

NILES PAUL

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-1 | 215 | JR.-2VL

OMAHA, NEB.
(NORTH)

» Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (San Jose State)

» 2008 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12

» Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008)

2009 OUTLOOK

Omaha native Niles Paul became a vital member of the Nebraska receiving corps in 2008, and was also a dynamic special teams performer. This fall, the 6-1, 215-pound Paul will be looked upon to assume a more significant role in the Nebraska receiving corps after the graduation of 2008 seniors Nate Swift and Todd Peterson. Paul will also continue in his role as one of the leading kickoff return men in the Big 12.

Paul appeared in all 13 games last season and was one of a school-record seven Huskers with at least 20 receptions. The nephew of former Husker great Ahman Green, Paul has excellent size and is blessed with outstanding speed, making him a dual threat for the Huskers.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Paul played in all 13 games with four starts. He finished with 23 receptions for 214 yards and had six games with multiple catches. He had three games with three or more receptions, including four catches for 25 yards at Texas Tech, career highs of five catches for 34 yards against Baylor and three receptions for 31 yards at Kansas State. Paul added two receptions each against San Jose State, Iowa State and Clemson.

Paul made perhaps his biggest impact as a sophomore on Nebraska's special teams units, most notably as Nebraska's primary kickoff return man. Paul averaged 23.6 yards on 41 kickoff returns to rank 11th in the Big 12 Conference. His 969 kickoff return yards were the third-most in Nebraska history. He supplied a highlight early in the season, returning a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown against San Jose State to earn Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Week honors. The score extended NU's lead to 21-12 early in the fourth quarter and Nebraska went on to win by a 35-12 margin.

The San Jose State game was Paul's first of four games with at least 100 kickoff return yards, including a season-high 156 yards on five returns at Texas Tech, when he added a 69-yard return. Paul also returned seven punts for 77 yards, including a season-long 28-yarder vs. Western Michigan. Paul played on NU's coverage units and made eight tackles, including three against Kansas. He also recovered fumbles on punt coverage at Iowa State and at Kansas State. Both recoveries led to Nebraska touchdowns.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

Paul played in seven games as a reserve receiver and on kickoff coverage. His lone catch of the season was a six-yarder in the opener against Nevada. Paul had an eight-yard kickoff return against Kansas State, and had assisted tackles against Nevada and Kansas State while serving on the Huskers' kickoff coverage unit.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (OMAHA NORTH HS)

Paul was regarded as the top prospect in Nebraska in 2007, and was NU's first signee from Omaha North since 1998. As a senior, Paul hauled in 46 passes for 814 yards and 13 touchdowns for Coach Larry Martin. Paul averaged nearly 18 yards per reception, and also averaged better than 18 yards per punt return.

Paul helped North to a 9-2 record and a trip to the Class A state quarterfinals. He was named a first-team All-Nebraska and first-team All-Metro selection by the Omaha World-Herald and a first-team Super-State pick by the Lincoln Journal Star. He was also one of 58 players who were selected as a Parade All-American.

Paul averaged 19.5 yards on 32 receptions and caught 10 touchdown passes as a junior, and also averaged 25.6 yards per kickoff return. He earned second-team all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and all-metro honors from the World-Herald. Paul was regarded as one of the top 20 receiving prospects in the country by both Rivals.com and Scout.com. Paul led the West team in receiving in the U.S. Army All-American Game in San Antonio.

In track, Paul won the 110-meter hurdles at the state meet as both a junior and a senior, while finishing second in the 300-meter hurdles and fourth in the 100-meter dash as a senior. His 4x100-meter relay team also finished second. In 2006 he led the Vikings to the Class A state track title by winning four gold medals. Individually, he captured the Class A titles in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles and was part of all-class gold medal teams in the 4x100 and 4x400-meter relays. Paul also won the Class A state title in the 300-meter hurdles as a sophomore. On the basketball court, Paul was among the Class A leaders in scoring and rebounding, averaging nearly 19 points and 12 rebounds per game as a senior.

PERSONAL

Niles is the son of Nick DeCosta-Paul and was born on Aug. 9, 1989. He is majoring in communication studies and sociology, and was a second-team academic All-Big 12 pick in 2008. Paul was also named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll. Paul has volunteered with NU's hospital visits and at the F Street Recreation Center.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2007	7/0	1	6	6.0	0.9	6 vs. Nevada	0
2008	13/4	23	214	9.3	16.5	21, twice	0
Totals	20/4	24	220	9.2	11.0	21, twice	0

Kickoff Returns: 42-977-1 total, 1-8-0 vs. Kansas State, 2007, 41-969-1, long-85 vs. San Jose State in 2008. Tackles: 0 UT, 2 AT, 2 Total.

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions-5 vs. Baylor, 2008
 Receiving Yards-34 vs. Baylor, 2008
 Long Reception-21 yards vs. Virginia Tech, at Iowa State, 2008
 Long Kickoff Return-85 yards vs. San Jose State, 2008 (TD)
 Most Kickoff Return Yards-156 yards at Texas Tech, 2008
 Kickoff Returns of More than 30 yards-6

2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECEIVING STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0
San Jose State	2	27	15	0
New Mexico State	1	10	10	0
Virginia Tech	1	21	21	0
Missouri	1	3	3	0
at Texas Tech	4	25	9	0
at Iowa State	2	25	21	0
Baylor	5	34	13	0
at Oklahoma	1	14	14	0
Kansas	0	0	0	0
at Kansas State	3	31	12	0
Colorado	1	11	11	0
vs. Clemson	2	13	10	0
Totals	23	214	21	0



KYLER REED

TIGHT END | 6-3 | 230 | RFR.
SHAWNEE, KAN.
(ST. THOMAS AQUINAS)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Kyle Reed is among the most talented athletes on the Cornhusker roster and he will look to earn playing time among a deep stable of Nebraska tight ends. The 6-3, 230-pound Reed is one of several young players who will look for action behind experienced juniors Mike McNeill and Dreu Young. Reed showed the explosiveness he could provide at tight end during the spring game, when he turned a short pass completion into a 71-yard touchdown. A versatile high school performer, Reed has spent practice time at fullback, tight end and linebacker, before settling into his current role in the spring.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Reed redshirted in his first season at Nebraska and worked with the scout team. He briefly moved to linebacker late in the season.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HS)

Reed showed versatility throughout his prep career at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park, Kan., playing a significant role on both offense and defense. Reed helped Coach Kevin Kopecky's team to an 8-4 record and a trip to the Class 5A state semifinals--the third straight year Aquinas reached the state semifinals. Reed rushed for 350 yards out of the backfield, but made his biggest impact as a receiver with 500 receiving yards and seven touchdown receptions. He also passed for a touchdown, and was a standout safety on defense.

Reed's performance in leading Aquinas earned him first-team 5A all-state honors from the Kansas High School Coaches Association and honorable-mention all-metro honors from the Kansas City Star. Reed played all over the field as a junior, lining up as a wide receiver, fullback and defensive back for a 10-2 Aquinas team. His performance earned him all-area and honorable-mention all-metro accolades in 2006.

ESPN.com ranked Reed as the nation's No. 1 fullback, Rivals.com listed him among the nation's top "athlete" prospects and Scout.com listed him among the top 20 weakside linebackers in the country. Rivals and Scout also ranked Reed among the top 10 prospects in Kansas.

PERSONAL

Kyle was born on April 14, 1990, and is the son of Linda Reed and Kenny Reed. He is majoring in business administration and was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll. Reed has volunteered his time with local hospital visits.

MIKE SMITH

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-6 | 295 | JR.-2VL
LAS VEGAS, NEV.
(PALO VERDE)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2006)

2009 OUTLOOK

Junior Mike Smith is a key part of a Nebraska offensive line that figures to be a strong point for the 2009 Huskers. Smith started 12 games at left tackle as a sophomore and is one of three returning starters on the offensive front this fall. The 6-6, 295-pound Smith is expected to return to his left tackle post, alongside fellow junior Keith Williams who also became a regular starter during his sophomore campaign.

Smith helped the Nebraska offense become one of the nation's most complete units, as the Huskers ranked in the top 40 in all four major statistical categories, including 12th nationally in total offense. A converted defensive end, Smith has the agility needed to man the critical left tackle spot.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Smith earned the starting left tackle spot during fall camp and was in the starting lineup for 12 contests. Smith and his fellow offensive linemen provided the power for Nebraska to score at least 30 points 10 times, while topping 400 yards nine times. The Huskers passed for at least 200 yards in all 13 games and the running game averaged 4.5 yards per attempt.

Smith protected the blindside of quarterback Joe Ganz, who threw for a school record 3,568 yards and 25 touchdowns, while also producing a season record in total offense. The line became a strong run-blocking unit in the second half of the year, as NU averaged better than 210 rushing yards per game in the second half of the regular season.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Smith played in all 12 games as a reserve tackle behind starters Lydon Murtha and Carl Nicks. Smith often blocked on the perimeter on screen plays, and he helped Nebraska rank in the top 10 nationally in both total offense and passing offense. He was also utilized on a few occasions as a tight end in power sets. Smith was also on NU's PAT and field-goal units.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Smith sat out the season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team defense, before switching to the offensive line in the spring of 2007.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (PALO VERDE HS)

Smith was the first Nebraska scholarship recruit from the state of Nevada since Albert Lewis Jr. in 1982. As a senior, Smith recorded 56 tackles and five sacks in earning first-team all-state honors for Coach Darwin Rost and Palo Verde High School. Smith added eight receptions for 102 yards and one touchdown as a tight end. Smith was ranked among the top 30 defensive ends in the country by both Scout.com and Rivals.com.

As a junior, Smith recorded 71 tackles and a state-leading 17 sacks in helping Palo Verde to a 14-0 record and the 2004 Southern 4A title. He also logged six catches for 122 yards in earning second-team all-state honors.

Smith was a three-sport star for Palo Verde, also playing basketball and baseball. He earned second-team all-state honors as a first baseman as a junior. As a senior, Smith led Class 4A in home runs (10) and runs batted in (54), while ranking third in batting average (.563) to help Palo Verde to a playoff berth. He earned first-team All-Southern Nevada and Northwest Division Player-of-the-Year honors. Smith chose Nebraska over Oregon, Oregon State and UNLV.

PERSONAL

Mike, the son of Michael and Pattie Smith, was born on March 17, 1988. He is a marketing major, and was named to the 2006 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll. Smith is on track to complete his undergraduate work in May of 2010, and would compete in his senior season as a graduate student. He has volunteered as part of the Huskers' local hospital visits.

CAREER NUMBERS

Games Played-25 (12 in 2007, 13 in 2008)

Games Started-12 (12 in 2008)



P.J. SMITH

SAFETY | 6-2 | 210 | RFR.
RIVER RIDGE, LA.
(JOHN CURTIS)



2009 OUTLOOK

P.J. Smith was one of the breakout players on the Nebraska defense during spring ball and he will head into the 2009 campaign hopeful of pushing for playing time in the secondary. The 6-2, 210-pound redshirt freshman will enter fall camp as a backup behind senior returning starter Larry Asante at strong safety. Smith was impressive in his scout-team efforts in 2008, and brings good size and athleticism to the defensive backfield.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Smith redshirted in his first season and worked on the scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (JOHN CURTIS HS)

Smith joined the Husker program from Louisiana prep powerhouse John Curtis High School in River Ridge. Smith was a four-year starter for Coach J.T. Curtis and helped the school to Class 2A state titles each of his final three seasons of high school.

Smith earned first-team all-state honors in 2007 and was a member of the Baton Rouge Advocate's Louisiana "Super Dozen". Smith made 85 tackles, added four interceptions and forced a pair of fumbles for a 12-2 state championship team in 2007. Smith also saw action at receiver and caught a pair of touchdown passes.

Smith was a two-way standout during his junior season. On defense, Smith made 28 tackles, had three interceptions and broke up 14 passes. Offensively, his 10 receptions covered 124 yards, including three touchdown catches. Smith was regarded as one of the top 15 players in Louisiana by Rivals.com and among the top 50 safeties in the country by the recruiting service.

He was also a four-year starter in basketball and led his team in scoring and rebounding. Smith chose Nebraska after also visiting Arkansas, Baylor and Southern Miss.

PERSONAL

Kentrill (P.J.) Smith is the son of Richard and Darlisa Smith and was born on April 28, 1989. He has not declared a major. Smith has volunteered as an FCA Outreach speaker.

KODY SPANO

QUARTERBACK | 6-2 | 215 | RFR.
STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS



» Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008)

2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Kody Spano was poised to contend for playing time at quarterback in 2009, before a knee injury ended his spring practice. Spano had surgery shortly after the injury and the Husker coaches are hopeful the 6-2, 215-pounder can return early in the fall. Spano brings run-pass skills to the Nebraska offense and if healthy is expected to provide depth at the spot. After graduating from high school early, Spano redshirted in 2008 and worked with the scout team.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Spano redshirted in his first season at Nebraska and served as the scout team quarterback.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (STEPHENVILLE HS)

Spano was one of nine Texans in the 2008 Nebraska recruiting class. During his senior season at Stephenville High School, Spano passed for 2,263 yards and 23 touchdowns, while completing

better than 62 percent of his passes. His play helped Coach Chad Morris' squad to a 10-2 record and a trip to the second round of the Class 4A state playoffs. He also rushed for 366 yards and 11 touchdowns. Spano's performance as a senior earned him Offensive MVP honors in Class 4A District 8, and second-team Class 4A all-state honors.

Spano also produced big numbers as a junior, throwing for 2,889 yards and 31 touchdowns, while rushing for an additional 532 yards and 10 touchdowns. Stephenville finished 10-2 under his direction in 2006. Spano earned second-team all-state honors during his junior season.

Spano was ranked as the nation's No. 9 dual-threat quarterback by Rivals.com and among the top 50 players in the Lone Star State. Spano also competed for the track team, and won the district title in the discus as a junior. Spano was a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to Nebraska, Spano visited Oklahoma State and received scholarship offers from TCU and Tulsa.

PERSONAL

Kody is the son of Kyle and Kim Spano, and was born on April 25, 1989. He is majoring in mechanical engineering and was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll. Spano has volunteered his time with local hospital visits and the Lincoln Public Schools.

BAKER STEINKUHLER

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-6 | 290 | RFR.
LINCOLN, NEB.
(SOUTHWEST)



2009 OUTLOOK

Baker Steinkuhler (pronounced stine-cooler) brings outstanding physical tools to the Nebraska defensive line and is expected to be a contender for playing time this fall. The 6-6, 290-pound Steinkuhler is among the talented group of young players who will be called on to work alongside All-America candidate Ndamukong Suh at defensive tackle. Ironically, Steinkuhler is competing to replace his older brother, Ty, in the starting lineup after Ty completed his eligibility in 2008.

Baker is the son of 1983 Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award winner Dean Steinkuhler. He redshirted in his first season after being one of the top prospects in recent years in the state of Nebraska.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Steinkuhler had the versatility to play on either the offensive or defensive line, but settled on defense and redshirted in his first season.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (SOUTHWEST HS)

Steinkuhler had a standout prep career at Lincoln Southwest High School, where he earned Lincoln Journal Star Super-State honors three straight years and Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska honors his final two seasons. Steinkuhler was also recognized as the top lineman on the prestigious Parade All-America team, which consisted of the nation's top 58 players, while earning second-team All-America honors from USA Today.

Steinkuhler was a four-year starter and starred on both sides of the ball for Coach Mark King at Southwest. Steinkuhler's play helped Southwest rank among the state's top Class A programs. As a senior, he recorded 36 solo stops, and 36 assisted tackles, helping the Southwest defense allow just 190 yards per game.

Steinkuhler also anchored the Silverhawk offensive line. During his junior season, Steinkuhler anchored the lines for a 10-1 Southwest team that was ranked No. 1 for much of the season. As a sophomore, Steinkuhler helped the Silverhawks to a state runner-up finish.

Steinkuhler was the No. 8 overall prospect in the country by Rivals.com, and the No. 2 offensive tackle by both Rivals.com and Scout.com. He was also the SuperPrep Midlands region Offensive Player of the Year. He was a first-team EA Sports prep All-American. Steinkuhler played defense at the U.S. Army All-American Game in January of 2008. Steinkuhler committed to Nebraska at the start of his junior season and did not take any additional visits.

PERSONAL

Baker is the son of Sue Steinkuhler and Dean Steinkuhler and was born on July 12, 1989. He has not declared a major.

GRAHAM STODDARD

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 230 | RFR.
LINCOLN, NEB.
(SOUTHWEST)



» Big 12 Commissioners' Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman walk-on Graham Stoddard made a strong impression on the Nebraska coaching staff as a redshirt in 2008, then again during spring practice. The 6-2, 230-pound Lincoln Southwest product enters fall camp among four redshirt freshmen slated to battle for playing time at the Buck linebacker spot.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Stoddard redshirted and worked with the scout team defense.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (SOUTHWEST HS)

Stoddard earned 2006 all-conference honors and was a two-time honorable-mention all-city pick by the Lincoln Journal Star. He was a member of the 2005 Silverhawk team that was the state runner-up in Class A under Coach Mark King. As a junior, Stoddard made 69 tackles, five sacks and two interceptions from his defensive end position, helping Southwest to a 10-1 record. Stoddard also participated in track and field, and finished on the seventh-place 400-meter relay team at the state track meet. He was also nominated for the 2007 Lead America Youth Leadership Conference and was a 2006 Scholar Athlete Award winner.

PERSONAL

Graham was born on July 31, 1990, and is the son of Larry and Karen Stoddard. He is a finance major and has volunteered his time as a School is Cool Week speaker. Stoddard was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll.

RICKEY THENARSE

SAFETY | 6-0 | 205 | SR.-3VL
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
(JORDAN)



» Two-Time Nebraska Special Teams MVP (2006, 2007)

2009 OUTLOOK

Rickey Thenarse (pronounced tuh-NARSE) has been a special teams standout throughout his Nebraska career and emerged late in his junior season as a key player in the Husker secondary. The Los Angeles native split time at free safety throughout the year with fellow senior-to-be Matt O'Hanlon, then Thenarse earned a starting job during the final four games. This fall, the duo is expected to again man the free safety spot in a much deeper and more experienced Nebraska secondary.

The 6-0, 205-pound Thenarse has been known for his fearless special teams play and hard-hitting ability since his arrival at Nebraska in 2006. His play earned him Nebraska Special Teams MVP honors each of his first two seasons, and he has also seen playing time in the secondary since his freshman season. Despite not using a redshirt season, Thenarse is on track to complete his degree work in sociology in May of 2010.

2008 (JUNIOR)

Thenarse played in 11 games and made five starts. He finished with 24 total tackles, including 17 solo stops, had six tackles for loss and a pair of sacks. A shoulder injury in the season opener forced Thenarse to miss the next two games, but he returned with three tackles and two tackles for loss against Virginia Tech. He made his first career start against Missouri and had three tackles and a TFL. He made two tackles and forced a key fumble on punt coverage at Iowa State.

Thenarse made his second career interception at Oklahoma, then moved into the starting



lineup. He had four solo tackles, including a 14-yard sack at Kansas State, and led the team against Colorado with a career-high eight tackles with two tackles for loss and a sack. Thenarse continued to be a major player on Nebraska's special teams in 2008.

2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Thenarse saw extensive action both on special teams and as a backup safety, playing in all 12 games. He made 28 total tackles, including 18 solo stops, with many of his stops coming on kick or punt coverage.

He finished the season with four games of three or more tackles. He had four tackles, including three solo stops, and forced a fumble on a kickoff against USC. He added three tackles against Ball State, before making a season-high five tackles each in back-to-back road games at Texas and Kansas late in the year. Thenarse forced his second fumble of the season against the Longhorns.

2006 (FRESHMAN)

Thenarse was the only true freshman to play in all 14 games in 2006. He saw limited action in the secondary, but made an immediate impact on the Huskers' coverage units. Thenarse's kickoff coverage ability helped make that Husker unit one of the nation's best.

Thenarse finished the year with nine tackles, including five solo stops. He made a season-high four tackles against Colorado, including three solo stops. His game against the Buffs marked his finest performance, as he also forced a fumble. Thenarse added tackles against Nicholls State, Troy, Kansas, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. He grabbed his first career interception and returned it 25 yards against Kansas State, and he recorded a pass breakup at Iowa State.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (JORDAN HS)

Thenarse was a standout running back and defensive back for Jordan High School in Los Angeles. As a senior, Thenarse carried the ball 112 times for 1,344 yards and 10 touchdowns, while catching 19 passes for 628 yards and five touchdowns. He also returned 11 punts for 231 yards and a touchdown and returned 14 kickoffs for 300 yards in earning first-team all-city and all-state honors.

Defensively, Thenarse had 153 tackles and one interception as a senior. Thenarse earned Eastern League MVP honors and was rated as the No. 94 overall prospect in the nation on the ESPN 150.

As a junior playing for Coach Elijah Asante, Thenarse ran for 1,234 yards on 130 carries, scoring 12 touchdowns and earning first-team all-league honors. Thenarse also had 15 catches for 307 yards and four touchdowns, and added 20 tackles, three sacks and three interceptions on the defensive side of the ball. Thenarse chose Nebraska over USC, UCLA, California, Colorado, Fresno State, Oregon and Washington.

PERSONAL

Rickey is the son of Kathy Thenarse and Ricky Thenarse Sr., and was born on Aug. 2, 1988. He is majoring in sociology and has assisted with NU's hospital visits.

CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---											
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2006	14/0	5	4	9	0-0	0	1-0	0	1	1	0
2007	12/0	18	10	28	0-0	0	2-0	0	0	0	0
2008	11/5	17	7	24	6-25	2.0-21	1-0	0	1	1	0
Totals	37/5	40	21	61	6-25	2.0-21	4-0	0	2	2	0

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-8 vs. Colorado, 2008

Solo Tackles-5 vs. Colorado, 2008

Tackles for Loss-2 vs. Colorado, 2008

2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Opponent	---Tackles---			---Sacks---			FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU
	Solo	Asst	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF-FR-Yds				
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
San Jose State	--DNP--									
New Mexico State	--DNP--									
Virginia Tech	1	2	3	2-2	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Missouri	1	2	3	1-1	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	1
at Texas Tech	0	0	0	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	2	0	2	0-0	0.0-0	1-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Baylor	0	0	0	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	1-0	0	0	0
Kansas	2	0	2	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Kansas State	4	0	4	1-14	1.0-14	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Colorado	5	3	8	2-8	1.0-7	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Clemson	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	17	7	24	6-25	2.0-21	1-0-0	1-0	0	1	1

BRANDON THOMPSON

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-6 | 295 | RFR.
THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

**2009 OUTLOOK**

Redshirt freshman Brandon Thompson could be called on for playing time in 2009 after redshirting in his first season in the Nebraska program. The 6-6, 295-pound Thompson is expected to battle for action behind projected starting tackles Mike Smith and Marcel Jones and adds more talent to an offensive line that returns eight letterwinners from last fall.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Thompson redshirted and worked on the scout team during his first year at Nebraska.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (THE WOODLANDS HS)

Thompson was one of nine Texans in the 2008 signing group, the largest group of players from that state to sign with Nebraska in a single season. He was the leader of the Highlanders' offense in 2007, providing protection for a quarterback who threw for nearly 1,600 yards and paving the way for three running backs to each top 300 yards on the ground. Despite battling injuries during his senior season, Thompson's play earned him first-team all-district honors in the 5A ranks.

Thompson also earned all-district honors as a junior, when he helped Coach Mark Schmid's squad to a 6-5 record. Thompson was ranked among the top 80 players in the Southwest region according to SuperPrep Magazine and was listed among the nation's top 50 offensive tackles

by both ESPN.com and Scout.com.

In addition to his talents on the football field, Thompson also excelled for the Highlander track team, throwing the shot put and discus. Thompson chose Nebraska over Purdue, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Colorado.

PERSONAL

Brandon is the son of Jeff Thompson and Belinda Proctor and his stepfather is Leonard Proctor. Brandon was born on June 10, 1990. He has not declared a major.

KEVIN THOMSEN

FULLBACK | 6-2 | 235 | So.
ELKHORN, NEB.



» Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007, 2008)

» Two-Time Big 12 Commissioners Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)

2009 OUTLOOK

Fullback Kevin Thomsen will enter his sophomore season as one of several players who could figure into the mix for playing time at fullback. The position is wide open following the graduation of 2008 seniors Thomas Lawson and Hunter Teafatiller, and the 6-2, 235-pound Thomsen has the physical tools to help at the position where the focus is primarily on lead blocking in the NU offense.

2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Thomsen was a reserve fullback, but did not see game action in 2008.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

Thomsen sat out as a redshirt and worked with the scout team offense.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (ELKHORN HS)

Thomsen was a first-team Class B all-state selection by the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star following a standout senior season for Coach Mark Wortman at Elkhorn. Thomsen helped the Antlers to a 12-1 record and Class B state runner-up finish.

Thomsen recorded 61 tackles, including a pair of sacks, and four interceptions from his defensive line position, while he also rushed for 223 yards and three touchdowns. Thomsen also earned first-team All-Omaha area accolades from the World-Herald. Thomsen threw the discus and shot put for the Elkhorn track team.

PERSONAL

Kevin is the son of John and Mary Thomsen and was born on Oct. 14, 1988. He is majoring in nutrition, exercise and health science and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll four times. He has volunteered his time at Skyline Elementary and the Omaha Heart Walk, as well as team hospital visits.

LANCE THORELL

CORNERBACK | 6-1 | 195 | So.-1VL
LOOMIS, NEB.



- » 2008 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007, 2008)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008)
- » 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team

2009 OUTLOOK

Lance Thorell emerged as a key player in the Nebraska secondary as a redshirt freshman in 2008, and is expected to again play a key role after a strong spring. With Nebraska facing a spread-style offense nearly every week, the 6-1, 195-pound walk-on settled into a role as the Huskers' starting dime back and was up to the task. Thorell is likely to continue in his dime role this fall and has the ability to line up at either cornerback or safety.

Thorell is also a standout in the classroom, and earned first-team academic All-Big 12 accolades in 2008.

2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Thorell played in 11 games, including five starts when Nebraska opened in its dime package. He finished with 24 tackles, including 15 solo stops. He had a career-high eight tackles against New Mexico State, and recorded a career-high five solo stops against Texas Tech. He had five tackles against Missouri and capped the regular season with three stops against Colorado.

Thorell's first career pass breakup came in the final minutes of the fourth quarter against the Buffs, and one play later Ndamukong Suh intercepted a pass to secure the NU win.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

Thorell sat out his first season as a redshirt.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LOOMIS HS)

Thorell was a standout on both sides of the ball for Loomis High School, helping the Wolves to the Class D-1 state quarterfinals in 2006. Thorell earned first-team Class D-1 all-state honors at defensive back from the Lincoln Journal Star after totaling 118 tackles and four interceptions as a senior. He added more than 1,000 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns while also playing running back for Loomis.

Thorell also excelled on the track as a member of Loomis' Class D state champion track team. He set the state Class D record in the 110-meter hurdles on his way to a gold medal at the state track meet, as well as taking home the gold in the 300-meter hurdles. He also placed in the long jump and 400-meter dash at the 2007 state track meet.

PERSONAL

Lance is the son of Mike Thorell and Kristi Thorell, and was born on Oct. 16, 1988. He is a business administration major and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll three times. Thorell is among Nebraska's most dedicated volunteers in the community and was named to the 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team. His outreach work includes several team hospital visits and speaking at Elliott Elementary in Lincoln.

CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	Redshirt										
2008	11/5	15	9	24	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Totals	11/5	15	9	24	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-8 vs. New Mexico State, 2008

Solo Tackles-5 at Texas Tech, 2008

BRIAN THORSON

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-3 | 280 | RFR.
OMAHA, NEB.
(MILLARD NORTH)



- » Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

2009 OUTLOOK

Brian Thorson will add depth along an experienced offensive line during his redshirt freshman campaign. The 6-3, 280-pound Thorson spent most of his time during the spring at center and will likely back up senior Jacob Hickman and fellow Millard North product Mike Caputo.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

A walk-on, Thorson redshirted in his first season and worked on the NU scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MILLARD NORTH HS)

Thorson helped Millard North to three state title game appearances. Under the coaching of Fred Petito, Thorson earned all-metro honors from the Omaha World-Herald as a junior, and first-team all-state accolades from both the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star as a senior. Thorson chose to walk on at Nebraska over offers from Buffalo and Division I-AA South Dakota.

PERSONAL

The son of Don and Teresa Thorson, Brian was born on Nov. 29, 1989. He is a criminal justice major and was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first two semesters. Thorson has volunteered his time with the People's City Mission and team hospital visits.

QUENTIN TOAILOA

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 295 | RFR.
HIGHLAND, CALIF.
(REDLANDS EAST VALLEY)



2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Quentin Toailoa (pronounced toe-uh-loa) made the move to the offensive line during spring practice and is expected to provide depth on an experienced unit this fall. The 6-4, 295-pound Toailoa is projected to line up at guard. Toailoa began his Nebraska career on the defensive line, but spent the majority of last season on the sidelines after a shoulder injury.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Toailoa spent his first season in the program as a redshirt.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (REDLANDS EAST VALLEY HS)

Toailoa was one of three native Californians in Nebraska's 2008 signing class. Toailoa joined the Huskers after an outstanding prep career at Redlands East Valley High School where he helped his team to a 12-1 record in 2007, before a loss in the semifinals of the playoffs. Toailoa racked up better than 90 tackles during his senior season, including three sacks. His performance netted him first-team all-league honors as a defensive tackle.

Toailoa also earned all-league honors as a junior, when he compiled 70 tackles and three sacks. Toailoa was regarded as one of the nation's top 50 defensive tackles by both Scout.com and ESPN.com. Toailoa chose Nebraska over offers from Oregon State, Utah, Arizona and Fresno State among others.

PERSONAL

Quentin is the son of Tamara and John Ciraulo and Fala and Heather Toailoa. Quentin was born on Aug. 22, 1990. He has not declared a major.

BARRY TURNER

DEFENSIVE END | 6-3 | 265 | SR.-3VL
ANTIOCH, TENN.
(BRENTWOOD ACADEMY)



- » 2005 First-Team Freshman All-American (Football Writers, ESPN.com, Rivals.com)
- » 2005 Second-Team Freshman All-American (CollegeFootballNews.com)
- » Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Colorado, 2006)
- » Tied for National Lead in Sacks Among Freshmen (6, 2005)
- » Nebraska Single-Season Record for Sacks by a Freshman (6, 2005)

2009 OUTLOOK

Defensive end Barry Turner returns to action for Nebraska after missing the majority of the 2008 campaign with a broken leg. Turner went down for the season in game two against San Jose State, but received a medical hardship and is back for his fifth season in the Nebraska program. Turner was near full strength for spring practice and should be full-go for the start of fall practice.

The 6-3, 265-pound Turner brings experience and play-making ability to a defensive front that also returns All-Big 12 tackle Ndamukong Suh. In addition, the Huskers return junior end Pierre Allen who performed admirably as Turner's replacement in 2008. Together, Turner and Allen should give Nebraska two play-making defensive ends who both possess the needed combination of size and speed to rush the passer and hold up effectively against the run.

Turner has been a regular in Nebraska's defensive end rotation since he burst onto the scene as a true freshman in 2005. The Tennessee native enters his senior season with 11.5 career sacks and 18 career tackles for loss. His sack total leaves Turner just four sacks from cracking the career top 10 list at Nebraska. Turner is expected to earn his degree in economics in December.

2008 (SENIOR)

Turner opened 2008 with three tackles, including two tackles for loss and a 14-yard sack against Western Michigan. However, he suffered the leg injury in the first quarter against San Jose State, underwent subsequent surgery and was lost for the year.

2007 (JUNIOR)

Turner missed spring ball after shoulder surgery, but played in all 12 games with 11 starts at open end. He totaled 29 tackles, including five tackles for loss and a team-high three sacks for 33 yards. Turner had five games with three or more tackles and his seven quarterback hurries ranked second on the team.

He opened the year by sharing a sack and adding two quarterback hurries against Nevada. Turner made four tackles against Wake Forest and five against Ball State. He then produced his most complete game against Iowa State with three tackles, all for loss, 1.5 sacks for nine yards and two quarterback hurries.

Turner added two hurries against Texas A&M, then capped the year in strong fashion. He had three tackles, including a 19-yard sack of Josh Freeman against Kansas State, then matched his season-high with five tackles at Colorado.

2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Turner played in all 14 games as a reserve end and was featured primarily in pass-rush situations. He finished with 18 tackles, including 11 solo stops, four tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. He registered multiple stops in six games and ranked among the team leaders in quarterback hurries with six, while he also claimed his first career pass breakup and his third career blocked kick.

Turner played a key role in NU's Big 12 North-clinching win at Texas A&M. He had three tackles and was in on a pair of sacks. Turner also blocked an Aggie field goal with less than two minutes remaining that kept NU alive and set up the Huskers' winning drive in a 28-27 victory. Two weeks later, Turner was in on another big special-teams play as he scored his first career touchdown on a pass from backup quarterback Joe Ganz during a fake field-goal attempt. The reception marked the only career catch for Turner and helped him earn Big 12 Special Teams Player-of-the-Week honors.

2005 (FRESHMAN)

Turner made his mark as a true freshman, notching a Husker freshman record six sacks and earning first-team freshman All-America honors. A key factor in NU ranking first nationally in both sacks and tackles for loss, Turner tied for the national sack lead among freshmen. His six sacks tied for third on the team, and he made 14 total tackles, with six hurries and two blocked field goals.

Turner's best statistical performance came at Baylor, as he set season highs in tackles (four), tackles for loss (three) and sacks (two). He had blocked field goals against Oklahoma and Kansas State, while also playing on NU's kickoff return unit.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (BRENTWOOD ACADEMY)

Turner was a standout defensive end for Coach Carlton Flatt at Brentwood Academy. A USA Today second-team All-American, Turner made more than 90 tackles, including 10 sacks as a senior. He also had 25 quarterback hurries, helping Brentwood to a 9-4 record and a trip to the state finals for the second straight year. Turner also played tight end and had 20 catches for 290 yards and three scores. He earned AP all-state honors and was a finalist for Tennessee Mr. Football honors. He was also a finalist for the Division II Class AAA Lineman of the Year. Turner had 105 tackles and 15 sacks as a junior. He was ranked among the top 10 defensive ends in the country by several recruiting services.

Turner also helped Brentwood's basketball team to three consecutive Division II state titles. He averaged 16 points and nine rebounds as a junior, then helped Brentwood to a 29-3 record as a senior. Turner earned all-region and all-district honors on the hardwood. He chose Nebraska over Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

PERSONAL

Barry is the son of Betty Tate, and was born on Jan. 7, 1987. He is majoring in economics and has volunteered with NU's local hospital visits. He is one of 11 Nebraska seniors expected to earn their degrees by the close of the fall semester.

CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---											
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2005	12/0	13	1	14	7-48	6-46	1-0	2	0	0	6
2006	14/0	11	7	18	4-12	1.5-11	0-1	1	2	0	6
2007	12/11	12	17	29	5-34	3-33	0-0	0	2	0	7
2008*	2/2	1	2	3	2-15	1.0-14	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	40/13	37	27	64	18-109	11.5-104	1-1	3	4	0	19

*-Received medical redshirt. Receiving: 1-29 (1 TD)

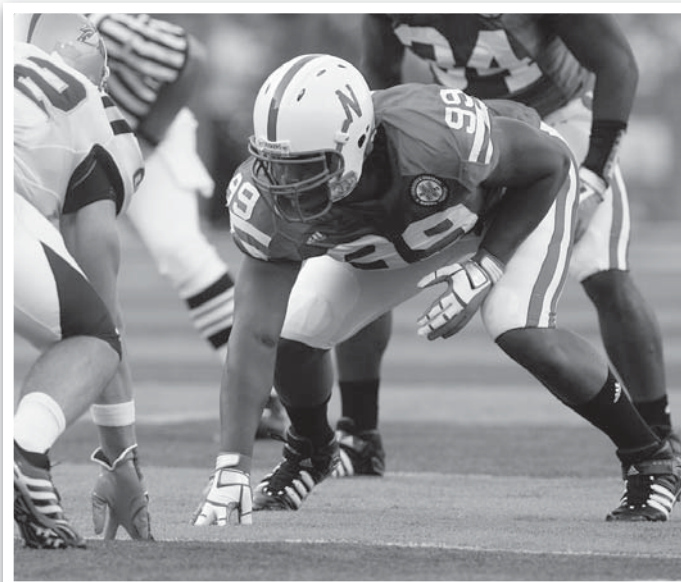
SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-5 vs. Ball State, at Colorado, 2007

Solo Tackles-4, at Baylor, 2005

Tackles for Loss-3 at Baylor, 2005; vs. Iowa State, 2007

Sacks-2-15, at Baylor, 2005



JEREMY WALLACE

I-BACK | 6-1 | 230 | RFR.

OMAHA, NEB.

(BRYAN)



2009 OUTLOOK

Omaha native Jeremy Wallace brings excellent size to the Nebraska backfield and has the ability to line up at either fullback or I-back. The 6-1, 230-pounder could contend for playing time at fullback following the graduation of 2008 seniors Thomas Lawson and Hunter Teafatiller who handled the majority of the playing time at that spot.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

A walk-on, Wallace redshirted and worked with the scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (OMAHA BRYAN HS)

Wallace attended Omaha Bryan where he led his team to a state playoff berth his senior year. Starting on both sides of the ball, Wallace ran for 1,171 yards and 17 touchdowns, while collecting 115 tackles, two sacks and one interception from his middle linebacker spot. For his efforts, Wallace earned honorable-mention all-state recognition from the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald.

He played on the South Squad for the 2008 Shrine Bowl. Wallace chose to walk on at Nebraska over offers from several Division II programs. He also started for Bryan's basketball team and was an honorable-mention all-state pick.

PERSONAL

Jeremy was born on March 28, 1990, and is the son of Cynthia Wallace. He is a broadcasting major and has volunteered time with the Special Olympics and the Omaha Heart Walk.

LESTER WARD

I-BACK | 6-3 | 215 | RFR.

BRENHAM, TEXAS



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Lester Ward is among a group of young I-backs who will be looking to push for reserve action behind battle-tested juniors Roy Helu Jr. and Quentin Castille. The 6-3, 215-pound Ward brings good size and speed to the spot and should compete with fellow redshirt freshman Collins Okafor and sophomore Austin Jones for playing time. Ward came to Nebraska from Brenham, Texas where he had an excellent all-around athletic career.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Ward redshirted and worked with the Nebraska scout team offense.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (BRENHAM HS)

Ward was slowed by injury during his senior season, but managed to help Coach Glen West's team to an 8-3 record and a district title by rushing for 1,200 yards. Ward was a second-team all-district pick. He played a key role for the Cubs in 2006, helping Brenham to a 12-2 record and a trip to the third round of the 4A state playoffs. Ward rushed for 972 yards and had about 200 receiving yards in 2006, despite missing four games. He earned second-team all-district accolades. Ward also saw action for Brenham High School as a freshman and sophomore.

In addition to his football talents, Ward was a top-flight track athlete for Brenham. He competed in the hurdles and the triple jump and saw success on the state and national levels. Ward was second in the 110 high hurdles at the state track meet as a freshman and sophomore. He also finished second in the high hurdles and fifth in the triple jump at the Junior Olympics before his sophomore year of high school.

Ward earned academic all-district honors in both 2006 and 2007. He was listed on the Houston Chronicle's Greater Houston Top 100, as well as being a member of the newspaper's Texas Top 100. He was also listed among the top 70 players in Texas by SuperPrep Magazine. Ward visited TCU, Baylor and Missouri before deciding on Nebraska.

PERSONAL

Lester is the son of Lester Sr. and Belene Ward and was born on Sept. 11, 1989. Lester Sr. played collegiately at Baylor and professionally for the Dallas Cowboys. Ward has not declared a major, but was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll. Ward has been a volunteer at the F Street Recreation Center and worked as a mentor at a local elementary school.

LATRAVIS WASHINGTON

QUARTERBACK | 6-3 | 225 | JR.-2VL

BRADENTON, FLA.

(BAYSHORE)



» 2008 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12

» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007)

» Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008)

2009 OUTLOOK

Junior Latravis Washington made a move from the defensive side of the ball to quarterback before the start of spring practice and was impressive in his first work at the position since high school. The 6-3, 225-pound Washington brings good size and excellent arm strength to the position and is poised to battle for playing time during fall camp. He capped spring practice by throwing for 190 yards and two touchdowns in the Red-White Game. Washington spent his first two seasons in the Nebraska program as a linebacker and also played a key role on special teams.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Washington was slowed by injury early in his sophomore season, but returned to provide depth at Buck linebacker and played in 10 games, primarily on special teams. His play on the punt return unit helped Nebraska rank 21st nationally in that category.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

Washington played in six games during his freshman season, both on kickoff coverage and as a reserve linebacker. He finished the year with two tackles, both coming in Nebraska's win over Kansas State.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (BAYSHORE HS)

Washington was a two-way standout for Bayshore High School in Bradenton, Fla., attracting recruiting interest both as a defender and a quarterback. As a senior, Washington split time on defense between the secondary and defensive end, finishing the year with five sacks, in addition to ranking as one of his team's top tacklers.

Washington also started at quarterback for Coach Raymond Woodie, and accounted for six passing touchdowns and six rushing scores. Washington also had an excellent junior season, in which he threw for 600 yards and four touchdowns and ran for 800 yards and nine scores. Washington also lined up as the starting power forward for Bayshore's basketball team.

Washington attended Nebraska's Elite Quarterback camp in both 2005 and 2006. He was regarded as one of the top 70 players in the state of Florida by Rivals.com. Washington chose Nebraska over Ohio State and West Virginia.

PERSONAL

Latravis is the son of Katrina Andrew and Julius Washington Jr., and was born on April 13, 1989. He is a communication studies major. Washington is a two-time Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll pick and was a second-team academic All-Big 12 pick last season. Washington has volunteered his time at Eastmont Towers and at St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center.

Washington is the cousin of former Husker defensive back and first-round NFL Draft pick Fabian Washington, who is now a member of the Baltimore Ravens.

ADAM WATSON

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-0 | 185 | JR.

LINCOLN, NEB.

(NIWOT [COLO.])



2009 OUTLOOK

Junior Adam Watson switched from defense to offense before the start of spring ball in hopes of earning playing time at wide receiver. The 6-0, 185-pound Watson had spent his first three seasons in the program as a defensive back. Watson joined the Nebraska program as a walk-on in the fall of 2006, and is the youngest son of Husker offensive coordinator Shawn Watson. The younger Watson attended Niwot (Colo.) High School while his father was an assistant at the University of Colorado.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Watson appeared in two games as a reserve safety, playing against New Mexico State and Kansas State. He did not record a tackle.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Watson provided depth in the secondary, but did not play in a game.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Watson sat out the season as a redshirt and helped the Husker scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (NIWOT HS)

Watson graduated from Niwot High School in Colorado, before moving to Lincoln following graduation. The younger Watson played safety, tight end and fullback for Head Coach Ron Tesone and earned all-conference honors. Watson was part of three state playoff teams, including a team that reached the state semifinals as a junior.

PERSONAL

Adam is the son of Shawn and Anita Watson and was born on April 2, 1988. He is a communication studies major, and has assisted with the Huskers' team hospital visits.

ANTHONY WEST

CORNERBACK | 6-0 | 200 | JR.-2VL

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

(POINT LOMA)



2009 OUTLOOK

Cornerback Anthony West emerged as a reliable player in the Nebraska secondary as a sophomore in 2008. West earned a starting role in an inexperienced Husker defensive backfield and helped Nebraska become one of the nation's most improved defensive units in 2008.

This fall the Nebraska secondary is much more experienced with seven returning players with 2008 starting experience. The 6-0, 200-pound West is expected to return to a starting role and anchor the cornerback group, while several other players will battle for the open starting job left by the graduation of Armando Murillo.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

West held down the right cornerback spot opposite Murillo and played in 12 games with 11 starts while missing one contest because of injury. He finished with 29 tackles, including 23 solo stops and tied Murillo for the team lead with nine breakups. The San Diego native had six games with at least three tackles. West also continued to excel on Nebraska's kickoff coverage team in 2008.

West recorded his first career interception in the season opener against Western Michigan, returning the pick 26 yards. He also had two breakups in the 47-24 victory. West posted the

second sack of his career against San Jose State, while adding three solo stops. He had four tackles at Oklahoma, then had a career day against Kansas, breaking up three passes while adding six tackles, including five solo stops, all career highs. He added two pass breakups at Kansas State. In the Gator Bowl win over Clemson, West had his second interception in the second quarter.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

West served as a reserve cornerback and also saw time on special teams. His most extensive defensive action came when Nebraska went to five and six defensive backs. West made six tackles, including four solo stops. He made three tackles at Missouri, before making two solo stops against Texas A&M. Both of his tackles against the Aggies were for losses (11 yards), including a nine-yard sack. West added two quarterback hurries against Kansas State and had a tackle against Colorado.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

With injuries in the secondary, West was prepared to play, but redshirted.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (POINT LOMA HS)

West was one of seven Californians in the 2006 class and came to NU from Point Loma High School in San Diego. As a senior, West rushed for 1,320 yards and 14 touchdowns on 174 carries, and had 17 receptions for 341 yards and four touchdowns. He also tallied 36 tackles on defense in helping Coach Mike Hastings' Point Loma squad finish as runner-up in the 2005 CIF Division III championship to St. Augustine High School and fellow Nebraska recruit Menelik Holt. As a junior, West rushed for 449 yards on 67 carries, scoring seven touchdowns. He added 13 tackles on defense.

PrepStar placed West on its All-West region team. West also received recruiting interest from UCLA, Texas Tech, San Diego State and Utah.

PERSONAL

The son of Robert and Marguerite West, Anthony was born on March 29, 1988. He is a sociology major and has volunteered with NU's hospital visits.

CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	11/0	4	2	6	2-11	1.0-9	0-0	0	0	0	2
2008	12/11	23	6	29	1-2	1.0-2	0-0	0	9	2-26	0
Totals	23/11	27	8	35	3-13	2.0-11	0-0	0	9	2-26	2

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-6 vs. Kansas, 2008

Solo Tackles-5 vs. Kansas, 2008

Tackles for Loss-2-11 vs. Texas A&M, 2007

Pass Breakups-3 vs. Kansas, 2008

Interceptions-1-26 vs. Western Michigan, 2008, 1-0 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl

Sacks-1-9 vs. Texas A&M, 2007; 1-2 vs. San Jose State, 2008

QB Hurries-2 vs. Kansas State, 2007

2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

---Tackles---

---Sacks---

Opponent	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU
Western Michigan	2	1	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	1-26	0	2
San Jose State	3	0	3	1-2	1.0-2	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
New Mexico State	--DNP--								
Virginia Tech	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Missouri	2	1	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
at Texas Tech	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
at Iowa State	3	0	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1
Baylor	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
at Oklahoma	1	3	4	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1
Kansas	5	1	6	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	3
at Kansas State	2	0	2	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	2
Colorado	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Clemson	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	1-0	0	0
Totals	23	6	29	1-2	1.0-2	0-0-0	2-26	0	9

ALONZO WHALEY

LINEBACKER | 6-1 | 225 | RFR.
MADISONVILLE, TEXAS



- » 2008 Defensive Scout Team co-MVP
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Alonzo Whaley is among a group of talented young linebackers who are expected to make a contribution in the 2009 campaign. The 6-1, 225-pound Whaley was impressive while redshirting in his first year in the program, and was honored as the Huskers' co-Defensive Scout Team MVP. Whaley will enter fall camp as one of numerous contenders for significant action at the Will linebacker position.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Whaley redshirted and was Nebraska's defensive scout team co-MVP.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MADISONVILLE HS)

Whaley was one of nine Texas natives in the 2008 Husker class, and was a standout throughout his career at Madisonville High. He showcased his ability to find the football as a senior with 162 tackles during the 2007 season, helping Madisonville and Coach Greg Morgan to a 9-2 record. In addition to his huge tackle numbers, Whaley also forced eight fumbles, recovered five and scored on an interception return.

Whaley's play earned him Defensive MVP honors in his district, along with first-team Class 3A all-state honors from the Texas Sports Writers Association. Whaley also earned first-team all-state honors in 2006, helping his team to a 7-4 record, while making 172 tackles.

Whaley was ranked among the top 100 players in the state of Texas by Rivals.com and among the top 100 players in the Southwest region by SuperPrep Magazine. He also ranked among the nation's top 50 weakside linebackers by Scout.com.

Whaley visited Oklahoma State and Louisiana Tech and drew strong recruiting interest from Baylor, Missouri, Texas A&M and Arizona State.

PERSONAL

Alonzo is the son of Annie Whaley, and was born on Jan. 4, 1990. He has not declared a major, but was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll. He has volunteered his time at the Village Manor Retirement Center and multiple hospital visits, including the Huskers' hospital visit in Jacksonville during Gator Bowl week.

JOSH WILLIAMS

DEFENSIVE END | 6-4 | 245 | RFR.
DENTON, TEXAS
(RYAN)



2009 OUTLOOK

Defensive end Josh Williams spent his first season at Nebraska as a redshirt, but the Texas native could be poised for a more significant role in 2009. The 6-4, 245-pound Williams is expected to battle for significant playing time behind junior Pierre Allen and senior Barry Turner who both have significant starting experience heading into the 2009 campaign.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Williams redshirted in his first season in Lincoln.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (RYAN HS)

Williams was one of nine Texans in Nebraska's 2008 recruiting class and was a standout for Coach Joey Florence at Denton's Ryan High School each of his final two years. During his senior season, Williams made 75 tackles, including 25 tackles for loss and 12 sacks, helping Ryan High

School to a 6-5 record. His play earned him first-team all-district honors in the Class 4A ranks. Williams also earned first-team all-district honors as a junior in 2006 when he made 68 tackles, including 22 tackles for loss, and logged six sacks and six pass breakups.

Williams was regarded as one of the top 20 defensive ends in the country by ESPN.com, Rivals.com and Scout.com. Williams was listed as the No. 19 prospect by the Dallas Morning News on its Area 100, while Rivals.com listed him among the top 50 players in Texas. Williams also visited Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky and Missouri, and received offers from Texas and Texas A&M, among others before choosing Nebraska.

PERSONAL

Josh was born on Sept. 24, 1990, and is the son of Rose Williams. He has not declared a major.

KEITH WILLIAMS

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 315 | JR.-2VL
FLORISSANT, MO.
(MCCLURE NORTH)



- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2007)

2009 OUTLOOK

Offensive guard Keith Williams is expected to return to a starting role in 2009 after emerging as a reliable performer during his sophomore campaign. Williams claimed the starting left guard job during Big 12 play last fall, and he and fellow junior Mike Smith are expected to make the left side of the Nebraska line a strength in 2009.

The 6-5, 315-pound Williams has all the physical tools needed to be a dominant force and is one of three starters and eight lettermen who return to the line this season. Last fall, Williams and his offensive line mates helped Nebraska rank among the top 20 nationally in total offense, passing offense and scoring offense.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Williams started the final nine games on a line that continued to improve throughout the year. The line helped NU score at least 30 points 10 times, while topping 400 yards of total offense in nine of 13 games. Nebraska finished 12th nationally in total offense at 450.8 yards per game.

The play of the offensive line fueled a Husker running game that made great strides in the second half of the year. Nebraska averaged better than 210 rushing yards in the final six regular-season games, including a 340-yard effort at Kansas State, NU's most rushing yards in a Big 12 game in six years. Williams provided protection for quarterback Joe Ganz who set NU season records for passing yards, total offense and completion percentage. Williams also continued as a blocker on the Huskers' outstanding PAT and field-goal units.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Williams played in 10 games at guard behind starters Mike Huff, Jacob Hickman and Matt Slauson. Williams also saw action as a blocker on PAT and field-goal units. The offensive line was the driving force behind Nebraska finishing in the top 10 nationally in both passing offense and total offense.



2006 (REDSHIRT)

Williams redshirted and was part of an impressive scout team offensive line.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MCCLURE NORTH HS)

On defense, Williams recorded 24 tackles, including one sack and one fumble recovery, and earned first-team Class 5A All-State honors. He helped lead Coach Jim Schottmueller's squad to back-to-back Missouri Class 5A championship game appearances. As a junior, Williams recorded 51 total tackles, including five tackles for losses and one sack in earning first-team all-conference honors on defense, and first-team all-metro and all-state honors as an offensive lineman.

Williams was ranked among the top 15 players in Missouri by Rivals.com, while PrepStar placed Williams on its All-Midlands region team. Williams also received offers from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan State and Missouri.

PERSONAL

Keith is the son of Marnetta Jackson and Keith Williams Sr., and was born on April 8, 1988. He is a sociology major, and was named to the 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll. Williams has volunteered with hospital visits.

WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS

Games Played - 23 (10 in 2007, 13 in 2008)

Games Started - 9 (9 in 2008)

WILLIAM YANCY

DEFENSIVE END | 6-4 | 250 | So.
GLENDALE, ARIZ.
(IRONWOOD)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore William Yancy will look to make a push for playing time at defensive end this fall. The 6-4, 250-pound Yancy provided depth at the position in 2008, and will look to battle for action behind veteran starters Pierre Allen and Barry Turner this year. Yancy has added more than 20 pounds of muscle to his frame since his arrival at Nebraska in 2007.

2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Yancy made his first appearance as a Husker in NU's win over New Mexico State and had an assisted tackle.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

Yancy sat out his first season at Nebraska as a redshirt. He underwent shoulder surgery in the fall, but was full speed for spring practice.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (IRONWOOD HS)

Yancy was one of five Arizona natives in the Huskers' 2007 class and helped Ironwood High School and Coach Larry Allen to a 7-4 record in 2006 by registering 32 tackles and seven sacks from his strongside defensive end position. For his efforts, Yancy earned honorable-mention Class 5A all-state honors from the Arizona Republic.

Yancy earned all-region honors as a junior when he racked up 66 tackles and 11 sacks while playing the weakside defensive end spot. Yancy participated in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Florida following his senior season. Yancy was ranked among the top five prospects in Arizona.

Yancy was also a standout performer on Ironwood's basketball team, splitting time between power forward and center. Yancy chose Nebraska after also taking visits to Arizona State and Purdue, and turning down an offer from Oklahoma.

PERSONAL

William is the son of Clark and Joyce Yancy and was born on Jan. 9, 1989. He is majoring in merchandising. Yancy has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center, Legacy Retirement Center and as part of team hospital visits.

DREU YOUNG

TIGHT END | 6-4 | 250 | JR.-2VL
COZAD, NEB.



» Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

2009 OUTLOOK

Junior Dreu Young is a key component in a talented group of Nebraska tight ends that makes the position one of the deepest for the 2009 Huskers. Young and fellow junior Mike McNeill formed a 1-2 punch at tight end in 2008, and the duo is expected to be the leaders of the group again this fall. The 6-4, 250-pound Young has the speed to stretch the field, and the experience of the tight ends should take some pressure off a young Nebraska receiving corps.

Young played in all 13 games in 2008 and finished with nine catches. A walk-on performer from Cozad High School, Young saw his first significant action in 2007.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Young saw action in every game and made four starts when NU opened in multiple tight-end sets. Young caught nine balls for 140 yards and one touchdown. His average of 15.6 yards per catch was the best among all receivers with at least two receptions. He opened the season with a career-long 55-yard catch against Western Michigan. He caught a career-best two passes each against Texas Tech and Kansas State, and scored a nine-yard touchdown against the Red Raiders to tie the score at 24-24 in the fourth quarter. Young added single receptions against Virginia Tech, Missouri, Baylor and Oklahoma.

Young played a key role in Nebraska ranking among the top 20 nationally in total offense, scoring offense and passing offense. Nebraska threw for at least 200 yards in every game, and Young's improved blocking skills helped NU average better than 200 rushing yards per game over the second half of the year.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Young earned his way into the tight end rotation behind three seniors, and played in eight games. He had a 14-yard catch against Nevada.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Young sat out the season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team offense.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (COZAD HS)

Young was a key part of two state playoff qualifying teams for Coach Ron Bubak at Cozad High School. He starred at tight end for the Haymakers, earning honorable-mention Class C-1 all-state honors as a senior. Young was a multi-sport standout, also earning honorable-mention all-state accolades in basketball.

PERSONAL

Dreu is the son of Marcus and Mindy Young, and was born on April 23, 1988. He is majoring in business administration and has volunteered with several Husker team hospital visits. He was named to the 2009 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2007	8/0	1	14	14.0	1.8	14 vs. Nevada	0
2008	13/4	9	140	15.6	10.8	55 vs. WMU	1
Totals	21/4	10	154	15.4	7.3	55 vs. WMU	1

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions—2 at Texas Tech, at Kansas State, 2008

Receiving Yards—55 vs. Western Michigan, 2008

Long Reception—55 yards vs. Western Michigan, 2008