

NEBRASKA

WOMEN'S GOLF

WHITE SANDS INTERCOLLEGIATE - NASSAU, BAHAMAS - OCTOBER 22-24

N 2021-22 SCHEDULE

FALL 2021

Sept. 13-14	Wolverine Invitational Ann Arbor, Michigan (306-301-308=915)	T14th/16 6th/10
Sept. 20-21	Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invite Manhattan, Kansas (298-303-304=905)	7th/14
Sept. 27-28	The Molly Collegiate Seaside, California (307-308-299=914)	2nd/13
Oct. 11-12	Dale McNamara Invitational Tulsa, Oklahoma (293-295-284=872)	7 a.m.
Oct. 22-24	White Sands Intercollegiate Nassau, Bahamas	

SPRING 2022

Jan. 31- Feb. 1	Big Ten Match Play Palm Harbor, Florida	8 a.m.
Feb. 13-15	Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate New Orleans, Louisiana	8 a.m.
Feb. 27-28	Westbrook Spring Invitational Peoria, Arizona	9 a.m.
March 14-15	Briar's Creek Invitational John's Island, South Carolina	8 a.m.
April 15-16	Lady Buckeye Spring Invitational Columbus, Ohio	8 a.m.
April 22-24	Big Ten Championship Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	8 a.m.
May 9-12	NCAA Regionals Michigan, Oklahoma State, Florida State, New Mexico, LSU, Ohio State, Louisville, Stanford	TBA
May 20-25	NCAA Championship Scottsdale, Arizona	TBA

N NEBRASKA ROSTER

Student-Athlete	Class	Hometown (High School/Other)
Kirsten Baete***	Sr.	Beatrice, Neb. (Beatrice)
Vanessa Bouvet**	Sr.	Bretagne, France (Jerudong, Brunei)
Brooke Bream	Fr.	Phoenix, Arizona (Xavier College Prep)
Nicole Hansen	RSo.	Bloomington, Ill. (Lake Park)
Lena Hassert	Fr.	Kreuzau, Germany (Gymnasium Kreuzau)
Miu Takahashi	Fr.	Nasu-Machi, Japan (Kaishi Kokusai)
Lindsey Thiele*	So.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
Michaela Vavrova*	So.	Bojnice, Slovakia (National Team)
Andrea Velez	RFr.	Pereira, Colombia (Liceo Frances De Pereira)
Megan Whittaker***	Sr.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn South)

*denotes letters earned at Nebraska

N HUSKER QUICK FACTS

Head Coach	Lisa Johnson (Gonzaga, 2000)
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2020-21 Top 10 Finishes	6/7
2020-21 Top Five Finishes	2/7
2020-21 Tournament Titles	1 (Allstate Sugar Bowl)
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HUSKERS CLOSE PRODUCTIVE FALL CAMPAIGN IN BAHAMAS

The Nebraska women's golf team plans to put the finishing touches on a valuable fall season when the Huskers travel to Nassau, Bahamas for the White Sands Intercollegiate (Oct. 22-24).

The three-day tournament at the Ocean Club Golf Course at Atlantis features seven teams, including Iowa, Campbell, Florida International, Mercer, Northern Illinois and the hosts from Miami along with the Huskers. The teams will take on a 6,415-yard, par-72 course at the Ocean Club over three rounds. Each day will begin with a shotgun start at 7 a.m. (CT).

Live scoring for the tournament will be provided by GolfStat.com.

Nebraska, which is one of four teams (Campbell, Mercer, Miami) in the White Sands Intercollegiate field that advanced to 2021 NCAA Regional play, is coming off its best tournament performance of the fall with a runner-up finish in a 13-team field at the Dale McNamara Invitational in Oklahoma (Oct. 11-12).

Nebraska's final-round 284 (-4) was a season best and allowed the Huskers to close the 54-hole tournament at 872 (+8). Vanessa Bouvet led the Big Red with her third consecutive top-10 finish of the fall, tying for sixth at 215 (-1).

Megan Whittaker added a career-best 215 (-1) of her own to match Bouvet in a tie for sixth individually. Senior Kirsten Baete also continued her strong play throughout the fall by tying for 14th at 219 (+3). Nebraska's entire nine-player roster is traveling to the Bahamas, including a trio of golfers who have won individual titles this fall - Michaela Vavrova (Stampedede at The Creek), Lindsey Thiele and Nicole Hansen (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational).

EXPERIENCED HUSKERS BUILDING ON HISTORY-MAKING 2021 SEASON

Coach Lisa Johnson looks to complete her first full season as Nebraska's head coach in her third overall year in Lincoln. Johnson's first year at Nebraska ended abruptly in 2019-20 because of the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2020-21, Big Ten schools did compete as teams during the fall campaign, but Johnson led the Huskers to one of the best springs in school history.

Powered by 2021 Big Ten Champion Kate Smith, the Huskers stormed to a tie for second at the Big Ten Championship - Nebraska's best conference tournament finish since 1984 (2nd, Big Eight).

The Huskers earned their 12th NCAA Regional bid in school history, hearing their name called for the first time since 2008.

Nebraska tied for 15th in the 18-team Columbus Regional, and the returning collection of Huskers are hoping to build on the success of 2020-21.

Although All-American Kate Smith and graduate Alice Duan are both gone from the Big Red lineup, the Huskers return four of their top six golfers from the 2021 Big Ten Championship run.

Kirsten Baete (T16, 218) and Megan Whittaker (T18, 219) lead Nebraska's lineup on and off the course as experienced veterans. Michaela Vavrova and Lindsey Thiele were also major contributors in their first seasons at Nebraska in 2020-21 and could be poised to show significant gains in their games.

BAETE, WHITTAKER PROVIDING LEADERSHIP FOR 2021 HUSKERS

Kirsten Baete, who is in her fifth season at NU, owns Nebraska's top returning scoring average from last season. The Beatrice, Neb., native helped spark

WHITE SANDS INTERCOLLEGIATE

Location	Nassau, Bahamas
Host	University of Miami
Course	Ocean Club Golf Course (Par 72, 6,415 Yards)
First Round:	Friday, Oct. 22 (Shotgun) 7 a.m. (CT)
Second Round:	Saturday, Oct. 23 (Shotgun) 7 a.m. (CT)
Final Round:	Sunday, Oct. 24 (Shotgun) 7 a.m. (CT)

Live Scoring: GolfStat.com

Participating Teams (7)

Campbell	Florida International
Iowa	Mercer
Miami	Nebraska
Northern Illinois	

NEBRASKA LINEUP

1. Vanessa Bouvet	2. Megan Whittaker
3. Kirsten Baete	4. Miu Takahashi
5. Michaela Vavrova	IND-Lindsey Thiele
IND-Nicole Hansen	IND-Lena Hassert
IND-Andrea Velez	

Nebraska's late-season run in 2021 with her fourth-place finish to help the Huskers claim the team title at the Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate.

Baete added a final-round 70 (-2) to help the Big Red surge to a tie for second at the Big Ten Championship, as she tied for 16th individually with a season-best 218. She also won the Nebraska Women's Match Play Championship to highlight a solid summer of preparation for the 2021-22 campaign.

Baete opened the fall as Nebraska's top finisher at the Wolverine Invitational, tying for 40th at 223, including an even-par 71 in the opening round. Baete added a tie for fifth to lead Nebraska's "A"

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lineup at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 20-21). She is coming off her best performance of the season with a tie for 14th (219) at the Dale McNamara Invitational (Oct. 11-12). She ranks third among the Huskers through 12 team rounds with a 74.67 stroke average this season.

Fellow Nebraskan Megan Whittaker was also a major player in NU's postseason push in 2021. The second generation Husker from Elkhorn tied for 18th at the Big Ten Championship with a season-best 219.

A consistent contributor for four seasons, Whittaker is coming off the best performance of her career with a tie for sixth and a career-best 215 (-1) with teammate Vanessa Bouvet at the Dale McNamara Invitational (Oct. 11-12). Whittaker ranks second among the Huskers with a 74.56 stroke average through nine fall rounds.

A three-time WGCA Scholastic All-American alongside Baete, Whittaker is the daughter of former Husker women's golfer Kim (Lefler) Whittaker, who was a member of Nebraska's first-ever NCAA Regional team in 1994.

SOPHOMORES VAVROVA, THIELE HOPE TO SOLIDIFY LINEUP

Two more regulars in Nebraska's 2021 spring lineup return with second-year golfers Michaela Vavrova and Lindsey Thiele.

Vavrova, a member of the Slovakian Elite National Team, competed in all 21 rounds in the Husker lineup last season and posted Nebraska's fourth-best stroke average (76.33). She notched three consecutive top-25 finishes at the Arizona Wildcat, Allstate Sugar Bowl and Indiana Spring Invitational tournaments. Vavrova also put up a solid 224 to tie for 33rd individually in helping Nebraska at the Big Ten Championship, before posting NU's No. 2 finish at the NCAA Columbus Regional with her tie for 45th (229). She closed her first season in Lincoln with 16 consecutive rounds of 78 or better.

Vavrova captured her first career collegiate title after firing a career-best 217 (+1) over three rounds at the Stampede at The Creek in Elkhorn, Neb. (Oct. 4-5). She was named the Big Ten Co-Golfer of the Week (Oct. 6).

Thiele competed in 15 rounds for the Huskers last season. The Wahoo, Neb., native who is the most recent of three sisters (Haley, Hannah) to play golf for the Big Red, was NU's sixth golfer in the count-four format at the Big Ten Championship.

Thiele's freshman season was highlighted by a tie for 23rd with a season-best 229 to help NU to the team title at the Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate.

She produced a career performance when she shared medalist honors with Nicole Hansen at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invite (Sept. 20-21). Thiele opened with the best two rounds of her career (70-71) on her way to a career-best 219 (+3) at Colbert Hills. Thiele's effort earned her Big Ten Co-Golfer-of-the-Week honors with Hansen (Sept. 22).

An outstanding student, Thiele is a Regents Scholar at Nebraska and was one of six Huskers to earn WGCA Scholastic All-America honors in 2021.

BOUVET RETURNS TO LINEUP WITH THREE TOP-10 FALL FINISHES

Vanessa Bouvet has produced a breakout fall campaign with three consecutive top-10 finishes.

A fourth-year Husker from Brunei by way of France, Bouvet had an outstanding season as a true freshman in 2018-19, posting a 75.79 stroke average over 24 rounds. A big hitter with an aggressive approach, Bouvet was unable to crack Nebraska's lineup last season after playing just six rounds in a COVID-19 shortened campaign in 2019-20.

However, Bouvet's game continued to improve last season and she represented Nebraska at the PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, where she tied for fifth with teammate Noor Ahmed to earn a Symetra Tour Invite to the Guardian Championship.

Bouvet's game and confidence grew during the summer, and after just missing out on a lineup spot to open the season at Michigan, she posted a tie for fifth at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 20-21). She added a tie for seventh at The Molly Collegiate (Sept. 27-28), before leading the Huskers with a tie for sixth (215, -1) at the Dale McNamara Invitational (Oct. 11-12). She will play out of the top spot in Nebraska's lineup at the White Sands Intercollegiate (Oct. 22-24).

FRESHMEN COULD MAKE IMPACTS EARLY IN HUSKER 2021-22 LINEUPS

In addition to Nebraska's six returning golfers, four newcomers have made impacts for the Huskers.

One of the top young golfers in Colombia, Andrea Velez spent the 2021 spring semester in Lincoln after having her initial arrival to campus delayed by COVID-19 restrictions in the fall of 2020.

Velez broke through on the international stage with an 11th-place finish at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship at Trump National Doral in July of 2019. She was also the 2018 Colombian Junior Champion.

In her collegiate debut, Velez helped Nebraska's "B" lineup to the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational title by producing a top-20 individual finish with three rounds of 75 (225, +9).

Two more international newcomers have earned lineup time as true freshmen. Miu Takahashi (Nasumachi, Japan) is one of the top young golfers in Japan, taking fifth at the Yonex Junior Golf Championship. She earned a lineup spot to open her collegiate career at the 2021 Wolverine Invitational (Sept. 13-14). Takahashi did not make Nebraska's lineup at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 20-21), but she did earn a career-best tie for fifth with a career-best 222 to join Velez in helping Nebraska's "B" lineup to the team title.

Takahashi earned her third straight lineup spot at White Sands (Oct. 22-24), including a tie for 18th (226) at The Molly Collegiate (Sept. 27-28).

Lena Hassert (Kreuzau, Germany) is a two-time Austrian Junior Stroke Play champion and a German National Championship runner-up (2017). Hassert made her college debut inside NU's five-player lineup at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 20-21).

SUTHERLAND ADDS EXPERIENCE TO BIG RED COACHING STAFF

Long-time college head coach Jeanne Sutherland was named the Associate Head Coach for the Husker women's golf program on July 1, 2021.

Sutherland came to Nebraska after spending the past 10 seasons (2011-21) as the head coach at SMU.

She previously spent 15 seasons as the head coach at Texas A&M (1992-2007).

In 2018, Sutherland was named the inaugural winner of the WGCA Kim Evans Award. She also earned the WGCA Founders Award in 2017.

In 2016-17, Sutherland led SMU to its fifth consecutive NCAA Regional berth after producing a runner-up finish at the American Athletic Conference Championship. She also guided the Mustangs to the highest ranking in program history at No. 20 nationally. Three Mustang golfers earned All-AAC honors in 2017.

A four-time conference coach of the year at Texas A&M (3 Big 12, 1 Southwest Conference), Sutherland was also a two-time NCAA Regional Coach of the Year (1997, 2007). She led 13 Texas A&M teams to NCAA Regional play, including four NCAA Championship appearances in 1997 (17th), 2004 (24th), 2005 (22nd) and 2006 (19th). Texas A&M captured three Big 12 team titles and Aggie golfers earned three All-America honors, four individual conference titles, three individual conference player-of-the-year awards, two newcomer-of-the-year honors and 25 all-conference accolades.

ALL-AMERICAN SMITH ETCHES NAME IN HUSKER GOLF HISTORY IN 2021

Kate Smith won Nebraska's first-ever Big Ten women's golf individual title and the Huskers produced their best conference finish since a runner-up finish in the Big Eight in 1984, as the Huskers tied for second at TPC River's Bend in Maineville, Ohio.

Smith tied her own school record with a final-round 64 (-8) to finish at 207 (-9) to defeat runner-up Irene Kim from Northwestern by three strokes. Smith became Nebraska's first conference champion since Sarah Sasse won the Big 12 in 2003. Smith is just the third individual champion in school history, also joining Big Eight champ Rachele Tacha in 1996.

Smith went on to earn third-team All-America honors from Golfweek after capturing honorable-mention accolades from the Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA). She also became the first Husker in history to represent Nebraska at the Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship, before becoming the first Husker golfer (men's or women's) to represent Nebraska at the Palmer Cup. She went 3-1 to help Team USA to a 33-27 win over the International collegians.

Smith is pursuing a pro career and recently advanced to Stage II of qualifying at LPGA Q School. She will compete in Stage II at the Plantation Golf & Country Club in Venice, Fla. (Oct. 18-24).

HUSKERS SET PACE IN CLASSROOM

Nebraska leads NCAA Division I with 347 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans all-time across all sports, including seven in 2020-21. The Huskers also lead all schools in history with 18 NCAA Top 10 Award winners across all sports.

Nebraska women's golf leads the nation with 87 WGCA Scholastic All-Americans since 1989, including five in 2020-21. Nebraska established a school-best 94 percent graduation rate across all student-athletes in all sports in 2020-21. Husker student-athletes also posted a spring-record combined semester GPA of 3.343.

NEBRASKA WOMEN'S GOLF 2021-22 STATISTICS

NEBRASKA 2021-22 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament	Place/Teams (Round-by-Round Score)
Wolverine Invitational (Sept. 13-14)	T14th/16 (306-301-308-915)
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 20-21)	6th/10 (298-303-304-905)
The Molly Collegiate (Sept. 27-28)	7th/14 (307-308-299=914)
Dale McNamara Invitational (Oct. 11-12)	2nd/13 (293-295-284=872)
White Sands Intercollegiate (Oct. 22-24)	7 a.m.
Big Ten Match Play Championships (Jan. 31-Feb. 1)	8 a.m.
Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate (Feb. 13-15)	8 a.m.
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Briar's Creek Invitational (March 14-15)	8 a.m.
Lady Buckeye Spring Invitational (April 15-16)	8 a.m.
Big Ten Championship (April 22-24)	8 a.m.
Season Totals	3,606/12 Rounds
2020-21 Team Stroke Average	300.50
Season Low Round	284 (Dale McNamara, 3rd)
Season Low (54 Holes)	872 (Dale McNamara)
Tournament Titles	0/4
Top Five Finishes	1/4
Top 10 Finishes	3/4

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST ROUND

Golfer	Round
Kirsten Baete	66 (2019 Westbrook, 2nd)
Vanessa Bouvet	68 (2021 Dale McNamara, 2nd) 68 (2018 Ptarmigan Ram, 2nd)
Miu Takahashi	68 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 2nd)
Megan Whittaker	69 (2019 Battle at the Beach, 2nd)
Nicole Hansen	70 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st)
Lindsey Thiele	70 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st)
Michaela Vavrova	70 (2021 Arizona Wildcat, 2nd)
Lena Hassert	75 (2021 Stampede at The Creek, 2nd)
Andrea Velez	75 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st, 2nd, 3rd)

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST TOURNAMENT

Golfer	Three Rounds
Kirsten Baete	210 (2019 Westbrook)
Vanessa Bouvet	214 (2018 Ptarmigan Ram)
Megan Whittaker	215 (2021 Dale McNamara)
Michaela Vavrova	217 (2021 Stampede at The Creek)
Nicole Hansen	219 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
Lindsey Thiele	219 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
Miu Takahashi	222 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
Andrea Velez	225 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
Lena Hassert	242 (2021 Stampede at The Creek)

NEBRASKA 2021-22 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

VANESSA BOUVET

Tournament	Results	Place
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	75-72-75-222	T5th
The Molly Collegiate	78-73-69-220	T7th
Dale McNamara Invitational	78-68-69-215	T6th
Season Totals	657 Strokes/9 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	73.00	
Season Low Round	68 (Dale McNamara, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes	1/3	
Top 10 Finishes	3/3	
Top 20 Finishes	3/3	

MEGAN WHITTAKER

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	83-73-74-230	T58th
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	75-77-74-226	T23rd
Dale McNamara Invitational	70-74-71-215	T6th
Season Totals	671 Strokes/9 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	74.56	
Season Low Round	70 (Dale McNamara, 1st)	
Top Five Finishes	0/3	
Top 10 Finishes	1/3	
Top 20 Finishes	1/3	

KIRSTEN BAETE

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	71-76-76-223	T40th
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	72-76-74-222	T5th
The Molly Collegiate	74-80-78-232	T39th
Dale McNamara Invitational	74-75-70-219	T14th
Season Totals	896 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	74.67	
Season Low Round	70 (Dale McNamara, 3rd)	
Top Five Finishes	1/4	

Top 10 Finishes	1/4
Top 20 Finishes	2/4

MICHAELA VAVROVA

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	78-75-80-233	T65th
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	76-78-81-235	42nd
*Stampede at The Creek	74-71-72-217	1st
Dale McNamara Invitational	81-78-74-233	T56th
Season Totals	918 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	76.50	
Season Low Round	71 (Wolverine, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes	1/4	
Top 10 Finishes	1/4	
Top 20 Finishes	1/4	

*competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup

MIU TAKAHASHI

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	79-81-78-238	T77th
*Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	75-68-79-222	T5th
The Molly Collegiate	75-76-76-226	T18th
Dale McNamara Invitational	77-81-80-232	T53rd
Season Totals	918 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	76.50	
Season Low Round	68 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes	1/4	
Top 10 Finishes	1/4	
Top 20 Finishes	2/4	

*competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup

LINDSEY THIELE

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	78-77-82-237	T76th
*Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	70-71-78-219	T1st
The Molly Collegiate	84-79-77-240	T67th
*Dale McNamara Invitational	77-79-78-234	59th
Season Totals	930 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	77.50	
Season Low Round	70 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st)	
Top Five Finishes	1/4	
Top 10 Finishes	1/4	
Top 20 Finishes	1/4	

*competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup

NICOLE HANSEN

Tournament	Results	Place
*Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	70-77-72-219	T1st
The Molly Collegiate	80-86-84-250	T77th
Season Totals	469 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	78.17	
Season Low Round	70 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st)	
Top Five Finishes	1/2	
Top 10 Finishes	1/2	
Top 20 Finishes	1/2	

*competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup

ANDREA VELEZ

Tournament	Results	Place
*Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	75-75-75-225	T19th
*Stampede at The Creek	80-83-82-245	T32nd
Season Totals	470 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	78.33	
Season Low Round	75 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st, 2nd, 3rd)	
Top Five Finishes	0/2	
Top 10 Finishes	0/2	
Top 20 Finishes	1/3	

*competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup

LENA HSSERT

Tournament	Results	Place
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	89-82-85-256	60th
*Stampede at The Creek	83-75-84-242	T29th
Season Totals	498 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	83.00	
Season Low Round	75 (Stampede at The Creek, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes	0/2	
Top 10 Finishes	0/2	
Top 20 Finishes	0/2	

*competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup