

# NEBRASKA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

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AT MISSOURI TIGERS (NOV. 10)

## 2019-20 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 2	Rogers State (exhibition)	W, 97-33
Nov. 6	Alabama A&M [BTN+]	W, 68-46
Nov. 10	at Missouri [SECN+]	2 p.m.
Nov. 14	Morgan State [BTN+]	7 p.m.
Nov. 17	SIUE [BTN+] (Alumni Weekend)	2 p.m.
Nov. 20	Southern [BTN+] (Toys4Tots)	7 p.m.
Nov. 24	Creighton [BTN+]	2 p.m.
Nov. 29-30	South Point Shootout (Las Vegas)	
Nov. 29	vs. USC	7:45 p.m.
Nov. 30	vs. Sacred Heart	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Duke (B1G/ACC Challenge) [BTN]	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	Oral Roberts [BTN+]	1 p.m.
Dec. 22	Manhattan [BTN+]	Noon
Dec. 28	Iowa* [BTN+]	1 p.m.
Dec. 31	at Michigan State* [BTN]	Noon
Jan. 4	Minnesota* [BTN]	5 p.m.
Jan. 9	Wisconsin* [NET/BTN+]	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Rutgers* [BTN+]	1 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Maryland* [BTN]	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	Michigan* [BTN]	4 p.m.
Jan. 22	Purdue* [BTN+]	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Wisconsin* [BTN]	11 a.m.
Jan. 30	at Minnesota* [BTN+]	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	Ohio State* [NET/BTN+]	2 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Iowa* [BTN+]	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Indiana* [BTN+] (Pink Game)	2 p.m.
Feb. 13	Penn State* [NET/BTN+]	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Northwestern* [BTN+]	2 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Ohio State* [BTN+]	6 p.m.
Feb. 22	Illinois* [BTN/BTN+] (Senior Day)	TBA
Feb. 27	at Indiana* [BTN/BTN+]	TBA
March 4-8	at Big Ten Tournament (Indianapolis)	
March 16	NCAA Selection Show [ESPN]	
March 20-23	NCAA 1st & 2nd Rounds [ESPN]	TBA
March 27-30	NCAA Regionals [ESPN]	TBA
	Dallas, Ft. Wayne, Greenville, Portland	
April 3-5	NCAA Women's Final Four (New Orleans)	TBA

All times listed are Central. Home games in bold at Pinnacle Bank Arena. ^- Denotes Big Ten Conference game. All of Nebraska's regular-season games can be heard live on the Husker Sports Network, including B107.3 FM in Lincoln and ESPN 590 AM (or CD105.9 FM) in Omaha, and free on Huskers.com. [BTN] - Big Ten Network; [BTN+] - Live Video Streams of live BTN and BTN+ games

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## NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS (1-0) AT MISSOURI TIGERS (1-0)

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, 2 p.m. (CT)  
Mizzou Arena (15,061) - Columbia, Mo.  
Live Video: SECN+ (Ben Arnet, Lauren Aldridge)  
Live Radio: Husker Sports Network (1:45 p.m.)  
Matt Coatney (PBP), Jeff Griesch (Analyst)  
Lincoln - 107.3 FM; Omaha - ESPN 590 AM  
Huskers.com, Huskers App, Tuneln



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## HUSKERS HIT ROAD FOR SUNDAY CLASH AT MIZZOU

- Nebraska hits the road for the first time in 2019-20 to take on one of its oldest foes, as the Huskers face Missouri on Sunday in Columbia.
- Tip-off between the former conference rivals at Mizzou Arena is set for 2 p.m.
- Live radio coverage (beginning at 1:45 p.m.) can be heard in Lincoln on B107.3 FM, in Omaha on ESPN 590 AM, and across central Nebraska on 880 AM KRNV in Lexington. Stations across the state will also carry the broadcast on the Learfield-IMG College Husker Sports Network. Free live audio can be found at Huskers.com, the Huskers App and on Tuneln.
- A live video stream will be provided by SEC Network+, which is available through WatchESPN and the ESPN App. Ben Arnet will call the play-by-play, while former Tiger and Kansas Jayhawk Lauren Aldridge will provide analysis. Aldridge started all 35 games for Mizzou last season.
- Nebraska opened with a 68-46 win over a solid Alabama A&M squad on Wednesday at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Senior guard Hannah Whitish led four Huskers in double figures by scoring 12 points on 4-of-6 three-point shooting. Junior Kate Cain and sophomores Ashtyn Veerbeek and Leigha Brown each pitched in 10 points.
- Nebraska played outstanding defense for the first 25 minutes against Alabama A&M, building a 46-14 lead with 6:22 left in the third quarter.
- Nebraska returns five starters and 10 letterwinners from last year's squad that finished 14-16 overall and 9-9 in the Big Ten Conference. The Huskers return their top seven scorers from a year ago, including senior starters Whitish (10.1 ppg) and Nicea Eliely (7.9 ppg). Whitish is a two-time All-Big Ten selection, and Eliely is one of the Big Ten's best defenders.
- Missouri returns three starters and seven letterwinners from a team that finished 24-11 overall and advanced to the NCAA Tournament second round. The Tigers went 10-6 to finish fifth in the SEC.
- Missouri's top returning scorer is senior Amber Smith, who averaged 12.4 points and 6.9 rebounds per game last season. Smith opened this season with a huge 27-point, 15-rebound effort in a 97-89 overtime win over Western Illinois at Mizzou Arena on Tuesday night.
- Sunday's game will mark the 73rd all-time meeting between the Huskers and the Tigers. Only three schools - Kansas (83), Kansas State (79) and Iowa State (76) - have played more women's basketball games against Nebraska.

## NEBRASKA ROSTER & STATISTICS

No.	Player	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
1	Makenzie Helms	5-8	Fr.	G	1-0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
2	Trinity Brady	5-11	Fr.	G	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	Hannah Whitish***	5-9	Sr.	G	1-1	12.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	0.0
4	Sam Haiby*	5-9	So.	G	1-1	8.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	1.0
5	Nicea Eliely***	6-1	Sr.	G/F	1-1	4.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	1.0
11	Kristian Hudson*	5-5	RSr.	G	1-0	4.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
13	Ashtyn Veerbeek*	6-2	So.	F	1-1	10.0	6.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
14	Grace Mitchell***	6-2	Sr.	F	1-0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
31	Kate Cain**	6-5	Jr.	C	1-1	10.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	8.0
32	Leigha Brown*	6-1	So.	G/F	1-0	10.0	7.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
33	Taylor Kissinger**	6-1	Jr.	G/F	1-0	4.0	8.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
34	Isabelle Bourne	6-2	Fr.	F	1-0	2.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
44	Kayla Mershon*	6-3	So.	F	1-0	4.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	1.0

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**NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS****(1-0, 0-0 BIG TEN)**

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	PPG	RPG
13	Ashtyn Veerbeek	6-2	So.	F	10.0	6.0
31	Kate Cain	6-5	Jr.	C	10.0	7.0
3	Hannah Whitish	5-9	Sr.	G	12.0	3.0
4	Sam Haiby	5-9	So.	G	8.0	0.0
5	Nicea Eliely	6-1	Sr.	G	4.0	3.0

**Off the Bench**

32	Leigha Brown	6-1	So.	F	10.0	7.0
33	Taylor Kissingner	6-1	Jr.	G	4.0	8.0
44	Kayla Mershon	6-3	So.	F	4.0	5.0
11	Kristian Hudson	5-5	RSr.	G	4.0	3.0
34	Isabelle Bourne	6-2	Fr.	F	2.0	4.0
14	Grace Mitchell	6-2	Sr.	F	0.0	1.0
1	Makenzie Helms	5-8	Fr.	G	0.0	0.0
2	Trinity Brady	5-11	Fr.	G	--	--

Head Coach: Amy Williams (Nebraska, 1998)

Fourth Season at Nebraska (43-49)

13th Season Overall (236-158)

**MISSOURI TIGERS****(1-0, 0-0 SEC)**

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	PPG	RPG
22	Jordan Roundtree	5-9	Sr.	G	14.0	3.0
23	Amber Smith	5-11	Sr.	G	27.0	15.0
24	Jordan Chavis	5-7	Sr.	G	18.0	1.0
33	Aijha Blackwell	6-0	Fr.	G	1.0	2.0
43	Hayley Frank	6-1	Fr.	F	9.0	5.0

**Off the Bench**

12	Elle Brown	5-11	Jr.	G	15.0	2.0
13	Hannah Schuchts	6-2	RSr.	F	11.0	10.0
10	Nadia Green	5-10	Jr.	G	2.0	0.0
11	Haley Troup	5-10	So.	G	0.0	1.0
45	Brittany Garner	6-4	RFr.	F	0.0	0.0

Head Coach: Robin Pingeton (St. Ambrose, 1990)

10th Season at Missouri (172-119)

25th Season Overall: (507-276)

**HUSKER NUGGETS**

- Hannah Whitish hit 4-of-6 threes against Alabama A&M to push her career 3FGM total to 199. She will become just the third Husker in history to hit 200 threes with her next three-pointer.
- Whitish, who recorded her 100th career steal in the win over Alabama A&M, needs 22 points and 34 assists to reach the combined career milestones of 1,000 points and 400 assists.
- Nebraska improved to 43-3 all-time in home season openers, including 6-1 at Pinnacle Bank Arena, with its 68-46 win over Alabama A&M on Wednesday afternoon.
- Nebraska's bench outscored Alabama A&M's 24-7 in the opener, marking the 29th time in the last 31 games that the Husker bench has outscored the opponent reserves.
- The Husker bench has outscored the opponent bench by double digits 22 times in the last 31 games, including a 30-1 edge in a loss to 2019 NCAA Elite Eight qualifier Iowa (Feb. 25, 2019).
- The Missouri bench outscored the Western Illinois reserves 28-13 in a 97-89 season-opening overtime win over the Leathernecks (Nov. 5).
- Overall, Nebraska's bench outscored opposition benches 950-492 (31.7-16.4 ppg) for a plus-15.3 margin.
- Nebraska's bench scored 40 or more points seven times last season, including a season-high 45 in a loss at Arkansas.
- In Big Ten regular-season play, NU's bench outscored opponent benches 563-317 (31.3-17.6, +13.7 ppg).
- Nebraska has hit 10 or more threes 15 times in the last three seasons (including 2019-20, 63 games). Through the first 20 seasons with the three-point shot in women's basketball (1988-2007), Nebraska hit 10 threes in a game only six times (311 games).

**SCOUTING MISSOURI**

• Coach Robin Pingeton brings her 10th Missouri Tiger team into the 2019-20 season. Missouri has earned seven straight postseason bids, including four consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament. Pingeton took over the Missouri job in 2010-11 - Nebraska's final season in the Big 12. Pingeton spent seven seasons in the Missouri Valley Conference at Illinois State prior to becoming the top Tiger.

• Missouri returns three starters and seven letterwinners from last year's team that went 24-11 overall and 10-6 in the SEC before advancing to the second round of the 2019 NCAA Tournament. It was Missouri's second-straight 24-win season, and fourth straight year with 22 or more victories.

• The biggest loss for the Tigers from a year ago is senior Sophie Cunningham, who averaged 17.8 points, 5.9 rebounds and 2.8 assists. Cunningham - a hometown product from Columbia, Mo. - finished her career with 2,187 points, 701 rebounds and 390 assists.

• Cierra Porter, the SEC Sixth Player of the Year as a 6-4 senior, is also gone. Porter, who averaged 7.8 points and 5.0 rebounds last year, finished her career with 1,167 points, 769 rebounds and 112 blocks. She was also a high school teammate of Cunningham at Rock Bridge.

• Fifth-year senior Lauren Aldridge, who started 67 games for Mizzou the past two seasons, after starting her career at Kansas, also graduated from the program.

• While the Tigers lost tons of experience, they have some potent weapons back, led by senior Amber Smith. The 5-11 guard averaged 12.4 points and 6.9 rebounds last season, and opened this season with a huge 27-point, 15-rebound effort in an overtime win over Western Illinois Tuesday. The preseason second-team All-SEC pick is just 44 points away from 1,000 in her career.

• Jordan Chavis, a 5-7 senior guard added 18 points and eight assists in the win over Western Illinois. She knocked down four threes while playing a team-high 41 minutes against WIU. Last season, Chavis averaged 3.0 points and 1.3 rebounds.

• Jordan Roundtree returns for her second season as a starter after averaging 4.3 points and 2.9 rebounds last year. The 5-9 senior guard from St. Louis scored 14 points in 37 minutes in the opening-night win.

• A pair of freshmen - Hayley Frank and Aijha Blackwell - joined Missouri's senior trio in the starting five for the opener. Frank, a 6-1 forward, managed nine points and five rebounds before fouling out in 18 minutes of work. Blackwell, a 6-0 guard, had one point and two boards in just nine minutes while going 0-for-7 from the field.

• Junior Elle Brown - a 5-11 guard who attended Rock Bridge High School in Columbia like her predecessors Cunningham and Porter - pumped in 15 points and dished out six assists in 32 minutes off the bench for the Tigers against Western Illinois. Brown only scored 17 points with two assists all of last season, and entered her junior year with just 29 career points and eight career assists.

• Senior Hannah Schuchts added a double-double off the bench against Western Illinois with 11 points and 10 rebounds. The 6-2 Schuchts started 19 games for the Tigers last season, averaging 3.7 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

• Missouri is known for a tenacious defense. Last season, the Tigers surrendered just 58.7 points per game and held opponents to just 37 percent shooting from the field, including 29.5 percent from three-point range. MU hit 44.6 percent of its field goals last year, including 36 percent of its threes while hitting 8.3 threes per game.

**NEBRASKA VS. MISSOURI SERIES HISTORY**

• Nebraska and Missouri will meet for the 73rd time in women's basketball on Sunday in Columbia. The Huskers own a 40-32 lead all-time in the series.

• The first official meeting between the two teams as varsity programs came on Jan. 21, 1977, when Nebraska defeated Mizzou 67-61 in the Big Eight Tournament in Boulder, Colo.

• The Huskers and Tigers met every season from 1976-77 until 2010-11 as Big Eight and Big 12 Conference foes, before Nebraska left to join the Big Ten Conference for the 2011-12 season. In the last meeting as Big 12 foes, the Huskers rolled to a 76-34 win over Missouri at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln on Feb. 22, 2011

• Three weeks earlier, Nebraska lost 76-69 to the Tigers in Columbia.

• One year earlier, Nebraska celebrated a Big 12 Conference title with a 67-51 win over the Tigers in front of a Devaney Center sellout crowd of 13,595.

• From 1991 through 1999 Nebraska reeled off 19 consecutive women's basketball victories against Missouri, beginning with a 76-67 win in Columbia on Jan. 30, 1991, and ending with an 83-67 win in Lincoln on Jan. 3, 1999.

• In the only meeting between Nebraska and Missouri since the schools left the Big 12, No. 25 Missouri defeated Nebraska 55-35 on Nov. 14, 2016 in the second round of the Preseason WNIT. It is the lowest-scoring game (combined) in Pinnacle Bank Arena history. It was also tied for the second-fewest points scored by a Nebraska team in any game. It was Coach Amy Williams' second game as Nebraska's head coach.

• Nicea Eliely led Nebraska with eight points, eight rebounds, two assists and a block in the second game of her Husker career. Eliely is the only current Husker to score in the game against the Tigers. Hannah Whitish played 12 minutes against MU and Grace Mitchell added seven minutes. Both managed one rebound.

• Amber Smith started the game at Nebraska but was held scoreless in 10 minutes. Jordan Roundtree played just one minute and did not score. Hannah Schuchts (12 min.) and Jordan Chavis (11 min.) each came off the bench to score two points apiece.

• The extended history of Nebraska and Missouri in women's basketball dates to November of 1901, when "the first intercollegiate match for girls ever played in the west" according to the Nebraska State Journal, took place between Nebraska and Missouri at Grant Hall in Lincoln. NU won 31-4.

## HUSKERS TIP SEASON WITH SPORTSMANSHIP PEP RALLY

• The Huskers officially tipped off the 2019-20 regular season on Wednesday (Nov. 6) with the Nebraska Life Skills Sportsmanship Pep Rally at Pinnacle Bank Arena prior to NU's season opener with Alabama A&M.

• The Sportsmanship Pep Rally, was offered in partnership with the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame, and took place prior to Nebraska's game with Alabama A&M. The rally began at 9:30 a.m., with Husker student-athletes and coaches delivering inspirational and motivational messages to elementary and middle grades students.

• Nebraska women's basketball coach Amy Williams and Alabama A&M Coach Margaret Richards - a former Husker - both addressed the students, along with current Husker Nicea Eliely and current Bulldog and Lincoln Northeast High School graduate Nigeria Jones. Husker volleyball and men's basketball players also provided messages and on-court demonstrations of teamwork.

• Husker arena DJ D-Wayne provided a Beat Box performance and how-to-demonstration for all 2,000 in attendance, before Steve Max "Master of Simon Sez" played a competitive round with the entire crowd.

• Children and sponsors from 27 school districts around the state attended the event, including Auburn, Aurora, Centennial, Central Valley, Columbus Scotus, DC West, Elba, Elmwood-Murdock, Fillmore Central, Fort Calhoun, Freeman, Heartland Community, Johnson County Central, Logan View, Lyons-Decatur Northeast, Malcolm, Nebraska Christian, North Bend Central, Palmyra, Pine Creek, Raymond Central, Southern, Sterling, Umonhon Nation, Wahoo, Weeping Water and Wilcox Hildreth.

## NEBRASKA STREAKS

- Kate Cain owns Nebraska's longest streak of consecutive starts (62).
- Nicea Eliely owns Nebraska's second-longest streak of starts (57).
- Eliely was the only Husker to score in all 30 games last season, and the only Husker to score in all of Nebraska's games against Big Ten Conference foes. She has scored in 35 consecutive games overall. She did not score in a win over Penn State on Feb. 22, 2018, the only time in the past three seasons (including 2019-20, 60 games) that Eliely was shut out.
- The Huskers have knocked down at least one three in 343 straight games dating back to a loss at UTEP on Dec. 20, 2008. Nebraska has hit at least two three-pointers in 222 consecutive games.

## REGULAR-SEASON NUMBERS TO WATCH

- (1) Hannah Whitish is one made three-pointer away from 200 in her career. She will join All-American Jordan Hooper (295) and three-time first-team All-Big 12 guard Kiera Hardy (267) among the only Huskers to hit 200 career threes.
- (1) Leigha Brown needs one point to reach 300 in her career.
- (5) Kayla Mershon needs five rebounds to achieve 100 in her career.
- (8) Kristian Hudson needs eight assists to reach 400 in her career (383 assists came at Florida International prior to Hudson transferring to Nebraska ahead of the 2018-19 season).
- (8) Hannah Whitish is eight rebounds away from 300 in her career.
- (10) Sam Haiby needs 10 rebounds to achieve 100 in her career.
- (13) Junior Kate Cain is 13 blocks away from 200 in her career. Only three other Huskers in history have achieved 200 career blocks.
- (14) Kristian Hudson needs 14 rebounds to reach 400 in her career.
- (22) Hannah Whitish (978) is 22 points away from becoming the 33rd 1,000-point scorer in Nebraska women's basketball history.
- (34) Hannah Whitish is 34 assists away from becoming just the eighth Husker in history with 400 career assists.

## ROSTER IN-DEPTH

### HUSKER PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Isabelle Bourne ..... BORN  
 Leigha Brown ..... LEE-uh  
 Nicea Eliely ..... NY-see-uh E-ly-lee  
 Sam Haiby ..... HY-bee  
 Taylor Kissinger ..... KISS-in-jur  
 Kayla Mershon ..... MERR-shawn  
 Ashtyn Veerbeek ..... Verr-BEEK  
 Hannah Whitish ..... WHITE-ish

### HUSKER HOMES

The 13 members of the 2019-20 Husker women's basketball team came to Nebraska from 10 states and Australia.

Alabama (1): Kristian Hudson  
 Colorado (1): Nicea Eliely  
 Connecticut (1): Makenzie Helms  
 Indiana (2): Trinity Brady, Leigha Brown  
 Iowa (1): Ashtyn Veerbeek  
 Kansas (1): Grace Mitchell  
 Minnesota (2): Sam Haiby, Kayla Mershon  
 Nebraska (1): Taylor Kissinger  
 New York (1): Kate Cain  
 Wisconsin (1): Hannah Whitish  
 Australia (1): Isabelle Bourne

### HUSKERS BY CLASS

Seniors (4): Nicea Eliely, Kristian Hudson, Grace Mitchell, Hannah Whitish  
 Juniors (2): Kate Cain, Taylor Kissinger  
 Sophomores (4): Leigha Brown, Sam Haiby, Kayla Mershon, Ashtyn Veerbeek  
 Freshmen (3): Isabelle Bourne, Trinity Brady, Makenzie Helms

### HUSKERS BY MAJOR

Applied Science (Master's): Kristian Hudson  
 Business Administration: Nicea Eliely  
 Criminology & Criminal Justice: Trinity Brady  
 Management: Leigha Brown, Kate Cain, Ashtyn Veerbeek, Hannah Whitish  
 Marketing: Kayla Mershon  
 Mathematics Education: Taylor Kissinger  
 Nutrition & Health Sciences: Grace Mitchell  
 Political Science: Makenzie Helms  
 Undeclared: Isabelle Bourne, Sam Haiby

## 2019-20 NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/Other School)	Worth Noting
1	Makenzie Helms	G	5-8	Fr.	East Haven, Conn. (East Haven)	2019 Connecticut Gatorade High School Player of the Year
2	Trinity Brady	G	5-11	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Hamilton Heights, Tenn.)	No. 106 Player, Prospects Nation (2019); IBCA Supreme 15 Underclass (Indiana, 2018)
3	Hannah Whitish***	G	5-9	Sr.	Barneveld, Wis. (Barneveld)	Two-Time All-Big Ten; Needs one 3FGM to reach 200 in her career
4	Sam Haiby*	G	5-9	So.	Moorhead, Minn. (Moorhead)	First career start in opener vs. Alabama A&M; 10.0 ppg as freshman off bench
5	Nicea Eliely**	G/F	6-1	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)	Nebraska Defensive MVP (2017, 2019); Season-high 18 pts at Maryland (2/14)
11	Kristian Hudson*	G	5-5	RSr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Clay-Chalkville/FIU)	87 Starts, 1,076 Points, 383 Assists at FIU; Medical redshirt 2018-19 (foot)
13	Ashtyn Veerbeek*	F	6-2	So.	Sioux Center, Iowa (Western Christian)	First career start (10 pts, 6 reb) in win over Alabama A&M
14	Grace Mitchell***	F	6-2	Sr.	Wellington, Kan. (Wellington)	2016 Kansas HS POY (USA Today), Career-high 10 pts vs. UMKC (11/14/17)
31	Kate Cain**	C	6-5	Jr.	Middletown, N.Y. (Pine Bush)	2018 Big Ten All-Freshman/All-Defensive; NU Season Block Record (100, 2018)
32	Leigha Brown*	G/F	6-1	So.	Auburn, Ind. (DeKalb)	Career-high 30 pts vs. Purdue (2/10); 10.2 ppg in 2019 B1G games
33	Taylor Kissinger**	G/F	6-1	Jr.	Minden, Neb. (Minden)	Big Ten-best 45.6% 3FG (62-136); No. 4 in NCAA D-1 3FG% (2018-19)
34	Isabelle Bourne	F	6-2	Fr.	Canberra, Australia (Institute of Sport)	Australian U19 National Team (Silver at 2019 FIBA World Championships)
44	Kayla Mershon*	F	6-3	So.	Chanhausen, Minn. (Minnetonka)	4 pts, 5 reb off bench in opener; started NU's last 14 games of 2018-19

**Head Coach:** Amy Williams (Nebraska, 1998), 236-158 (13th season overall) 43-49 (Fourth season at Nebraska)

**Assistant Coach:** Tom Goehle, Fourth Season (Augustana, S.D., 1993)

**Assistant Coach:** Chuck Love, Fourth Season (Northwestern Oklahoma State, 2008)

**Assistant Coach:** Tandem Mays, Fourth Season (Tulsa, 2007)

**Director of Operations:** Amanda Hart, Fourth Season (Dakota Wesleyan, 2014)

**Director of Recruiting Operations:** Katie Adams, Fifth Season (Rutgers, 2008)

**Women's Basketball Strength Coach:** Stuart Hart, Third Season (Saint Leo, 1998)

**Women's Basketball Athletic Trainer:** Ashley Rudolph, Fourth Season (Michigan State, 2010)

**Graduate Assistant Manager:** Kristina Bayton (Maryland, 2018)

**AMY WILLIAMS****(NEBRASKA, 1998)**(43-49, Three Seasons at Nebraska)  
(236-158, 12 Seasons Overall)Big Ten Coach of the Year (2018)  
Summit League Coach of the Year  
(2015, 2016)  
WNIT Championship Team (2016)**NAIA**

Season	School	Won	Lost	Pct.
2007-08	Rogers State	13	18	.419
2008-09	Rogers State	18	14	.563
2009-10	Rogers State	21	11	.656
2010-11	Rogers State	23	10	.697
2011-12	Rogers State	22	12	.647
Total	5 seasons	97	65	.599

**NCAA Division I**

2012-13	South Dakota	19	16	.543
2013-14	South Dakota	19	14	.576
2014-15	South Dakota	26	8	.765
2015-16	South Dakota	32	6	.842
2016-17	Nebraska	7	22	.241
2017-18	Nebraska	21	11	.656
2018-19	Nebraska	14	16	.467
2019-20	Nebraska	1	0	1.000
Div. I Total	8th season	139	93	.599
Overall	13th season	236	158	.599

**WILLIAMS IN POSTSEASON**

Year (Tournament)	Results
2018 (NCAA)	First Round
2016 (WNIT)	Champion
2015 (WNIT)	Second Round
2014 (NCAA)	First Round
2013 (WBI)	Semifinals
2012 (NAIA)	Elite Eight
2011 (NAIA)	First Round

**NOTING COACH WILLIAMS**

NCAA Tournament (Nebraska, 2018)

Summit League Regular-Season Champions  
(South Dakota, 2015, 2016)

NCAA Tournament (South Dakota, 2014)

Summit League Tournament Champions (2014)

Four Summit League Championship Game Appearances

Assistant Coach, Tulsa (2006-07)

Assistant Coach, Oklahoma State (2002-05)

Assistant Coach, Texas-San Antonio (2001)

Graduate Assistant, Nebraska-Kearney (1999-2000)

Four-Year Letterwinner Nebraska (1995-98)



Nebraska's 2019-20 Coaching Staff (from left): Assistant Coach Chuck Love, Assistant Coach Tandem Mays, Head Coach Amy Williams, Assistant Coach Tom Goehle.

**NEBRASKA'S 2018-19 SEASON AT A GLANCE**

- Nebraska finished with a 14-16 overall record and a 9-9 Big Ten mark in Coach Amy Williams' third season with the Huskers in 2018-19.
- Hannah Whitish earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten honors as a junior in 2018-19.
- Whitish was Nebraska's Offensive MVP for the second straight season, while fellow junior Nicea Eliely was Nebraska's Defensive MVP for the the second time in three seasons (2017, 2019).
- Ashtyn Veerbeek earned Nebraska's Lifter-of-the-Year Award.
- The .500 league finish by the Huskers marked the seventh time in eight Big Ten seasons since joining the conference in 2011-12 that Nebraska has finished .500 or better in the final standings.
- Although Nebraska finished below .500 on the season, the Huskers fought hard down to the wire, with a school-record 14 games decided by two possessions or less. Unfortunately, the Huskers were just 4-10 in games decided by six or fewer points, including 3-7 against Big Ten foes. No other Husker team has ever played more than 11 games decided by six points or less in a season.
- Nebraska only had five double-digit losses last season (Louisville, Maryland-2, Iowa, Miami) and all five were to teams that were ranked in the top 15 in the AP rankings at some point in the year.
- Nebraska's 2018-19 freshmen combined for 865 points in 29 regular-season games, which ranked second nationally among all freshmen in NCAA Division I basketball, trailing only Alabama State.

**WHITISH SHOOTS FOR ANOTHER ALL-BIG TEN HONOR**

• All-Big Ten guard Hannah Whitish closed 2018-19 by earning honorable-mention All-Big Ten recognition as a junior. She was a second-team All-Big Ten choice as a sophomore in 2017-18.

• Whitish is on track to become the first Husker in history to hit the combined career milestones of 1,000 points, 400 assists and 200 three-pointers.

• She opened her senior season with a team-high 12 points on 4-of-6 three-point shooting to lead Nebraska to a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

• She heads to Missouri needing 22 points to become the 33rd Husker in history to reach 1,000 career points.

• Whitish has climbed to No. 9 on the Nebraska career assist list with 366, and she is 34 away from becoming just the eighth Husker in history with 400 assists.

• She has ascended to No. 3 on the Nebraska career three-point list with 199, moving ahead of current WNBA guard Yvonne Turner (183, 2007-10).

• Whitish led the Huskers with 65 three-pointers in 2018-19, which was the third-best total by a junior in school history.

• Whitish led the Huskers with 10.1 points and 4.3 assists per game last season.

• She erupted for a season-high 28 points at Purdue (Jan. 31). Whitish added a career-high 12 assists to notch her first career double-double. She also tied a career high with six threes.

• Whitish's 12 assists tied for the ninth-best total by a Husker in school history. Only three players in Nebraska history [Rachel Theriot (4), Kathy Hawkins (3), Stacy Imming (1)] have had more than 12 assists in a game.

• Whitish's career high of 29 points came as a sophomore in 2017-18 in back-to-back non-conference wins at Kansas and Drake.

• She owns a team-best 49 career double-figure scoring efforts (1, 2019-20; 17, 2018-19; 18, 2017-18; 13, 2016-17). She has five career 20-point games (1, 2016-17; 3, 2017-18; 2, 2018-19).



(#3) Hannah Whitish, 5-9, Sr., Guard

**CAIN NAMED TO LISA LESLIE AWARD WATCH LIST**

• Kate Cain is among the 20 initial candidates for the 2020 Lisa Leslie Award presented by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), which announced the award watch list on Oct. 25. Cain earned her first spot on the Lisa Leslie Award watch list in 2018-19.

• On track to become the greatest shot-blocker in Husker history, Cain heads to Missouri with 187 career blocks, just 52 shy of taking over Nebraska's career record of 238 (Janet Smith, 1979-82).

• She opened the 2019-20 season by making her team-best 62nd straight start and record eight blocks - the third-best total in school history - in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). Cain contributed 10 points and seven rebounds in the win over the Bulldogs.

• Cain set the Nebraska season block record with 100 as a freshman. She finished No. 8 nationally in total blocks, and No. 7 in NCAA D-I and No. 1 in the Big Ten with 3.1 blocks per game in 2017-18.



(#31) Kate Cain, 6-5, Jr., Center

- She set the Nebraska sophomore block record with 79 in 2018-19. She played 144 fewer minutes as a sophomore than she did as a freshman, primarily because of NU's deeper bench.
- Cain set the Husker single-game block record while also recording the first points (22), rebounds (14) and blocked shots (11) triple-double in school history in a win over Florida Atlantic (Dec. 19, 2017).
- She became just the sixth player in Big Ten Conference history to record 11 or more blocks and just the 10th Big Ten player to notch double-digit blocks in a single game.
- Cain's 22 points against Florida Atlantic were also a career high, and her three assists against the Owls also tied a career best.
- She owns 25 double-figure scoring efforts, 10 double-figure rebounding games and one double-digit block game in the first 63 games of her career. She has made 62 straight starts.
- Cain owns seven career double-doubles with the most recent one coming with 14 points and a career-high 20 rebounds in a win at Penn State (Feb. 22, 2019). Her 20 rebounds tied for the sixth-best total in school history.
- Cain owns 33 games (17, 2018-19; 15, 2017-18) with three or more blocks in her career. She has recorded five or more blocks eight times in her career - Clemson (6, Nov. 30, 2017), Kansas (5, Dec. 6, 2017), FAU (11, Dec. 19, 2017), Northwestern (5, Jan. 7, 2018), Iowa (5, Jan. 16, 2018), Maryland (Jan. 8, 2019), Michigan State (7, Feb. 17, 2019), and most recently Alabama A&M (8, Nov. 6, 2019).
- She has climbed to No. 4 on the Nebraska career blocks list with 187 and needs 13 more to become the fourth player in Husker history with 200 career blocks.
- Cain was the only player to capture spots on both the Big Ten All-Freshman Team and Big Ten All-Defensive Team in 2017-18. Both five-player teams were chosen by the league coaches.
- She captured four Big Ten Freshman-of-the-Week awards (Nov. 13, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 26) during the 2017-18 non-conference.
- Cain's 56.6 field goal percentage ranked as the second-best mark by a Nebraska freshman in school history.
- Her 223 total rebounds ranked fourth among freshmen in Husker history, and she was just the sixth Husker freshman ever to grab 200 rebounds.
- She is the only Husker freshman ever to record 300 points, 200 rebounds and 100 blocks.

## ELIELY PREPARED FOR BIG SENIOR SEASON

- One of the top overall defenders in the Big Ten Conference, Nicea Eliely is ready to show her all-around game at a higher level in 2019-20.
- Nebraska's defensive MVP in both 2017 and 2019, Eliely led the Huskers with a career-high 54 steals in her third year as a starter in 2018-19. She ranked among the top five players in the Big Ten with 1.8 steals per game last season.
- She needs 54 steals to join the top 10 in Husker history in that category.
- Eliely also has a chance to become the fifth Husker to reach career milestones of 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 steals. Eliely will need a big year to reach those plateaus. She owns 703 points (-297), 334 rebounds (-160) and 137 steals (-63).
- Eliely's 86 career starts at Nebraska are the most by any current Husker. She has started 57 consecutive games, which trails only Kate's 62 straight starts among the Huskers.
- She is seeking her first career 20-point game in 2019-20. She set her career high with 19 points as a freshman against Cal (Dec. 4, 2016). She scored a season-high 18 points as a junior against No. 7 Maryland (Feb. 14, 2019).
- Eliely owns 29 career double-figure scoring efforts.
- She had a career-high six steals in a win over No. 23 Minnesota (Jan. 20, 2019), when she had five in the fourth quarter to help the Huskers hold the Gophers without a field goal for the game's final six minutes. She added five steals at Wisconsin (Jan. 27, 2019).



(#5) Nicea Eliely, 6-1, Sr., Guard/Forward

## KISSINGER SETS SHOOTING STANDARD AS SOPHOMORE

- Taylor Kissinger led the Big Ten in three-point field goal percentage (.456, 62-136) as a sophomore in 2018-19. Her school-record-tying percentage ranked fourth in NCAA Division I last season.
- Kissinger showed a more complete game in her second season at Nebraska, averaging 8.9 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.2 assists, while doubling the number of steals (22-11) from her freshman season.
- The only Nebraska native on the Husker roster, Kissinger scored four points and grabbed eight rebounds to open the 2019-20 season in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).
- Kissinger set a Nebraska basketball record by going 6-for-6 from three-point range in the win over USC Upstate (Nov. 11, 2018). She led Nebraska with 22 points - the second 20-point performance of her career.
- Kissinger's 62 three-pointers in 2018-19 ranked as the fifth-best total by a sophomore in Nebraska history.
- She notched the 24th double-digit scoring game of her career with a team-high 15 points on 5-of-10 three-point shooting against Purdue in the 2019 Big Ten Tournament.

# NEBRASKA

## 2019-20 QUICK FACTS

Institution.....	University of Nebraska
Location .....	Lincoln, Neb.
Population .....	284,736
Enrollment .....	25,332
Founded .....	1869
Nickname .....	Cornhuskers, Huskers
Colors .....	Scarlet and Cream
Home Arena.....	Pinnacle Bank Arena
Capacity .....	15,000
Conference .....	Big Ten
Athletic Director .....	Bill Moos
2019-20 Overall Record .....	1-0
Home Record.....	1-0
Away Record.....	0-0
Neutral Record .....	0-0
Big Ten Record.....	0-0
2018-19 Overall Record .....	14-16
Big Ten Record.....	9-9
Head Coach .....	Amy Williams
Alma Mater/Year.....	Nebraska/1998
Record at Nebraska .....	43-49 (Fourth season)
Career Record.....	236-158 (13th season)
NCAA Div. I Record .....	139-93 (Eighth season)
Williams' Nebraska Home Record.....	26-21
Big Ten Conference Record .....	23-27
Big Ten Home Record .....	12-13
Big Ten Road Record .....	11-14
Big Ten Tournament Record.....	1-3
Assistant Coaches: .....	Tom Goehle
.....	Chuck Love
.....	Tandem Mays
Director of Operations.....	Amanda Hart
Director of Recruiting Operations...	Katie Adams
Strength Coach .....	Stuart Hart
Athletic Trainer .....	Ashley Rudolph
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Basketball Office Phone.....	(402) 472-6462
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Women's Basketball Contact.....	Jeff Griesch
Communications Office Phone .....	(402) 472-2263
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Griesch's Cell Phone.....	(402) 540-0279
Griesch's E-mail.....	jpgriesch@huskers.com
Communications Fax .....	(402) 472-2005
Best Way to Contact Williams... Through Griesch	
Starters Returning/Lost.....	5/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost .....	10/1
Newcomers.....	3
Returning Starters (5, 2018-19 Stats).....	
Hannah Whitish, Sr., G (10.1 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 4.3 apg)	
Taylor Kissinger, Jr., G/F (8.9 ppg, 3.2 rpg)	
Nicea Eliely, Sr., G/F (7.9 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 1.8 spg)	
Kate Cain, Jr., C (7.5 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 2.6 bpg)	
Kayla Mershon, So., F (3.2 ppg, 3.0 rpg)	
Others Returning (5, 2018-19 Stats) .....	
Sam Haiby, So., G (10.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 2.6 apg)	
Leigha Brown, So., G/F (9.6 ppg, 2.6 rpg)	
Ashtyn Veerbeek, So., F (6.9 ppg, 5.5 rpg)	
Kristian Hudson, RSr., G (2.4 ppg, 1.6 rpg)	
Grace Mitchell, Sr., F (1.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg)	
Starters Lost (1, 2018-19 Stats).....	
Maddie Simon, F (6.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg)	
Others Lost (0) .....	
2019-20 Newcomers (3)	
.....	Isabelle Bourne, 6-2, Fr., F
.....	Trinity Brady, 5-11 Fr., G
.....	Makenzie Helms, 5-8, Fr., G

## HUSKER CAREER HIGHS

### SCORING

Player (Game, Date)	Points
Leigha Brown (vs. Purdue, 2/10/19)	30
Hannah Whitish (at Drake, 12/9/17; at Kansas, 12/6/17)	29
Taylor Kissinger (vs. Arkansas, 11/16/17)	25
Kate Cain (vs. Florida Atlantic, 12/19/17)	22
Sam Haiby (at Washington State, 11/16/18)	20
Nicea Eliely (vs. California, 12/4/16)	19
Ashtyn Veerbeek (at Illinois, 1/17/19)	19
Grace Mitchell (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)	10
Kayla Mershon (vs. Maryland, 1/9/19)	8
Kristian Hudson (vs. Drake, 11/7/18)	7
Isabelle Bourne (vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)	2

### REBOUNDING

Player (Game, Date)	Rebounds
Kate Cain (vs. Penn State, 2/22/18)	20
Ashtyn Veerbeek (vs. San Jose State, 12/8/18)	14
Taylor Kissinger (vs. Kansas, 12/5/18)	11
Nicea Eliely (Three Times, vs. FAU, 12/19/17)	9
Hannah Whitish (vs. Penn St., 2/22/18; vs. Minn., 2/4/17)	8
Leigha Brown (vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)	7
Kayla Mershon (vs. N'Western, 1/24/19; vs. Kansas, 12/5/18)	7
Sam Haiby (at Wisconsin, 1/27/19; vs. Denver, 12/15/18)	6
Grace Mitchell (vs. Upstate, 11/11/18; vs. Ark., 11/16/17)	6
Isabelle Bourne (vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)	4
Kristian Hudson (Three Times, vs. Alabama A&M 11/6/19)	3

### ASSISTS

Player (Game, Date)	Assists
Hannah Whitish (at Purdue, 1/31/19)	12
Sam Haiby (vs. Denver, 12/15/18)	8
Nicea Eliely (Six Times, at Michigan, 2/7/19)	6
Leigha Brown (vs. Denver, 12/15/18)	5
Taylor Kissinger (vs. Arkansas, 11/16/17)	4
Kate Cain (Five Times, at Penn State, 3/2/19)	3
Kristian Hudson (vs. Upstate, 11/11/18; vs. Drake, 11/7/18)	3
Kayla Mershon (vs. Iowa, 2/25/19; vs. Michigan, 12/28/18)	3
Ashtyn Veerbeek (at Maryland, 2/14/19)	3
Grace Mitchell (vs. CCU, 11/24/17; at Mich. St., 1/7/17)	2
Makenzie Helms (vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)	1

### STEALS

Player (Game, Date)	Steals
Nicea Eliely (vs. Minnesota, 1/20/19)	6
Hannah Whitish (at Maryland, 2/25/18)	4
Sam Haiby (Three Times, at Illinois, 1/17/19)	3
Taylor Kissinger (at Ohio St., 12/31/18; vs. Buffalo, 11/23/17)	3
Leigha Brown (Three Times, vs. Purdue, 2/10/19)	2
Kate Cain (Six Times, at Northwestern, 2/21/19)	2
Kristian Hudson (vs. Drake, 11/7/18)	2
Kayla Mershon (Seven Times, at Penn State, 3/2/19)	2
Grace Mitchell (Three Times, vs. Kansas, 12/5/18)	2
Ashtyn Veerbeek (vs. USC Upstate, 11/11/18)	2

### BLOCKED SHOTS

Player (Game, Date)	Blocks
Kate Cain (vs. FAU, 12/19/17) - school record	11
Nicea Eliely (vs. Kansas, 12/5/18)	4
Ashtyn Veerbeek (Three Times, vs. Northwestern, 1/24/19)	3
Taylor Kissinger (Three Times, vs. Minnesota, 1/20/19)	2
Kayla Mershon (at Arkansas, 12/18/18)	2
Hannah Whitish (vs. Maryland, 3/3/18)	2
Isabelle Bourne (vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)	1
Leigha Brown (Three Times, at Maryland, 2/14/19)	1
Sam Haiby (Four Times, vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)	1
Grace Mitchell (Seven Times, vs. Maryland, 1/8/19)	1

### MINUTES PLAYED

Player (Game, Date)	Minutes
Hannah Whitish (vs. Michigan State, 2/26/17)	44
Kate Cain (vs. Michigan, 1/13/18)	39
Nicea Eliely (vs. Illinois, 3/1/17)	37
Taylor Kissinger (at Washington State, 11/16/18)	36
Sam Haiby (at Washington State, 11/16/18)	32
Kayla Mershon (vs. Purdue, 2/10/19)	30
Leigha Brown (Three Times, at Maryland, 2/14/19)	25
Ashtyn Veerbeek (at Ohio State, 12/31/18)	23
Grace Mitchell (at Illinois, 1/15/17)	22
Kristian Hudson (vs. USC Upstate, 11/11/18)	21
Isabelle Bourne (vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)	15
Makenzie Helms (vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)	3

### THREE-POINTERS MADE

Player (Game, Date)	3FG Made
Taylor Kissinger (vs. USC Upstate, 11/11/18)	6
Hannah Whitish (at Purdue, 1/31/19; at Illinois, 1/10/18)	6
Leigha Brown (vs. Mich. St., 2/17/19; vs. Purdue, 2/10/19)	4
Nicea Eliely (vs. Illinois, 3/1/17)	4
Sam Haiby (at Purdue, 1/31/19)	3
Ashtyn Veerbeek (vs. Radford, 11/25/18)	3
Kristian Hudson (vs. USC Upstate, 11/11/18)	2
Kayla Mershon (Nine Times, at Penn State, 3/2/19)	1
Grace Mitchell (Five Times, vs. UAPB, 12/2/17)	1

• Kissinger recorded her second career double-double in a win over Kansas (Dec. 5, 2018), registering 11 points and a career-high 11 rebounds while going 3-for-4 from three-point range against the Jayhawks. Her first double-double came with 10 points and 10 rebounds at Indiana (Feb. 17, 2018).

• The 6-1 guard/forward from Minden, Neb., finished third on the 2017-18 team in scoring with 10.0 points per game, while adding 4.1 rebounds per contest as a freshman. She also ranked second on the team with 50 threes, which was the fourth-highest total by a freshman in Nebraska history.

• In the 2018 NCAA Tournament, Kissinger scored 15 points in 21 minutes off the bench, after missing all but six minutes over the three previous games with a sprained SC joint suffered in the first quarter of a loss in the regular-season finale at No. 13 Maryland (Feb. 25).

• Kissinger scored a career-high 25 points in a win over Arkansas (Nov. 16, 2017). Kissinger hit 9-of-15 shots from the floor, including 4-of-7 threes. She added eight rebounds and four assists.

• Kissinger's older twin sisters were both Division I guards, with Brooke in completing her career at Creighton in 2018-19 after spending her first two seasons at Illinois. Jamie completed her eligibility at San Diego in 2017-18.



(#33) Taylor Kissinger, 6-1, Jr., Guard

## BROWN READY FOR NEXT STEP AS SOPHOMORE

• Leigha Brown is hoping to help the Huskers climb the Big Ten ladder in her second season at Nebraska.

• The 6-1 guard/forward from DeKalb, Ind., opened her sophomore season with 10 points and a career-high seven rebounds off the bench in Nebraska's win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

• Brown ranked second among the Huskers in scoring during Big Ten play last season with 10.2 points per game to finish the year with averages of 9.6 points, 2.6 rebounds and 1.5 assists.

• She showed her explosiveness several times as a freshman, including a career-high 30-point outburst in a win over Purdue at Pinnacle Bank Arena (Feb. 10, 2019). She scored 22 in the second half against the Boilermakers to earn a spot on the Big Ten Weekly Honor Roll (Feb. 11, 2019).

• Brown had 20 points at NCAA Elite Eight qualifier Iowa (Jan. 3, 2019), which followed a 19-point effort in a win at Ohio State (Dec. 31, 2018). Those two performances earned Brown Big Ten Freshman-of-the-Week honors (Jan. 7, 2019).

• Brown started Nebraska's final six games of 2018-19 after coming off the bench for the first 24 games of her freshman season.

• She produced double-figure points on 11 occasions as a true freshman in 2018-19.

• During a three-game European Tour in August of 2019, Brown led the Huskers by averaging 19.7 points per game in wins over teams from Italy and Spain.

## HAIBY HOPES TO HELP HUSKERS GROW IN 2020

• Sam Haiby finished her freshman season as Nebraska's second-leading scorer with 10.0 points per game while coming off the bench in all 30 contests in 2018-19.

• Haiby gives the Huskers an athletic, explosive guard who can attack the basket on the dribble, create opportunities for her teammates and knock down the three-point shot.

• The 5-9 guard from Moorhead, Minn., opened her second season by making her first career start in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). Haiby scored eight points and dished out three assists against the Bulldogs.

• Haiby scored a career-high 20 points early in her freshman season at Washington State. All 20 came after halftime for the Huskers.

• She was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Feb. 4, 2019) after scoring her personal Big Ten-best with 17 points against Indiana (Feb. 3, 2019) after helping the Huskers to a road win at Purdue (Jan. 31, 2019) with 13 points.

• Haiby produced double figures in each of Nebraska's final four games of 2018-19. For the season, she finished in double figures 15 times.

• She ranked second among the Huskers with 78 assists (2.6 apg) as a freshman.

• Haiby led the Huskers in free throws made (76) and attempted (106) in 2018-19.

## VEERBECK WORKING FOR BIGGER ROLE IN 2020

• Ashtyn Veerbeek has worked hard to make greater contributions for the Huskers in 2019-20.

• The 6-2, sophomore, forward from Sioux Center, Iowa, has proven herself as one of the hardest working Huskers, claiming the team's 2019 Lifter-of-the-Year Award as a freshman.

• Veerbeek opened her second season at NU by making her first career collegiate start in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). She scored Nebraska's first points of the season with a three-pointer on her way to finishing with 10 points and six rebounds.

- Last season, Veerbeek averaged 6.9 points and ranked second on the squad with 5.5 rebounds in 16.7 minutes per game.
- The explosive scorer around the rim and dangerous three-point shooter is also hoping to work her way to the line more as a sophomore, after shooting better than 78 percent at the stripe last season.
- Greater contributions from Veerbeek could help the Huskers compensate for the absence of graduated senior starter Maddie Simon, who averaged 6.8 points and 3.1 rebounds a year ago.
- Veerbeek scored a career-high 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds in a win at Illinois (Jan. 17, 2019). It was one of seven double-figure scoring efforts for Veerbeek on the year.
- She notched her first career double-double with 14 points and a career-high 14 rebounds in a win over San Jose State (Dec. 8, 2019).
- Veerbeek earned a spot on the Miami Thanksgiving Classic All-Tournament Team by producing 13 points and nine rebounds in a win over NCAA Tournament-bound Radford (Nov. 25, 2018).

## MERESHON PREPARED FOR ANY ROLE INSIDE

- Kayla Mershon is ready to provide any kind of contribution needed inside for the Huskers as a sophomore in 2019-20.
- The 6-3 forward from Chanhassen, Minn., started Nebraska's final 14 games of 2018-19, providing defensive stability and solid all-around play. Mershon averaged 3.2 points and 3.0 rebounds while also owning Nebraska's best assist-to-turnover ratio (27-12) on the season.
- Mershon opened her sophomore season with four points, five rebounds and a block in 15 minutes off the bench in Nebraska's win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

## GRADUATE TRANSFER HUDSON RETURNS AFTER REDSHIRT

- Nebraska graduate transfer Kristian Hudson returned to the court by scoring four points, grabbing three rebounds and dishing out an assist in NU's win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).
- Hudson missed the final 23 games of 2018-19 with a foot injury that required surgery in December, 2018.
- Hudson, a 5-5 guard from Birmingham, Ala., averaged 2.4 points and 1.6 rebounds through Nebraska's first seven games before missing a win over Kansas (Dec. 5, 2019).
- Hudson was a three-year starter at Florida International before joining the Huskers late in the summer of 2018, following her graduation from FIU.
- She scored 1,076 points while adding 372 rebounds, 383 assists and 107 steals in 89 games with 87 starts at FIU. She averaged 14.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game as a senior in 2017-18.

## AUSTRALIAN BOURNE BRINGS STRONG IDENTITY

- Isabelle Bourne opened her collegiate career with two points, four rebounds and a blocked shot in 15 minutes off the bench in Nebraska's win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).
- Bourne was a major factor in Australia's silver medal at the FIBA U19 World Cup, averaging 8.4 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.1 assists in 23.1 minutes per game over seven contests for the Gems.
- Australia went 5-2 at the World Cup with both losses to the USA U19 team, including an overtime setback in the gold medal game.
- One of the most talented young players in Australia, Bourne joined the Huskers in August of 2019 after helping the Gems to a silver medal at 2019 FIBA Under-19 World Cup in Bangkok, Thailand, July 20-28.
- The Australian U19 National Team entered the tournament ranked No. 7 in the world, but came up just short of the gold medal, falling 74-70 in overtime to the United States.
- Bourne averaged 8.4 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.1 assists in 23.1 minutes for the Gems.
- In 2017, Bourne led Australia's U17 team to gold at the Oceania Championship in Guam by averaging 19 points, 9.8 rebounds and 2.6 assists to claim a spot on the all-tournament team.
- She was also the MVP of the 2017 FIBA Under-18 Asia Cup 3-on-3 tournament in Mongolia, leading her team to another gold medal. Bourne was also named to the Gems squad for the 2018 FIBA Under-18 Asian Championships.
- Bourne trained at the Australian Institute of Sport and Basketball Australia's Centre of Excellence under Coach Kristen Veal. She was also a developmental player in the University of Canberra Capitals program.

## BRADY PREPARED TO SCORE AT THREE LEVELS

- Trinity Brady sat out Nebraska's season-opening win over Alabama A&M as part of the concussion protocol. Brady sustained contact to her head and neck area late in Nebraska's exhibition win over Rogers State (Nov. 2). Brady had eight points and eight rebounds in the game.
- The final piece of Nebraska's three-player recruiting class, Brady came to Nebraska after completing her senior season at Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was ranked as the No. 106 player overall in the 2019 class by Prospects Nation.
- The Lady Hawks finished the season No. 18 in the final USA Today Super 25 rankings with a 22-3 overall record. Hamilton Heights Christian Academy fell to Riverdale Baptist in the NACA Championships.
- Brady competed for Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis her first three seasons.
- As a junior, Brady averaged 21.0 points, 8.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists to earn a spot on the IBCA Subway Supreme 15 Underclass All-State Team. She was also a member of the Indiana Junior All-Star Team and the Central Indiana Super Team.

## HUSKERS BY THE NUMBERS

NEB leads after 1st quarter	1-0
NEB trails after 1st quarter	0-0
NEB tied after 1st quarter	0-0
NEB leads at the half	1-0
NEB trails at the half	0-0
NEB is tied at the half	0-0
NEB leads after 3rd quarter	1-0
NEB trails after 3rd quarter	0-0
NEB tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
NEB in overtime	0-0
NEB attempts more FG than opponent	0-0
NEB attempts fewer FG than opponent	1-0
NEB attempts same FG as opponent	0-0
NEB makes more FG than opponent	1-0
NEB makes fewer FG than opponent	0-0
NEB makes same FG as opponent	0-0
NEB has better FG Pct. than opponent	1-0
NEB has worse FG Pct. than opponent	0-0
NEB shoots 50 percent or better FG	0-0
NEB shoots less than 50 percent FG	1-0
NEB shoots 40 percent or better FG	1-0
NEB shoots less than 40 percent FG	0-0
NEB shoots more FT than opponent	1-0
NEB shoots fewer FT than opponent	0-0
NEB shoots same FT as opponent	0-0
NEB makes more FT than opponent	1-0
NEB makes fewer FT than opponent	0-0
NEB makes same FT as opponent	0-0
NEB has more rebounds than opponent	1-0
NEB has fewer rebounds than opponent	0-0
NEB has same rebounds as opponent	0-0
NEB has more O-rebounds than opponent	0-0
NEB has fewer O-rebounds than opponent	1-0
NEB has same O-rebounds as opponent	0-0
NEB has more assists than opponent	1-0
NEB has fewer assists than opponent	0-0
NEB has same assists as opponent	0-0
NEB has more turnovers than opponent	1-0
NEB has fewer turnovers than opponent	0-0
NEB has same turnovers as opponent	0-0
NEB has more steals than opponent	0-0
NEB has fewer steals than opponent	1-0
NEB has same steals as opponent	0-0
NEB has more blocks than opponent	1-0
NEB has fewer blocks than opponent	0-0
NEB has same blocks as opponent	0-0
NEB commits more fouls than opponent	0-0
NEB commits fewer fouls than opponent	1-0
NEB commits same fouls as opponent	0-0
Games are decided by 20 or more points	1-0
Games are decided by 10 or more points	1-0
Games are decided by 9 or fewer points	0-0
Games are decided by 5 or fewer points	0-0
Games are decided by 3 or fewer points	0-0
Overtime Games	0-0
Playing on Monday	0-0
Playing on Tuesday	0-0
Playing on Wednesday	1-0
Playing on Thursday	0-0
Playing on Friday	0-0
Playing on Saturday	0-0
Playing on Sunday	0-0
Playing in November	1-0
Playing in December	0-0
Playing in January	0-0
Playing in February	0-0
Playing in March	0-0

## ASSOCIATED PRESS PRESEASON TOP 25 (WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30, 2019)

1-Oregon (33-5) [25] .....	697 (7)
2-Baylor (37-1) [3].....	675 (1)
3-Stanford (31-5).....	631 (6)
4-Maryland (29-5).....	596 (9)
5-UConn (35-3).....	569 (2)
6-Texas A&M (26-8).....	554 (14)
7-Oregon State (26-8).....	525 (11)
8-South Carolina (23-10) .....	518 (15)
9-Louisville (32-4).....	477 (5)
10-Mississippi State (33-3) .....	443 (4)
11-UCLA (22-13) .....	380 (20)
12-Florida State (24-9) .....	354 (25)
13-Kentucky (25-8).....	342 (17)
14-NC State (28-6).....	320 (10)
15-Texas (23-10).....	303 (23)
16-Notre Dame (35-4).....	290 (3)
17-Michigan State (21-12).....	205 (NR)
18-DePaul (26-8).....	174 (24)
18-Miami (25-9).....	174 (19)
20-Arizona State (22-11) .....	118 (22)
21-Syracuse (25-9).....	103 (12)
22-Arkansas (22-15) .....	93 (NR)
23-Minnesota (21-11).....	90 (NR)
24-Indiana (21-13).....	86 (NR)
25-Michigan (22-12).....	77 (NR)

Note: Nebraska 2019-20 opponents in italics.

Opponents Receiving Votes:

36-Iowa (8); 40-Duke (4); 42-Rutgers (2)

## USA TODAY COACHES PRESEASON TOP 25 (THURSDAY, OCT. 31, 2019)

1-Oregon (33-5) [24] .....	788 (4)
2-Baylor (37-1) [8].....	773 (1)
3-Stanford (31-5).....	709 (7)
4-UConn (35-3).....	678 (3)
5-Maryland (29-5).....	641 (11)
6-Oregon State (26-8).....	604 (10)
7-Texas A&M (26-8).....	587 (12)
8-Mississippi State (33-3) .....	554 (5)
9-Louisville (32-4).....	549 (6)
10-South Carolina (23-10) .....	539 (13)
11-UCLA (22-13) .....	445 (14)
12-NC State (28-6).....	393 (9)
13-Florida State (24-9) .....	358 (23)
14-Notre Dame (35-4).....	353 (2)
15-Texas (23-10).....	310 (NR)
16-Kentucky (25-8).....	282 (21)
17-Syracuse (25-9).....	237 (16)
18-Arizona State (22-11) .....	236 (15)
19-Miami (25-9).....	184 (20)
20-DePaul (26-8).....	164 (25)
21-Michigan State (21-12).....	127 (NR)
22-Arkansas (22-15) .....	109 (NR)
23-Gonzaga (29-5) .....	92 (18)
24-Michigan (22-12).....	81 (NR)
24-Iowa State (26-9).....	81 (17)

Note: Nebraska 2019-20 opponents in italics.

Opponents Receiving Votes:

26-Iowa (75); 27-Minnesota (73)

29-Indiana (49); 42-Missouri (6)

44-Rutgers (4); USC-50 (1)

- She led Lawrence North to a 20-4 record and produced several huge individual efforts as a junior in 2017-18, including a 38-point performance against Tindley, 30 points in a win over Pike and 28 points against nationally ranked North Central.

- As a sophomore, Brady averaged 15 points and 7.5 rebounds per game for Lawrence North, after averaging 7.2 points and 6.0 rebounds as a freshman.

- She played her club basketball with the George Hill Lady Stars for coaches Mike Saunders and DeJuan Howard.

## HELMS NOT AFRAID TO TAKE CHARGE

- Makenzie Helms made her collegiate debut by dishing out an assist in three minutes of action off the bench in Nebraska's season-opening win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

- Helms captured Gatorade Connecticut High School Player-of-the-Year honors by averaging 26.5 points, 7.4 rebounds, 6.6 assists and 4.3 steals while leading the East Haven Yellowjackets to the Southern Connecticut Conference title in 2018-19.

- Helms, who was the conference player of the year, led East Haven to a 20-5 overall record and a spot in the Connecticut Class L state quarterfinals.

- She was the first commitment to Nebraska's 2018-19 class, making her intentions known in January of 2018. Her commitment followed a junior season in 2017-18 in which Helms averaged 17.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, 7.2 assists and 4.0 steals per game. East Haven finished No. 3 in the state of Connecticut with a 25-3 record in 2017-18. Helms earned first-team all-state honors and was a USA Today first-team All-Connecticut selection.

- As a sophomore, Helms averaged 16.7 points, 5.0 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 4.0 steals at the Loomis Chaffee School. She earned All-New England accolades as both a freshman and sophomore.

- She played her summer basketball for New Heights NYC for Coach Rock Rosa, averaging 20 points, six rebounds, eight assists and five steals per contest. ESPN ranked her as the No. 27 point guard in the class of 2019.

## 2019-20 SCHEDULE KEEPS HUSKERS HOME MORE

- Last season, Nebraska played just 14 regular-season games at home at Pinnacle Bank Arena, including just five non-conference contests. In 2019-20, the Huskers will play 17 regular-season home games in Lincoln, including eight non-conference games.

- As a team, the Huskers will shoot to "Bring IT" from start-to-finish, beginning with their 97-33 exhibition win over Rogers State at Pinnacle Bank Arena (Nov. 2). Rogers State provided Coach Williams with her first head coaching job, and the Oklahoma school currently features former Husker Jasmine Cincore as an assistant coach.

- The Big Red opened regular-season play against a former Husker when Coach Margaret Richards and Alabama A&M came to Lincoln. Richards, who played for coaches Paul Sanderford and Connie Yori at Nebraska as a four-year letterwinner (2001-04). The Huskers battled to a 68-46 win over the Bulldogs in front of 5,250 fans on Wednesday (Nov. 6) at noon inside Pinnacle Bank Arena - the third-largest season-opening crowd in school history.

- The game with Alabama A&M was preceded by the Nebraska Life Skills Sportsmanship Pep Rally on the court at Pinnacle Bank Arena, which began at 9:30 a.m. and featured nearly 2,000 students and sponsors from 27 school districts across Nebraska.

- The Huskers make their first road trip by traveling to 2019 NCAA Tournament qualifier Missouri (Nov. 10). They return home for a four-game stand featuring Morgan State (Nov. 14), SIUE (Nov. 17), Southern (Nov. 20) and Creighton (Nov. 24). The game with SIUE will be part of Alumni Weekend, when the Huskers will honor members of the 2010 Big 12 Champion and NCAA Sweet 16 team on the 10th anniversary of their undefeated regular season in 2009-10.

- The Huskers will spend Thanksgiving in Las Vegas at the South Point Shootout, where they will face USC (Nov. 29) and Sacred Heart (Nov. 30), before returning to Pinnacle Bank Arena to take on perennial power Duke in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge (Dec. 4).

- Nebraska closes non-conference play at home against Oral Roberts (Dec. 14) and Manhattan (Dec. 22), before opening Big Ten play at home against defending Big Ten Tournament champion and NCAA Elite Eight qualifier Iowa (Dec. 28).

- The game with Iowa tips off an 18-game conference schedule that includes home battles with Minnesota (Jan. 4), Wisconsin (Jan. 9), Michigan (Jan. 19), Purdue (Jan. 22), Ohio State (Feb. 2), Indiana (Feb. 9), Penn State (Feb. 13) and Illinois (Feb. 22).

- The Huskers open their nine-game Big Ten road schedule at Michigan State (Dec. 31), followed by road trips to Rutgers (Jan. 12), Maryland (Jan. 16), Wisconsin (Jan. 25), Minnesota (Jan. 30), Iowa (Feb. 6), Northwestern (Feb. 16), Ohio State (Feb. 19) and Indiana (Feb. 27).

- The Big Ten Tournament returns to Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis (March 4-8), before the NCAA Tournament Selection Show reveals the 64-team field on March 16.

- NCAA first and second rounds will be held March 20-23, before Regionals are held in Dallas, Texas, Fort Wayne, Ind., Greenville, S.C., and Portland, Ore., March 27-30. The NCAA Women's Final Four will take place at the Smoothie King Center in New Orleans, April 3-5.

## NEBRASKA'S HISTORY OF HOME SUCCESS

- The Huskers went 15-4 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in 2015-16 after going 12-3 (13-3 at home) in 2014-15. The Huskers are 69-30 (.697) all-time at Pinnacle Bank Arena since the building opened for the 2013-14 campaign. The Big Red went 16-2 at home in 2013-14, suffering their only Big Ten loss



to Purdue, 77-75, on Jan. 19, 2014. NU's 16 home wins in 2013-14 tied the school record for single-season home victories.

- The Huskers played the first regular-season game arena history against USA Today No. 25 UCLA (Nov. 8, 2013) and rolled to a 77-49 win over the Bruins. NU's first win over an AP Top 25 team came with a 76-56 win over No. 24 Michigan State on Feb. 8, 2014. The Huskers added their first-ever win over an AP Top 10 team at the arena with a 94-74 victory over No. 8 Penn State on Feb. 24, 2014.

- NU won its first-ever Big Ten home game at Pinnacle Bank Arena with a 66-65 thriller over Northwestern Jan. 2, 2014, before an 88-85 win over Minnesota on Jan. 16, 2014, marked the first overtime game.

- NU suffered its first loss at the arena to Washington State (76-72) on Nov. 30, 2013.

- Nebraska had its streak of 12 consecutive season-opening wins snapped with an 83-77 loss to Missouri Valley Conference champion Drake on Nov. 7, 2018. The Huskers are 43-3 all-time in home season openers, following a 68-46 win over Alabama A&M on Nov. 6, 2019.

- The Huskers are 458-160 (.741) all-time at home. The Huskers have gone 194-64 (.752) over the last 17 seasons (including 2019-20), posting double-figure home victory totals 14 times.

- Nebraska played in the Devaney Center from 1976-77 through 2012-13, and added one appearance at Devaney against Utah on Nov. 23, 2014. The Huskers own a 389-130 record at the Devaney Center, including 146-88 (.624) mark in conference play.

## NEBRASKA RANKS NEAR TOP IN ATTENDANCE

- Nebraska ranked No. 22 nationally with an average home attendance of 4,101 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in 2018-19. It marked the 10th consecutive year that the Huskers have ranked in the top 25 nationally in average home attendance.

- Nebraska has ranked among the top 25 nationally in average home attendance in each of its first six seasons inside Pinnacle Bank Arena.

- The Huskers opened the 2019-20 season with 5,250 fans at Pinnacle Bank Arena for a Wednesday, noon tip against Alabama A&M on Nov. 6. Nebraska hosted a Life Skills Sportsmanship Pep Rally prior to the game, which included nearly 2,000 students and sponsors from 27 school districts around the Cornhusker State. It was the third-largest opening day crowd in Husker history.

- In 99 all-time home games at Pinnacle Bank Arena, the Huskers own a 69-30 record (.697 winning percentage) while averaging 5,173 fans per game (512,112 total fans/99 games).

- Nebraska attracted a Pinnacle Bank Arena non-conference record crowd of 9,750 to open its stay in the arena with a win over UCLA on Nov. 8, 2013.

- Nebraska set its all-time single-game record with a sellout crowd of 13,595 fans against Missouri at the Devaney Center on Feb. 27, 2010. NU drew 10 straight crowds of more than 10,000 fans at the Devaney Center in 2009-10.

- Nebraska produced its top attendance season in school history by ranking No. 7 nationally with a record 7,390 fans per game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in 2009-10. The Huskers went 16-0 at the Devaney Center on their way to a perfect 29-0 record, a Big 12 title and a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

## NEBRASKA SETS PACE IN ALL-SPORT ATTENDANCE

- Nebraska Athletics has long been one of the biggest in-person attractions in all of college sports. Among its seven major team sports (football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, women's soccer, baseball and softball) the Huskers ranked No. 3 in the nation in 2018-19 with nearly 1.235 million fans attending Nebraska events.

- In NCAA Division I women's attendance, combining the sports of women's basketball, volleyball, softball and soccer, Nebraska ranked No. 2 nationally last year with a combined 251,429 fans at its home events across those four sports. Only South Carolina attracted more fans (259,439) at home.

- In fall and winter sports combined (football, volleyball, soccer, men's and women's basketball) Nebraska also ranked No. 2 in the nation with 1.139 million fans, trailing only Tennessee's 1.159 million.

- Nebraska baseball ranked No. 9 in the nation in average home attendance (4,426), while football (89,034) and men's basketball (15,341) both ranked No. 10 nationally. The Nebraska wrestling team also ranked No. 11 in the country (2,231). The Husker volleyball program led the nation in average home attendance (8,205), while soccer ranked No. 21 (1,029) and women's basketball (4,101) ranked No. 22.

## OPTIONS HELP HUSKER FANS JOIN THE FUN

- Approximately 3,000 season ticket holders take advantage of huge savings offered by purchasing Nebraska women's basketball season tickets. Reserved adult season tickets for Nebraska's 18 home games (17 regular season plus 1 exhibition) are just \$180 (\$10 per game) at Pinnacle Bank Arena. That is a savings of \$90 (33 percent) off the face value of the tickets for the season.

- Husker fans with full schedules can still take advantage of the "Starting Five Pack" which allows fans to save over single-game pricing while getting reserved seats for any five games.

- This season, Husker women's basketball has added an exciting option for families with the "You Betcha Bundle", named after the thrilling three-point call of long-time Nebraska radio voice Matt Coatney. The "You Betcha Bundle" offers 10 vouchers to exchange for General Admission tickets to any regular-season women's basketball game for just \$30. Take the whole family, share with friends or use all 10 tickets to individual games.

# BIG

## 2020 BIG TEN PRESEASON TOP FIVE

Coaches	Media
1. Maryland	Maryland
2. Michigan State	Michigan
3. Indiana	Michigan State
4. Michigan	Indiana
5. Purdue	Minnesota

## BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kaila Charles, Sr., G, Maryland (Coaches & Media)

## PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN

Ali Patberg, Jr., G, Indiana  
 Kathleen Doyle, Sr., G, Iowa  
 Kaila Charles, Sr., G, Maryland  
 Taylor Mikesell, So., G, Maryland  
 Naz Hillmon, So., F, Michigan  
 Shay Colley, Sr., G, Michigan State  
 Destiny Pitts, Jr., G/F, Minnesota  
 Lindsey Pulliam, Jr., G, Northwestern  
 Dorka Juhasz, So., F, Ohio State (Coaches Only)  
 Ae'rianna Harris, Sr., F, Purdue  
 Karissa McLaughlin, Jr., G, Purdue

## 2018-19 BIG TEN FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Overall (Big Ten)
1. Maryland	29-5 (15-3)
2. Iowa	29-7 (14-4)
3. Rutgers	22-10 (13-5)
4. Michigan	22-12 (11-7)
5. Ohio State	14-15 (10-8)
6. Nebraska	14-16 (9-9)
Minnesota	21-11 (9-9)
Northwestern	21-15 (9-9)
Michigan State	21-12 (9-9)
10. Indiana	21-13 (8-10)
Purdue	19-15 (8-10)
12. Penn State	12-18 (5-13)
13. Wisconsin	15-18 (4-14)
14. Illinois	10-20 (2-16)

## THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

Saturday, November 9

Coppin State at Rutgers, 1 p.m. [BTN+]  
 Holy Cross at Illinois, 2 p.m. [BTN+]

Sunday, November 10

Nicholls State at #24 Indiana, 11 a.m. [BTN+]  
 Bradley at #25 Michigan, 1 p.m. [BTN+]  
 Ohio State vs. Valparaiso, 1 p.m.  
 Rider at Penn State, 1 p.m. [BTN+]  
 Milwaukee at Purdue, 1 p.m. [BTN+]  
 #8 South Carolina at #4 Maryland, 2 p.m. [ESPN]  
 Vermont at #23 Minnesota, 2 p.m. [BTN+]  
 Nebraska at Missouri, 2 p.m. [SECN+]  
 Wofford at Wisconsin, 2 p.m. [BTN+]  
 Loyola (Md.) at Northwestern, 3:30 p.m. [BTN+]

Wednesday, November 13

Niagara at Rutgers, 5 p.m. [BTN+]  
 Ohio State at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.  
 Maryland at James Madison, 6 p.m.  
 Fordham at Penn State, 6 p.m. [BTN+]  
 Austin Peay at Illinois, 7 p.m. [BTN+]

Thursday, November 14

Milwaukee at Minnesota, Noon [BTN+]  
 North Alabama at Iowa, 6:30 p.m. [BTN+]  
 Purdue at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.  
 Wisconsin at Colorado, 8 p.m.  
 Northwestern at Marquette, 7 p.m.  
 Morgan State at Nebraska, 7 p.m. [BTN+]  
 Michigan State at Notre Dame, 8 p.m. [ACCN]

**NU CAREER 20-POINT GAMES**

<b>Hannah Whitish (5)</b>	
at Drake (12/9/17)	29
at Kansas (12/6/17)	29
at Purdue (1/31/19)	28
Michigan State (2/26/17)	24
at Illinois (1/10/18)	20
<b>Leigha Brown (2)</b>	
vs. Purdue (2/10/19)	30
at Iowa (1/3/19)	20
<b>Taylor Kissinger (2)</b>	
Arkansas (11/16/17)	25
USC Upstate (11/11/18)	22
<b>Kate Cain (1)</b>	
Florida Atlantic (12/19/17) - triple-double	22
<b>Sam Haiby (1)</b>	
at Washington State (11/16/18)	20

**NU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE GAMES**

Player (Years)	Games
1. Hannah Whitish (2017-present)	49
2. Nicea Eliely (2017-present)	29
3. Kate Cain (2018-present)	25
4. Taylor Kissinger (2018-present)	24
5. Sam Haiby (2019-present)	15
6. Leigha Brown (2019-present)	12
7. Ashtyn Veerbeek (2019-present)	8
8. Grace Mitchell (2017-present)	1

**HUSKER DOUBLE-DOUBLES**

Player (Years)	Double-Doubles
1. Kate Cain (2018-present)	7 (1 triple-double)
2. Taylor Kissinger (2018-present)	2
3. Hannah Whitish (2017-present)	1
Ashtyn Veerbeek (2019-present)	1

**NEBRASKA SEASON BLOCKS**

Player (Years)	Blocks
1. Kate Cain (2017-18)	100
2. Kate Cain (2018-19)	79
3. Danielle Page (2007-08)	78
4. Catheryn Redmon (2010-11)	77

**HUSKER FRESHMAN BLOCKS**

Player (Years)	Blocks
1. Kate Cain (2017-18, 32 games)	100
2. Janet Smith (1978-79, 34 games)	54

**HUSKER SOPHOMORE BLOCKS**

Player (Years)	Blocks
1. Kate Cain (2018-19, 30 games)	79
2. Janet Smith (1979-80, 40 games)	69
3. Catheryn Redmon (2008-09, 31 games)	67

**NEBRASKA CAREER BLOCKS**

Player (Years)	Blocks
1. Janet Smith (1979-82)	238
2. Catheryn Redmon (2008-11)	216
3. Danielle Page (2005-08)	207
4. Kate Cain (2018-present)	187

**HUSKER SINGLE-GAME BLOCKS**

Player, Game	Blocks
1. Kate Cain vs. FAU, Dec. 19, 2017	11
2. Danielle Page vs. Baylor, Feb. 3, 2007	9
3. Kate Cain vs. Alabama A&M, Nov. 6, 2019	8
4. Kate Cain vs. Michigan St., Feb. 17, 2019	7
Kate Cain vs. Michigan, March 2, 2018	7
4. Three other players, Five times	7

**7 OR MORE BLOCKS IN A GAME**

Player (Years Lettered)	Games
1. Kate Cain (2018-present)	4
2. Danielle Page (2005-08)	3
3. Catherine Redmon (2008-11)	2
4. Katie Morse (2001-04)	1

**HUSKER SPORTS NETWORK COVERS WORLD**

The Husker Sports Network enters its 26th season producing and marketing the live broadcasts of Nebraska women's basketball in 2019-20. Women's basketball play-by-play announcer Matt Coatney and color commentator Jeff Griesch will team up for their 19th season together as the Husker broadcast team.

The Husker Sports Network and Nebraska women's basketball have teamed up for nearly two decades to take every game, home and away, around the world for free on Huskers.com.

In addition to carrying every women's basketball game free on Huskers.com, the Husker Sports Network flagship stations B107.3 FM-KBBK (Lincoln) and ESPN 590 AM-KXSP (Omaha) provide strong signals for Husker women's basketball. When a network conflict occurs in Omaha, the Huskers also could be heard on CD105.9 FM-KKCD. 880-AM-KRVN (Lexington) also provides a huge AM signal statewide in central Nebraska, while more than 20 stations carry the Husker Sports Network's women's basketball coverage across the state and the Midwest.

Inside Pinnacle Bank Arena, fans can access the direct radio call of the game at 87.7 FM.

**NEBRASKA OVERTIME FACTS**

- Nebraska is 22-23 all-time in overtime games, including 12-11 at home, 7-9 in true road games and 3-3 on neutral courts in overtime.

- The Huskers were 0-1 in overtime in 2018-19, with an 87-84 double-overtime loss at Washington State (Nov. 16). It marked the second straight season that Nebraska played a multi-overtime game (also at Drake, Dec. 9, 2017).

- The Huskers went 1-1 in overtime in 2017-18, including a 69-64 overtime loss to No. 23 Michigan at Pinnacle Bank Arena (Jan. 13). The Huskers won their first overtime game of 2017-18 with an 89-85 double-overtime win at Drake (Dec. 9).

- Nebraska was 1-1 in overtime in 2016-17, including a 76-74 win over Michigan State at Pinnacle Bank Arena to close the regular season (Feb. 26, 2017). The Huskers lost 79-69 in OT to Minnesota at the arena (Feb. 4, 2017).

- The Huskers are 2-3 in overtime games under Coach Amy Williams.

- Nebraska is 2-2 in overtime games at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

- Nebraska is 5-2 in multi-overtime games with its most recent loss coming in the 87-84 2OT setback at Washington State (Nov. 16) in Pullman. NU's only other loss in a multi-overtime game came to Purdue in the 2012 Big Ten Championship Game, 74-70 in double-overtime.

- The Huskers defeated Minnesota 88-85 in overtime on Jan. 16, 2014. It marked the first overtime game in the history of Pinnacle Bank Arena. Nebraska's first overtime game in the history of the Bob Devaney Sports Center also came against Minnesota - a 68-67 win for the Huskers on Dec. 30, 1977.

- The Huskers have played 13 all-time overtime games against Big Ten opponents and own a 5-8 record. NU is 4-5 against Big Ten opponents in OT since joining the conference in 2011-12.

- Nebraska's most frequent overtime opponents are Purdue, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri. The Huskers and Purdue have played three overtime games in 10 all-time meetings. NU's six total overtimes against Purdue are the most against any team in school history.

- The Huskers also have played three overtime games against Minnesota, including two of the three overtime games in Pinnacle Bank Arena history.

- In 14 all-time games with Wisconsin the Huskers have played three overtime contests.

- Nebraska has never played back-to-back overtime games at home. The Huskers have played back-to-back overtime games only once in school history, an 83-81 loss to Texas A&M in College Station on Dec. 30, 1985, before returning to Lincoln for an 80-75 win over Eastern Kentucky at the Devaney Center on Jan. 2, 1986.

**NEBRASKA POSTS 15TH STRAIGHT PERFECT GSR**

In the eyes of the NCAA's Division I Graduation Success Rate (GSR), the Husker women's basketball program has been perfect for 15 consecutive years. Nebraska is the only program among the 14 Big Ten Conference schools to accomplish the perfect score for 15 straight seasons.

The NCAA announced the release of its annual Graduation Success Rate report on Oct. 16, 2019, and Nebraska was a national leader in women's basketball for the 15th straight season, dating back to the initial public tracking of the GSR since 2004-05.

The Nebraska women's basketball program joins the Husker women's tennis and volleyball programs as Husker teams that have produced perfect 100 percent rates each of the last 15 years.

Nebraska was one of just 28 teams in the 64-team field of the 2018 NCAA Tournament to also boast a 100 percent Graduation Success Rate.

Overall, the Nebraska Athletic Department produced a record-high GSR for the seventh consecutive year, reaching 93 percent. A total of 10 Husker programs recorded perfect 100 percent GSR scores, including women's basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, swimming and diving, rifle, men's and women's gymnastics and men's and women's tennis.



**2019-20 Nebraska Women's Basketball  
Combined Team Statistics  
All games**

**Game Records**

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0

**Score by Periods**

Team	1st	2nd	OT	TOT
Nebraska	35	33	0	68
Opponents	14	32	0	46

**Team Box Score**

No.	Player			Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds												
		GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
03	WHITISH, Hannah	1-1	24	24.0	4-8	.500	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	1	0	3	1	0	1	12	12.0
31	CAIN, Kate	1-1	21	21.0	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	5	7	7.0	1	0	0	0	8	0	10	10.0
32	BROWN, Leigha	1-0	18	18.0	3-8	.375	0-3	.000	4-7	.571	1	6	7	7.0	2	0	1	2	0	0	10	10.0
13	VEERBEEK, Ashtyn	1-1	16	16.0	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	5-7	.714	0	6	6	6.0	2	0	1	2	0	0	10	10.0
04	HAIBY, Sam	1-1	24	24.0	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	3	0	1	0	8	8.0
11	HUDSON, Kristian	1-0	10	10.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	4.0
05	ELIELY, Nicea	1-1	22	22.0	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.0	0	0	3	3	1	1	4	4.0
33	KISSINGER, Taylor	1-0	20	20.0	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	4	4	8	8.0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	4.0
44	MERSHON, Kayla	1-0	15	15.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	5.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	4.0
34	BOURNE, Isabelle	1-0	15	15.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	2.0
14	MITCHELL, Grace	1-0	14	14.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
01	HELMS, Makenzie	1-0	3	3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											1	2	3				1					
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>23-54</b>	<b>.426</b>	<b>5-16</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>17-24</b>	<b>.708</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>1</b>			<b>20-79</b>	<b>.253</b>	<b>2-16</b>	<b>.125</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46.0</b>

**Team Statistics**

	Nebr	OPP
<b>Scoring</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>46</b>
Points per game	68	46.0
Scoring margin	+22.0	-
<b>Field goals-att</b>	<b>23-54</b>	<b>20-79</b>
Field goal pct	.426	.253
<b>3 point fg-att</b>	<b>5-16</b>	<b>2-16</b>
3-point FG pct	.313	.125
3-pt FG made per game	5.0	2.0
<b>Free throws-att</b>	<b>17-24</b>	<b>4-8</b>
Free throw pct	.708	.500
F-Throws made per game	17.0	4.0
<b>Rebounds</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>
Rebounds per game	50.0	45.0
Rebounding margin	+5.0	-
<b>Assists</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>
Assists per game	14.0	6.0
<b>Turnovers</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>
Turnovers per game	14.0	10.0
Turnover margin	-4.0	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.0	0.6
<b>Steals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
Steals per game	2.0	6.0
<b>Blocks</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>
Blocks per game	12.0	3.0
<b>Winning streak</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>
Home win streak	1	-
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>5250</b>	<b>0</b>
Home games-Avg/Game	1-5250	0-0
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	0-0

**Team Results**

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
11/06/19	Alabama A&M	W 68-46	5250

# 2019-20 OVERALL SEASON STATISTICS

**OVERALL RECORD: 1-0**

**HOME: 1-0**

**AWAY: 0-0**

**NEUTRAL: 0-0**

Player	G-GS	Min-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Rebounds					TP/Avg.	
										Tot/Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	BK		ST
3-Hannah Whitish	1-1	24-24.0	4-8	.500	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-3	3/3.0	1-0	3	1	0	1	12/12.0
31-Kate Cain	1-1	21-21.0	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-5	7/7.0	1-0	0	0	8	0	10/10.0
32-Leigha Brown	1-0	18-18.0	3-8	.375	0-3	.000	4-7	.571	1-6	7/7.0	2-0	1	2	0	0	10/10.0
13-Ashtyn Veerbeek	1-1	16-16.0	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	5-7	.714	0-6	6/6.0	2-0	1	2	0	0	10/10.0
4-Sam Haiby	1-1	24-24.0	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0-0	0/0.0	1-0	3	0	1	0	8/8.0
11-Kristian Hudson	1-0	10-10.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-3	3/3.0	0-0	1	1	0	0	4/4.0
5-Nicea Eliely	1-1	22-22.0	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	3/3.0	0-0	3	3	1	1	4/4.0
33-Taylor Kissinger	1-0	20-20.0	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	4-4	8/8.0	1-0	1	1	0	0	4/4.0
44-Kayla Mershon	1-0	15-15.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-3	5/5.0	0-0	0	1	1	0	4/4.0
34-Isabelle Bourne	1-0	15-15.0	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-3	4/4.0	1-0	0	2	1	0	2/2.0
14-Grace Mitchell	1-0	14-14.0	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-0	1/1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0/0.0
1-Makenzie Helms	1-0	3-3.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0/0.0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0/0.0
<b>Team</b>									<b>1-2</b>	<b>3/3.0</b>			<b>1</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23-54</b>	<b>.426</b>	<b>5-16</b>	<b>.313</b>	<b>17-24</b>	<b>.708</b>	<b>13-37</b>	<b>50/50.0</b>	<b>9-0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>68/68.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20-79</b>	<b>.253</b>	<b>2-16</b>	<b>.125</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>.500</b>	<b>25-20</b>	<b>45/45.0</b>	<b>17-0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>46/46.0</b>

Score by Periods	1	2	3	4	OT	OT	Total	Deadball Rebounds
Nebraska	20	15	14	19	0	0	68	5
Opponents	9	5	17	15	0	0	46	1



The 2019-20 Nebraska Women's Basketball Team: Back row (from left) - Director of Operations Amanda Hart, Strength and Conditioning Coach Stuart Hart, Nicea Eliely, Grace Mitchell, Ashtyn Veerbeek, Kate Cain, Kayla Mershon, Isabelle Bourne, Trinity Brady, Assistant Coach Tom Goehle, Assistant Coach Chuck Love, Graduate Manager Kristina Bayton. Front row (from left) - Assistant Coach Tandem Mays, Head Coach Amy Williams, Taylor Kissinger, Sam Haiby, Hannah Whitish, Kristian Hudson, Makenzie Helms, Leigha Brown, Director of Recruiting Operations Katie Adams, Athletic Trainer Ashley Rudolph.

# 2019-20 GAME RESULTS

**OVERALL RECORD: 1-0    BIG TEN: 0-0    HOME: 1-0    AWAY: 0-0    NEUTRAL: 0-0**

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Home	Away	Neutral	Total	Big Ten	Att.	High Points	High Rebounds	High Assists
11/6	Alabama A&M		68-46	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	5,250	(12) Whitish	(8) Kissinger	(3) Whitish (3) Haiby (3) Eliely

AP Ranking at game time listed before team

+ South Point Shootout (Las Vegas, Nev.)

% ACC/Big Ten Challenge game

\* Big Ten Conference game

# Big Ten Tournament game (Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.)

**Home Attendance (Avg.)** -- 5,250 (5,250)

**Road Attendance (Avg.)** -- 0,000 (0,000)

**Neutral Attendance (Avg.)** -- 0,000 (0,000)

**Total Attendance (Avg.)** -- 5,250 (5,250)

# 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME LINESCORES

Game	FG	FGA	PCT	3FGM	3FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	PF	A	TO	BS	ST	TP
Nebraska	23	54	.426	5	16	.313	17	24	.708	13	37	50	9	14	14	12	2	68
Alabama A&M	20	79	.253	2	16	.125	4	8	.500	25	20	45	17	6	10	3	6	46



# 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME BOX SCORES

**GAME #1**  
**NEBRASKA 68**  
**ALABAMA A&M 46**  
**LINCOLN, NEB., NOV. 6, 2019**

Ala. A&M	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	A	ST	TP
Lewis*	30	4-15	0-1	9	2	0	1	8
Thomas*	16	0-8	0-0	1	1	1	0	0
Cobb*	15	0-5	0-0	1	2	1	0	0
Jones*	35	8-21	0-0	6	1	1	2	16
Harper*	33	5-14	3-3	5	2	1	3	15
Dark	30	1-5	0-0	3	3	1	0	2
Evans	8	1-4	0-2	3	2	0	0	2
Stanley	13	0-3	1-2	3	2	0	0	1
Collins	8	0-2	0-0	0	2	0	0	0
Saunders	14	1-2	0-0	5	0	1	0	2
Team Rebounds				9				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20-79</b>	<b>4-8</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>46</b>

Nebraska	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	A	ST	TP
Veerbeek*	16	2-4	5-7	6	2	1	0	10
Cain*	21	4-6	2-2	7	1	0	0	10
Whitish*	24	4-8	0-0	3	1	3	1	12
Haiby*	24	3-7	2-2	0	1	3	0	8
Eliely*	21	2-7	0-0	3	0	3	1	4
Mitchell	13	0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Brown	18	3-8	4-7	7	2	1	0	10
Bourne	15	1-2	0-0	4	1	0	0	2
Kissinger	20	1-5	2-4	8	1	1	0	4
Mershon	15	1-2	2-2	5	0	0	0	4
Hudson	10	2-3	0-0	3	0	1	0	4
Helms	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Team Rebounds				3				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>23-54</b>	<b>17-24</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>68</b>

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Alabama A&M	9	5	17	15	46
Nebraska	20	15	14	19	68

**3FG:** Alabama A&M 2-16 (Harper 2-9, Collins 0-2, Jones 0-5); Nebraska 5-16 (Whitish 4-6, Veerbeek 1-2, Haiby 0-1, Eliely 0-1, Mitchell 0-1, Kissinger 0-2, Brown 0-3). **3FG%:** Alabama A&M 12.5; Nebraska 31.3. **FG%:** Alabama A&M 25.3; Nebraska 42.6. **FT%:** Alabama A&M 50.0; Nebraska 70.8. **Steals:** Alabama A&M 6 (Harper 3); Nebraska 2 (Eliely, Whitish 1). **Blocked Shots:** Alabama A&M 3 (Lewis, Cobb, Evans 1); Nebraska 12 (Cain 8). **Turnovers:** Alabama A&M 10; Nebraska 14. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Officials:** Inouye, Forsberg, Burns. **Attendance:** 5,250.

**Game Highlights:** Hannah Whitish scored a team-high 12 points on 4-of-6 three-point shooting to help Nebraska to a 68-46 season-opening win over Alabama A&M at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The Huskers jumped out to an 11-2 lead behind a three from Ashtyn Veerbeek in her first career start and a pair of threes from Whitish. Nebraska extended the lead to 20-9 at the end of the quarter then pushed the margin to 35-14 at the half behind excellent defense. The Big Red opened the second half on an 11-0 run to push the lead to 46-14 with 6:22 left in the third before the Bulldogs rallied. Lincoln Northeast grad Nigeria Jones scored 14 of her game-high 16 points in the second half for former Husker player and current Alabama A&M Head Coach Margaret Richards. Omaha North grad Dariauna Lewis added eight points and a game-high nine rebounds for A&M, but Husker Kate Cain finished with 10 points, seven rebounds and eight blocks to help Nebraska reject any Bulldog upset hopes. Veerbeek and fellow sophomore Leigha Brown each scored 10 points for the Big Red.





# MAKENZIE HELMS

1

5-8 Freshman Guard East Haven, Connecticut (East Haven)

She was the first commitment to Nebraska's 2018-19 class, making her intentions known in January of 2018. Her commitment followed a junior season in 2017-18 in which Helms averaged 17.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, 7.2 assists and 4.0 steals per game. East Haven finished No. 3 in the state of Connecticut with a 25-3 record in 2017-18. Helms earned first-team all-state honors and was a USA Today first-team All-Connecticut selection.

As a sophomore, Helms averaged 16.7 points, 5.0 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 4.0 steals at the Loomis Chaffee School. She earned All-New England accolades as both a freshman and sophomore.

She played her summer basketball for New Heights NYC for Coach Rock Rosa, averaging 20 points, six rebounds, eight assists and five steals per contest. ESPN ranked her as the No. 27 point guard in the class of 2019.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Gatorade Connecticut High School Player of the Year (2019)
- USA Today First-Team All-Connecticut (2018, 2019)
- No. 27 Point Guard in the Nation (ESPN, 2019)
- Southern Connecticut Conference Player of the Year (2019)

## FRESHMAN (2019-20)

Makenzie Helms made her collegiate debut and recorded an assist in Nebraska's season-opening win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

Helms was the 2019 Connecticut High School Player of the Year after averaging 26.5 points, 7.4 rebounds, 6.6 assists and 4.3 steals at East Haven High School.

She was limited during the summer while recovering from offseason surgery and did not compete in Nebraska's summer tour in Europe. However, she has progressed well since the start of the fall semester and could become a contributor for the Huskers as a freshman.

Nebraska Coach Amy Williams said the creative and competitive instincts of Helms will make her an asset for the Huskers in the future.

"We are excited to add Makenzie to the Husker women's basketball family," Williams said. "She has incredible court vision and creates offense for her teammates with tempo and passing ability. Combining that with her confident scoring mentality and her ability to score at all three levels, Makenzie is a great fit for the versatility we like in our system. She is an intense competitor, and we are eager to have her fighting for the Huskers."

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

Helms captured Gatorade Connecticut High School Player-of-the-Year honors by averaging 26.5 points, 7.4 rebounds, 6.6 assists and 4.3 steals while leading the East Haven Yellowjackets to the Southern Connecticut Conference title.

Helms, who was the conference player of the year, led East Haven to a 20-5 overall record and a spot in the Connecticut Class L state quarterfinals.

## HELMS' CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	0	None
Rebounds	0	None
Assists	1	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
Steals	0	None
Blocks	0	None
FGA	0	None
FGM	0	None
FTA	0	None
FTM	0	None
3-PT FGA	0	None
3-PT FGM	0	None

Wake Forest, Wisconsin, Iowa State, Kentucky, Yale, Penn, Rutgers and Georgia Tech.

"I chose Nebraska because of the amazing family atmosphere I felt. It was as if I was already a part of the team from the first time I stepped onto campus. Fans and family members approached me at the game last January as if they had known me forever. I had the best experience possible on my unofficial visit and knew this place was meant for me. It is true what they say, "There is no place like Nebraska!"

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Lance and Jocelyn Helms, Makenzie has two older sisters, Cynthia and Cassie, and a younger brother, Logan.

Helms is majoring in political science at Nebraska. She chose Nebraska over Syracuse,

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	[--Total--]		[--3-Pts.--]		FT-FTA	Pct.	[--Rebounds--]			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off							
Alabama A&M	1-0	11/6	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	1-0		3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0.0

## MAKENZIE HELMS career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2019-20	1-0	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0-0.0
Career	1-0	3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0-0.0



# TRINITY BRADY

# 2

5-11 Freshman Guard Indianapolis, Indiana (Heritage Christian (Tenn.) Academy)

Brady competed for Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis her first three seasons.

As a junior, Brady averaged 21.0 points, 8.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists to earn a spot on the IBCA Subway Supreme 15 Underclass All-State Team. She was also a member of the Indiana Junior All-Star Team and the Central Indiana Super Team.

She led Lawrence North to a 20-4 record and produced several huge individual efforts as a junior in 2017-18, including a 38-point performance against Tindley, 30 points in a win over Pike and 28 points against nationally ranked North Central.

As a sophomore, Brady averaged 15 points and 7.5 rebounds per game for Lawrence North, after averaging 7.2 points and 6.0 rebounds as a freshman.

She played her club basketball with the George Hill Lady Stars for coaches Mike Saunders and DeJuan Howard.

## PERSONAL

Trinity is the daughter of Vincent and Jamie Brady, and she has a younger brother, Vincent II.

## BRADY'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	0	None
Rebounds	0	None
Assists	0	None
Steals	0	None
Blocks	0	None
FGA	0	None
FGM	0	None
FTA	0	None
FTM	0	None
3-PT FGA	0	None
3-PT FGM	0	None

Brady is majoring in criminology and criminal justice at Nebraska.

She had approximately 20 scholarship offers before ultimately choosing Nebraska over Marquette, Dayton and Illinois.

"I fell in love with the atmosphere when I visited. I really liked the warmth of the relationships the coaches had with each other and the players, and I felt like I would fit in great with the team and the community."

## HONORS & AWARDS

- IBCA Subway Supreme 15 Underclass All-State (Lawrence North, 2018)
- Indiana Junior All-Star Team (Lawrence North, 2018)
- Central Indiana Super Team (Lawrence North, 2018)
- No. 106 Player in the Nation (Prospects Nation, 2019)

## FRESHMAN (2019-20)

Trinity Brady brings strength and versatility to Nebraska's backcourt as a freshman in 2019-20. One of the top high school players in Indiana in 2017-18, the 5-11 Brady completed her prep career at Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Tennessee.

Brady did not play in Nebraska's season opener after entering the concussion protocol. Brady scored eight points and had eight rebounds in an exhibition win over Rogers State (Nov. 2). An opponent fell on Brady inside the paint late in the game, contacting her head and shoulder area.

Nebraska Coach Amy Williams said Brady's skill, work ethic and high basketball IQ could make her a strong contributor to the future of the Husker program.

"Our coaching staff has been very impressed with Trinity's coachability and how quickly she picks things up," Williams said. "She is already one of our better help-defenders, and she is determined and focused. She brings a fun, upbeat personality to our team, and we need that energy."

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

The final piece of Nebraska's three-player recruiting class, Brady came to Nebraska after completing her senior season at Hamilton Heights Christian Academy in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was ranked as the No. 106 player overall in the 2019 class by Prospects Nation.

The Lady Hawks finished the season No. 18 in the final USA Today Super 25 rankings with a 22-3 overall record. Hamilton Heights Christian Academy fell to Riverdale Baptist in the NACA Championships.

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		FT-FTA	Pct.	--Rebounds--			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off							
Alabama A&M	0-0	11/6	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	0-0		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0

## TRINITY BRADY career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2019-20	0-0	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
Career	0-0	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0



# HANNAH WHITISH

# 3

5-9 Senior Guard Barneveld, Wisconsin (Barneveld)

She also had 13 points at No. 24 Miami (Nov. 23) and at Michigan (Feb. 7).

She scored 12 points in four straight games (at Illinois, Jan. 17; No. 23 Minnesota, Jan. 20; Northwestern, Jan. 24; at Wisconsin, Jan. 27).

### SOPHOMORE (2017-18)

Whitish earned second-team All-Big Ten honors and was named Nebraska's offensive MVP after leading the Huskers in scoring (12.6 ppg), assists (4.7 apg), steals (1.3 spg) and three-point shooting (2.3 pg) in 2017-18. She was the only Husker to start all 32 games on the year.

Whitish was a major catalyst in Nebraska's huge team turnaround from a 7-22 season in 2016-17 to a 21-11 campaign in 2017-18. Nebraska's 14-game improvement tied for the largest increase in victories in NCAA Division I women's basketball in 2017-18.

Her 73 made threes marked the third-best total by a sophomore in school history.

Whitish dished out 150 assists, which tied for the fifth-best total by a sophomore in NU history. She ranked among Big Ten leaders with 4.7 assists per game, and she carried nearly a 2-to-1 assist to turnover ratio (150-77).

Whitish erupted for a career-high 29 points, including 25 in the second half, to lead Nebraska to a road win at Kansas (Dec. 6). She added 29 points, six rebounds and six assists in an 89-84 2OT win at Drake (Dec. 9) to earn Big Ten Player-of-the-Week honors (Dec. 11).

Whitish scored in double figures 18 times, including 20-point performances on the season.

### FRESHMAN (2016-17)

Whitish finished with averages of 9.0 points, 2.5 rebounds, a team-best 2.9 assists. She led the Huskers with 57 threes, which ranked as the second-best total by a freshman in Nebraska

### WHITISH'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	29	Drake (12/9/17)
	29	Kansas (12/6/17)
Rebounds	8	Penn State (2/22/18)
	8	Minnesota (2/4/17)
Assists	12	Purdue (1/31/19)
Steals	4	Maryland (2/25/18)
Blocks	2	Maryland (3/3/18)
FGA	19	Drake (12/9/17)
FGM	9	Michigan State (2/26/17)
FTA	14	Kansas (12/6/17)
FTM	11	Kansas (12/6/17)
3-PT FGA	11	Three Times, most recent
	11	Illinois (1/10/18)
3-PT FGM	6	Purdue (1/31/19)
		Illinois (1/10/18)

history. Whitish's 40.7 three-point percentage was a freshman school record.

Whitish started all 16 Big Ten regular-season games and the Big Ten Tournament. She played in all 29 games with 17 starts, scoring in double figures 13 times, including 10 double-digit efforts in 16 regular-season conference games.

### PERSONAL

The daughter of Bob and Sherry Whitish, Hannah was born March 20, 1998, in Little Rock, Ark. She has a younger sister Jordyn, 16. Hannah is majoring in management at Nebraska. She earned spots on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2017 and 2018.

Whitish chose Nebraska over Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas and Florida Gulf Coast.

### HONORS & AWARDS

- All-Big Ten (Second Team, 2018; HM, 2019)
- No. 3 at Nebraska, Career 3FGM (195)
- No. 9 at Nebraska, Career Assists (363)
- Big Ten Player of the Week (Dec. 11, 2017)
- Nebraska Offensive MVP (2018, 2019)
- Nebraska Most Improved Player (2017)
- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Feb. 20, 2017)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2017, 2018)
- Wisconsin Miss Basketball (2016)
- Wisconsin Gatorade Player of the Year (2016)
- First-Team All-Wisconsin (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

### SENIOR (2019-20)

A two-time All-Big Ten selection, Hannah Whitish (pronounced WHITE-ish) enters her senior season working to lead Nebraska back to the NCAA Tournament.

The 5-9 guard from Barneveld, Wis., needs 22 points to reach 1,000 in her career, while needing 34 assists to achieve 400 in that category. She is just one three-pointer away from becoming the third Husker in history with 200 career threes.

Whitish opened the season with 12 points on 4-of-6 three-point shooting in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

### JUNIOR (2018-19)

Whitish was honorable-mention All-Big Ten after leading the Huskers with 10.1 points and 4.3 assists per game. She added 2.9 rebounds and 1.0 steal. She knocked down a team-best 65 threes on the year to climb to third on Nebraska's career list with 195. She moved to No. 9 on NU's career assist chart with 363.

Whitish led the Huskers with 17 double-figure scoring efforts in 2018-19, pushing her career total to 48. She scored a season-high 28 points to go along with a career-high 12 assists for her first career double-double in a win at Purdue (Jan. 31). She tied her career best with six threes.

Whitish had 19 in a win at Northwestern (Feb. 21), which followed 16 points in a win over No. 24 Michigan State (Feb. 17) and against Indiana (Feb. 3). She had 15 at No. 5 Louisville (Nov. 29) and scored 14 at No. 19 Iowa (Jan. 3).

### 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		FT-FTA	Pct.	--Rebounds--			PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off								
Alabama A&M	1-1	11/6	24	4-8	.500	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	1-0	3	1	0	1	12	12.0
Totals	1-1		24	4-8	.500	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	1-0	3	1	0	1	12	12.0

### HANNAH WHITISH career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2016-17	29-17	728	88-215	.409	57-140	.407	27-37	.730	10-62	72-2.5	26-0	85	46	4	28	260-9.0
2017-18	32-32	993	133-333	.399	73-192	.380	64-82	.780	11-118	129-4.0	47-1	150	77	5	41	403-12.6
2018-19	30-29	886	101-274	.369	65-177	.367	36-50	.720	9-79	88-2.9	42-0	128	82	2	30	303-10.1
2019-20	1-1	24	4-8	.500	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	0-3	3-3.0	1-0	3	1	0	1	12-12.0
Career	92-79	2,631	326-830	.393	199-515	.386	127-169	.751	30-262	292-3.2	116-1	366	206	11	100	978-10.6



# SAM HAIBY

# 4

5-9 Sophomore Guard Moorhead, Minnesota (Moorhead)

also led NU with 13 points against Drake (Nov. 7). She added 13 points with a career-high three threes in a win at Purdue (Jan. 31).

Haiby scored 12 points four times, including No. 5 Louisville (Nov. 29), Michigan (Dec. 28), No. 12 Iowa (Feb. 25) and against Purdue (March 7). She added 11 points at Northwestern (Feb. 21) and No. 7 Maryland (Feb. 14).

Haiby had a strong game with seven points and career highs of six rebounds, eight assists and a block against Denver (Dec. 15).

### BEFORE NEBRASKA

Haiby was ranked as the No. 122 player in the country by Prospects Nation and the No. 125 player in the nation by Blue Star. She was also ranked as the No. 28 guard in the country by ESPN.

She overcame an early season knee injury as a senior to average 25.1 points, 7.1 rebounds and 5.3 assists per game, including a monstrous 46-point performance in a 54-49 win over White Bear Lake on Dec. 10, 2017. It followed a 45-point effort in a win over Brainerd on Nov. 28. Haiby finished her high school career with more than 2,000 points. As a junior, she averaged 22.1 points, 7.6 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 4.1 steals, including a huge 44-point performance against Fargo Shanley on Jan. 17, 2017. She was a first-team Minnesota Class 4A selection for Coach Jed Carlson at Moorhead.

Haiby played her club basketball alongside Husker teammate Kayla Mershon for North Tartan and Coach Gerard Coury. Haiby was a part of five consecutive Minnesota State AAU championships with North Tartan.

Haiby was a starting outfielder and pitcher on Moorhead High School's baseball team in the spring of 2017. She was the first pitcher

### HAIBY'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	20	Washington State (11/16/18)
Rebounds	6	Wisconsin (1/27/19)
	6	Denver (12/15/18)
Assists	8	Denver (12/15/18)
Steals	3	Three Times, most recent
	3	Illinois (1/17/19)
Blocks	1	Four Times, most recent
	1	Alabama A&M (11/6/19)
FGA	15	Washington State (11/16/18)
FGM	8	Washington State (11/16/18)
FTA	11	Creighton (12/2/18)
FTM	10	Penn State (3/2/19)
3-PT FGA	4	Purdue (1/31/19)
	4	Creighton (12/2/18)
3-PT FGM	3	Purdue (1/31/19)

### HONORS & AWARDS

- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Feb. 4, 2019)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2018)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2019)
- No. 122 Player in the Nation (Prospects Nation, 2018)
- No. 125 Player in the Nation (Blue Star, 2018)
- No. 28 Guard in the Nation (ESPN, 2018)
- First-Team Minnesota Class 4A All-State (2017)

### SOPHOMORE (2019-20)

After an impressive freshman season, Sam Haiby (pronounced HY-bee) is looking to take her a game to a higher level in 2019-20.

The 5-9 sophomore guard from Moorhead, Minn., was Nebraska's second-leading scorer last season, averaging 10.0 points per game. She also provided solid on-the-ball defense and proved herself as a reliable point guard.

Haiby opened her sophomore season by making her first career start in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). She had eight points, three assists and a block for the Huskers.

### FRESHMAN (2018-19)

Haiby provided sparks off the bench in all 30 games throughout the season. Nebraska's second-leading scorer, Haiby averaged 10.0 points, 3.0 rebounds and 2.6 assists.

She scored in double figures 15 times, including each of the final four games.

Haiby erupted for a career-high 20 points - all after halftime - at Washington State (Nov. 16). She recorded her best Big Ten effort with 17 points against Indiana (Feb. 3) and had 17 more at Creighton (Dec. 2).

She was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week after averaging 15.0 points on 10-of-15 shooting at Purdue (Jan. 31) and Indiana (Feb. 3).

She closed the regular season with a team-high 16 points in a win at Penn State (March 2), including 12 points in the fourth quarter. She also had 16 points in a win over No. 23 Minnesota (Jan. 20). She scored six in the fourth quarter including NU's final four points to seal the win.

Haiby added 16 more to go along with a career-high three steals at Arkansas (Dec. 18).

She scored 14 points at No. 24 Miami. She

to ever throw a pitch in U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, taking the mound for the Spuds against the Sartell Sabres at the home of the Minnesota Vikings and Super Bowl LII in the Twin Cities. She also became the first female in history to pitch a scoreless inning in a Minnesota High School boys baseball game in spring 2017.

### PERSONAL

The daughter of Jay Haiby and Janet Haiby, Samantha Rae Brianna Haiby was born Sept. 25, 1999 in St. Louis, Mo. She has an older brother, Andrew. She has not declared a major, but she earned a spot on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in the fall of 2018. She was a member of the 2019 Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

Haiby chose Nebraska over Minnesota, Arizona, Creighton, North Dakota State, South Dakota and South Dakota State.

### 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		FT-FTA	Pct.	--Rebounds--				TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.	
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.			Off	Def	Tot	Avg						PF
Alabama A&M	1-1	11/6	24	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0.0	1-0	3	0	1	0	8	8.0
Totals	1-1		24	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	0	0.0	1-0	3	0	1	0	8	8.0

### SAM HAIBY career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2018-19	30-0	630	105-241	.436	15-48	.313	76-106	.717	35-55	90-3.0	46-0	78	49	3	25	301-10.0
2019-20	1-1	24	3-7	.429	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0-0	0-0.0	1-0	3	0	1	0	8-8.0
Career	31-1	654	108-248	.435	15-49	.306	78-108	.722	35-55	90-3.0	47-0	81	49	4	25	309-10.0



# NICEA ELIELY

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6-1 Senior Guard/Forward Colorado Springs, Colorado (Rampart)

She scored in double figures nine times, including a season-high 18 points at No. 7 Maryland (Feb. 14). She followed with 10 points and four steals in a win over No. 24 Michigan State (Feb. 17).

Eliely opened Big Ten play with 14 points in back-to-back wins over Michigan (Dec. 28) and at Ohio State (Dec. 31). She fueled fourth-quarter comebacks in both games combining for 24 points in the final periods.

She added five of her career-high six steals in the fourth quarter in NU's comeback win over No. 23 Minnesota (Jan. 20), helping the Huskers hold the Gophers without a field goal for the final six minutes.

Eliely also had 14 points in a win over Denver (Dec. 15). She had 12 points, five rebounds and five steals at Wisconsin (Jan. 27). She added 12 points at Purdue (Jan. 31).

Eliely scored 10 against Drake (Nov. 7) and at No. 24 Miami (Nov. 23). She had a season-high eight rebounds to go along with nine points at Creighton (Dec. 2). She matched the eight rebounds in a win over Kansas (Dec. 5), when she set a career high with four blocks.

### SOPHOMORE (2017-18)

Eliely started NU's final 26 games after missing the first three contests of 2017-18 while recovering from an ankle injury that kept her off the court and out of practice for the month of October and the first part of November.

In 29 games, Eliely averaged 8.2 points, 4.0 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 1.2 steals. She also had 20 blocked shots on the season.

Eliely was extremely efficient in Big Ten play, shooting 52 percent (52-100) from the field, including 42.3 percent (11-26) from three-point range. One of Nebraska's best defenders, she played a key role in helping Nebraska lead the

### ELIELY'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	19	California (12/4/16)
Rebounds	9	Three Times, most recent
	9	Florida Atlantic (12/19/17)
Assists	6	Six Times, most recent
	6	Michigan (2/7/19)
Steals	6	Minnesota (1/20/19)
Blocks	4	Kansas (12/5/18)
FGA	13	California (12/4/16)
FGM	8	California (12/4/16)
FTA	8	Three Times, most recent
	8	Michigan (12/28/18)
FTM	7	Michigan (12/28/18)
3-PT FGA	8	Illinois (3/1/17)
3-PT FGM	4	Illinois (3/1/17)

Big Ten in both field goal percentage defense and three-point field goal percentage defense.

### FRESHMAN (2016-17)

Eliely started all 29 games as a true freshman, averaging 7.7 points, 3.7 rebounds, 2.6 assists and a team-leading 1.6 steals per game.

She led the Huskers in both steals (46) and blocked shots (21).

### PERSONAL

Queen Nicea Tyana Eliely was born July 12, 1998, in Colorado Springs. She is the daughter of Actual Allah and Yee Fong. Her father, Actual Allah, played basketball collegiately at Colorado State-Pueblo. Nicea is majoring in business administration at Nebraska. She earned spots on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Eliely chose Nebraska over Colorado, Wichita State, Colorado State, Northern Colorado and Denver.

### HONORS & AWARDS

- Nebraska Defensive MVP (2017, 2019)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2017)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2017, 2018, 2019)
- No. 143 Player in the Nation (Blue Star, 2015)
- No. 25 Guard in the Nation (ESPN, 2015)
- Colorado Class 5A (Second Team, 2016)

### SENIOR (2019-20)

Nicea Eliely (pronounced ny-SEE-ah EE-ly-lee) has proven herself as one of the Big Ten's best defenders and a reliable starter for the Huskers throughout her career.

The 6-1 senior from Colorado Springs, ranked among the top five players in the Big Ten in steals (1.8 spg), and her solid all-around game could place her in elite company in Husker history by the end of the season.

Eliely is within striking distance of 1,000 points, 500 rebounds and 200 career steals. If she reaches those milestones, she would become just the fifth Husker in history to achieve them, joining Anna DeForge, Maurice Ivy, Deb Powell and Brooke Schwartz. Only nine players in Husker history have reached 200 career steals, and Eliely needs 63 to achieve that standard by season's end.

Eliely opened the season with four points, three rebounds, three assists, a block and a steal in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

### JUNIOR (2018-19)

Eliely was one of Nebraska's top perimeter defenders as a junior, ranking among the top five players in the Big Ten with 1.8 steals per game. Eliely, who joined Kate Cain as the only Huskers to start all 30 games in 2018-19, finished with 54 steals, the highest total by a Husker since All-American Lindsey Moore nabbed 60 steals as a senior in 2012-13.

Eliely averaged 7.9 points while shooting career bests of 47.8 percent from the field and 80.7 percent from the free throw line. She added 3.8 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game.

### 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		FT-FTA	Pct.	--Rebounds--				TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.		
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off	Def						Tot	Avg.
Alabama A&M	1-1	11/6	22	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.0	0-0	3	3	1	1	4	4.0
Totals	1-1		22	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.0	0-0	3	3	1	1	4	4.0

### NICEA ELIELY career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2016-17	29-29	798	81-186	.435	24-66	.364	37-59	.627	48-59	107-3.7	70-3	74	70	21	46	223-7.7
2017-18	29-26	761	90-192	.469	19-50	.380	40-67	.597	42-73	115-4.0	53-1	49	63	20	36	239-8.2
2018-19	30-30	768	87-182	.478	17-51	.333	46-57	.807	35-80	115-3.8	70-0	62	66	18	54	237-7.9
2019-20	1-1	22	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	3-3.0	0-0	3	3	1	1	4-4.0
Career	89-86	2,349	260-567	.459	60-168	.357	123-183	.672	126-214	340-3.8	193-4	188	202	60	137	703-7.9



# KRISTIAN HUDSON 11

5-5 Senior Guard Birmingham, Alabama (Clay-Chalkville/FIU)

2017-18. She was at her best during the final seven games of her junior season when she averaged 18.3 points, 4.3 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 1.7 steals in 37 minutes per game.

As a junior, Hudson produced 21 double-figure scoring efforts in 29 games, including nine 20-plus scoring efforts.

She recorded season highs with back-to-back 27-point performances while playing the full 40 minutes against North Dakota State (Dec. 20) and Clemson (Dec. 21).

Her performance against Clemson included a career-high-tying 10 rebounds and 10-for-10 free throw shooting. Hudson also notched a double-double with 11 points and a career-high-matching 10 assists at Howard on Dec. 2, 2017.

In her final season at FIU, Hudson shot a career-best .354 from the field, including .340 from three-point range. She also knocked down a career-high .819 at the free throw line.

## HUDSON'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	35	UTEP (1/12/17)
Rebounds	10	Clemson (12/21/17)
	10	UTSA (1/14/17)
Assists	10	Three Times, most recent
	10	Howard (12/2/17)
Steals	8	Florida Atlantic (1/7/17)
Blocks	2	UMass-Lowell (12/4/15)
FGA	26	UTSA (2/14/18)
FGM	11	UTEP (1/12/17)
FTA	13	UTEP (1/12/17)
FTM	12	UTEP (1/12/17)
3-PT FGA	9	North Texas (2/8/18)
	9	North Dakota St. (12/20/17)
3-PT FGM	5	Bethune-Cookman (11/13/17)

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2018; Spring 2019)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2019)
- Conference USA Player of the Week (Dec. 26, 2017)
- Conference USA Player of the Week (Jan. 16, 2017)

## SENIOR (2019-20)

Kristian Hudson returns to provide experienced depth and leadership at point guard for the Huskers as a graduate student in 2019-20. In her first year as a graduate student at Nebraska last season, Hudson appeared in seven games with one start before undergoing season-ending foot surgery in mid-December. She was granted a medical redshirt and has had a solid offseason of recovery and practice.

Hudson opened her fifth collegiate season and second as a Husker with four points, three rebounds and an assist in 10 minutes off the bench in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

## SENIOR (2018-19 - MEDICAL REDSHIRT)

Hudson joined the Nebraska women's basketball team after earning her bachelor's degree from Florida International in just three years. The psychology major not only excelled in the classroom, she also starred on the court for FIU for three seasons.

Hudson appeared in Nebraska's first seven games of 2018-19, including a start in place of an injured Hannah Whitish in a win over USC Upstate (Nov. 11). Hudson had six points, three rebounds and three assists against the Spartans, after opening her Husker career with seven points and three assists against Drake (Nov. 7).

Hudson averaged 2.4 points, 1.6 rebounds and 1.1 assists through seven games, before undergoing season-ending foot surgery during Finals Week (Dec. 10-14).

## JUNIOR (2017-18, FIU)

Hudson averaged 14.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and 4.7 assists as a junior for the Panthers in

range as a freshman.

Hudson scored in double figures 16 times, including the first 20-point game of her career with 20 points and seven rebounds in a loss at Miami on Dec. 22, 2015. Hudson notched her first of five career double-doubles with 12 points and 10 assists against Western Kentucky on Jan. 7, 2016.

## PERSONAL

Kristian is the daughter of Juanita Chamblin and Carlos Hudson Sr. She has an older brother, Carlos Jr. She was a psychology major at Florida International and earned her bachelor's degree in just three academic years in the summer of 2018. She is working toward her master's degree in applied science at Nebraska. She earned spots on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in the fall and spring semesters of 2018-19. She was also a member of the 2019 Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

## SOPHOMORE (2016-17, FIU)

As a sophomore, Hudson contributed 12.1 points, 4.6 rebounds and 4.3 assists per game, while improving her field goal percentage to .341 and her three-point field goal percentage to .303. She averaged 36.9 minutes per game, including a remarkable 35-point, eight-rebound, 10-assist effort while playing the full 55 minutes in an 88-87 triple-overtime win over UTEP on Jan. 12, 2017.

Her 35-point, 10-assist outburst against Conference USA-rival UTEP was the first of back-to-back double-doubles for Hudson, joining an 11-point, 10-rebound game that included six assists against UTSA on Jan. 14, 2017. Hudson finished with three 20-point scoring efforts as a sophomore among her 19 double-digit performances

## FRESHMAN (2015-16, FIU)

As a freshman, she started 29 straight games after coming off the bench for the first two games of her career. She averaged 9.9 points, 3.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists in 35.1 minutes per game. She shot just 30.5 percent from the field, including just 23.6 percent from three-point

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		FT-FTA	Pct.	--Rebounds--			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.	
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off								Def
Alabama A&M	1-0	11/6	10	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	0-0	1	1	0	0	4	4.0
Totals	1-0		10	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	3.0	0-0	1	1	0	0	4	4.0

## KRISTIAN HUDSON career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2015-16	31-29	1,088	109-357	.305	26-110	.236	62-79	.785	19-90	109-3.5	85-4	124	141	4	29	306-9.9
2016-17	29-29	1,069	119-349	.341	23-76	.303	89-119	.748	14-119	133-4.6	63-1	124	133	5	48	350-12.1
2017-18	29-29	1,063	146-413	.354	51-150	.340	77-94	.819	12-118	130-4.5	64-0	135	116	2	30	420-14.5
2018-19	7-1	101	6-26	.231	2-7	.286	3-7	.429	3-8	11-1.6	6-0	8	10	0	3	17-2.4
2019-20	1-0	10	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-3	3-3.0	0-0	1	1	0	0	4-4.0
<b>Career</b>	<b>97-88</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>382-1148</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>102-344</b>	<b>.297</b>	<b>231-299</b>	<b>.773</b>	<b>48-338</b>	<b>386-4.0</b>	<b>218-5</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1097-11.3</b>



# ASHTYN VEERBEEK 13

6-2 Sophomore Forward Sioux Center, Iowa (Western Christian)

Veerbeek scored in double figures seven times on the year, including a career-high 19 points to go along with eight rebounds in 22 minutes in a win at Illinois (Jan. 17).

She produced 14 points four times, including a double-double with 14 rebounds in a win over San Jose State (Dec. 8). She added 14 points and nine rebounds in 22 minutes in a win at Purdue (Jan. 31). She also had 14 points in a win over Denver (Dec. 15) and at Arkansas (Dec. 18).

Veerbeek had 13 points and nine rebounds in a win over Radford (Nov. 25) to earn a spot on the Miami Thanksgiving Classic All-Tournament Team. She contributed 10 points and six rebounds against No. 12 Iowa (Feb. 25).

Veerbeek finished the season with a trio of double-figure rebound games including 11 boards, seven points and a career-high three blocks in a win over Kansas (Dec. 5). She also had 10 rebounds to go along with eight points in a road win at Penn State (March 2).

## VEERBEEK'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	19	Illinois (1/17/19)
Rebounds	14	San Jose State (12/8/18)
Assists	3	Maryland (2/14/19)
Steals	2	USC Upstate (11/11/18)
Blocks	3	Three Times, most recent Northwestern (1/24/19)
FGA	13	San Jose State (12/8/18)
FGM	7	Purdue (1/31/19)
FTA	9	Illinois (1/17/19)
FTM	8	Denver (12/15/18)
3-PT FGA	5	Arkansas (12/18/18)
3-PT FGM	3	Radford (11/25/18)

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Miami Thanksgiving Classic All-Tournament (2018)
- Nebraska Lifter of the Year (2019)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll Fall (2018)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2019)
- No. 55 Player in the Nation (Blue Star, 2018)
- No. 66 Player in the Nation (Prospects Nation, 2018)
- No. 68 Player in the Nation (ESPN, 2018)
- No. 9 Forward in the Nation (ESPN, 2018)
- Iowa Class 2A Player of the Year (IBCA, 2017)
- Captain of Iowa Class 2A All-Tournament Team (2017)
- First-Team Iowa Class 2A All-State (Coaches, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Iowa Elite All-State Volleyball (All Classes, 1 of 9, 2017)
- First-Team Iowa Class 2A All-State Volleyball (2016, 2017)
- Iowa Class 2A All-Tournament Volleyball Team (2015, 2016, 2017)

## SOPHOMORE (2019-20)

Ashtyn Veerbeek (pronounced VER-beek) will look to make a greater impact on Nebraska's lineup as a sophomore in 2019-20.

The 6-2 forward from Sioux Center, Iowa, made solid contributions as a freshman, averaging 6.9 points and 5.5 rebounds per game. A tenacious rebounder and physical force who can score at all three levels, Veerbeek worked hard as a freshman and during the offseason to continue to make adjustments to the college game.

She opened her sophomore season by making her first career start in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). Veerbeek scored Nebraska's first points of the season on a three-pointer on her way to a 10-point, six-rebound effort against the Bulldogs.

## FRESHMAN (2018-19)

Veerbeek was a valuable contributor off the bench for the Huskers throughout her freshman season. She averaged 6.9 points while ranking second among the Huskers with 5.5 rebounds and 0.9 blocks per game. She came off the bench in all 30 contests.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

Veerbeek, who was a two-time first-team Iowa Class 2A all-stater in 2017 and 2018, comes to Nebraska from the same high school that produced Husker volleyball All-American and U.S. Olympian Nancy Metcalf Meendering.

Veerbeek put the finishing touches on an outstanding high school career by being named first-team all-state in both basketball and volleyball for the second straight year. On the basketball court, Veerbeek broke the Western Christian single-season scoring record for the second straight year with 619 points, after scoring 592 points as a junior.

Her point total as a senior ranked third among all players in the state of Iowa, while her 346 rebounds led the state. She added 86 blocks to rank eighth across all classes in Iowa.

Veerbeek averaged 25.8 points and 14.4 rebounds as a senior. She finished her career

with 1,871 points, 1,041 rebounds, 227 blocks, 203 assists and 99 steals. After earning Class 2A all-state honors as a senior, she was named one of the 50 greatest Iowa high school girls players of all time by the Des Moines Register.

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Ron and Tammi Veerbeek, Ashtyn was born on Feb. 15, 2000. She has two younger brothers, Trey and Chase. She is majoring in marketing and earned a spot on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in the fall of 2018. She was also a member of the 2019 Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

Ashtyn's mother, Tammi, is the head volleyball coach at Western Christian, a powerhouse that has advanced to 18 consecutive state semifinal appearances. Tammi has coached Western Christian to 11 state volleyball titles - matching the Iowa high school state tournament record.

Ashtyn chose Nebraska over Iowa, South Dakota State, South Dakota, Creighton, Drake, Arizona State and Missouri.

## 2018-19 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		FT-FTA	Pct.	--Rebounds--				Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.		
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off	Def					Tot	Avg
Alabama A&M	1-1	11/6	16	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	5-7	.714	0	6	6	6.0	2-0	1	2	0	10	10.0
Totals	1-1		16	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	5-7	.714	0	6	6	6.0	2-0	1	2	0	10	10.0

## ASHTYN VEERBEEK career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2018-19	30-0	501	74-180	.411	11-39	.282	47-60	.783	41-123	164-5.5	86-3	18	42	27	9	206-6.9
2019-20	1-1	16	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	5-7	.714	0-6	6-6.0	2-0	1	2	0	0	10-10.0
Career	31-1	517	76-184	.413	12-41	.293	52-67	.776	41-129	170-5.5	88-3	19	44	27	9	216-7.0



# GRACE MITCHELL 14

6-2 Senior Forward Wellington, Kansas (Wellington)

## SOPHOMORE (2017-18)

Mitchell was a regular contributor off the bench for the Huskers in 2017-18. The 6-2 forward appeared in 29 games with two starts while averaging 2.0 points and 1.7 rebounds.

Mitchell produced the best effort of her career with 10 points in a win over UMKC (Nov. 14). She added nine points and five rebounds in 16 minutes off the bench in a win at San Jose State (Dec. 17).

She had four points and a career-high six rebounds to help the Huskers notch a win over Arkansas (Nov. 16). She added the first start of her career in place of an injured Maddie Simon against Creighton (Nov. 19). Mitchell managed seven points and five rebounds in 20 minutes against the Jays.

Mitchell made her second career start again in place of Simon in a win over Coastal Carolina (Nov. 24).

She continued to contribute in Big Ten play with four points in a win at Illinois (Jan. 10), four more against No. 23 Michigan (Jan. 13) and four points in just five minutes in a win over Purdue (Jan. 24). Mitchell's four points against the Boilermakers came on back-to-back baskets to close the first quarter to give Nebraska a 12-11 lead at the end of the period.

Mitchell had four points and four rebounds in a win over Arkansas Pine Bluff (Dec. 2).

She closed her season by pulling down one rebound in six minutes of action off the bench against Arizona State (March 17) in the 2018 NCAA Tournament in Austin, Texas.

## FRESHMAN (2016-17)

She focused on power forward as a freshman, averaging 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds in 10.7 minutes per game. Mitchell hit 41.2 percent (21-51) of her shots from the field, including 40 percent (4-10) of her threes. She also knocked down 5-of-8 free throws.

## MITCHELL'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	10	UMKC (11/14/17)
Rebounds	6	USC Upstate (11/11/18) Arkansas (11/16/17)
Assists	2	Michigan State (1/7/17)
Steals	2	Three Times, most recent Kansas (12/5/18)
Blocks	1	Seven Times, most recent Maryland (1/8/19)
FGA	10	San Jose State (12/17/17)
FGM	4	UMKC (11/14/17)
FTA	5	San Jose State (12/17/17)
FTM	3	San Jose State (12/17/17)
3-PT FGA	2	Florida Atlantic (12/19/17) San Jose State (12/17/17)
3-PT FGM	1	Five Times, most recent Arkansas Pine Bluff (12/2/17)

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Jud Mitchell and Cathy Mitchell, Grace was born April 2, 1998, in Wichita, Kan. Grace has two older sisters, Sarah Jeanne (27), and Elizabeth (24). Grace is a nutrition and health sciences major.

She is a two-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and academic All-Big Ten selection (2018, 2019). She is also a six-time Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll choice. A 2019 Sam Foltz Hero 27 Leadership Award winner, she is a three-time member of the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Grace chose Nebraska over 12 other Division I scholarship offers.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Big Ten Distinguished Scholar (2018, 2019)
- Academic All-Big Ten (2018, 2019)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2016, 2017; Spring 2017, 2018, 2019)
- Sam Foltz Hero 27 Leadership Award (2019)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2017, 2018, 2019)
- No. 51 Wing in the Nation (ESPN, 2015)
- Kansas Player of the Year (USA Today HS Sports, 2016)
- Kansas Class 4A Player of the Year (2016)
- First-Team Kansas Class 4A All-State (KBCA, 2016)
- Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail League MVP (2016)

## SENIOR (2019-20)

A strong, hard-working post player who has given Nebraska consistent depth throughout her career, Grace Mitchell will provide leadership on and off the court as a senior.

The 6-2 forward from Wellington, Kan., has played in 85 career games and is a two-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar. The two-time academic All-Big Ten choice also earned a prestigious Sam Foltz Hero 27 Leadership Award as one of Nebraska's most committed student-athletes to community involvement.

Mitchell opened the season by playing 14 minutes off the bench in Nebraska's win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). She made a start in NU's exhibition win over Rogers State (Nov. 2).

## JUNIOR (2018-19)

Mitchell appeared in 26 games as a junior in 2018-19, while continuing to give Nebraska an explosive, powerful athlete in the paint.

Mitchell had a strong effort off the bench against USC Upstate when she scored six points and grabbed a career-high-matching six rebounds.

She averaged 1.0 points and 1.0 boards per contest. She missed Nebraska's first two Big Ten games against Michigan and at Ohio State with a nagging foot injury, but returned off the bench at No. 19 Iowa.

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	[--Total--]		[--3-Pts.--]		FT-FTA	Pct.	[--Rebounds--]			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off							
Alabama A&M	1-0	11/6	14	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals	1-0		14	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0

## GRACE MITCHELL career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2016-17	29-0	311	21-51	.412	4-10	.400	5-8	.625	22-28	50-1.7	33-0	7	23	2	7	51-1.8
2017-18	29-2	247	25-65	.385	1-10	.100	7-18	.389	28-22	50-1.7	25-1	7	18	2	7	58-2.0
2018-19	26-0	151	10-24	.417	0-3	.000	5-14	.357	11-15	26-1.0	26-0	3	9	3	5	25-1.0
2019-20	1-0	14	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	1-0	1-1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
<b>Career</b>	<b>85-2</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>56-142</b>	<b>.394</b>	<b>5-24</b>	<b>.208</b>	<b>17-40</b>	<b>.425</b>	<b>62-65</b>	<b>127-1.5</b>	<b>84-1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>134-1.6</b>





# KATE CAIN

# 31

6-5 Junior Center Middletown, New York (Pine Bush)

## SOPHOMORE (2018-19)

Cain set the Husker sophomore record with 79 blocks, while ranking second in the Big Ten and 13th nationally with 2.6 blocks per game.

Cain, who joined Nicea Eliely as the only Huskers to start all 30 games, averaged 7.5 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.2 assists in 23 minutes per game. Over the final eight games, Cain averaged 8.6 points while hitting 61 percent (30-49) of her shots from the field and 71.4 percent (10-14) of her free throws.

Her best performance of the year came with 16 points and a season-high 17 rebounds in a win over San Jose State (Dec. 8).

She set her season high with 16 points in a win over USC Upstate (Nov. 11) and notched her first double-double of the year with 10 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks at Washington State (Nov. 16). She had a season-high seven blocks in a win over No. 24 Michigan State (Feb. 17).

## FRESHMAN (2017-18)

Cain earned spots on the Big Ten All-Defensive and Big Ten All-Freshman teams by averaging 9.9 points and team bests of 7.0 rebounds and 3.1 blocks in 2017-18. She led the Big Ten and ranked among the top eight players nationally with a school-record 100 blocks on the season to help the Huskers lead the Big Ten in both field goal percentage defense and three-point field goal percentage defense.

She started NU's last 31 games while playing in all 32 contests in 2017-18. The four-time Big Ten Freshman of the Week produced 22 points, 14 rebounds and a school-record 11 blocks for the first points-rebounds-blocks triple-double in Husker history against Florida Atlantic (Dec. 19).

Cain had six games with five or more blocks, including the top three single-game totals by a freshman in Husker history.

She had five double-doubles, including 14 points and 20 rebounds in a win over Penn State (Feb. 22). Her 20 rebounds tied for the sixth-best total in Husker history. She helped Nebraska post a plus-29 team rebound margin against Penn State - the biggest margin against a conference opponent in Husker history.

## CAIN'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	22	Florida Atlantic (12/19/17)
Rebounds	20	Penn State (2/22/18)
Assists	3	Six Times, most recent Penn State (3/2/19)
Steals	2	Four Times, most recent Northwestern (2/21/19)
Blocks	11	Florida Atlantic (12/19/17)
FGA	16	Florida Atlantic (12/19/17)
FGM	10	Florida Atlantic (12/19/17)
FTA	8	Maryland (2/14/19)
FTM	5	Maryland (2/14/19)
3-PT FGA	0	None
3-PT FGM	0	None

Cain added double-doubles at Drake (19 points, 14 rebounds, Dec. 9), vs. Arkansas Pine-Bluff (16 points, 11 rebounds, Dec. 2) and Arkansas (12 points, 10 rebounds, Nov. 16) - all Nebraska victories.

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Tim and Alison Cain, Katherine (Kate) was born May 18, 1999. Kate's father graduated as the all-time leading scorer (1,872 points) in Manhattan College history. He was a two-time honorable-mention All-American by The Sporting News. Kate's mother, Alison (Martinsky) Cain, was also a 1,000-point career scorer as a collegian at Fairfield, finishing with 1,071 points. She also ranked 10th in Fairfield history with 734 career rebounds, while ranking second in Stags history with 268 blocks.

Kate's older brother, John, is a 6-10 left-handed pitcher in the Los Angeles Angels organization. He signed a free agent contract in June of 2019 and played with the Burlington Bees and AZL Angels during the summer.

Kate also has a younger brother, Chris. Kate, a management major, was a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and an academic All-Big Ten selection in 2019. She is a four-time Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll choice.

She was also a member of the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2018 and 2019.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Lisa Leslie Award Candidate (2018-19, 2019-20)
- Big Ten All-Defensive Team (2018)
- Big Ten All-Freshman Team (2018)
- Four-Time Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Nov. 13, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 26, 2017)
- Nebraska Season Block Record (100, 2018)
- Nebraska Single-Game Block Record (11 vs. Florida Atlantic, Dec. 19, 2017)
- First Points-Rebounds-Blocks Triple-Double in School History - vs. FAU, Dec. 19, 2017 (22 points, 14 rebounds, 11 blocks)
- Nebraska Conference Tournament Record Blocks in Game (7, vs. Michigan, March 2, 2018)
- No. 4 at Nebraska in Career Blocks (187)
- Nebraska Sophomore Block Record (79, 2019)
- Kathy Branchaud Nebraska Most Improved Rebounder Award (2019)
- Big Ten Distinguished Scholar (2019)
- Academic All-Big Ten (2019)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2017, 2018; Spring 2018, 2019)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2018, 2019)
- First-Team All-New York (USA Today, 2017)
- No. 82 Player in the Nation (ESPN, 2016)
- No. 10 Post in the Nation (ESPN, 2016)

## JUNIOR (2019-20)

Kate Cain returns stronger, quicker and more confident for her junior season at Nebraska. On the brink of becoming the greatest shot-blocker in Nebraska history, the 6-5 center from Middletown, N.Y., will anchor the back of Nebraska's defense and hopes to provide more offensive punch for the Big Red as well.

Cain enters the Missouri game with 187 career blocks after recording eight rejections to go along with 10 points and seven rebounds in Nebraska's season-opening win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). It was third-best individual block total in Husker history, trailing only her school-record 11 blocks as a freshman against Florida Atlantic and nine blocks from Olympic bronze medalist Danielle Page against Baylor in 2007.

Cain is also an outstanding student, earning Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and academic All-Big Ten honors in 2018-19.

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		--Rebounds--												
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
Alabama A&M	1-1	11/6	21	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	5	7	7.0	1-0	0	0	8	0	10	10.0
Totals	1-1		21	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	5	7	7.0	1-0	0	0	8	0	10	10.0

## KATE CAIN career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2017-18	32-31	831	146-258	.566	0-0	.000	24-56	.429	58-165	223-7.0	95-3	33	40	100	19	316-9.9
2018-19	30-30	687	105-200	.525	0-0	.000	16-27	.593	43-135	178-5.9	82-3	35	40	79	15	226-7.5
2019-20	1-1	21	4-6	.667	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-5	7-7.0	1-0	0	0	8	0	10-10.0
<b>Career</b>	<b>63-62</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>255-464</b>	<b>.550</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>42-85</b>	<b>.494</b>	<b>103-305</b>	<b>408-6.5</b>	<b>178-6</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>552-8.8</b>



# LEIGHA BROWN

# 32

6-1 Sophomore Guard/Forward Auburn, Indiana (DeKalb)

her 11 double-digit performances on the season.

In Brown's 30-point performance against Purdue, she scored 22 in the second half. She set career highs with four threes and 10 free throws made against the Boilermakers while tying a career high with two steals. She tied a career best by hitting four more threes in a win over No. 24 Michigan State on her way to 14 points, five rebounds and three assists.

Brown added 20 points while matching a career best with two steals at No. 19 Iowa (Jan. 3). She was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Jan. 7), for her performance against Iowa and a 19-point effort to go along with four rebounds, three assists and a steal in a Big Ten road win at Ohio State (Dec. 31).

Brown opened Big Ten play with 11 points and five rebounds in a win over Michigan (Dec. 28). She had 18 points and a career-high six rebounds against Rutgers (Jan. 13), before adding 10 points in a win at Illinois (Jan. 17).

Through her first six Big Ten games, Brown averaged 13.7 points and 3.5 rebounds in just 20.2 minutes per game. She had 18 points on 8-of-11 shooting in a win over San Jose State (Dec. 8). She added 17 points and career highs of five assists and two steals in a win over Denver (Dec. 15). She scored 13 points in a win over Radford (Nov. 25).

## BROWN'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	30	Purdue (2/10/19)
Rebounds	7	Alabama A&M (11/6/19)
Assists	5	Denver (12/15/18)
Steals	2	Three Times, most recent
	2	Purdue (2/10/19)
Blocks	1	Three Times, most recent
	1	Maryland (2/14/19)
FGA	14	Purdue (2/10/19)
FGM	8	Purdue (2/10/19)
	8	San Jose State (12/8/18)
FTA	12	Purdue (2/10/19)
	12	Ohio State (12/31/18)
FTM	10	Purdue (2/10/19)
3-PT FGA	6	Purdue (2/10/19)
3-PT FGM	4	Michigan State (2/17/19)
	4	Purdue (2/10/19)

Brown closed her high school career with 1,798 points, 810 rebounds, 325 assists, 161 steals and 86 blocked shots. In the first game of her senior season, Brown had a triple-double (34 points, 20 rebounds 10 assists). Her second game, she erupted for a career-high 53 points to go along with 24 rebounds in a win over Lakeland High School (Nov. 3, 2018).

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Big Ten Weekly Honor Roll (Feb. 11)
- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Jan. 7)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2018)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2019)
- No. 21 Forward in the Nation (ESPN, 2017)
- IBCA Supreme 15 Underclass All-State (2017)
- Indiana Class 4A All-State (2nd Team, 2016)
- Indiana Class 4A All-State (HM, 2015)
- IBCA State Player of the Week (Nov. 6, 2017)

## SOPHOMORE (2019-20)

Leigha Brown (pronounced LEE-uh) showed a glimpse of her all-around game as a freshman for the Huskers and may be ready to take on greater roles as a sophomore.

The 6-1 wing from Auburn, Ind., was Nebraska's No. 3 scorer at 9.6 points per game, despite averaging less than 19 minutes per contest. She played her way into a starting job down the stretch last season, and produced an outstanding offseason.

During Nebraska's European tour to Italy and Spain in August of 2019, Brown averaged a team-best 19.7 points over three games. Her toughness and leadership could also be driving forces for Nebraska's growth.

Brown opened the season with 10 points and a career-high seven rebounds off the bench in Nebraska's season-opening win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

## FRESHMAN (2018-19)

Brown worked her way into Nebraska's lineup for the final six games of her freshman season.

An explosive scorer, Brown put up Nebraska's top offensive effort of the season with 30 points in just 25 minutes off the bench in a win over Purdue (Feb. 10) to earn a spot on the Big Ten Weekly Honor Roll. Brown started Nebraska's next six games, with the first starts coming in place of an ill Taylor Kissinger against No. 7 Maryland (Feb. 14) and No. 24 Michigan State (Feb. 17).

For the season, Brown averaged 9.6 points, 2.6 rebounds and 1.5 assists, including 10.2 points, 3.0 rebounds and 1.6 assists in regular-season Big Ten play. She notched eight double-figure scoring efforts against Big Ten foes among

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

Brown averaged 28.0 points, 11.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists, 1.7 steals and 1.4 blocks as a senior at DeKalb High School in 2017-18. She averaged 22.9 points, 10.8 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.2 blocks for Coach Brett Eltzroth on her way to 2017 IBCA Supreme 15 Underclass All-State honors as a junior. She earned second-team Class 4A all-state honors after averaging 17.9 points, 8.4 rebounds and 3.3 assists as a sophomore in 2015-16.

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Jenese Brown and Nate Brown, Leigha was born July 14, 2000 in Auburn, Ind. She has a younger sister, Jayla. Leigha is a management major and earned a spot on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in the fall of 2018. She was also a member of the 2019 Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

She chose Nebraska over Xavier, Belmont, Western Michigan, Wright State, Indiana State, Youngstown State, American and IUPUI.

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		FT-FTA	Pct.	--Rebounds--					PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot								
Alabama A&M	1-0	11/6	18	3-8	.375	0-3	.000	4-7	.571	1	6	7	7.0	2-1	1	2	0	0	0	10	10.0	
Totals	1-0		18	3-8	.375	0-3	.000	4-7	.571	1	6	7	7.0	2-1	1	2	0	0	0	10	10.0	

## LEIGHA BROWN career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2018-19	30-6	568	94-223	.422	32-89	.360	69-94	.734	24-55	79-2.6	48-1	45	30	3	23	289-9.6
2019-20	1-0	18	3-8	.375	0-3	.000	4-7	.571	1-6	7-7.0	2-0	1	2	0	0	10-10.0
Career	31-6	586	97-231	.420	32-92	.348	73-101	.723	25-61	86-2.8	50-1	46	32	3	23	299-9.6



# TAYLOR KISSINGER 33

6-1 Junior Guard/Forward Minden, Nebraska (Minden)

games, including a 15-point effort on 5-of-10 three-point shooting in the Big Ten Tournament against Purdue (March 7). Her five threes were the third-best total by a Husker in Big Ten Tournament history.

She closed the regular season with 14 points on 4-of-5 three-point shooting in a road win at Penn State (March 2).

Kissinger had a record-setting effort against USC Upstate (Nov. 11) when she went a perfect 6-for-6 from three-point range on her way to a season-high 22 points.

She had 18 points in a win over Denver (Dec. 15), after getting 17 vs. San Jose State (Dec. 8).

Kissinger posted her second career double-double with 11 points and a career-high 11 rebounds in a win over KU (Dec. 5).

She notched 12 double-figure efforts on the year, including 15 points at Wisconsin (Jan. 27), 12 at Michigan (Feb. 7).

## KISSINGER'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	25	Arkansas (11/16/17)
Rebounds	11	Kansas (12/5/18)
Assists	4	Arkansas (11/16/17)
Steals	3	Ohio State (12/31/18)
	3	Buffalo (11/23/17)
Blocks	2	Three Times, most recent
	2	Minnesota (1/20/19)
FGA	15	Arkansas (11/16/17)
FGM	9	Arkansas (11/16/17)
FTA	6	Michigan State (2/17/19)
	6	Iowa (1/16/18)
FTM	6	Michigan State (2/17/19)
3-PT FGA	14	Buffalo (11/23/17)
3-PT FGM	6	USC Upstate (11/11/18)

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Big 3FG Pct. Leader (.456, 2019)
- Academic All-Big Ten (2019)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2017, 2018; Spring 2018, 2019)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2018, 2019)
- No. 26 Player in the Nation (Prospects Nation, 2016)
- No. 38 Player in the Nation (ESPN, 2016)
- No. 44 Player in the Nation (Blue Star, 2016)
- All-Nebraska (First Team, USA Today, 2016)
- Nebraska Super-State (Second Team, Lincoln Journal Star, 2016) (Third Team, Lincoln Journal Star, 2015)
- Nebraska Class C-1 (First Team, 2015, 2016, 2017)

## JUNIOR (2019-20)

One of the nation's most accurate long-range shooters, Taylor Kissinger enters her junior season hoping to help lead the Huskers back to the NCAA Tournament.

Kissinger ranked No. 4 nationally and led the Big Ten with her .456 three-point percentage as a sophomore.

The 6-1 shooter from Minden, Neb., made 24 starts while enjoying her healthiest season since early in her high school career.

Kissinger had four points and pulled down a team-high eight rebounds off the bench in Nebraska's season-opening win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). She did not play in NU's exhibition win over Rogers State (Nov. 2) while resting an injury.

## SOPHOMORE (2018-19)

Kissinger led the Big Ten by tying the Nebraska season three-point field goal percentage record (.456, 62-136). Her 62 threes were the fifth-best total by a sophomore in Husker history.

She averaged 8.9 points, 3.2 rebounds and 1.2 assists. She started NU's first 24 games, before missing starts at No. 7 Maryland (Feb. 14) and No. 24 Michigan State (Feb. 17) while recovering from illness.

She came off the bench the final six games, producing double figures in three of those six

## FRESHMAN (2017-18)

Kissinger averaged 10.0 points, 4.1 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 25 games with seven starts. She shot 40.8 percent from the field, including 36.2 percent from three-point range, while knocking down 71.7 percent of her free throws. She joined Kate Cain (9.9 ppg) as the first pair of Husker freshmen to both average 9.9 points per game since Debra Powell and Crystal Coleman in 1981-82.

Kissinger made an instant impact, averaging a team-best 14.0 points per game through NU's first seven contests before suffering a knee injury late in a one-point loss to Clemson (Nov. 30).

She missed six consecutive games for the Huskers to close non-conference play.

Kissinger produced 12 double-figure scoring efforts in 25 contests, including a career-high 25 points in a win over Arkansas (Nov. 16).

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Brian and Amy Kissinger, Taylor was born March 10, 1999. Her parents were both collegiate student-athletes, with Brian playing basketball and Amy playing volleyball at NCAA Division II Nebraska-Kearney. Kissinger's older twin sisters were both Division I guards. Brooke completed her playing career at Creighton in 2018-19, after spending her first two seasons at Illinois. Jamie completed her eligibility at San Diego in 2017-18. Taylor's brother Derek played college basketball at NAIA Hastings College.

A mathematics education major, Taylor is a four-time member of the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll. She also earned spots on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2018 and 2019.

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	[--Total--]		[--3-Pts.--]		FT-FTA	Pct.	[--Rebounds--]			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.	
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off								Def
Alabama A&M	1-0	11/6	20	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	4	4	8	8.0	1-0	1	1	0	0	4	4.0
Totals	1-0		20	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	4	4	8	8.0	1-0	1	1	0	0	4	4.0

## TAYLOR KISSINGER career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2017-18	25-7	532	84-206	.408	50-138	.362	33-46	.717	37-66	103-4.1	36-0	36	41	13	11	251-10.0
2018-19	30-24	695	87-203	.429	62-136	.456	30-34	.882	34-63	97-3.2	59-0	36	37	4	22	266-8.9
2019-20	1-0	20	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	2-4	.500	4-4	8-8.0	1-0	1	1	0	0	4-4.0
<b>Career</b>	<b>56-31</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>172-414</b>	<b>.415</b>	<b>112-277</b>	<b>.404</b>	<b>65-84</b>	<b>.774</b>	<b>75-133</b>	<b>208-3.7</b>	<b>96-0</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>521-9.3</b>



# ISABELLE BOURNE 34

6-2 Freshman Forward Canberra, Australia (Institute of Sport)

In 2017, Bourne led Australia's U17 team to gold at the Oceania Championship in Guam by averaging 19 points, 9.8 rebounds and 2.6 assists to claim a spot on the all-tournament team. She was also the MVP of the 2017 FIBA Under-18 Asia Cup 3-on-3 tournament in Mongolia, leading her team to another gold medal. Bourne was also named to the Gems squad for the 2018 FIBA Under-18 Asian Championships.

Bourne trained at the Australian Institute of Sport and Basketball Australia's Centre of Excellence under Coach Kristen Veal. She was also a developmental player in the University of Canberra Capitals program.

## BOURNE'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	2	Alabama A&M (11/6/19)
Rebounds	4	Alabama A&M (11/6/19)
Assists	0	None
Steals	0	None
Blocks	1	Alabama A&M (11/6/19)
FGA	2	Alabama A&M (11/6/19)
FGM	1	Alabama A&M (11/6/19)
FTA	0	None
FTM	0	None
3-PT FGA	0	None
3-PT FGM	0	None

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Australian U19 National Team (2019)
- Australian U18 National Team (2018)
- Australian U17 National Team (2017)
- Australian U17 3-on-3 Team (2018)

## FRESHMAN (2019-20)

Isabelle Bourne hopes to make an immediate impact for the Huskers as a freshman. The 6-2 forward from Canberra, Australia, has extensive international experience and is coming off an impressive summer with the Australian U19 National Team. Bourne (who also likes to be called "Issie" - sounds like IZZY) was a major factor in Australia's silver medal at the FIBA U19 World Cup, averaging 8.4 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.1 assists in 23.1 minutes per game over seven contests for the Gems.

Australia went 5-2 at the World Cup with both losses to the USA U19 team, including an overtime setback in the gold medal game.

Bourne's commitments with the Australian National program kept her from competing with the Huskers during their summer tour in Europe, but she did travel with the team in Italy and Spain.

Bourne opened her collegiate career with two points, four rebounds and a block in Nebraska's season-opening win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). She was limited in the exhibition win over Rogers State (Nov. 2) after battling illness throughout the week leading up to the game.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

One of the most talented young players in Australia, Bourne joined the Huskers in August of 2019 after helping the Gems to a silver medal at 2019 FIBA Under-19 World Cup in Bangkok, Thailand, July 20-28.

The Australian U19 National Team entered the tournament ranked No. 7 in the world, but came up just short of the gold medal, falling 74-70 in overtime to the United States.

Bourne averaged 8.4 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.1 assists in 23.1 minutes per game for the Gems.

## PERSONAL

Her older sister, Callie, is a sophomore guard at Idaho State, and her oldest sister, Emma, also plays in the Canberra Capitals Academy. Callie started 20 games for the Bengals last season. Idaho State opens its regular season against Seattle in Pocatello on Monday night.

Isabelle's father, Trent, played Australian Football, while her mother, Ann, was a basketball player.

Bourne chose Nebraska over Marquette, Arizona State and Utah.

"I really connected with the coaches when I first met them, and then was very impressed with the team culture, facilities and Lincoln when I came on an official visit," Bourne said. "I also knew two former players who spoke very highly of the NU experience."

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		FT-FTA	Pct.	--Rebounds--			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.	
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG			3FGA	Pct.	Off								Def
Alabama A&M	1-0	11/6	15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	1-0	0	2	1	0	2	2.0
Totals	1-0		15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	1-0	0	2	1	0	2	2.0

## ISABELLE BOURNE career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2019-20	1-0	15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-3	4-4.0	1-0	0	2	1	0	2-2.0
Career	1-0	15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-3	4-4.0	1-0	0	2	1	0	2-2.0



# KAYLA MERSHON 44

6-3 Sophomore Forward Chanhassen, Minnesota (Minnetonka)

Mershon grabbed a career-high seven rebounds off the bench in a win over Kansas (Dec. 5), before matching that total with seven boards against Northwestern (Jan. 24).

She established a career best with three assists in Nebraska's Big Ten-opening win over Michigan (Dec. 28), before matching that mark with three assists against No. 12 Iowa (Feb. 25).

She notched two steals on seven occasions, including at Arkansas (Dec. 18) when she also blocked a career-high two shots.

Mershon played a career-high 30 minutes in a win over Purdue (Feb. 10).

In Big Ten play, Mershon hit 36.4 percent of her threes (8-22) and 75 percent (18-24) of her free throws, while averaging 3.6 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

## MERSHON'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	8	Penn State (3/2/19)
	8	Maryland (1/8/19)
Rebounds	7	Northwestern (1/24/19)
	7	Kansas (12/5/18)
Assists	3	Iowa (2/25/19)
	3	Michigan (12/28/18)
Steals	2	Seven Times, most recent
	2	Penn State (3/2/19)
Blocks	2	Arkansas (12/18/18)
FGA	6	Purdue (3/7/19)
FGM	3	Penn State (3/2/19)
FTA	6	Arkansas (12/18/18)
FTM	4	Northwestern (2/21/19)
	4	Arkansas (12/18/18)
3-PT FGA	3	Maryland (2/14/19)
3-PT FGM	1	Nine Times, most recent
	1	Penn State (3/2/19)

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2018)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2019)
- No. 132 Player in the Nation (Prospects Nation, 2018)
- No. 14 Wing in the Nation (ESPN)
- USA Basketball Team Tryout (2016)

## SOPHOMORE (2019-20)

Kayla Mershon (pronounced MER-shawn) played her way into Nebraska's starting lineup during the second half of her freshman season.

The 6-3 forward from Chanhassen, Minn., provides a steady and consistent presence inside at both ends of the court, while also supplying versatility to the Huskers.

As a sophomore, Mershon will look to expand her game while improving Nebraska's overall efficiency on offense and defense.

Mershon opened the season with four points, five rebounds and a block in 15 solid minutes off the bench in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

## FRESHMAN (2018-19)

Mershon earned her way into the starting lineup for the final 14 games of the season, after coming off the bench in her first 16 games as a true freshman.

A solid defender and good facilitator who rarely turns the ball over, Mershon averaged 3.2 points and 3.0 rebounds on the season.

Over the final seven games, Mershon averaged 4.4 points, 4.0 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 1.1 steals, including a career-high-tying eight points in a win at Penn State (March 2). She added four rebounds, an assist, a block and two steals against the Lady Lions.

Mershon established her career high with eight points, while adding four boards off the bench against No. 9 Maryland (Jan. 8). She added seven points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal the next time out against Rutgers (Jan. 13), before making her first career start in a win at Illinois (Jan. 17). She scored five points against the Illini, including NU's final points at the free throw line.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

A six-time high school basketball letterwinner, Mershon was a four-time first-team All-Lake Conference for Coach Leah Dasovich. Mershon averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds as a junior in 2016-17. She helped Minnetonka to its first state title in 2016.

She capped her high school career by averaging 12.7 points, 9.1 rebounds, 1.8 assists, 1.2 steals and 1.5 blocks as a senior.

She was ranked the No. 132 overall player in the country by Prospects Nation and was rated as the No. 14 wing nationally by ESPN.

Mershon also has played club basketball at the highest level for Coach Gerard Coury and the North Tartan program, which won the Minnesota State AAU title seven years in a row. Mershon played for North Tartan alongside current Husker Sam Haiby.

She was also invited to Nike All-American National Elite Camp in 2014, and advanced to the second round of tryouts for USA Basketball

in 2016. She also competed internationally with North Tartan in Europe against national teams from France and the Netherlands.

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Rick and Leslie Mershon, Kayla was born May 30, 1999, in Royal Oak, Mich. She has two sisters, Lauren and Ally. Kayla is majoring in marketing and earned a spot on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in the fall of 2018. She was also a member of the 2019 Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

Kayla chose Nebraska over Indiana, Iowa, Arkansas, Oregon, DePaul, Utah, Minnesota, Princeton, Wake Forest, Colorado, Creighton, Saint Louis, Drake and South Dakota State.

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		FT-FTA	Pct.	--Rebounds--			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.	
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Alabama A&M	1-0	11/6	15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	5.0	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	4.0
Totals	1-0		15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	5.0	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	4.0

## KAYLA MERSHON career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2018-19	30-14	523	31-85	.365	9-29	.310	26-41	.634	29-61	90-3.0	41-0	27	12	11	21	97-3.2
2019-20	1-0	15	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2-3	5-5.0	0-0	0	1	1	0	4-4.0
Career	31-14	538	32-87	.368	9-29	.310	28-43	.651	31-64	95-3.1	41-0	27	13	12	21	101-3.3

# NEBRASKA RADIO & TV ROSTER



**1**  
**Makenzie Helms**  
 5-8, Freshman, Guard  
 East Haven, Connecticut



**2**  
**Trinity Brady**  
 5-11, Freshman, Guard  
 Indianapolis, Indiana



**3**  
**Hannah Whitish**  
 5-9, Senior, Guard  
 Barneveld, Wisconsin



**4**  
**Sam Haiby**  
 5-9, Sophomore, Guard  
 Moorhead, Minnesota



**5**  
**Nicea Eliely**  
 6-1, Senior, Guard  
 Colorado Springs, Colorado



**11**  
**Kristian Hudson**  
 5-5, Senior, Guard  
 Birmingham, Alabama



**13**  
**Ashtyn Veerbeek**  
 6-2, Sophomore, Forward  
 Sioux Center, Iowa



**14**  
**Grace Mitchell**  
 6-2, Senior, Forward  
 Wellington, Kansas



**31**  
**Kate Cain**  
 6-5, Junior, Center  
 Middletown, New York



**32**  
**Leigha Brown**  
 6-1, Sophomore, Guard  
 Auburn, Indiana



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**Taylor Kissinger**  
 6-1, Junior, Guard/Forward  
 Minden, Nebraska



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**Isabelle Bourne**  
 6-2, Freshman, Forward  
 Canberra, Australia



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**Kayla Mershon**  
 6-3, Sophomore, Forward  
 Chanhassen, Minnesota



**Ashley Rudolph**  
 Athletic Trainer  
 Fourth Season



**Stuart Hart**  
 Strength & Conditioning Coach  
 Third Season



**Tom Goehle**  
 Assistant Coach  
 Fourth Season



**Chuck Love**  
 Assistant Coach  
 Fourth Season



**Tandem Mays**  
 Assistant Coach  
 Fourth Season



**Amy Williams**  
 Head Coach  
 Fourth Season