# NEBRASKA

## MEN'S GOLF

**WILLIAM H. TUCKER INTERCOLLEGIATE, ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - SEPT. 24-25, 2021**

## 2021-22 SCHEDULE

**FALL 2021**

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| Sept. 11-12 | Rod Myers/Duke Invitational (Durham, N.C./Duke GC) | 12th/14 (897) |
| Sept. 24-25 | William H. Tucker Intercollegiate (Albuquerque, N.M./UNM Championship GC) | 8:45 a.m. |
| Oct. 2-4 | Rich Harvest Farms Invitational (Sugar Grove, Ill./Rich Harvest Farms GC) | 9 a.m. |
| Oct. 16-18 | Quail Valley Invitational (Vero Beach, Fla./Quail Valley GC) | 8 a.m. |

**SPRING 2022**

To Be Announced

## NEBRASKA ROSTER

| Student-Athlete | Class | Hometown (High School/Other) |
|---|---|---|
| Caleb Badura** | Sr. | Aurora, Neb. (Northwestern College) |
| Mark Foelbaek** | Sr. | Jelling, Denmark (Ranger College) |
| Reed Malleck* | So. | York, Neb. (York) |
| Will Marshall** | Jr. | Elburn, Ill. (Kaneland) |
| Branden Meyer** | Sr. | Gilbert, Ariz. (South Mountain CC) |
| Tristan Nelko*** | Sr. | Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata) |
| Gentry Scheve* | So. | Emporia, Kan. (Emporia) |
| Kameron Shaw | Fr. | Salina, Kan. (Sacred Heart) |
| Jeremy Sisson* | So. | Skaneateles, N.Y. (Arkansas) |
| Tom Westenberger** | Sr. | Wuppertal, Germany (Iowa Western CC) |

**denotes letters earned at Nebraska*

## HUSKER QUICK FACTS

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|---|---|
| Head Coach | Brett Balak (Nebraska Wesleyan, 1991) |
| Assistant Coach | Travis Minzel (Nebraska Wesleyan, 2004) |
| Golf Office Manager | Anne Hackbart |
| Golf Office Phone | (402) 472-4628 |
| 2020-21 Top 10 Finishes | 3/5 |
| 2020-21 Top Five Finishes | 2/5 |
| 2020-21 Tournament Titles | 0 |
| Big Ten Conference | 10th Season |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 8/3 |
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## HUSKERS ON PGA TOUR

| Golfer | Years on Tour |
|---|---|
| Scott Gutschewski | 2005-07, 2009, 2011, 2022 |
| Brady Schnell | 2019 |
| Jeff Klein | 2003 |
| Steve Gotsche | 1994-95, 2000 |
| Tom Sieckmann | 1982, 1985-94, 1997, 1999 |
| Mike Schuchart | 1990, 1993 |
| Mark Maness | 1988 |

## NEBRASKA PREPARES FOR BIG FIELD AT TUCKER INTERCOLLEGIATE

The Nebraska men's golf team returns to competition at the 2021 William H. Tucker Intercollegiate on Friday, Sept. 24 in Albuquerque, N.M.

The University of New Mexico hosts the two-day, 54-hole event that features a diverse 19-team field from around the nation. The big field on the par-72, 7,555-yard layout of the UNM Championship Course includes six 2021 NCAA Regional teams (Denver, Louisville, New Mexico, New Mexico State, San Diego, Texas). BYU, Colorado, Dixie State, Florida Atlantic, Louisiana Tech, Loyola Marymount, Nebraska, North Texas, Santa Clara, UNLV, UTEP, VCU and Wyoming round out the strong field.

Action begins Friday with a shotgun start at 8:45 a.m. (CT), teeing off two continuous rounds of play. The tournament concludes with Saturday's final round beginning with a shotgun start again at 8:45 a.m. (CT). Live scoring will be available at GolfStat.com.

Nebraska's five-player lineup includes four seniors and a junior, led by Tom Westenberger. The senior from Wuppertal, Germany competed in all 15 rounds for the Huskers last spring and opened 2021-22 as NU's No. 3 finisher at the Rod Myers Invitational.

Senior Mark Foelbaek (Jelling, Denmark) enters the invitational as Nebraska's No. 2 golfer, while Caleb Badura (Aurora, Neb.) joins Westenberger and Foelbaek in making their second straight lineup appearances this fall. Badura and Foelbaek were NU's top finishers at the 2021 Big Ten Championships.

Senior Tristan Nelko (Plymouth, Minn.) and junior Will Marshall (Elburn, Ill.) round out the Nebraska lineup. Nelko and Marshall will be making their 2021-22 competitive debuts for the Huskers.

## BALAK ENTERS FIRST SEASON AS NEBRASKA HEAD COACH

The Nebraska men's golf program plans to continue to climb the ladder in the Big Ten Conference in 2021-22 under the direction of first-year head coach Brett Balak.

Although Balak is in his first season as Nebraska's head coach, he spent the past two seasons helping to lay the foundation for a resurgent Husker program as an assistant.

"It is truly an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to lead the Nebraska men's golf program," Balak said. "I have had an opportunity to be part of the start of the building process at Nebraska for the past two years and I am confident in the direction we are headed. We have some talented and hard-working golfers returning to our program, and we are looking forward to climbing the ladder in the Big Ten to contend for conference championships and NCAA regional bids in the future."

Not only does Balak bring experience working with the current Husker roster, which includes five seniors, a junior, three sophomores and a true freshman, he has also been a key part to Nebraska's recruiting success the past two-plus seasons.

Balak brings an extensive resumé of NCAA Championship success as a head coach, assistant coach and player in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The GCAA National Coach of the Year after leading Nebraska Wesleyan to the NCAA Division III title in 2006, Balak was a 14-time NIAC/GPAC Conference Coach of the Year in 18 seasons at the helm of the Prairie Wolves program.

Overall, he was a part of 20 Nebraska Wesleyan teams that finished in the top 24 at the NCAA Division III Championships, including 14 NCAA appearances as a head coach, three as an assistant and three more as a player during his 25 years across town at Wesleyan.

Balak will be joined by first-year assistant coach Travis Minzel. A captain at Nebraska Wesleyan under Balak, Minzel has been one of the top amateurs in the state for more than a decade, after helping the Prairie Wolves to the NCAA Division III Championships in 2004.

### WILLIAM H. TUCKER INTERCOLLEGIATE

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| **Location** | Albuquerque, N.M. |
| **Host** | University of New Mexico |
| **Course** | UNM Championship Course (Par 72, 7,555 Yards) |
| Friday, Sept. 24 (Shotgun) | 8:45 a.m. (CT) |
| Saturday, Sept. 25 (Shotgun) | 8:45 a.m. (CT) |

**Live Scoring:** GolfStat.com

**Participating Teams (19)**

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| BYU | Colorado |
| Denver | Dixie State |
| Florida Atlantic | Louisiana Tech |
| Louisville | Loyola Marymount |
| Nebraska | New Mexico |
| New Mexico State | North Texas |
| San Diego | Santa Clara |
| Texas | UNLV |
| UTEP | VCU |
| Wyoming | |

### NEBRASKA LINEUP

1. Tom Westenberger
2. Mark Foelbaek
3. Caleb Badura
4. Tristan Nelko
5. Will Marshall

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"I'm very grateful for the tremendous opportunity," Minzel said. "I am ready to get to work continuing to build and develop the Husker golf program."

### SENIORS LEADING THE WAY

Nebraska's five-member senior class will be the cornerstone of the Huskers' growth in 2021-22.

Tom Westenberger, an NJCAA All-American at Iowa Western Community College in 2018, headlines the group after posting a 75.27 stroke average while competing in all 15 rounds for the Big Red last season.

Westenberger, an economics major from Wuppertal, Germany, enters his third season at Nebraska after posting a pair of top-10 individual finishes (T6th, Aggie Invitational; T7th, Hoosier Collegiate) in five tournaments a year ago.

Branden Meyer joins Westenberger as one the most experienced Huskers after competing in 27 rounds over the past two abbreviated seasons. Meyer, a two-time NJCAA All-American (2018, 2019) at South Mountain Community College in Arizona posted a 75.53 stroke average in 2019-20.

A third NJCAA All-American, Mark Foelbaek, also returns in a leadership role for the Huskers. The senior from Jelling, Denmark by way of Ranger College in Texas, broke through with a career-best 213 (E) to tie for fifth individually at Nebraska's Git-R-Done Invitational in mid-April last season. His performance included a career-best 67 (-4) at Firethorn Golf Club, before matching teammate Caleb Badura for Nebraska's top individual finish at the 2021 Big Ten Championship.

Badura, a senior from Aurora, Nebraska, also surged down the stretch last season. He matched Foelbaek's performance at the Git-R-Done Invitational to tie for fifth, while also producing a career-best 213 (E). Badura and Foelbaek both have competed in 18 career rounds as Huskers.

Tristan Nelko (Plymouth, Minn.) rounds out NU's senior class, while Will Marshall (Elburn, Ill.) is the lone member of the Big Red junior class. Marshall provided a consistent presence in the Husker lineup as a sophomore and could be poised for a breakout season.

### YOUNG HUSKERS READY TO HELP BIG RED RISE DURING 2021-22

A four-member sophomore class led by Jeremy Sisson (Skaneateles, N.Y.), Gentry Scheve (Emporia, Kan.), and Reed Malleck (York, Neb.) all contributed at times in 2020-21. All four are hungry to provide even more pop to the Husker lineup in their second seasons.

True freshman Kameron Shaw, one of the top recruits from the state of Kansas, will add young talent to the class. The 2019 Kansas Class 2A individual champion, Shaw helped Salina Sacred Heart to three straight state team titles in 2018, 2019 and 2021.

### INTERNATIONAL GOLFERS SOLIDIFY HUSKER LINEUP

Nebraska has a pair of international players competing for top lineup spots this season. Mark Foelbaek (Jelling, Denmark) is entering his third season playing for Nebraska. Foelbaek spent time at Ranger (Texas) College before making his way to Lincoln. After his 2018 fall season at Ranger College, the junior college All-American was the No. 1 ranked golfer in NJCAA Division I according to Golfstat.

Foelbaek is continuing to see improvement in his game, with his career best coming at the 2021 Git-R-Done Husker Invitational (April 17-18). He fired a four-under-par 67 in the final round at Firethorn Golf Club on his way to a tie for fifth (213).

Tom Westenberger joins Foelbaek in adding international flavor to the Husker golf program. The senior from Wuppertal, Germany spent his first two collegiate seasons at Iowa Western Community College. A junior college All-American at Iowa Western, Westenberger was ranked No. 8 in the country in the NJCAA.

Westenberger is the only returning Husker to compete in all 15 team rounds last season, when he compiled a 75.27 stroke average and three consecutive top-20 tournament finishes. He joined Foelbaek as two of Nebraska's top three finishers at the 2021 Big Ten Championship.

### MIDWESTERN FLAVOR

Caleb Badura (Aurora, Neb.), Reed Malleck (York, Neb.), Gentry Scheve (Emporia, Kan.), Will Marshall (Elburn, Ill.) and Tristan Nelko (Plymouth, Minn.) all bring Midwestern roots to the Husker program.

Badura and Nelko will be expected to provide senior leadership for the Huskers, while Marshall could also be a key ingredient to Nebraska's success as the lone junior on the squad.

Malleck and Scheve both spent their first seasons at Nebraska gaining strength and experience and could be poised for greater contributions after earning lineup spots for the season-opening Rod Myers/Duke Invitational.

### GUTSCHEWSKI EARNS PGA TOUR PLAYING CARD AGAIN FOR 2021-22

One of the top golfers in Nebraska history, Scott Gutschewski will be back on the PGA TOUR in 2021-22 after earning his card as one of the top 50 golfers on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour. Gutschewski was one of 25 players to receive his card on the 18th green of Victoria National Golf Club in Newburgh, Ind., on Sunday, Sept. 5.

Gutschewski competed on the PGA TOUR from 2005 to 2007, then earned cards again in 2009 and 2011. The Omahan lettered at Nebraska in 1997, 1998 and 1999, helping the Huskers to a 14th-plcae team finish at the NCAA Championships in 1999.