

NEBRASKA

MEN'S GOLF

BIG TEN MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, PALM COAST, FLORIDA - FEBRUARY 5-6, 2021

N 2020-21 SCHEDULE

SPRING 2021

Jan. 30	Big Red Alumni Invite	No Team Score
	Jacksonville, Fla. (TPC Sawgrass)	
Feb. 5-6	Big Ten Match Play Championship	
	Palm Coast, Fla. (Hammock Beach)	
Feb. 5	vs. Iowa	7 a.m.
	Match #2	Noon
Feb. 6	Match #3	7 a.m.
	Match #4	Noon
Feb. 27	Challenge at Rancho	TBA
	San Diego, Calif. (Rancho Santa Fe CC)	
March 8-10	Lamkin San Diego Classic	TBA
	San Diego, Calif. (San Diego CC)	
March 19-21	Spring Break Texas Dual	TBA
	Houston, Texas (Champions GC)	
April 3-4	Indiana Hoosier Collegiate (Pfau GC)	TBA
April 9-11	The Aggie Invitational	TBA
	College Station, Texas (Traditions GC)	
April 17-18	Git-R-Done Husker Invitational	TBA
	Lincoln, Neb. (Firethorn GC)	
April 30-	Big Ten Championships	
May 2	Carmel, Ind. (Crooked Stick GC)	TBA
May 17-19	NCAA Regionals	TBA
	Regional Site (TBD)	
May 28-	NCAA Championships	TBA
June 2	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Grayhawk GC)	

N NEBRASKA ROSTER

Student-Athlete	Class	Hometown (High School/Other)
Caleb Badura	Jr.	Aurora, Neb. (Northwestern College)
Mark Foelbaek	Sr.	Jelling, Denmark (Ranger College)
Will Harding	Fr.	Prairie Village, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East)
Jack Lundin	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Roosevelt)
Reed Malleck	Fr.	York, Neb. (York)
Will Marshall	So.	Elburn, Ill. (Kaneland)
Branden Meyer	Sr.	Gilbert, Ariz. (South Mountain CC)
Tristan Nelko	Jr.	Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata)
Tanner Owen	Gr.	Parkville, Mo. (Park Hill South)
Daniel Pearson	Sr.	Longmont, Colo. (Fairview)
Gentry Scheve	Fr.	Emporia, Kan. (Emporia)
Jeremy Sisson	RFr.	Skaneateles, N.Y. (Arkansas)
Tom Westenberger	Sr.	Wuppertal, Germany (Iowa Western CC)

N HUSKER QUICK FACTS

Head Coach	Mark Hankins (Iowa State, 1997)
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2019-20 Top 10 Finishes	5/6
2019-20 Top Five Finishes	2/6
2019-20 Tournament Titles	0
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HUSKERS OPEN SPRING COMPETITION AT BIG TEN MATCH PLAY

The Nebraska men's golf team will take on Iowa in its first match of the Big Ten Match Play Championship at the Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Fla., on Friday, Feb. 5 at 7 a.m. (CT). The Huskers learned their initial pairing along with the other Big Ten teams when the conference announced the schedule for the 13th annual event on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Nebraska, which has advanced to the semifinals in each of its first two Big Ten Match Play appearances under third-year head coach Mark Hankins, will enter the tournament as the No. 12 seed to take on the fifth-seeded Hawkeyes.

The other first-round match-ups include No. 8 Michigan State vs. No. 9 Maryland, No. 7 Ohio State vs. No. 10 Indiana and No. 6 Rutgers vs. No. 11 Wisconsin. Northwestern claimed the No. 1 seed and earned a first-round bye along with No. 2 Minnesota, No. 3 Purdue and No. 4 Penn State.

The teams in the field were seeded using the final fall GolfStat rankings for 2020 (Nov. 11). Each team match will consist of six individual matches. Although the top four teams earned byes, they will also be in action on Friday at 7 a.m. (CT), with Northwestern going head-to-head against Minnesota, while Purdue tees off against Penn State.

If the Huskers can get past the Hawkeyes, they will advance to face Penn State at Noon (CT). If NU is unable to take down favored Iowa, the Huskers will move on to battle the loser of the first-round match between Ohio State and Indiana on Friday at Noon (CT).

Match play concludes on Saturday with matches at 7 a.m. and Noon (CT).

HANKINS, HUSKERS HOPE TO BUILD ON BIG TEN MATCH PLAY SUCCESS

Nebraska enters its third season under Head Coach Mark Hankins hoping to build on the success it has experienced at the past two Big Ten Match Play Championships. Last season, the Huskers won a first-round tiebreaker with No. 4 seed and defending Big Ten Match Play Champion Ohio State to advance to the second round. The Big Red then knocked off Michigan State, 3.5-2.5 to move onto the semifinals for the second straight season.

Nebraska lost 4-2 to eventual champion Northwestern in the semifinals, before dropping its final match, 3.5-2.5, to Maryland.

Caleb Badura stood out for the Huskers in match play, posting a perfect 4-0 record against his Big Ten opponents, while Branden Meyer added a 3-1 record to help the Huskers. Badura became the first Husker to ever go 4-0 at the Big Ten Match Play Championships.

At the 2019 Big Ten Match Play, Nebraska opened with a 4-2 win over Iowa before moving onto the semifinals by winning a tiebreaker with Purdue. In the semifinals, Nebraska lost 4-2 to Maryland, before closing the event with a 5-1 loss to Illinois.

EXPERIENCED GOLFERS GIVE HUSKERS REASON FOR OPTIMISM

Nebraska's individual stroke average leader the past two seasons, graduate student Tanner Owen returns for a fifth season after being granted an additional year of eligibility along with other NCAA golfers because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2018-19, Owen posted a 72.86 average and tied for 16th at the Big Ten Championships, before

posting a 75.46 average over half a regular season in 2019-20.

While Owen will be the most experienced and accomplished Husker, he will have to compete for lineup time with a deep roster filled with talented Nebraska golfers.

Senior Mark Foelbaek, who was an NJCAA All-American in 2019 before transferring to Nebraska, had an outstanding summer and fall after adjusting to NCAA Division I competition as a junior in 2019-20. Foelbaek won the Nebraska Open (Sept. 11-13) at Elks Country Club in Columbus with a 204 (-12) with rounds of 69-68-67.

Another junior college All-American, Tom Westenberger, added a tie for fourth at the Nebraska Open with a 206 (-10) over three rounds. Foelbaek and Westenberger continued to perform well during the fall, as did junior Caleb Badura, who added a tie for ninth at the Nebraska Open with a 209 (-7). All three transfers were significant contributors in a shortened 2019-20 season, including Badura's history-making 4-0 record at the 2020 Big Ten Match Play Championships. All three took their games to higher levels in the fall.

Meanwhile, NJCAA All-American Branden Meyer, who held Nebraska's No. 2 stroke average with a (75.53) and joined Owen in the Husker lineup for all 15 rounds last year, has continued to improve. Those five returning golfers give Hankins and the Huskers plenty of reasons for optimism in 2021.

HUSKER NEWCOMERS PREPARE TO MAKE IMMEDIATE IMPACT

While the Nebraska roster features eight returning lettermen from 2019-20, the Huskers also showcase a talented five-player class of freshmen.

BIG TEN MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP, FEBRUARY 5-6, 2021



The 2020-21 Nebraska Men's Golf Team (Back row, from left): Assistant Coach Brett Balak, Mark Foelbaek, Tom Westenberger, Tristan Nelko, Branden Meyer, Daniel Pearson, Tanner Owen, Caleb Badura, Head Coach Mark Hankins. (Front row, from left): Will Marshall, Will Harding, Jack Lundin, Jeremy Sisson, Gentry Scheve, Reed Malleck.

Freshman Jack Lundin, who was a two-time high school state champion and the South Dakota Men's Amateur Champion in 2019, tied for seventh at the Nebraska Open with a 208 (-8) and was one of five Huskers to lead the tournament field at some point in the event.

Freshman Gentry Scheve (Emporia, Kan.) led the Nebraska Open entering the final day after posting rounds of 68 and 67 to head to last 18 holes at 9-under par. Scheve was a two-time first-team Kansas Class 5A all-state selection in high school. He closed 2019 ranked No. 42 nationally in the Golfweek ratings.

Fellow Kansas high school standout Will Harding also brings a distinguished background to the Big Red roster. Harding was the Midwest PGA Student-Athlete of the Year in 2019 and was a first-team Kansas Class 6A all-stater as a junior after leading Shawnee Mission East to its second straight state title.

A fourth freshman, Jeremy Sisson (Skaneateles, N.Y.) added NU's best individual round at the Nebraska Open with a final-round 66 (-6). Sisson spent his true freshman season as a redshirt at Arkansas before transferring to Nebraska.

True freshman Reed Malleck (York, Neb.) rounds out Nebraska's group of newcomers. The No. 1 golfer in the state of Nebraska in the class of 2020, Malleck was the 2020 Nebraska Junior Match Play Champion after earning first-team Nebraska Super-State accolades in 2019.

HANKINS SET FOR THIRD SEASON AS NEBRASKA'S HEAD COACH

An outstanding coach with a record of success at the NCAA Division I and Big Ten Conference levels,

Mark Hankins has the Nebraska men's golf program on the rise as he enters his third season in Lincoln.

In 2020-21, a senior-laden roster that includes fifth-year golfer and graduate student Tanner Owen, will lead the Big Red. The five-player class includes three 2019 NJCAA All-Americans (Mark Foelbaek, Branden Meyer and Tom Westenberger).

Hankins led Nebraska to its best Big Ten Match Play Championship finishes in history by taking fourth in 2019 and 2020. He also guided the Huskers to their best-ever Big Ten finish by capturing fifth at the 2019 conference tournament.

One of only three active coaches to lead a team to a Big Ten Conference men's golf title, Hankins came to Nebraska after serving as an assistant athletic director at the University of Iowa. He enters his fifth year as a member of the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee.

Overall, in 17 seasons as a Big Ten men's golf head coach, Hankins has coached five All-Americans, 21 golfers who earned All-Big Ten honors, including two Big Ten Players of the Year and a Big Ten Freshman of the Year. His student-athletes also earned a total of 55 Academic All-Big Ten accolades and 12 All-America Scholar awards from the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA).

2020 SPRING SEASON RECAP

Nebraska began its 2020 spring season at the 2020 Big Ten Match Play Championship, Feb. 7-8, at Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Fla. Nebraska opened the tournament by winning the tiebreaker in a 3-3 match against No. 4 seed Ohio State. Later the same day, the Huskers improved to 2-0 with an impressive 3.5-2.5 victory over Michigan State.

The Huskers secured a fourth-place team finish despite suffering a 4-2 setback to Northwestern and a 3.5-2.5 loss to Maryland on the tournament's final day.

Caleb Badura provided the biggest individual highlights for the Huskers in Florida by becoming the first Nebraska golfer to go 4-0 at the Big Ten Match Play. Meyer added an impressive 3-1 match play performance for the Big Red.

Badura built momentum for the spring by leading the Huskers a month later at the Desert Mountain Intercollegiate in Arizona (March 7-8). The Aurora, Neb., native tied for 21st with a 223 (+7) on the Outlaw Course at Desert Mountain, while Meyer added a tie for 32nd (226) to help Nebraska to a ninth-place team finish.

The Huskers were scheduled to play at The Aggie Invitational (April 4-5), the Git-R-Done Husker Invitational (April 11-12) and the Hawkeye Invitational (April 18-19) prior to competing at the Big Ten Championships (May 1-3), but the COVID-19 pandemic ended college sports seasons around the nation in mid-March.

Tanner Owen capped his 2020 season by earning his bachelor's degree from Nebraska, while being named a Golf Coaches Association of America Scholar All-American, a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and Academic All-Big Ten. Owen was also Nebraska's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner for men's golf.

Branden Meyer joined Owen as a GCAA Scholar All-American, while Daniel Pearson and Patrick Clare added Academic All-Big Ten honors of their own.

NEBRASKA MEN'S GOLF 2019-20 STATISTICS

NEBRASKA 2019-20 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament.....	Place/Teams (Round-by-Round Score)
Rod Myers/Duke Invitational (Sept. 14-15).....	10th/13 (309-287-300-896)
Prairie Club Invitational (Sept. 29-30).....	T5th/7 (294-307-300-901)
Maridoe Invitational (Oct. 6-8).....	10th/13 (309-301-309-919)
Royal Oaks Intercollegiate (Oct. 21-22).....	12th/12 (310-292-301-903)
Big Ten Match Play Championship (Feb. 7-8).....	4th/13 (2-2)
Desert Mountain Invitational (March 7-8).....	9th/12 (296-315-292-903)
Big Ten Championship (May 1-3).....	Canceled
Season Totals.....	4,521/15 Rounds
2019-20 Team Stroke Average.....	301.40
Season Low Round.....	287 (Rod Myers/Duke Invitational, 10th)
Season Low (54 Holes).....	896 (Rod Myers/Duke Invitational)
Tournament Titles.....	0/6
Top Five Finishes.....	1/6
Top 10 Finishes.....	5/6

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST ROUND

Golfer.....	Round
Tanner Owen.....	.68 (6 times, most recent 2019 Rod Myers/Duke, 2nd)
Caleb Badura.....	70 (2020 Desert Mountain, 3rd)
Tom Westenberg.....	70 (2020 Desert Mountain, 3rd)
Will Marshall.....	71 (2019 Royal Oaks, 3rd)
Daniel Pearson.....	71 (2017 Quail Valley, 3rd)
Branden Meyer.....	72 (3 times, most recent 2020 Desert Mountain, 1st)
Tristan Nelko.....	72 (2018 Cardinal Regional Challenge, 1st)
Mark Foelbaek.....	74 (2019 Rod Myers/Duke, 3rd)

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST TOURNAMENT

Golfer.....	Three Rounds
Tanner Owen.....	210 (2018 Fighting Irish Classic; 2017 Jackrabbit)
Caleb Badura.....	223 (2020 Desert Mountain)
Daniel Pearson.....	223 (2019 William H. Tucker)
Branden Meyer.....	224 (2019 Prairie Club; 2019 Rod Myers/Duke)
Will Marshall.....	225 (2019 Royal Oaks)
Tristan Nelko.....	225 (2018 Quail Valley)
Mark Foelbaek.....	226 (2019 Rod Myers/Duke)
Tom Westenberg.....	226 (2019 Royal Oaks)

NEBRASKA 2019-20 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

TANNER OWEN

Tournament.....	Results.....	Place
Rod Myers/Duke Invitational.....	80-68-74-222.....	T-34th
Prairie Club Invitational.....	71-76-70-217.....	3rd
Maridoe Intercollegiate.....	77-75-73-225.....	T-12th
Royal Oaks Intercollegiate.....	80-74-76-230.....	T-64th
Big Ten Match Play Championship.....	0-4-0.....	
Desert Mountain Intercollegiate.....	76-82-80-238.....	64th
Season Totals.....	1,132 Strokes/15 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average.....	75.46	
Season Low Round.....	.68 (Rod Myers/Duke, T-53rd)	
Top Five Finishes.....	1/6	
Top 10 Finishes.....	1/6	
Top 20 Finishes.....	2/6	

BRANDEN MEYER

Tournament.....	Results.....	Place
Rod Myers/Duke Invitational.....	78-72-74-224.....	T-41st
Prairie Club Invitational.....	72-77-75-224.....	T-11th
Maridoe Intercollegiate.....	82-76-76-234.....	T-45th
Royal Oaks Intercollegiate.....	78-73-74-225.....	T-57th
Big Ten Match Play Championship.....	3-1-0.....	
Desert Mountain Intercollegiate.....	72-79-75-226.....	T-32nd
Season Totals.....	1,133 Strokes/15 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average.....	75.53	
Season Low Round.....	72 (Rod Myers/Duke, T-41st)	
Top Five Finishes.....	0/6	
Top 10 Finishes.....	0/6	
Top 20 Finishes.....	1/6	

CALEB BADURA

Tournament.....	Results.....	Place
Rod Myers/Duke Invitational.....	76-72-78-226.....	T-44th
Prairie Club Invitational.....	76-79-80-235.....	T-37th
Royal Oaks Intercollegiate.....	77-78-78-233.....	66th
Big Ten Match Play Championship.....	4-0-0.....	
Desert Mountain Intercollegiate.....	76-77-70-223.....	T-21st
Season Totals.....	920 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average.....	76.67	
Season Low Round.....	70 (Desert Mountain, T-21st)	
Top Five Finishes.....	0/5	
Top 10 Finishes.....	0/5	
Top 20 Finishes.....	1/5	

MARK FOELBAEK

Tournament.....	Results.....	Place
Rod Myer/Duke Invitational.....	77-75-74-226.....	T-44th
Prairie Club Invitational.....	75-78-76-229.....	T-23rd
Maridoe Intercollegiate.....	88-80-83-251.....	66th
Big Ten Match Play Championship.....	1-3-0.....	
Season Totals.....	706 Strokes/9 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average.....	78.84	
Season Low Round.....	74 (Rod Myers/Duke, T-44th)	
Top Five Finishes.....	0/4	
Top 10 Finishes.....	0/4	
Top 20 Finishes.....	1/4	

TOM WESTENBERGER

Tournament.....	Results.....	Place
Prairie Club Invitational.....	82-76-79-237.....	40th
Maridoe Intercollegiate.....	77-72-77-226.....	T-14th
Royal Oaks Intercollegiate.....	77-74-75-226.....	59th
Big Ten Match Play Championship.....	1-1-2.....	
Desert Mountain Intercollegiate.....	72-86-70-228.....	T-41st
Season Totals.....	917 Strokes/12 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average.....	76.42	
Season Low Round.....	70 (Desert Mountain, T-41st)	
Top Five Finishes.....	0/5	
Top 10 Finishes.....	0/5	
Top 20 Finishes.....	1/5	

WILL MARSHALL

Tournament.....	Results.....	Place
Maridoe Intercollegiate.....	73-78-83-234.....	T-45th
Royal Oaks Intercollegiate.....	78-71-76-225.....	T-57th
Season Totals.....	1,080 Strokes/14 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average.....	77.14	
Season Low Round.....	69 (Battle at the Beach, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes.....	0/5	
Top 10 Finishes.....	0/5	
Top 20 Finishes.....	1/5	

DANIEL PEARSON

Tournament.....	Results.....	Place
Big Ten Match Play Championship.....	1-3-0.....	
Desert Mountain Intercollegiate.....	76-77-77-230.....	T-45th
Season Totals.....	230 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average.....	76.67	
Season Low Round.....	76 (Desert Mountain, T-45th)	
Top Five Finishes.....	0/2	
Top 10 Finishes.....	0/2	
Top 20 Finishes.....	0/2	

TRISTAN NELKO

Tournament.....	Results.....	Place
Rod Myers/Duke Invitational.....	78-78-80-236.....	T-66th
Season Totals.....	236 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2019-20 Stroke Average.....	78.67	
Season Low Round.....	78 (Rod Myers/Duke, T-66th)	
Top Five Finishes.....	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes.....	0/1	
Top 20 Finishes.....	0/1	