

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

QUARTERBACKS - When you switch from a pure option offense to a pass offense it is usually a 3 to 4 year process. When then HC Bill Callahan incorporated that transition in 2004 the team completed just 48.4% but improved to 53.8% in '05 and 59.4% in '06. Zac Taylor set the school record for passing yards in a season in '05 and broke it in '06 throwing for 3,197 (59.6%) and added a NU record 26 TD's (8 int). Joe Ganz played in 5 (13 att). In 2007 they brought in Sam Keller who was Ariz St's starting QB in '05. Ganz was neck and neck with Keller all preseason but as expected, Keller won the starting job and held it until he was inj vs Texas. Ganz, in just 3 starts, threw for 1,435 (58.6%) with a 16-7 ratio including school-record's of 510 pass yds vs Kan St with 7 TD's. HC Bo Pelini retained OC Shawn Watson last year making Ganz a good fit for the offense and he set a new school record throwing for 3,568 (67.9%) with a 25-11 ratio (258 rush). Patrick Witt and Zac Lee (PS#13JC) battled for the backup job all year. Witt played in 5 (8 pass) and Lee in 2 (2 pass). Witt surprisingly left before spring but Lee returns as does Pelini recruits Kody Spano (PS#38) and Cody Green (PS#21) who enrolled in Jan. When Green was injured prior to the spring, Latravis Washington (PS#48) moved over from LB (powerful arm). Lee has the best arm and legs for a QB since '04 (new system) and was the clear cut starter out of spring with Spano suffering a knee injury. The unit has 2 career passes and will not match Ganz's record breaking figures.

RUNNING BACKS - While Callahan brought the pass offense to Nebraska, in 2 of his 3 years he produced a 1,000 yard rusher including 2007 when Marlon Lucky (PS#3) led with 1,019 (4.9). Quentin Castille, who played at roughly 250 lbs, was #2 with 343 (4.5) but had fumble problems. True frosh Roy Helu (PS#98) rushed for 209 (4.6). Last year NU used more of a rotation with Lucky (toe) and Helu (shoulder) not being 100%. In the first 8 the Huskers had just one 100 yard rusher (Lucky vs NMSt) but Helu had 157 vs Okla, 115 vs Kansas and then 166 vs Colo and he led with 803 (6.4) despite just 2 starts. Lucky finished #2 with 517 (4.1) and Castille, who led in the bowl (125, 6.9), had 467 (4.4). Marcus Mendoza (PS#41) added 103 (6.9) and now moves to WR. This year they lose Lucky (11 st) as well as solid blocking FB Thomas Lawson. Not listed below are Jeremy Wallace (6'11" 235 rFr), Austin Jones (5'10" 210 So), FB's Kevin Thomsen (6'2" 235 So, PS#143DL), Jordan Makovicka (5'10" 195 rFr), Mike Hays (6'1" 240 So) and Tyler Legate (5'10" 225 rFr). Even with the loss of a talented player, Helu and Castille had 1,270 yds, which was almost 2 and a half times more than Lucky.

RECEIVERS - Naturally in Callahan's pass-happy offense the rec put up some big numbers. The top 4 rec all ret'd in '07 and despite 6'4" Maurice Purify (PS#3) starting just 4 he led with 814 (14.3). RB Marlon Lucky was #2 and Nate Swift was #3 with 520 (14.4). Last year they had to replace their #1, #4, #6 and #7 rec with Swift and Todd Peterson (359, 19.9) the top returnees. No TE had topped 20 rec since '04 but soph Mike McNeill (PS#29) set a school position record LY with 32 for 442 (13.8). Swift broke Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rogers' (1970-'72) mark for career rec and led with 941 (14.9). Peterson was #2 with 786 (12.7) and 6'4" Menelik Holt, who drew comparisons to Purify, had 355 (11.8). Not listed below are Steven Osborne (6'4" 195 rFr, PS#170), Wes Cammack (5'11" 200 Sr, 1 rec), Tim Marlowe (5'10" 175 rFr), Taylor Dixon (5'11" 190 rFr) and TE Damon Bechtold (6'4" 235 rFr, PS#93). This year they lose Swift (13 st), Peterson (12 st) and TE Hunter Teafatiller (2 st). NU's top 2 returnees combined for 797 yards last year which is not far off from the 879 the top 2 had last year plus expect immediate help from several newcomers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Through the years NU was famous for its "Pipeline" O-line. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup. They played a 7 man rotation vs Iowa St and when Jaivorio Burkes was inj'd, they were actually down to 5 OL's vs Kan St. The Huskers still improved to 170 ypg rush (4.5) but did allow 21 sacks (4.8%). This year they lose 2nd Tm B12 RG Matt Slauson (13 st, 3Y str, #6DC NYJ), RT Lydon Murtha (9 st, 2Y str, #7DC DET) and LG Mike Huff (4 st). They do have 5 back with 7+ career starts and Pelini noted that Jr Ricky Henry (PS#67DL) was one of the most physical players on the team. Andy Christensen (9 st '06-'07) was also granted a 6th year. I list 4 VHT starters and while this year's group is equal to '08 in terms of experience (61 car st), I think OL coach Barney Cotton will have an improved bunch.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Huskers' D-line has not had an AA since 1997! In 2007 NU had to replace 4 starters including #1 and #4 DC's. A drop off was expected but it's almost unheard of that a team allows 99% more ypg rush. The Huskers yielded 232 (5.2) which is their worst total in modern history (just 13 sacks). Last year almost everyone was back and they had 4 seniors on the D-line. DE Barry Turner (11 st '07) broke his leg in Wk 2. NT Ndamukong Suh lived up to his PS#7 billing with 19 tfl and actually led the team in tackles with 76 (2 int). Suh was NU's first 1st Tm All Big 12 DL since 1999. The Huskers actually cut their ypg rush allowed in half to 116 ypg (3.6) with 35 sacks. This year they lose DT Ty Steinkuhler (13 st, 48 tkl, 2.5 sk), DE Zach Potter (13 st, 47 tkl, 16 tfl, 2 int), DE Clayton Sievers (14 tkl, 1sk) and NT Shukree Barfield (10 tkl, 3 sk). Not listed below are Josh Molek (6'3" 245 rFr), Tyrone Fahie (6'3" 255 Jr), Conor McDermott (6'2" 240 rFr) and Kenny Anderson (6'2" 240 rFr). With Suh turning down the NFL and Turner coming back from injury, this group should be at least as strong as the '08 version.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskers lost 4 players who combined for 84 starts and 702 career tackles (#1, #3, #5, #7 tkl in '07) and were very inexperienced in '08. The unit then suffered attrition as 1st year LB Cody Glenn (converted RB) started 9, Tyler Wortman just 6 and Phillip Dillard 5. They opened with 5 DB's in the majority of their games. This year they lose Glenn (51 tkl, #5DC WAS) and Wortman (36 tkl, 1 int). Not listed in the PSL are Colin McDermott (6'2" 240 rFr), Tanner Foxhoven (6'3" 225 rFr), Sam Megginis (6'2" 220 rFr) and Graham Stodard (6'2" 225 rFr). This unit is loaded with VHT's and despite the losses, they are more experienced and are bolstered with the addition of 10 rFr including walk-ons.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskers were #5 in my pass D rankings in '03 with an incredible 10-32 ratio. NU dropped to #47 in '04 but despite losing #1 and #2 DC's in '05, were #12. In '06 an inexperienced group slipped to #44. In '07 they had 3 starters back and were #58 (20-8 ratio). Last year NU had to replace a pair of 3 year starters and four backups (comb 6 st, 101 tkl). NU managed to climb to #39. Not listed below are CB's Jase Dean (6'0" 185 rFr) and S's Courtney Osborne (6'3" 185 rFr), Adam Watson (6'0" 195 Jr), Brent Moravec (6'0" 185 rFr), Jim Ebke (6'0" 215 So, PS#126) and Justin Blatchford (6'1" 195 rFr). This year they lose CB Armando Murillo (12 st, 44 tkl, 9 pbu, 1 int) but have 7 back who had 55 starts in '08 (so I list them as 4 st ret) and this more experienced unit should improve again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last 14 years, the Huskers have ranked in the top 10 of my ST rankings 5 times. They surprisingly dropped to #65 in '06 and moved up to #33 in '07. The Huskers had not had a KR TD since 1998 but Cortney Grixby ended that in '07 vs Kan St and avg 24.3. Last year they had to replace their KR & PR but had their K & P back including fan favorite

KO man Adi Kunalic (PS#23). Kunalic, who elicits chants from the crowd when he records a TB, was #1 over the past 2 years in the NCAA with 57 TB. K Alex Henery hit 18 of 21 (NU record long 57, 2 miss 50+). P Dan Titchener had a net of 36.3 (tm) in '07 but 32.1 (tm) LY. Nate Swift was solid on PR's (12.9) and Niles Paul on KR (23.6). This year they lose Swift and Titchener but should more back up in my ST rankings (#41 in '08).

COACHES - In '04 NU made a dramatic change bringing in Bill Callahan, who unlike the previous two HC's, had not been a longtime NU asst. He was given a full four years before being ousted. Taking over was Bo Pelini, who was the interim HC for NU's 2003 bowl win over Mich St (17-3). He was the DC here in '03 and the DC at LSU from 2005-'07. Defense was NU's problem in '07 as it allowed a school record 477 ypg topping 1948's 380 ypg. Carl Pelini (Bo's brother) served 3 years under ex-NU HC Frank Solich at Ohio and became the DC here last year. Shawn Watson is in his 4th year at OC as a holdover from the previous regime.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska was 11-0 and headed for the Big 12 Title game in 2001 when they were upset at Colo 62-36. From that point through the end of '04, the team had 9 losses by 22+ points including 3 in '04. Frank Solich's last team earned an amazing 35th straight bowl bid in '03 but he was let go despite a career record of 58-19! After interviewing DC Pelini among others, NU chose ex-OAK Raiders HC Callahan. In 2004 they were making a dramatic switch going from the option to the West Coast offense. That year I called for Iowa St, who finished '03 at 2-10, to top NU in the Big 12 North. NU's loss to Colo in the finale gave them their first losing season since 1961. Callahan's teams showed improvement the next two years going 8-4 in '05 and then getting to the Big 12 Title game in '06 at 9-3 before dropping their last 2. In '07 I was one of the few NOT to pick NU to win the Big 12 North. Callahan had been given a contract extension by then-AD Steve Pederson. Pederson was fired midyear and Callahan was let go after a 5-7 season. The '07 Huskers D set school records for most points (455) and yards (5,722) allowed. Last year Neb made my Most Improved List despite having just 10 ret starters and 5 opp that were in Jan bowls in '07. The Huskers knocked off two non-conf opp's who were bowl eligible in WM and SJSt and then whipped NMSt, a team playing its season opener (hurricane). The 3-0 Huskers were fired up for their home, night ESPN game vs VT but trailed 28-10 in their 35-30 loss. Pelini said his goal was to shutout Missouri which came in avg 54 ppg and the #4 Tigers poured on 52 in the 35 point win. The next week UN headed to TT (#7) as a 3 TD dog but nearly won with 29-16 FD and 471-421 yd edges, but they lost in OT. That loss made them 0-2 in conf play for the first time since 1968. Ironically, that loss turned their season around as they would win six of their final 7 with their only loss to Big 12 Champ Okla. NU did trail Colo and needed a 57 yd FG to take the lead with 1:43 left giving them a tie for the Big 12 North Title. Pelini RS all but 3 frosh with 50 players sitting out. They knocked off Clemson in the Gator Bowl. This year they lose 12 fifth year seniors and 23 lettermen including their QB. On the positive side, they had 34 starts last year due to injury (#100 FBS) and were -11 in TO's (pg 312). An interesting stat is since Nov '01, 63 of 65 BCS teams have beaten a Top 19 team and the only two that have not are Duke and Neb. NU was +112 ypg which was by far the best mark in the North (4th best B12). Despite having just 13 ret'g starters, the Huskers are my pick to get to the Big 12 Title game.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

DB Dejon Gomes 6-0 190 PS#32JC
QB Cody Green 6-4 215 PS#21
WR Brandon Kinnie 6-3 215 PS#47JC
LB Chris Williams 6-0 230 PS#21
RB Rex Burkhead 5-11 200 PS#42
OL Jeremiah Sirles 6-2 280 PS#48
OL Brent Qvale 6-7 335 PS#71
LB Eric Martin 6-2 215 PS#64
DB Dijon Washington 6-0 175 PS#92
DL Thaddeus Randle 6-1 255 PS#105
RB Dontrayevous Robinson 6-1 215 PS#84
DL Jason Ankrab 6-4 250 PS#110
OL Jesse Coffey 6-7 290 PS#113
DL Cole Pensick 6-2 260 PS#134
QB Taylor Martinez 6-1 185 PS#100WR
CB CJ Zimmerer 6-0 215 PS#104
OL Nick Ash 6-5 260 PS#137
DB Andrew Green 6-0 180 PS#139
WR Antonio Bell 6-2 180 PS#108 '08
WR Lazarr Middleton 6-1 190 PS#200
TE Ty Kidwell 5-7 165 PS#159
TE JT Kerr 6-4 230 PS#59
WR Nick Falla 5-10 180 PS#254
QB Ron Kelllogg 6-1 210 PS#229
TE Robert Barry 6-8 220 PS#320QB
WR Tyson Clark 6-4 185 PS#733
DL Spencer Long 6-4 250 PS#807
LB Devin Paulsen 6-2 210 PS#922
TE Jake Long 6-4 230 PS#261
TE Brett Wells 6-6 200 PS#264
OL Brandon Chapek 6-5 320 PS#1099
PJ Manglier 6-4 245 PS#1100
DL Dan Glassmon 6-4 250 PS#1805JC
LB Colby Starkebaum 6-1 215 PS#1077
OL Adam Kuhl 6-2 255 PS#1224
WR John Dostal 5-9 175 PS#1064
OL Dwight Jones 6-4 240 PS#1788

2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

QB 3 Zac Lee Jr. 6-2 210 PS#13JC. Scout Tm MVP '07. 1 pass, 5 yards LY. Latravis Washington (6'3" 225 Jr) PS#48. **17** Cody Green PS#21. Kody Spano (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#38. **LB 10 ROY HELU JR.** 6-0 215 PS#98. 2 st, 1012 (6.0) 2Y. **19** Quentin Castille (6'1" 235 Jr) PS#43. 1 st, 810 (4.5) 2Y. Collins Okafor (6'1" 225 rFr) PS#38. Lester Ward (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#86. **WR 1 Chris Brooks Sr.** 6-2 215 PS#31. 3 rec. **2Y. 11** Cureniski Gilleylen (6'0" 220 So) PS#123. 2 rec rFr. Brandon Kinnie PS#47JC. **FB 45** Justin Makovicka (6'1" 230 Jr) PS#169. **WR 18 MENELIK HOLT SR.** 6-4 220 PS#36. 8 gm true. 12 gm, 97 (24.2) 07. 4 st, 355 (11.8) LY. **8** Will Henry (6'5" 215 Jr) PS#195. 11 gm, **2Y. 32** Marcus Mendoza (5'10" 185 So) PS#41. **WR 24 Niles Paul Jr.** 6-1 215 PS#7. 1 rec true. 4 st, 214 (9.3), 1 KR (23.6) LY. **6** Khiry Cooper (6'2" 195 rFr) PS#98. Baseball spg. Antonio Bell (6'2" 180 Fr) PS#108. DNQ LY. IFS. **TE 44 MIKE MCNEILL JR.** 6-4 240 PS#29. 12 st, 467 (14.2) 2Y. **49** DreuYoung (6'4" 245 Jr). 4 st, 10 rec, 2Y. **80** Ryan Hill (6'3" 250 So) PS#56. 3 rec rFr. Ben Cotton (6'6" 240 rFr) PS#17. **C 67 JACOB HICKMAN SR.** 6-4 295 PS#50. GS. 1 st, 5 gm true. 9 st, 12 gm, HM B12 '07. 13 st, HM B12 LY. **58** Mike Caputo (6'1" 275 So) PS#308. 7 gm rFr. **LS** Sam Megginis PS#363. **RG 73 DU JONES JR.** 6-5 315 PS#17. 11 gm, 2Y. **74** Ricky Henry (6'4" 300 Jr) PS#67. RS LY. Quentin Toailoa (6'4" 300 Jr) PS#132. Seung Hoon Choi (6'2" 295 rFr) PS#510. **LG 68 KEITH WILLIAMS JR.** 6-5 320 PS#82. 10 gm rFr. 9 st, 13 gm LY. **62** Andy Christensen (6'3" 310 Sr) PS#74. 9 st, 2Y. Susip LY. 6th yr. **66** Cruz Barrett (6'4" 310 Jr) PS#78. **RT 78 MARCEL JONES SO.** 6-7 310 PS#77. 1 st, 13 gm rFr. **72** Jaivorio Burkes (6'5" 295 Jr) PS#21. 3 st rec. 4 st LY. No spg (med). **63** Derek Meyer (6'5" 315 Sr) PS#509. **K-St trans.** **LT 65 MIKE SMITH JR.** 6-6 290 PS#45. 12 gm rFr. 13 gm LY. **79** Brandon Thompson (6'6" 300 rFr) PS#124. Jeremiah Sirles is PS#48. Brian Thorson (6'3" 290 rFr). **K 90 ALEX HENERY JR.** 6-2 175 PS#12. 8-FG LY. 81 Fr. 18-21 FG, L57 (NU record), HM B12 LY. **20** Adi Kunalic (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#23. #1 NCAA TB % true. 18 KO (65.5), 29 TB LY.

DE 95 PIERRE ALLEN JR. 6-5 265 PS#112. 16 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. 11 st, 52 tkl, 10 tfl LY. **17** Josh Williams (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#70. **80** David Harvey (6'4" 275 Sr) PS#116. 1 gm, 3Y. **DT 55 Baker Steinkuhler rFr.** 6-6 295 PS#1. Move from OL in spg. **94** Jared Crick (6'6" 285 So) PS#109. 2 tkl rFr. **90** Terrence Moore (6'3" 285 So) PS#190. 8 tkl, 2 sk, 7 gm (inj) rFr. **DT 93 NDAMUKONG SUH SR.** 6-4 300 PS#7. Med RS. 12 st, 53 tkl, 14 tfl, 2Y. 13 st, 76 tkl, 19 tfl, 1st Tm B12 LY. Ben Martin (6'4" 260 Jr) PS#166. 4 tkl, 2Y. Justin Jackson (6'3" 270 rFr) PS#446. **DE 99 Barry Turner Sr.** 6-3 265 PS#40. 32 tkl, 11 tfl, 2Y. 11 st, 29 tkl, 5 tfl '07. 2 st, 3 tkl, Med RS LY. **96** Cameron Meredith (6'4" 260 rFr) PS#59. **47** William Yancy (6'4" 245 So) PS#114. **BUCK 42 Sean Fisher rFr.** 6-6 230 PS#47. RS LY. Chris Williams PS#21. **35** Matt Holt (6'0" 200 So) PS#410. 1 st, 14 tkl true. **41** Thomas Grove (6'2" 225 Jr) 13 gm, 2 tkl LY. **MLB 51 WILL COMPTON rFr.** 6-2 220 PS#32. **52** Phillip Dillard (6'1" 240 Sr) PS#16. 3 st, 52 tkl 3Y (Med RS '06). 5 st, 9 gm (inj) 38 tkl LY. Colton Koehler (6'1" 230 Sr) 1 st, 16 tkl LY. **WLB 40 Blake Lawrence Jr.** 6-3 220 PS#17. 2 tkl true. 2 st, 10 gm, 21 tkl LY. **36** Mathew May (6'1" 210 So) 6 tkl rFr. #1 WLB spg '09. **45** Alonzo Whaley (6'1" 225 rFr) PS#159. Def ST MVP. **CB 21 PRINCE AMUKAMARA JR.** 6-1 200 PS#73. 3 st, 3 tkl, 3 pbu 2Y. **29** Dejon Gomes PS#32JC. **15** Alfonso Dennard (5'10" 190 So) PS#162. 5 tkl as 1 of 3 true freshmen to play in '08. **CB 5 ANTHONY WEST JR.** 6-0 205 PS#149. 6 tkl rFr. 11 st, 29 tkl, 11 pd LY. **14** Anthony Blue (5'10" 185 So) PS#149. 2 st, 18 tkl true. ACL LY. Lance Thorell (6'1" 195 So) 5 st, 24 tkl rFr. **SS 4 LARRY ASANTE SR.** 6-1 215 PS#32JC. 10 st, 78 tkl '07. 12 st, 67 tkl, 5 pd, HM B12 2Y. **28** Eric Hagg (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#122. 10 st, 39 tkl, 7 pbu LY. PJ Smith (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#121. **FS 33 MATT O'HANLON SR.** 5-11 200 11 tkl, 2Y. 9 st, 52 tkl, 6 pd LY. **3** Ricky Thenarse (6'0" 205 Sr) PS#49. 37 tkl 2Y. 5 st, 24 tkl LY. **8** Austin Cassidy (6'1" 210 So) PS#169. 1 tkl rFr. **P 90 Alex Henery Jr.** 6-2 175 PS#12. 41.7 avg as HS Sr. P/K in spg '09. **96** Brett Maher (6'0" 170 rFr) PS#51. 41.2 avg as HS Sr. **27** Jonathan Damkroger (6'1" 185 So) Walk-on.

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BO PELINI (Career 10-4)
2nd Year at Nebraska Pelini's Bowl Record: 2-0

Date	Opponent	Turf	Line	Final Score		W	L
				NU	Opp		
Sep. 5	Florida Atlantic	A					
Sep. 12	Arkansas St	A					
Sep. 19	at Virginia Tech	G					
Sep. 26	Louisiana	A					
Oct. 3							
Oct. 8	at Missouri (Thur)	A					
Oct. 17	Texas Tech	A					
Oct. 24	Iowa St (HC)	A					
Oct. 31	at Baylor	A					
Nov. 7	Oklahoma	A					
Nov. 14	at Kansas	A					
Nov. 21	Kansas St	A					
Nov. 27	at Colorado (Fri)	G					
Dec. 5							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zac Taylor 5,860 '05-'06 2. Joe Ganz 5,125 '06-'08 3. Dave Humm 5,035 '72-'74

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Rozier 4,780 '81-'83 2. Anman Green 3,880 '95-'97 3. Eric Crouch 3,434 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnny Rodgers 2,479 '70-'72 2. Nate Swift 2,476 '05-'08 3. Terrence Nunn 1,762 '04-'07

Last time NU lost a home opener was in '85, a 17-13 loss to Florida St (23-0 since). NU is 41-6 in the reg ssn vs non-conf foes since the B12 started in '96 (5 L's vs BCS tms).

Coming into 09, Nebraska is a perfect 6-0 vs current SBC schools (avg score 47-9). Including ASU, NU plays 3 tms from the SBC TY (FAU & Louisiana) & all are 1st time meetings.

LY VT lead 28-10 late 3Q before NU's late comeback fell short (fumb on VT44 w/05 left). Nebraska is 10-4 all-time in the reg ssn vs current ACC members (0-1 vs the Hokies).

Every NC opp TY that NU faces was bowl eligible LY, which is the 1st time that has happened in program history. NU is 20-2 in the gm prior to their conf opener the L22Y.

Bonus: Coming into 2009, the Huskers have dropped 9 straight to ranked foes. Bonus: Including '06's Big 12 Champ gm, NU is just 10-20 in their L/30 conf AG's.

In the L/2 gms vs MU, Nebraska has been outgained 1,068-666 & outscored 93-23. LY's setback to MU was just the Huskers 2nd loss in its L/35 conf openers ('02 vs ISU).

LY NU played keep away vs TT w/a 40:12-19:48 TOP edge (+50 yds & +13 FD), but lost in OT as their 2nd play was int. Nebraska has lost just 1 conf home opener S/77 (31-1).

Huskers are 37-3 on HC S/69, but have lost 3 in the L4Y (prior loss before '05 was in 1968). NU has dominated this series (85-16-2) & LY held ISU to 0 pts, 2 FD & 45 yds in the 1H.

During their B12 matchups, NU has dominated Baylor outgaining them by 320 ypp. Nebraska is 10-1 vs Baylor including 7-0 in B12 action with an avg score of 46-13.

The Sooners' 62 pts LY were the most ever allowed by the Huskers in the series. Bo Pelini was the co-DC & DB's coach under Stoops at Oklahoma in 2004.

The 76 pts NU allowed in their L/visit to Lawrence was the most by an opp in school history. LY RB Helu had a career high 176 all-purp yds including 78 yds rush in the 4Q.

The L2Y, NU has posted ssn highs in pts (73 & 56) and yds (702 & 610) vs Kansas St. Including 4 straight wins, the Cornhuskers are 17-4 since 1988 in home finales.

After '07's loss to rival CU in Boulder, NU was eliminated from a bowl invite (just 2nd time in 39 yrs), but ironically NU returned the favor LY in Lincoln stopping CU from postssn play.

Pelini's records AT NEBRASKA

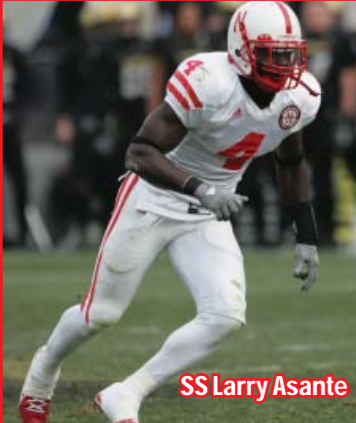
10-4	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
6-2	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
2-0	Away	2-1	Vs BCS Teams
2-0	Neutral	2-1	Off A Bye
5-3	Vs Conference	2-2	Off A Loss

2008 RECORD: **(9-4)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7
LETTERMEN:

Returning: 46 (20,24,2)
Lost: 23 (10,9,4)

2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,071 (#13)
BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION



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STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM 81,067 (#17)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	11-2	7-7	10-3	5-6	8-4	9-5	5-7	9-4	74-40
Home	6-0	8-0	6-2	6-1	4-2	5-2	6-1	4-3	6-2	51-13
Away	3-2	3-1	1-4	3-2	1-4	2-2	3-2	1-4	2-2	19-23
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	4-4
vs Conf	6-2	7-1	3-5	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-3	2-6	5-3	41-32
vs Non-Conf	4-0	4-1	4-2	5-0	2-1	4-0	3-2	3-1	4-1	33-8
ATS	5-7	7-6	6-7	8-5	4-6	6-5	7-5	3-9	7-6	53-56-1
Home Fav	2-4	4-4	4-1	4-2	1-3	2-3	4-1	1-4	3-4	25-26
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	5-4
Away Fav	2-3	3-1	0-2	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-0	14-11-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-3	1-1	5-11
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	4-4
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	3-5	4-4	5-3	2-6	4-4	36-36-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	1-1	2-1	2-2	1-3	3-2	17-20
Off SU Win	4-5	7-4	7-4	4-5	0-5	5-2	4-3	1-0	3-5	30-38-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	0-1	2-3	3-0	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-4	3-1	18-16



YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
02	Independence	-7	Mississippi	23-27	Nebraska's All-Time Bowl Record 23-22
03	Alamo - #22	-3	Michigan St	17-3	
05	Alamo	+10	Michigan - #20	32-28	
06	Cotton - #22	+2	Auburn - #10	14-17	
08	Gator	+2	Clemson	26-21	

2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Roy Helu	125	839	36	803	7	6.4	Ndamkong Suh	76	7.5	11.5	3	2
Marlon Lucky	125	550	33	517	7	4.1	Larry Asante	67	1	4	1	0
Quentin Castille	106	505	38	467	6	4.4	Pierre Allen	52	5	1	0	0
Joe Ganz	92	417	159	258	5	2.8	Matt O'Hanlon	52	0	2	5	1
Marcus Mendoza	15	110	7	103	1	6.9	Cody Glenn	51	0	6	4	0
Nate Swift	2	23	0	23	0	11.5	Ty Steinkuhler	48	2.5	5.0	0	0
Patrick Witt	4	21	1	20	1	5.0	Zach Potter	47	5.5	10.7	2	2
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Ganz	420	285	67.9	3568	25	11	Armando Murillo	44	0	2	9	1
Patrick Witt	8	6	75.0	48	0	0	Eric Hagg	38	0.5	1.5	1	0
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	
Nate Swift	63	941	14.9	10	67	Tyler Workman	36	0	5	1	1	
Todd Peterson	62	786	12.7	4	36	Prince Amukamara	34	1	1	3	0	
Mike McNeill	32	442	13.8	6	53	Anthony West	29	1	0	9	2	
Menelik Holt	30	355	11.8	1	25	Rickey Thenarse	24	2	4	1	1	
Marlon Lucky	26	288	11.1	1	29	Lance Thorell	24	0	0	1	0	
Roy Helu	25	266	10.6	0	67	Blake Lawrence	21	0	0	1	1	
Niles Paul	23	214	9.3	0	21	Colton Koehler	16	0	1	0	0	
Dreu Young	9	140	15.6	1	55	Clayton Sievers	14	1	2	0	0	
Quentin Castille	9	109	12.1	0	31	Matt Holt	14	0	0	0	0	
Chris Brooks	2	27	13.5	1	25	Shukree Barfield	10	3	0	0	0	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	INT	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Dan Titchener	42	1649	39.3	5	32.1	(1)	13	Niles Paul	23	296	12.9	1
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Alex Henery	56-57	8-8	3-4	6-6	1-3	18-21	57	Niles Paul	41	969	23.6	1

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	OFF	TOTAL	OFF	OFF	PASS	%	YPP	SKS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	%	YPP	BY
STS	PTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	%	YPP	VS	TURN	STS	PTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	%	YPP	BY
5	35.4	451	170	4.5	281	68.1	12.7	21	-11	2008	5	28.5	350	116	3.6	233	57.7	12.3	35
6	33.4	468	144	4.2	324	61.5	14.0	18	-17	2007	5	37.9	477	232	5.2	245	57.7	12.6	13
8*	30.6	415	171	4.3	244	59.4	13.6	30	0	2006	7	18.3	332	117	3.7	215	53.4	18.1	31
5	24.7	320	96	2.7	224	53.8	13.0	38	-2	2005	5	21.0	332	124	3.2	208	51.1	15.8	50
6	25.0	363	176	4.7	187	48.4	14.5	16	-13	2004	6	27.1	372	104	2.9	268	56.7	13.7	25
5*	24.8	345	236	4.3	109	49.0	14.0	17	+23	2003	7	14.5	297	119	3.5	178	50.7	20.5	27
5	27.4	373	269	5.2	104	44.7	13.6	26	-3	2002	5	23.9	362	147	3.7	215	50.3	15.1	32

2008 STATS BY GAME

NU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE					DEFENSE							
		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
84,485	W Michigan	24	31-138	4.5	20-36	345	0	19	25-8	0.3	30-49	342	4	0
84,146	San Jose St	19	30-99	3.3	18-27	216	3	19	32-111	3.5	21-35	242	2	0
84,821	New Mexico St	28	44-330	7.5	18-24	223	0	19	32-114	3.6	19-39	225	3	+1
85,831	Virginia Tech	14	25-55	2.2	17-26	278	2	21	55-206	3.7	9-15	171	2	-2
85,372	Missouri	21	34-76	2.2	27-39	293	2	24	34-201	5.9	19-24	261	0	-2
53,449	at Texas Tech	29	35-114	3.3	37-45	357	2	16	23-137	6.0	20-25	284	0	-1
48,794	at Iowa St	29	41-220	5.4	27-37	328	2	11	25-105	4.2	16-29	113	2	-1
85,104	Baylor	26	37-161	4.4	32-46	336	2	16	33-216	6.5	9-20	134	3	-1
85,212	at Oklahoma	15	35-204	5.8	16-28	214	1	21	40-193	4.8	21-30	315	0	-3
85,486	Kansas	24	35-167	4.8	29-38	328	2	22	39-118	3.0	15-30	304	5	-2
48,444	at Kansas St	29	53-340	6.4	16-25	270	1	13	32-59	1.8	12-26	188	4	-1
85,319	Colorado	23	51-178	3.5	19-26	229	4	13	22-42	1.9	14-26	249	5	+2
67,282	†Clemson	14	35-125	3.6	19-36	236	0	14	26-4	0.2	17-37	206	5	-1
TOTALS		295	486-2207	4.5	295-433	3653	21	228	418-1514	3.6	222-385	3034	35	-11
AVERAGES		22.7	37-170	4.5	23-33	281	4.8%	17.5</						