

# NEBRASKA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME NOTES

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VS. ARKANSAS, THURSDAY, NOV. 16

## 2017-18 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 5	Minnesota State-Mankato (exh.) [BTN Plus]	W, 88-55
Nov. 11	SIU Edwardsville [BTN Plus]	W, 62-53
Nov. 14	UMKC [BTN Plus]	W, 80-60
Nov. 16	Arkansas [BTN]	8 p.m.
Nov. 19	Creighton [BTN Plus]	7 p.m.
Nov. 23-24	San Juan Shootout (Daytona Beach, Fla.)	
Nov. 23	vs. Buffalo	3:15 p.m.
Nov. 24	vs. Coastal Carolina	1 p.m.
Nov. 30	Clemson (B1G/ACC) [BTN Plus]	7 p.m.
Dec. 2	Arkansas Pine Bluff [BTN Plus]	TBA
Dec. 6	at Kansas [ESPN3]	7 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Drake [ESPN3]	2 p.m.
Dec. 17	at San Jose State	2 p.m.
Dec. 19	Florida Atlantic [BTN Plus]	7 p.m.
Dec. 22	Washington State [BTN Plus]	1 p.m.
Dec. 28	Ohio State <sup>^</sup> [BTN]	7 p.m.
Dec. 31	at Minnesota <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	2 p.m.
Jan. 7	at Northwestern <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	2 p.m.
Jan. 10	at Illinois <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	Michigan <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	Iowa <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Rutgers <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	5 p.m.
Jan. 24	Purdue <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Iowa <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	2 p.m.
Feb. 1	Illinois <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	Maryland <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	2 p.m.
Feb. 11	Wisconsin <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus] (Play4Kay)	2 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Michigan State <sup>^</sup> [BTN Plus]	6 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Indiana <sup>^</sup> [BTN]	11 a.m.
Feb. 22	Penn State <sup>^</sup> [BTN] (Senior Night)	7 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Maryland <sup>^</sup> [BTN]	11 a.m.
Feb. 28-March 4	at Big Ten Tournament (Indianapolis)	
March 12	NCAA Tournament Selection Show	TBA
March 16-19	NCAA First & Second Rounds	TBA
March 23-26	NCAA Regionals	TBA
March 30-	NCAA Women's Final Four (Columbus, Ohio)	TBA
April 1		

All times listed are Central. Home games in bold at Pinnacle Bank Arena. <sup>^</sup> Denotes Big Ten Conference game. All of Nebraska's regular-season games can be heard live on the Husker Sports Network, including B107.3 FM in Lincoln and ESPN 590 AM (or CD105.9 FM) in Omaha, and free on Huskers.com. [BTN] - Big Ten Network; [BTN Plus] - Live Video Streams at BTN.com of live BTN and BTN Plus games

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2-0 Overall  
0-0 Big Ten

## NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS vs. ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

Thursday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m. (CT)

Pinnacle Bank Arena (Lincoln, Nebraska)

Television: BTN (Brenda VanLengen, Lisa Byington)

Live Radio: Husker Sports Network

Matt Coatney (PBP), Jeff Griesch (Analyst)

Lincoln - 107.3 FM; Omaha - CD 105.9 FM

Free Live Audio: Huskers.com/Huskers App



2-0 Overall  
0-0 SEC

## HUSKERS CONTINUE STAND WITH ARKANSAS

• The Nebraska women's basketball team plays its third game of a four-game season-opening home stand when the Huskers play host to Arkansas on Thursday at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Tip-off is set for 8 p.m. with a live national telecast by BTN with Brenda VanLengen and Lisa Byington on the call.

• A live radio broadcast will be produced by the Husker Sports Network, with Matt Coatney and Jeff Griesch teaming up for their 17th season together on the call. The game will be carried live for free on Huskers.com and over the air on select Husker Sports Network stations, including B107.3 FM and CD 105.9 FM in Omaha. Free audio also can be found on the Huskers App.

• Nebraska enters its first clash with a Power Five Conference foe with a 2-0 record after an 80-60 win over UMKC at Pinnacle Bank Arena on Tuesday night.

• Freshman guard Taylor Kissinger (Minden, Neb.) led a balanced Big Red attack with a career-high 18 points while knocking down a career-best four three-pointers.

• Kissinger was joined in double figures by junior forward Maddie Simon (Lincoln, Neb.), who had 11 points and a career-high-matching eight rebounds, and sophomore forward Grace Mitchell (Wellington, Kan.), who had a career-high 10 points. All 10 Huskers had at least two points and two rebounds.

• Center Kate Cain earned her first career start against UMKC after being named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Nov. 13). The 6-5 Cain had 18 points, nine rebounds and a career-high three blocks off the bench in her debut. She added eight points and two blocks in the win over UMKC.

• Sophomore Nicea Eliely and senior guard Janay Morton enter the season with injuries and will likely be unavailable for Thursday's game with Arkansas. Both are hopeful to return to full strength early in the non-conference season.

• First-year Arkansas head coach Mike Neighbors brings the Razorbacks to Lincoln for the first time in school history. Neighbors earned his 100th career coaching victory in the Razorback win over Samford in Fayetteville on Sunday. He led Washington to the NCAA Women's Final Four in 2016, and guided the Huskies to a tie for second in the Pac-12 and 29 victories last season before returning to his alma mater.

• The Razorbacks averaged 74.5 points per game in a pair of opening-weekend wins over Sam Houston State (65-54) and Samford (84-63). Malica Monk, a 5-5 junior guard, averaged 19.5 points, 5.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 3.0 steals in 35 minutes per game. Senior guard Devin Cosper added 17.5 points and a team-best 8.5 rebounds for the Razorbacks in the wins.

## NEBRASKA 2017-18 STATISTICS

No.	Player	Ht.	Cl.	Pos.	G-GS	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	BPG
3	Hannah Whitish*	5-9	So.	G	2-2	8.0	6.0	7.0	0.0	0.0
5	Nicea Eliely*	6-1	So.	G	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12	Emily Wood***	5-5	Sr.	G	2-0	4.5	3.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
13	Janay Morton#	5-10	Sr.	G	0-0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	Grace Mitchell*	6-2	So.	F	2-0	5.0	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
15	Bria Stallworth#	5-6	So.	G	2-0	12.5	3.5	4.0	0.5	0.0
24	Maddie Simon**	6-2	Jr.	F	2-2	7.5	8.0	1.5	1.0	0.5
31	Kate Cain	6-5	Fr.	C	2-1	13.0	5.5	1.0	0.5	2.5
33	Taylor Kissinger	6-1	Fr.	G/F	2-2	11.5	3.0	1.5	1.0	0.5
34	Jasmine Cincore***	5-10	Sr.	G	2-2	6.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	0.5
43	Rachel Blackburn**	6-3	So.	F	2-0	1.0	3.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
50	Darrien Washington**	6-2	Jr.	F	2-1	2.0	3.5	1.0	0.0	0.0

# redshirted in 2016-17

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## NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS (2-0, 0-0 BIG TEN)

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	PPG	RPG
24	Maddie Simon	6-2	Jr.	F	7.5	8.0
31	Kate Cain	6-5	Fr.	C	13.0	5.5
3	Hannah Whitish	5-9	So.	G	8.0	6.0
33	Taylor Kissinger	6-1	Fr.	G	11.5	3.0
44	Jasmine Cincore	5-10	Sr.	G	6.0	2.0

### Off the Bench

12	Emily Wood	5-5	Sr.	G	4.5	3.0
13	Bria Stallworth	5-6	So.	G	12.5	3.5
14	Grace Mitchell	6-2	So.	F	5.0	1.5
43	Rachel Blackburn	6-3	So.	F	1.0	3.0
50	Darrien Washington	6-2	Jr.	F	2.0	3.5

### Injured

5	Nicea Eliely	6-1	So.	G	0.0	0.0
13	Janay Morton	5-10	Sr.	G	0.0	0.0

**Head Coach:** Amy (Gusso) Williams (Nebraska, 1998)

Second Season at Nebraska (9-22)

11th Season Overall (202-131)

## ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS (2-0, 0-0 SEC)

No.	Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.	PPG	RPG
10	Kiara Williams	6-1	So.	F/C	8.5	3.5
22	Bailey Zimmerman	6-0	Jr.	G/F	1.0	1.5
3	Malica Monk	5-5	Jr.	G	19.5	5.5
21	Devin Cospier	5-10	RSr.	G	17.5	8.5
14	Jailyn Mason	5-9	So.	G	10.0	3.0

### Off the Bench

24	Taylah Thomas	6-1	Fr.	F	8.5	6.5
4	Keiryn Swenson	6-1	Jr.	G/F	7.0	0.5
1	Raven Northcross-Baker	5-7	Fr.	G	1.5	1.5
20	Sydney Stout	6-0	So.	F	1.0	1.0
30	Macy Weaver	6-3	Fr.	F	0.0	0.0
13	Grace Spangler	5-10	Fr.	G	0.0	0.5

**Head Coach:** Mike Neighbors (Arkansas, 1993)

First Season at Arkansas (2-0); Fifth Season Overall (100-41)

## HUSKER NUGGETS

- Nebraska recorded its 12th straight season-opening win to improve to 5-0 all-time at Pinnacle Bank Arena in openers with a 62-53 win over SIUE Saturday. The Huskers are 42-2 all-time in openers.

- Nebraska's 80-60 win over UMKC marked the first time that the Huskers had scored 80 points in a game since an 83-61 victory over San Jose State on Dec. 9, 2016. It also marked the first 20-point win and the first time the Huskers hit 50 percent of their shots from the field since defeating the Spartans.

- Freshman center Kate Cain earned her first career start in the win over UMKC after earning Big Ten Freshman-of-the-Week accolades on Nov. 13. Through two games, Cain is NU's leading scorer with 13.0 points per game. She also leads the Huskers with five blocked shots.

- Senior Jasmine Cincore has started more career games as a Husker (37) than any other player on the Nebraska roster. Cincore, who is averaging 6.0 points, 2.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists also leads the Huskers with 3.0 steals per game. She was the 2017 Lifter of the Year, while also earning the Kathy Branchaud Most Improved Rebounder Award. She is a two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection and a Senior CLASS Award nominee in 2018.

- Sophomore Hannah Whitish owns 14 assists and no turnovers through Nebraska's first two games this season. She tied her career high with nine assists in the win over UMKC (Nov. 14). Whitish averaged 11.1 points, 3.2 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 1.3 steals in 16 Big Ten games as a starter in 2016-17. She also led the Huskers with 57 three-pointers during 2016-17 to rank second among freshmen in Husker history. Her 40.7 three-point percentage was the best ever by a Husker freshman.

- Nicea Eliely, who recorded 46 steals in 2016-17, was the first freshman to lead the Huskers in steals since 2000-01, and just the third freshman to lead NU in steals since 1990-91. Eliely was Nebraska's 2017 Defensive MVP.

## YOU BETCHA SHIRTS TO 2,000 FANS FOR ARKANSAS GAME

- The Nebraska women's basketball team is offering a fun giveaway for Thursday's game with Arkansas, as 2,000 lucky fans will receive "You Betcha" T-shirts.
- The signature three-point call of Husker Sports Network play-by-play voice of women's basketball Matt Coatney makes its way to a fresh batch of red T-shirts for Thursday's game.
- Nebraska's game with Arkansas on Thursday, Nov. 16, at Pinnacle Bank Arena will tip off at 8 p.m.

## SCOUTING THE ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

- Coach Mike Neighbors leads Arkansas to Lincoln for the first time in his first season at the helm of the Razorbacks.
- Neighbors led the University of Washington to the 2016 NCAA Women's Final Four, before advancing with the Huskies to the 2017 NCAA Sweet Sixteen. Neighbors was the head coach at UW for four seasons and compiled a 98-41 record. He was also an assistant coach for six seasons under current Ohio State head coach Kevin McGuff at both Xavier and Washington. In his first season as an assistant at Xavier, the Musketeers lost to Nebraska, 61-58, in the first round of the 2008 NCAA Tournament.
- Sophomore guard Malica Monk led the Razorbacks to a 2-0 record over the weekend by averaging 19.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and team bests with 5.0 assists and 3.0 steals. Monk averaged 9.1 points per game a year ago.
- Senior guard Devin Cospier averaged 17.5 points and a team-best 8.5 rebounds in wins over Sam Houston State and Samford. Cospier averaged 6.4 points per game last season.
- Jailyn Mason gave the Razorbacks three players averaging in double figures through the first two games. The 5-9 sophomore guard averaged 10.0 points, 3.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists.
- Forwards Kiara Williams (8.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg) and Bailey Zimmerman (1.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg) rounded out the Arkansas starting five in the first two games.
- Junior Keiryn Swenson produced 7.0 points per game off the bench on opening weekend. Swenson averaged 8.0 points and 4.1 rebounds as a part-time starter for the Razorbacks last season.
- Freshman Taylah Thomas made the biggest impact for the Razorback reserves on opening weekend, averaging 8.5 points and 6.5 rebounds in 19 minutes per game. Thomas went 7-for-8 from the field.
- Arkansas and Nebraska have never faced each other in women's basketball. The Razorbacks are one of two Arkansas schools the Huskers will face in non-conference action this season. The Big Red will face the Arkansas Pine Bluff Golden Lions on Dec. 2 at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

## HUSKERS HAVE HISTORY OF HOME-OPENING SUCCESS

- Nebraska owns a history of season-opening success on the Huskers' home court. NU notched its 42nd season-opening win with a 62-53 victory over SIU-Edwardsville on Nov. 11.
- NU is 5-0 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in season openers, including a 71-53 win over UTRGV on Nov. 12, 2016, a 96-46 victory over Arkansas Pine Bluff on Nov. 14, 2015, a 100-65 win over Pepperdine on Nov. 15, 2014, and a 77-49 win over UCLA in the first regular-season basketball game in the history of the building on Nov. 8, 2013. Nebraska's last loss in a home opener came to South Dakota State on Nov. 19, 2005. NU's only other home-opening loss was to Kansas (88-56) on Nov. 21, 1980.
- Nebraska has been strong in its first six home games every season. In fact, NU is 222-37 in the past 44 years in its first six home contests (.857), including 37-7 in Game No. 2.
- Nebraska is 35-8 in Game No. 3, 37-6 in Game No. 4, 37-6 in Game No. 5 and 34-8 in Game 6. The Huskers only played five total home games in their first season in 1974-75.

### BIG RED SUCCESS HOME GAMES (1-6)

Game No.	Record
Game 1	42-2
Game 2	37-7
Game 3	35-8
Game 4	37-6
Game 5	37-6
Game 6	34-8

## HUSKERS HONOR STATE EMPLOYEES AT CREIGHTON GAME

- The Nebraska Athletic Department will hold one of its annual State Employee Appreciation Days for the Creighton game on Sunday, Nov. 19. Tip-off between the Big Red and the Bluejays is set for 7 p.m. at Pinnacle Bank Arena.
- State Employees were offered a special \$1 ticket discount for the game.
- Sunday night's game with Creighton also will feature a giveaway of approximately 1,500 men's and women's basketball schedule magnets sponsored by the Nebraska Soybean Checkoff.

## CAIN CLAIMS FIRST BIG TEN FRESHMAN HONOR

- Nebraska's Kate Cain shared the Big Ten Freshman-of-the-Week award when the conference announced its first set of weekly awards on Monday, Nov. 13.
- Cain, a 6-5 center from Middletown, N.Y., erupted for 18 points and team highs of nine rebounds and three blocks off the bench to help the Big Red to a 62-53 victory over Southern Illinois Edwardsville on Saturday at Pinnacle Bank Arena.
- Cain, who was ranked as the No. 10 post and No. 82 player overall in the nation by ESPN among 2016-17 high school seniors, hit 9-of-15 shots from the field while adding an assist and a steal in 26 minutes of action against the Cougars on Saturday.
- Cain teamed up with sophomore newcomer Bria Stallworth to account for all 39 of Nebraska's bench points, as the Husker reserves outscored SIUE, 39-2. Cain scored six of Nebraska's first eight points in a decisive 13-0 run to end the third quarter against the Cougars.

• Cain shared the honor with Purdue guard Karissa McLaughlin, who scored a team-high 21 points while adding five assists and four steals in leading Purdue's come-from-behind win over Central Michigan on Friday. McLaughlin became the first freshman guard to start a season opener for Purdue since Courtney Moses in 2010.

• Iowa junior forward Megan Gustafson was named the conference's first Big Ten Player of the Week. She was named the MVP of the Hawkeye Challenge after averaging 25.5 points, 16.0 rebounds and 1.5 blocks in a pair of Hawkeye wins over Quinnipiac and Western Kentucky. She scored a career-high 35 points in an overtime win over WKU on Saturday, while adding 17 rebounds.

## YOUNG HUSKERS READY TO RISE, COMPETE ON DEFENSE

• Nebraska will put one of the least-experienced lineups in the Big Ten on the court this season. Senior Jasmine Cincore leads the Huskers with 37 career starts, while true sophomore Nicea Eliely's 29 starts rank second and Hannah Whitish's 19 starts rank third. Those three Huskers have combined for 85 of Nebraska's 110 combined career starts in Husker uniforms. Sophomore Rachel Blackburn (10) and junior Maddie Simon (7) were the only other current Huskers who had ever started a game for Nebraska, and neither one of them made a start last season. Freshman Taylor Kissinger and junior Darrien Washington earned their first career starts against SIUE (Nov. 11), while freshman Kate Cain made her first career start against UMKC (Nov. 14).

• Last season, the four least-experienced teams (Nebraska, Illinois, Rutgers, Wisconsin) tied for 11th in the Big Ten Conference.

• Although the Huskers will be relatively inexperienced, they are confident they can be a drastically improved defensive team in 2017-18. Last season, Nebraska ranked 14th in the Big Ten by allowing 76.3 points per game, including 80.4 points per game in Big Ten play. It marked the second straight season that Nebraska surrendered more than 65 points per game. Prior to the 2015-16 season, the Huskers had not allowed 65 points per game since 2004-05.

• In the 2017-18 season-opening win over SIU Edwardsville, Nebraska held a Cougar team that returned five starters to just 53 - the lowest total allowed by the Huskers since the 2016-17 season-opening win over UTRGV.

• In game two of 2017-18, the Big Red limited UMKC to 60 points, as opponents are averaging just 56.5 points per game through the first two contests this season.

• In Nebraska's exhibition opener against Minnesota State-Mankato, the Huskers held an experienced Maverick team to just 55 points. The Huskers also held Minnesota State to just 28.8 percent field goal shooting. Earlier in the week, Minnesota State won an exhibition game 87-37 against NCAA Division III St. Olaf's College.

• In a closed scrimmage with 2017 NCAA Tournament qualifier Iowa State in Ames on Oct. 29, Nebraska held the Cyclones to just 64 points and just 20 made field goals at Hilton Coliseum.

• NU's dynamic work on defense against has been even more impressive considering 2017 Husker Defensive MVP Nicea Eliely and another of their top projected perimeter defenders, Janay Morton, have not played because of injuries.

• Last season, Nebraska allowed 82.8 points per game on the road. The Huskers were also minus-6.2 on the glass and minus-5.9 in turnover margin away from Pinnacle Bank Arena.

### DEFENSIVE STANCE

Season	PPG Allowed
2017-18	56.5
2016-17	76.3
2015-16 (WNIT)	68.1
2014-15 (NCAA)	60.9
2013-14 (NCAA)	63.4
2012-13 (NCAA)	59.0
2011-12 (NCAA)	61.8
2010-11	64.7
2009-10 (NCAA)	58.3
2008-09 (WNIT)	61.7
2007-08 (NCAA)	63.2
2006-07 (NCAA)	62.6
2005-06 (WNIT)	62.9
2004-05 (WNIT)	65.4
2003-04 (WNIT)	63.9
2002-03	63.9
2001-02	68.9
2000-01	68.8

## INSIDE THE ROSTER

### HUSKER PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Jasmine Cincore.....	SIN-core
Nicea Eliely .....	NY-see-uh E-ly-lee
Taylor Kissinger.....	KISS-in-jur
Janay Morton .....	juh-NAY
Bria Stallworth .....	BREE-uh
Darrien Washington .....	DERRY-in
Hannah Whitish.....	WHITE-ish

### HUSKER HOMES

The 12 members of the 2017-18 Husker women's basketball team came to Nebraska from nine U.S. states.

**California (1):** Darrien Washington

**Colorado (1):** Nicea Eliely

**Illinois (1):** Bria Stallworth

**Kansas (3):** Rachel Blackburn, Grace Mitchell, Emily Wood

**Minnesota (1):** Janay Morton

**Nebraska (2):** Taylor Kissinger, Maddie Simon

**New York (1):** Kate Cain

**Tennessee (1):** Jasmine Cincore

**Wisconsin (1):** Hannah Whitish

### HUSKERS BY CLASS

**Seniors (3):** Jasmine Cincore, Janay Morton, Emily Wood

**Juniors (2):** Maddie Simon, Darrien Washington

**Sophomores (5):** Rachel Blackburn, Nicea Eliely, Grace Mitchell, Bria Stallworth, Hannah Whitish

**Freshmen (2):** Kate Cain, Taylor Kissinger

### HUSKERS BY MAJOR

**Advertising & Public Relations:** Jasmine Cincore

**Animal Science:** Darrien Washington

**Biological Systems Engineering:** Nicea Eliely

**Business Administration:** Rachel Blackburn

**Communication Studies:** Maddie Simon

**Management (MBA):** Emily Wood

**Marketing:** Hannah Whitish

**Nutrition Science:** Grace Mitchell

**Psychology:** Janay Morton, Bria Stallworth

**Undeclared:** Kate Cain, Taylor Kissinger

## 2017-18 NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (High School/Other School)	Worth Noting
3	Hannah Whitish*	G	5-9	So.	Barneveld, Wis. (Barneveld)	2016 Wisconsin HS POY; 11.1 ppg in 2017 B1G; 14 assists, 0 turnovers in 2017-18
5	Nicea Eliely*	G	6-1	So.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Rampart)	Led Huskers in steals (46), blocks (21), FG Pct. (.435); Career-high 19 pts vs. Drake
12	Emily Wood***	G	5-5	Sr.	Salina, Kan. (Salina Central)	Walk-on earned scholarship in 14-15; MBA Student; 3-Year Graduate
13	Janay Morton#	G	5-10	Sr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn. (Osseo/Eastern Michigan)	2016 All-MAC Third Team; 2016 MAC All-Defensive; Foot surgery in October
14	Grace Mitchell*	F	6-2	So.	Wellington, Kan. (Wellington)	2016 Kansas HS POY (USA Today), Career-high 10 pts vs. UMKC (11/14/17)
15	Bria Stallworth#	G	5-6	So.	Chicago, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor/UMass)	2016 A-10 Freshman Scoring, Assist Leader; 21 points, 6 assists vs. SIUE
24	Maddie Simon**	F	6-2	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)	2015 Nebraska HS POY; Moved to Forward in 17-18; 11 pts, 8 reb vs. UMKC
31	Kate Cain	C	6-5	Fr.	Middletown, N.Y. (Pine Bush)	No. 82 Player in Nation by ESPN (2016); 18 points, 9 rebounds, 3 blocks vs. SIUE
33	Taylor Kissinger	G/F	6-1	Fr.	Minden, Neb. (Minden)	No. 38 Player in Nation by ESPN (2016); 18 points, 4 3FG vs. UMKC
34	Jasmine Cincore***	G	5-10	Sr.	Arlington, Tenn. (Briarcrest Christian)	2-Time Tennessee 2A POY; 36 career starts; 17 pts at Michigan St. (1/7/17)
43	Rachel Blackburn*#	F	6-3	So.	Leavenworth, Kan. (Leavenworth)	Redshirted in 2016-17 after October knee surgery; Started first 9 games of 2015-16
50	Darrien Washington**	F	6-2	Jr.	Oakland, Calif. (Skyline)	2.0 ppg, 3.5 rpg in 10.5 mpg; first career start vs. SIUE (11/11/17)

\* denotes letters earned # redshirted in 2016-17

**Head Coach:** Amy Williams (Nebraska, 1998), 202-131 (11th season overall) 9-22 (Second season at Nebraska) - 2015 & 2016 Summit League Coach of the Year

**Assistant Coaches:** Tom Goehle, Second Season (Augustana, S.D., 1993); Chuck Love, Second Season (Northwestern Oklahoma State, 2008); Tandem Mays, Second Season (Tulsa, 2007)

**Director of Operations:** Amanda Hart, Second Season (Dakota Wesleyan, 2014)

**Administrative Assistant/Video Coordinator:** Katie Adams, Third Season (Rutgers, 2008)

**Women's Basketball Strength Coach:** Stuart Hart, First Season (Saint Leo, 1998)

**Women's Basketball Athletic Trainer:** Ashley Rudolph, Second Season (Michigan State, 2010)



**AMY WILLIAMS**

**(NEBRASKA, 1998)**  
(9-22, Second Season at Nebraska)  
(202-131, 11th Season Overall)

Summit League Coach of the Year  
(2015, 2016)  
WNIT Championship Team (2016)

**NAIA**

Season	School	Won	Lost	Pct.
2007-08	Rogers State	13	18	.419
2008-09	Rogers State	18	14	.563
2009-10	Rogers State	21	11	.656
2010-11	Rogers State	23	10	.697
2011-12	Rogers State	22	12	.647
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 seasons</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>.599</b>

**NCAA Division I**

2012-13	South Dakota	19	16	.543
2013-14	South Dakota	19	14	.576
2014-15	South Dakota	26	8	.765
2015-16	South Dakota	32	6	.842
2016-17	Nebraska	7	22	.241
2017-18	Nebraska	2	0	1.000
<b>Div. I Totals</b>	<b>Sixth season</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>.614</b>
<b>Overall</b>	<b>11th season</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>.607</b>

**WILLIAMS IN POSTSEASON**

Year (Tournament)	Results
2016 (WNIT)	Champion
2015 (WNIT)	Second Round
2014 (NCAA)	First Round
2013 (WBI)	Semifinals
2012 (NAIA)	Elite Eight
2011 (NAIA)	First Round

**NOTING COACH WILLIAMS**

- Summit League Regular-Season Champions (South Dakota, 2015, 2016)
- NCAA Tournament (South Dakota, 2014)
- Summit League Tournament Champions (2014)
- Four Summit League Championship Game Appearances
- Assistant Coach, Tulsa (2007)
- Assistant Coach, Oklahoma State (2002-05)
- Assistant Coach, Texas-San Antonio (2001)
- Graduate Assistant, Nebraska-Kearney (1999-2000)
- Four-Year Letterwinner Nebraska (1995-98)



Nebraska's 2017-18 Coaching Staff (from left): Assistant Coach Tom Goehle, Head Coach Amy Williams, Assistant Coach Chuck Love and Assistant Coach Tandem Mays.

**HUSKERS PREPARE FOR GROWTH IN 2017-18**

• The Nebraska women's basketball team laid the foundation for growth in Coach Amy Williams' first season with the Huskers in 2016-17. Now the Big Red are ready to see some improved performance on the court. Nebraska has plenty of room to climb after tying for 11th in the 14-team Big Ten Conference last season and finishing with a 7-22 record.

• Although Nebraska must overcome the loss of a 2016-17 starting frontcourt that combined for 25.5 points and 15.1 rebounds while starting every contest last season, Williams and the Huskers are optimistic.

• While the frontcourt took heavy losses, the starting backcourt returns intact and adds a pair of experienced Division I transfers and two talented freshmen.

• "This past offseason provided us a great opportunity to make big strides with our team's strength and conditioning, as well as needed skill development," Williams said. "A couple of big home wins toward the end of last season provided some very good motivation and something to build on throughout the offseason. We are eager for the 2017-18 season, and we expect progress and growth for our program."

**WHITISH WORKING TO SHINE AS SOPHOMORE**

• Nebraska's growth in the backcourt is expected to start with sophomore Hannah Whitish. The 5-9 guard from Barneveld, Wis., is the Big Red's top returning scorer after averaging 9.0 points per game a year ago. Whitish, who started every Big Ten game for Nebraska, averaged 11.1 points in conference play, while shooting a sizzling 41.8 percent (38-91) from three-point range. She was also Nebraska's top playmaker, averaging 3.7 assists in Big Ten action.

• Whitish's play blossomed throughout the season, as she produced double figures in each of Nebraska's last four games including a career-high 24-point performance in an overtime upset of NCAA Tournament-bound Michigan State on Feb. 26, 2017. Whitish knocked down 5-of-8 three-pointers against the Spartans while adding five rebounds and five assists in 44 minutes of work.

• Through two games in 2017-18, Whitish owns 14 assists and no turnovers, while averaging 8.0 points, 6.0 rebounds and 7.0 assists.

• Whitish opened the season with eight points, seven rebounds and five assists despite fouling out for the first time in her career in a win over SIUE (Nov. 11).

• She tied a career high with nine assists while adding eight points and five rebounds in a win over UMKC (Nov. 14).

• Whitish led Nebraska with 23 points on 9-of-13 shooting while adding a team-high five assists in a closed scrimmage at Iowa State on Oct. 29. She scored 11 fourth-quarter points to lead a methodical Husker rally against the 2017 NCAA Tournament qualifiers.

**ELIELY SIDELINED BY INJURY EARLY IN 2017-18**

• Sophomore Nicea Eliely is expected to rejoin Whitish as a returning starter in the backcourt. Eliely, a 6-1 wing from Colorado Springs, Colo., started all 29 games for the Huskers as a true freshman, averaging 7.7 points, 3.7 rebounds, 2.4 assists and a team-leading 1.6 steals per game.

• Eliely was Nebraska's top defender throughout her freshman season, and with a year of experience under her belt, the Huskers expect to see even better defensive play from the long, athletic wing.

• She added strength during the offseason and also improved her skill level at the offensive end to give herself more options in not only scoring but also creating opportunities for her teammates.

• "Nicea had a good offseason and went to work on several areas of her game," Williams said. "She has the capabilities of bringing more production in multiple areas, and we are looking for a big sophomore season from her."

• However, Eliely suffered a foot/ankle injury in mid-October that sidelined her late in preseason. She is expected to make a full recovery but she may be slowed or limited by the injury early in the season.

**CINCORE STEPPING UP AS SENIOR**

• Senior Jasmine Cincore started every game a year ago and averaged 6.7 points and 3.4 rebounds per contest. A solid defender, the 5-10 Cincore also ranked second on the squad with 31 total steals.

• Nebraska's 2016-17 women's basketball Lifter of the Year, Cincore has the strength to guard larger players inside and could be used in a small forward/power forward role this season, even though she has experience playing point guard in her career. She also claimed Nebraska's Kathy Branchaud Most Improved Rebounder Award a year ago.

• The two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection is also a nominee for the 2018 Senior CLASS Award. The advertising and public relations major took time out in late spring of 2017 to serve as part of a mission trip to Nigeria coordinated by Nebraska Assistant Coach Tom Goehle.

• Cincore is averaging 6.0 points, 2.0 rebounds, 2.0 assists and a team-best 3.0 steals in 2017-18.

• Cincore scored eight points and tied a career high with four steals while making her 36th consecutive start in Nebraska's win over UMKC (Nov. 14). She added three assists against the Roos.

• Cincore opened the season with four points, two rebounds and two steals in a win over SIUE (Nov. 11).

**GRADUATE WOOD CONTINUES TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE**

• Nebraska gains even more experience, depth and leadership from senior contributor Emily Wood. The 5-5 guard from Salina, Kan., originally came to Nebraska as a walk-on before earning a scholarship in her first season.

- Arguably Nebraska's hardest worker on the court, Wood's gritty determination and countless hours in the gym have allowed her to increase her skill level exponentially over the past few seasons.
- Through two games in 2017-18, Wood is averaging 4.5 points, 3.0 rebounds and 1.0 assist.
- Wood tied her career high with nine points while adding a career-best four rebounds in Nebraska's win over UMKC (Nov. 14).
- Last season, Wood averaged 2.1 points and 0.9 rebounds in just under 10 minutes per game while playing in all 29 contests.
- Despite the increased competition for playing time in the backcourt this season, Wood gladly accepted the role of pushing herself and her teammates by putting in a huge summer in the gym and the weight room. She also completed her bachelor's degree in management from Nebraska in just three seasons and is pushing herself to complete her MBA from Nebraska in 2018.
- A two-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar, Wood was one of five Nebraska Outstanding Scholars in 2017. Nebraska's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award winner across all women's sports, Wood is a nominee for the 2018 Senior CLASS Award and will likely be a candidate for CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.
- One of Nebraska's top contributors in the community, Wood was a Nebraska Student-Athlete HERO Award winner in 2016, and was among a select group of Husker student-athletes to take part in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in 2016.
- Wood celebrated her 22nd birthday by getting engaged on Oct. 17, 2017. Her younger sister, Lindsey is a member of the 2017-18 Nebraska Cheer Squad and is expected to be a regular at Nebraska women's basketball games.

## TRANSFER MORTON EXPECTED TO ADD EXPERIENCE

- Nebraska's most experienced Division I player is newcomer Janay Morton. The 5-10 guard from Brooklyn Park, Minn., was a three-year starter at Eastern Michigan before transferring to Nebraska prior to the start of the 2016-17 season.
- Morton spent a year working in Nebraska's system while redshirting because of NCAA transfer rules.
- Morton gained a level of comfort and confidence in the system last year, but hit a speed bump during the summer with a foot injury. She underwent surgery in late-September of 2017, but was expected to return to action for the start of the regular season. She may be slowed somewhat in non-conference play while she returns to full health.
- Morton is a proven performer. She earned All-MAC honors as a junior and was a member of the 2016 MAC All-Defensive Team. In three seasons at Eastern Michigan, Morton totaled 1,341 points, 359 rebounds, 249 assists and 223 steals, while averaging nearly 1,000 minutes per season.
- "Janay is very hungry heading into her senior season, after sitting out last year due to NCAA transfer rules, and then being limited this preseason by injury," Williams said. "Once healthy and back in the groove, she is capable of being an explosive guard who can make things happen on either end of the court."

## STALLWORTH HOPING TO ADD SPARK AT GUARD

- Another Division I transfer, Bria Stallworth could make a significant impact for the Huskers this season. The 5-6 sophomore from Chicago sat out alongside Morton because of NCAA transfer rules last season.
- Stallworth erupted for team highs of 21 points and six assists off the bench to lead Nebraska to a season-opening win over SIUE (Nov. 11). She hit 7-of-14 shots from the floor, including 3-of-6 three-pointers, while knocking down 4-of-5 free throws to seal the win.
- She is averaging 12.5 points, 3.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists after managing four points, four rebounds and two assists in the win over UMKC (Nov. 14).
- In Nebraska's exhibition win over Minnesota State (Nov. 5), Stallworth came off the bench to score 15 points on 6-of-11 shooting while adding three assists.
- Stallworth, who earned a spot on the Atlantic-10 All-Rookie Team as a true freshman in 2015-16, is a quick, play-making guard who can also defend and score. In fact, she led all A-10 freshman by averaging 13.2 points per game at UMass in 2015-16.
- She hit 35.7 percent of her three-point attempts and 81.8 percent of her free throws while playing nearly 1,000 minutes in her only season at UMass.

## KISSINGER SHOOTS INTO STARTING ROLE AS FRESHMAN

- A third newcomer to the Nebraska backcourt in 2017-18 is true freshman Taylor Kissinger. The 6-1 guard/forward from Minden, Neb., was one of the top three-point shooters in the nation coming out of high school and was ranked among the nation's top 50 overall players.
- The four-time all-state selection for the Whippets had both her junior and senior seasons of high school cut short by hand/arm injuries.
- Kissinger had an excellent summer and progressed quickly in Nebraska's program, gaining strength and making an impact in practice.
- Kissinger pumped in 18 points and four three-pointers in Nebraska's win over UMKC (Nov. 14) while making her second straight start.
- Through two games, Kissinger is one of three Huskers averaging in double figures with 11.5 points per contest. She also leads the Huskers with four three-pointers.
- Kissinger opened her career as a starter and managed five points and three points despite battling foul trouble. She scored Nebraska's first three points of the season.

# NEBRASKA

## 2017-18 QUICK FACTS

<b>Institution</b> .....	University of Nebraska
<b>Location</b> .....	Lincoln, Neb.
<b>Population</b> .....	268,738
<b>Enrollment</b> .....	26,091
<b>Founded</b> .....	1869
<b>Nickname</b> .....	Cornhuskers, Huskers
<b>Colors</b> .....	Scarlet and Cream
<b>Home Arena</b> .....	Pinnacle Bank Arena
<b>Capacity</b> .....	15,000
<b>Conference</b> .....	Big Ten
<b>Athletic Director</b> .....	Bill Moos
<b>2017-18 Overall Record</b> .....	2-0
Home Record .....	2-0
Away Record .....	0-0
Neutral Record .....	0-0
Big Ten Record .....	0-0
<b>2016-17 Overall Record</b> .....	7-22
<b>2016-17 Big Ten Record</b> .....	3-13/T11th
<b>Head Coach</b> .....	Amy Williams
Alma Mater/Year .....	Nebraska/1998
Record at Nebraska .....	9-22 (Second season)
Career Record .....	202-131 (11th season)
NCAA Div. I Record .....	105-66 (Sixth seasons)
Williams' Nebraska Home Record .....	9-9
Big Ten Conference Record .....	3-13
Big Ten Home Record .....	3-5
Big Ten Road Record .....	0-8
Big Ten Tournament Record .....	0-1
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> .....	Tom Goehle
.....	Chuck Love
.....	Tandem Mays
<b>Director of Operations</b> .....	Amanda Hart
<b>Video Coordinator</b> .....	Katie Adams
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<b>Starters Returning/Lost</b> .....	3/2
<b>Letterwinners Returning/Lost</b> .....	8/4
<b>Newcomers</b> .....	2
<b>Returning Starters (3, 2016-17 Stats)</b> .....	
Hannah Whitish, So., G (9.0 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 2.9 apg)	
Nicea Eliely, So., G (7.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 2.6 apg)	
Jasmine Cincore, Sr., G (6.7 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 2.1 apg)	
<b>Other Returning Letterwinners (6, 2016-17 Stats)</b> .....	
Maddie Simon, Jr., G (4.1 ppg, 2.3 rpg)	
Darrien Washington, Jr., F (2.3 ppg, 3.0 rpg)	
Emily Wood, Sr., G (2.1 ppg, 0.9 rpg)	
Grace Mitchell, So., F (1.8 ppg, 1.7 rpg)	
Rachel Blackburn, So., F (Redshirt in 2016-17)	
<b>Starters Lost (2, 2016-17 Stats)</b> .....	
Jessica Shepard, F (18.6 ppg, 9.8 rpg)	
Allie Havers, C (6.9 ppg, 5.3 rpg)	
<b>Others Lost (2, 2016-17 Stats)</b> .....	
Rylie Cascio Jensen, G (2.3 ppg, 0.8 rpg)	
Esther Ramacieri, G (2.4 ppg, 1.4 rpg)	
<b>2017-18 Newcomers (4)</b> .....	
.....	Kate Cain, 6-5, Fr., C
.....	Taylor, Kissinger, 6-1 Fr., G
.....	#Janay Morton, 5-10, Sr., G
.....	#Bria Stallworth, 5-6, So., G
.....	# redshirted as transfers in 2016-17

## HUSKER CAREER HIGHS SCORING

Player (Game, Date)	Points
Janay Morton (EMU vs. CMU, 3/7/15; EMU vs. Buffalo, 1/18/14)	34
Hannah Whitish (vs. Michigan State, 2/26/17)	24
Bria Stallworth (UMass vs. Dayton, 2/17/16)	24
Nicea Eliely (vs. California, 12/4/16)	19
Kate Cain (vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	18
Taylor Kissinger (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)	18
Jasmine Cincore (at Michigan State, 1/7/17)	17
Maddie Simon (vs. Northwestern, 2/28/16)	16
Rachel Blackburn (vs. Evansville, 12/8/15)	14
Grace Mitchell (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)	10
Emily Wood (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17; vs. Ohio St., 2/16/17)	9
Darrien Washington (vs. San Jose State, 12/9/16)	7

## REBOUNDING

Player (Game, Date)	Rebounds
Rachel Blackburn (vs. NC State, 12/3/15)	11
Jasmine Cincore (at Iowa, 12/31/16)	11
Kate Cain (vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	9
Nicea Eliely (at Illinois, 1/15/17)	9
Janay Morton (EMU, Three Times, Toledo, 1/23/16)	9
Hannah Whitish (vs. Minnesota, 2/4/17)	8
Maddie Simon (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17; vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	8
Darrien Washington (Three Times, at Iowa, 12/31/16)	6
Bria Stallworth (UMass vs. La Salle, 2/10/16)	6
Grace Mitchell (vs. SIUE, 12/9/16; vs. California, 12/4/16)	4
Emily Wood (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)	4
Taylor Kissinger (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17; vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	3

## ASSISTS

Player (Game, Date)	Assists
Bria Stallworth (UMass vs. Rhode Island, 1/27/16)	11
Janay Morton (EMU vs. Akron, 3/12/15)	10
Hannah Whitish (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17; vs. Illinois, 2/4/17)	9
Jasmine Cincore (Three Times, vs. Minnesota, 2/4/17)	6
Nicea Eliely (Four Times, vs. Illinois, 3/1/17)	6
Emily Wood (vs. Evansville, 12/8/15)	5
Maddie Simon (vs. Mich. St., 2/26/17; vs. UNF, 11/16/15)	4
Rachel Blackburn (Three Times, vs. Evansville, 12/8/15)	3
Taylor Kissinger (vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	2
Grace Mitchell (at Michigan State, 1/7/17)	2
Kate Cain (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17; vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	1
Darrien Washington (Five Times, vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)	1

## STEALS

Player (Game, Date)	Steals
Janay Morton (EMU vs. UTRGV, 11/21/15)	7
Bria Stallworth (UMass vs. Boston U., 12/19/15)	5
Jasmine Cincore (Five Times, vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)	4
Nicea Eliely (vs. Michigan, 1/22/17; vs. Omaha, 11/22/16)	4
Maddie Simon (vs. Virginia, 11/26/16)	3
Hannah Whitish (at Michigan State, 1/7/17)	3
Rachel Blackburn (vs. Mich. St., 2/14/16; vs. NC Central, 11/21/15)	2
Taylor Kissinger (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)	2
Grace Mitchell (at Illinois, 1/15/17; vs. Drake, 12/6/16)	2
Darrien Washington (at Michigan State, 1/7/17)	2
Emily Wood (vs. SIUE, 12/9/16; vs. UTRGV, 11/12/16)	2
Kate Cain (vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	1

## BLOCKED SHOTS

Player (Game, Date)	Blocks
Jasmine Cincore (vs. Drake, 12/6/16)	4
Rachel Blackburn (at Purdue, 1/20/16)	3
Kate Cain (vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	3
Nicea Eliely (Six Times, vs. Michigan State, 2/26/17)	2
Maddie Simon (vs. UConn, 12/21/16)	2
Emily Wood (vs. Indiana, 2/24/16)	2
Janay Morton (EMU, Four Times, Western Michigan, 3/2/16)	2
Taylor Kissinger (vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	1
Grace Mitchell (vs. Maryland, 1/4/17; vs. Missouri, 11/14/16)	1
Darrien Washington (Four Times, Michigan, 1/22/17)	1
Hannah Whitish (Five Times, Ohio State, 2/16/17)	1
Bria Stallworth (UMass, Twice, vs. Hartford, 12/22/15)	1

## MINUTES PLAYED

Player (Game, Date)	Minutes
Hannah Whitish (vs. Michigan State, 2/26/17)	44
Bria Stallworth (UMass vs. Fordham, 3/3/16)	42
Janay Morton (EMU vs. Western Michigan, 2/6/16)	39
Jasmine Cincore (vs. NU, 2/28/16; vs. Indiana, 2/24/16)	38
Nicea Eliely (vs. Illinois, 3/1/17)	37
Maddie Simon (vs. Northwestern, 2/28/16)	32
Rachel Blackburn (vs. NC State, 12/3/15)	30
Kate Cain (vs. SIUE, 11/11/17)	26
Taylor Kissinger (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)	26
Emily Wood (vs. Indiana, 2/24/16)	25
Grace Mitchell (at Illinois, 1/15/17)	22
Darrien Washington (vs. UTRGV, 11/12/16)	20

## THREE-POINTERS MADE

Player (Game, Date)	3FG Made
Janay Morton (EMU vs. Buffalo, 1/18/14)	7
Hannah Whitish (vs. Michigan State, 2/26/17)	5
Bria Stallworth (UMass vs. Dayton, 2/17/16)	5
Nicea Eliely (vs. Illinois, 3/1/17)	4
Taylor Kissinger (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17)	4
Jasmine Cincore (vs. Illinois, 3/1/17)	3
Maddie Simon (at Ohio St., 1/29/17; vs. N'western, 2/28/16)	3
Emily Wood (vs. UMKC, 11/14/17; vs. Ohio St., 2/16/17)	3
Grace Mitchell (Four Times, at Wisconsin, 2/9/17)	1

• In her exhibition debut at Pinnacle Bank Arena, Kissinger led the Huskers with a game-high 22 points on 7-of-15 shooting including four three-pointers in a win over Minnesota State (Nov. 5). Kissinger started and played 22 minutes against the Mavericks.

• She connected on a trio of three-pointers in a closed scrimmage at Iowa State on Oct. 29, and joined sophomore guard Hannah Whitish as the only Huskers to score in double figures against the 2017 NCAA Tournament-qualifying Cyclones.

• Kissinger's older twin sisters are both Division I guards, with Brooke entering her second season at Creighton after spending her first two seasons at Illinois, and Jamie entering her fourth season at San Diego.

## SIMON SHIFTS FOCUS TO FORWARD

• With depth and experience creating a positive for the Nebraska backcourt, Maddie Simon is changing her focus to the power forward position.

• The 6-2 junior out of Lincoln Pius X High School has been a significant contributor in the Nebraska backcourt the past two seasons, including a starting role down the stretch in the regular season as a freshman in 2015-16.

• Through two seasons, she averaged 4.5 points and 1.9 rebounds in 13.3 minutes per game. She made five starts for the Huskers as a freshman, before coming off the bench in all 29 games a year ago.

• With the loss of Nebraska's starting frontcourt, and inexperience and injuries challenging the inside game, Simon is stepping into a more prominent role.

• Through two games, Simon is averaging 7.5 points and a team-best 8.0 rebounds. She has added 1.5 assists and 1.0 steal per game and is shooting 58.3 percent from the field.

• Simon started her second straight game and produced 11 points while tying her career high with eight rebounds in the win over UMKC (Nov. 14). Simon scored seven straight points in the opening minute of the second half to spark a 10-0 Husker run. It was Simon's sixth career double-figure scoring effort.

• She earned an opening day start in Nebraska's win over SIUE (Nov. 11), producing four points and a career-high eight rebounds for the Huskers.

• Simon earned a start at forward in Nebraska's closed scrimmage at Iowa State on Oct. 29. She scored 11 points as a starter in NU's exhibition win over Minnesota State-Mankato (Nov. 5).

• The 2015 Nebraska High School Player of the Year, Simon was a two-time first-team Super-State selection while leading Lincoln Pius X to the 2015 Class B state championship. She was the No. 149 player in the nation according to Blue Star and the No. 22 guard by ESPN in 2015. A tremendous all-around athlete, Simon won the Class A 100- and 300-meter hurdles championships at the 2015 Nebraska State Track & Field Championships.

• Her mother, Nicole Ali Simon, was a CoSIDA Academic All-American as a member of Coach Gary Pepin's national champion Huskers in 1983 and 1984.

## FRESHMAN CAIN WORKING TO SHOW SHE'S ABLE INSIDE

• The newest addition to Nebraska's post game is freshman Kate Cain. The 6-5 center from Middletown, N.Y., decided to join the Huskers on June 23, 2017, after originally signing her National Letter of Intent with Delaware.

• After a coaching change at Delaware, Cain reopened her recruitment and the No. 82 player in the nation, according to ESPN, landed in Lincoln.

• Cain, whose parents were both outstanding Division I players on the East Coast, could bring an immediate defensive presence to the Huskers while also providing some scoring punch on the block.

• In her regular-season debut, Cain erupted for 18 points and game highs of nine rebounds and three blocked shots in 26 minutes off the bench in a win over SIUE (Nov. 11).

• Cain was the Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Week (Nov. 13) after her performance against SIUE.

• She made her first career start in Nebraska's win over UMKC (Nov. 14), producing eight points, two rebounds, two blocks and an assist.

• Cain enters the Arkansas game as Nebraska's leading scorer, averaging 13.0 points per game, while also leading the Huskers with 2.5 blocks per contest. She has added 5.5 rebounds and 1.0 assist. She is shooting 59.1 percent from the field.

• In Nebraska's closed scrimmage at Iowa State on Oct. 29, Cain came off the bench to lead the Huskers in both rebounds (8) and blocked shots (4) while adding three points in just 11 minutes.

• In NU's exhibition win over Minnesota State (Nov. 5), Cain had five points, seven rebounds and a game-high three blocks in 14 minutes off the bench.

## MITCHELL WORKING TO CONTRIBUTE INSIDE

• Another young power forward for the Huskers who could find a greater role than a year ago is Grace Mitchell. The 6-2 sophomore from Wellington, Kan., played in all 29 games and averaged nearly 11 minutes per contest.

• She is coming off her best performance as a collegian with a career-high 10 points while adding three rebounds in the win over UMKC (Nov. 14).

• Mitchell played 16 minutes off the bench in Nebraska's opening day win over SIUE (Nov. 11).

• In Nebraska's exhibition win over Minnesota State (Nov. 5), Mitchell scored three points and matched Jasmine Cincore with a team-high eight rebounds.

• Mitchell, who is a strong, hard-working athlete, averaged 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds last season and hit 40 percent (4-10) of her three-pointers.



## BLACKBURN GRADUALLY RETURNING TO SPEED

- The Huskers welcomed the return of Rachel Blackburn inside to bolster them at both ends of the court. The 6-3 forward from Leavenworth, Kan., was a starter early in her freshman season of 2015-16, before succumbing to severe knee pain.
- Blackburn redshirted after having multiple knee surgeries last season and was extremely limited for nearly a full year.
- Blackburn slowly progressed during preseason practice and her workload has increased as weeks have passed.
- She opened the regular season with three rebounds in eight minutes off the bench in Nebraska's win over SIUE (Nov. 11).
- Blackburn added two points and three more rebounds while taking her first charge of the season in 10 minutes of work in Nebraska's win over UMKC (Nov. 14).
- Blackburn has not returned to full participation yet in practice, but she did contribute on the court in Nebraska's closed scrimmage at Iowa State on Oct. 29.
- In Nebraska's exhibition win over Minnesota State (Nov. 5), Blackburn came off the bench to play 13 minutes, contributing two points and three rebounds while also taking a charge.
- In the first nine games of her career, Blackburn averaged 6.3 points and 7.6 rebounds per game while providing suffocating defense at the rim. Blackburn's intelligence in defensive rotation could take pressure off her teammates and help a Husker defense that surrendered a staggering 76.3 points per game last season, including 80.4 points per night in Big Ten play.

## WASHINGTON MOVES FORWARD IN OFFSEASON

- Nebraska's lone returning post player from a year ago, Darrien Washington returns for her fourth season as a Husker in 2017-18.
- The 6-2 junior from Oakland, Calif., averaged 2.3 points and 3.0 rebounds in 12 minutes per contest last season while playing in 23 games.
- Washington is a big, strong traditional post player who has improved her conditioning during the offseason and is ready to play a larger role, if needed.
- Washington made her first career start in Nebraska's season-opening win over SIUE (Nov. 11). She had two points, three rebounds and her fourth career assist in eight minutes.
- She added two points, four rebounds and an assist in 13 minutes off the bench in Nebraska's win over UMKC (Nov. 14).
- Washington earned a start against Iowa State in Nebraska's closed scrimmage with the Cyclones at Hilton Coliseum on Oct. 29. She also started Nebraska's exhibition win over Minnesota State-Mankato (Nov. 5).

## HUSKERS SIGN SECOND STRAIGHT TOP 20 CLASS

- Nebraska received National Letters of Intent from four standout high school seniors from Iowa, Minnesota and Indiana on the first day of the early signing period on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017.
- Nebraska's recruiting class was ranked No. 20 in the nation by the ESPN rankings at the start of the early signing period. Coach Amy Williams' first Nebraska class, which consisted of current Husker freshmen Taylor Kissinger and Kate Cain, was also ranked No. 20 nationally, giving the second-year Husker head coach and her staff back-to-back top-20 classes.
- The first commitment to the Huskers in this year's class, Ashtyn Veerbeek made her commitment to Nebraska in December of 2016. The 6-2 forward out of Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa, is ranked as the No. 55 player in the nation by Blue Star, No. 66 by Prospects Nation and No. 68 by ESPN, which also ranked Veerbeek as the No. 9 forward in the Class of 2018. The Sioux Center native earned first-team Iowa Class 2A honors as a junior in 2016-17. She led Western Christian to Iowa Class 2A state title in 2017. Veerbeek averaged 22.8 points and 11.1 rebounds per game while shooting 80.3 percent from the free throw line as a junior.
- Nebraska's second commit to the class, Kayla Mershon will come to Lincoln as one of the top players in the state of Minnesota. The 6-3 forward from Chanhassen, Minn., who committed to the Huskers in February of 2017, was ranked as the No. 132 overall player in the nation by Prospects Nation and the No. 14 wing nationally by ESPN. As a junior, Mershon averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds in 2016-17. As a sophomore, she help Minnetonka High School to its first-ever state championship in 2016.
- A North Tartan club teammate of Mershon's, guard Sam Haiby committed to the Huskers in mid-May of 2017. A 5-9 guard, Haiby averaged 22.1 points, 7.6 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 4.1 steals as a junior for Class 4A Moorhead High School in 2016-17. Haiby, who was ranked as the No. 122 player in the country by Prospects Nation, the No. 125 player by Blue Star and the No. 28 guard nationally by ESPN, enters her senior season with 1,856 career points.
- Leigha Brown, a 6-1 guard out of DeKalb High School in Indiana, rounds out Nebraska's class. Brown, who also committed to the Huskers in May, averaged 22.9 points, 10.8 rebounds and 2.9 assists last season as a first-team Class 4A choice and an Supreme 15 Underclass All-State selection in 2016-17. She was ranked as the No. 21 forward nationally by ESPN.

## HUSKERS BY THE NUMBERS

NU leads after 1st quarter	2-0
NU trails after 1st quarter	0-0
NU tied after 1st quarter	0-0
NU leads at the half	2-0
NU trails at the half	0-0
NU is tied at the half	0-0
NU leads after 3rd quarter	2-0
NU trails after 3rd quarter	0-0
NU tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
NU in overtime	0-0
NU attempts more FG than opponent	1-0
NU attempts fewer FG than opponent	1-0
NU attempts same number of FG as opponent	0-0
NU makes more FG than opponent	2-0
NU makes fewer FG than opponent	0-0
NU makes same number of FG as opponent	0-0
NU has better FG Pct. than opponent	2-0
NU has worse FG Pct. than opponent	0-0
NU shoots 50 percent or better from field	1-0
NU shoots less than 50 percent from field	1-0
NU shoots 40 percent or better from field	2-0
NU shoots less than 40 percent from field	0-0
NU shoots more FT than opponent	0-0
NU shoots fewer FT than opponent	2-0
NU shoots same number of FT as opponent	0-0
NU makes more FT than opponent	0-0
NU makes fewer FT than opponent	2-0
NU makes same number of FT as opponent	0-0
NU has more total rebounds than opponent	1-0
NU has fewer total rebounds than opponent	1-0
NU has same number of total rebounds as opp.	0-0
NU has more offensive rebounds than opponent	1-0
NU has fewer offensive rebounds than opponent	1-0
NU has same number of off. rbs. as opponent	0-0
NU has more assists than opponent	2-0
NU has fewer assists than opponent	0-0
NU has same number of assists as opponent	0-0
NU has more turnovers than opponent	1-0
NU has fewer turnovers than opponent	1-0
NU has same number of turnovers as opponent	0-0
NU has more steals than opponent	2-0
NU has fewer steals than opponent	0-0
NU has same number of steals as opponent	0-0
NU has more blocked shots than opponent	2-0
NU has fewer blocked shots than opponent	0-0
NU has same number of blocks as opponent	0-0
NU commits more fouls than opponent	2-0
NU commits fewer fouls than opponent	0-0
NU commits same number of fouls as opponent	0-0
Games are decided by 20 or more points	1-0
Games are decided by 10 or more points	1-0
Games are decided by 9 or fewer points	1-0
Games are decided by 5 or fewer points	0-0
Games are decided by 3 or fewer points	0-0
Overtime Games	0-0
Playing on Monday	0-0
Playing on Tuesday	1-0
Playing on Wednesday	0-0
Playing on Thursday	0-0
Playing on Friday	0-0
Playing on Saturday	1-0
Playing on Sunday	0-0
Playing in November	2-0
Playing in December	0-0
Playing in January	0-0
Playing in February	0-0
Playing in March	0-0

## ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25

(MONDAY, NOV. 13, 2017)

1-UConn (1-0) [32].....	800 (1)
2-Texas (1-0) .....	729 (2)
3-Baylor (2-0).....	719 (3)
4-South Carolina (1-0) .....	685 (4)
5-Louisville (2-0) .....	638 (9)
6-Notre Dame (1-0) .....	637 (6)
7-Mississippi State (1-0) .....	617 (7)
8-UCLA (2-0) .....	608 (8)
<b>9-Ohio State (1-1) .....</b>	<b>583 (5)</b>
10-Oregon (2-0) .....	500 (11)
11-Duke (1-0).....	454 (12)
12-West Virginia (1-0).....	405 (13)
13-Tennessee (1-0) .....	373 (14)
14-Stanford (0-2) .....	357 (10)
<b>15-Maryland (1-0) .....</b>	<b>353 (15)</b>
16-Marquette (0-0).....	309 (17)
17-Florida State (2-0).....	272 (18)
18-Oregon State (1-0) .....	213 (19)
19-Texas A&M (2-0) .....	198 (20)
20-California (1-0) .....	179 (20)
21-Oklahoma (1-0) .....	165 (22)
22-South Florida (2-0) .....	157 (23)
23-Missouri (1-1) .....	139 (16)
<b>24-Michigan (2-0) .....</b>	<b>121 (24)</b>
25. Kentucky (2-0) .....	56 (NR)

**Note:** Nebraska 2017-18 opponents in *italics*.

**NU Opponents Receiving Votes:**

**30-Michigan State (6); 31-Drake (5);**

**T32-Iowa (4); T38-Indiana (2); T41-Purdue (1)**

## USA TODAY COACHES PRESEASON TOP 25

(THURSDAY, OCT. 26, 2017)

1-UConn (36-1) [25].....	789 (3)
2-South Carolina (33-4) .....	719 (1)
3-Baylor (33-4).....	687 (6)
4-Mississippi State (34-5) .....	678 (2)
5-Notre Dame (33-4) .....	648 (5)
6-Texas (25-9) .....	608 (14)
7-UCLA (25-9) .....	582 (13)
<b>8-Ohio State (28-7) .....</b>	<b>575 (10)</b>
9-Stanford (32-6) .....	548 (4)
10-Louisville (29-8) .....	504 (12)
11-Oregon (23-14) .....	479 (16)
12-Duke (28-6).....	442 (15)
<b>13-Maryland (32-3) .....</b>	<b>380 (8)</b>
14-Florida State (28-7).....	334 (7)
15-West Virginia (24-11).....	272 (20)
16-Missouri (22-11) .....	249 (NR)
17-Oregon State (31-5).....	246 (9)
18-Tennessee (20-12) .....	229 (NR)
19-Marquette (25-8).....	218 (NR)
20. DePaul (27-8).....	156 (18)
21-Oklahoma (23-10) .....	151 (21)
22-South Florida (24-9) .....	109 (NR)
<b>23-Michigan (28-9) .....</b>	<b>100 (NR)</b>
24-Miami (24-9).....	80 (19)
25-California (20-14) .....	79 (NR)
25-Washington (29-6).....	79 (11)
<b>T42-NEBRASKA .....</b>	<b>5 (NR)</b>

**Note:** Nebraska 2017-18 opponents in *italics*.

**NU Opponents Receiving Votes:**

**32-Drake (18); 35-Purdue (15);**

**T38-Michigan State (7); 44-Indiana (4)**

• “We are really excited about this entire group of high-achieving young women,” Nebraska Coach Amy Williams said. “They not only have had strong careers so far, but they are all on track to have great senior seasons. They have all shown an impressive commitment to our program during the recruiting process. They are high-character individuals with incredible work ethics and competitive spirits. We are looking forward to helping them achieve their goals on and off the court.”

## SCHEDULE PROVIDES CHALLENGING OPPORTUNITIES

• Nebraska will be challenged by a strong schedule, but it should be a bit more manageable than the suffocating schedule the Huskers faced a year ago.

• The Husker schedule features non-conference home games against Power Five conference teams Arkansas (SEC, Nov. 16), Clemson (ACC, Nov. 30) and Washington State (Pac-12, Dec. 22) at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

• The Huskers also clash with in-state rival Creighton (BIG EAST, Nov. 19), along with other non-conference home contests against SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 11), UMKC (Nov. 14), Arkansas Pine Bluff (Dec. 2) and Florida Atlantic (Dec. 19).

• The Big Red’s non-conference road schedule starts with the San Juan Shootout, which will be played in Daytona Beach, Fla., in a move from Puerto Rico that followed the devastation of Hurricane Maria. The Huskers take on Buffalo (Nov. 23) and Coastal Carolina (Nov. 24) at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach.

• NU returns to road action against Kansas at Allen Fieldhouse (Dec. 6), before battling Drake in Des Moines (Dec. 9). The Huskers close road non-conference play at San Jose State (Dec. 17).

• Nebraska opens Big Ten play against defending conference co-champion Ohio State (Dec. 28), before playing three straight road games at Minnesota (Dec. 31), Northwestern (Jan. 7) and Illinois (Jan. 10).

• The Huskers return to Pinnacle Bank Arena for back-to-back games against Michigan (Jan. 13) and Iowa (Jan. 16), before heading to Piscataway, N.J., to joust with the Rutgers Scarlet Knights (Jan. 21).

• Nebraska then opens a stretch with four-of-five games at home, starting against Purdue (Jan. 24), before a brief trip to Iowa City to complete the season series with the Hawkeyes (Jan. 28). Home games against Illinois (Feb. 1), Maryland (Feb. 4) and Wisconsin (Feb. 11) follow at Pinnacle Bank Arena.

• Back-to-back road games at Michigan State (Feb. 14) and Indiana (Feb. 17) will set up Senior Night against Penn State (Feb. 22) at Pinnacle Bank Arena. The Huskers close the regular season on the road at defending Big Ten champion Maryland (Feb. 25), before the Big Ten Tournament returns to Indianapolis (Feb. 28-March 4).

## NEBRASKA STREAKS

• Senior guard Jasmine Cincore owns the longest streak of consecutive starts among the Huskers with 36. Sophomore guards Nicea Eliely (29) and Hannah Whitish (19) rank second and third among the Huskers in consecutive starts.

• The Huskers have knocked down at least one three-pointer in 282 straight regular-season games dating back to a loss at UTEP on Dec. 20, 2008.

• Nebraska has hit at least two three-pointers in 161 consecutive games.

• The Huskers held SIU Edwardsville to just 53 points in the opener, snapping a streak of 12 consecutive games in which their opponents had scored at least 64 points. Nebraska continued a fresh streak of holding foes to 60 or fewer points by limiting UMKC to 60 points on Nov. 14.

• Nebraska has won four consecutive home games at Pinnacle Bank Arena, including a 2-0 home start to the 2017-18 season.

• Nebraska has lost 18 consecutive games away from Pinnacle Bank Arena dating back to a 93-81 win at Michigan on Jan. 24, 2016.

## NEBRASKA'S HISTORY OF HOME SUCCESS

• Nebraska opened 2017-18 with a 62-53 win over SIU Edwardsville for its 12th consecutive season-opening win at home. The Huskers closed their 2016-17 home season with a 76-74 overtime win over Michigan State on Feb. 26 to finish 7-9 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in 2016-17. It snapped a streak of 13 consecutive seasons with double-figure home victories for the Big Red.

• The Huskers own a four-game home winning streak entering Thursday night’s game with Arkansas.

• Nebraska posted three home wins over top-50 RPI teams in 2016-17, including a 62-59 non-conference victory over Colorado State in the Preseason WNIT, and late-season wins over Indiana and Michigan State.

• The Huskers went 15-4 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in 2015-16 after going 12-3 (13-3 at home) in 2014-15. The Huskers are 51-18 (.739) all-time at Pinnacle Bank Arena since the building opened for the 2013-14 campaign. The Big Red went 16-2 at home in 2013-14, suffering their only Big Ten loss to Purdue, 77-75, on Jan. 19, 2014. Nebraska’s 16 home wins in 2013-14 tied the school record for single-season home victories.

• The Huskers played the first regular-season game in the history of the arena against USA Today No. 25 UCLA (Nov. 8, 2013) and rolled to a 77-49 win over the Bruins. NU’s first win over an AP Top 25 team came with a 76-56 win over No. 24 Michigan State on Feb. 8, 2014. The Huskers added their first-ever win over an AP Top 10 team at the arena with a 94-74 victory over No. 8 Penn State on Feb. 24, 2014.

• NU won its first-ever Big Ten home game at Pinnacle Bank Arena with a 66-65 thriller over Northwestern Jan. 2, 2014, before an 88-85 win over Minnesota on Jan. 16, 2014, marked the first overtime game.



- NU suffered its first loss at the arena to Washington State (76-72) on Nov. 30, 2013.
- The Huskers are 441-148 (.749) all-time at home. The Huskers have gone 177-52 (.773) over the last 15 seasons, posting double-figure home victory totals 13 times.
- Nebraska played in the Devaney Center from 1976-77 through 2012-13, and added one appearance at Devaney against Utah on Nov. 23, 2014. The Huskers own a 389-130 record at the Devaney Center, including 146-88 (.624) mark in conference play.

## NEBRASKA RANKS NEAR TOP IN ATTENDANCE

- Nebraska ranked No. 17 nationally with an average home attendance of 4,712 in 2017-18.
- Nebraska has ranked among the top 20 nationally in average home attendance in each of its first four seasons inside Pinnacle Bank Arena.
- In 69 all-time home games at Pinnacle Bank Arena, the Huskers own a 51-18 record (.739 winning percentage) while averaging 5,549 fans per game (382,880 total fans/69 games).
- Nebraska attracted a Pinnacle Bank Arena non-conference record crowd of 9,750 to open its stay in the arena with a win over UCLA on Nov. 8, 2013.
- Nebraska set its all-time single-game record with a sellout crowd of 13,595 fans against Missouri at the Devaney Center on Feb. 27, 2010. NU drew 10 straight crowds of more than 10,000 fans at the Devaney Center in 2009-10.
- Nebraska has ranked among the top-25 teams nationally in average home attendance for eight consecutive seasons, including a program-best No. 7 nationally with a record 7,390 fans per game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in 2009-10. The Huskers went 16-0 at the Devaney Center on their way to a perfect 29-0 record, a Big 12 title and a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

## HUSKER SPORTS NETWORK COVERS WORLD

The Husker Sports Network is in its 24th season producing and marketing the live broadcasts of Nebraska women's basketball in 2017-18. Women's basketball play-by-play announcer Matt Coatney and color commentator Jeff Griesch are teaming up for their 17th season together as the Huskers' broadcast team.

The Husker Sports Network and Nebraska women's basketball have teamed up for well over a decade to take every game, home and away, around the world for free on Huskers.com.

In addition to carrying every women's basketball game free on Huskers.com, the Husker Sports Network flagship stations B107.3 FM-KBBK (Lincoln) and ESPN 590 AM-KXSP (Omaha) provide strong signals for Husker women's basketball. When a network conflict occurs in Omaha, the Huskers also could be heard on CD105.9 FM-KKCD. 880-AM-KRVN (Lexington) also provides a huge AM signal statewide in central Nebraska, while more than 20 stations carry the Husker Sports Network's women's basketball coverage across the state and the Midwest.

Inside Pinnacle Bank Arena, fans can access the direct radio call of the game at 87.7 FM.

## NEBRASKA POSTS 13TH STRAIGHT PERFECT GSR

In the eyes of the NCAA's Division I Graduation Success Rate (GSR), the Husker women's basketball program has been perfect for 13 consecutive years. Nebraska is the only program among the 14 Big Ten Conference schools to accomplish the perfect score for 13 straight years.

The NCAA announced the release of its annual Graduation Success Rate report on Nov. 8, 2017, and Nebraska was a national leader in women's basketball for the 13th straight season (2004-05).

The Nebraska women's basketball program joins the Husker women's tennis and volleyball programs as Husker teams that have produced perfect 100 percent rates each of the last 13 years.

## NEBRASKA OVERTIME FACTS

- Nebraska is 21-21 all-time in overtime games, including 12-10 at home, 6-8 in true road games and 3-3 on neutral courts in overtime. The Huskers are 1-1 in overtime in 2016-17 following a 76-74 win over Michigan State at Pinnacle Bank Arena to close the regular season on Feb. 26, 2017.
- It was Nebraska's second overtime game at home in February of 2017, joining a 79-69 loss to Minnesota at Pinnacle Bank Arena on Feb. 4.
- The Big Red was 0-1 in overtime in 2015-16, with an 87-80 loss at No. 22 California on Dec. 12, 2015.
- Nebraska is 2-1 in overtime games at Pinnacle Bank Arena.
- Nebraska is 4-1 in multi-overtime games, including 2-1 since 2005-06. The lone loss came to Purdue in the Big Ten Championship Game, 74-70 in double-overtime in 2012.
- The Huskers also defeated Minnesota 88-85 in overtime on Jan. 16, 2014. It marked the first overtime game in the history of Pinnacle Bank Arena. Nebraska's first overtime game in the history of the Bob Devaney Sports Center also came against Minnesota - a 68-67 win for the Huskers on Dec. 30, 1977.
- The Huskers have played 12 all-time overtime games against Big Ten opponents and own a 5-7 record. NU is 4-4 against Big Ten opponents in OT since joining the conference for the start of the 2011-12 season.
- Nebraska's most frequent overtime opponents are Purdue, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Missouri. The Huskers and Purdue have played three overtime games in 10 all-time meetings. NU's six total overtimes against Purdue are the most against any team in school history.
- The Huskers also have played three overtime games against Minnesota, including the only two overtime games in Pinnacle Bank Arena history.

# BIG

## 2017-18 BIG TEN STANDINGS

Team	Overall (Big Ten)
Iowa	2-0 (0-0)
Michigan	2-0 (0-0)
Penn State	2-0 (0-0)
Indiana	2-0 (0-0)
Michigan State	2-0 (0-0)
Minnesota	2-0 (0-0)
Nebraska	2-0 (0-0)
Northwestern	1-0 (0-0)
Purdue	1-0 (0-0)
Rutgers	1-0 (0-0)
Wisconsin	1-0 (0-0)
Illinois	1-1 (0-0)
Maryland	1-1 (0-0)
Ohio State	1-1 (0-0)

## BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Nov. 13 - Megan Gustafson, Jr., F (Iowa)

## BIG TEN FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Nov. 13 - Kate Cain, Fr., C (Nebraska)  
Karissa McLaughlin, Fr., G (Purdue)

## THIS WEEK IN BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Monday, Nov. 13

South Carolina 94, Maryland 86 [ESPN2]  
Michigan State 95, Oakland 63 [BTN Plus]  
Minnesota 82, at Rhode Island 60  
Rutgers 84, at Temple 67, 6 p.m. [ESPN3]

### Tuesday, Nov. 14

Indiana 64, Southern 49 [BTN Plus]  
Nebraska 80, UMKC 60 [BTN Plus]

### Wednesday, Nov. 15

Penn State at Marshall, 5 p.m.  
Idaho at Ohio State, 6 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Miami (Ohio) at Purdue, 6 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Chicago State at Illinois, 7 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Green Bay at Wisconsin, 7 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Northern Illinois at Iowa, 7 p.m. [BTN Plus]

### Thursday, Nov. 16

Niagara at Maryland, 10 a.m. [BTN Plus]  
Rutgers at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
VCU at Minnesota, 7 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Oakland at Northwestern, 7 p.m.  
Arkansas at Nebraska, 8 p.m. [BTN]

### Friday, Nov. 17

Western Kentucky at Indiana, 6 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Quinnipiac at Ohio State, 6 p.m. [BTN Plus]

### Saturday, Nov. 18

Lamar at Purdue, Noon [BTN Plus]  
Penn State at Providence, Noon  
Bradley at Illinois, 2 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Northwestern at UT-Martin, 2 p.m. [OVC Digital]

### Sunday, Nov. 19

Washington at Ohio State, 10 a.m. [BTN Plus]  
College of Charleston at Michigan St., 11 a.m. [BTN Plus]  
Maryland at UConn, 12:30 p.m. [ESPN]  
Western Michigan at Iowa, 2 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Wake Forest at Rutgers, 5:30 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Boston College at Minnesota, 7 p.m. [BTN Plus]  
Creighton at Nebraska, 7 p.m. [BTN Plus]

**NU CAREER 20-POINT GAMES****Hannah Whitish (1)**

Michigan State (2/26/17) 24

**Bria Stallworth (1)**

SIU Edwardsville (11/11/17) 21

**NU CAREER DOUBLE FIGURE GAMES**

<b>Player (Years)</b>	<b>Games</b>
1. Hannah Whitish (2017-present)	13
2. Jasmine Cincore (2015-present)	8
Nicea Eliely (2017-present)	8
4. Maddie Simon (2016-present)	6
5. Rachel Blackburn (2016-present)	1
Kate Cain (2018-present)	1
Taylor Kissinger (2018-present)	1
Grace Mitchell (2017-present)	1
Bria Stallworth (2018-present)	1

**MOST BLOCKS IN A SEASON  
BY A HUSKER FRESHMAN**

<b>Player (Years)</b>	<b>Blocks</b>
1. Janet Smith (1978-79, 34 games)	54
2. Kathy Hagerstrom (1979-80, 40 games)	42
3. Katie Robinette (2001-02, 29 games)	33
4. Danielle Page (2004-05, 32 games)	31
5. Emily Cady (2011-12, 33 games)	28
-- Maurice Ivy (1984-85, 26 games)	27
-- Kelsey Griffin (2005-06, 32 games)	24
-- Charlie Rogers (1996-97, 28 games)	24
-- Nicea Eliely (2016-17, 29 games)	21
-- Jessica Shepard (2015-16, 31 games)	20
-- Greichaly Cepero (2000-01, 21 games)	20
-- Jordan Hooper (2010-11, 31 games)	16
-- Hailie Sample (2011-12, 33 games)	13
-- Rachel Blackburn (2015-16, 25 games)	12
-- Anna DeForge (1994-95, 27 games)	12
-- Karen Jennings (1989-90, 28 games)	11
-- Jeanne Boller (1976-77)	NA
-- Kate Cain (2017-18, 2 games)	5

**MOST BLOCKS IN A GAME  
BY A HUSKER FRESHMAN**

<b>Player (Game)</b>	<b>Blocks</b>
1. Janet Smith vs. Okla. St., Jan. 12, 1979	6
2. Jeanne Boller vs. Wichita St., Feb. 5, 1977	6

**NEBRASKA NCAA APPEARANCES****13 Appearances, 21 Games (8-13 Record)**

<b>Season (Sd.)</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Site</b>	<b>Result</b>
2015 (9)	vs. (8) Syracuse	Columbia, S.C.	L, 69-72
2014 (4)	vs. (12) BYU	Los Angeles, Calif.	L, 76-80
2014 (4)	vs. (13) Fresno St.	Los Angeles, Calif.	W, 74-55
2013 (6)	vs. (2) Duke	Norfolk, Va.	L, 45-53
2013 (6)	at (3) Texas A&M	College Station, Texas	W, 74-63
2013 (6)	vs. (11) Chattanooga	College Station, Texas	W, 73-59
2012 (6)	vs. (11) Kansas	Little Rock	L, 49-57
2010 (1)	vs. (4) Kentucky	Kansas City	L, 67-76
2010 (1)	vs. (8) UCLA	Minneapolis	W, 83-70
2010 (1)	vs. (16) Northern Iowa	Minneapolis	W, 83-44
2008 (8)	at (1) Maryland	College Park, Md.	L, 64-76
2008 (8)	vs. (9) Xavier	College Park, Md.	W, 61-58
2007 (9)	vs. (8) Temple	Raleigh, N.C.	L, 61-64
2000 (12)	vs. (5) Boston College	Charlottesville, Va.	L, 76-93
1999 (11)	vs. (6) Kentucky	Los Angeles	L, 92-98
1998 (9)	at (1) Old Dominion	Norfolk, Va.	L, 60-75
1998 (9)	vs. (8) New Mexico	Norfolk, Va.	W, 76-59
1996 (9)	vs. (8) Colo. St.	Stanford, Calif.	L, 62-66
1993 (6)	at (3) USC	Los Angeles	L, 60-78
1993 (6)	vs. (11) San Diego	Lincoln	W, 81-58
1988 (5)	at (4) USC	Los Angeles	L, 82-100

• In 14 all-time games with Wisconsin, the Huskers have played three overtime contests, including the 71-70 win over the Badgers on Feb. 5. It was NU's first OT win against UW. The Huskers also battled Missouri in three single-overtime games among the 71 all-time contests in that series.

• Nebraska has never played back-to-back overtime games at home. The Huskers have played back-to-back overtime games only once in school history, an 83-81 loss to Texas A&M in College Station on Dec. 30, 1985, before returning to Lincoln for an 80-75 win over Eastern Kentucky at the Devaney Center on Jan. 2, 1986.

**BOOSTERS OFFER BUS TRIP TO DRAKE**

• The Nebraska women's basketball booster club is sponsoring a bus trip to the Husker game at Drake on Saturday, Dec. 9.

• The bus will depart from the South Lincoln Wal-Mart (84th & Hwy 2) at 9 a.m. and will make a stop near Omaha (Gretna, I-80 & Hwy 370) to pick up additional fans at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9.

• Nebraska is scheduled to tip-off against Nebraska at the Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa, at 2 p.m. Following the game, the bus will return to the same stops in Omaha and Lincoln.

• The cost of the trip is just \$50 per person, which includes a game ticket.

• To sign up for the trip or to purchase tickets, contact [emeraldhearttours@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldhearttours@gmail.com) or call (402) 570-5527 or (402) 680-2858.

# 2017-18 OVERALL SEASON STATISTICS

OVERALL RECORD: 2-0

HOME: 2-0

AWAY: 0-0

NEUTRAL: 0-0

Player	G-GS	Min-Avg.	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Rebounds		PF-D	A	TO	BK	ST	TP/Avg.
										Tot/Avg.							
34-Kate Cain	2-1	46-23.0	13-22	.591	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-7	11/5.5	3-0	2	2	5	1		26/13.0
15-Bria Stallworth	2-0	51-25.5	9-21	.429	3-9	.333	4-5	.800	1-6	7/3.5	1-0	8	4	0	1		25/12.5
33-Taylor Kissinger	2-2	46-23.0	8-18	.444	4-11	.364	3-6	.500	2-4	6/3.0	8-0	3	5	1	2		23/11.5
3-Hannah Whitish	2-2	51-25.5	6-14	.429	3-9	.333	1-3	.333	1-11	12/6.0	7-1	14	0	0	0		16/8.0
24-Maddie Simon	2-2	45-22.5	7-12	.583	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	5-11	16/8.0	7-1	3	6	1	2		15/7.5
34-Jasmine Cincore	2-2	56-28.0	4-13	.308	2-5	.400	2-3	.667	0-4	4/2.0	3-0	4	2	1	6		12/6.0
14-Grace Mitchell	2-0	33-16.5	4-9	.444	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	3-0	3/1.5	6-1	0	3	0	1		10/5.0
12-Emily Wood	2-0	33-16.5	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	2-4	6/3.0	2-0	2	3	0	0		9/4.5
50-Darrien Washington	2-2	21-10.5	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-4	.000	2-5	7/3.5	1-0	2	3	0	0		4/2.0
43-Rachel Blackburn	2-0	18-9.0	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-3	6/3.0	4-0	1	0	0	0		2/1.0
5-Nicea Eliely	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0/0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0		0/0.0
13-Janay Morton	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0/0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0		0/0.0
Team									0-0	0/0.0	0	0	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>57-124</b>	<b>.460</b>	<b>16-45</b>	<b>.356</b>	<b>12-23</b>	<b>.522</b>	<b>26-60</b>	<b>86/43.0</b>	<b>42-3</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>142/71.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>37-120</b>	<b>.308</b>	<b>14-44</b>	<b>.318</b>	<b>25-36</b>	<b>.694</b>	<b>29-49</b>	<b>78/39.0</b>	<b>31-1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>113/56.5</b>
<b>Score by Periods</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Deadball Rebounds</b>										
Nebraska	32	29	46	35	0	142	3										
Opponents	24	32	28	29	0	113	5										



The 2017-18 Nebraska Women's Basketball Team - Back row (from left): Strength Coach Stuart Hart, Assistant Coach Tom Goehle, Nicea Eliely, Maddie Simon, Grace Mitchell, Kate Cain, Darrien Washington, Rachel Blackburn, Taylor Kissinger, Administrative Assistant/Video Coordinator Katie Adams, Assistant Coach Chuck Love. Front row (from left): Head Coach Amy Williams, Assistant Coach Tandem Mays, Emily Wood, Janay Morton, Hannah Whitish, Jasmine Cincore, Bria Stallworth, Director of Operations Amanda Hart, Athletic Trainer Ashley Rudolph.



# 2017-18 GAME RESULTS

**OVERALL RECORD: 2-0    BIG TEN: 0-0    HOME: 2-0    AWAY: 0-0    NEUTRAL: 0-0**

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Home	Away	Neutral	Total	Big Ten	Att.	High Points	High Rebounds	High Assists
11/11	SIU Edwardsville	W	62-53	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3,523	(21) Stallworth	(9) Cain	(6) Stallworth
11/14	UMKC	W	80-60	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	3,503	(18) Kissinger	(8) Simon	(9) Whitish

AP Ranking at game time listed before team

+ San Juan Shootout game (Daytona Beach, Fla.)

% denotes Big Ten/ACC Challenge game

\* denotes Big Ten Conference game

# denotes Big Ten Tournament game (Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.)

**Home Attendance (Avg.)** -- 7,026 (3,513)

**Road Attendance (Avg.)** -- 0,000 (0,000)

**Neutral Attendance (Avg.)** -- 0,000 (0,000)

**Total Attendance (Avg.)** -- 7,026 (3,513)

# 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME LINESCORES

Game	FG	FGA	PCT	3FGM	3FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	OR	DR	TOT	PF	A	TO	BS	ST	TP
Nebraska	25	60	.417	4	17	.235	8	14	.571	12	32	44	19	18	15	6	6	62
SIU Edwardsville	19	64	.297	6	23	.261	9	15	.600	17	28	45	18	13	14	4	4	53
Nebraska	32	64	.500	12	28	.429	4	9	.444	14	28	42	23	21	14	2	7	80
UMKC	18	56	.321	8	21	.381	16	21	.762	12	21	33	13	7	15	3	6	60

# 2017-18 TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

## HUSKER TEAM SEASON HIGHS

Points	80	UMKC, 11/14/17
First Quarter Points	20	UMKC, 11/14/17
Second Quarter Points	18	UMKC, 11/14/17
First Half Points	38	UMKC, 11/14/17
Third Quarter Points	26	UMKC, 11/14/17
Fourth Quarter Points	19	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Second Half Points	42	UMKC, 11/14/17
Overtime Points	0	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Field Goals Made	32	UMKC, 11/14/17
Field Goals Att.	64	UMKC, 11/14/17
Field Goal Pct.	50.0 (32-64)	UMKC, 11/14/17
Three-Pt. FG Made	12	UMKC, 11/14/17
Three-Pt. FG Att.	28	UMKC, 11/14/17
Three-Pt. FG Pct.	42.9 (12-28)	UMKC, 11/14/17
Free Throws Made	8	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Free Throws Att.	14	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Free Throw Pct.	57.1 (8-14)	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Rebounds	44	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Offensive Rebounds	14	UMKC, 11/14/17
Defensive Rebounds	32	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Rebound Margin	+9 (42-33)	UMKC, 11/14/17
Assists	21	UMKC, 11/14/17
Steals	7	UMKC, 11/14/17
Blocked Shots	6	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Turnovers	15	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Fouls	23	UMKC, 11/14/17

## OPPONENT TEAM SEASON LOWS

Points	53	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
First Quarter Points	11	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Second Quarter Points	10	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
First Half Points	21	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Third Quarter Points	11	UMKC, 11/14/17
Fourth Quarter Points	14	UMKC, 11/14/17
Second Half Points	25	UMKC, 11/14/17
Overtime Points	0	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Field Goals Made	18	UMKC, 11/14/17
Field Goals Att.	56	UMKC, 11/14/17
Field Goal Pct.	29.7 (19-64)	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Three-Pt. FG Made	6	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Three-Pt. FG Att.	21	UMKC, 11/14/17
Three-Pt. FG Pct.	26.1 (6-23)	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Free Throws Made	9	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Free Throws Att.	15	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Free Throw Pct.	60.0 (9-15)	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Rebounds	33	UMKC, 11/14/17
Offensive Rebounds	12	UMKC, 11/14/17
Defensive Rebounds	21	UMKC, 11/14/17
Rebound Margin	-9 (33-42)	UMKC, 11/14/17
Assists	7	UMKC, 11/14/17
Steals	4	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Blocked Shots	3	UMKC, 11/14/17
Turnovers	14	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Fouls	13	UMKC, 11/14/17

## HUSKER TEAM SEASON LOWS

Points	63	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
First Quarter Points	12	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Second Quarter Points	11	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
First Half Points	23	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Third Quarter Points	20	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Fourth Quarter Points	16	UMKC, 11/14/17
Second Half Points	39	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Overtime Points	0	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Field Goals Made	25	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Field Goals Att.	60	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Field Goal Pct.	41.7 (25-60)	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Three-Pt. FG Made	4	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Three-Pt. FG Att.	17	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Three-Pt. FG Pct.	23.5 (4-17)	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17



*Sophomore guard Bria Stallworth scored 21 points and had six assists in her Nebraska debut against SIU Edwardsville on Nov. 11, 2017.*

Free Throws Made	4	UMKC, 11/14/17
Free Throws Att.	9	UMKC, 11/14/17
Free Throw Pct.	44.4 (4-9)	UMKC, 11/14/17
Rebounds	42	UMKC, 11/14/17
Offensive Rebounds	12	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Defensive Rebounds	28	UMKC, 11/14/17
Rebound Margin	-1 (44-45)	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Assists	18	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Steals	6	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Blocked Shots	2	UMKC, 11/14/17
Turnovers	14	UMKC, 11/14/17
Fouls	19	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17

## OPPONENT TEAM SEASON HIGHS

Points	50	UMKC, 11/14/17
First Quarter Points	13	UMKC, 11/14/17
Second Quarter Points	22	UMKC, 11/14/17
First Half Points	35	UMKC, 11/14/17
Third Quarter Points	17	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Fourth Quarter Points	15	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Second Half Points	32	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Overtime Points	0	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Field Goals Made	19	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Field Goals Att.	64	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Field Goal Pct.	32.1 (18-56)	UMKC, 11/14/17
Three-Pt. FG Made	8	UMKC, 11/14/17
Three-Pt. FG Att.	23	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Three-Pt. FG Pct.	38.1 (8-21)	UMKC, 11/14/17
Free Throws Made	16	UMKC, 11/14/17
Free Throws Att.	21	UMKC, 11/14/17
Free Throw Pct.	76.2 (16-21)	UMKC, 11/14/17
Rebounds	45	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Offensive Rebounds	17	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Defensive Rebounds	28	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Rebound Margin	+1 (45-44)	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Assists	13	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Steals	6	UMKC, 11/14/17
Blocked Shots	4	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17
Turnovers	15	UMKC, 11/14/17
Fouls	18	SIU Edwardsville, 11/11/17



# 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME BOX SCORES

## GAME #1 NEBRASKA 62

SIU EDWARDSVILLE 53  
LINCOLN, NEB., NOV. 11, 2017

SIUE	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	A	ST	TP
Bell*	39	5-13	0-0	4	2	0	0	15
Alston*	23	1-6	0-0	4	2	1	1	3
White*	36	6-21	6-6	9	2	6	2	18
Beck*	21	6-14	2-7	6	5	0	0	14
Bauman*	24	0-3	1-2	13	4	1	1	1
Churchill	9	0-2	0-0	1	1	1	0	0
Wilder	9	0-2	0-0	0	1	2	0	0
Troeckler	5	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0
Boone	18	1-2	0-0	3	0	1	0	2
Whitlock	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Adams	12	0-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Team Rebounds				2				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>19-64</b>	<b>9-15</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>53</b>

Nebraska	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	A	ST	TP
Whitish*	29	3-6	1-3	7	5	5	0	8
Simon*	22	2-6	0-0	8	5	0	1	4
Kissinger*	20	2-5	1-2	3	4	2	0	5
Cincore*	29	1-7	2-2	2	1	1	2	4
Washington*	8	1-4	0-2	3	0	1	0	2
Wood	14	0-0	0-0	2	1	1	0	0
Mitchell	16	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	1	0
Stallworth	28	7-14	4-5	3	0	6	1	21
Cain	26	9-15	0-0	9	1	1	1	18
Blackburn	8	0-1	0-0	3	1	1	0	0
Team Rebounds				4				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>25-60</b>	<b>8-14</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>62</b>

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
SIU Edwardsville	11	10	17	15	53
Nebraska	12	11	20	19	62

**3FG:** SIUE 6-23 (Bell 5-12, Alston 1-4, Wilder 0-1, Churchill 0-2, White 0-4); Nebraska 4-17 (Stallworth 3-6, Whitish 1-3, Cincore 0-2, Kissinger 0-2, Simon 0-4). **3FG%:** SIUE 26.1; Nebraska 23.5. **FG%:** SIUE 29.7; Nebraska 41.7. **FT%:** SIUE 60.0; Nebraska 57.1. **Steals:** SIUE 4 (White 2); Nebraska 6 (Cincore 2). **Blocked Shots:** SIUE 4 (Bauman 4); Nebraska 6 (Cain 3). **Turnovers:** SIUE 14; Nebraska 15. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Officials:** Grinter, McConnell, Roberts. **Attendance:** 3,523.

**Game Highlights:** Husker newcomers Bria Stallworth and Kate Cain combined for 39 points off the bench to lead Nebraska to a 62-53 season-opening victory over SIU Edwardsville. The Huskers improved to 5-0 all-time at Pinnacle Bank Arena in season openers while notching their 12th straight season-opening win. Stallworth pumped in 21 points on 7-of-14 shooting, including 3-of-6 threes, to spark NU. Stallworth added six assists, including four to Cain, who added 18 points on 9-of-15 shooting. Cain also contributed team highs of nine rebounds and three blocks. Stallworth and Cain helped the Huskers overcome a 38-30 deficit midway through the third quarter, fueling a 15-0 run over a 6:32 span at the end of third into the start of the fourth quarter. The Nebraska run began with a switch from man to zone defense that stalled the SIUE offense. Maddie Simon added four points and a career-high eight rebounds, while Hannah Whitish added eight points, seven rebounds and five assists. Both fouled out for the first times in their careers.

## GAME #2 NEBRASKA 80

UMKC 60  
LINCOLN, NEB., NOV. 14, 2017

UMKC	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	A	ST	TP
Dillard*	26	1-3	1-2	2	2	0	1	4
Moore*	33	4-10	5-7	11	4	3	3	13
Washington*	40	3-10	8-8	4	2	2	1	16
Waldron*	40	5-14	0-0	4	1	2	0	14
Law*	31	2-11	2-4	5	1	0	0	6
Johnson	14	2-4	0-0	1	1	0	1	5
Husa	16	1-4	0-0	3	2	0	0	2
Team Rebounds				3				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>18-56</b>	<b>16-21</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>60</b>

Nebraska	Min	FG	FT	RB	PF	A	ST	TP
Whitish*	22	3-8	0-0	5	2	9	0	8
Simon*	23	5-6	0-0	8	2	3	1	11
Cain*	20	4-7	0-0	2	2	1	0	8
Kissinger*	26	6-13	2-4	3	4	1	2	18
Cincore*	27	3-6	0-1	2	2	3	4	8
Wood	19	3-4	0-0	4	1	1	0	9
Mitchell	17	4-7	2-2	3	5	0	0	10
Stallworth	23	2-7	0-0	4	1	2	0	4
Blackburn	10	1-3	0-0	3	3	0	0	2
Washington	13	1-3	0-2	4	1	1	0	2
Team Rebounds				4				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>32-64</b>	<b>4-9</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>80</b>

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
UMKC	13	22	11	14	60
Nebraska	20	18	26	16	80

**3FG:** UMKC 8-21 (Waldron 4-12, Washington 2-3, Johnson 1-2, Dillard 1-3, Moore 0-1); Nebraska 12-28 (Kissinger 4-9, Wood 3-4, Cincore 2-3, Whitish 2-6, Simon 1-2, Mitchell 0-1, Stallworth 0-3). **3FG%:** UMKC 38.1; Nebraska 42.9. **FG%:** UMKC 32.1; Nebraska 50.0. **FT%:** UMKC 76.2; Nebraska 44.4. **Steals:** UMKC 6 (Moore 3); Nebraska 7 (Cincore 4). **Blocked Shots:** UMKC 3 (Husa 3); Nebraska 2 (Cain 2). **Turnovers:** UMKC 15; Nebraska 14. **Technical Fouls:** None. **Officials:** Pethtel, Cruse, Hallead. **Attendance:** 3,503.

**Game Highlights:** Taylor Kissinger led a balanced Nebraska attack with 18 points and four three-pointers in an 80-60 victory over UMKC. Kissinger scored 13 points in the first half, then knocked down her fourth three-pointer on the opening possession of the second half. Kissinger's final three helped spark a 10-0 run in less than a minute to open the half and turn a 38-35 halftime lead into a 48-35 edge. Maddie Simon scored the next seven points during the 52-second eruption to open the third quarter. Simon finished with 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Grace Mitchell gave Nebraska three players in double figures with a career-high 10 points off the bench. In a true team victory, all 10 Huskers produced at least two points and two rebounds. Emily Wood tied her career highs with nine points and three three-pointers while setting another career best with four rebounds. Hannah Whitish added eight points, five rebounds and a career-high-tying nine assists. Jasmine Cincore pitched in eight points and tied her career high with four steals, while Kate Cain also had eight points and two blocks while making the first start of her career. As a team, Nebraska hit 50 percent of its shots, including 12 three-pointers.



### FIVE FACTS ABOUT HANNAH

1. Hannah was born in Arkansas.
2. Her favorite animals are turtles.
3. Hannah came from a town of about 1,200 people, and there were just 29 people in her high school senior class.
4. She loves to travel.
5. Hannah has a puppy named Tucker.

### HONORS & AWARDS

- Nebraska Most Improved Player (2017)
- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Feb. 20, 2017)
- Wisconsin Miss Basketball (2016)
- Wisconsin Gatorade Player of the Year (2016)
- First-Team All-Wisconsin (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- Two-Time Area Player of the Year (Wisconsin State Journal, 2015, 2016)
- Two-Time Six Rivers Conference Player of the Year (2015, 2016)
- Four-Time First-Team All-Six Rivers Conference (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

### SOPHOMORE (2017-18)

Hannah Whitish (pronounced WHITE-ish) produced a solid first season at Nebraska as a true freshman in 2016-17.

Whitish stepped into a starting role at the start of conference play and her game continued to grow the rest of the way. After averaging 9.0 points and a team-best 2.9 assists as a freshman, including 11.1 points and a team-high 3.7 assists in Big Ten play, Whitish has matured on and off the court throughout the offseason.

In Nebraska's season-opening win over SIUE (Nov. 11), Whitish produced eight points, seven rebounds and five assists despite fouling out for the first time in her career. She added eight more points, five rebounds and a career-high matching nine assists in a win over UMKC (Nov. 14).

Through two games, she owns 14 assists and no turnovers.

An outstanding worker and a smart player, Whitish's confidence and leadership abilities continue to grow, which could help her take her game to a higher level as a sophomore in 2017-18.

"It was a pleasure to watch Hannah's growth throughout her freshman year, and she has continued

# HANNAH WHITISH 3

5-9 Sophomore Guard Barneveld, Wisconsin (Barneveld)

that growth into the offseason," Williams said. "She made significant gains in the weight room, and she is carrying herself with more confidence. We are excited about the leadership she is displaying."

### FRESHMAN (2016-17)

Whitish closed her freshman year by playing her best basketball. She produced double figures in each of the last four games, averaging 17.3 points, 3.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 1.3 steals while hitting 61 percent (25-41) from the field, including 57.1 percent (16-28) from three-point range.

For the season, she averaged 9.0 points, 2.5 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.0 steal, while leading the Huskers in assists (85) and three-pointers. Her 57 threes ranked No. 2 by a freshman in NU history, trailing only Jordan Hooper's 67 (2010-11).

Whitish just missed a double-double with 16 points and nine assists against Illinois in the Big Ten Tournament (March 1). Whitish closed the regular season with the best game of her career to help the Huskers to a 76-74 overtime win over Michigan State (Feb. 26). She erupted for 24 points on 9-of-13 shooting, including a career-best 5-for-8 from three-point range. She added five rebounds, five assists and a steal in a career-high 44 minutes.

Whitish produced 18 points on 7-of-10 shooting in NU's win over Indiana (Feb. 19). She added six rebounds and four assists to earn Big Ten Freshman-of-the-Week honors on Feb. 20.

Whitish, who started all 16 Big Ten games as a true freshman, scored in double figures 10 times in conference play. She finished the year with 13 double-figure efforts.

Whitish had 16 points on 4-of-9 three-point shooting at Illinois (Jan. 15). She added four rebounds, two assists and two steals. Whitish had 14 points at Michigan State (Jan. 7) when she also set a career high with three steals. She had 14 points at Iowa (Dec. 31), after scoring 12 points in her first career start

### WHITISH'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	24	Michigan State (2/26/17)
Rebounds	8	Minnesota (2/4/17)
Assists	9	UMKC (11/14/17)
	9	Illinois (3/1/17)
Steals	3	Michigan State (1/7/17)
Blocks	1	Four Times, most recent
	1	Ohio State (2/16/17)
FGA	13	Michigan State (2/26/17)
FGM	9	Michigan State (2/26/17)
FTA	6	Omaha (11/22/16)
FTM	4	Northwestern (12/28/16)
	4	Omaha (11/22/16)
3-PT FGA	9	Wisconsin (2/9/17)
	9	Illinois (1/15/17)
3-PT FGM	5	Michigan State (2/26/17)

against Northwestern (Dec. 28). She had 13 points at Wisconsin (Feb. 9). She had 12 points, six assists and five boards at No. 15 Ohio State. She added 11 points in a win over Rutgers (Jan. 10) and 11 more at No. 25 Michigan (Feb. 23). She had career highs of eight rebounds and seven assists vs. Minnesota (Feb. 4).

Whitish played key roles in NU's first three wins, opening with seven points against UTRGV (Nov. 12), before producing 10 points against Colorado State in the Preseason WNIT (Nov. 17). She added 10 points and five assists in a win over Omaha (Nov. 22). She led NU with nine points against No. 1 UConn (Dec. 21).

### PERSONAL

The daughter of Bob and Sherry Whitish, Hannah was born March 20, 1998, in Little Rock, Ark. She has a younger sister Jordyn, 14. Hannah is majoring in marketing at Nebraska. She earned a spot on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2017.

Whitish chose Nebraska over Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas and Florida Gulf Coast.

### 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	---Total---		---3-Pts---		---Rebounds---													
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.	
SIUE	1-1	11/11	29	3-6	.500	1-3	.333	1-3	.333	0	7	7	7.0	5-1	5	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
UMKC	2-2	11/14	22	3-8	.375	2-6	.333	0-0	.000	1	4	5	6.0	2-0	9	0	0	0	0	8	8.0
Totals	2-2		51	6-14	.429	3-9	.333	1-3	.333	1	11	12	6.0	7-1	14	0	0	0	0	16	8.0

### HANNAH WHITISH career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2016-17	29-17	728	88-215	.409	57-140	.407	27-37	.730	10-62	72-2.5	26-0	85	46	4	28	260-9.0
2017-18	2-2	51	6-14	.429	3-9	.333	1-3	.333	1-11	12-6.0	7-1	14	0	0	0	16-8.0
Career	31-19	779	94-229	.410	60-149	.403	28-40	.700	11-73	84-2.7	33-1	99	46	4	28	276-8.9



# NICEA ELIELY

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6-1 Sophomore Guard Colorado Springs, Colorado (Rampart)

## ELIELY'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	19	California (12/4/16)
Rebounds	9	Illinois (1/15/17)
Assists	6	Four Times, most recent Illinois (3/1/17)
Steals	4	Michigan (1/22/17)
	4	Omaha (11/22/16)
Blocks	2	Six Times, most recent Michigan State (2/26/17)
FGA	13	California (12/4/16)
FGM	8	California (12/4/16)
FTA	8	UTRGV (11/12/16)
FTM	5	Ohio State (2/16/17)
	5	UTRGV (11/12/16)
3-PT FGA	8	Illinois (3/1/17)
3-PT FGM	4	Illinois (3/1/17)

## FIVE FACTS ABOUT NICEA

1. According to Nicea, she is half black and half Chinese.
2. She loves scary movies.
3. Nicea is truly a gamer (video games).
4. She considers herself a dog person (100%).
5. Nicea sleeps only with soft blankets.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Nebraska Defensive MVP (2017)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2017)
- No. 143 Player in the Nation (Blue Star, 2015)
- No. 25 Guard in the Nation (ESPN, 2015)
- Second-Team Colorado Class 5A (2016)
- Third-Team Colorado Class 5A (2015)
- First-Team Colorado Class 5A/4A All-Area (2016)
- Second-Team Colorado Class 5A/4A All-Area (2014, 2015)
- First-Team All-Colorado Springs Metro League (2014, 2015, 2016)

## SOPHOMORE (2017-18)

Nicea Eliely (pronounced ny-SEE-ah EE-ly-lee) enters her second season with the Huskers looking to make a significant jump in production after a strong freshman season.

The 6-1 wing from Colorado Springs, Colo., started all 29 games in the Nebraska backcourt as a true freshman, averaging 7.7 points, 3.7 rebounds, 2.6 assists and a team-best 1.6 steals per game.

An outstanding defender, Eliely's offensive game grew throughout the season and that growth continued during the offseason.

Eliely has gained strength, knowledge and confidence during the offseason and could be poised to provide a solid 1-2 punch in the Husker backcourt alongside fellow sophomore Hannah Whitish.

Eliely was slowed in early October by a foot/ankle injury, but Husker coaches are hopeful she can return to full speed for the start of the regular season.

"Nicea had a good offseason and went to work on several areas of her game," Williams said. "She has the capabilities of bringing more production in multiple areas, and we are looking for a big sophomore season from her."

## FRESHMAN (2016-17)

Eliely started all 29 games as a true freshman, averaging 7.7 points, 3.7 rebounds, 2.6 assists and a

team-leading 1.6 steals per game. Her 46 steals were the most by a Husker since All-American point guard Lindsey Moore had 60 as a senior in 2012-13. Eliely also became the first Husker freshman to lead the team in steals since 2000-01 (Shannon Howell, 36).

Eliely led the Huskers with 21 blocks, becoming just the third freshman to lead NU in blocks since 2002-03, joining four-time All-Big Ten selection Emily Cady (28, 2011-12) and 2016 Olympic bronze medalist Danielle Page (31, 2004-05).

Eliely also provided an offensive spark, leading NU with her 43.5 field goal percentage (81-186), including a solid 36.4 percent (24-66) from three-point range. She ranked third on the team in scoring (7.7 ppg) and second in assists (2.6 apg). She also tied for second with 1.7 offensive rebounds per game, while ranking third overall on the glass (3.7 rpg).

She finished with eight double-digit scoring efforts, including a career-high 19 points against California (Dec. 4), when she hit 8-of-13 shots, including 2-of-3 three-pointers.

She capped her freshman campaign with 14 points, five rebounds, a career-high-matching six assists, two steals and a block against Illinois (March 1) at the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis. Eliely hit 5-of-11 shots from the field, including a career-high four three-pointers (4-8) against the Fighting Illini. It was her fourth double-figure scoring effort in Nebraska's final six games of the season, after producing just four double-digit efforts through NU's first 23 games.

Eliely played arguably her best game of the season in Nebraska's 67-64 win over Indiana (Feb. 19). She pumped in 13 points on 5-of-8 shooting, including 3-of-4 threes, while adding a career-high-tying six assists with no turnovers. She also snagged three steals and blocked a shot in the win over IU.

Her performance against Indiana followed a 13-point effort on 4-of-8 shooting against No. 12 Ohio State (Feb. 16). She also had 12 points on 5-of-7 shooting at Wisconsin (Feb. 9).

She produced the first of five double-figure scoring efforts in Big Ten regular-season play with 11 points, four rebounds, two assists and three steals at Iowa (Dec. 31). Eliely added 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting, while tying her career high with four steals

against Michigan (Jan. 22). She set a career high with nine rebounds while tying her career best with six assists at Illinois (Jan. 15).

Eliely played a major role in a win over San Jose State (Dec. 9), scoring 13 points on 6-of-9 shooting, with seven rebounds and four assists.

Eliely joined Hannah Whitish (9.0 ppg) as the first Husker freshman duo to each average better than 7.0 points per game since Angie Miller (14.6 ppg) and Stacy Imming (9.9 ppg) accomplished the feat in 1983-84.

## PERSONAL

Queen Nicea Tyana Eliely was born July 12, 1998, in Colorado Springs. She is the daughter of Actual Allah and Yee Fong. Her father, Actual Allah, played basketball collegiately at Colorado State-Pueblo. Nicea is majoring in biological systems engineering at Nebraska. She earned a spot on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2017.

Eliely chose Nebraska over Colorado, Wichita State, Colorado State, Northern Colorado and Denver. Off the court, she was a first-team academic all-state selection and a member of the National Honor Society as a junior in 2015.

## 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	---Total---			---3-Pts---			---Rebounds---									
				FG	FGA	Pct.	3FG	FGA	Pct.	FT	FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF	FO	A
SIUE	DNP	11/11	Ankle injury																
UMKC	DNP	11/14	Ankle injury																
Totals	0-0		0	0-0		.000	0-0		.000	0-0		.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0

## NICEA ELIELY career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2016-17	29-29	798	81-186	.435	24-66	.364	37-59	.627	48-59	107-3.7	70-3	74	70	21	46	223-7.7
2017-18	0-0	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
Career	29-29	798	81-186	.435	24-66	.364	37-59	.627	48-59	107-3.7	70-3	74	70	21	46	223-7.7



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Wood tied her career highs with nine points and three three-pointers in the win over UMKC (Nov. 14). She also grabbed a career-high four rebounds against the Roos. Wood opened the season with two rebounds and an assist in 14 minutes of action in a win over SIUE (Nov. 11).

Wood became a more significant player in Nebraska's rotation as a junior, contributing 2.1 points and 0.9 rebounds per game while playing in all 29 contests as a junior in 2016-17. She hit 16 threes and shot 80 percent (4-5) at the free throw line. She also dished out 18 assists.

Wood produced career highs with nine points and three three-pointers against No. 12 Ohio State (Feb. 16). She also had eight points at Virginia Tech (Dec. 1). She scored all eight during a 23-4 first-half surge that helped the Huskers build a 16-point lead. She had seven points on 2-of-2 shooting to go along with a career-high-tying two steals in a win over San Jose State (Dec. 9). Wood hit a pair of threes and grabbed two rebounds against Minnesota (Feb. 4).

She got two steals to set a career high in the season-opening win over UTRGV on Nov. 12, while also matching her career best with three boards.

She scored three points on eight occasions and managed two points in three other games for the Big Red as a junior.

Wood averaged 1.4 points and 0.8 rebounds while producing a 3-to-1 assist-to-turnover (12-4) ratio as a sophomore. She had six points on her first career threes in a win over North Florida on Nov. 16.

She had a strong effort with three points and season highs of three rebounds and five assists with no turnovers in a win over Evansville on Dec. 8, 2015.

Wood closed her sophomore season with three points, two rebounds and an assist in 11 minutes against Northern Iowa in the WNIT March 17, 2016.

She also had three points, two rebounds, three assists and the first two blocked shots of her career in a career-high 25 minutes against Indiana Feb. 24.

Wood played in 10 games as a true freshman for the Huskers. She appeared in five of Nebraska's

Category	Total	Game
Points	9	UMKC (11/14/17)
	9	Ohio State (2/16/17)
Rebounds	4	UMKC (11/14/17)
Assists	5	Evansville (12/8/15)
Steals	2	San Jose State (12/9/16)
	2	UTRGV (11/12/16)
Blocks	2	Indiana (2/24/16)
FGA	6	Minnesota (2/4/17)
FGM	3	Three Times, most recent
	3	UMKC (11/14/17)
FTA	3	San Jose State (12/9/16)
FTM	2	Four Times, most recent
	2	San Jose State (12/9/16)
3-PT FGA	5	Minnesota (2/4/17)
3-PT FGM	3	UMKC (11/14/17)
	3	Ohio State (2/16/17)

non-conference games, three Big Ten regular-season contests and both of NU's games in the Big Ten Tournament. She saw her most meaningful action in NU's win over Bakersfield Dec. 13, when she scored her only points of the season on a reverse layup to end an eight-minute, first-half scoreless drought.

Emily is the daughter of Brian and Julie Wood. She was born in Salina, Kan., Oct. 17, 1995, and has two younger sisters, Lindsey and Lauren. Emily is a management major and was a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar while earning academic All-Big Ten accolades in 2016. She is a five-time member of the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll. A two-time member of the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team, she claimed a Nebraska Student-Athlete HERO Leadership Award in 2016. She was one of 20 student-athletes across all sports to take part in the Nebraska Athletic Department's Service Trip Abroad to the Dominican Republic in May of 2016.

1. Emily has several notebooks full of quotes that she has collected since fifth grade.
2. A few of Emily's favorite books she's read recently are *Fearless* by Eric Blehm, *The Insanity of God* by Nik Ripken, and *The Heart and the Fist* by Eric Greutens.
3. Emily's favorite adventures in Australia included Scuba diving at the Great Barrier Reef and eating kangaroo.
4. As part of the No Filter group, Emily spent a week in one of the poorest communities in the Dominican Republic building a basketball court, painting a mural, and building relationships with the locals. She considers it one of the most life-changing weeks she's ever had.
5. In her free time, she loves being active and playing other sports with family and friends.

- Big Ten Sportsmanship Award (Nebraska, All Women's Sports, 2017)
- Big Ten Sportsmanship Award (Nebraska, Women's Basketball, 2017)
- Husker Award (2017)
- Nebraska Teammate Award (2016)
- Big Ten Distinguished Scholar (2016, 2017)
- Academic All-Big Ten (2016, 2017)
- Nebraska Outstanding Scholar Award (2017)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2014, 2015, 2016; Spring 2015, 2016, 2017)
- Nebraska Student-Athlete HERO Leadership Award (2016)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Nebraska Athletic Department Service Trip Abroad to Dominican Republic (2016)
- NCAA Career in Sports Forum (2015)

A leader on and off the court for the Huskers throughout her Nebraska career, former walk-on Emily Wood is playing the 2017-18 season as a graduate student for the Huskers.

The 5-5 senior guard from Salina, Kan., earned her bachelor's degree in management in just three years from Nebraska, graduating in May of 2017. She is on track to her MBA from Nebraska soon after the conclusion of her playing career.

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	---Total---		---3-Pts.---		--Rebounds--												
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
SIUE	1-0	11/11	14	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	1	2	2.0	1-0	1	2	0	0	0	0.0
UMKC	2-0	11/14	19	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	1	3	4	3.0	1-0	1	1	0	0	9	4.5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2-0</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>.750</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.5</b>

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2014-15	10-0	29	1-6	.167	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	0-5	5-0.5	1-0	0	0	0	0	2-0.2
2015-16	21-0	127	9-20	.450	8-18	.444	4-4	1.000	3-13	16-0.8	14-0	12	4	2	3	30-1.4
2016-17	29-0	277	20-56	.357	16-50	.320	4-5	.800	12-14	26-0.9	25-0	18	12	0	6	60-2.1
2017-18	2-0	33	3-4	.750	3-4	.750	0-0	.000	2-4	6-3.0	2-0	2	3	0	0	9-4.5
Career	62-0	466	33-86	.384	27-77	.351	8-10	.800	17-36	53-0.9	42-0	32	19	2	9	101-1.6



# JANAY MORTON

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5-10 Senior Guard Brooklyn Park, Minnesota (Osseo/Eastern Michigan)

In 103 collegiate games, Morton has made 94 starts. She has scored in double figures 68 times, including 16 games with 20 or more points. She has scored a career-high 34 points on two occasions.

"Janay is very hungry heading into her senior season, after sitting out last year due to NCAA transfer rules, and then being limited this preseason by injury," Williams said. "Once healthy and back in the groove, she is capable of being an explosive guard who can make things happen on either end of the court."

### REDSHIRT SEASON (NEBRASKA, 2016-17)

Morton sat out the entire 2016-17 season due to NCAA transfer rules. Off the court, she earned spots on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in both the fall and spring semesters, while also becoming a member of the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

### EASTERN MICHIGAN CAREER

Morton earned third-team All-MAC accolades and a spot on the MAC All-Defensive Team as a junior in 2015-16. She ranked second among the Eagles and 15th in the MAC by averaging 13.5 points per game. She led Eastern Michigan with 76 three-pointers on the season, while hitting 37.8 percent of her long-range attempts which ranked sixth in the MAC.

She led the Eagles with a MAC-best 96 steals. No other player in the conference had more than 78 steals. She had six or more steals five times as a junior, including a season-high seven against UTRGV (Nov. 21). She had six steals in her final game as an Eagle against TCU in the second round of the Postseason WNIT, when she added 20 points and four assists, while hitting 5-of-9 three-pointers.

Morton produced double figures in each of her last five games, while knocking down 17-of-29 three-pointers (.586). She averaged 15.4 points per game and hit 50 percent (25-50) of her shots from the floor overall during the stretch.

Morton added 3.4 rebounds per contest, while dishing out 2.9 assists per game. She helped Eastern Michigan to a 22-12 overall record.

Morton was the No. 2 scorer for an Eastern Michigan team that finished with a 24-13 overall record in 2014-15. She averaged 12.6 points per game, while adding 3.8 rebounds and 2.6 assists. She also led the Eagles with 78 steals on the season, while her 2.1 steals per game ranked second in the MAC. She also ranked second among the Eagles with 63 three-pointers. She played in 37 games with 35 starts.

### MORTON'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	34	Central Michigan (3/7/15)
	34	Buffalo (1/18/14)
Rebounds	9	Three Times, most recently
	9	Toledo (1/23/16)
Assists	10	Akron (3/12/15)
Steals	7	UTRGV (11/21/15)
Blocks	2	Four Times, most recently
	2	Western Michigan (3/2/16)
FGA	21	Michigan (12/11/13)
FGM	12	Buffalo (1/18/14)
FTA	13	Central Michigan (3/7/15)
FTM	13	Central Michigan (3/7/15)
3-PT FGA	12	Akron (1/30/16)
3-PT FGM	7	Buffalo (1/18/14)

### FIVE FACTS ABOUT JANAY

1. Janay loves tennis and the Williams sisters.
2. She used to live in San Francisco.
3. Janay is obsessed with Minions.
4. She never misses an episode of The Walking Dead.
5. Janay once had a full, 1-on-1 conversation with Maya Moore.

### HONORS & AWARDS

- Third-Team All-MAC (2016)
- MAC All-Defensive Team (2016)
- MAC All-Freshman Team (2014)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2016; Spring 2017)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2017)
- All-Minnesota (HM, 2013)

### SENIOR (2017-18)

Janay Morton will hope to make a major impact on Nebraska's fortunes as a fifth-year senior in 2017-18. After sitting out the 2016-17 campaign following a transfer from Eastern Michigan, the former All-Mid-American Conference guard will challenge for a starting role in a deep Nebraska backcourt.

Morton's progress was slowed slightly early in the fall when she underwent foot surgery. However, she is expected to return near full speed early in the non-conference season.

Morton averaged 13.0 points per game as a three-year starter at Eastern Michigan before electing to transfer. The 5-10 guard from Brooklyn Park, Minn., amassed 1,341 points, 364 rebounds, 249 assists and 223 steals. She also knocked down 203 three-pointers for the Eagles in her three-year career.

Morton's 223 career steals ranked among the top 10 totals in Eastern Michigan history, while her 96 steals in 2015-16 marked the third-best single-season total in school history.

Her 96 steals as a junior were 18 more than any other player in the MAC, as she earned a spot on the first-ever MAC All-Defensive Team. She was a third-team All-MAC choice as a junior, after earning a spot on the MAC All-Freshman Team in 2013-14.

She matched a career best by erupting for 34 points against Central Michigan on March 7, 2015. Her effort included 13-for-13 free throw shooting. She notched her first career double-double by dishing out 10 assists in a win over Akron March 12.

Morton finished her sophomore season strong, producing double figures in nine of her final 10 games. She averaged 16.2 points, 4.1 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.0 steals during the 10-game season-ending stretch, while hitting 21-of-58 threes (.362).

Morton made an immediate impact as a true freshman at Eastern Michigan in 2013-14, ranking second on the team with 13.0 points per game. She added 3.2 rebounds and 1.7 assists. She played in all 32 games for the 18-14 Eagles, including 26 starts. She led EMU with 64 three-pointers, while ranking third on the team with 49 steals.

She produced seven 20-point performances as a freshman, including a career-high 34 points against Buffalo on Jan. 18, 2014. She hit 7-of-11 three-pointers against the Bulls. She earned MAC West Player-of-the-Week honors on Dec. 16, 2013.

### PERSONAL

The daughter of Gregg and Tania Morton, Janay was born Oct. 3, 1994. Janay has two younger brothers, Jaden, 16, and Jaren, 14. Janay is a psychology major and earned spots on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in the fall and spring semesters of 2016-17. She was also a member of the 2017 Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

### 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	---Total---			---3-Pts---		--Rebounds--											
			Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
SIUE	DNP	11/11	Foot Injury																
UMKC	DNP	11/14	Foot Injury																
Totals	0-0		0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0.0

### JANAY MORTON career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2013-14	32-26	886	136-383	.355	64-198	.323	81-106	.764	33-68	101-3.2	51-0	54	64	7	49	417-13.0
2014-15	37-35	1033	156-462	.338	63-202	.312	90-114	.789	45-96	141-3.8	62-0	95	97	8	78	465-12.6
2015-16	34-33	1022	151-399	.378	76-201	.378	81-106	.764	31-86	117-3.4	61-1	100	86	3	96	459-13.5
2016-17	-- Did Not Play -- Redshirted at Nebraska after transferring from Eastern Michigan															
2017-18	0-0	0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0-0.0
Career	103-94	2941	443-1244	.356	203-601	.338	252-326	.773	109-250	359-3.5	174-1	249	247	18	223	1341-13.1



### FIVE FACTS ABOUT GRACE

1. Grace loves dogs and has a toy Golden Retriever.
2. She likes to watch movies in her free time.
3. She can never have too many shoes.
4. Grace's stress reliever is shooting in the gym by herself.
5. She knows how to do card tricks.

### HONORS & AWARDS

- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2016; Spring 2017)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2017)
- No. 51 Wing in the Nation (ESPN, 2015)
- Kansas Player of the Year (USA Today HS Sports, 2016)
- Kansas Class 4A Player of the Year (2016)
- First-Team Kansas Class 4A All-State (KBCA, 2016)
- Second-Team Kansas Class 6A All-State (2015)
- Honorable-Mention Kansas Class 6A All-State (2014)
- Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail League MVP (2016)
- First-Team All-Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail League (2015, 2016)
- Second-Team All-Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail League (2014)

### SOPHOMORE (2017-18)

Grace Mitchell is coming off a career-high 10-point performance in Nebraska's win over UMKC (Nov. 14). She hit 4-of-7 shots while adding three rebounds in the win over the Roos. She played 16 minutes off the bench in a season-opening win over SIUE (Nov. 11).

A regular contributor in Nebraska's rotation as a true freshman in 2016-17, the 6-2 Mitchell is working for an expanded role at forward as a sophomore.

Mitchell, who averaged 11 minutes per game while playing in all 29 contests as a freshman, will be counted on for improved defense and greater offensive production in Nebraska's frontcourt rotation this season.

"Grace embraced the challenge of being asked to switch positions last year and spent the offseason becoming more and more comfortable with that switch," Nebraska Coach Amy Williams said. "She is a workhorse in the weight room and is not afraid to mix it up with bigger players. We will rely on her to help our rebounding efforts this year."

# GRACE MITCHELL 14

6-2 Sophomore Forward Wellington, Kansas (Wellington)

### FRESHMAN (2016-17)

The No. 51 ranked wing player in the nation according to ESPN, Mitchell brought a long-range shooting threat and a big frame to the Huskers in 2016-17. Mitchell was the Kansas Player of the Year by USA Today High School Sports and the Kansas Class 4A Player of the Year in 2016. She earned first-team KBCA Class 4A all-state honors as a senior at Wellington High School in 2016.

Mitchell focused on the forward spot as a freshman, averaging 1.8 points and 1.7 rebounds in 10.7 minutes per game in support of starters Jessica Shepard and Allie Havers.

She produced a career-high seven-point effort against Drake on Dec. 6, when she hit her first career three-pointer and added her first career steals. She scored five points to spark a 15-5 surge for the Big Red against the Bulldogs to help send the Huskers to halftime with a 33-32 lead.

Mitchell added five points on a perfect shooting night, including a three-pointer against No. 1 UConn on Dec. 21. She added three rebounds against the Huskies. She contributed five points, including a three-pointer, against No. 3 Maryland. She added two rebounds, a block and a steal.

She scored four points with a perfect shooting performance against Washington State at the South Point Shootout (Nov. 25). She notched a career-high four rebounds against Cal (Dec. 4). She added four points on 2-of-2 shooting at No. 25 Michigan (Feb. 23). She managed two points and two boards in Husker wins over Colorado State (Nov. 17) and UTRGV (Nov. 12). She had her first blocked shot in NU's loss to No. 25 Missouri on Nov. 14.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA

Mitchell was the No. 51 wing in the nation as a high school senior, according to ESPN. As a senior at Wellington High School, Mitchell set a school single-season scoring record with 533 points on her way to Kansas Class 4A Player-of-the-Year honors. She averaged 21.7 points, 7.4 rebounds and 2.7 blocks in her only season at Wellington. She helped the Lady Crusaders to a 24-1 record and a third-place finish at the Class 4A state tournament. As a senior, she hit 48 percent of her three-pointers.

A first-team All-Kansas selection, she was the MVP of the Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail League in 2016.

### MITCHELL'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	10	UMKC (11/14/17)
Rebounds	4	San Jose State (12/9/16)
	4	California (12/4/16)
Assists	2	Michigan State (1/7/17)
Steals	2	Illinois (1/15/17)
	2	Drake (12/6/16)
Blocks	1	Maryland (1/4/17)
	1	Missouri (11/14/16)
FGA	9	Drake (12/6/16)
FGM	4	UMKC (11/14/17)
FTA	2	Four Times, most recent
	2	UMKC (11/14/17)
FTM	2	UMKC (11/14/17)
	2	Washington State (11/25/16)
3-PT FGA	1	11 Times, most recent
	1	UMKC (11/14/17)
3-PT FGM	1	Four Times, most recent
	1	Wisconsin (2/9/17)

A three-time AVCTL Division I pick, earning first-team honors as a junior and senior and a second-team award as a sophomore, Mitchell was a second-team Kansas Class 6A all-state selection at Derby High School in 2015 by both the KBCA and the Wichita Eagle. She was a KBCA honorable-mention all-state choice as a sophomore in 2014.

She led the AVCTL in scoring with 17.6 points and 6.3 rebounds per game as a junior at Derby High School in 2014-15. She played for Coach Gayla Soye at Next Level Hoops Academy in Wichita.

### PERSONAL

The daughter of Jud Mitchell and Cathy Mitchell, Grace was born April 2, 1998, in Wichita, Kan. Grace has two older sisters, Sarah Jeanne (25), and Elizabeth (22). Grace is majoring in nutrition science at Nebraska.

A solid student, she earned spots on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in both semesters of 2016-17. She was also a member of the 2017 Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

She is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Grace chose Nebraska over 12 other Division I scholarship offers.

### 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	---Total---		---3-Pts---		---Rebounds---													
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.	
SIUE	1-0	11/11	16	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1-0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0	
UMKC	2-0	11/14	17	4-7	.571	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	3	0	3	1.5	5-1	0	2	0	0	10	5.0	
Totals	2-0		33	4-9	.444	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	3	0	3	1.5	6-1	0	3	0	1	10	5.0	

### GRACE MITCHELL career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2016-17	29-0	311	21-51	.412	4-10	.400	5-8	.625	22-28	50-1.7	33-0	7	23	2	7	51-1.8
2017-18	2-0	33	4-9	.444	0-1	.000	2-2	1.000	3-0	3-1.5	6-1	0	3	0	1	10-5.0
Career	31-0	344	25-60	.417	4-11	.364	7-10	.700	25-28	53-1.7	39-1	7	26	2	8	61-2.0





# BRIA STALLWORTH 15

5-6 Sophomore Guard Chicago, Illinois (Homewood-Flossmoor/UMass)

Athlete Honor Roll in the spring of 2017, while also earning a spot on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

## FRESHMAN (2015-16, UMASS)

Stallworth averaged 13.1 points, 2.4 rebounds, 3.8 assists and 0.9 steals per game as a true freshman at UMass. She started 26 of 30 games and played 965 total minutes (32.2 mpg), which ranked second on the team. Stallworth hit 39.1 percent (155-396) of her field goal attempts, including a solid 35.1 percent (39-111) from three-point range. She was also a strong 81.5 percent (44-54) from the free throw line.

Stallworth's 13.1 points per game led all Atlantic 10 freshmen and ranked second among UMass players to help her earn a spot on the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team. She also led all Atlantic 10 freshmen with 3.8 assists per game. Despite her success, UMass struggled to a 12-18 overall record that included a 5-11 mark in Atlantic 10 play.

Stallworth put up consistent numbers, especially for a freshman, producing double figures in 24 of 30 games, including 11 of her last 12 contests. She erupted for a career-high 24 points against Dayton on Feb. 17. She also knocked down a career-high five three-pointers against the Flyers. Stallworth notched the first 20-point performance of her collegiate career with 20 points against No. 13 Duke, when she attempted a career-high 26 field goal attempts, including 12 three-pointers. She added three straight 20-point games beginning with 20 points on 8-of-13 shooting and a career-high 11 assists for her first career double-double against Rhode Island on Jan. 27. She followed with 21 points on 8-of-16 shooting against George Mason on Jan. 30. She added 21 points, five rebounds and four assists while playing the full 40 minutes at Duquesne on Feb. 3.

## STALLWORTH'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	24	Dayton (2/17/16)
Rebounds	6	La Salle (2/10/16)
Assists	11	Rhode Island (1/27/16)
Steals	5	Boston U. (12/19/15)
Blocks	1	Hartford (12/22/15)
	1	Central Connecticut (12/12/15)
FGA	26	Duke (12/14/15)
FGM	9	Dayton (2/17/16)
	9	Duquesne (2/3/16)
FTA	6	Ball State (11/28/15)
FTM	6	Ball State (11/28/15)
3-PT FGA	12	Duke (12/14/15)
3-PT FGM	5	Dayton (2/17/16)

Overall, Stallworth produced five 20-point games and 10 games with 17 or more points as a freshman. In her final game with UMass, she had 17 points, four rebounds and four assists while playing a career-high 42 minutes in an A-10 Tournament loss to Fordham on March 3. She hit at least one three-pointer in each of her final eight games as a freshman and dished out at least four assists in each of her final five games. She notched at least one assist in all 30 games of her freshman season, including 17 games with four or more assists.

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Adam and LaChell Stallworth, Bria was born Feb. 12, 1997, in Chicago. Bria has a younger brother, Adam (18). Bria is majoring in psychology. She earned a spot on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in the spring of 2017. She was also a member of the 2017 Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

## FIVE FACTS ABOUT BRIA

1. Bria's dream destination to live is New York.
2. She wants to collect almost every Jordan shoe ever made.
3. Bria's favorite foods are filet mignon and chicken fingers.
4. Her favorite colors are baby blue and black.
5. Bria wants to own a golden retriever.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team (2016)
- Atlantic 10 Freshman Scoring Leader (13.0 ppg, 2016)
- Atlantic 10 Freshman Assist Leader (3.8 apg, 2016)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Spring 2017)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2017)
- No. 33 Point Guard in Nation (ESPN, 2015)
- No. 18 Player in Illinois (MaxPreps, 2015)
- Fourth-Team All-Illinois (IBCA, 2015)

## SOPHOMORE (2017-18)

After sitting out her first season at Nebraska because of NCAA transfer rules, Bria (pronounced BREE-uh) Stallworth made a strong impression in her Husker debut. She erupted for team highs of 21 points and six assists off the bench to help lead Nebraska to a 62-53 win over SIUE (Nov. 11). She managed four points, four rebounds and two assists in the win over UMKC (Nov. 14).

Stallworth joined the Husker program in early July of 2016, after earning a spot on the Atlantic-10 All-Rookie Team as a freshman at UMass in 2015-16. The 5-6 guard from Chicago led all Atlantic 10 freshmen in scoring with 13.1 points per game. Stallworth also led all Atlantic 10 freshmen in assists with 3.8 per contest in 30 games.

"Bria is able to push tempo and create plays with penetration, while providing an additional threat from the perimeter," Nebraska Coach Amy Williams said. "We will be looking for Bria to become more consistent as she learns our system and progresses into her sophomore season."

## REDSHIRT SEASON (2016-17)

Stallworth sat out due to NCAA transfer rules and performed well in practice, in the classroom and in the community. She was named to the Nebraska Scholar-

## 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	---Total---		---3-Pts---		---Rebounds---		---FT---		---PF---		---A---		---TO---		---Blk---		---Stl---		---Pts---		Avg.
				FG	Pct.	3FG	Pct.	Off	Def	FT	Pct.	Off	Def	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Pts			
SIUE	1-0	11/11	28	7-14	.500	3-6	.500	4-5	.800	1	2	3	3.0	0-0	6	1	0	1	21	21.0				
UMKC	2-0	11/14	23	2-7	.286	0-3	.000	0-0	.000	0	4	4	3.5	1-0	2	3	0	0	4	12.5				
Totals	2-0		51	9-21	.429	3-9	.333	4-5	.800	1	6	7	3.5	1-0	8	4	0	1	25	12.5				

## BRIA STALLWORTH career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2015-16	30-26	965	156-397	.393	40-112	.357	45-55	.818	11-62	73-2.4	43-0	114	81	2	27	397-13.2
2016-17	--	Did Not Play	--	Redshirted after transferring to Nebraska from UMass												
2017-18	2-0	51	9-21	.429	3-9	.333	4-5	.800	1-6	7-3.5	1-0	8	4	0	1	25-12.5
Career	32-26	1,019	165-418	.395	43-121	.355	49-60	.817	12-68	80-2.5	44-0	122	85	2	28	422-13.2



### FIVE FACTS ABOUT MADDIE

1. Maddie was born and raised in Lincoln, Neb.
2. Her favorite hobbies include traveling and going to concerts.
3. Maddie's favorite color is yellow.
4. She considers herself to be a terrible dancer and singer.
5. Maddie loves coffee.

### HONORS & AWARDS

- Husker Award (2016)
- Academic All-Big Ten (2017)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2016; Spring 2016)
- Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award (2017)
- Sam Foltz Hero 27 Leadership Award (2017)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2016, 2017)
- Nebraska Gatorade Player of the Year (2015)
- Two-Time First-Team Super-State (Lincoln Journal Star, 2014, 2015)
- Two-Time First-Team All-Nebraska (Omaha World-Herald, 2014, 2015)
- Two-Time First-Team Nebraska Class B (2014, 2015)
- Second-Team Nebraska Class A (2013)
- No. 149 Player in Nation (Blue Star, 2015)
- No. 22 Guard in Nation (ESPN, 2015)

### JUNIOR (2017-18)

Maddie Simon opened her season with a start in Nebraska's win over SIUE (Nov. 11). Simon scored four points and grabbed a career-high eight rebounds. She contributed 11 points, eight rebounds, three assists and a steal in a win over UMKC (Nov. 14).

The 6-2 junior out of Lincoln Pius X High School will be counted on for more production inside for the Huskers in a new-look Big Red frontcourt.

### NEBRASKA CAREER

After being challenged by injuries as a freshman, Simon provided consistent contributions with 4.2 points and 2.3 rebounds per game as a sophomore in 2016-17. She matched her season high with 11 points at No. 25 Michigan (Feb. 23). She also had 11 points to go along with four rebounds against California (Dec. 4). She added her first double-figure effort of the season with 10 points at Michigan State (Jan. 7).

Simon had nine points and tied career highs with three threes and seven rebounds at No. 15 Ohio State

# MADDIE SIMON

6-2 Junior Forward Lincoln, Nebraska (Pius X)

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(Jan. 29). She had six points and tied her career high with seven boards in a win over UTRGV (Nov. 12).

Simon scored eight points and snagged a career-high three steals against Virginia (Nov. 26). She had six points, three rebounds, two assists and a block against Drake (Dec. 6). She added six points and four rebounds against No. 3 Maryland (Jan. 4).

Simon played arguably her best game of the season in NU's win over Michigan State (Feb. 26), finishing with seven points, five rebounds, four assists and no turnovers in a season-high 28 minutes.

As a freshman, Simon averaged 5.0 points, 1.4 rebounds and 1.0 assist over 21 games with five starts. Simon earned starts in four straight games late in the season. She averaged 7.3 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.0 assists in those four starts. Simon had a career game with 16 points and seven rebounds in a win over Northwestern on Feb. 28. She added nine points, four rebounds and two assists against Rutgers in the Big Ten Tournament March 3.

Simon was a significant contributor for the Huskers through seven games, before breaking her left arm in a non-basketball fall on Dec. 7. She returned to action at No. 8 Maryland Jan. 7, scoring nine points off the bench.

Simon had 10 points and three assists in NU's run past NC State (Dec. 3). That followed 11 points against Southern (Nov. 23). She scored eight points a win over North Carolina Central (Nov. 21). Simon added seven points at Indiana (Feb. 7). She had five points, three rebounds, a career-high four assists and her first steal against North Florida (Nov. 16).

### BEFORE NEBRASKA

A two-time first-team All-Nebraska and Super-State pick, Simon capped her high school career as the Gatorade Player of the Year. She averaged 18.1 points, 7.2 rebounds and 2.7 assists to lead Lincoln Pius X and Coach Bill Rice to the Class B state title.

As a junior, Simon averaged 19.8 points and 7.0 rebounds to help Pius X to a Class B runner-up finish. Her top game came with 35 points and 13 rebounds against Omaha Gross. She was a second-team Class A all-stater as a sophomore, averaging 16.3 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.2 assists in 2012-13.

Simon was a four-year track letterwinner who gold medals in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles at the 2015 Nebraska State Track and Field Championships.

### SIMON'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	16	Northwestern (2/28/16)
Rebounds	8	UMKC (11/14/17)
	8	SIUE (11/11/17)
Assists	4	Three Times, most recent
	4	Michigan State (2/26/17)
Steals	3	Virginia (11/26/16)
Blocks	2	UConn (12/21/16)
FGA	9	Four Times, most recent
	9	Missouri (11/14/16)
FGM	5	UMKC (11/14/17)
	5	Northwestern (2/28/16)
FTA	5	Penn State (1/19/17)
	5	California (12/4/16)
FTM	4	Arkansas Pine Bluff (11/14/15)
3-PT FGA	6	Ohio State (1/29/17)
	6	Northwestern (2/28/16)
3-PT FGM	3	Ohio State (1/29/17)
	3	Northwestern (2/28/16)

She was the Class A runner-up in both events as a junior in 2014. She also finished third in the 100, while adding a runner-up finish in the 300 in 2013. She was also a member of Pius X's All-Class gold medal-winning 4x400 relay in 2013.

### PERSONAL

The daughter of Doug and Nicole (Ali) Simon, Maddie was born Feb. 7, 1997, in Lincoln, Neb. Maddie has two older brothers, Bennett and Zach, who both graduated from the University of Nebraska. Maddie's mother was a hurdler for Coach Gary Pepin's 1983 and 1984 national championship track and field teams at Nebraska. Nicole also owns the distinction of being the first female track and field CoSIDA Academic All-American at Nebraska.

Maddie is a communication studies major and earned spots on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll in the fall and spring semesters of 2016. She was also a member of the 2016 and 2017 Tom Osborne Citizenship Team. She earned a prestigious Nebraska Sam Foltz Hero 27 Leadership Award in 2017.

Maddie is the niece of University of Maryland men's basketball coach Mark Turgeon.

### 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	---Total---		---3-Pts---		---Rebounds---												
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
SIUE	1-1	11/11	22	2-6	.333	0-4	.000	0-0	.000	2	6	8	8.0	5-1	0	5	1	1	4	4.0
UMKC	2-2	11/14	23	5-6	.833	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	3	5	8	8.0	2-0	3	1	0	1	11	7.5
Totals	2-2		45	7-12	.583	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	5	11	16	8.0	7-1	3	6	1	2	15	7.5

### MADDIE SIMON career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2015-16	21-5	299	37-90	.411	12-35	.343	19-26	.731	6-23	29-1.4	17-0	22	26	4	1	105-5.0
2016-17	29-0	367	40-123	.325	19-67	.284	19-37	.514	22-45	67-2.3	42-0	24	42	6	12	118-4.1
2017-18	2-2	45	7-12	.583	1-6	.167	0-0	.000	5-11	16-8.0	7-1	3	6	1	2	15-7.5
Career	52-7	711	84-225	.373	32-108	.296	38-63	.603	33-79	112-2.2	66-1	49	74	11	15	238-4.6



# KATE CAIN

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6-5 Freshman Center Middletown, New York (Pine Bush)

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

Cain was a finalist for Miss New York Basketball honors as a senior, when she averaged 25.2 points, 12.3 rebounds and 7.9 blocks per game for Coach Bill Lacouara at Pine Bush High School. She was a first-team USA Today All-New York selection in 2016-17. She averaged 24.3 points, 15.0 rebounds and 8.0 blocks per game as a junior. Cain, who hails from Middletown, N.Y., played her club basketball for Coach John Reilly and the Hudson Valley Elite AAU program. She also helped Pine Bush to the New York state volleyball finals.

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Tim and Alison Cain, Katherine (Kate) was born May 18, 1999. She has a strong family background in basketball. Kate's father graduated as the all-time leading scorer (1,872 points) in Manhattan College history. He was a two-time honorable-mention All-American by The Sporting News, averaging 17.3 points per game during his career for the Jaspers. Kate's mother, Alison (Martinsky) Cain, was also a 1,000-point career scorer as a collegian at Fairfield, finishing with 1,071

## CAIN'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	18	SIUE (11/11/17)
Rebounds	9	SIUE (11/11/17)
Assists	1	UMKC (11/14/17)
	1	SIUE (11/11/17)
Steals	1	SIUE (11/11/17)
Blocks	3	SIUE (11/11/17)
FGA	15	SIUE (11/11/17)
FGM	9	SIUE (11/11/17)
FTA	0	None
FTM	0	None
3-PT FGA	0	None
3-PT FGM	0	None

points. She also ranked 10th in Fairfield history with 734 career rebounds, while ranking second in Stags history with 268 blocks. Alison played professionally in Ireland. Kate's older brother, John, is a 6-10 starting left-handed pitcher for the Lafayette baseball team. She also has a younger brother, Chris.

She chose Nebraska over Virginia, Minnesota and Dayton. Kate has not declared a major at Nebraska.

## FIVE FACTS ABOUT KATE

1. Kate's favorite color is blue.
2. She has worn the same number (31) since eighth grade.
3. Kate was born and raised in New York.
4. Her favorite candy is Reeses.
5. Kate is the second-shortest person in her immediate family.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Nov. 13, 2017)
- First-Team All-New York (USA Today, 2017)
- No. 82 Player in the Nation (ESPN, 2016)
- No. 10 Post in the Nation (ESPN, 2016)

## FRESHMAN (2017-18)

Kate Cain made an instant impact for the Huskers in the season-opening win over SIUE (Nov. 11). The 6-5 freshman from Middletown, N.Y., erupted for 18 points and team highs of nine rebounds and three blocked shots off the bench in her debut. She added an assist and a steal while helping the Husker bench outscore the SIUE reserves, 39-2. She earned Big Ten Freshman-of-the-Week honors on Nov. 13.

Cain made her first career start in a win over UMKC (Nov. 14), scoring eight points, while adding two rebounds, two blocks and an assist.

One of the top 100 players nationally in the 2017 high school senior class, Cain made her decision to join the Nebraska program on June 23, 2017.

Cain, who graduated from Pine Bush High School in New York, originally signed her National Letter of Intent with Delaware in November of 2016. Cain was released from her NLI after a coaching change at Delaware during the offseason.

As a senior, she was ranked as the No. 82 overall player in the nation by ESPN, which had her ranked as the No. 10 prep post player in the country.

"Our coaching staff has been very impressed with how quickly Kate has been learning our system," Nebraska Coach Amy Williams said. "Her soft touch and skill set will allow her to contribute right away offensively, and her size will help provide some protection around the rim on the defensive end."

## 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	---Total---		---3-Pts---		---Rebounds---									
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk
SIUE	1-0	11/11	26	9-15	.600	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4	5	9	9.0	1-0	1	1	3
UMKC	2-1	11/14	20	4-7	.571	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	5.5	2-0	1	1	2
Totals	2-1		46	13-22	.591	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4	7	11	5.5	3-0	2	2	5

18.0

13.0

13.0

## KATE CAIN career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2017-18	2-1	46	13-22	.591	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-7	11-5.5	3-0	2	2	5	1	26-13.0
Career	2-1	46	13-22	.591	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	4-7	11-5.5	3-0	2	2	5	1	26-13.0





# TAYLOR KISSINGER 33

6-1 Freshman Forward/Guard Minden, Nebraska (Minden)

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

A three-time first-team Class C-1 all-state selection (2015, 2016, 2017), Kissinger earned first-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star as a senior in 2017. She averaged 24.2 points and 9.0 rebounds per game despite recovering from a wrist injury. She was also the honorary captain of the Journal Star's Class C-1 team.

Kissinger finished her high school career with 1,751 points, despite missing a combined 27 games as a junior and senior because of wrist injuries. She added 611 rebounds, 310 assists and 202 career steals. She hit 53 percent of her field goal attempts, including 37 percent of her career three-point attempts, while knocking down 78 percent of her free throws. She was also one of five Nebraska players on the 2016 USA Today High School Sports All-Nebraska team in 2015-16.

As a junior at Minden High School, Kissinger averaged 28.8 points and 8.2 rebounds per game for the Whippets following her return to the court from a broken wrist. She earned second-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star. She was a second-team All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald in both 2016 and 2017.

In 2015, Kissinger became the first sophomore in history to be named the Kearney Hub Territory Player of the Year after averaging 25.6 points and 10.0 rebounds per game while hitting 62 three-pointers. She was also a third-team All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald as a sophomore in 2015.

Kissinger claimed second-team Class C-1 all-state honors as a freshman in 2014 after averaging 16.8 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. She also tied a Nebraska state tournament record by knocking down seven three-pointers in an opening-round win over Lincoln Lutheran.

Kissinger played her club basketball for the All-Iowa Attack in 2015-16, after previously playing for the Cornhusker Shooting Stars. She was invited to compete in the USA Basketball U16 National Team

## KISSINGER'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	18	UMKC (11/14/17)
Rebounds	3	UMKC (11/14/17)
	3	SIUE (11/11/17)
Assists	2	SIUE (11/11/17)
Steals	2	UMKC (11/14/17)
Blocks	1	SIUE (11/11/17)
FGA	13	UMKC (11/14/17)
FGM	6	UMKC (11/14/17)
FTA	4	UMKC (11/14/17)
FTM	2	UMKC (11/14/17)
3-PT FGA	9	UMKC (11/14/17)
3-PT FGM	4	UMKC (11/14/17)

Trials in Colorado Springs. She chose Nebraska over Oklahoma State and Creighton. She also received offers from Arizona State, Louisville, Iowa, Iowa State and Illinois among others.

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Brian and Amy Kissinger, Taylor was born March 10, 1999. Her parents were both collegiate student-athletes, with Brian playing basketball and Amy playing volleyball at NCAA Division II Nebraska-Kearney. Kissinger's older twin sisters are both Division I guards, with Brooke entering her second year at Creighton after spending her first two seasons at Illinois, and Jamie entering her fourth season at San Diego. Taylor's brother Derek played college basketball at NAIA Hastings College.

Taylor has not declared a major at Nebraska.

Kissinger said she chose Nebraska because of her familiarity with the program.

"The more I got to know Coach Williams and her staff, the more comfortable I got, and I just really like the staff," Kissinger said. "When I was a little kid I always thought about playing for the Huskers, so I want to make my dreams come true."

## FIVE FACTS ABOUT TAYLOR

1. Taylor's favorite color is forest green.
2. Her favorite food is steak.
3. Taylor's favorite movie is Moana.
4. She loves to watch Netflix and sleep in her spare time.
5. Taylor grew up wanting to be a Husker.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- No. 26 Player in the Nation (Prospects Nation, 2016)
- No. 38 Player in the Nation (ESPN, 2016)
- No. 44 Player in the Nation (Blue Star, 2016)
- All-Nebraska (First Team, USA Today, 2016)
- Nebraska Super-State (Second Team, Lincoln Journal Star, 2016)
- Nebraska Super-State (Third Team, Lincoln Journal Star, 2015)
- All-Nebraska (Third Team, Omaha World-Herald, 2016)
- Nebraska Class C-1 (First Team, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- Nebraska Class C-1 (Second Team, 2014)

## FRESHMAN (2017-18)

The top-ranked high school recruit in the state of Nebraska in the 2016-17 senior class, Taylor Kissinger made her first career start in Nebraska's opening-day win over SIUE (Nov. 11). She finished with five points, three rebounds, two assists and a block despite battling foul trouble in the opener.

She followed with a game-high 18 points to go along with three rebounds, two steals and an assist in a win over UMKC (Nov. 14).

The 6-1 forward/guard from Minden, was ranked as the No. 26 player in the nation by Prospects Nation. She ranked as the No. 38 player in the nation by ESPN and No. 44 by Blue Star.

Kissinger, who was hindered by arm/wrist injuries in both her junior and senior seasons of high school, had an outstanding summer and fall of workouts.

An outstanding long-range shooter, Kissinger also has the size to defend on the wing or on the block.

"Taylor is an offensive threat who possesses the unique talent of having a quick release and depth on her perimeter shot," Nebraska Coach Amy Williams said. "Due to her high basketball IQ, she has been picking things up very quickly and is already playing with great confidence."

## 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	[---Total---		[---3-Pts---]		FT-FTA	Pct.	[---Rebounds---			PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.			Off	Def	Tot							
SIUE	1-1	11/11	20	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	1-2	.500	2	1	3	3.0	4-0	2	1	1	0	5.0
UMKC	2-2	11/14	26	6-13	.462	4-9	.444	2-4	.500	0	3	3	3.0	4-0	1	4	0	2	11.5
Totals	2-2		46	8-18	.444	4-11	.364	3-6	.500	2	4	6	3.0	8-0	3	5	1	2	11.5

## TAYLOR KISSINGER career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2017-18	2-2	46	8-18	.444	4-11	.364	3-6	.500	2-4	6-3.0	8-0	3	5	1	2	23-11.5
Career	2-2	46	8-18	.444	4-11	.364	3-6	.500	2-4	6-3.0	8-0	3	5	1	2	23-11.5





# JASMINE CINCORE 34

5-10 Senior Guard Arlington, Tenn. (Briarcrest Christian)

She had 12 points and a career-high-tying four steals in a win over Rutgers (Jan. 10). Cincore closed the season with 12 points and a career-high three threes against Illinois in the Big Ten Tournament.

Cincore scored 11 points at No. 15 Ohio State (Jan. 29), before adding 10 points, a career-high-tying six assists and seven rebounds against Minnesota (Feb. 4) and a third straight double-figure effort with 11 points, five rebounds and four steals at Wisconsin (Feb. 9). She opened the season with nine points, two rebounds and four assists in a win over UTRGV (Nov. 12). She added nine points on 4-of-5 shooting in a win over Colorado State (Nov. 17). She pitched in nine points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals at Virginia Tech (Dec. 1). She had seven points and a career-high four blocks against Drake (Dec. 6). She had a career-high 11 rebounds at Iowa (Dec. 31).

As a sophomore in 2015-16, Cincore emerged and started in place of injured point guard Rachel Theriot the final five games of the season.

Cincore averaged 4.3 points, 1.8 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 17.9 minutes per game on the year. She had a career-high 16 points against Indiana Feb. 24. She capped her season with 10 points, four rebounds and three assists against Northern Iowa in the first round of the WNIT. Over the final 10 games, Cincore averaged 6.6 points, 2.3 rebounds, 2.4 assists and 1.2 steals in 29.7 minutes per game.

Cincore made her first career start in Nebraska's win at Michigan (Jan. 24). She had eight points, three assists, a block and a steal in 32 minutes. She had nine points and knocked down a pair of threes at No. 5 Ohio State (Feb. 18), before making her second career start in place of Theriot in a loss to Purdue (Feb. 21).

She scored eight points in a win over Southern on Nov. 23, when she went a career-best 6-for-6 at the free throw line. She had a career-high four steals to go along with seven points against North Florida. She hit 27 straight free throws (Dec. 8-Feb. 14).

Cincore played in 20 games as a freshman for the Huskers in 2014-15, despite missing more than a month with an ankle injury. She finished with 25 points, four rebounds, 10 assists and seven steals.

## CINCORE'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	17	Michigan State (1/7/17)
Rebounds	11	Iowa (12/31/16)
Assists	6	Three Times, most recent
	6	Minnesota (2/4/17)
Steals	4	Five Times, most recent
	4	UMKC (11/14/17)
Blocks	4	Drake (12/6/16)
FGA	13	Wisconsin (2/9/17)
	13	Michigan State (1/7/17)
FGM	6	Michigan State (1/7/17)
	6	Indiana (2/24/16)
FTA	7	Penn State (1/19/17)
FTM	6	Wisconsin (2/9/17)
	6	Southern (11/23/15)
3-PT FGA	7	Michigan State (1/7/17)
3-PT FGM	3	Illinois (3/1/17)

She appeared in seven of NU's first eight games, before being sidelined by an ankle injury following Nebraska's game at Alabama (Dec. 7). She missed more than a month but returned to action against Penn State (Jan. 15). She played in 13 of NU's final 17 games, scoring a season-high six points in four minutes in a win at Wisconsin (Jan. 22).

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Wesley and Monique Cincore, Jasmine was born April 26, 1996, in New Orleans, La. Jasmine has a younger brother, Jalen. Jasmine is majoring in advertising and public relations and is a two-time academic All-Big Ten selection. She has earned five spots on the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll. She is a three-time member of the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team. In the spring of 2017, she served on a Fellowship of Christian Athletes trip to Africa.

She chose Nebraska over Michigan, Marquette, Memphis, Tennessee Tech, Kansas State, Auburn and Georgia State.

## FIVE FACTS ABOUT JASMINE

1. Jasmine was born in New Orleans.
2. Going to the movies is one of her hobbies.
3. She has been to four continents.
4. Jasmine has always wanted a dachshund.
5. Her favorite color is purple.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Nebraska Women's Basketball Lifter of the Year (2017)
- Nebraska Kathy Branchaud Most Improved Rebounder Award (2017)
- Academic All-Big Ten (2016, 2017)
- Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll (Fall 2014, 2015, 2016; Spring 2015, 2017)
- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Tennessee Class 2-AA Player of the Year (2013, 2014)
- First-Team All-Tennessee (USA Today, 2014)
- Tennessee Class 2-AA All-State (2013, 2014)
- Tennessee Class 2-AA West Region Player of the Year (2013, 2014)

## SENIOR (2017-18)

Jasmine Cincore made her 36th consecutive start in Nebraska's win over UMKC (Nov. 14). She had eight points, including two threes, to go along with a career-high-tying four steals and three assists against the Roos. She opened the season with four points, two rebounds, two steals, a block and an assist in a win over SIUE (Nov. 11).

The 5-10 guard from Arlington, Tenn., started all 29 games for the Huskers as a junior, averaging 6.7 points, 3.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game.

A hard-working and committed student-athlete, Cincore was Nebraska's Lifter of the Year and most improved rebounder in 2016-17. She was also an academic All-Big Ten choice and a member of the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team.

## NEBRASKA CAREER

As a junior in 2016-17, Cincore started all 29 games and averaged 6.7 points, 3.4 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.1 steals. She produced a career-high 17 points at Michigan State (Jan. 7). She added five rebounds and two assists at MSU.

## 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	--Total--		--3-Pts--		--Rebounds--									
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk
SIUE	1-1	11/11	29	1-7	.143	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	0	2	2	2.0	1-0	1	2	1
UMKC	2-2	11/14	27	3-6	.500	2-3	.667	0-1	.000	0	2	2	2.0	2-0	3	0	0
Totals	2-2		56	4-13	.308	2-5	.400	2-3	.667	0	4	4	2.0	3-0	4	2	1

## JASMINE CINCORE career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2014-15	20-0	97	8-30	.267	0-11	.000	9-17	.529	1-3	4-0.2	13-0	10	4	0	7	25-1.3
2015-16	31-6	556	39-111	.351	11-28	.393	45-55	.818	17-38	55-1.8	47-0	44	40	4	26	134-4.3
2016-17	29-29	740	64-215	.298	19-81	.235	46-69	.667	37-62	99-3.4	68-2	62	46	6	31	193-6.7
2017-18	2-2	56	4-13	.308	2-5	.400	2-3	.667	0-4	4-2.0	3-0	4	2	1	6	12-6.0
Career	82-37	1,449	115-369	.312	32-125	.256	102-144	.708	55-107	162-2.0	131-2	120	92	11	70	364-4.4



# RACHEL BLACKBURN 43

6-3 Sophomore Forward Leavenworth, Kansas (Leavenworth)

made her first start since Dec. 12 against Indiana on Feb. 24.

Blackburn averaged 4.2 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.0 assist. She had knee surgery on April 5.

She produced a career-high 14 points on 7-of-9 shooting against Evansville Dec. 8. Blackburn had a dominant defensive effort in NU's win over NC State, drawing four charges to go along with nine defensive rebounds, a block and a steal. She became the first Husker to draw four charges in a game since All-American Kelsey Griffin at Baylor in 2010. Blackburn played a huge role in NU's win at Purdue Jan. 20 with five points, a game-high eight rebounds and a career-high three blocks in just 15 minutes. She had eight points and five rebounds in the win over Northwestern Feb. 28. She added six points on a perfect shooting day with five rebounds, two assists, a steal and a block at Michigan Jan. 24.

Blackburn had six points and her third double-figure rebound game of the season with 10 boards in a win over Creighton Dec. 6. She just missed double-doubles in back-to-back games, finishing with nine points, nine rebounds, three assists and a career-high two steals against North Carolina Central Nov. 21. That followed eight points and 10 rebounds to go along with three assists against North Florida Nov. 16.

Blackburn was ranked as the No. 17 post player in the nation, joining Shepard among the top 20 posts in the 2014 signing class. She also ranked as the No. 63 player in the nation overall by Blue Star Basketball and No. 69 by Prospects Nation. She was also one of five finalists for the 2015 DiRenna Award, presented to the top high school player in the greater Kansas City area. She helped lead Leavenworth to its second straight Class 5A state championship in 2015.

## BLACKBURN'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	14	Evansville (12/8/15)
Rebounds	11	NC State (12/3/15)
Assists	3	Three Times, most recently
	3	Evansville (12/8/15)
Steals	2	Michigan State (2/14/16)
	2	NC Central (11/21/15)
Blocks	3	Northwestern (1/20/16)
FGA	10	Northwestern (2/28/16)
FGM	7	Evansville (12/8/15)
FTA	4	Michigan State (2/14/16)
FTM	2	Three Times, most recently
	2	Minnesota (2/11/16)
3-PT FGA	0	None
3-PT FGM	0	None

## FIVE FACTS ABOUT RACHEL

1. Rachel is a Star Wars fanatic.
2. She has eight dogs, three cats and three horses.
3. Rachel loves the Kansas City Chiefs.
4. She hopes to one day backpack through Europe.
5. Rachel would love to go skydiving with her dad, Col. (Ret.) David Blackburn, someday.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2016, 2017)
- No. 63 Player in the Nation (Blue Star, 2014)
- No. 69 Player in the Nation (Prospects Nation, 2014)
- No. 17 Post in the Nation (ESPN, 2014)
- DiRenna Award Finalist (1 of 5, 2015)
- Third-Team Kansas Class 5A (KBCA, 2015)
- Honorable-Mention Kansas Class 5A (KBCA, 2014)

## SOPHOMORE (2017-18)

Rachel Blackburn returned to the court for the first time in more than a year in Nebraska's season-opening win over SIUE (Nov. 11). Blackburn had three rebounds and an assist against the Cougars. She scored her first points of the season, added three rebounds and took her first charge in the win over UMKC (Nov. 14).

The 6-3 sophomore forward from Leavenworth, Kan., started Nebraska's first nine games in 2015-16. She missed all of the 2016-17 season after undergoing multiple offseason knee surgeries.

## NEBRASKA CAREER

Blackburn sat out the entire 2016-17 season as a redshirt while recovering from multiple knee surgeries. Off the court, she earned a spot on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team for the second straight season.

Blackburn joined fellow freshman forward Jessica Shepard in Nebraska's starting lineup for each of the first nine games before missing NU's games against Northern Arizona (Dec. 19) and Arkansas State (Dec. 21) with illness and NU's Big Ten opener against Iowa (Dec. 31) with illness and a knee strain. She returned to limited action off the bench for seven straight games, before missing games with Rutgers (Jan. 30), Penn State (Feb. 2) and Indiana (Feb. 7) with knee and foot injuries. She returned at Minnesota (Feb. 11) and

mention Class 5A all-state selection as a junior by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association, owns the Leavenworth career record with her .675 career field goal percentage. As a junior at Leavenworth, Blackburn averaged 10 points and 10 rebounds per game for the Class 5A state champions.

Blackburn played her club basketball for Coach Derek Zeck and the MoKan Eclipse.

A talented all-around athlete, Blackburn set the Leavenworth school record with a javelin throw of 125-7 as a sophomore in 2013. She won the Sunflower League title and qualified for the state meet in the event.

## PERSONAL

The daughter of Col. David (Ret.) and Lisa Blackburn, Rachel was born Oct. 30, 1996, in Leavenworth, Kan. Rachel has an older sister, Rebecca, and a younger sister, Katelyn. Rachel is a business administration major at Nebraska. She was a member of the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2016 and 2017. Rachel chose Nebraska over Arizona, Kansas State, Texas Tech, Iowa State and Wake Forest.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

Blackburn was ranked as one of the top 75 recruits in the nation by both Blue Star Basketball and Prospects Nation after being rated as the No. 17 prep post in the country by ESPN. The honorable-

## 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	---Total---		---3-Pts---		---Rebounds---											
				FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.	PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
SIUE	1-0	11/11	8	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	3.0	1-0	1	0	0	0	0.0
UMKC	2-0	11/14	10	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	3.0	3-0	0	0	0	2	1.0
Totals	2-0		18	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	3	6	3.0	4-0	1	0	0	2	1.0

## RACHEL BLACKBURN career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2015-16	25-10	420	46-88	.523	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	32-87	119-4.8	67-2	26	27	12	13	105-4.2
2016-17	-- Did Not Play -- Redshirted (medical)															
2017-18	2-0	18	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3-3	6-3.0	4-0	1	0	0	0	2-1.0
Career	27-10	438	47-92	.511	0-0	.000	13-23	.565	35-90	125-4.6	71-2	27	27	12	13	107-4.0



# DARRIEN WASHINGTON 50

6-2 Junior Forward Oakland, California (Skyline)

## FIVE FACTS ABOUT DARRIEN

1. Darrien has two dogs, Moose and Bailey.
2. Her favorite food is anything with potatoes.
3. Darrien really likes musicals.
4. She can make multiple animal noises.
5. Darrien really wants to visit the Chicago Bean, also referred to as the "Cloud Gate" sculpture.

## HONORS & AWARDS

- Tom Osborne Citizenship Team (2015, 2016, 2017)
- First-Team All-Oakland (2013, 2014)
- Second-Team All-OAL (ContraCosta Times, 2012)

## JUNIOR (2017-18)

Darrien Washington opened the season by making her first career start in Nebraska's win over SIUE (Nov. 11). She had two points, three rebounds and an assist against the Cougars. She added two points, four boards and another assist off the bench in the win over UMKC (Nov. 14).

"Darrien's commitment to her strength and conditioning in this offseason has paid off so far in practice, as she is having more of an impact on both ends," Williams said. "We will need Darrien to set the tone with our rebounding efforts and play with confidence and consistency all year."

## NEBRASKA CAREER

Washington saw more playing time inside as a third-year sophomore, averaging 2.3 points and 3.0 rebounds in 12 minutes per game. She missed six of Nebraska's last seven games with a knee injury suffered in practice following NU's game at Ohio State (Jan. 29). She played two minutes in Nebraska's overtime win over Michigan State (Feb. 26).

She scored a career-high seven points and matched a career high with six rebounds in a win over San Jose State Dec. 9. She followed with six points, four rebounds and an assist at Creighton on Dec. 18. She pitched in four points and four rebounds in 10 minutes against No. 1 UConn on Dec. 21. She matched her career high for the third time this season with six rebounds at Iowa on Dec. 31.

Washington had three points and set her career high with six rebounds against Washington State at

the South Point Shootout on Nov. 26. She opened the season with two points and tied her then-career high with five rebounds in a career-high 20 minutes in NU's win over UTRGV on Nov. 12. She added two points and four boards in 12 minutes of work in NU's win over Colorado State on Nov. 17.

Washington competed for time in a deep and talented Nebraska post rotation as a redshirt freshman in 2015-16. She enjoyed an impressive debut with six points, five rebounds and an assist in just eight minutes in NU's victory over Arkansas Pine Bluff on Nov. 14. She added three points, five rebounds and her first career steal in the win over North Florida on Nov. 16.

She missed Nebraska's next seven games before returning for one minute of first half action against Northern Arizona on Dec. 19. Washington did not play in NU's next three games, before making her Big Ten debut with three points and two rebounds in five minutes at No. 8 Maryland on Jan. 7.

She battled a nagging knee injury for several games, but returned at near full strength in the win over Penn State Feb. 2. She scored five points while adding a rebound and a block in six minutes in the win over the Lady Lions. For the season, Washington scored 20 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in just 39 total minutes. Washington redshirted in her first season at Nebraska in 2014-15. She earned a spot on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2015.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

Washington earned first-team All-Oakland honors after averaging 16.5 points, 11.5 rebounds and 4.1 blocks per game for 21-9 Skyline High School in 2013-14. She finished her high school career with 1,181 points over 101 career games to average 11.7 points per game.

Washington was a first-team All-Oakland selection in the Bay Area League in 2012-13. She averaged 16.4 points, 12.6 rebounds and 4.9 blocks as a junior in 2012-13. She helped Skyline to a 17-10

## WASHINGTON'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	7	San Jose State (12/9/16)
Rebounds	6	Three Times, most recent Iowa (12/31/16)
Assists	1	Five Times, most recent UMKC (11/14/17)
Steals	2	Michigan State (1/7/17)
Blocks	1	Four Times, most recent Michigan (1/22/17)
FGA	6	Ohio State (1/29/17)
FGM	3	San Jose State (12/9/16)
FTA	3	Arkansas Pine Bluff (11/14/15)
FTM	4	Four Times, most recent Michigan (1/22/17)
3-PT FGA	2	Three Times, most recent Ohio State (1/29/17)
3-PT FGM	0	None

record as a junior and was an all-state candidate out of the CIF San Francisco/Oakland section.

As a sophomore, Washington earned second-team All-OAL honors from the ContraCosta Times in 2011-12. She averaged 9.9 points, 10.6 rebounds and 3.3 blocks per contest for a Skyline team that went 21-6. Washington also played on the Cal Stars Elite team that finished as the national runner-up in the summer of 2013.

## PERSONAL

Darrien is the daughter of BJ Washington. Darrien was born April 11, 1996. She has a younger sister. Darrien is an animal science major at Nebraska. She earned spots on the Tom Osborne Citizenship Team in 2015, 2016 and 2017. She chose Nebraska over Utah, Oregon, Oregon State and UC Santa Barbara.

## 2017-18 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Opponent	G-GS	Date	Min	[--Total--]		[--3-Pts--]		FT-FTA	Pct.	[--Rebounds--]				PF-FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg.
				FG	F-GA	Pct.	3FG	F-GA	Pct.	Off	Def	Tot	Avg.							
SIUE	1-1	11/11	8	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	2	3	3.0	0-0	1	1	0	0	2	2.0
UMKC	2-1	11/14	13	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	1	3	4	3.5	1-0	1	2	0	0	2	2.0
Totals	2-1		21	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	0-4	.000	2	5	7	3.5	1-0	2	3	0	0	4	2.0

## DARRIEN WASHINGTON career statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Reb.-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
2014-15	Did Not Play - Redshirt															
2015-16	10-0	39	8-15	.533	0-0	.000	4-13	.308	10-9	19-1.9	7-0	1	5	1	1	20-2.0
2016-17	23-0	276	22-53	.415	0-0	.000	9-27	.333	18-50	68-3.0	35-0	2	34	3	8	53-2.3
2017-18	2-1	21	2-7	.285	0-0	.000	0-4	.000	2-5	7-3.5	1-0	2	2	0	0	4-2.0
Career	35-1	336	32-75	.427	0-0	.000	13-44	.295	30-64	94-2.7	43-0	5	41	4	9	77-2.2



# NEBRASKA RADIO & TV ROSTER



**3**  
Hannah Whitish  
5-9, Sophomore, Guard  
Barneveld, Wisconsin



**5**  
Nicea Eliely  
6-1, Sophomore, Guard  
Colorado Springs, Colorado



**12**  
Emily Wood  
5-5, Senior, Guard  
Salina, Kansas



**13**  
Janay Morton  
5-10, Senior, Guard  
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota



**14**  
Grace Mitchell  
6-2, Sophomore, Forward  
Wellington, Kansas



**15**  
Bria Stallworth  
5-6, Sophomore, Guard  
Chicago, Illinois



**24**  
Maddie Simon  
6-2, Junior, Forward  
Lincoln, Nebraska



**31**  
Kate Cain  
6-5, Freshman, Center  
Middletown, New York



**33**  
Taylor Kissinger  
6-1, Freshman, Guard/Forward  
Minden, Nebraska



**34**  
Jasmine Cincore  
5-10, Senior, Guard  
Arlington, Tennessee



**43**  
Rachel Blackburn  
6-3, Sophomore, Forward  
Leavenworth, Kansas



**50**  
Darrien Washington  
6-2, Junior, Forward  
Oakland, California



Ashley Rudolph  
Athletic Trainer  
Second Season



Stuart Hart  
Strength & Conditioning Coach  
First Season



Katie Adams  
Video Coordinator  
Third Season



Amanda Hart  
Director of Operations  
Second Season



Tom Goehle  
Assistant Coach  
Second Season



Chuck Love  
Assistant Coach  
Second Season



Tandem Mays  
Assistant Coach  
Second Season



Amy Williams  
Head Coach  
Second Season