# NEBRASKA

#### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES**

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**BIG TEN/ACC CHALLENGE (DEC. 4)** 

#### 2019-20 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (7-1)

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Date		me/Result
Nov. 2	Rogers State (exhibition)	W, 97-33
Nov. 6	Alabama A&M [BTN+]	W, 68-46
Nov. 10		90-85 OT
Nov. 14	Morgan State [BTN+]	W, 78-55
Nov. 17	SIUE [BTN+] (Alumni Weekend)	W, 63-49
Nov. 20	Southern [BTN+] (Toys4Tots)	W, 73-39
Nov. 24	Creighton [BTN+]	L, 74-79
Nov. 29-30	South Point Shootout (Las Vegas)	
Nov. 29	vs. USC [Vimeo]	W, 67-54
Nov. 30	vs. Sacred Heart [Vimeo]	W, 72-49
Dec. 4	Duke [BTN] (B1G/ACC Challenge	e) 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] (Red Cross)	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 lowa* [BTN+]	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Indiana* [BTN+] (Play4Kay)	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 (Indianapo	lis)
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, Port	land
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0-0 BIG TEN

#### NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS (7-1) VS. DUKE BLUE DEVILS (6-2)

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019, 6 p.m. (CT) Pinnacle Bank Arena (15,000) - Lincoln, Neb. Live TV: BTN (Larry Punteney, Brenda VanLengen) Live Radio: Husker Sports Network (5:45 p.m.) Matt Coatney (PBP), Jeff Griesch (Analyst) Lincoln - B107.3 FM; Omaha-CD105.9 FM Huskers.com, Huskers App



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#### HUSKERS HOST DUKE IN BIG TEN/ACC CHALLENGE

- The Nebraska women's basketball team returns home to play host to Duke in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge on Wednesday night.
- Tip-off between the Huskers (7-1) and Blue Devils (6-2) is set for 6 p.m. (CT) at Pinnacle Bank Arena, with tickets available now through the Nebraska Athletic Ticket Office at Huskers.com.
- Live television coverage will be provided by the Big Ten Network with Larry Punteney and Brenda Vanlengen on the call
- Live radio coverage for Wednesday's game with Duke can be heard on B107.3 FM in Lincoln and CD 105.9 FM in Omaha beginning at 5:45 p.m. (CT). 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 and the Huskers App.
- Nebraska is coming off a pair of double-digit wins over USC and Sacred Heart at the South Point Shootout in Las Vegas over the Thanksgiving weekend.
- Senior guard Hannah Whitish earned a spot on the all-tournament team following her season-high 15 points in Saturday's win over Sacred Heart. Whitish, a two-time All-Big Ten guard, needs just three assists to become the first Husker in history to reach combined career milestones of 1,000 points (1,032), 400 assists (397) and 200 three-point field goals made (211).
- Nebraska continued to show strong defense in the wins in Las Vegas. In fact, during a 25-minute stretch covering the entire fourth quarter against USC, the entire first quarter against Sacred Heart, and the first five minutes of the second quarter against the Pioneers, the Huskers surrendered just one field goal.
- Over eight games to open the season, Nebraska has held six opponents to 55 points or less. Last season, the Huskers held just two opponents to 55 or less the entire season (30 games).
- Offensively, a trio of sophomores (Leigha Brown, Sam Haiby, Ashtyn Veerbeek) continue to lead the Huskers.
- Brown leads Nebraska in scoring (14.3 ppg) producing double figures in each of NU's first seven games this season. Haiby (10.4 ppg) owns the Huskers' biggest scoring effort of the season (28 at Missouri) and Veerbeek ranks third on the team in scoring (9.0 ppg) while leading the Big Red in rebounding (6.5 rpg).

#### **NEBRASKA ROSTER & STATISTICS**

No.	Player	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
1	Makenzie Helms	5-8	Fr.	G	3-0	0.7	0.7	0.3	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	8-8	8.3	4.0	4.3	1.6	0.0
4	Sam Haiby*	5-9	So.	G	8-8	10.4	2.4	2.5	0.9	0.3
5	Nicea Eliely***	6-1	Sr.	G/F	8-8	8.6	5.6	2.3	1.3	1.1
11	Kristian Hudson*	5-5	RSr.	G	7-0	1.9	1.1	0.3	0.4	0.0
13	Ashtyn Veerbeek*	6-2	So.	F	8-8	9.0	6.5	1.3	0.6	0.6
14	Grace Mitchell***	6-2	Sr.	F	8-0	2.5	1.6	0.3	0.5	0.0
31	Kate Cain**	6-5	Jr.	С	8-8	8.9	5.9	1.0	0.5	2.9
32	Leigha Brown*	6-1	So.	G/F	8-0	14.3	3.3	1.8	0.5	0.1
33	Taylor Kissinger**	6-1	Jr.	G/F	4-0	5.8	3.5	0.5	8.0	0.0
34	Isabelle Bourne	6-2	Fr.	F	8-0	4.8	4.4	0.8	0.4	0.4
44	Kayla Mershon*	6-3	So.	F	8-0	1.8	2.9	0.4	0.5	0.5

#### **NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS**

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32	Leigha Brown	6-1	So.	F	14.3	3.3
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Head Coach: Amy Williams (Nebraska, 1998)						
Fourth Season at Nebraska (49-50)						
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#### 13th Season Overall (242-159) **DUKE BLUE DEVILS**

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No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	<b>PPG</b>	<b>RPG</b>
5	Leaonna Odom	6-2	Sr.	F	14.5	5.8
24	Onome Akinbode-James	6-3	So.	F/C	6.3	5.1
25	Jade Williams	6-5	Jr.	F/C	7.4	4.4
2	Haley Gorecki	6-0	Gr.	G	18.3	6.5
3	Miela Goodchild	5-10	So.	G	11.3	3.9
Off the	ne Bench					
11	Azana Baines	6-1	Fr.	F	6.9	4.6
4	Jada Claude	6-0	Fr.	G/F	4.0	5.0
15	Kyra Lambert	5-9	Gr.	G	2.8	1.9
0	Jaida Patrick	5-10	Fr.	G/F	2.0	1.3
13	Uchenna Nwoke	6-6	So.	С	0.7	1.0
30	Emily Schubert	6-4	Sr.	С	0.0	1.0
Head	Coach: Joanne P. Mc	Callie (	(Nort	hwes	tern, '	1987
13th	Season at Duke (32	3-97)				
28th	Season Overall: (63	4-245	5)			

#### **HUSKER NUGGETS**

- · Nebraska Coach Amy Williams shoots for her 50th win at the helm of the Huskers.
- Senior guard Hannah Whitish is set to appear in her 100th game in a Husker uniform.
- Through eight games, Nebraska is allowing an average of 57.0 points per game, after allowing 70.1 points per game last season. Nebraska's 2018 NCAA Tournament team surrendered 63.6 points per game.
- Opponents are shooting just 31.9 percent from the field and 26.5 percent from three-point range early this season against the Huskers. Last year, Husker foes hit 41.1 percent of their shots, including 33.4 percent from long range. In 2017-18, Nebraska led the Big Ten in field goal percentage defense (.371) and three-point field goal percentage defense (.299).
- Nebraska has held six opponents to 55 points or less through eight games this season. Last year, NU held only two foes (Radford-39, Kansas-52) to 55 or less.
- In 2017-18, Nebraska held 11 of 32 opponents to 55 points or less.
- Nebraska's bench has outscored the opposing bench in all eight games this season. The Huskers have outscored the opponent bench in 36 of the last 38 games.
- The Husker bench has outscored the opponent bench by double digits 27 times in the last 38 games, including a 30-1 edge in a loss to 2019 NCAA Elite Eight qualifier Iowa (Feb. 25, 2019). Overall, Nebraska's bench outscored opposition

benches 950-492 (31.7-16.4 ppg) for a plus-15.3

margin in 2018-19

 Nebraska has hit 10 or more threes 15 times in the last three seasons (including 2019-20, 70 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 DUKE

- Duke comes to Lincoln riding a four-game winning streak to improve to 6-2 overall on the young
- All six of Duke's wins this season have been by double digits, including weekend wins over Davidson (82-52) and Penn (66-50) in Durham.
- Duke's losses have come at the hands of No. 6 Texas A&M (79-58) on the road (Nov. 10) and to Northwestern at Cameron Indoor Stadium (63-42, Nov. 17).
- The Blue Devils are led by Ann Meyers Drysdale Award candidate Haley Gorecki, who is averaging 18.3 points, 6.5 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 1.6 steals per game. The 6-0 guard has also knocked down a team-best 17 threes on the season and is shooting nearly 90 percent from the free throw line. Gorecki, who owns three 20-plus scoring efforts this season including a season-high 30 in a win over Idaho State, needs 24 points to join Duke's 1,000-point club. The Parade High School All-American was the Illinois Player of the Year in 2015.
- Leaonna Odom, a 6-2 senior forward, has added 14.5 points and 5.8 rebounds. Odom, who owns 1,104 points and 601 rebounds in her career, is in her fourth year as a starter for the Blue Devils and is a Katrina McClain Award candidate this season. Odom is coming off a 23-point, 16-rebound performance in Friday's win over Penn.
- Sophomore Miela Goodchild gives Duke four starters averaging in double figures with 11.3 points per game. Goodchild, a 5-10 guard from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, also leads Duke with 2.1 steals per game, while adding 3.9 rebounds. She was a teammate of Nebraska freshman Isabelle Bourne on Australia's silver medal winning team at the 2019 FIBA U19 World Cup in Bangkok, Thailand this summer. Last season, Goodchild started 22 games for the Blue Devils and averaged 10.9 points per game while knocking down 73 threes (.445). She also hit 87 percent of her free throws.
- Fellow sophomore Onome Akinbode-James also returns to the Duke starting five. The 6-3 forward/center is averaging 6.3 points and 5.1 rebounds, after averaging 4.0 points and 5.4 boards while making 22 starts a year ago. Akinbode-James is a native of Abeokuta, Nigeria. She had 12 points and 12 rebounds to go along with three blocks off the bench in last Wednesday's win over Davidson, before moving back into the starting lineup for the win over Penn.
- Junior Jade Williams rounds out Duke's probable starting five by averaging 7.4 points and 4.4 rebounds per game. The 6-5 forward/center from Texas was a McDonald's All-American and ranked among the top 25 prospects in the nation by every recruiting service coming out of The Colony High School. A Lisa Leslie Award candidate, she scored a season-high 12 points, including two threes, against Davidson. She opened the year with 12 points and two threes in a win over High Point.
- A trio of freshmen have provided Duke with talented depth this season. Jada Claude, a 6-0 wing from Fayetteville, Ga., has split time in the starting lineup with Onome Akinbode-James. Claude has made three starts and is averaging 4.0 points and 5.0 rebounds.
- Azana Baines, a 6-1 freshman forward, was a top-100 recruit nationally and is averaging 6.9 points and 4.6 rebounds off the bench early in her career.
- Jaida Patrick, a 5-10 wing, has managed 2.0 points and 1.3 rebounds. She was a top-100 prospect out of Saddle River Day School.
- Graduate student Kyra Lambert is one of seven Blue Devils to play in all eight games this season. The 2015 WBCA and McDonald's High School All-American out of Cibolo, Texas, was a top-10 high school recruit but suffered a torn ACL in her left knee during the 2017 NCAA Tournament. That injury kept her out for the entire 2017-18 season. She then suffered another torn ACL during preseason in 2018-19, undergoing surgery in November of 2018 before missing another entire season. She is averaging 2.8 points and 1.9 rebounds in 13 minutes per game this year. She started 56 games in her first two seasons at Duke.
- Another top-25 national recruit, Mikayla Boykin has not played this season and has missed a majority of her first two college seasons with major knee injuries. As a true freshman in 2017-18, Boykin started eight times in Duke's first 10 games before tearing the ACL in her left knee on Dec. 10, 2017. She returned to play eight games last season, after missing the first seven games, only to reinjure her knee against Miami (Jan. 17, 2019).
- As a team, Duke is averaging 72.8 points per game while allowing 62.1 points per contest. The Blue Devils have hit 43.3 percent of their field goals and 35 percent (42-120) of their threes, while knocking down 71.2 percent of their free throws. They have held opponents to 35.8 percent shooting, including 28.6 percent (64-224) from three. Duke owns a plus 5.4 edge on the glass but a minus-0.5 turnover margin.

#### NEBRASKA VS. DUKE SERIES HISTORY

- Nebraska and Duke have split the two previous meetings in series history and both involved high level basketball teams.
- In the last meeting between the Big Red and the Blue Devils (also in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge), the No. 12 Huskers defeated No. 9 Duke 60-54 at Pinnacle Bank Arena on Dec. 3, 2014. All-America point guard Rachel Theriot led Nebraska with a game-high 17 points, while Hailie Sample added 16 points on 6-for-6 shooting from the field. Emily Cady added a double-double with 13 points, 11 rebounds and four assists.
  - The 2015 Huskers advanced to the NCAA Tournament, while Duke went to the Sweet Sixteen.
- In the first meeting between the two schools, No. 5 Duke worked its way to a 53-45 win over the No. 24 Huskers in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in Norfolk, Va., on March 31, 2013. All-American and first-round WNBA draft pick Lindsey Moore led the Huskers with 11 points and six assists in her final game. All-American Jordan Hooper added six points and 11 rebounds before leaving the game midway through the second half with an ankle injury. Duke All-American Elizabeth Williams produced

10 points, nine rebounds and seven blocks, while Alexis Jones had 14 points and nine rebounds. Tricia Liston led Duke with 17 points while contributing eight boards. In a defensive struggle, the two teams went a combined 7-for-40 from three-point range.

• The 2013 Duke team went on to lose to Notre Dame in the Elite Eight.

#### **NEBRASKA STREAKS**

- Kate Cain owns Nebraska's longest streak of consecutive starts (69).
- Nicea Eliely owns Nebraska's second-longest streak of starts (64).
- 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 42 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, 69 games) that Eliely was shut out.
- Leigha Brown had her streak of eight straight games scoring in double figures snapped when she managed six points in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30).
- The Huskers have knocked down at least one three in 350 straight games dating back to a loss at UTEP on Dec. 20, 2008. Nebraska has hit at least two three-pointers in 229 consecutive games.

#### **NUMBERS TO WATCH**

- (2) Sam Haiby is two assists away from 100 in her career.
- (3) Hannah Whitish is three assists away from 400 in her career.
- (5) Kate Cain is five blocks from No. 3 on the Nebraska career list (207, Danielle Page, 2005-08). Page earned a bronze medal with the Serbian National Team at the 2016 Rio Olympics.
- (5) Hannah Whitish is five assists away from tying Stacy Imming (1984-87) at No. 7 (402) on the Nebraska career assist list.
  - (7) Kristian Hudson needs seven assists to reach 400 in her career (383 at FIU).
  - (9) Kristian Hudson needs 11 rebounds to reach 400 in her career (372 at FIU).
- (100) Hannah Whitish is expected to be playing in her 100th career game, Wednesday against Duke.

#### **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.

## **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

#### **HUSKER HOMES**

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

Ashtyn Veerbeek......Verr-BEEK
Hannah Whitish......WHITE-ish

Alabama (1): Kristian Hudson Colorado (1): Nicea Eliely

Connecticut (1): Makenzie Helms Indiana (2): Trinity Brady, Leigha Brown

lowa (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.	CI.	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; No. 3 in Husker history with 211 3FGM; 1,032 career points
4	Sam Haiby*	G	5-9	So.	Moorhead, Minn. (Moorhead)	Career-high 28 points in OT win at Missouri (11/10); 10.4 ppg as starter
5	Nicea Eliely**	G/F	6-1	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)	NU Defensive MVP (2017, 2019); back-to-back double-doubles (11/14, 11/17)
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)	9.0 ppg, team-best 6.5 rpg through first eight starts of her career this season
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**	С	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); NU leading scorer (14.3 ppg, 2019-20)
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.	Chanhassen, Minn. (Minnetonka)	Started NU's final 14 games of 2018-19

Head Coach: Amy Williams (Nebraska, 1998), 242-159 (13th season overall) 49-50 (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)

(49-50, Three Seasons at Nebraska) (242-159, 12 Seasons Overall)

Big Ten Coach of the Year (2018) mmit League Coach of the Year (2015, 2016) WNIT Championship Team (2016)



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Overall

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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 Divis	sion 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	7	1	.875
Div. I Total	8th season	145	94	.607

#### WILLIAMS IN POSTSEASON

13th season 242 159

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.

#### 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 averaging 8.3 points and team bests of 4.3 assists and 1.6 steals, while adding 4.0 rebounds per game as a senior.
- Whitish needs three assists against Duke to become the first Husker in history to hit the combined career milestones of 1,000 points, 400 assists and 200 three-pointers.
- The 5-9 guard from Barneveld, Wis., became the 33rd Husker in history to reach 1,000 career points - knocking down a mid-range jumper midway through the first quarter in the win over Southern (Nov. 20) to hit the mark.
- She heads into Wednesday's game against Duke ranked No. 32 in Nebraska history with 1,032 points. She needs three points to match Alexa Johnson (1,035, 2001-04) and is four points away from Stacy Imming (1,036, 1984-87) at No. 30 on the career list.
- Whitish is coming off a season-high 15 points on a seasonbest five threes in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30) at the South Point Shootout. She earned a spot on the all-tournament team for her performances in Las Vegas (Nov. 29-30).



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

- Whitish 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 added 12 points on team highs of seven rebounds, five assists and a career-high-tying four steals in an overtime win at Missouri (Nov. 10)
- Whitish has climbed to No. 8 on the Nebraska career assist list with 397, passing fellow Wisconsin native and two-time WNBA All-Star Anna DeForge (392, 1995-98) by notching a game-high five assists in the win over USC (Nov. 29).
  - Whitish is three assists away from becoming just the eighth Husker in history with 400 assists.
- She has led Nebraska in assists in six of eight games this season, recording a season-high five assists on five occasions.
- Whitish has ascended to No. 3 on the Nebraska career three-point list with 211. She is 56 threes away from Kiera Hardy at No. 2 (267, 2004-07).
- Whitish led the Huskers with 65 three-pointers in 2018-19, which was the third-best total by a junior in school history.
  - She led the Huskers with 10.1 points and 4.3 assists per game last season.
- Whitish 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 51 career double-figure scoring efforts (3, 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).

#### 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 notched the 200th blocked shot of her career against USC (Nov. 29) in the South Point Shootout.
- Cain is 37 blocks away from taking over Nebraska's career record of 238 (Janet Smith, 1979-82).
- She ranks among national leaders with 2.9 blocks per game and 23 total blocks on the young season.
- She has climbed to No. 4 on the Nebraska career blocks list with 202 and is just five blocks away from matching Olympic bronze medalist Danielle Page at No. 3 on the Husker career list (207, 2005-08).
- Cain opened the 2019-20 season by recording eight blocks - the third-best total in school history - in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). Cain contributed 10 points and seven (#31) Kate Cain, 6-5, Jr., Center rebounds in the win over the Bulldogs.



- She produced season highs of 18 points and seven rebounds, while adding three blocks against Creighton (Nov. 24).
- Cain produced double figures with 10 points, five rebounds, a block, an assist and a steal in Nebraska's win over USC (Nov. 29).
- Cain added two blocks while affecting many other shots both inside and on the perimeter in an overtime win at Missouri (Nov. 10).
- She added four blocks to go along with 13 points, five rebounds and three assists in the win over Morgan State (Nov. 14).
- 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.
- 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 28 double-figure scoring efforts, 10 double-figure rebounding games and one doubledigit block game in the first 70 games of her career. She has made 69 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 35 games (3, 2019-20; 17, 2018-19; 15, 2017-18) with three or more blocks in her career. She has recorded five or more blocks eight times - 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).
- 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 45 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 768 points (-232), 382 rebounds (-118) and 146 steals
- Eliely's 93 career starts at Nebraska are the most by any current Husker. She has started 64 consecutive games, which trails only Kate Cain's 69 straight starts among the Huskers.
- Through eight games, Eliely is averaging 8.6 points, 5.6 rebounds, 2.3 assists, 1.3 steals and 1.1 blocks.
- Eliely 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).



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

- She owns 33 career double-figure scoring efforts, including a season-high 13 points in a win over SIUE (Nov. 17), 12 points in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14), 12 more in a win over USC (Nov. 29) and 10 points in a 90-85 overtime win at Missouri (Nov. 10).
- Eliely produced her first career double-double with 12 points and a career-high 15 rebounds in the win over Morgan State (Nov. 14). She added three blocks against the Bears.
- She added a second straight double-double with game highs of 13 points, 10 rebounds, four steals and two blocks to go along with three assists in a win over SIUE (Nov. 17).
- Eliely 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).

# **NEBRASKA**

2019-20 QUICK FACTS
InstitutionUniversity of Nebraska
Location Lincoln, Neb.
Population
Enrollment
Founded1869
NicknameCornhuskers, Huskers
Colors Scarlet and Cream
Home ArenaPinnacle Bank Arena
Capacity         15,000           Conference         Big Ten
Athletic Director
2019-20 Overall Record7-1
Home Record4-1
Away Record1-0
Neutral Record2-0
Big Ten Record0-0
2018-19 Overall Record14-16
Big Ten Record
Alma Mater/YearNebraska/1998
Record at Nebraska 49-50 (Fourth season)
Career Record242-159 (13th season)
NCAA Div. I Record145-94 (Eighth season)
Williams' Nebraska Home Record29-22
Big Ten Conference Record23-27
Big Ten Home Record12-13
Big Ten Road Record11-14 Big Ten Tournament Record1-3
Assistant Coaches: Tom Goehle
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Starters Returning/Lost5/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost10/1
Newcomers
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)
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)
Leigha Brown (vs. Purdue, 2/10/19)
Hannah Whitish (at Drake, 12/9/17; at Kansas, 12/6/17)
Sam Haiby (at Missouri, 11/10/19)
Taylor Kissinger (vs. Arkansas, 11/16/17)
Kate Cain (vs. Florida Atlantic, 12/19/17)
Nicea Eliely (vs. California, 12/4/16)
Ashtyn Veerbeek (at Illinois, 1/17/19)
Grace Mitchell (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)
Isabelle Bourne (vs. USC, 11/29/19; Morgan St., 11/14/19)
Kayla Mershon (vs. Maryland, 1/9/19)
Kristian Hudson (vs. Drake, 11/7/18) 29 28 25 22 19 19 10 8 Kristian Hudson (vs. Drake, 11/7/18) Makenzie Helms (vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19)

#### **REBOUNDING**

REBOUNING
Player (Game, Date) Rebounds
Kate Cain (vs. Penn State, 2/22/18) 20
Nicea Eliely (vs. Morgan State, 11/14/19) 15
Ashtyn Veerbeek (vs. San Jose State, 12/8/18) 14
Taylor Kissinger (vs. Kansas, 12/5/18) 11
Hannah Whitish (vs. SIUE, 11/17/19) 9
Leigha Brown (vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19) 7
Sam Haiby (vs. Creighton, 11/24/19; vs. Kansas, 12/5/18) 7
Isabelle Bourne (vs. USC, 11/29/19; vs. Morgan St., 11/14/19) 6
Faze Mitchell (vs. Intexta 11/11/18; vs. Akr. 11/16/17) 6 Grace Mitchell (vs. Upstate, 11/11/18; vs. Ark., 11/16/17) Kristian Hudson (Three Times, vs. Alabama A&M 11/6/19) Makenzie Helms (vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19)

#### **ASSISTS**

ASSISTS
Player (Game, Date)
Hannah Whitish (at Purdue, 1/31/19)
Sam Haiby (vs. Denver, 12/15/18)
Nicea Eliely (Six Times, at Michigan, 2/7/19)
Leigha Brown (vs. Morgan St., 11/14/19; vs. Denver, 12/15/18)
Taylor Kissinger (vs. Arkansas, 11/16/17)
Kate Cain (Six Times, vs. Morgan State, 11/14/19)
Kristian Hudson (vs. Upstate, 11/11/18; vs. Drake, 11/7/18)
Kayla Mershon (vs. lowa, 2/25/19; vs. Michigan, 12/28/18)
Ashtyn Veerbeek (at Missouri, 11/10/19; Maryland, 2/14/19)
Isabelle Bourne (Three Times, vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19)
Grace Mitchell (vs. CCU, 11/24/17; at Mich. St., 1/7/17)
Makenzie Helms (vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)

#### STEALS

Player (Game, Date) Steals Nicea Eliely (vs. Minnesota, 1/20/19)
Hannah Whitish (at Missouri, 11/10/19; at Maryland, 2/25/18)
Sam Haiby (Three Times, at Illinois, 1/17/19)
Taylor Kissinger (at Ohio St., 12/31/18; vs. Buffalo, 11/23/17) Leigha Brown (Three Times, vs. Purdue, 2/10/19) Isabelle Bourne (vs. Southern, 11/20/19) Kate Cain (Six Times, at Northwestern, 2/21/19) Kristian Hudson (vs. Morgan St., 11/14/19; vs. Drake, 11/1/18) 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., SIUE 11/17/19; vs. USC Upstate, 11/11/18) 2

#### **BLOCKED SHOTS**

BLOCKED SHOTS
Player (Game, Date)
Kate Cain (vs. FAU, 12/19/17) - school record
Nicea Eliely (vs. Kansas, 12/5/18)
Ashtyn Veerbeek (Three Times, vs. Northwestern, 1/24/19)
Taylor Kissinger (Three Times, vs. Minnesota, 1/20/19)
Kayla Mershon (at Arkansas, 12/18/18)
Hannah Whitish (vs. Maryland, 3/3/18)
Isabelle Bourne (Three Times, vs. Morgan St., 11/14/19)
Leigha Brown (Four Times, vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19)
Sam Haiby (Four Times, vs. Alabama A&M, 11/6/19)
Grace Mitchell (Seven Times, vs. Maryland, 1/8/19)

#### MINUTES PLAYED

Minu TES PLATED

Blayer (Game, Date)

Hannah Whitish (vs. Michigan State, 2/26/17)

Kate Cain (vs. Michigan, 1/13/18)

Nicea Eliely (vs. Illinois, 3/1/17)

Taylor Kissinger (at Washington State, 11/16/18)

Sam Haiby (at Missouri, 11/10/19)

Leigha Brown (at Missouri, 11/10/19)

Kayla Mershon (vs. Purdue, 2/10/19)

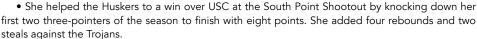
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#### THREE-POINTERS MADE

THREE-POINTERS MADE
Player (Game, Date)
3FG Ma
Taylor Kissinger (vs. USC Upstate, 11/11/18)
Hannah Whitish (at Purdue, 1/31/19; at Illinois, 1/10/18)
Leigha Brown (vs. Mich. St., 2/17/19; vs. Purdue, 2/10/19)
Nicea Eliely (vs. Illinois, 3/1/17)
Sam Haiby (at Missouri, 11/10/19; at Purdue, 1/31/19)
Ashtyn Veerbeek (vs. Radford, 11/25/18)
Kristian Hudson (vs. USC Upstate, 11/11/18)
Grace Mitchell (vs. Southern, 11/20/19)
Isabelle Bourne (vs. Creighton, 11/24/19)
Kavla Mershon (Nine Times, at Penn State, 3/2/19) 3FG Made Kayla Mershon (Nine Times, at Penn State, 3/2/19)

#### KISSINGER SETTING SHOOTING STANDARD

- 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.
- She is coming off her best game of the season with 11 points on 2-of-4 three-point shooting in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30) in Las Vegas. It was the 25th double-figure scoring effort of her career.
- 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).
- She did not play in Nebraska's wins over Missouri (Nov. 10), Morgan State (Nov. 14), SIUE (Nov. 17) or Southern (Nov. 20) after entering the concussion protocol following a collision in practice on Nov. 8.
- Kissinger returned for 13 minutes off the bench against (#33) Taylor Kissinger, 6-1, Jr., Guard Creighton (Nov. 24) but did not score.



- Kissinger set a Nebraska record by going 6-for-6 from three-point range in a win over USC Upstate (Nov. 11, 2018). She led Nebraska with 22 points - the second 20-point performance of her career.
- Kissinger's 62 threes in 2018-19 ranked as the fifth-best total by a sophomore in Nebraska history.
- She scored a team-high 15 points on 5-of-10 three-point shooting against Purdue in the 2019 Big Ten Tournament.
- 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 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.

#### HAIBY EARNS BIG TEN HONOR IN OPENING WEEK

- Sam Haiby helped the Huskers go 2-0 in her first week as a starter by leading Nebraska with 18.0 points per game to earn a spot on the Big Ten Weekly Honor Roll (Nov. 11).
- Haiby erupted for a career-high 28 points on 11-of-19 shooting to power Nebraska to a 90-85 OT win at Missouri (Nov. 10). She tied a career high with three threes against the Tigers, including the game-tying triple with three seconds left to send the game to OT tied at 76. She scored NU's first eight points and added 18 points after halftime, including two free throws with 13.3 seconds left to seal the win.
- The 5-9 guard from Moorhead, Minn., ranks second on the team in scoring (10.4 ppg) through eight games in 2019-20, while also ranking second on the team with 2.5 assists.
- Haiby produced a 17-point, four-assist effort against Creighton (Nov. 24) that included a career-high seven rebounds.
- She 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.
- She added eight points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14)., before notching



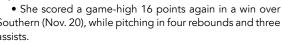
(#4) Sam Haiby, 5-9, So., Guard

eight points, two rebounds, two assists and her second block of the season in a win over SIUE (Nov. 17).

- · Haiby produced her second double-figure scoring effort of the season with 10 points and a season-high four assists in a win over Southern (Nov. 20).
- Haiby gives the Huskers an athletic, explosive guard who can attack the basket off the dribble, create opportunities for her teammates and knock down the three-point shot.
- She 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 scored a season-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), which followed a 13-point effort in a road win at Purdue (Jan. 31, 2019).
- 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 owns 18 double-digit scoring efforts in her career.
  - 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.

#### 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 Auburn, Ind., leads the Huskers in scoring with 14.3 points per game, while adding 3.3 rebounds and 1.8 assists off the bench for the Big Red through eight games in 2019-20.
- She was the only Husker to produce double figures in each of NU's first seven games this season, before being held to six points in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30).
- Brown went off for 24 points while grabbing five rebounds to play a major role in Nebraska's 90-85 OT win at Missouri (Nov. 10). She scored 18 points after halftime to help the Huskers, and she added a huge assist on Sam Haiby's gametying three-pointer to send the contest to overtime.
- Brown added a game-high 16 points while tying her career high with five assists in a win over Morgan State (Nov.
- Southern (Nov. 20), while pitching in four rebounds and three





(#32) Leigha Brown, 6-1, So., Guard/Forward

- Brown produced another game-high 16 points on 7-of-11 shooting in Nebraska's win over USC (Nov. 29).
  - She had 14 points and four rebounds against Creighton (Nov. 24).
  - She scored 12 points including a pair of threes in a win over SIUE (Nov. 17).
- Brown 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 Freshmanof-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 owns 18 double-figure scoring efforts in her career (7, 2019-20; 11, 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.

HUSKERS BY THE NUMBERS	
NEB leads after 1st quarter	6-1
NEB trails after 1st quarter	1-0
NEB tied after 1st quarter NEB leads at the half	0-0 6-0
NEB trails at the half	0-0
NEB loads after 3rd quarter	1-1 6-0
NEB leads after 3rd quarter NEB trails after 3rd quarter	0-1
NEB tied after 3rd quarter	1-0
NEB in overtime	1-0
NEB attempts more FG than opponent NEB attempts fewer FG than opponent NEB attempts same FG as opponent	3-1 3-0 1-0
NEB makes more FG than opponent	7-1
NEB makes fewer FG than opponent	0-0
NEB makes same FG as opponent	0-0
NEB has better FG Pct. than opponent NEB has worse FG Pct. than opponent	7-1 0-0
NEB shoots 50 percent or better FG NEB shoots less than 50 percent FG	0-0 7-1
NEB shoots 40 percent or better FG NEB shoots less than 40 percent FG	7-1 0-0
NEB shoots more FT than opponent	4-0
NEB shoots fewer FT than opponent	3-1 0-0
NEB shoots same FT as opponent	
NEB makes more FT than opponent NEB makes fewer FT than opponent	5-0 1-1
NEB makes same FT as opponent	1-0
NEB has more rebounds than opponent	6-0
NEB has fewer rebounds than opponent	1-0
NEB has same rebounds as opponent	0-1
NEB has more O-rebounds than opponent	4-1
NEB has fewer O-rebounds than opponent NEB has same O-rebounds as opponent	3-0 0-0
NEB has more assists than opponent NEB has fewer assists than opponent	6-0 1-1
NEB has same assists as opponent	0-0
NEB has more turnovers than opponent	3-0
NEB has fewer turnovers than opponent	4-1
NEB has same turnovers as opponent	0-0
NEB has more steals than opponent	4-1
NEB has fewer steals than opponent NEB has same steals as opponent	2-0 1-0
NEB has more blocks than opponent	6-1
NEB has fewer blocks than opponent	1-0
NEB has same blocks as opponent	0-0
NEB commits more fouls than opponent	3-1 4-0
NEB commits fewer fouls than opponent NEB commits same fouls as opponent	0-0
Games are decided by 20 or more points	4-0
Games are decided by 10 or more points	6-0
Games are decided by 9 or fewer points Games are decided by 5 or fewer points	0-1 1-1
Games are decided by 3 or fewer points	0-0
Overtime Games	0-0
Playing on Monday	0-0
Playing on Tuesday Playing on Wednesday	0-0 2-0
Playing on Thursday	1-0
Playing on Friday	1-0
Playing on Saturday Playing on Sunday	1-0 2-1
Playing in November	7-1
Playing in December	0-0
Playing in January	0-0
Playing in February Playing in March	0-0 0-0
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## **ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25 - WEEK 5** (MONDAY, DEC. 2, 2019)

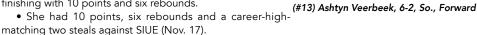
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19-Michigan State (6-1) 184 (15
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21-Miami (5-2)
22-Missouri State (7-1)101 (NR)
23-Arkansas (7-1) 94 (25)
24-Michigan (6-1)42 (NR)
25-LSU (7-1)41 (NR)
Note: Nebraska 2019-20 opponents in italics
Opponents Receiving Votes:
30-Minnesota (10); 33-Northwestern (3);
34-Purdue (2); 35-Creighton (1)

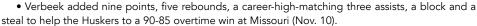
## **USA TODAY COACHES TOP 25**

(TUESDAY, DEC. 3, 2019)
1-Stanford (8-0) [24]
2-Louisville (8-0) [5]
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5-Oregon State (7-0) 681 (5)
6-Baylor (7-1) 648 (2)
7-South Carolina (8-1) 605 (6)
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9-Maryland (7-1) 534 (10)
10-Florida State (7-0) 519 (13)
11-UCLA (7-0) 465 (11)
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14-Kentucky (7-0) 370 (14)
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16-Indiana (6-1)293 (23)
17-Gonzaga (6-1) 235 (21)
18-Missouri State (7-1)225 (19)
19-Tennessee (7-0) 187 (25)
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21-Michigan State (6-1) 186 (15)
22-Miami (5-2)138 (18)
23-Arkansas (7-1) 125 (24)
24-South Dakota (7-1)80 (NR)
25-Michigan (6-1)53 (NR)
Note: Nebraska 2019-20 opponents in italics.
Opponents Receiving Votes:
T31-Minnesota (8); 34-Purdue (5);
36-Northwestern (3); T40-Creighton (1)

#### **VEERBEEK 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.
- Through eight games as a starter this season, Veerbeek has provided a consistent presence inside, averaging 9.0 points and a team-high 6.5 rebounds to go along with 1.3 assists per game. She is also shooting 48.9 percent from the field, including 35.7 percent (5-14) from three-point range.
- Veerbeek scored a season-high 13 points and added six rebounds in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14).
- She had 12 points and eight rebounds in a win over Southern (Nov. 20). It was her fourth game scoring in double figures this season.
- Veerbeek opened the season by making her first 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.





- She pitched in nine points and six rebounds against Creighton (Nov. 24).
- Veerbeek managed five points and a season-high 10 rebounds to go along with two blocks in a win over USC (Nov. 29).
- 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).

#### MERSHON 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 is averaging 1.8 points and 2.9 rebounds through eight games in 2019-20.
- 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).
- She matched her season highs with four points and one steal in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30) at the South Point Shootout in Las Vegas.
- She added four rebounds, a block and a steal to help the Huskers to a 90-85 OT win at Missouri (Nov. 6). She pitched in two points, four boards and a block in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14).

• Mershon grabbed a season-high six rebounds against Creighton (Nov. 24).



(#44) Kayla Mershon, 6-3, So., Forward

#### **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 is averaging 1.9 points and 1.1 rebounds this season.
- The 5-5 guard from Birmingham, Ala., averaged 2.4 points and 1.6 rebounds through Nebraska's first seven games last season before missing a win over Kansas (Dec. 5, 2019).

- She missed the final 23 games of 2018-19 with a foot injury that required surgery in December, 2018.
- 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 is averaging 4.8 points and 4.4 rebounds through the first eight games of her college career.
- Bourne matched career highs with eight points, six rebounds and two assists while playing a career-high 17 minutes in Nebraska's win over USC (Nov. 29) at the South Point Shootout.
- She established career bests with eight points and six boards in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14).
- Bourne pitched in seven points, including her first career three-pointer, to go along with three rebounds against Creighton (Nov. 24)
  - She had four points, five rebounds and two assists in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30).
- She had four points, four rebounds and the first two assists and steals of her career in Nebraska's win over Southern (Nov. 20).
- Bourne opened her 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).
- The 6-2 forward added a point, two rebounds and another block in 13 minutes to help the Huskers to a 90-85 OT win at Missouri (Nov. 10).
- 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 did not attend Nebraska's season-opening wins over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6) and Missouri (Nov. 10) as part of the concussion protocol. She was on the bench for Nebraska's games against Morgan State (Nov. 14), SIUE (Nov. 17), Southern (Nov. 20), Creighton (Nov. 24), USC (Nov. 29) and Sacred Heart (Nov. 30) but did not play. Brady sustained contact to her head and neck area late in NU's exhibition win over Rogers State (Nov. 2). She 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.
- 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). She did not play in Nebraska's road win at Missouri (Nov. 10), but played four minutes in a win over Morgan State (Nov.



#### 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

#### 2019-20 BIG TEN STANDINGS

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<u>Team</u>	<u>Overall</u>
1. Maryland	7-1
Nebraska	7-1
3. Illinois	6-1
Indiana	6-1
Michigan	6-1
Michigan State	6-1
Purdue	6-1
Rutgers	6-1
9. Minnesota	5-1
Northwestern	5-1
11.lowa	5-2
Wisconsin	5-2
13. Ohio State	4-3
14. Penn State	4-4

#### THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

Wednesday, December 4 Indiana at Miami, 5 p.m. [ACCN] Duke at Nebraska, 6 p.m. [BTN] Boston College at Northwestern, 7 p.m. [BTN+] Minnesota at Notre Dame, 7 p.m. [ACCN] Clemson at Iowa, 8 p.m. [BTN]

Thursday, December 5
Illinois at North Carolina, 5 p.m. [ACCN]
Virginia at Rutgers, 5 p.m. [BTN]
Wisconsin at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m. [ACCN+]
Maryland at N.C. State, 6 p.m. [ESPN]
Pittsburgh at Penn State, 6 p.m. [BTN+]
Purdue at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m. [ACCN+]
Michigan State at Florida State, 7 p.m. [ACCN]
Louisville at Ohio State, 7 p.m. [BTN]
Syracuse at Michigan, 8 p.m. [ESPN]

Saturday, December 7 Dartmouth at Northwestern, 2 p.m. [BTN+] North Florida at Indiana, 6 p.m. [BTN+]

Sunday, December 8
Kent State at Purdue, 11 a.m. [BTN+]
Loyola Maryland at Maryland, Noon [BTN+]
Minnesota at American, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Michigan, 1 p.m. [BTN+]
Radford at Ohio State, 1 p.m.
Towson at Rutgers, 1 p.m.
Wisconsin at North Dakota St., 2 p.m. [MIDCOSN]

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at Drake (12/9/17) at Kansas (12/6/17) at Purdue (1/31/19) Michigan State (2/26/17)	2 2 2 2 2
at Illinois (1/10/18)  Leigha Brown (3) vs. Purdue (2/10/19) at Missouri (11/10/19)	3 2 2
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<b>Taylor Kissinger (2)</b> Arkansas (11/16/17) USC Upstate (11/11/18)	2 2
Kate Cain (1) Florida Atlantic (12/19/17) - triple-double	2
NU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE GAM	
1. Hannah Whitish (2017-present)	<u>ame</u> 5 ء
<ul><li>2. Nicea Eliely (2017-present)</li><li>3. Kate Cain (2018-present)</li></ul>	3 2 2 1 1
4. Taylor Kissinger (2018-present) 5. Leigha Brown (2019-present)	2 1
Sam Haiby (2019-present) 7. Ashtyn Veerbeek (2019-present) 8. Grace Mitchell (2017-present)	1
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Taylor Kissinger (2018-present) 4. Hannah Whitish (2017-present) Ashtyn Veerbeek (2019-present)	
NEBRASKA SEASON BLOCKS Player (Years)	lock
1. Kate Cain (2017-18) 2. Kate Cain (2018-19)	10 7
3. Danielle Page (2007-08)	7
4. Catheryn Redmon (2010-11)  HUSKER FRESHMAN BLOCKS	7
Player (Years)	lock
1. Kate Cain (2017-18, 32 games) 2. Janet Smith (1978-79, 34 games)	10 5
HUSKER SOPHOMORE BLOCK	
1. Kate Cain (2018-19, 30 games)	llock 7
2. Janet Smith (1979-80, 40 games) 3. Catheryn Redmon (2008-09, 31 games)	6
NEBRASKA CAREER BLOCKS Player (Years)	lock
1. Janet Smith (1979-82) 2. Catheryn Redmon (2008-11)	23 21
3. Danielle Page (2005-08)	20
4. Kate Cain (2018-present) HUSKER SINGLE-GAME BLOC	20 VC
	<b>KS</b> Block

1. Kate Cain vs. FAU, Dec. 19, 2017 2. Danielle Page vs. Baylor, Feb. 3, 2007 3. Kate Cain vs. Alabama A&M, Nov. 6, 2019

4. Three other players, Five times

Player (Years Lettered)

1. Kate Cain (2018-present)

2. Danielle Page (2005-08)

4. Katie Morse (2001-04)

3. Catherine Redmon (2008-11)

4. Kate Cain vs. Michigan St., Feb. 17, 2019

Kate Cain vs. Michigan, March 2, 2018

**7 OR MORE BLOCKS IN A GAME** 

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Games

14). She did not play against SIUE (Nov. 17) while battling illness and did not attend the game against Southern (Nov. 20) because of that same illness. She did not play against Creighton (Nov. 24) or USC (Nov. 29).

- She returned to action to play a career-high eight minutes, getting the first points (2) and rebounds (2) of her career in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30) at the South Point Shootout in Las Vegas.
- 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 made their first road trip a successful one by beating 2019 NCAA Tournament qualifier Missouri 90-85 in overtime at Mizzou Arena (Nov. 10).
- Nebraska returned home to tip a four-game stand featuring Morgan State (Nov. 14), SIUE (Nov. 17), Southern (Nov. 20) and Creighton (Nov. 24). The game with SIUE was part of Alumni Weekend, when the Huskers honored 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 spent Thanksgiving in Las Vegas at the South Point Shootout, where they defeated USC (Nov. 29) and Sacred Heart (Nov. 30).
- Nebraska returns 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 lowa (Dec. 28).
- The game with lowa 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

- Nebraska is 4-1 on its home court at Pinnacle Bank Arena early in 2019-20.
- 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 72-31 (.699) 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 in 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.
- The Huskers are 43-3 all-time in home season openers, following a 68-46 win over Alabama A&M on Nov. 6, 2019. 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 461-161 (.741) all-time at home. The Huskers have gone 197-65 (.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 103 all-time home games at Pinnacle Bank Arena, the Huskers own a 72-31 record (.699 winning percentage) while averaging 5,112 fans per game (526,534 total fans/103 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.

#### **HUSKERS HONOR 2010 CHAMPIONS ON ALUMNI DAY**

- The Huskers celebrated Alumni Weekend against SIUE (Nov. 17), while honoring the 10th anniversary of Nebraska's Big 12 Championship team in 2010. That group of Huskers posted the first unbeaten regular season in school history and the first unbeaten conference season by any school in Big 12 history.
- The 2010 Huskers were led by first-team All-American, Big 12 Player of the Year, Senior CLASS Award winner and Nebraska Female Student-Athlete of the Year Kelsey Griffin, Griffin, who is currently one of the top professional players in Australia. She returned to Nebraska during her WNBL season and attended games against both Morgan State (Nov. 14) and SIUE (Nov. 17).
- Other standout members of the 2010 team who attended the activities were first-team All-Big 12 forward Cory Montgomery (Barrett), first-round WNBA Draft pick Lindsey Moore, Dominique Kelley (Johnson), Nikki Bober (Marcoe), Kala Kuhlmann (Preister), Jess Periago and Layne Reeves (Mulamba).
- Former Nebraska Head Coach Connie Yori was also on hand at Pinnacle Bank Arena with her team. Former Assistant Coach Tory Verdi, who is now the head coach at UMass, attended a team banquet (Nov. 15). Midland University Head Coach Shawn Gilbert, who was the video coordinator for the 2010 team, also attended the weekend events, along with team managers Cliff Countryman and Kevin Dickens.

#### **NEBRASKA CAREER 3FG MADE**

Player (Years)	3FGM
1. Jordan Hooper (2011-14)	295
2. Kiera Hardy (2004-07)	267
3. Hannah Whitish (2017-present)	211
4. Yvonne Turner (2007-10)	183
5. Lindsey Moore (2010-13)	173

#### **NEBRASKA CAREER ASSISTS**

Player (Years)	<u>Assists</u>
1. Lindsey Moore (2010-13)	699
2. Meggan Yedsena (1991-94)	696
3. Rachel Theriot (2013-16)	626
4. Jina Johansen (2002-05)	567
5. Nicole Kubik (1997-00)	563
6. Amy Stephens (1986-89)	444
7. Stacy Imming (1984-87)	402
8. Hannah Whitish (2017-present)	397
9. Anna DeForge (1995-98)	392
10. Ami Beiriger (1979-83)	342

#### **NEBRASKA TEAM SEASON BLOCKS**

Season	Blocked Shots
1. 2017-18	163
2. 2018-19	156
3. 1979-80	147
4. 2007-08	138
5. 2009-10	126
6. 1998-99	121
7. 2010-11	118
8. 2001-02	116
9. 2000-01	109
10. 1999-00	105
2019-20	47

#### NEBRASKA SEASON 3FG MADE

Season	3FGM
1. 2017-18	250
2. 2013-14	231
3. 2011-12	230
4. 2018-19	227
5. 2009-10	225
6. 2010-11	218
7. 2012-13	214
8. 2016-17	197
9. 2015-16	178
10. 2014-15	173
2006-07	173

#### **NEBRASKA NCAA APPEARANCES**

14 Appearances, 21 Games (8-14 Record)

ı	Season (Sd.)	Opponent	Site	Result
ı	2018 (10)		Austin, Texas	
ı	2015 (9)	vs. (8) Syracuse	Columbia, S.C.	L, 69-72
ı	2014 (4)	vs. (12) BYU	Los Angeles, Calif.	L, 76-80
ı	2014 (4)	vs. (13) Fresno St.	Los Angeles, Calif.	W, 74-55
ı	2013 (6)	vs. (2) Duke	Norfolk, Va.	L, 45-53
ı	2013 (6)	at (3) Texas A&M	College Station, Texas	W, 74-63
ı	2013 (6)	vs. (11) Chattanooga	College Station, Texas	W, 73-59
ı	2012 (6)	vs. (11) Kansas	Little Rock	L, 49-57
ı	2010 (1)	vs. (4) Kentucky	Kansas City	L, 67-76
ı	2010 (1)	vs. (8) UCLA	Minneapolis	W, 83-70
ı	2010 (1)	vs. (16) Northern low	a Minneapolis	W, 83-44
ı	2008 (8)	at (1) Maryland	College Park, Md.	L, 64-76
ı	2008 (8)	vs. (9) Xavier	College Park, Md.	W, 61-58
ı	2007 (9)	vs. (8) Temple	Raleigh, N.C.	L, 61-64
ı	2000 (12)	vs. (5) Boston College	Charlottesville, Va.	L, 76-93
ı	1999 (11)	vs. (6) Kentucky	Los Angeles	L, 92-98
ı	1998 (9)	at (1) Old Dominion	Norfolk, Va.	L, 60-75
ı	1998 (9)	vs. (8) New Mexico	Norfolk, Va.	W, 76-59
ı	1996 (9)	vs. (8) Colo. St.	Stanford, Calif.	L, 62-66
ı	1993 (6)	at (3) USC	Los Angeles	L, 60-78
ı	1993 (6)	vs. (11) San Diego	Lincoln	W, 81-58
ı	1988 (5)	at (4) USC	Los Angeles	L. 82-100

#### NEBRASKA IN BIG TEN STATISTICS

TEAM (Thru Games Dec. 2, 2019)
Scoring Offense - 8th (73.1 ppg)
Scoring Defense - 8th (57.0 ppg)
Scoring Margin - 8th (+16.1 ppg)
Free Throw Pct. - 4th (.704)
Field Goal Pct. - 6th (.440)
Field Goal Pct. Defense - 4th (.319)
3FG Pct. - 14th (.281)
3FG Pct. - 14th (.281)
3FG Pct. Defense - 8th (.265)
Total Rebounds - 5th (42.9 rpg)
Rebound Margin - 4th (+6.5 rpg)
Blocked Shots - 1st (5.9 bpg)
Assists - 12th (15.0 apg)
Steals - 9th (7.5 spg)
Turnover Margin - 8th (+1.6 pg)
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio - 5th (1.2)
Offensive Rebounds - 4th (13.9 rpg)
Defensive Rebounds - 5th (29.0 rpg)
3FG Made - 9th (5.6 pg)

INDIVIDUAL (Thru games Dec. 2, 2019)
Scoring - Leigha Brown - 13th (14.3 ppg)
Rebounds - Ashtyn Veerbeek - 16th (6.5 rpg)
3FG Pct. - Hannah Whitish - 5th (.400)
FT Pct. - Leigha Brown - 9th (.769)
- Ashtyn Veerbeek - 12th (.750)
Assists - Hannah Whitish - 9th (4.3 apg)
3FGM - Hannah Whitish - 8th (2.0 pg)
Assist-to-Turnover - Hannah Whitish - 10th (1.8)
Blocked Shots - Kate Cain - 2nd (2.9 bpg)
- Nicea Eliely - 11th (1.1 bpg)
Def. Reb. - Ashtyn Veerbeek - 8th (5.1 drpg)

#### **NEBRASKA IN NCAA RANKINGS**

TEAM (Thru Games Dec. 2, 2019)
Scoring Offense - 78th (73.1 ppg)
Scoring Offense - 78th (73.1 ppg)
Scoring Defense - 56th (57.0 ppg)
Scoring Margin - 42nd (+16.1 ppg)
FG Pct. - 64th (.440)
FG Pct. Defense - 14th (.319)
FT Pct. - 128th (.704)
FT Made - 25th (114)
FT Attempts - 30th (162)
Total Rebounds - 15th (343)
Rebounds Per Game - 45th (42.9 rpg)
Rebound Margin - 64th (+6.5 rpg)
3FG Per Game - 212th (5.6 pg)
3FG Per Came - 212th (5.6 pg)
3FG Attempts - 78th (160)
3FG Attempts - 78th (160)
3FG Pct. Defense - 63rd (.265)
Assists - 35th (120)
Assists Per Game - 94th (15.0 apg)
Assist-to-Turnover Ratio - 31st (1.22)
Turnovers Per Game - 16th (12.3 pg)
Turnover Margin - 135th (1.6 pg)
Fewest Turnovers - 93rd (98)
Turnovers Forced - 304th (13.9 pg)
Steals - 123rd (60)
Steals Per Game - 210th (7.5 spg)
Blocked Shots Per Game - 11th (5.9 bpg)
Fewest Fouls - 221st (131)

INDIVIDUAL (Top 150 rankings, Dec. 2)
Points - Leigha Brown - 134th (114)
Assists - Hannah Whitish - 53rd (34)
Assists Per Game - Hannah Whitish - 99th (4.3 apg)
Assist-to-Turnover - Hannah Whitish - 121st (1.8)
3FGM - Hannah Whitish - 113th (16)
3FG Pct. - Hannah Whitish - 111th (.400)
FTM - Leigha Brown - 54th (30)
FTA - Leigha Brown - 63rd (39)
Blocked Shots - Kate Cain - 7th (23)
- Nicea Eliely - 129th (9)
Blocked Shots Per Game - Kate Cain - 10th (2.9 bpg)

#### **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 23-23 all-time in overtime games, including 12-11 at home, 8-9 in true road games and 3-3 on neutral courts in overtime.
- The Huskers are 1-0 in overtime games in 2019-20 following an impressive 90-85 OT win at Missouri (Nov. 10, 2019).
- Nebraska's lone overtime game of 2018-19 also came in the Huskers' first road game of the season, but NU suffered an 87-84 double-overtime loss at Washington State (Nov. 16, 2019). 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 3-3 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, 2018) 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 played its fourth overtime game in 73 all-time meetings with Missouri in a 90-85 OT win at Mizzou Arena (Nov. 10, 2019). All four OT games against the Tigers were settled in a single overtime period.
- Nebraska's next most frequent overtime opponents are Big Ten foes Purdue, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The Huskers and Purdue have played three overtime games in 14 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 (22 games), including two of the three overtime games in Pinnacle Bank Arena history.
  - In 16 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.

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## **2019-20 OVERALL SEASON STATISTICS**

**OVERALL RECORD: 7-1 HOME: 4-1 AWAY: 1-0 NEUTRAL: 2-0** Rebounds FG-FGA 3P-3PA Off-Def Tot/Avg. <u>Player</u> G-GS Min-Avg. Pct. Pct. FT-FTA Pct. PF-D TO BK TP/Avg. 32-Leigha Brown 8-0 188-23.6 39-85 .459 6-23 .261 30-39 .769 10-16 26/3.3 17-0 14 5 114/14.3 4-Sam Haiby 8-8 203-25.4 29-63 .460 7-21 .333 18-23 .783 4-15 19/2.4 12-0 20 12 2 7 83/10.4 13-Ashtyn Veerbeek 8-8 164-20.6 23-47 .489 5-14 .357 21-28 .750 11-41 52/6.5 16-0 10 12 5 5 72/9.0 71/8.9 8-8 189-23.6 32-60 .533 0-1 .000 7-12 .583 14-33 47/5.9 14-0 12 23 4 31-Kate Cain 8 5-Nicea Eliely 8-8 216-26.9 27-63 .429 3-18 .167 12-16 .750 19-26 45/5.6 18-2 18 11 9 10 69/8.6 25-57 8-8 228-28.5 .439 16-40 .400 0-0 .000 32/4.0 34 19 0 3-Hannah Whitish 1-31 13-1 66/8.3 33-Taylor Kissinger 4-0 72-17.9 8-24 .333 4-18 .222 3-6 .500 5-9 14/3.5 4-0 0 23/5.8 34-Isabelle Bourne 8-0 108-13.5 14-33 .424 .167 9-12 .750 35/4.4 3 38/4.8 1-6 16-19 12-1 7-21 14-Grace Mitchell 8-0 86-10.8 .333 3-9 .333 3-9 .333 5-8 13/1.6 8-0 0 20/2.5 7-0 .333 .000 0 13/1.9 11-Kristian Hudson 54-7.7 5-15 0-6 3-4 .750 1-7 8/1.1 44-Kayla Mershon 8-0 102-12.7 3-15 .200 0-4 .000 8-13 .615 15-8 23/2.9 10-1 4 14/1.8 1-Makenzie Helms 3-0 14-4.8 1-1 1.000 0-0 .000 0-0 .000 0-2 2/0.7 3-0 0 2/0.7 10-17 27/3.4 Team 343/42.9 131-5 120 Total 8 1,625 213-484 .440 45-160 .281 114-162 .704 111-232 98 47 60 585/73.1 8 49-185 .721 110-181 291/36.4 143-3 75 111 23 49 1,625 157-492 .319 .265 93-129 456/57.0 Opponents 1 2 3 4 OT **Deadball Rebounds** Score by Periods Total Nebraska 161 145 132 133 14 585 33

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Opponents

116

126

114

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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: 7-1 BIG TEN: 0-0 HOME: 4-1 AWAY: 1-0 NEUTRAL: 2-0

<u>Date</u>	Opponent	W/L	Score	Home	Away	Neutral	Total	Big Ten	Att.	High Points	High Rebounds	High Assists
11/6	Alabama A&M	W	68-46	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	5,250	(12) Whitish	(8) Kissinger	(3) Whitish
												(3) Haiby
												(3) Eliely
11/10	at Missouri	W	90-85 OT	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	4,114	(28) Haiby	(7) Whitish	(5) Whitish
11/14	Morgan State	W	78-55	2-0	1-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	3,377	(16) Brown	(15) Eliely	(5) Brown
11/17	SIUE	W	53-49	3-0	1-0	0-0	4-0	0-0	3,537	(13) Eliely	(10) Eliely	(5) Whitish
11/20	Southern	W	73-39	4-0	1-0	0-0	5-0	0-0	3,541	(16) Brown	(8) Veerbeek	(5) Whitish
11/24	Creighton	L	74-79	4-1	1-0	0-0	5-1	0-0	3,967	(18) Cain	(7) Cain	(5) Whitish
											(7) Haiby	
11/29	vs. USC+	W	67-54	4-1	1-0	1-0	6-1	0-0	300	(16) Brown	(10) Veerbeek	(5) Whitish
11/30	vs. Sacred Heart+	W	72-49	4-1	1-0	2-0	7-1	0-0	300	(15) Whitish	(7) Cain	(5) Eliely

Home Attendance (Avg.) -- 19,672 (3,934) Road Attendance (Avg.) -- 4,114 (4,114) Neutral Attendance (Avg.) -- 600 (300) Total Attendance (Avg.) -- 24,386 (3,049)

AP Ranking at game time listed before team

<sup>+</sup> South Point Shootout (Las Vegas, Nev.)

<sup>%</sup> ACC/Big Ten Challenge game

<sup>\*</sup> Big Ten Conference game

<sup>#</sup> Big Ten Tournament game (Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.)

# 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME LINESCORES

Game	FG	FGA	PCT	3FGM	3FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	PF	Α	то	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
Nebraska	31	76	.408	8	26	.308	20	28	.714	14	32	46	30	11	13	5	7	90
at Missouri	23	63	.365	8	28	.286	31	38	.816	10	35	45	21	12	19	3	7	85
Nebraska	24	52	.462	2	13	.154	28	35	.800	18	28	46	10	14	15	9	11	78
Morgan State	23	70	.329	6	22	.273	3	4	.750	20	14	34	25	8	14	1	7	55
<b>Nebraska</b> SIUE	<b>24</b> 20	<b>59</b> 59	<b>.407</b> .339	<b>7</b> 1	<b>28</b> 13	<b>.250</b> .077	<b>8</b> 8	<b>12</b> 13	<b>.667</b> .615	<b>16</b> 12	<b>29</b> 20	<b>45</b> 32	<b>14</b> 10	<b>15</b> 5	<b>14</b> 12	<b>5</b> 3	<b>8</b> 7	<b>63</b> 49
<b>Nebraska</b> Southern	<b>27</b> 14	<b>57</b> 53	<b>.474</b> .264	<b>8</b> 4	<b>20</b> 20	<b>.400</b> .200	<b>11</b> 7	<b>17</b> 10	<b>.647</b> .700	<b>12</b> 10	<b>31</b> 22	<b>43</b> 32	<b>11</b> 17	<b>19</b> 6	<b>8</b> 13	<b>3</b> 2	<b>8</b> 3	<b>73</b> 39
<b>Nebraska</b> Creighton	<b>30</b> 21	<b>68</b> 57	<b>.441</b> .368	<b>3</b> 14	<b>16</b> 32	<b>.188</b> .438	11 23	<b>18</b> 29	<b>.611</b>	<b>14</b> 12	<b>27</b> 29	<b>41</b> 41	<b>26</b> 21	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	4	<b>74</b> 79
<b>Nebraska</b> vs. USC	<b>29</b> 22	<b>63</b> 67	<b>.460</b> .328	<b>5</b> 7	<b>18</b> 27	<b>.278</b> .259	<b>4</b> 3	<b>8</b> 4	<b>.500</b> .750	<b>10</b> 14	<b>24</b> 23	<b>34</b> 37	<b>11</b> 13	<b>15</b> 13	<b>12</b> 14	<b>7</b> 6	<b>4</b> 8	<b>67</b> 54
Nebraska vs. Sacred Heart	<b>25</b> 14	<b>55</b> 44	<b>.455</b> .318	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b> 27	<b>.304</b> .259	<b>15</b> 14	<b>20</b> 23	<b>.750</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b> 18	<b>38</b> 25	<b>20</b> 19	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b> 20	4 2	<b>13</b>	<b>72</b> 49

# **2019-20 TEAM HIGHS & LOWS**

#### **HUSKER TEAM SEASON HIGHS**

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Points		
First Quarter Points	21	at Missouri, 11/10/19
Second Quarter Points	19	vs. USC, 11/29/19
First Half Points	39	vs. USC, 11/29/19
Third Quarter Points	23	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
	23	at Missouri, 11/10/19
Fourth Quarter Points	26	Morgan State, 11/14/19
Second Half Points	48	Morgan State, 11/14/19
Overtime Points		
Field Goals Made		
Field Goals Att		
Field Goal Pct	47.4	Southern, 11/20/19
Three-Pt. FG Made	8	Southern, 11/20/19
	8	at Missouri, 11/10/19
Three-Pt. FG Att		
Three-Pt. FG Pct	40.0	Southern, 11/20/19
Free Throws Made	28	Morgan State, 11/14/19
Free Throws Att		
Free Throw Pct	80.0	Morgan State, 11/14/19
Rebounds	50	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
Offensive Rebounds		
Defensive Rebounds		
Rebound Margin	+13	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
	+13	SIUE, 11/17/19
Assists	19	Southern, 11/20/19
Steals	13	Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
Blocked Shots	12	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
Turnovers		
Fouls	30	at Missouri, 11/10/19

#### **OPPONENT TEAM SEASON LOWS**

OPPONENT TEAM	VI SEASOIN	LOVVS
Points	39	Southern, 11/20/19
First Quarter Points	7	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
Second Quarter Points	5	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
First Half Points	14	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
Third Quarter Points	5	Southern, 11/20/19
Fourth Quarter Points	2	vs. USC, 11/29/19
Second Half Points		
Overtime Points	9	at Missouri, 11/10/19
Field Goals Made	14	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
		vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
Field Goal Pct	25.3	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
Three-Pt. FG Made	1	SIUE, 11/17/19
Three-Pt. FG Att		
Three-Pt. FG Pct		
Free Throws Made	3	vs. USC, 11/29/19
	3	Morgan State, 11/14/19
Free Throws Att	4	vs. USC, 11/29/19
	4	Morgan State, 11/14/19
Free Throw Pct	50.0	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
Rebounds	25	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
Offensive Rebounds	7	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
		Morgan State, 11/14/19
Rebound Margin	13	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
	13	SIUE, 11/17/19
Assists	5	SIUE, 11/17/19
Steals	2	Creighton, 11/24/19
		Morgan State, 11/14/19
Turnovers		
Fouls		

#### **HUSKER TEAM SEASON LOWS**

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Points	63	SIUE, 11/17/19
First Quarter Points	14	Morgan State, 11/14/19
Second Quarter Points	4	SIUE, 11/17/19
First Half Points	23	SIUE, 11/17/19
Third Quarter Points		
Fourth Quarter Points	13	vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
Second Half Points	28	vs. USC, 11/29/19
Overtime Points		
Field Goals Made		
Field Goals Att		
Field Goal Pct		
Three-Pt. FG Made	2	Morgan State, 11/14/19
Three-Pt. FG Att		
Three-Pt. FG Pct	15.4	Morgan State, 11/14/19
Free Throws Made	4	vs. USC, 11/29/19
Free Throws Att		
Free Throw Pct	50.0	vs. USC, 11/29/19
Rebounds		
Offensive Rebounds		
		vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
	24	vs. USC, 11/29/19
Rebound Margin	3	vs. USC, 11/29/19
Assists	11	at Missouri, 11/10/19
Steals		
Blocked Shots	3	Southern, 11/20/19
Turnovers		
Fouls	9	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19

#### **OPPONENT TEAM SEASON HIGHS**

		at Missouri, 11/10/19
First Quarter Points		
		Morgan State, 11/14/19
First Half Points		•
		Creighton, 11/24/19
Fourth Quarter Points	25	at Missouri, 11/10/19
Second Half Points	47	Creighton, 11/24/19
	47	at Missouri, 11/10/19
Overtime	9	at Missouri, 11/10/19
Field Goals Made	23	Morgan State, 11/14/19
		at Missouri, 11/10/19
Field Goals Att	79	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
		Creighton, 11/24/19
		at Missouri, 11/10/19
		at Missouri, 11/10/19
		at Missouri, 11/10/19
Rebounds	45	at Missouri, 11/10/19
		Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
		Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
		at Missouri, 11/10/19
Rebound Margin		
		Creighton, 11/24/19
		vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
Blocked Shots		
		vs. Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
		Morgan State, 11/14/19

## 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 4-15 0-1 0 Lewis\* 30 9 2 Thomas\* 16 0-8 0-0 1 0 0 Cobb\* 0-5 0-0 2 0 0 15 1 1 8-21 0-0 Jones\* 35 6 1 1 2 16 5-14 Harper\* 33 3-3 30 1-5 0-0 3 3 0 2 Dark 1 8 1-4 0-2 3 2 0 0 2 Evans 13 0-3 1-2 3 2 0 0 Stanley 1 0-0 2 Collins 8 0-2 0 0 0 0 Saunders 14 1-2 5 0 Team Rebounds 200 20-79 4-8 45 17 6 6 46 Totals Nebraska Min FG FT RB PF A ST TP Veerbeek\* 16 2-4 5-7 2 6 1 Cain\* 21 4-6 2-2 0 Ω 10 Whitish\* 4-8 0-0 3 24 1 3-7 2-2 0 Haiby\* 24 3 0 8 1 Eliely\* 21 2-7 0-0 3 0 3 4 Mitchell 13 0-20-0 Brown 18 3-8 4.7 7 2 1 Λ 10 1-2 0-0 4 0 0 2 Bourne 15 20 1-5 2-4 8 0 Kissinaer 1 1 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 Team Rebounds

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

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Totals

**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 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 teamhigh 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 guarter 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 gamehigh 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.

# GAME #2 NEBRASKA 90 MISSOURI 85 OT COLUMBIA, MO., NOV. 10, 2019

<u>Nebraska</u>	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	Α	ST	TP
Whitish*	41	5-12	0-0	7	5	5	4	12
Haiby*	35	11-19	3-4	2	4	1	1	28
Eliely*	24	3-7	3-4	3	5	0	0	10
Veerbeek*	29	2-4	5-7	5	4	3	1	9
Cain*	22	2-4	0-0	6	1	1	0	2
Hudson	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Mitchell	10	2-3	0-1	3	1	0	0	4
Brown	33	7-15	8-10	5	3	1	0	24
Bourne	13	0-4	1-2	2	1	0	0	1
Mershon	17	0-4	0-0	4	5	0	1	0
Team Rebo	ound	S		9				
Totals	225	31-76	20-28	46	30	11	7	90

<u>Missouri</u>	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	Α	ST	TP
Brown*	14	0-1	0-0	1	3	1	0	0
Schuchts*	37	4-9	3-4	10	3	1	1	13
Roundtree*	34	3-5	9-9	10	2	1	1	16
Smith*	39	5-18	10-11	14	2	1	1	20
Chavis*	43	2-11	2-2	1	1	2	1	8
Troup	12	1-2	0-0	1	1	1	1	2
Blackwell	28	7-13	5-10	4	5	4	1	21
Frank	13	1-2	2-2	1	1	0	1	5
Garner	5	0-2	0-0	0	3	1	0	0
Team Reb	ound	S		3				
Totals	225	23-63	31-38	45	21	12	7	85

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	Final
Nebraska	21	10	23	22	14	90
Missouri	18	11	22	25	9	85

**3FG:** Nebraska 8-26 (Haiby 3-7, Brown 2-4, Whitish 2-6, Eliely 1-3, Mitchell 0-1, Bourne 0-1, Mershon 0-2, Veerbeek 0-2); Missouri 8-28 (Schuchts 2-4, Blackwell 2-6, Chavis 2-8, Roundtree 1-1, Frank 1-2, Brown 0-1, Troup 0-1, Smith 0-5). **3FG%:** Nebraska 30.8; Missouri 28.6. **FG%:** Nebraska 40.8; Missouri 36.5. **FT%:** Nebraska 71.4; Missouri 81.6. **Steals:** Nebraska 7 (Whitish 4); Missouri 2 (Schuchts, Roundtree, Smith, Chavis, Troup, Blackwell, Frank 1). **Blocked Shots:** Nebraska 5 (Cain 2); Missouri 3 (Schuchts 2). **Turnovers:** Nebraska 13; Missouri 19. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Officials:** Hall, Preato, Marsh. **Attendance:** 4,114.

Game Highlights: Sam Haiby scored a career-high 28 points and Leigha Brown added 24 points off the bench to lead Nebraska to a 90-85 overtime win at Missouri. Haiby, who scored 10 points in the first guarter and 18 more after halftime, hit a game-tying three-pointer with three seconds left in regulation to send the game to overtime tied at 76. She added four points in OT, including Nebraska's last field goal and a pair of free throws with 13.3 seconds left to seal the Huskers' first road win against an SEC opponent since 2013. Brown, who also scored 18 points after halftime, added four points of her own in the overtime period to help the Huskers improve to 2-0. Hannah Whitish added 12 points and team highs of seven rebounds, five assists and four steals while also taking several key charges. In the best defensive game of her career, Whitish also became just the third Husker in history to reach 200 career three-pointers. Nicea Eliely gave the Huskers four players in double figures with 10 points, but fouled out midway through the fourth quarter. She was the first of three Huskers to foul out, including Whitish and Kayla Mershon, as the Huskers were whistled for 30 fouls.

#### GAME #3 NEBRASKA 78 MORGAN STATE 55 LINCOLN, NEB., NOV. 14, 2019

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Morgan St.		FG_	<u>FT</u>	RB	<u>PF</u>	A_	ST	<u>TP</u>
Redd*	36	5-20	1-2	10	3	0	2	12
Morales*	12	0-2	0-0	2	5	0	1	0
Chavis*	33	5-12	2-2	1	3	2	1	14
McCalla*	30	6-14	0-0	6	3 2	2	0	13
Mitchell*	35	2-8	0-0	7 1	3	1	0	4 8
Skripkina	21	3-6	0-0	1	3	0	1	0
Searcy	18 4	0-3	0-0 0-0	0	პ 1	0	0	0
Demeza	7	0-0 2-4		0	1	1	0	4
Henson			0-0	-			-	-
Lawhorne	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Bumbray	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Team Reb			2.4	6	25		_	
Totals	200	23-70	3-4	34	25	8	7	55
Nebraska	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	Α	ST	ΤP
Veerbeek*	20	5-10	3-4	6	1	1	1	13
Cain*	22	4-6	5-6	5	2	3	1	13
Whitish*	29	0-4	0-0	1	1	2	3	0
Haiby*	19	2-5	3-4	3	2	2	1	8
Eliely*	33	3-6	6-7	15	0	1	1	12
Brown	30	5-11	6-6	3	0	5	2	16
Mitchell	10	2-3	0-2	0	0	0	0	5
Bourne	15	3-6	2-2	6	1	0	0	8
Hudson	5	0-1	1-2	0	1	0	2	1
Helms	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Mershon	13	0-0	2-2	4	1	0	0	2
Team Reb	ound	S		3				
Totals	200	24-52	28-35	46	10	14	11	78
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Morgan St	ate	11	19	18	7		55	

**3FG:** Morgan State 6-22 (Skripkina 2-5, Chavis 2-6, Redd 1-2, McCalla 1-6, Searcy 0-1, Henson 0-1, Bumbray 0-1); Nebraska 2-13 (Mitchell 1-1, Haiby 1-3, Veerbeek 0-1, Hudson 0-1, Whitish 0-3, Brown 0-4). **3FG%:** Morgan State 27.3; Nebraska 15.4. **FG%:** Morgan State 32.9; Nebraska 46.2. **FT%:** Morgan State 75.0; Nebraska 80.0. **Steals:** Morgan State 7 (Mitchell, Redd 2); Nebraska 11 (Whitish 3). **Blocked Shots:** Morgan State 1 (Redd 1); Nebraska

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9 (Cain 4). **Turnovers:** Morgan State 14; Nebraska 15. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Officials:** Roberts, Resch, Jefferson. **Attendance:** 3,377.

Game Highlights: Nicea Eliely notched her first career double-double with 12 points and a careerhigh 15 rebounds to help power Nebraska to a 78-55 win over Morgan State at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Eliely, who went 3-of-6 from the field and 6-of-7 at the free throw line, added three blocks and a steal in a strong all-around effort. Leigha Brown pitched in a game-high 16 points and tied her career high with five assists to help the Huskers pull away down the stretch. The game was tied at 30 at the half, and Nebraska led just 52-50 a minute into the fourth quarter before pulling away down the stretch. After hitting just 13-of-36 shots from the field through the first three quarters, the Huskers caught fire to go 11-for-16 in the fourth, including 2-of-3 from three-point range. On the defensive end, NU held the Bears to just 2-for-20 shooting in the final period, outscoring Morgan State 26-7 to close the game. Kate Cain contributed 13 points, five rebounds, four blocks and three assists, while Ashtyn Veerbeek added 13 points and six boards, as Nebraska improved to 3-0 on the season.

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## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME BOX SCORES

## GAME #4 NEBRASKA 63 SIUE 49

## LINCOLN, NEB., NOV. 17, 2019

#### SIUE Min FG FT 4-16 0-2King\* 2 0 Keith\* 24 3-6 0-0 0 1 0 7 Stallworth\* 30 3-7 3-4 2 0 1 1 Troeckler\* 34 4-11 0-10 0 3 8 Whitlock\* 26 2-3 4-4 1-8 1-2 5 Kinnard 18 3 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 Lee Thatha 16 1-4 0-0 0 2 3 1 1 Hall 9 2-2 0-0 0 0 0 4 9 Akuen 0-2 4 0 Team Rebounds 200 20-59 8-13 32 10 5 7 49 Totals Nebraska Min FG FT RB PF ST TP Veerbeek\* 25 3-7 2-2 6 2 1 Cain\* 23 3-6 0-0 5 3 1 0 6 Whitish\* 0-0 9 0 26 3-7 3-7 26 1-2 2 0 2 0 8 Haibv\* Eliely\* 32 6-11 1-2 10 2 3 4 13 25 4-11 2-2 2 12 Brown Bourne 13 1-2 2-4 5 5 0 0 0-0 0 0 Hudson 11 1-5 0 Mitchell 7 0-0 0 0 0-21 1 0 Mershon 12 0-1 0-0 2 0 1 Team Rebounds 2 **Totals** 200 24-59 8-12 45 14 15 8 63 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final

**3FG:** SIUE 1-13 (Keith 1-4, Kinnard 0-1, Stallworth 0-2, King 0-3, Thatha 0-3); Nebraska 7-28 (Veerbeek 2-4, Brown 2-6, Whitish 2-6, Haiby 1-2, Bourne 0-1, Hudson 0-4, Eliely 0-5). **3FG%:** SIUE 7.7; Nebraska 25.0. **FG%:** SIUE 33.9; Nebraska 40.7. **FT%:** SIUE 61.5; Nebraska 66.7. **Steals:** SIUE 7 (Trocekler 3); Nebraska 8 (Eliely 4). **Blocked Shots:** SIUE 3 (Akuen 3); Nebraska 5 (Eliely 2). **Turnovers:** SIUE 12; Nebraska 14. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Officials:** Bonner, Hallead, Clayton. **Attendance:** 3,537.

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Game Highlights: Nicea Eliely posted her second straight double-double with game highs of 13 points, 10 rebounds, four steals and two blocks to go along with three assists in Nebraska's 63-49 win over Southern Illinois Edwardsville at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Leigha Brown produced double figures for the fourth straight game to open the season, finishing with 12 points. Fellow sophomore Ashtyn Veerbeek added her third game in double figures with 10 points and six rebounds, as Nebraska improved to 4-0 for the first time since 2015-16. Hannah Whitish contributed eight points and five assists to go along with a career-high nine rebounds, while Sam Haiby added eight points of her own in the win. Nebraska bolted to a 19-9 lead after three straight three-pointers in a 57-second span midway through the first quarter. However, the Huskers then went ice cold, scoring just four points over the next 12:26 of the half. NU's defense remained solid, and the Huskers took a 23-22 lead into halftime. Veerbeek hit a pair of third-quarter threes to help the Huskers push the margin to 12 points after three quarters. Nebraska honored its former players on Alumni Weekend, including the members of the 2010 Big 12 Champion Huskers, including former head coach Connie Yori.

### GAME #5 NEBRASKA 73 SOUTHERN 39 LINCOLN, NEB., NOV. 20, 2019

Southern	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	Α	ST	TP
Scott*	24	1-3	0-0	1	0	1	2	3
White*	25	1-4	2-2	2	3	0	0	4
Davis*	24	1-7	0-0	3	2	1	0	2
Rose*	27	3-12	2-4	4	0	2	0	8
Towner*	19	1-8	0-0	1	5	0	0	2
Kincey	14	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	0	0
McWain	20	5-10	2-2	5	2	0	1	15
Moore	22	2-3	0-0	6	2	0	0	4
McGhee	14	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0
Fleming	11	0-4	1-2	2	1	0	0	1
Team Reb				4				
Totals	200	14-53	7-10	32	17	6	3	39
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Nebraska Veerbeek*		<b>FG</b> 4-6	2-3	<b>RB</b> 8	<b>PF</b> 0	<b>A</b>	<u> </u>	<u>TP</u> 12
Cain*	18	4-6 2-3	2-3 0-0	5	1	0	1	4
Whitish*	27	2-3 3-5	0-0	5	0	5	1	8
Haiby*	28	3-9	3-4	2	2	4	2	10
Eliely*	27	3-7 2-6	2-2	3	2	2	0	6
Brown	23	7-122	1-2	4	3	3	0	16
Bourne	14	1-3	2-2	4	0	2	2	4
Hudson	15	1-4	0-0	2	0	1	0	2
Mitchell	14	3-5	1-4	5	2	1	1	9
Mershon	14	1-4	0-0	1	1	0	1	2
Team Reb			0 0	4	•	•	•	_
Totals			11-17	-	11	19	8	73
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**3FG:** Southern 4-20 (McWain 3-6, Scott 1-2, Moore 0-1, Rose 0-3, Towner 0-3, Davis 0-5); Nebraska 8-20 (Veerbeek 2-2, Mitchell 2-3, Whitish 2-3, Brown 1-3, Haiby 1-4, Bourne 0-1, Hudson 0-1, Mershon 0-1, Eliely 0-2). **3FG%:** Southern 20.0; Nebraska 40.0. **FG%:** Southern 26.4; Nebraska 47.4. **FT%:** Southern 70.0; Nebraska 64.7. **Steals:** Southern 3 (Scott 2); Nebraska 8 (Bourne, Haiby 2). **Blocked Shots:** Southern 2 (Kincey, McGhee 1); Nebraska 3 (Cain 2). **Turnovers:** Southern 13; Nebraska 8. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Officials:** Grinter, McConnell, Pethtel. **Attendance:** 3.541.

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Game Highlights: Nebraska played a strong allaround game and Hannah Whitish became the 33rd 1,000-point scorer in Husker history, as the Big Red rolled to a 73-39 win over defending SWAC champion Southern at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Whitish scored her 1,000th career point on a mid-range jumper near the left elbow midway through the first quarter to give Nebraska a 10-5 lead. That lead grew to 30-14 midway through the second quarter after Whitish buried a pair of three-pointers. She finished the night with eight points to go along with five rebounds and five assists. Leigha Brown led a balanced Big Red attack with a game-high 16 points, while Ashtyn Veerbeek pitched in 12 points and a game-high eight rebounds. Sam Haiby rounded out the Huskers in double figures with 10 points and four assists. All 10 Huskers who played in the game had at least two points and one rebound, and eight of the Huskers added an assist. Nebraska's defense all but shut down an experienced 2019 NCAA Tournament team, holding the Jaguars to 26.4 percent shooting from the field. NU also committed just one second-half turnover against a Southern club that prides itself on pressure defense.

#### GAME #6 CREIGHTON 79 NEBRASKA 74 LINCOLN, NEB., NOV. 24, 2019

Creighton Min         FG         FT         RB         PF         A         ST         TI           Agnew*         38         9-18         3-4         13         3         3         0         20           Griglione*         13         0-3         0-0         0         2         3         0         0
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Griglione* 13 0-3 0-0 0 2 3 0 0
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Rembao* 33 2-5 5-6 3 1 2 0 1
Carda* 36 6-12 2-3 3 4 2 1 18
Elger* 34 4-10 7-10 7 4 3 1 18
Parham 17 0-1 0-0 4 4 2 0 0
Brotzki 12 0-4 4-4 5 3 0 0 4
Bachelor 9 0-2 2-2 2 0 1 0 2
Dworak 8 0-2 0-0 0 0 0 0 0
Team Rebounds 4
Totals 200 21-57 23-29 41 21 16 2 79
Nebraska Min FG FT RB PF A ST TI
Veerbeek* 19 4-9 1-1 6 2 1 0 9
Cain* 29 9-15 0-4 7 3 0 0 18
Whitish* 28 2-5 0-0 1 4 5 0 4
Haiby* 29 6-10 4-5 7 3 4 1 13
Eliely* 27 2-7 0-0 5 5 4 2 4
Brown 23 5-10 3-4 4 4 0 0 14
Bourne 10 2-3 2-2 3 2 0 0 7
Kissinger 13 0-4 0-0 0 1 0 0 13
Mershon 13 0-2 1-2 6 1 1 0 13
Mitchell 8 0-1 0-0 1 1 0 1 0
Team Rebounds 1
Totals 200 30-68 11-18 41 26 15 4 74
1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final
Creighton 17 15 23 24 79
Nebraska 18 14 19 23 74

**3FG:** Creighton 14-32 (Agnew 5-11, Carda 4-7, Elger 3-5, Rembao 2-4, Bachelor 0-1, Griglione 0-1, Dworak 0-1, Brotzki 0-2); Nebraska 3-16 (Bourne 1-1, Brown 1-2, Haiby 1-3, Eliely 0-1, Mitchell 0-1, Veerbeek 0-2, Whitish 0-2, Kissinger 0-4). **3FG%:** Creighton 43.8; Nebraska 18.8. **FG%:** Creighton 36.8; Nebraska 44.1. **FT%:** Creighton 79.3; Nebraska 61.1. **Steals:** Creighton 2 (Carda, Elger 1); Nebraska 4 (Eliely 2). **Blocked Shots:** Creighton 3 (Agnew, Brotzki, Griglione 1); Nebraska 5 (Cain 3). **Turnovers:** Creighton 9; Nebraska 6. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Officials:** Napier, Zentz, Br. Enterline. **Attendance:** 3,967.

Game Highlights: Nebraska outscored Creighton 46-10 in the paint, but the Bluejays knocked down 14 three-pointers to shoot their way to a 79-74 win at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The Jays hit 7-of-20 threes in the first half but were tied with the Huskers at 32-32 at halftime despite 1-for-9 shooting from long range for the Big Red. The Jays hit two quick threes to start the second half and finished 7-for-12 from beyond the arc over the final 20 minutes. CU shot its way to an 11-point fourth-quarter lead before Nebraska rallied late. Kate Cain led the Huskers with 18 points, seven rebounds and three blocks, while Sam Haiby added 17 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Jaylyn Agnew led all players with 26 points and 13 rebounds for CU, while Olivia Elger and Temi Carda each added 18 points. Agnew, Elger and Carda combined to hit 12-of-23 threepointers. Creighton hit just 7-of-25 two-point field goal attempts in the game, as Nebraska out-shot the Jays overall from the field (.441-.368). However, CU outscored Nebraska 23-11 at the free throw line as the Huskers tried to extend the game by fouling down the stretch. NU committed just six turnovers against CU's pressure defense in the game.

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#### GAME #7 NEBRASKA 67 USC 54

#### LAS VEGAS, NEV., NOV. 29, 2019

#### Nebraska Min FG FT Veerbeek\* 20 10 0 2-4 1-2 .3 0 Cain\* 28 5-9 0-0 5 2 1 1 10 Whitish\* 30 3-5 0-0 0 7 3 1 5 Haiby\* 18 0-2 0-0 0 4 1 0 Eliely\* 28 5-12 0-0 0 0 12 7-11 Brown 24 2-4 2 16 Mitchell 0-3 0-0 3-9 0-0 0 8 Kissinaer 19 4 1 2 Bourne 17 4-8 0-0 6 0 2 8 Mershon 4 0-0 1-2 O 0 0 0 1 0-0 0 0 0 0 Hudson 1 0-0 Team Rebounds 34 11 15 7 67 200 29-63 4-8 Totals RB PF USC Min FG FT ST TP Α Overbeck\* 32 3-8 2-2 9 3 2 1 8 29 Pili\* 3-12 0 30 3-13 0-0 8 Rogers\* 3 1 5 2 Jeune\* 18 3-7 0-0 2 7 Caldwell\* 34 1-7 0-0 0 2 3 Watts 12 3-4 0-0 2 2 0 0 7 19 2 Jackson 6-10 1-2 0 0 13 9 0-0 0 Miura 0-50 1 0 0 White 17 0-1 0-0 0 2 Team Rebounds **Totals** 200 22-67 3-4 37 13 13 8 54 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Final Nebraska 20 19 13 15 67 2 USC 22 21 54

**3FG:** Nebraska 5-18 (Eliely 2-4, Kissinger 2-4, Whitish 1-3, Veerbeek 0-1, Mitchell 0-2); USC 7-27 (Pili 2-5, Rogers 2-9, Watts 1-1, Jeune 1-3, Caldwell 1-4, Miura 0-5). **3FG%:** Nebraska 27.8; USC 25.9. **FG%:** Nebraska 46.0; USC 32.8. **FT%:** Nebraska 50.0; USC 75.0. **Steals:** Nebraska 7 (Kissinger 2); USC 8 (Jeune 3). **Blocked Shots:** Nebraska 4 (Veerbeek 2); USC 6 (Pili 3). **Turnovers:** Nebraska 12; USC 12. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Officials:** Inouye, J. Cross, Sharples. **Attendance:** 300.

Game Highlights: Nebraska outscored USC 15-2 in the final quarter to run away with a 67-54 win over USC on the opening day of the South Point Shootout in Las Vegas. Nebraska led 39-31 at halftime, before USC rallied to send the game to the fourth quarter tied at 52. But the Huskers held the Women of Troy without a field goal in the final 10 minutes, surrendering just two free throws to Kayla Overbeck with 6:57 left. Nebraska shut out USC the rest of the way, ending the game on an 11-0 run. The Huskers were led by Leigha Brown's 16 points, while Nicea Eliely added 12 points and Kate Cain pitched in 10. Isabelle Bourne had one of the best games of her young career with eight points, six rebounds and two assists, while Hannah Whitish made several key plays at both ends of the floor down the stretch. Nebraska played one of its most solid quarters of the season, holding USC without a field goal or an offensive rebound in the fourth. The Huskers also committed just one fourthquarter turnover. Nebraska's strong finish gave the Huskers their fifth consecutive win in the history of the series with USC.

# GAME #8 NEBRASKA 72 SACRED HEART 49 LAS VEGAS, NEV., NOV. 30, 2019

Sacred Heart	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	Α	ST	TP
Woods*	20	2-4	1-1	3	3	1	0	5
Johnson*	25	1-6	0-0	2	2	1	5	3
Dabney*	31	3-9	0-0	2	3	2	1	8
Murphy*	26	0-3	4-5	1	1	1	0	4
Hagood*	31	4-12	7-13	5	3	1	0	16
Davis	20	3-4	2-4	4	1	1	0	10
Cheatham	17	0-2	0-0	5	0	0	1	0
Ziba	13	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
Smith	12	1-2	0-0	0	2	2	1	3
Stroemel	3	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
Marshall	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Team Reb	ound:	S		1				
Totals	200	14-44	14-23	25	19	9	9	49
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<u>Nebraska</u>		FG_	_FT_	RB	<u>PF</u>	_A_	ST	TP
Veerbeek*		1-3	2-2	5	2	2	1	4
Cain*	27	4-7	0-0	7	1	2	1	8
Whitish*	23	5-11	0-0	3	1	4	3	15
Haiby*	25	1-4	2-2	2	0	0	1	4
Eliely*	23	4-7	0-1	5	3	5	2	8
Brown	13	1-7	4-4	0	2	1	1	6
Kissinger	19	4-6	1-2	2	1	1	1	11
Mitchell	12	0-0	2-2	1	2	0	1	2
Bourne	12	2-5	0-0	5	2	2	0	4
Hudson	9	1-2	2-2	2	2	0	1	4
Helms	7	1-1	0-0	2	2	0	0	2
Mershon	15	1-2	2-5	1	2	0	0	4
Team Reb				3				
Totals	200	25-55	15-20	38	20	17	13	72
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Fina	ı

**3FG:** Sacred Heart 7-27 (Davis 2-2, Dabney 2-7, Smith 1-2, Hagood 1-6, Johnson 1-6, Marshall 0-1, Murphy 0-3); Nebraska 7-23 (Whitish 5-11, Kissinger 2-4, Brown 0-1, Cain 0-1, Haiby 0-1, Mershon 0-1, Bourne 0-2, Eliely 0-2). **3FG%:** Sacred Heart 25-9; Nebraska 30.4. **FG%:** Sacred Heart 31.8; Nebraska 45.5. **FT%:** Sacred Heart 60.9; Nebraska 75.0. **Steals:** Sacred Heart 9 (Johnson 5); Nebraska 13 (Whitish 3). **Blocked Shots:** Sacred Heart 2 (Woods, Dabney 1); Nebraska 4 (Cain 2). **Turnovers:** Sacred Heart 20; Nebraska 16. **Technical Fouls:** None.

Officials: Larance, Vidal, Moistner. Attendance:

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Sacred Heart

Nebraska

Game Highlights: Nebraska continued to play solid defense, holding Sacred Heart to just one field goal in the game's first 15 minutes on the way to a 72-49 win at the South Point Shootout in Las Vegas. Hot shooting from Hannah Whitish, who finished with 15 points on five three-pointers, helped the Huskers jump out to a 31-9 lead midway through the second quarter before the Pioneers banked in a three from Jayla Davis for their second field goal of the game with 4:29 left in the first half. Taylor Kissinger added a pair of three-pointers to finish with 11 points, as Nebraska got balanced production up and down the roster. Makenzie Helms notched the first points and rebounds of her career against her home state school from Connecticut. Kate Cain and Nicea Eliely each added eight points, while Leigha Brown pitched in six off the bench. Five Huskers (Ashtyn . Veerbeek, Sam Haiby, Isabelle Bourne, Kristian Hudson, Kayla Mershon) all contributed four points.



- 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). She made her second appearance in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14). She missed NU's games with SIUE and Southern while battling illness.

She recorded the first points and rebounds of her career in a win over Sacred Heart at the South Point Shootout (Nov. 30).

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

# MAKENZIE HELMS

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

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.

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.

#### **PERSONAL**

The daughter of Lance and Jocelyn Helms, Makenzie has two older sisters, Cynthia and

#### **HELMS' CAREER BESTS**

Category To	tal	Game
Points	2	Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
Rebounds	2	Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
Assists	1	Alabama A&M, 11/6/19
Steals	0	None
Blocks	0	None
FGA	1	Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
FGM	1	Sacred Heart, 11/30/19
FTA	0	None
FTM	0	None
3-PT FGA	0	None

Cassie, and a younger brother, Logan.

0 None

3-PT FGM

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

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

				Total		3-Pts.						ound								
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Ávg	.PF-FO	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
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	0.0
at Missouri		11/10	Did N	lot Play																
Morgan State	2-0	11/14	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
SIUE		11/17	Did N	lot Play																
Southern		11/20	Did N	lot Play																
Creighton		11/24		lot Play																
vs. USC		11/29	Did N	lot Play																
vs. Sacred Heart	3-0	11/30	8	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.7	2-0	0	1	0	0	2	0.7
Totals	3-0		15	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.7	3-0	1	2	0	0	2	0.7

## MAKENZIE HELMS career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	RebAvg.	PF-D	Α	то	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2019-20	3-0	15	1-1 1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2-0.7	3-0	1	2	0	0	2-0.7
Career	3-0	15	1-1 1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-2	2-0.7	3-0	1	2	0	0	2-0.7



- 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 has not played in Nebraska's first eight games because of 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.

## TRINITY BRADY

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 To	tal	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."

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

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Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FC	A Pct.	3FG-FG	A Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Ávg. I	PF-FO	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
Alabama A&M		11/6	Did 1	Not Play	- Injury								-							•
at Missouri		11/10	Did 1	Not Play	- Injury															
Morgan State		11/14	Did 1	Not Play	- Injury															
SIUE		11/17	Did 1	Not Play	- Injury															
Southern		11/20	Did 1	Not Play	- Injury															
Creighton		11/24	Did 1	Not Play	- Injury															
vs. USC		11/29	Did 1	Not Play	- Injury															
vs. Sacred Heart		11/30	Did 1	Not Play	- Injury															
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 Pts-Avg. G-GS Min FG-FGA Pct. 3P-3PA Pct. FT-FTA Pct. Off-Def Reb.-Avg. PF-D Α TO Blk ST Year 0-0 0-0.0 0-0.0 2019-20 0-0 .000 .000 0-0 .000 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



- All-Big Ten (Second Team, 2018; HM, 2019)
- South Point Shootout All-Tournament (2019)
- No. 3 at Nebraska, Career 3FGM (211)
- No. 8 at Nebraska, Career Assists (397)
- 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) is working to lead Nebraska back to the NCAA Tournament.

The 5-9 guard from Barneveld, Wis., became Nebraska's 33rd 1,000-point scorer during an eight-point effort in a win over Southern (Nov. 20). She added five rebounds and five assists.

Whitish is three assists away from 400 in her career. She became just the third Husker in history to reach 200 career threes with her first three-pointer in a win at Missouri (Nov. 10).

Whitish is averaging 8.3 points, 4.0 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 1.6 steals, following a season-high 15 points on a season-high five threes in a win over Sacred Heart in the South Point Shootout (Nov. 30).

She had 12 points and team highs of seven rebounds, five assists and a career-high-tying four steals while also drawing several charges in NU's 90-85 OT win at Missouri. She opened with 12 points, three rebounds and three assists in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). She hit 4-of-6 threes against the Bulldogs. She added eight points, five assists and a career-high nine rebounds in a win over SIUE (Nov. 17).

#### **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

# **HANNAH WHITISH**

5-9 Senior Guard Barneveld, Wisconsin (Barneveld)

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). 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'S CAREER BESTS

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Category To	otal	Game
Points	29	Drake (12/9/17)
	29	Kansas (12/6/17)
Rebounds	9	SIUE (11/17/19)
Assists	12	Purdue (1/31/19)
Steals	4	Missouri (11/10/19)
	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)

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 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.

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

				Tota	l	3-Pts				-	-Reb	ound	s							
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	f Tot	Ávg	.PF-FC	) A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
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
at Missouri	2-2	11/10	41	5-12	.417	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	1	6	7	5.0	5-1	5	4	0	4	12	12.0
Morgan State	3-3	11/14	28	0-4	.000	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3.7	1-0	2	3	0	3	0	8.0
SIUE	4-4	11/17	26	3-7	.429	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	0	9	9	5.0	0-0	5	3	0	1	8	8.0
Southern	5-5	11/20	27	3-5	.600	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0	5	5	5.0	0-0	5	3	0	1	8	8.0
Creighton	6-6	11/24	27	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	4.3	4-0	5	0	0	0	4	7.3
vs. USC	7-7	11/29	30	3-5	.600	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0	3	3	4.1	1-0	5	2	0	0	7	7.3
vs. Sacred Heart	8-8	11/30	23	5-11	.455	5-11	.455	0-0	.000	0	3	3	4.0	1-0	4	3	0	3	15	8.3
Totals	8-8		226	25-57	.439	16-40	.400	0-0	.000	1	31	32	4.0	13-1	34	19	0	13	66	8.3

### **HANNAH WHITISH career statistics**

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	RebAvg.	PF-D	Α	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	8-8	226	25-57	.439	16-40	.400	0-0	.000	1-31	32-4.0	13-1	34	19	0	13	66-8.3
Career	99-86	2,833	347-879	.395	211-549	.384	127-169	.751	31-290	321-3.2	126-2	397	224	11	112	1,032-10.4



- Big Ten Weekly Honor Roll (Nov. 11, 2019)
- 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., ranks second among the Huskers in scoring at 10.4 points per game as a starter.

She erupted for a career-high 28 points, including a career-high-matching three three-pointers, in a 90-85 OT win at Missouri (Nov. 10). Her third three came with three seconds left to send the game to overtime tied at 76. She added the final field goal and two free throws with 13.3 seconds left in OT to seal the win.

Haiby added 17 points, a career-high seven rebounds, and four assists against Creighton (Nov. 24). She also produced double figures with 10 points and season highs of four assists and two steals in the win over Southern (Nov. 20).

Haiby scored eight points each in wins over Alabama A&M, Morgan State and SIUE.

#### 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).

## SAM HAIBY

5-9 Sophomore Guard Moorhead, Minnesota (Moorhead)

She closed the regular season with a teamhigh 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 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

#### HAIBY'S CAREER BESTS

Category To	otal	Game
Points	28	Missouri (11/10/19)
Rebounds	7	Creighton (11/24/19)
Assists	8	Denver (12/15/18)
Steals	3	Three Times, most recent
	3	Illinois (1/17/19)
Blocks	1	Five Times, most recent
	1	SIUE (11/17/19)
FGA	19	Missouri (11/10/19)
FGM	11	Missouri (11/10/19)
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	Missouri (11/10/19)
	3	Purdue (1/31/19)

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 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

				Tota		3-Pts.														
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Ávg	.PF-FO	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
Alabama A&M	1-1	11/6	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
at Missouri	2-2	11/10	35	11-19	.579	3-7	.429	3-4	.750	0	2	2	1.0	4-0	1	2	0	1	28	18.0
Morgan State	3-3	11/14	19	2-5	.400	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	2	1	3	1.7	2-0	2	2	0	1	8	14.7
SIUE	4-4	11/17	25	3-7	.429	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	1	1	2	1.8	0-0	2	1	1	0	8	13.0
Southern	5-5	11/20	27	3-9	.333	1-4	.250	3-4	.750	0	2	2	1.8	2-0	4	0	0	2	10	12.4
Creighton	6-6	11/24	29	6-10	.600	1-3	.333	4-5	.800	1	6	7	2.7	3-0	4	1	0	1	17	13.2
vs. USC	7-7	11/29	18	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	2.4	0-0	4	4	0	1	0	11.3
vs. Sacred Heart	8-8	11/30	25	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	2.4	0-0	0	2	0	1	4	10.4
Totals	8-8		202	29-63	.460	7-21	.333	18-23	.783	4	15	19	2.4	12-0	20	12	2	7	83	10.4

#### SAM HAIBY career statistics G-GS Min FG-FGA Pct. 3P-3PA Pct. FT-FTA Pct. Off-Def Reb.-Avg. PF-D Α TO Blk ST Pts-Avg. Year 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 8-8 202 29-63 7-21 .333 18-23 .783 4-15 19-2.4 12-0 20 12 83-10.4 .460 134-304 .441 39-70 32 384-10.1 38-8 832 22-69 .319 94-129 .729 109-2.9 58-0 98 61 Career



- 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, Maurtice Ivy, DePowell and Brooke Schwartz. Only nine players in Husker history have reached 200 career steals, and Eliely needs 54 to achieve that standard.

Through eight games as a senior, Eliely is averaging 8.6 points and 5.6 rebounds. She produced her first career double-double with 12 points and a career-high 15 rebounds in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14). Eliely added her second career double-double with 13 points, 10 boards, three assists, two blocks and four steals in a win over SIUE (Nov. 17). She had 12 points in a win over USC (Nov. 29), and 10 in a win at Missouri (Nov. 10).

#### **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 (2012-13).

## NICEA ELIELY

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

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.

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

#### **ELIELY'S CAREER BESTS**

Category To	otal	Game
Points	19	California (12/4/16)
Rebounds	15	Morgan State (11/14/19)
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)

range. One of Nebraska's best defenders, she played a key role in helping Nebraska lead the 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.

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2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

				Iota		3-Pts.														
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Ávg	.PF-FO	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts /	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
at Missouri	2-2	11/10	24	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	3-4	.750	1	2	3	3.0	5-1	0	2	0	0	10	7.0
Morgan State	3-3	11/14	33	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	6-7	.857	6	9	15	7.0	0-0	1	0	3	1	12	8.7
SIUĔ	4-4	11/17	32	6-11	.545	0-5	.000	1-2	.500	4	6	10	7.8	2-0	3	0	2	4	13	9.8
Southern	5-5	11/20	27	2-6	.333	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	1	2	3	6.8	2-0	2	1	0	0	6	9.0
Creighton	6-6	11/24	28	2-7	.286	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	3	2	5	6.5	5-2	4	1	1	2	4	8.2
vs. ŬŠC	7-7	11/29	28	5-12	.417	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	1	0	1	5.7	1-0	0	0	1	0	12	8.7
vs. Sacred Heart	8-8	11/30	23	4-7	.571	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	2	3	5	5.6	3-0	5	4	1	2	8	8.6
Totals	8-8		216	27-63	.429	3-18	.167	12-16	.750	19	26	45	5.6	18-2	18	11	9	10	69	8.6

#### **NICEA ELIELY career statistics** FG-FGA Pct. FT-FTA Off-Def Reb.-Avg. Blk Year G-GS Min 3P-3PA Pct. Pct. TO Pts-Avg. 37-59 107-3.7 2016-17 29-29 81-186 .435 .364 .627 48-59 70-3 74 70 21 798 24-66 46 223-7.7 .469 2017-18 29-26 90-192 19-50 .380 40-67 .597 42-73 115-4.0 49 239-8.2 761 53-1 63 20 36 87-182 .478 2018-19 30-30 768 17-51 .333 46-57 .807 35-80 115-3.8 70-0 62 66 18 54 237-7.9 2019-20 8-8 27-63 .429 3-18 167 12-16 750 19-26 45-5.6 18-2 9 10 69-8.6 216 18 11 96-93 2,543 285-623 .457 63-185 .341 135-199 .678 144-238 382-4.0 211-6 203 210 146 768-8.0



- 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 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.

She has scored 1,102 points in 102 career games in her college career.

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).

She matched her season high with four points in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30).

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).

# KRISTIAN HUDSON

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

#### **JUNIOR (2017-18, FIU)**

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

#### **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 backto-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

#### **HUDSON'S CAREER BESTS**

CotomonyT	امده	Game
Category T		
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)

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 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.

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

				Tota	al	3-Pts	s			-		ound								
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	\ Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	De	f Tot	Ávq	.PF-F0	ОΑ	TO	Blk	St	l Pts	Avg.
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
at Missouri	2-0	11/10	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.5	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0
Morgan State	3-0	11/14	6	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	1.0	1-0	0	2	0	2	1	1.7
SIUE	4-0	11/17	11	1-5	.200	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	1.8
Southern	5-0	11/20	16	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	1.2	0-0	1	0	0	0	2	1.8
Creighton		11/24	Did 1	Not Play																
vs. USC	6-0	11/29	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5
vs. Sacred Heart	7-0	11/30	9	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1_	1_	2	1.1	2-0	0	0	0	1	4	1.9
Totals	7-0		54	5-15	.333	0-6	.000	3-4	.750	1	7	8	1.1	4-0	2	3	0	3	13	1.9

#### KRISTIAN HUDSON career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	RebAvg.	PF-D	Α	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	7-0	54	5-15	.333	0-6	.000	3-4	.750	1-7	8-1.1	4-0	2	3	0	3	13-1.9
Career	103-88	3,375	385-1160	.332	102-350	.291	234-303	.772	49-342	391-3.8	222-5	393	403	11	113	1106-10.7



- 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) is making a greater impact on Nebraska's lineup as a sophomore in 2019-20.

The 6-2 forward from Sioux Center, Iowa, is making strong contributions as a starter this season, averaging 9.0 points, 6.5 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game.

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

Veerbeek added nine points, five rebounds and a career-high-tying three assists in a win at Missouri (Nov. 10).

She had a season-high 13 points to go along with six rebounds in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14), before putting up 10 points, six rebounds and a career-high-tying two steals in a win over SIUE (Nov. 17).

Veerbeek added 12 points and eight rebounds while going 2-for-2 from three-point range in a win over Southern (Nov. 20). She had a season-high 10 rebounds in a win over USC (Nov. 29).

# **ASHTYN VEERBEEK**

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

#### 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.

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).

#### **BEFORE NEBRASKA**

Veerbeek, who was a two-time first-team lowa 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

#### **VEERBEEK'S CAREER BESTS**

Category To	otal	Game
Points	19	Illinois (1/17/19)
Rebounds	14	San Jose State (12/8/18)
Assists	3	Missouri (11/10/19)
	3	Maryland (2/14/19)
Steals	2	SIUE (11/17/19)
	2	USC Upstate (11/11/18)
Blocks	3	Three Times, most recent
	3	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)

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 lowa 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 lowa high school state tournament record.

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

## 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

2017 20 07	-																			
				Tota	l	3-Pts.					Reb	ound	s							
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Ávg	.PF-FO	) A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	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	0	10	10.0
at Missouri	2-2	11/10	29	2-4	.500	0-2	.000	5-7	.714	2	3	5	5.5	4-0	3	0	1	1	9	9.5
Morgan State	3-3	11/14	21	5-10	.500	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	2	4	6	5.7	1-0	1	2	0	1	13	10.7
SIUE	4-4	11/17	26	3-7	.429	2-4	.500	2-2	1.000	1	5	6	5.8	2-0	1	2	1	2	10	10.5
Southern	5-5	11/20	21	4-6	.667	2-2	1.000	2-3	.667	2	6	8	6.2	0-0	1	1	1	0	12	10.8
Creighton	6-6	11/24	19	4-9	.444	0-2	.000	1-1	1.000	1	5	6	6.2	2-0	1	1	0	0	9	10.5
vs. USC	7-7	11/29	20	2-4	.500	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	2	8	10	6.7	3-0	0	2	2	0	5	9.7
vs. Sacred Heart	8-8	11/30	15	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	1	4	5	6.5	2-0	2	2	0	1	4	9.0
Totals	8-8		167	23-47	.489	5-14	.357	21-28	.750	11	41	52	6.5	16-0	10	12	5	5	72	9.0

#### **ASHTYN VEERBEEK career statistics**

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def I	RebAvg.	PF-D	Α	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	8-8	167	23-47	.489	5-14	.357	21-28	.750	11-41	52-6.5	16-0	10	12	5	5	72-9.0
Career	38-8	668	97-227	.427	16-53	.302	68-88	.773	52-164	216-5.7	102-3	28	54	32	14	278-7.3



- 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 is providing leadership on and off the court as a senior.

The 6-2 forward from Wellington, Kan., has played in 92 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 studentathletes to community involvement.

Mitchell produced season highs of nine points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal in a win over Southern (Nov. 20). She also knocked down a career-high two threes against the

Mitchell added five points, including a threepointer in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14). She came off the bench to contribute four points and three rebounds in 10 minutes in a win at Missouri (Nov. 10). Mitchell started the overtime and scored NU's first points of the extra period in a 90-85 win in Columbia.

She opened the season by playing 14 minutes off the bench in Nebraska's win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). She started 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

# **GRACE MITCHELL**

6-2 Senior Forward Wellington, Kansas (Wellington)

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.

#### **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 start 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.

#### MITCHELL'S CAREER BESTS

Category To	otal	Game
Points	10	UMKC (11/14/17)
Rebounds	6	USC Upstate (11/11/18)
	6	Arkansas (11/16/17)
Assists	2	Michigan State (1/7/17)
Steals	2	Three Times, most recent
	2	Kansas (12/5/18)
Blocks	1	Seven Times, most recent
	1	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	3	Southern (11/20/19)
3-PT FGM	1	Southern (11/20/19)

#### FRESHMAN (2016-17)

Mitchell averaged 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.

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.

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

				Tota	I	3-Pts.	s   R					ound	s							
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	f Tot	Ávg	.PF-FO	Α	TO	Blk	St	Pts	Avg.
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	0.0
at Missouri	2-0	11/10	10	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	0	3	3	2.0	1-0	0	0	0	0	4	2.0
Morgan State	3-0	11/14	10	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	0-2	.000	0	0	0	1.3	0-0	0	0	0	0	5	3.0
SIUE	4-0	11/17	8	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.3	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	2.3
Southern	5-0	11/20	14	3-5	.600	2-3	.667	1-4	.250	4	1	5	2.0	2-0	1	1	0	1	9	3.6
Creighton	6-0	11/24	8	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.8	1-0	0	0	0	1	0	3.0
vs. USC	7-0	11/29	11	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	1.7	1-0	1	0	0	1	0	2.6
vs. Sacred Heart	8-0	11/30	12	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	1.6	2-0	0	0	0	1	2	2.5
Totals	8-0		87	7-21	.333	3-9	.333	3-9	.333	5	8	13	1.6	8-0	2	1	0	4	20	2.5

#### **GRACE MITCHELL career statistics** Off-Def Reb.-Avg. Pct. Pts-Avg. Year G-GS Min FG-FGA Pct. 3P-3PA Pct. FT-FTA PF-D Α TO Blk ST 22-28 50-1.7 7 2016-17 29-0 311 21-51 .412 4-10 .400 5-8 .625 33-0 23 2 7 51-1.8 2017-18 29-2 25-65 .385 7-18 .389 28-22 50-1.7 25-1 7 7 247 1-10 .100 18 2 58-2.0 10-24 .417 .000 .357 2018-19 26-0 11-15 9 3 5 151 0-35-14 26-1026-0 3 25-1.0.389 3-9 333 3-9 .333 5-8 20-2.5 2019-20 8-0 87 7-21 13-1.6 8-0 Career 92-2 796 63-161 .399 8-32 .250 20-49 .408 66-73 139-1.5 92-1 19 23 154-1.7



- 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 rébounds, 11 blocks)
- Nebraska Conference Tournament Record Blocks in Game (7, vs. Michigan, March 2, 2018)
- No. 4 at Nebraska in Career Blocks (202)
- 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 shotblocker in Nebraska history, the 6-5 center from Middletown, N.Y., ranks among NCAA leaders with 2.9 blocks per game, while adding 8.9 points and 5.9 rebounds in 2019-20.

Cain opened the South Point Shootout by scoring 10 points, grabbing five rebounds and recording the 200th block of her career in a win over USC (Nov. 29). She added eight points, a season-high seven boards, two blocks, two assists and a steal in a win over Sacred Heart

She had eight blocks along with 10 points and seven boards in NU's win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6). It was third-best individual block total in Husker history, trailing only her schoolrecord 11 blocks as a freshman against Florida Atlantic and nine blocks from Olympic bronze

## KATE CAIN

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

medalist Danielle Page against Baylor in 2007.

She notched season highs with 18 points and seven rebounds against Čreighton (Nov. 24). Cain had 13 points, six rebounds and four blocks in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14).

#### 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 Štate (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

#### **CAIN'S CAREER BESTS**

Category To	otal	Game
Points	22	Florida Atlantic (12/19/17)
Rebounds	20	Penn State (2/22/18)
Assists	3	Seven Times, most recent
	3	Morgan State (11/14/19)
Steals	2	Four Times, most recent
	2	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	Morgan State (11/14/19)
	5	Maryland (2/14/19)
3-PT FGA	0	None
3-PT FGM	0	None

State - the biggest margin against a conference opponent in Husker history.

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 lefthanded 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.

#### 2019-20 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS |--Total--| | -3-Pts. | |-5-FGA Pct. 3FG-FGA Pct. 3FG-FGA | |-5-FGA Pct. 3FG-FGA Pct. 3FG Opponent Alabama A&M at Missouri Morgan State SIUE Southern 11/10 11/10 11/14 .007 .125 .667 .500 .667 .600 .000 .000 .000 .000 .000 0-0 5-6 0-0 0-0 0-4 0-0 22 22 23 17 28 28 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 6.5 6.0 5.8 5.6 5.8 5.7 1-0 2-0 3-0 1-0 3-0 2-0 2 13 3-6 2-3 9-15 11/17 11/20 .000 0 Creighton vs. USC .000 11/24 0 vs. Sacred Hear Totals

KATE	CAIN	care	er statis	tics												
Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	RebAvg.	PF-D	Α	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	8-8	188	32-60	.533	0-1	.000	7-12	.583	14-33	47-5.9	14-0	8	12	23	4	71-8.9
Career	70-69	1.784	283-518	.546	0-1	.000	47-95	.495	115-333	448-6.4	191-6	76	92	202	38	613-8.8



- Big Ten Weekly Honor Roll (Feb. 11, 2019)
- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Jan. 7, 2019)
- 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., has been Nebraska's most consistent offensive threat through the first eight games in 2019-20. She leads Nebraska with 14.3 points per game while adding 3.3 rebounds and 1.8 assists per contest.

Brown erupted for 24 points and five rebounds off the bench to help carry Nebraska to a 90-85 overtime win at Missouri (Nov. 10). She scored 18 points after halftime, including four in OT to help NU seal their first road win over an SEC school since the 2013 NCAA Tournament.

She added a game-high 16 points and a career-high-tying five assists in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14). Brown also scored a game-high 16 points while pitching in four rebounds and three assists in a win over Southern (Nov. 20). She notched a game-high 16 points in NU's win over USC (Nov. 29).

Brown had 14 points and four rebounds against Creighton (Nov. 24). Brown had 12 points in a win over SIUE (Nov. 17), after opening the season with 10 points and a career-high seven rebounds in a win over Alabama A&M (Nov. 6).

During Nebraska's European tour to Italy and Spain in August of 2019, Brown averaged a team-best 19.7 points over three games.

#### 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

## LEIGHA BROWN

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

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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 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 high of five assists and two steals in a win over Denver (Dec. 15). She scored 13 points in a win over Radford (Nov. 25).

#### **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-

#### **BROWN'S CAREER BESTS**

Category T	otal	Game
Points	30	Purdue (2/10/19)
Rebounds	7	Alabama A&M (11/6/19)
Assists	5	Morgan State (11/14/19)
	5	Denver (12/15/18)
Steals	2	Four Times, most recent
	2	Morgan State (11/14/19)
Blocks	1	Three Times, most recent
	1	Maryland (2/14/19)
FGA	15	Missouri (11/10/19)
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	SIUE (11/17/19)
	6	Purdue (2/10/19)
3-PT FGM	4	Michigan State (2/17/19)
	4	Purdue (2/10/19)

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.

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).

#### **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

				Tota	al	3-Pts				-	-Reb	ound	s							
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	f Tot	Ávg	.PF-FO	Α	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
Alabama A&M	1-0	11/6	18	3-8	.375	0-3	.000	4-7	.571	1	6	7	7.0	2-0	1	2	0	0	10	10.0
at Missouri	2-0	11/10	33	7-15	.467	2-4	.500	8-10	.800	2	3	5	6.0	3-0	1	2	0	0	24	17.0
Morgan State	3-0	11/14	30	5-11	.455	0-4	.000	6-6	1.000	1	2	3	5.0	0-0	5	0	0	2	16	16.7
SIUE	4-0	11/17	24	4-11	.364	2-6	.333	2-2	1.000	1	1	2	4.3	1-0	1	0	0	0	12	15.5
Southern	5-0	11/20	23	7-12	.583	1-3	.333	1-2	.500	2	2	4	4.2	3-0	3	0	0	0	16	15.6
Creighton	6-0	11/24	24	5-10	.500	1-2	.500	3-4	.750	2	2	4	4.2	4-0	0	0	0	0	14	15.3
vs. ŬSC	7-0	11/29	24	7-11	.636	0-0	.000	2-4	.500	1	0	1	3.7	2-0	2	1	0	1	16	15.4
vs. Sacred Heart	8-0	11/30	13	1-7	.143	0-1	.000	4-4	1.000	0	0	0	3.3	2-0	1	0	1	1	6	14.3
Totals	8-0		189	39-85	.459	6-23	.261	30-39	.769	10	16	26	3.3	17-0	14	5	1	4	114	14.3

## **LEIGHA BROWN career statistics**

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def I	RebAvg.	PF-D	Α	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	8-0	189	39-85	.459	6-23	.251	30-39	.769	10-16	26-3.3	17-0	14	5	1	4	114-14.3
Career	38-6	757	133-308	.432	38-112	.339	99-133	.744	34-71	105-2.8	65-1	59	35	4	27	403-10.6



- 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 longrange shooters, Taylor Kissinger entered 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. She missed Nebraska's wins over Missouri (Nov. 10), Morgan State (Nov. 14), SIUE (Nov. 17) and Southern (Nov. 20) as part of the concussion protocol after a collision in practice (Nov. 8).

She returned to action with 13 minutes off the bench against Creighton (Nov. 24). She followed with eight points, four rebounds, two steals and her first two threes of the year in a win over USC (Nov. 29).

Kissinger scored a seaso-high 11 points while going 2-for-4 from long range in a win over Sacred Heart at the South Point Shootout in Las Vegas (Nov. 30). She is averaging 5.8 points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

# TAYLOR KISSINGER 33

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

#### **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 stared 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 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).

#### 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

#### **KISSINGER'S CAREER BESTS**

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otal	Game
25	Arkansas (11/16/17)
11	Kansas (12/5/18)
4	Arkansas (11/16/17)
3	Ohio State (12/31/18)
3	Buffalo (11/23/17)
2	Three Times, most recent
2	Minnesota (1/20/19)
15	Arkansas (11/16/17)
9	Arkansas (11/16/17)
6	Michigan State (2/17/19)
6	lowa (1/16/18)
6	Michigan State (2/17/19)
14	Buffalo (11/23/17)
6	USC Upstate (11/11/18)
	11 4 3 3 2 2 15 9 6 6 6

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

				Total   3-Pts					ŀ	-Reb	ound	s								
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FG	A Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	De	f Tot	Ävg	.PF-FC	) A	TO	Blk	St	Pts	Avg.
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
at Missouri		11/10	Did N	Not Play	- Injury															
Morgan State		11/14	Did N	Not Play	- Injury															
SIUE		11/17	Did N	Not Play	- Injury															
Southern		11/20	Did N	Not Play	- Injury															
Creighton	2-0	11/24	13	0-4	.000	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	4.0	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	2.0
vs. USC	3-0	11/29	19	3-9	.333	2-8	.250	0-0	.000	1	3	4	4.0	1-0	0	1	0	2	8	4.0
vs. Sacred Heart	4-0	11/30	19	4-6	.667	2-4	.500	1-2	.500	0	2	2	3.5	1-0	1	0	0	1	11	5.8
Totals	4-0		71	8-24	.333	4-18	.222	3-6	.500	5	9	14	3.5	4-0	2	3	0	3	23	5.8

## TAYLOR KISSINGER career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	RebAvg.	PF-D	Α	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	4-0	71	8-24	.333	4-18	.222	3-6	.500	5-9	14-3.5	4-0	2	3	0	3	23-5.8
Career	59-31	1.298	179-433	.413	116-293	.396	66-86	.767	76-138	214-3.6	99-0	74	81	17	36	540-9.2



- 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 is making immediate contributions to the Huskers as a freshman. The 6-2 forward from Canberra, Australia, is averaging 4.8 points and 4.4 rebounds through eight games.

Bourne matched career highs with eight points, six rebounds and two assists in a win over USC (Nov. 29). She played a career-high 17 minutes against the Trojans. She added four points, five rebounds and two assists in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30).

Bourne established career bests with eight points, six rebounds and a block in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14). She added her most efficient game with seven points on 2-of-3 shooting including her first career three-pointer, while adding three rebounds against Creighton (Nov. 24).

She added four points and five rebounds in a win over SIUE (Nov. 17), before getting four points, four boards and two assists and steals of her career in a win over Southern (Nov. 20).

Bourne 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 NU in Italy and Spain.

# **ISABELLE BOURNE**

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

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#### **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.

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.

#### **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.

#### **BOURNE'S CAREER BESTS**

Category Tot	al	Game
Points	8	USC (11/29/19)
	8	Morgan State (11/14/19)
Rebounds	6	USC (11/29/19)
	6	Morgan State (11/14/19)
Assists	2	Three Times, most recent
	2	Sacred Heart (11/30/19)
Steals	2	Southern (11/20/19)
Blocks	1	Three Times, most recent
	1	Morgan State (11/14/19)
FGA	8	USC (11/29/19)
FGM	4	USC (11/29/19)
FTA	4	SIUE (11/17/19)
FTM	2	Four Times, most recent
	2	Creighton (11/24/19)
3-PT FGA	2	Sacred Heart (11/30/19)
3-PT FGM	1	Creighton (11/24/19)

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

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				Tota	I	3-Pts.					Reb	ound	s							
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Ávg	.PF-FC	) A	TO	Blk	St	Pts	Avg.
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
at Missouri	2-0	11/10	13	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	1	2	3.0	1-0	0	1	1	0	1	1.5
Morgan State	3-0	11/14	14	3-6	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	4	6	4.0	1-0	0	1	1	0	8	3.7
SIUE	4-0	11/17	13	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	2-4	.500	4	1	5	4.3	5-1	0	3	0	0	4	3.8
Southern	5-0	11/20	13	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	4.2	0-0	2	1	0	2	4	3.8
Creighton	6-0	11/24	11	2-3	.667	1-1	1.000	2-2	1.000	0	3	3	4.0	2-0	0	0	0	0	7	4.3
vs. USC	7-0	11/29	17	4-8	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	4	6	4.3	0-0	2	0	0	1	8	4.9
vs. Sacred Heart	8-0	11/30	12	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	4	1	5	4.4	2-0	2	1	0	0	4	4.8
Totals	8-0		108	14-33	.424	1-6	.167	9-12	.750	16	19	35	4.4	12-1	6	9	3	3	38	4.8

#### **ISABELLE BOURNE** career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def R	lebAvg.	PF-D	Α	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2019-20	8-0	108	14-33	.424	1-6	.167	9-12	.750	16-19	35-4.4	12-1	6	9	3	3	38-4.8
Career	8-0	108	14-33	.424	1-6	.167	9-12	.750	16-19	35-4.4	12-1	6	9	3	3	38-4.8



- 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 is averaging 1.8 points and 2.9 rebounds per contest.

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). She added four rebounds and a block in a win at Missouri (Nov. 10), before getting two points, four rebounds and another block in a win over Morgan State (Nov. 14).

She matched her season high with four points in a win over Sacred Heart (Nov. 30). Mershon notched a season-high with six rebounds against Creighton (Nov. 24).

#### 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

# **KAYLA MERSHON**

6-3 Sophomore Forward Chanhassen, Minnesota (Minnetonka)

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.

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.

#### **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.

#### **MERSHON'S CAREER BESTS**

Category Tot	al	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	lowa (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)

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

				Tota		3-Pts.					·Reb	ound:	5							
Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	De	f Tot	Ávg	.PF-FO	Α	TO	Blk	St	Pts	Avg.
Alabama A&M	1-0	11/6	14	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	2	3	5	5.0	0-0	0	1	1	0	4	4.0
at Missouri	2-0	11/10	17	0-4.	.000	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	3	1	4	4.5	5-1	0	0	1	0	0	2.0
Morgan State	3-0	11/14	13	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2-2	1.000	3	1	4	4.3	1-0	0	0	1	0	2	2.0
SIUE	4-0	11/17	12	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	0	2	3.8	0-0	2	1	0	1	0	1.5
Southern	5-0	11/20	15	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	3.2	1-0	0	0	0	1	2	1.6
Creighton	6-0	11/24	13	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	5	1	6	3.7	1-0	1	0	1	0	1	1.5
vs. USC	7-0	11/29	4	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	0	0	0	3.1	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	1.4
vs. Sacred Heart	8-0	11/30	15	1-2	.500	0-1	.000	2-5	.400	0	1	1	2.9	2-0	0	2	0	1	4	1.8
Totals	8-0		103	3-15	.200	0-4	.000	8-13	.615	15	8	23	2.9	10-1	3	5	4	3	14	1.8

#### **KAYLA MERSHON career statistics** G-GS Min FG-FGA Pct. 3P-3PA Pct. FT-FTA Pct. Off-Def Reb.-Avg. PF-D Α TO Blk ST Pts-Avg. Year 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 8-0 103 3-15 .200 0-4 .000 8-13 .615 15-8 23-2.9 10-1 14-1.8 34-100 .340 15 111-2.9 38-14 626 9-33 .209 34-54 44-69 113-3.0 51-1 30 17 24 Career .630



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

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**Game Records** 

Cume records				
Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	7-1	4-1	1-0	2-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	7-1	4-1	1-0	2-0

Score by Periods						
Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	ОТ	тот
Nebraska	161	145	132	133	14	585
Opponents	116	126	114	91	9	456

#### **Team Box Score**

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N.	Player				Tota	al 💮	3-Poi	int	F-Thre	ow		Rebo	ounds	5								
NO.	riayei	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG	PF	DQ	Α	то	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
32	BROWN, Leigha	8-0	188:26	23.6	39-85	.459	6-23	.261	30-39	.769	10	16	26	3.3	17	0	14	5	1	4	114	14.3
4	HAIBY, Sam	8-8	203:29	25.4	29-63	.460	7-21	.333	18-23	.783	4	15	19	2.4	12	0	20	12	2	7	83	10.4
13	VEERBEEK, Ashtyn	8-8	164:28	20.6	23-47	.489	5-14	.357	21-28	.750	11	41	52	6.5	16	0	10	12	5	5	72	9.0
31	CAIN, Kate	8-8	189:04	23.6	32-60	.533	0-1	.000	7-12	.583	14	33	47	5.9	14	0	8	12	23	4	71	8.9
5	ELIELY, Nicea	8-8	215:35	26.9	27-63	.429	3-18	.167	12-16	.750	19	26	45	5.6	18	2	18	11	9	10	69	8.6
3	WHITISH, Hannah	8-8	227:39	28.5	25-57	.439	16-40	.400	0-0	.000	1	31	32	4.0	13	1	34	19	0	13	66	8.3
33	KISSINGER, Taylor	4-0	71:40	17.9	8-24	.333	4-18	.222	3-6	.500	5	9	14	3.5	4	0	2	3	0	3	23	5.8
34	BOURNE, Isabelle	8-0	108:16	13.5	14-33	.424	1-6	.167	9-12	.750	16	19	35	4.4	12	1	6	9	3	3	38	4.8
14	MITCHELL, Grace	8-0	86:13	10.8	7-21	.333	3-9	.333	3-9	.333	5	8	13	1.6	8	0	2	1	0	4	20	2.5
11	HUDSON, Kristian	7-0	53:50	7.7	5-15	.333	0-6	.000	3-4	.750	1	7	8	1.1	4	0	2	3	0	3	13	1.9
44	MERSHON, Kayla	8-0	101:57	12.7	3-15	.200	0-4	.000	8-13	.615	15	8	23	2.9	10	1	3	5	4	4	14	1.8
1	HELMS, Makenzie	3-0	14:22	4.8	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.7	3	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.7
Tea	am										10	17	27					4				
Tot	tal	8	1625		213-484	.440	45-160	.281	114-162	.704	111	232	343	42.9	131	5	120	98	47	60	585	73.1
Op	ponents	8	1625		157-492	.319	49-185	.265	93-129	.721	110	181	291	36.4	143	-	75	111	23	49	456	57.0

#### **Team Statistics**

	NEBR	OPI
Scoring	585	456
Points per game	73.1	57.0
Scoring margin	+16.1	-
Field goals-att	213-484	157-492
Field goal pct	.440	.319
3 point fg-att	45-160	49-185
3-point FG pct	.281	.265
3-pt FG made per game	5.6	6.1
Free throws-att	114-162	93-129
Free throw pct	.704	.721
F-Throws made per game	14.3	11.6
Rebounds	343	291
Rebounds per game	42.9	36.4
Rebounding margin	+6.5	
Assists	120	75
Assists per game	15.0	9.4
Turnovers	98	111
Turnovers per game	12.3	13.9
Turnover margin	+1.6	-
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.7
Steals	60	49
Steals per game	7.5	6.1
Blocks	47	23
Blocks per game	5.9	2.9
Winning streak	2	
Home win streak	0	
Attendance	19672	4114
Home games-Avg/Game	5-3934	1-4114
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-150

## **Team Results**

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
ſ	11/06/2019	Alabama A&M	W	68-46	5250
	11/10/2019	at Missouri	W	90-85	4114
	11/14/2019	Morgan St.	W	78-55	3377
	11/17/2019	SIUE	W	63-49	3537
	11/20/2019	Southern U.	W	73-39	3541
	11/24/2019	Creighton	L	74-79	3967
	11/29/2019	vs Southern California	W	67-54	300
	11/30/2019	vs Sacred Heart	W	72-49	0

## **NEBRASKA RADIO & TV ROSTER**



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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