

NEBRASKA

WOMEN'S GOLF

THE MOLLY COLLEGIATE - SEASIDE, CALIFORNIA - SEPTEMBER 27-28

2021-22 SCHEDULE

FALL 2021

Sept. 13-14	Wolverine Invitational Ann Arbor, Michigan	T14th/16 (306-301-308=915)
Sept. 20-21	Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invite Manhattan, Kansas	6th/10 (298-303-304=905)
Sept. 27-28	The Molly Collegiate Seaside, California	10 a.m.
Oct. 11-12	Dale McNamara Invitational Tulsa, Oklahoma	9 a.m.
Oct. 22-24	White Sands Intercollegiate Nassau, Bahamas	7 a.m.

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

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	So.	Pereira, Colombia (Liceo Frances De Pereira)
Megan Whittaker***	Sr.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn South)

*denotes letters earned at Nebraska

HUSKER QUICK FACTS

Head Coach	Lisa Johnson (Gonzaga, 2000)
Associate Head Coach	Jeanne Sutherland (Northern Iowa, 1983)
Golf Secretary	Anne Hackbart
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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 CONTINUE BUSY SEPTEMBER AT THE MOLLY COLLEGIATE

The Nebraska women's golf team plays its third tournament in three weeks when the Huskers travel to Seaside, California to compete in The Molly Collegiate.

The Big Red will be part of a 15-team field in the Bay Area near Monterey. The tournament, which is co-hosted by California and Oregon State, features two other Pac-12 teams with Stanford and UCLA. In all, 10 California teams will be competing, including Cal Poly, Cal State Monterey Bay, Fresno State, Sacramento State, San Francisco, San Jose State and UC Davis. Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada and UNLV round out the field.

The Huskers will be challenged by a par-72, 6,218-yard layout at the Bayonet Golf Club. Action begins with a shotgun start on Monday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. (CT) with two rounds of continuous play. The final round is set to begin with tee times on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. (CT). Live scoring will be available from GolfStat.com.

The Huskers are coming off a remarkable performance at the Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational in Manhattan, Kan. (Sept. 20-21). NU's four-player "B" lineup won the 10-team tournament, as Nicole Hansen and Lindsey Thiele shared medalist honors, while true freshman Miu Takahashi added a top-five effort of her own. Nebraska's "B" team not only defeated its top-five in the "A" team, which included top-five finishers Kirsten Baete and Vanessa Bouvet, but also Kansas and Kansas State at Colbert Hills Golf Club. The "B" team became the first Nebraska team to win the Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational in 11 all-time trips to the tournament.

Hansen and Thiele shared Big Ten Co-Golfer-of-the-Week honors for their efforts.

EXPERIENCED HUSKERS PLAN TO BUILD ON HISTORY-MAKING 2021 SEASON

Coach Lisa Johnson looks to complete her first full season as Nebraska's head coach in her third overall season 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 TO PROVIDE 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

THE MOLLY COLLEGIATE

Location	Seaside, California
Host	California & Oregon State
Course	Bayonet Golf Club (Par 72, 6,218 Yards)

First & Second Rounds

Monday, Sept. 27 (Shotgun) 10 a.m. (CT)

Final Round

Tuesday, Sept. 28 (Tee Times) 9:30 a.m. (CT)

Live Scoring: GolfStat.com

Participating Teams (15)

California	Cal Poly
Cal State Monterey Bay	Fresno State
Nebraska	Nevada
New Mexico	Oregon State
Sacramento State	San Francisco
San Jose State	Stanford
UC Davis	UCLA
UNLV	

NEBRASKA LINEUP

1. Lindsey Thiele
2. Nicole Hansen
3. Kirsten Baete
4. Vanessa Bouvet
5. Miu Takahashi

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" lineup at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 20-21).

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.

Whittaker has been a consistent contributor in her four years in Nebraska's lineup, competing in more rounds (59) than any other active Husker. She was NU's No. 2 finisher at the 2021 Wolverine Invitational (Sept. 13-14), tying for 58th at 230, before adding a top-25 finish at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invite.

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.

She opened the fall as NU's No. 3 finisher at the Wolverine Invitational, tying for 65th (233).

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 her tie for 23rd with a then-career-best 229 to help Nebraska to the team title at the Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate.

She is coming off the best performance of her career, as she shared medalist honors with teammate Nicole Hansen at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (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 WORKING TO RETURN TO HUSKER LINEUP IN FOURTH YEAR

While the four returning Huskers are top contenders for lineup spots, Vanessa Bouvet may also be ready for a breakout season.

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 continued to grow during the summer, and she could be poised to make an impact for the Big Red in 2021-22.

She made her first lineup appearance for the Huskers this season at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 20-21), and notched a top-five finish to earn another lineup spot at The Molly Collegiate (Sept. 27-28).

FRESHMEN COULD MAKE IMPACTS EARLY IN HUSKER 2021-22 LINEUPS

In addition to Nebraska's six returning golfers, four newcomers could impact the Husker lineup in their first seasons of collegiate competition.

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 also could contend for lineup time as true freshmen. 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).

Miu Takahashi (Nasu-machi, 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). She tied for 77th in a 90-player field with a 238.

She added a top-five finish at the Marilyn Smith/Sunflower Invitational while helping NU's "B" lineup to the tournament title. Takahashi earned her second top-five lineup appearance at The Molly Collegiate (Sept. 27-28).

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, which is presented annually to the college or high school

coach, and Class A PGA Professional, whose support of the game through teaching, coaching and involvement in the community has helped ensure the continued growth of golf, and who represents the finest qualities the sport has to offer. Sutherland 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)
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Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate (Feb. 13-15)	8 a.m.
Westbrook Spring Invitational (Feb. 27-28)	9 a.m.
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	1,820/6 Rounds
2020-21 Team Stroke Average	303.33
Season Low Round	298 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st)
Season Low (54 Holes)	905 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
Tournament Titles	0/2
Top Five Finishes	0/2
Top 10 Finishes	1/2

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST ROUND

Golfer	Round
Kirsten Baete	.66 (2019 Westbrook, 2nd)
Vanessa Bouvet	.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)
Andrea Velez	.75 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st, 2nd, 3rd)
Lena Hassert	.82 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 2nd)

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST TOURNAMENT

Golfer	Three Rounds
Kirsten Baete	210 (2019 Westbrook)
Vanessa Bouvet	214 (2018 Ptarmigan Ram)
Michaela Vavrova	219 (2021 Arizona Wildcat)
Nicole Hansen	219 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
Megan Whittaker	219 (2021 Big Ten Championship)
Lindsey Thiele	219 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
Miu Takahashi	222 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
Andrea Velez	225 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
Lena Hassert	256 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)

NEBRASKA 2021-22 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

NICOLE HANSEN

Tournament	Results	Place
*Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	70-77-72-219	T1st
Season Totals	219 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	73.00	
Season Low Round	70 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st)	
Top Five Finishes	1/1	
Top 10 Finishes	1/1	
Top 20 Finishes	1/1	

**competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup*

KIRSTEN BAETE

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	71-76-76-223	T40th
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	72-76-74-222	T5th
Season Totals	445 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	74.17	
Season Low Round	71 (Wolverine, 1st)	
Top Five Finishes	1/2	
Top 10 Finishes	1/2	
Top 20 Finishes	1/2	

VANESSA BOUVET

Tournament	Results	Place
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	75-72-75-222	T5th
Season Totals	222 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	74.00	
Season Low Round	72 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 2nd)	

Top Five Finishes	1/1
Top 10 Finishes	1/1
Top 20 Finishes	1/1

ANDREA VELEZ

Tournament	Results	Place
*Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	75-75-75-225	T19th
Season Totals	225 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	75.00	
Season Low Round	75 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 1st, 2nd, 3rd)	
Top Five Finishes	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes	0/1	
Top 20 Finishes	1/2	

**competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup*

LINDSEY THIELE

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	78-77-82-237	T7th
*Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	70-71-78-219	T11st
Season Totals	456 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	76.00	
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*

MEGAN WHITTAKER

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	83-73-74-230	T58th
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	75-77-74-226	T23rd
Season Totals	456 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	76.00	
Season Low Round	73 (Wolverine, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes	0/2	
Top 10 Finishes	0/2	
Top 20 Finishes	0/2	

MIU TAKAHASHI

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	79-81-78-238	T77th
*Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	75-68-79-222	T5th
Season Totals	460 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	76.67	
Season Low Round	68 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes	1/2	
Top 10 Finishes	1/2	
Top 20 Finishes	1/2	

**competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup*

MICHAELA VAVROVA

Tournament	Results	Place
Wolverine Invitational	78-75-80-233	T65th
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	76-78-81-235	T42nd
Season Totals	468 Strokes/6 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	78.00	
Season Low Round	75 (Wolverine, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes	0/2	
Top 10 Finishes	0/2	
Top 20 Finishes	0/2	

LENA HSSERT

Tournament	Results	Place
Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational	89-82-85-256	T60th
Season Totals	256 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2021-22 Stroke Average	85.33	
Season Low Round	82 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 2nd)	
Top Five Finishes	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes	0/1	
Top 20 Finishes	0/1	