

NEBRASKA

WOMEN'S GOLF

BADGER INVITATIONAL - SEPTEMBER 18-20 - MADISON, WISCONSIN

2022-23 SCHEDULE

FALL 2022

Sept. 12-13	Green Wave Classic New Orleans, La. (278-275-282=835)	2nd/14 9 a.m.
Sept. 18-20	Badger Invitational Madison, Wis. (University Ridge GC)	9 a.m.
Oct. 3-4	Big O Classic Omaha, Neb. (Oak Hills CC)	9 a.m.
Oct. 10-11	Dale McNamara Invitational Broken Arrow, Okla.	9 a.m.
Oct. 17-18	Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational Lawrence, Kan. (Lawrence CC)	9 a.m.
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Hurricane Invitational Miami, Fla. (Biltmore GC)	8 a.m.

SPRING 2023

Feb. 6-7	FAU Paradise Invitational Boca Raton, Fla. (Osprey Point GC)	8 a.m.
Feb. 26-27	Westbrook Spring Invitational Peoria, Ariz. (Westbrook Village GC)	10 a.m.
March 13-14	Briar's Creek Invitational Johns Island, S.C. (Briar's Creek GC)	8 a.m.
March 17-19	Mountain View Collegiate Tucson, Ariz. (Mountain View GC)	10 a.m.
April 1-2	The Bruzzy Ardmore, Okla. (Dornick Hills G & CC)	9 a.m.
April 15-16	Lady Buckeye Invitational Columbus, Ohio (Scarlet Course)	8 a.m.
April 21-23	Big Ten Championship Pittsburgh, Pa. (Fox Chapel GC)	8 a.m.
May 8-10	NCAA Regionals (6 sites)	TBA
May 19-24	NCAA Championship Scottsdale, Ariz. (Grayhawk GC)	TBA

NEBRASKA ROSTER

Student-Athlete	Class	Hometown (High School/Other)
Brooke Bream	R.Fr.	Phoenix, Arizona (Xavier College Prep)
Ariel Gonzalez	Fr.	Merida, Mexico
Sydney Harz	Fr.	Freiburg, Germany
Lena Hassert*	So.	Kreuzau, Germany (Gymnasium Kreuzau)
Kelli Ann Strand	Fr.	Challis, Idaho (Challis)
Miu Takahashi*	So.	Nasu-Machi, Japan (Kaishi Kokusai)
Lindsey Thiele**	Jr.	Wahoo, Neb. (Bishop Neumann)
Michaela Vavrova**	Jr.	Bojnice, Slovakia (National Team)
Andrea Velez*	So.	Pereira, Colombia (Liceo Frances De Pereira)
Megan Whittaker****	Gr.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn South)

*denotes letters earned at Nebraska

HUSKER QUICK FACTS

Head Coach	Jeanne Sutherland (Northern Iowa, 1983)
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2021-22 Top 10 Finishes	7/10
2021-22 Top Five Finishes	4/10
2021-22 Tournament Titles	1 (Marilynn Smith/Sunflower)
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HUSKERS HOPE TO BUILD MORE MOMENTUM AT BADGER INVITATIONAL

Fresh off record-setting performances at the season-opening Green Wave Classic in New Orleans, the Nebraska women's golf team makes a short stop in Lincoln before heading to the Badger Invitational in Wisconsin (Sept. 18-20).

Kelli Ann Strand made a momentous collegiate debut by rolling to the Green Wave Classic individual title while tying 2021 All-American and Big Ten Champion Kate Smith's school record with a 54-hole total of 202 (-14). Strand's performance included a school freshman record 65 (-7) in the second round. The true freshman from Challis, Idaho, fired a 29 (-7) over the back nine in the second round before opening the third round with a 31 (-5) on the front nine, carding a 60 (-12) over those consecutive 18 holes splitting two rounds. The NCAA record for best round of women's golf is 61. Strand also was named the Big Ten Golfer of the Week (Sept. 15).

While Strand set the tone, fifth-year Husker Megan Whittaker added a career effort of her own with a 207 (-9) to take sixth, and junior Lindsey Thiele tied for eighth with a career-best 209 (-7). The trio of top-10 individual finishes powered Nebraska to a school-record three-round team score of 835 (-29), shattering the previous school record of 843, set at the 2018 Westbrook Spring Invitational (hosted by Wisconsin) in Peoria, Ariz. (Feb. 25-26, 2018).

The Huskers, who finished second to LSU in a 14-team field in New Orleans, hope to build more momentum off their season-opening effort by challenging a 13-team field in Wisconsin. The Badger Invitational features a strong Big Ten flavor, including Indiana, Iowa and Rutgers, along with Nebraska and the hosts from Wisconsin. The field also includes Colorado State, Delaware, East Carolina, North Florida, Notre Dame, Old Dominion, UC Davis and Washington State.

The three-day tournament at the University Ridge Golf Club in Madison will begin with tee times at 9 a.m. (CT) on Sunday, Sept. 18, after the teams participate in Saturday's practice round. The tournament continues with the second round on Monday with tee times again at 9 a.m. (CT), before concluding with Tuesday morning's final round with a shotgun start at 9.

Live scoring for the tournament will be available at GolfStat.com.

WHITTAKER BACK FOR FIFTH YEAR TO LEAD HUSKERS IN BIG TEN

A hard-working golfer who has shown impressive improvement throughout her five collegiate seasons, Megan Whittaker returns to lead Nebraska in the hunt for an NCAA Regional bid in 2022-23. The graduate student from Elkhorn, Neb., produced Nebraska's No. 2 stroke average (74.04) in 2021-22, just missing an individual NCAA Regional bid. She trailed only NCAA Regional qualifier Kirsten Baete (73.94) among the Huskers.

Whittaker opened her fifth season as a Husker with a career-best 207 (-9) to take sixth at the Green Wave Classic. It followed a big summer for Whittaker that included a sweep of the Nebraska women's match play and stroke play championships and a berth in the U.S. Women's Amateur.

Whittaker also joined teammates Michaela Vavrova and Kelli Ann Strand as Big Ten Golfers to Watch heading into the 2022-23 season.

Whittaker produced the first two top-10 individual finishes of her career while matching Baete and Vanessa Bouvet for the team lead with seven top-25 performances in 2021-22.

A star in the classroom and the community, Whittaker earned her bachelor's degree in finance in May of 2022. She is a four-time WGCA Scholastic All-American, a three-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and a three-time Academic All-Big Ten selection. In the community, she earned a prestigious Sam Foltz

BADGER INVITATIONAL

Location	Madison, Wisconsin
Host	Wisconsin
Course	University Ridge Golf Club
Par / Yardage	Par 72 / 6,248 Yards
Sunday, Sept. 18 (Round 1):	9 a.m. (CT)
Monday, Sept. 19 (Round 2):	9 a.m. (CT)
Tuesday, Sept. 20 (Round 3):	9 a.m. (CT)
Live Scoring:	GolfStat.com

Participating Teams (13)

Colorado State	Delaware
East Carolina	Indiana
Iowa	Nebraska
North Florida	Notre Dame
Old Dominion	Rutgers
UC Davis	Washington State
Wisconsin	

Nebraska Lineup

1. Kelli Ann Strand	2. Megan Whittaker
3. Lindsey Thiele	4. Miu Takahashi
5. Michaela Vavrova	IND-Andrea Velez

27 Hero Leadership Award at Nebraska in 2021. She was also Nebraska's 2021 Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner for women's golf.

Whittaker's ties to Nebraska women's golf are very strong, as her mother Kim (Lefler) lettered as a golfer for the Huskers from 1991 to 1994, helping Nebraska advance to the 1994 NCAA West Regional as a senior.

BADGER INVITATIONAL, SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2022

FRESHMAN STRAND MAKES INSTANT IMPACT FOR BIG RED

Kelli Ann Strand made a record-setting collegiate debut on her way to an individual victory at the Green Wave Classic in New Orleans (Sept. 12-13).

Strand, a three-time Idaho state champion who was ranked among the top-310 players in the world (WAGR 308) before arriving at Nebraska, set the Husker freshman record with a second-round 65 (-7) while tying the NU record for best 54-hole tournament score with a 202 (-14) at the Bayou Oaks South Course.

A leading contender to earn a second straight Idaho Golf Association Women's Player of the Year award, Strand produced a strong summer of 2022. After winning the Idaho Women's Match Play title she took second at the Idaho Women's Amateur. She was also the runner-up at the Girls Junior Americas Cup (July 24-28) for the second straight year with a three-round total of 205 (-11). She captured third at the IMG Academy Junior World Championship (July 12-15) with a four-round total of 280 (-8), which came before competing at the U.S. Girls Junior Amateur in Kentucky (July 18-23), where she advanced to Match Play before finishing in a tie for 33rd.

Strand earned the No. 1 position in Nebraska's lineup for the season-opening Green Wave Classic by winning Nebraska's competitive qualifying rounds in advance of the tournament.

BIG GOLFER-TO-WATCH VAVROVA COMPETES FOR SLOVAKIA AT WATC

Michaela Vavrova missed the first week of fall classes while competing as a member of the Slovakian Team at the World Amateur Team Championships in Paris in late-August. The third-year Husker was Slovakia's top finisher in a field that featured 56 of the world's best amateur teams.

Vavrova did not travel to the Green Wave Classic after capping her sophomore season at Nebraska by tying for 17th with a three-round total of 220 (+7) at the 2022 Big Ten Championship. She opened with a career-best 68 (-3) to sit atop the leader board after one round and was tied for fifth at 141 (-1) through two rounds in Pittsburgh.

Vavrova captured her first career collegiate title by firing a career-best 217 (+1) over three rounds at the Stampede at The Creek in Elkhorn, Neb. (Oct. 4-5, 2021). She was named the Big Ten Co-Golfer of the Week (Oct. 6), and closed the 2021 fall campaign with a tie for 10th (217) that included a career-best second-round 69 (-3) to help the Huskers to a runner-up team finish at the White Sands Collegiate.

As a true freshman, Vavrova competed in all 21 rounds in the 2020-21 Husker lineup, posting NU's fourth-best stroke average (76.33). She notched three straight top-25 finishes (Arizona Wildcat, Allstate Sugar Bowl, Indiana Spring Invite). Vavrova also put up a 224 to tie for 33rd in helping Nebraska to a runner-up team finish at the Big Ten Championship. She was NU's No. 2 finisher at the NCAA Columbus Regional with her tie for 45th (229).

THIELE CONTINUING TO IMPROVE; PREPARING FOR STRONG JUNIOR YEAR

Lindsey Thiele captured her second career top-10 finish by tying for eighth with a career-best 209 (-7)

at the season-opening Green Wave Classic (Sept. 12-13). Her performance included a career-best 69 (-3) in the opening round.

As a sophomore, Thiele (pronounced TEEL) produced a solid 76.89 stroke average while competing in five tournaments.

She shared the individual title with teammate Nicole Hansen at the Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 20-21, 2021). Thiele opened with rounds of 70 and 71 on her way to a then-career-best 219 (+3) at Colbert Hills. Thiele's effort earned her Big Ten Co-Golfer-of-the-Week honors with Hansen (Sept. 22).

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 2021 Big Ten Championship.

An outstanding student, Thiele is a Regents Scholar at Nebraska and a two-time WGCA Scholastic All-American.

SOPHOMORES GET EARLY CHANCE TO HELP HUSKERS AT GREEN WAVE

Sophomores Miu Takahashi (Nasu-machi, Japan) and Andrea Velez (Pereira, Colombia) earned lineup spots to open the 2022 fall campaign at the Green Wave Classic, while fellow sophomore Lena Hassert (Kreuzau, Germany) also traveled to New Orleans as an individual.

Takahashi and Velez both contributed to Nebraska's school-record three-round tournament total of 835 by finishing in a tie for 35th with 54-hole totals of 218 (+2).

Takahashi was the most consistent newcomer to the Big Red lineup in 2021-22. She produced a 77.55 stroke average over 29 rounds and made eight lineup appearances, including the 2022 Big Ten Championship.

She produced a career-best 219 (+3) to tie for 30th at the Westbrook Spring Invitational (Feb. 27-28). She tied for fifth individually with a 222 to help Nebraska's "B" lineup to the team title at the Marilynn Smith/Sunflower Invitational (Sept. 20-21).

Takahashi earned a lineup spot to open her college career at the 2021 Wolverine Invitational (Sept. 13-14). She closed the fall with three straight lineup appearances, including a tie for 18th (226) at The Molly Collegiate and a tie for 25th (224) at the White Sands Intercollegiate.

One of the top young golfers in Colombia, 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.

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

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

SUTHERLAND LEADS HUSKERS

After spending a season as associate head coach, Jeanne Sutherland was named the new Nebraska Head Coach on Thursday, May 5, 2022.

Sutherland came to Nebraska after spending 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.

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).

In her head coaching career, Sutherland has guided 18 teams to NCAA Regional appearances. She has coached three individual All-Americans, five individual conference champions and three conference players of the year.

ALL-BIG TEN BAETE LED BIG RED DURING STRONG 2021-22 SEASON

Kirsten Baete completed her fifth season at Nebraska by capturing an individual berth to the 2022 NCAA Stanford Regional.

The Beatrice, Neb., native took fourth at the 2022 Big Ten Championships to earn a spot on the Big Ten All-Championship Team while claiming second-team All-Big Ten honors. She was also Nebraska's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner for not only women's golf but for all women's sports during the 2021-22 campaign.

Baete capped an impressive career by tying for 30th at the NCAA Stanford Regional while finishing with a 73.94 stroke average on the year.

She produced seven top-25 finishes in 2021-22, including her first career tournament title at the White Sands Intercollegiate in Nassau, Bahamas (Oct. 22-24). She added a fourth-place individual finish at the Big Ten Championship.

In 2020-21, Baete fired a final-round 70 (-2) to help the Big Red surge to a tie for second at the 2021 Big Ten Championship. She tied for 16th individually with a season-best 218.

Baete was a four-time WGCA Scholastic All-American.

HUSKERS SET PACE IN CLASSROOM

Nebraska leads NCAA Division I with 348 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans all-time across all sports. 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 90 WGCA Scholastic All-Americans since 1989, including three in 2021-22. Kirsten Baete, Lindsey Thiele and Megan Whittaker all earned WGCA honors for the second straight season in 2021-22.

Baete and Whittaker became the seventh and eighth four-time WGCA Scholastic All-Americans in Nebraska history in 2021-22. This season, Whittaker could become the first five-time WGCA Scholastic honoree in the Husker record book. Megan's mother, Kim (Lefler), was also a three-time WGCA Scholastic All-American at Nebraska (1992, 1993, 1994).

Lindsey is the third Thiele sister to be a WGCA Scholastic All-American, joining Haley (2016, 2018, 2019, 2020) and Hannah (2018).

NU also owns a 95 percent graduation success rate across all student-athletes.

NEBRASKA WOMEN'S GOLF 2022-23 STATISTICS

NEBRASKA 2022-23 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament.....	Place/Teams (Round-by-Round Score)
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Big O Classic (Oct. 3-4)	9 a.m.
Dale McNamara Invitational (Oct. 10-11)	9 a.m.
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The Bruzzy (April 1-2)	9 a.m.
Lady Buckeye Invitational (April 15-16)	8 a.m.
Big Ten Championship (April 21-23)	8 a.m.
NCAA Regionals (May 8-10)	TBA
NCAA Championship (May 19-24)	TBA
Season Totals	0/0 Rounds
2022-23 Team Stroke Average	278.33
Season Low Round	275 (Green Wave Classic, 2nd)
Season Low (54 Holes)	835 (Green Wave Classic) - school record
Tournament Titles	0/1
Top Five Finishes	1/1
Top 10 Finishes	1/1

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST ROUND

Golfer.....	Round
Kelli Ann Strand	65 (2022 Green Wave, 2nd)
Miu Takahashi	68 (2021 Marilynn Smith/Sunflower, 2nd)
Michaela Vavrova	68 (2022 Big Ten, 1st)
Megan Whittaker	67 (2022 Green Wave, 2nd)
Lindsey Thiele	69 (2022 Green Wave, 1st)
Andrea Velez	72 (2022 Green Wave, 1st)
	72 (2021 White Sands, 3rd)
Lena Hassert	75 (2021 Stampede at The Creek, 2nd)

NEBRASKA INDIVIDUAL CAREER BEST TOURNAMENT

Golfer.....	Three Rounds
Kelli Ann Strand	202 (2022 Green Wave) - school record
Megan Whittaker	207 (2022 Green Wave)
Lindsey Thiele	209 (2022 Green Wave)
Michaela Vavrova	217 (2021 White Sands)
	217 (2021 Stampede at The Creek)
Miu Takahashi	218 (2022 Green Wave)
Andrea Velez	219 (2022 Green Wave)
Lena Hassert	232 (2022 Green Wave)

NEBRASKA 2022-23 INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

KELLI ANN STRAND

Tournament.....	Results	Place
Green Wave Classic	67-65-70-202	1st
Season Totals	202 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2022-23 Stroke Average	67.33	
Season Low Round	65 - school freshman record	
Top Five Finishes	1/1	
Top 10 Finishes	1/1	
Top 20 Finishes	1/1	

MEGAN WHITTAKER

Tournament.....	Results	Place
Green Wave Classic	70-67-70-207	6th
Season Totals	207 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2022-23 Stroke Average	69.00	
Season Low Round	67	
Top Five Finishes	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes	1/1	
Top 20 Finishes	1/1	

LINDSEY THIELE

Tournament.....	Results	Place
Green Wave Classic	69-70-70-209	T8th
Season Totals	209 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2022-23 Stroke Average	69.67	
Season Low Round	69	
Top Five Finishes	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes	1/1	
Top 20 Finishes	1/1	

MIU TAKAHASHI

Tournament.....	Results	Place
Green Wave Classic	72-74-72-218	T35th
Season Totals	218 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2022-23 Stroke Average	72.67	
Season Low Round	72	
Top Five Finishes	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes	0/1	
Top 20 Finishes	0/1	

ANDREA VELEZ

Tournament.....	Results	Place
Green Wave Classic	72-73-73-218	T35th
Season Totals	218 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2022-23 Stroke Average	72.67	
Season Low Round	72	
Top Five Finishes	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes	0/1	
Top 20 Finishes	0/1	

LENA HASSERT

Tournament.....	Results	Place
*Green Wave Classic	81-74-77-232	T72nd
Season Totals	232 Strokes/3 Rounds	
2022-23 Stroke Average	77.33	
Season Low Round	74	
Top Five Finishes	0/1	
Top 10 Finishes	0/1	
Top 20 Finishes	0/1	

*competed as an individual outside the Husker lineup