

Bowling

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2013 Highlights

Nebraska wins fourth championship; Mickelson clinches title for Huskers: Nebraska put the finishing touches on a dominant week at the 2013 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship April 13, defeating Vanderbilt at the Canton Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., to clinch its fourth national title.

But it was hardly easy.

The match lasted seven grueling games. Only Nebraska's clinching 246 score was above 215. In the end, the Huskers were victorious, 4.5-2.5.

Nebraska grabbed the early lead with a 211-200 win in the opening game, but Vanderbilt answered with a 197-186 win in Game 2. The Commodores grabbed the advantage with a 169-156 win in Game 3. The two teams then split the fourth game, 190-190, before Nebraska roared back with consecutive victories in the fifth (196-189), sixth (202-182) and seventh (246-200) games.

"We were fighting with a swizzle stick in a war out there," Nebraska head coach Bill Straub said. "Fortunately, shot-making and staying calm gave us a chance to fight back. Then when we got lined up, it got — kind of easy."

Straub said it was another case of preparation in September paying off in March.

"We were just so fortunate to have a bunch of girls who work their tails off on fundamentals over and over and over again, and couple that with the fact that they were clutch when it mattered most!"

Through the match's first six games, strikes were hard to come by. Then came the seventh game. In a match in which there were only two three-baggers thrown through the first six games, the Huskers managed to throw six consecutive strikes to clinch the match.

Sophomore anchor bowler Liz Kuhlkin — bowling on television for the first time — threw the last of those strikes.

"Just from the beginning, we were too far left, so coach and I talked about changing balls and moving a little further right. Once I made that move and got the nerves out of my system, everything was great," said Kuhlkin, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

The honor of the clinching shot went to senior Kristina Mickelson, who came back from a broken arm that she suffered at the beginning of the season. Until throwing that clinching strike, Mickelson had managed only two the entire match.

"I was doing what I wanted and it wasn't working," Mickelson said. "Then I would make an adjustment and something would go wrong, then I would focus on that and fix it, then something would go wrong the next time.

"I finally figured it out, then I wasn't carrying, then it carried when it mattered most, which is all I care about."

The Huskers finished the qualifying round at 5-2 and as the top seed with three bowlers in the top five in the individual standings. Mickelson led, averaging nearly 225, with Kuhlkin second at nearly 220. Elise Bolton was fifth at more than 210.

In the bracketed Baker-style match-play session April 12, the Huskers went unbeaten, defeating pre-tournament top seed Central Missouri, defending champion Maryland Eastern Shore and Arkansas State, all by 4-1 counts.

Vanderbilt's improbable run fell one win short.

"They were better at spare shooting than we were," Vanderbilt head coach John Williamson said. "Nebraska handled the lights and the environment better than we did. We threw some pretty good first shots that left nine-counts. With a little luck, we may have been there."

History

Team Results

Year	Champion	Coach	Games	Runner-Up	Games	Host or Site	Championship Attendance
2004	Nebraska	Bill Straub	4	Central Mo.	2	Houston	439
2005	Nebraska	Bill Straub	4	Central Mo.	2	Orlando, Fla.	556
2006	Fairleigh Dickinson	Mike LoPresti	4	Alabama A&M	1	Houston	442
2007	Vanderbilt	John Williamson	4	UMES	3	Apopka, Fla.	781
2008	UMES	Sharon Brummell	4	Arkansas St.	2	Omaha, Neb.	467
2009	Nebraska	Bill Straub	4	Central Mo.	1	Detroit	1,236
2010	Fairleigh Dickinson	Mike LoPresti	4	Nebraska	3	New Jersey City	1,286
2011	UMES	Sharon Brummell	4	Vanderbilt	2	Detroit	878
2012	UMES	Kristina Frahm	4	Fairleigh Dickinson	2	Wickliffe, Ohio	938
2013	Nebraska	Bill Straub	4.5	Vanderbilt	2.5	Canton, Mich.	995

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nebraska 4, UMES 3, Fairleigh Dickinson 2, Vanderbilt 1.

Individual Records**300 GAMES**

Jennifer Viens, New Jersey City vs. Winston-Salem, 2004
Tina Peak, Central Mo. vs. New Jersey City, 2004
Tina Peak, Central Mo. vs. UMES, 2005

BEST AVERAGE FOR TOURNAMENT

251.75—Amanda Burgoyne, Nebraska, 2005

MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYER

2004 Shannon Pluhowsky, Nebraska
2005 Amanda Burgoyne, Nebraska
2006 Lisa Friscioni, Fairleigh Dickinson
2007 Josie Earnest, Vanderbilt
2008 Jessica Worsley, UMES
2009 Cassandra Leuthold, Nebraska
2010 Danielle McEwan, Fairleigh Dickinson
2011 Kristina Frahm, UMES
2012 T'nia Falbo, UMES
2013 Liz Kuhlkin, Nebraska

All-Tournament Teams**2004**

*Shannon Pluhowsky, Nebraska
Katie Atkins, Sacred Heart
Eryn Cully, New Jersey City
Lisa Friscioni, Fairleigh Dickinson
Amber Gazverde, Central Mo.

2005

*Amanda Burgoyne, Nebraska
Lindsay Baker, Nebraska
Sarah Circle, Bethune-Cookman
Elysia Current, Fairleigh Dickinson
Tina Peak, Central Mo.

2006

*Lisa Friscioni, Fairleigh Dickinson
Shanice Graham, Alabama A&M
Adrienne Miller, Nebraska
Whitney Smith, Alabama A&M
Vicki Spratford, New Jersey City
Kristina Szalay, Fairleigh Dickinson

2007

*Josie Earnest, Vanderbilt
Kristi Kerr, Fairleigh Dickinson
Kaitlin Reynolds, Vanderbilt
Marion Singleton, UMES
Jessica Worsley, UMES

2008

*Jessica Worsley, UMES
Maggie Adams, Arkansas St.
Brittany Garcia, Vanderbilt
Maria Rodriguez, UMES
Vicki Spratford, New Jersey City

2009

*Cassandra Leuthold, Nebraska
Valerie Calberry, Nebraska
Theresa Christopher, Central Mo.
Jazmyne Hefflefinger, Delaware St.
Sara Litteral, Fairleigh Dickinson
Erica Perez, Fairleigh Dickinson

2010

*Danielle McEwan, Fairleigh Dickinson
Cassandra Leuthold, Nebraska
Jenn Marmo, New Jersey City
Erica Perez, Fairleigh Dickinson
Samantha Santoro, Arkansas St.

2011

*Kristina Frahm, UMES
Tracy Ganjoin, Fairleigh Dickinson
Brittini Hamilton, Vanderbilt
Kristina Mickelson, Nebraska
Maria Rodriguez, UMES

2012

*T'nia Falbo, UMES
Joely Carrillo, Fairleigh Dickinson
Natalie Cortese, Valparaiso
Kayla Johnson, Nebraska
Amanda Labossiere, Arkansas St.

2013

*Liz Kuhlkin, Nebraska
Elise Bolton, Nebraska
Jessica Earnest, Vanderbilt
Amanda Labossiere, Arkansas St.
Kristie Lopez, UMES

**Most Outstanding Player*

Won-Lost Records In Tournament Play

Team (Years Participated)	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Pct.	1st	2nd
Alabama A&M (2006).....	1	3	2	.600	0	1
Arkansas St. (2008-09-10-11-12-13).....	6	10	12	.455	0	1
Bethune-Cookman (2005-06).....	2	2	4	.333	0	0
Central Mo. (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13).....	10	15	20	.429	0	3
Delaware St. (2009-10).....	2	2	4	.333	0	0
Fairleigh Dickinson (2004-05-06-07-09-10-11-12-13).....	9	22	14	.611	2	1
Fayetteville St. (2005).....	1	0	2	.000	0	0
Kutztown (2011).....	1	1	2	.333	0	0
UMES (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13).....	10	19	15	.559	3	1
Minn. St. Mankato (2007-08).....	2	1	4	.200	0	0
Nebraska (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13).....	10	30	14	.682	4	1
New Jersey City (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10).....	7	11	14	.440	0	0
Sacred Heart (2004-05-07-08-12).....	5	3	10	.231	0	0
Sam Houston St. (2011-13).....	2	0	4	.000	0	0
Southern U. (2004).....	1	1	2	.333	0	0
Valparaiso (2012).....	1	1	2	.333	0	0
Vanderbilt (2006-07-08-09-10-11-12-13).....	8	20	13	.606	1	2
Winston-Salem (2004).....	1	0	2	.000	0	0
Wis.-Whitewater (2013).....	1	0	2	.000	0	0

All-Time Team Results

2004: Round 1: Central Mo. def. Winston-Salem, 4-1; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Southern U., 4-3; Sacred Heart def. New Jersey City, 4-0; Nebraska def. UMES, 4-1. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—Central Mo. def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-3; Nebraska def. Sacred Heart, 4-2; Losers' Bracket—Southern U. def. Winston-Salem, 4-0 (Winston-Salem eliminated); New Jersey City def. UMES, 4-0 (UMES eliminated). **Round 3:** Winners' Bracket—Central Mo. def. Nebraska, 4-3; Losers' Bracket—New Jersey City def. Sacred Heart, 4-1 (Sacred Heart eliminated); Fairleigh Dickinson def. Southern U., 4-1 (Southern U. eliminated). **Round 4:** New Jersey City def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-1 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated). **Round 5:** Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated). **Round 6:** Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-2. **Round 7:** Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-2.

2005: Round 1: Nebraska def. Fayetteville St., 4-0; Sacred Heart def. Bethune-Cookman, 4-1; New Jersey City def. Central Mo., 4-3; Fairleigh Dickinson def. UMES, 4-1. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—Nebraska def. Sacred Heart, 4-1; Fairleigh Dickinson def. New Jersey City, 4-0; Losers' Bracket—Bethune-Cookman def. Fayetteville St., 4-0 (Fayetteville St. eliminated); Central Mo. def. UMES, 4-2 (UMES eliminated). **Round 3:** Winners' Bracket—Nebraska def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4.5-3.5; Losers' Bracket—Bethune-Cookman def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated); Central Mo. def. Sacred Heart, 4-1 (Sacred Heart eliminated). **Round 4:** Central Mo. def. Bethune-Cookman, 4-3 (Bethune-Cookman eliminated). **Round 5:** Central Mo. def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-0 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated). **Round 6:** Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-2.

2006: Round 1: Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-1; Alabama A&M def. UMES, 4-1; Vanderbilt def. Central Mo., 4-2; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Bethune-Cookman, 4-2. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—Alabama A&M def. Nebraska, 4-3; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Vanderbilt, 4-3; Losers' Bracket—New Jersey City def. UMES, 4-2 (UMES eliminated); Central Mo. def. Bethune-Cookman, 4-2 (Bethune-Cookman eliminated). **Round 3:** Winners' Bracket—Fairleigh Dickinson def. Alabama A&M, 4-3; Losers' Bracket—New Jersey City def. Vanderbilt, 4-0 (Vanderbilt eliminated); Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-2 (Central Mo. eliminated). **Round 4:** Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-2 (New Jersey City eliminated). **Round 5:** Alabama A&M def. Nebraska, 4-2 (Nebraska eliminated). **Round 6:** Fairleigh Dickinson def. Alabama A&M, 4-1.

2007: Round 1: Fairleigh Dickinson def. Minn. St. Mankato, 4-1; UMES def. Central Mo., 4-2; Vanderbilt def. Sacred Heart, 4-2; Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-2. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-3; Vanderbilt def. Nebraska, 4-2; Losers' Bracket—Central Mo. def. Minn. St. Mankato, 4.5-0.5 (Minn. St. Mankato eliminated); Sacred Heart def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket—Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-3 (Central Mo. eliminated); Fairleigh Dickinson def. Sacred Heart, 4-1 (Sacred Heart eliminated). **Round 4:** UMES def. Nebraska, 4-2 (Nebraska eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-1 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated). **Championship:** Vanderbilt def. UMES, 4-3.

2008: Round 1: Central Mo. def. Nebraska, 4-1; UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4-0; Arkansas St. def. Sacred Heart, 4-0; New Jersey City def. Minn. St. Mankato, 4-1. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—New Jersey City def. Central Mo., 4.5-2.5; UMES def. Arkansas St., 4.5-3.5; Losers' Bracket—Minn. St. Mankato def. Nebraska, 4-0 (Nebraska eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Sacred Heart, 4-3 (Sacred Heart eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket—Arkansas St. def. Minn. St. Mankato, 4-1 (Minn. St. Mankato eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Central Mo., 4-2 (Central Mo. eliminated). **Round 4:** Arkansas St. def. New Jersey City, 4-2; Vanderbilt def. UMES, 4-2. **Round 5:** Arkansas St. def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated); UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4-3 (Vanderbilt eliminated). **Championship:** UMES def. Arkansas St., 4-2.

2009: Round 1: Nebraska def. Arkansas St., 4-3; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Vanderbilt, 4.5-2.5; Central Mo. def. UMES, 4-0; Delaware St. def. New Jersey City, 4-3. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—Fairleigh Dickinson def. Nebraska, 4-1; Delaware St. def. Central Mo., 4-1; Losers' Bracket—Vanderbilt def. Arkansas St., 4-3 (Arkansas St. eliminated); New Jersey City def. UMES, 4.5-1.5 (UMES eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket—Central Mo. def. Vanderbilt, 4-0 (Vanderbilt eliminated); Nebraska def. New Jersey City, 4-3 (New Jersey City eliminated). **Round 4:** Central Mo. def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2; Nebraska def. Delaware St., 4-2. **Round 5:** Central Mo. def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-3 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated); Nebraska def. Delaware St., 4-2 (Delaware St. eliminated). **Championship:** Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-1.

2010: Round 1: Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-1; Fairleigh Dickinson def. New Jersey City, 4-2; UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4-3; Arkansas St. def. Delaware St., 4-0. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—Fairleigh Dickinson def. Nebraska, 4-2; Arkansas St. def. UMES, 4-2; Losers' Bracket—New Jersey City def. Central Mo., 4.5-0.5 (Central Mo. eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Delaware St., 4-2 (Delaware St. eliminated). **Round**

3: Losers' Bracket—New Jersey City def. UMES, 4-1 (UMES eliminated); Nebraska def. Vanderbilt, 4-1 (Vanderbilt eliminated). **Round 4:** Nebraska def. Arkansas St., 4-2. **Round 5:** Fairleigh Dickinson def. New Jersey City, 4-2 (New Jersey City eliminated); Nebraska def. Arkansas St., 4-2 (Arkansas St. eliminated). **Championship:** Fairleigh Dickinson def. Nebraska, 4-3.

2011: Round 1: Fairleigh Dickinson def. Kutztown, 4-3; Vanderbilt def. Central Mo., 4-1; UMES def. Arkansas St., 4-1; Nebraska def. Sam Houston St., 4-1. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—Fairleigh Dickinson def. Vanderbilt, 3.5-3.5; Nebraska def. UMES, 4-2; Losers' Bracket—Kutztown def. Central Mo., 4-3 (Central Mo. eliminated); Arkansas St. def. Sam Houston St., 4-2 (Sam Houston St. eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket—UMES def. Kutztown, 4-2 (Kutztown eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Arkansas St., 4-2 (Arkansas St. eliminated). **Round 4:** UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-1; Vanderbilt def. Nebraska, 4-1. **Round 5:** UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Nebraska, 4-1 (Nebraska eliminated). **Championship:** UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4-2.

**Advances as result of tiebreaker, 107-105.*

2012: Round 1: Vanderbilt def. Valparaiso, 4-1; UMES def. Sacred Heart, 4-3; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Arkansas St., 4-1; Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-0. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—UMES def. Vanderbilt, 4.5-1.5; Fairleigh Dickinson def. Nebraska, 4-3; Losers' Bracket—Valparaiso def. Sacred Heart, 4-2 (Sacred Heart eliminated); Arkansas St. def. Central Mo., 4-3 (Central Mo. eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket—Nebraska def. Valparaiso, 4-3 (Valparaiso eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Arkansas St., 4-2 (Arkansas St. eliminated). **Round 4:** UMES def. Nebraska, 4-1 (Nebraska eliminated); Vanderbilt def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-0. **Round 5:** Fairleigh Dickinson def. Vanderbilt, 4-3 (Vanderbilt eliminated). **Championship:** UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2.

2013: Round 1: Nebraska def. Central Mo., 4-1; UMES def. Wis.-Whitewater, 4-2; Arkansas St. def. Sam Houston St., 4-0; Vanderbilt def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2. **Round 2:** Winners' Bracket—Nebraska def. UMES, 4-1; Vanderbilt def. Arkansas St., 4-3; Losers' Bracket—Central Mo. def. Wis.-Whitewater, 4-1 (Wis.-Whitewater eliminated); Fairleigh Dickinson def. Sam Houston St., 4-2 (Sam Houston St. eliminated). **Round 3:** Losers' Bracket—Arkansas St. def. Central Mo., 4-0 (Central Mo. eliminated); UMES def. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4-2 (Fairleigh Dickinson eliminated). **Round 4:** Nebraska def. Arkansas St., 4-1 (Arkansas St. eliminated); Vanderbilt def. UMES, 4-3 (UMES eliminated). **Championship:** Nebraska def. Vanderbilt, 4.5-2.5.