	So.	Greeley, Colo. (Valley)
Sanders, Paul	149	So.	Blanding, Utah (San Juan)
Sanders, Robert	157	Sr.	Blanding, Utah (San Juan)
Studebaker, Ethan	157	Fr.	Raymond, Neb. (Raymond Central)
Thomas, Alex	Hwt	Fr.	McDonald, Kan. (Norton)
Vacanti, Matt	133	So.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
Ward, Alex	165	So.	Davidsonville, Md. (Mt. St. Joseph's)
Wofford, Levi	184	Jr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)

Weight-by-Weight Roster*

Weight	Name	Year	Hometown (Previous School)
125	Kiley, Ridge	Fr.	Eagle Grove, Iowa (Eagle Grove)
125	Pokorny, Andy	RFr.	Bennington, Neb. (Bennington)
133	Aleksanyan, Patrick	Sr.	Santa Ana, Calif. (Cal State Fullerton/Calvary Chapel)
133	Ashton, Matt	Fr.	Eagan, Minn. (Eagan)
133	Essay, Riley	Fr.	Alliance, Neb. (Alliance)
133	Roto, Peter	So.	Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
133	Vacanti, Matt	So.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)
141	Barnes, Austin	Fr.	Rockwall, Texas (Rockwall)
141	Burns, Jon	Fr.	Apex, N.C. (Cardinal Gibbons)
141	Litch, Brian	RFr.	Wayzata, Minn. (Wayzata)
141	Salazar, Curtis	So.	Greeley, Colo. (Valley)
149	Burroughs, Jordan	Jr.	Sicklerville, N.J. (Winslow Township)
149	Grande, Ross	Fr.	Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
149	Sanders, Paul	So.	Blanding, Utah (San Juan)
157	Hacker, Chris	RFr.	El Reno, Okla. (El Reno)
157	Koehn, Tyler	Fr.	Pittsburg, Kan. (Pittsburg)
157	Sanders, Robert	Sr.	Blanding, Utah (San Juan)
157	Studebaker, Ethan	Fr.	Raymond, Neb. (Raymond Central)
165	Dwyer, Stephen	Jr.	Rockton, Ill. (Hononegah)
165	Howard, Alex	Jr.	Beale Air Base, Calif. (Sierra College/Bay)
165	Reinert, Eric	Fr.	Watertown, Minn. (Watertown-Mayer)
165	Ward, Alex	So.	Davidsonville, Md. (Mt. Saint Joseph's)
174	Browne, Brandon	Sr.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
174	Johnson, Andy	So.	Yankton, S.D. (Yankton)
184	Cotton, Romero	Fr.	Hutchinson, Kan. (Hutchinson)
184	Ihnen, Josh	Fr.	Sheldon, Iowa (Sheldon)
184	Jones, Vince	Sr.	Sicklerville, N.J. (Winslow Township)
184	Wofford, Levi	Jr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
197	Brester, Craig	Jr.	Howells, Neb. (Howells)
197	Browne, Cameron	So.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
197	Lukow, Livingston	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Christian)
Hwt	Cooksley, Hadley	Fr.	Alda, Neb. (Grand Island Northwest)
Hwt	Lane, Tucker	RFr.	Redvale, Colo. (Nucla)
Hwt	Thomas, Alex	Fr.	McDonald, Kan. (Norton)

Head Coach: Mark Manning, ninth season; Career Record: 132-66-4; Record at NU: 109-42-2

Assistant Coaches: Mike Greenfield (seventh season), Tony Ersland (third season)

Strength Coach: Jason Mester (fourth season)

Club Coaches: Travis and Trent Paulson (first season)

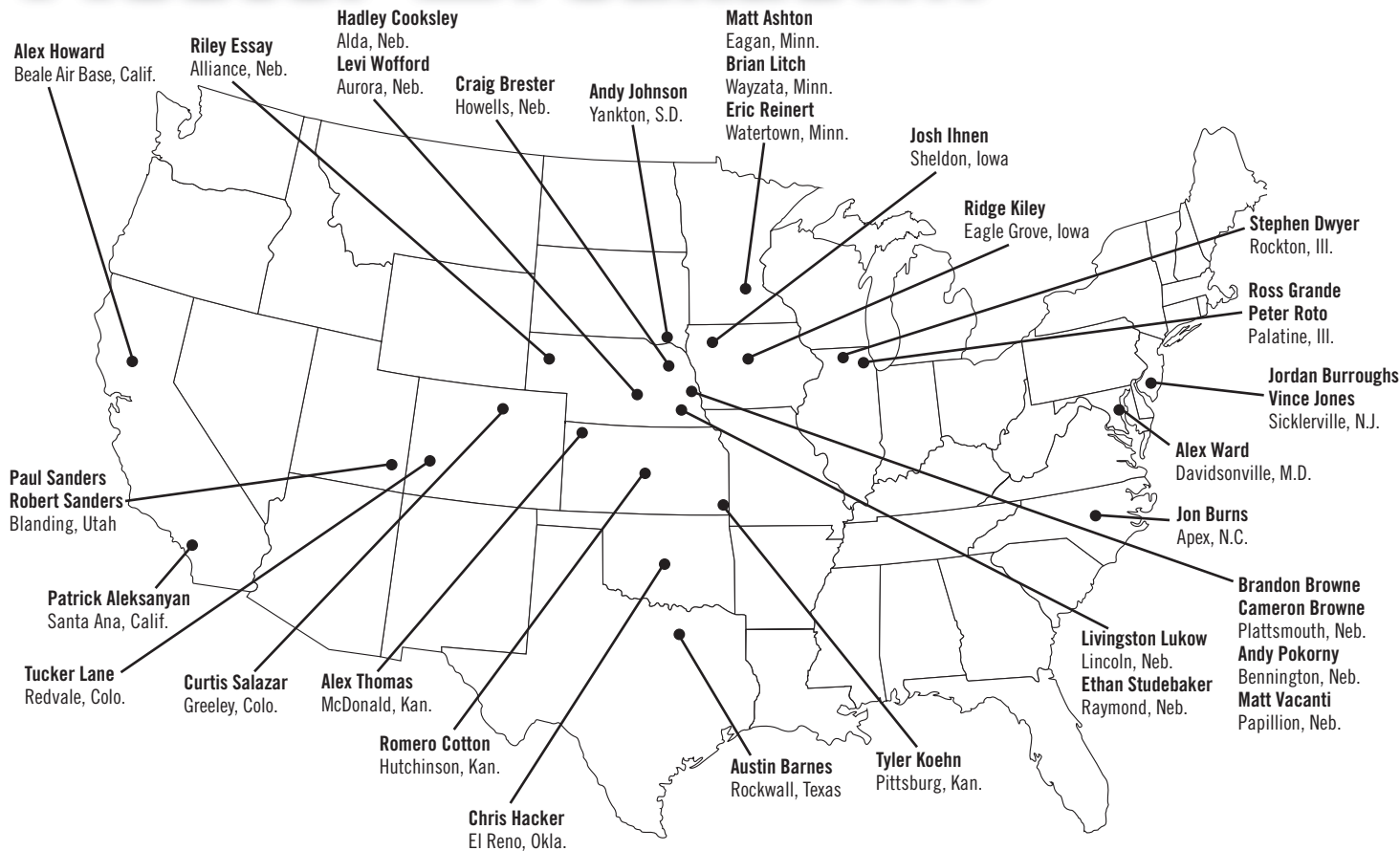
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Dominick Moyer (second season)

*-Wrestlers listed alphabetically within weight class, not by depth.



2008-09 Nebraska Wrestling - Front Row (L-R): Andy Pokorny, Matt Ashton, Ridge Kiley, Jordan Burroughs, Matt Vacanti, Ross Grande, Paul Sanders, Austin Barnes, Brian Litch, Ethan Studebaker;
Middle Row (L-R): Alex Ward, Andy Johnson, Patrick Aleksanyan, Jon Burns, Curtis Salazar, Romero Cotton, Chris Hacker, Robert Sanders, Eric Reinert, Chris Oliver, Riley Essay;
Back Row (L-R): Levi Wofford, Cameron Browne, Josh Ihnen, Brandon Browne, Craig Brester, Tucker Lane, Hadley Cooksley, Vince Jones, Tyler Koehn, Alex Howard, Stephen Dwyer, Alex Thomas;
Not pictured: Livingston Lukow, Peter Roto

Roster Breakdown



INTRODUCTION

By Home:

- California (2)**
Patrick Aleksanyan, Alex Howard
- Colorado (2)**
Tucker Lane, Curtis Salazar
- Illinois (3)**
Stephen Dwyer, Ross Grande, Peter Roto
- Iowa (2)**
Josh Ihnen, Ridge Kiley
- Kansas (3)**
Romero Cotton, Tyler Koehn, Alex Thomas
- Maryland (1)**
Alex Ward
- Minnesota (3)**
Matt Ashton, Brian Litch, Eric Reinert
- Nebraska (10)**
Craig Brester, Brandon Browne, Cameron Browne, Hadley Cooksley, Riley Essay, Livingston Lukow, Andy Pokorny, Ethan Studebaker, Matt Vacanti, Levi Wofford
- New Jersey (2)**
Jordan Burroughs, Vince Jones
- North Carolina (1)**
Jon Burns
- Oklahoma (1)**
Chris Hacker
- South Dakota (1)**
Andy Johnson
- Texas (1)**
Austin Barnes
- Utah (2)**
Paul Sanders, Robert Sanders

By Class:

- Senior (4)**
Patrick Aleksanyan, Brandon Browne, Vince Jones, Robert Sanders
- Juniors (5)**
Craig Brester, Jordan Burroughs, Stephen Dwyer, Alex Howard, Levi Wofford
- Sophomores (7)**
Cameron Browne, Andy Johnson, Peter Roto, Curtis Salazar, Paul Sanders, Matt Vacanti, Alex Ward
- Redshirt Freshmen (4)**
Chris Hacker, Tucker Lane, Brian Litch, Andrew Pokorny
- Freshmen (14)**
Matt Ashton, Austin Barnes, Jon Burns, Hadley Cooksley, Romero Cotton, Riley Essay, Ross Grande, Josh Ihnen, Ridge Kiley, Tyler Koehn, Livingston Lukow, Eric Reinert, Ethan Studebaker, Alex Thomas

By Major:

- Business Administration (3)**
Austin Barnes, Stephen Dwyer, Livingston Lukow
- Communication Studies (4)**
Cameron Browne, Tucker Lane, Alex Ward, Levi Wofford
- Computer Science (1)**
Paul Sanders
- Criminal Justice (2)**
Patrick Aleksanyan, Alex Howard
- English Education (1)**
Peter Roto
- Finance (1)**
Josh Ihnen
- Mechanized Systems Management (1)**
Craig Brester
- Nutritional Science and Dietetics (4)**
Ross Grande, Andy Johnson, Eric Reinert, Robert Sanders
- Pre-Medicine (1)**
Hadley Cooksley
- Pre-Physician's Assistant (1)**
Ethan Studebaker
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine (1)**
Alex Thomas
- Psychology (3)**
Brandon Browne, Chris Hacker, Andy Pokorny
- Sociology (4)**
Jordan Burroughs, Vince Jones, Curtis Salazar, Matt Vacanti
- Undeclared (7)**
Matt Ashton, Jon Burns, Romero Cotton, Riley Essay, Ridge Kiley, Tyler Koehn, Brian Litch

Pronunciation Guide:

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| Essay | E-See |
| Grande | Gran-dee |
| Ihnen | E-nen |
| Koehn | Cane |
| Lukow | Loo-ko |

Roster Notes:

- This season's roster of 34 athletes features 10 natives of Nebraska, but only one wrestler from Lincoln (Livingston Lukow).
- NU's four returning All-Americans (Jordan Burroughs, Craig Brester, Brandon Browne and Stephen Dwyer) are the most for Nebraska since 1995-96.
- The team features two sets of brothers: Robert and Paul Sanders, and Brandon and Cameron Browne.
- Alex Howard, a native of Beale Air Base, Calif., is the farthest Husker from home, wrestling more than 1,500 miles from his hometown.
- Austin Barnes is the first Husker wrestler to hail from Texas since 1984-85.
- Tucker Lane's father, Larry, was a professional wrestler from 1973 to 1983 as "Red Dog Lane" and "Cowboy Larry Lane".
- Nebraska has two wrestlers that finished their prep career as four-time state champions in wrestling, Matt Vacanti and Romero Cotton.
- NU has 10 wrestlers on its roster that were also on the same high school team at one point.



2008-09 Schedule

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Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time (CT)
Nov. 7	Friday	Wrestle-Offs	Devaney Center Track	6 p.m.
Nov. 20	Thursday	Tennessee-Chattanooga	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Nov. 22	Saturday	at Kaufman-Brand Open	Omaha, Neb.	9 a.m.
Nov. 28	Friday	Augustana (S.D.)	NU Coliseum	4 p.m.
Nov. 28	Friday	Oregon State	NU Coliseum	6 p.m.
Dec. 5-6	Friday-Saturday	at Las Vegas Invitational	Las Vegas, Nev.	11 a.m.
Dec. 20	Saturday	Kent State	NU Coliseum	2 p.m.
Dec. 21	Sunday	Minnesota	NU Coliseum	2 p.m.
Jan. 4	Sunday	Northern Colorado	NU Coliseum	Noon
Jan. 4	Sunday	Michigan	NU Coliseum	4 p.m.
Jan. 10-11	Saturday-Sunday	at NWCA National Duals	Cedar Falls, Iowa	9 a.m.
Jan. 18	Sunday	South Dakota State	NU Coliseum	2 p.m.
Jan. 18	Sunday	Maryland	NU Coliseum	4 p.m.
Jan. 23	Friday	Penn (Parents Night)	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	Sunday	vs. Virginia Tech	Mount Pleasant, Mich.	11 a.m.
Jan. 25	Sunday	at Central Michigan	Mount Pleasant, Mich.	1 p.m.
Jan. 31	Saturday	at Missouri*	Columbia, Mo.	2 p.m.
Feb. 5	Thursday	Oklahoma State (Alumni Night)*	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	Sunday	at Oklahoma*	Norman, Okla.	2 p.m.
Feb. 14	Saturday	at North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	11 a.m.
Feb. 14	Saturday	vs. UNC Greensboro	Chapel Hill, N.C.	1 p.m.
Feb. 22	Sunday	Iowa State (Senior Day)*	NU Coliseum	2 p.m.
March 7	Saturday	Big 12 Championships	NU Coliseum	11 a.m.
March 19-21	Thursday-Saturday	NCAA Championships	St. Louis, Mo.	TBA

*-Big 12 Conference Dual

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