

# NEBRASKA

## WOMEN'S GOLF

BATTLE AT THE BEACH, CABO SAN LUCAS - NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019

### 2019-20 SCHEDULE

#### FALL 2019

Sept. 9-10	Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invite	11th/15
	Albuquerque, N.M.	(299-299-294-892)
Sept. 23-25	Golfweek Conference Challenge	10th/18
	Wolcott, Colo.	(285-305-301-891)
Oct. 8-9	Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational	7th/11
	Sammamish, Wash.	(317-310-627)
Nov. 1-3	Battle at the Beach	10:30 a.m.
	San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico (Club Campestre)	

#### SPRING 2020

Feb. 9-11	Lady Puerto Rico Classic	7 a.m.
	Rio Grande, P.R. (Rio Mar GC)	
Feb. 23-24	Westbrook Spring Invitational	10 a.m.
	Peoria, Ariz. (Westbrook Village GC)	
March 13-15	Clover Cup	10 a.m.
	Mesa, Ariz. (Longbow GC)	
March 23-25	Anuenue Spring Break Classic	11 a.m.
	Kapalua Maui, Hawaii (Kapalua Bay GC)	
March 30-31	The Bruzzy Challenge	9 a.m.
	Argyle, Texas (Lantana GC)	
April 24-26	Big Ten Championship	7:30 a.m.
	Maineville, Ohio (TPC River's Bend GC)	
May 11-13	NCAA Regionals	TBA
	Georgia, Notre Dame	
	Washington State, NC State	
May 22-27	NCAA Championships	TBA
	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Grayhawk GC)	

### NEBRASKA ROSTER

Student-Athlete	Class	Hometown (High School/Other)
Noor Ahmed**	Jr.	Folsom, Calif. (Vista del Lago)
Kirsten Baete*	So.	Beatrice, Neb. (Beatrice)
Vanessa Bouvet*	So.	Bretagne, France
Nicole Hansen	RFr.	Bloomington, Ill. (Lake Park)
Jessica Haraden**	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Oaks Christian)
Leah Herzog	Fr.	Red Wing, Minn. (Red Wing)
Kate Smith***	Sr.	Detroit Lakes, Minn. (Detroit Lakes)
Haley Thiele***	Sr.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
Hannah Thiele**	Jr.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
Megan Whittaker*	So.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn South)

\*denotes letters earned at Nebraska

### HUSKER QUICK FACTS

Head Coach	Lisa Johnson (Gonzaga, 2000)
Associate Head Coach	Chessey Thomas (Tennessee, 2014)
Golf Secretary	Rose Sousek
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2018-19 Top 10 Finishes	6/10
2018-19 Top Five Finishes	3/10
2018-19 Tournament Titles	1 (Westbrook)
Big Ten Conference	Ninth Season
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### HUSKERS CLOSE FALL AT TCU'S BATTLE AT THE BEACH IN MEXICO

The Nebraska women's golf team caps its 2019 fall campaign by competing in the Battle at the Beach in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, Nov. 1-3.

The 16-team event hosted by TCU begins Friday, Nov. 1 with a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. (CT)/8:30 a.m. (MT). The 54-hole tournament continues with a second round at 10:30 a.m. (CT) on Saturday, before concluding with a shotgun start for the final round on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 8:15 a.m. (CT).

Live scoring for the tournament, which includes LSU, Missouri, Ole Miss, Texas A&M and Vanderbilt from the SEC, along with Kansas State, Texas Tech and TCU from the Big 12, along with Iowa and Nebraska from the Big Ten, will be available at BirdieFire.com.

Senior Kate Smith leads the Big Red to the Battle of the Beach. The senior from Detroit Lakes, Minn., is coming off a tie for second at the rain-shortened Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational in Sammamish, Wash., Oct. 8-9. Smith carries a 72.63 stroke average through eight fall rounds, after notching the 15th top-10 tournament finish of her career.

Megan Whittaker continues to make impressive improvements in her game. The sophomore from Elkhorn, Neb., tied for 16th at the Edean Ihlanfeldt Invite for the first top-20 finish of her career. Whittaker ranks second among the Huskers this fall with a 75.00 stroke average after posting a 77.81 stroke average as a true freshman.

Freshman Leah Herzog has joined Smith and Whittaker in the Husker lineup for every round this fall. Herzog carries a 76.75 stroke average through eight rounds.

### SMITH ON HER WAY TO RECORD SENIOR SEASON FOR NEBRASKA

Kate Smith is taking aim at her best season yet, as she reaches the final fall tournament of her four-year career.

Smith has played 95 rounds and owns a Nebraska-record 73.61 career stroke average. She owns a team-best 72.63 average through eight rounds, with six of eight rounds at or better than par (72).

Last season, Smith's 73.52 stroke average was a school record. In 2016-17, Smith set the Nebraska freshman record with a 73.90 stroke average while earning a spot in the 2017 NCAA Regional field.

The senior from Detroit Lakes, Minn., finished 2018-19 No. 223 in the GolfStat player rankings. She owns 22 career top-25 individual tournament finishes, including 15 top-10 showings. She has also won three career Big Ten Golfer-of-the-Week awards.

In 2017-18, Smith smashed a school record with her 14-under-par 202 at the 2018 Westbrook Spring Invitational (Feb. 25-26). She added the second-best tournament in school history with her 208 (-8) at the 2019 Westbrook Spring Invitational (Feb. 24-25) to finish as the runner-up.

She has fired 28 rounds better than par in her career, including a school-record 64 (-8) in the second round of the 2018 Westbrook Invite.

### WHITTAKER PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON IMPRESSIVE FALL

Megan Whittaker has continued her upward trajectory for each tournament of the fall season in 2019. The sophomore from Elkhorn, Neb., is coming off her first career top-20 finish after tying for 16th at the rain-shortened Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational,

### BATTLE AT THE BEACH

Location	San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico
Host	TCU
Course	Club Campestre San Jose
	(Par 72, 6,280 Yards)
Friday, Nov. 1 (Shotgun)	10:30 a.m. (CT)
Saturday, Nov. 2 (Shotgun)	10:30 a.m. (CT)
Sunday, Nov. 3 (Shotgun)	8:15 a.m. (CT)
Live Scoring:	BirdieFire.com

### Participating Teams (16)

Augusta	Denver
Indianapolis	Iowa
Kansas State	LSU
Missouri	Nebraska
Ole Miss	San Jose State
TCU	Texas A&M
Texas Tech	UAB
Vanderbilt	Virginia Tech

### NEBRASKA LINEUP

1. Kate Smith	2. Megan Whittaker
3. Leah Herzog	4. Haley Thiele
5. Kirsten Baete	IND-Hannah Thiele

in Sammamish, Wash., Oct. 8-9. Whittaker has established herself as a consistent contributor in the Husker lineup this fall, posting Nebraska's No. 2 stroke average (75.00).

Herzog's fall stroke average is nearly three strokes per round better than her 77.81 average from her freshman campaign.

So far in 2019-20, Whittaker has set her collegiate best with an opening-round 72 at the Golfweek Conference Challenge. She also set a collegiate tournament best with a 225 at the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invite before shooting an even better 221 at Golfweek.

## BATTLE AT THE BEACH, NOVEMBER 1-3, 2019

### FRESHMAN HERZOG HELPING SOLIDIFY HUSKER LINEUP

Leah Herzog has provided a consistent threat for Nebraska by competing in every round in the Husker lineup in her first semester on campus.

The true freshman from Red Wing, Minn., ranks third on the team with a 76.75 stroke average while joining Kate Smith and Megan Whittaker as the only Huskers to compete in all eight rounds this fall.

Herzog's fall included a Nebraska true freshman-record 66 (-6) in the opening round of the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Wolcott, Colo., Sept. 23.

Herzog was named Minnesota Ms. Golf in May before leading Red Wing to a Class 2A state team title. She posted a 69.4 scoring average as a high school senior and finished as the Class 2A individual runner-up. She was a four-time all-state selection.

### SMITH, HERZOG CONTINUE MINNESOTA CONNECTION

Kate Smith, a senior from Detroit Lakes, and Leah Herzog, a freshman from Red Wing, continue an outstanding tradition of top golfers from the state of Minnesota playing at Nebraska. Smith, who set Nebraska's single-season stroke average record (73.52) for the third straight year in 2019, also qualified for the 2017 NCAA Central Regional. Smith entered her final season at Nebraska with a school-record 73.90 career stroke average. No other Husker in history owns a career average better than 75.

Herzog is the latest in a nearly continuous flow of Huskers from the Land of 10,000 Lakes. Cassie Deeg (Hugo, 2013-16), Steffi Neisen (New Prague, 2011-14), Chrissie McArdle (Eden Prairie, 2004-07) and Jackie Beste (2003-06) were all standout golfers for the Big Red.

The 2019-20 season marks the 10th straight year Nebraska has had at least one Minnesota golfer in its lineup. The last time Nebraska had two Minnesota golfers in its lineup was 2015-16 when Deeg and Neisen played out of the top of the Husker lineup.

Smith is the only five-time individual state champion in Minnesota high school history. She capped her career by claiming a share of her record fifth title on June 15, 2016 while leading Detroit Lakes High School to its fourth state team championship in the past five years. She was also the winner of the 2016 Minnesota Ms. Golf Award. Herzog won the 2019 Minnesota Ms. Golf Award at Red Wing High School.

### HALEY THIELE SWINGING FOR BEST SEASON AS FIFTH-YEAR SENIOR

Haley Thiele competed in all 27 rounds in the Nebraska lineup in 2018-19, after two seasons of battling injuries. Thiele redshirted in 2016-17, and suffered lingering effects of a wrist injury in 2017-18.

During the summer of 2018, Thiele made significant adjustments to her swing and began seeing the fruits of her labor as a junior last season, when she finished with a 76.93 stroke average.

Thiele helped the Huskers to a tournament title at Westbrook with a season-best 68 (-4) in the second round, after shooting an even-par 72 in the opening round. She finished in a tie for 35th with a season-best 218 for the tournament.

Thiele produced one of the best freshman seasons in Nebraska history in 2015-16, notching a then-freshman school-record 75.63 stroke average. She also closed her rookie year as NU's No. 2 finisher at the Big Ten Championships in 39th place.

Thiele tied the Husker freshman record with a five-under-par 67 at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown while matching first-team All-American Sarah Sasse's then-overall NU record with a 54-hole score of 209.

Thiele owns a 77.07 stroke average over 91 career rounds for the Huskers.

### 2019 FRESHMEN LOOKING TO SHINE AS SOPHOMORES FOR BIG RED

Vanessa Bouvet, Kirsten Baete and Megan Whittaker were all impact players for NU in 2018-19, and for the first time this season, all three will be making the trip to compete for the Huskers at the Battle at the Beach in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, Nov. 1-3.

Bouvet produced Nebraska's No. 2 stroke average on the season and one of the best averages by a freshman in school history (75.79) while competing in 24 rounds for the Huskers.

Bouvet (Bretagne, France) produced possibly the best performance by a Husker freshman in a career-opening event with her two-under-par 214 to tie for third individually in the 75-player field at the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic.

Bouvet's second-round 68 tied for the fourth-best round ever by a Nebraska freshman. She closed the fall with a tie for second in the rain-shortened Rainbow Wahine Invitational, Oct. 31.

Another powerful young player, Baete produced one of the best tournaments by a freshman in school history with her 210 (-6) in helping the Huskers win the Westbrook Spring Invitational (Feb. 24-25). Baete (Beatrice, Neb.) notched her first career top-25 finish by tying for fifth in a loaded field. Her second-round 66 was the best round by a freshman in school history.

She added a tie for 29th (229) at the Lady Buckeye Invitational (April 13-14) after tying for 30th with a 229 at the Clover Cup (March 15-17). Her 77.00 stroke average ranked fifth on the team, and she joined Kate Smith and Haley Thiele as the only Huskers to compete in all 27 rounds on the year.

Megan Whittaker came on strong throughout the spring of 2019 and finished with NU's No. 6 stroke average (77.81). She made her first career lineup appearance at the Lady Buckeye Invitational (April 13-14) before matching Nebraska's top finish (T51st) at the Big Ten Championship.

Whittaker has continued to improve her game with a 225 at the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational to open 2019-20, before her career-best 221 to tie for 33rd at the Golfweek Conference Challenge. She is coming off a career-best tie for 16th at the Edean Ihlantfeldt Invitational in Sammamish, Wash., Oct. 8-9.

### AHMED, SMITH FACES OF THE BIG TEN

Noor Ahmed gained national exposure when she was featured by the Golf Channel for her courage while encountering discrimination. Ahmed is the first NCAA Division I golfer to compete while wearing a hijab - the traditional head covering worn in public by Muslim women.

Ahmed and Husker teammate Kate Smith were featured together in the Golf Channel piece, and the good friends were featured among the Faces of the Big Ten created by the Big Ten Network in 2018-19. That feature will continue to air across the network in 2019-20.

Ahmed, who has since been featured by several national and international magazines, finished 2018-19 with Nebraska's No. 3 overall stroke average (76.56), while competing in 25 rounds. She produced the best finish of her career by tying for ninth at the 2019 Lady Puerto Rico Classic.

### BIG RED FACE SOLID SCHEDULE

The Huskers face a strong schedule in 2019-20, beginning with the Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M. (Sept. 9-10).

Nebraska continued play at the Golfweek Conference Challenge in Wolcott, Colo., Sept. 23-25, marking the fourth time in seven seasons the Huskers competed at Golfweek.

The Huskers played their lone tournament in October at the Edean Ihlantfeldt Invitational in Sammamish, Wash., Oct. 8-9, before closing the fall in the Battle at the Beach at San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico, Nov. 1-3.

The Big Red open the spring for the third consecutive season at the Lady Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Grande, P.R. (Feb. 9-11), before defending their 2019 tournament title at the Westbrook Spring Invitational in Peoria, Ariz. (Feb. 23-24).

The Huskers return to Arizona for the eighth consecutive year to compete in the Clover Cup in Mesa (March 13-15), before traveling to Maui for the Anuenue Spring Break Classic (March 23-25).

Nebraska closes the regular season with its first-ever appearance at the Bruzzy Challenge in Argyle, Texas, March 30-31, before returning to Maineville, Ohio, to compete at the Big Ten Championships (April 24-26). The Huskers will compete for the conference crown on the Arnold Palmer-designed Tournament Players Club River's Bend Course, which will serve as the host to the conference tournament for the fourth straight season.

NCAA Regional competitions will be hosted by Georgia, North Carolina State, Notre Dame and Washington State (May 11-13) before the NCAA Championships are held at the Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz. (May 22-27).

### HUSKERS SET PACE IN CLASSROOM

Nebraska leads the nation with 338 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans and 17 NCAA Top 10 Award winners across all sports. Nebraska women's golf leads the nation with 77 WGCA Scholastic All-Americans since 1989.

# NEBRASKA WOMEN'S GOLF 2019-20 STATISTICS

## NEBRASKA 2019-20 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament	Place/Teams (Round-by-Round Score)
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invitational (Sept. 9-10)	11th/15 (299-299-294-892)
Golfweek Conference Challenge (Sept. 23-25)	10th/18 (285-305-301-891)
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational (Oct. 8-9)	7th/11 (317-310-627)
Battle at the Beach (Nov. 1-3)	10:30 a.m.
Lady Puerto Rico Classic (Feb. 9-13)	7 a.m.
Westbrook Spring Invitational (Feb. 23-24)	10 a.m.
Clover Cup (March 13-15)	10 a.m.
Anuenue Spring Break Classic (March 23-25)	11 a.m.
The Bruzy Challenge (March 30-31)	9 a.m.
Big Ten Championship (April 24-26)	7:30 a.m.
Season Totals	2,410/8 Rounds
2018-19 Team Stroke Average	301.25
Season Low Round	285 (Golfweek, 1st)
Season Low (54 Holes)	891 (Golfweek)
Tournament Titles	0/3
Top Five Finishes	0/3
Top 10 Finishes	2/3

## NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST ROUND

Golfer	Round
Kate Smith	64 (2018 Westbrook, 2nd - school record)
Kirsten Baete	66 (2019 Westbrook, 2nd)
Leah Herzog	66 (2019 Golfweek, 1st)
Haley Thiele	67 (2015 UNLV Collegiate, 1st)
Vanessa Bouvet	68 (2018 Ptarmigan Ram, 2nd)
Noor Ahmed	70 (2018 Westbrook, 3rd)
Jessica Haraden	71 (2019 Golfweek, 3rd)
Megan Whittaker	72 (2019 Golfweek, 1st)
Hannah Thiele	73 (2018 Ron Moore, 3rd; 2017 Pinehurst, 2nd)

## NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST TOURNAMENT

Golfer	Three Rounds
Kate Smith	202 (2018 Westbrook - school record)
Haley Thiele	209 (2015 UNLV Collegiate)
Kirsten Baete	210 (2019 Westbrook)
Vanessa Bouvet	214 (2018 Ptarmigan Ram)
Noor Ahmed	216 (2017 Pinehurst)
Jessica Haraden	220 (2019 Golfweek)
Megan Whittaker	221 (2019 Golfweek)
Leah Herzog	227 (2019 Golfweek)
Hannah Thiele	228 (2018 Mountain View)

## NEBRASKA 2019-20 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

### KATE SMITH

Tournament	Results	Place
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invite	71-72-70-213	T8th
Golfweek Conference Challenge	70-78-72-220	T29th
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational	77-71-148	T2nd
Season Totals	581 Strokes/8 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average	72.63	
Season Low Round	70 (Dick McGuire, 3rd)	
	70 (Golfweek, 1st)	
Top Five Finishes		1/3
Top 10 Finishes		2/3
Top 20 Finishes		2/3

### MEGAN WHITTAKER

Tournament	Results	Place
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invite	74-76-75-225	T45th
Golfweek Conference Challenge	72-74-75-221	33rd
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational	79-75-154	T16th
Season Totals	600 Strokes/8 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average	75.00	
Season Low Round	72 (Golfweek, 1st)	
Top Five Finishes		0/3
Top 10 Finishes		0/3
Top 20 Finishes		1/3

## LEAH HERZOG

Tournament	Results	Place
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invite	77-76-75-228	T63rd
Golfweek Conference Challenge	66-77-84-227	T57th
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational	79-80-159	T36th
Season Totals	614 Strokes/8 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average	76.75	
Season Low Round	66 (Golfweek, 1st)	
Top Five Finishes		0/3
Top 10 Finishes		0/3
Top 20 Finishes		0/3

## NOOR AHMED

Tournament	Results	Place
Golfweek Conference Challenge	77-76-78-231	T71st
Season Totals	231 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average	77.00	
Season Low Round	76 (Golfweek, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes		0/1
Top 10 Finishes		0/1
Top 20 Finishes		0/1

## HALEY THIELE

Tournament	Results	Place
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invite	77-75-74-226	T51st
Golfweek Conference Challenge	84-80-76-240	91st
Season Totals	466 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average	77.67	
Season Low Round	74 (Dick McGuire, 3rd)	
Top Five Finishes		0/2
Top 10 Finishes		0/2
Top 20 Finishes		0/2

## JESSICA HARADEN

Tournament	Results	Place
Golfweek Conference Challenge	75-74-71-220	T29th
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational	85-84-169	55th
Season Totals	389 Strokes/5 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average	77.80	
Season Low Round	71 (Golfweek)	
Top Five Finishes		0/2
Top 10 Finishes		0/2
Top 20 Finishes		0/1

## VANESSA BOUVET

Tournament	Results	Place
Branch Law Firm/Dick McGuire Invite	80-80-80-240	85th
Season Totals	240 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average	80.00	
Season Low Round	80 (Dick McGuire, 1st, 2nd, 3rd)	
Top Five Finishes		0/1
Top 10 Finishes		0/1
Top 20 Finishes		0/1

## HANNAH THIELE

Tournament	Results	Place
Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational	82-85-167	T52nd
Season Totals	167 Strokes/2 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average	83.50	
Season Low Round	82 (Edean Ihlanfeldt, 1st)	
Top Five Finishes		0/1
Top 10 Finishes		0/1
Top 20 Finishes		0/1