

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES TEAMS



### 1982 (5TH PLACE)

The 1982 season marked softball's first year as an NCAA sport and the inaugural Women's College World Series was held at Seymour Smith Field in Omaha. A field of 16 teams competed in regional play, with the eight winners advancing to the World Series. Head Coach Nancy Plantz made sure the hometown Huskers would be a part of the inaugural event, as she guided her team to a 33-14 record and Nebraska's first-ever Big Eight championship. After taking 2-of-3 games from Missouri in the Mideast Regional, NU finished 1-2 in Omaha to tie for fifth place.



### 1985 (VACATED)

In 1985, Nebraska advanced to the Women's College World Series title game before finishing runner-up to UCLA. The Huskers breezed to the title game behind the arm of Lori Sippel, as Nebraska outscored its first three opponents 13-1. In the championship game, 3,180 fans watched as Janet Pinneau recorded a walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning to give UCLA the title. In the World Series opener, Sippel tossed the fourth no-hitter in World Series history against Louisiana Tech. Despite her no-hitter, Sippel did not earn a spot on the all-tournament team, but the Huskers had four players who did, including Ginger Cannon who had a tournament-best five RBIs. In the regular season, Nebraska finished 38-11 and won its second straight Big Eight championship. NU's appearance in the 1985 postseason was later vacated by the NCAA Committee on Infractions.



### 1984 (3RD PLACE)

After missing the 1983 event, the Huskers finished in a third-place tie at the 1984 Women's College World Series. Wayne Daigle guided Nebraska to a 39-13 record and a Big Eight championship, setting a school record for victories that would stand until 1987. The Huskers' path to Omaha was not easy, as NU needed 18 and 14 innings to post one-run victories over conference foe Oklahoma State in the Mideast Regional. At the World Series, NU posted a 2-2 record. The Husker offense posted a World Series-high .248 average, but Nebraska's 1.22 ERA was nearly one run higher than the ERA of any of the other seven teams. Denice Feldhaus, Ann Schroeder and Peg Richardson were named to the all-tournament team as Richardson (.500) and Schroeder (.455) were the top two hitters at the World Series.



### 1987 (3RD PLACE)

In the event's final appearance in Omaha, Ron Wolforth led his first Husker team to the Women's College World Series in 1987. Led by second-team All-Americans Lori Sippel and Lori Richins, the 1987 Nebraska Cornhuskers were the first team in school history to win 40 games in a season, as their 41 victories stood as the school record until 1995. In the postseason, NU defeated familiar foe Fresno State in finishing in a tie for third place at the World Series. Sippel finished with a 0.50 ERA at the World Series, earning a spot on the all-tournament team.

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### 1988 (5TH PLACE)

The NCAA Tournament field expanded to 20 teams in 1988, but that did not stop the Nebraska Cornhuskers from advancing to the program's second consecutive Women's College World Series, and NU's fifth appearance in the first seven years of the event. The Huskers captured their fifth consecutive Big Eight championship during the regular season and traveled outside of Nebraska for the World Series, which was contested in Sunnyvale, Calif. Nebraska posted a 1-2 showing in Sunnyvale, finishing in a tie for fifth place. Lori Sippel posted an individual best 0.00 ERA to lead Nebraska to a World Series-low 0.30 team ERA. Despite the strong pitching performances, outfielder Margie Ogradowicz was the Huskers' lone all-tournament selection.



### 2002 (5TH PLACE)

Nebraska advanced to the Women's College World Series out of a 48-team field for the first time in 2002. The 2002 Cornhuskers are also the only one of NU's seven World Series teams to advance to the event by winning a regional away from Lincoln. In the regular season, Nebraska posted its third straight 50-win season, finishing with a 50-14 record. The Huskers breezed through the Iowa City Regional, before losing two tough one-run games in Oklahoma City. Seventh-seeded Nebraska fell to No. 2 Arizona in the opener, before defeating sixth-seeded Michigan. The Huskers were then eliminated by No. 8 Florida State. In a pitching dominated event, Nebraska's .191 average ranked third, while the Huskers' 1.40 ERA ranked sixth.



### 1998 (5TH PLACE)

Head Coach Rhonda Revelle, who was a starter on NU's 1982 inaugural Women's College World Series team, returned her alma mater to the championship event in 1998, the final season that featured a 32-team field. The Huskers established a school-record .800 winning percentage, finishing with a 48-12 record. NU swept both the regular season and postseason Big 12 titles, finishing a perfect 20-0, including the only undefeated regular season in conference history. Led by three first- or second-team All-Americans, Nebraska tied for fifth place at the World Series in Oklahoma City. A potent Husker offense hit just .086 in the event, but Ali Viola slugged a home run in her final career at bat, marking Nebraska's second home run in 25 all-time World Series games.



### 2013 (7TH PLACE)

The 2013 Huskers, who began the year unranked, made history by becoming Nebraska's first team to advance to the WCWS out of a 64-team field. Following a successful regular season, NU earned the No. 14 national seed and was selected to host an NCAA Regional. The Huskers swept through the NCAA Lincoln Regional, outscoring their opponents 21-6 to advance to the first NCAA Super Regional in school history. The Huskers then went 2-1 at No. 3 Oregon in Head Coach Rhonda Revelle's hometown to punch their ticket to Oklahoma City. At the World Series, Nebraska suffered a pair of heartbreaking one-run, extra-inning losses to Washington and Florida. The Huskers' classic with the Gators went 15 innings after Nebraska rallied from a three-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh.