

## NDAMUKONG SUH



**DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-4 | 300 | SR.-3L**  
**PORTLAND, ORE.**



- » 2009 All-America Candidate
- » 2009 Lombardi Award, Outland Trophy and Nagurski Award Candidate
- » 2009 Lott Trophy Watch List
- » 2008 First-Team All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Dallas Morning News, Kansas City Star, San Antonio Express-News)
- » 2008 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » 2008 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Kansas)
- » 2008 Nebraska Defensive MVP
- » Nebraska Season Record for Interceptions by a Defensive Tackle (2)
- » Nebraska Season Record for Interception Returns for Touchdowns by a Defensive Tackle (2)
- » Nebraska Career Record for Interceptions by a Defensive Tackle (3)
- » 2006 First-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (Sporting News)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh (pronounced En-dom-ah-ken Soo) emerged as one of the Big 12's most dominant defensive forces during his junior season and will anchor the Nebraska defense in 2009. The 6-4, 300-pound Suh possesses a rare combination of power and athleticism and regularly demonstrated the ability to control the line of scrimmage from his interior position. He was among the leading reasons Nebraska fielded one of the nation's most-improved defenses last fall. Suh led all Big 12 defensive linemen in tackles per game, and produced several critical game-changing plays in 2008.

Suh will enter his senior season as a leading contender for numerous honors and awards, and he is likely to leave his name in a prominent position in the Cornhusker record book. He earned first-team All-Big 12 honors in 2008, the first Nebraska interior defensive lineman to earn first-team all-league honors since Steve Warren in 1999. Suh should be considered a strong contender for higher honors as a senior. He and returning defensive ends Pierre Allen and Barry Turner form the nucleus of what should be a strong front four.

Suh enters his senior year with 33 career tackles for loss—just five tackles for loss from the Nebraska career top 10 and within striking distance of second place on the list. He also has 12 career sacks, and could make a push for the top five on that chart.

Suh came to Nebraska from Portland, Ore., and was Nebraska's first-ever scholarship signee from that state. He is expected to earn his degree in construction management this December, joining 10 other Husker seniors who are expected to complete their undergraduate work during the fall semester.

### 2008 (JUNIOR)

Suh was the first Nebraska defensive lineman to lead the team in tackles since 1973, and his 76 total tackles were the most by a Husker lineman since 1992. He posted 7.5 sacks and his 19

tackles for loss were the eighth-best total in school history. Suh's play helped Nebraska finish second in the Big 12 in total defense at 349.8 yards per game, an improvement of 126 yards per game from the 2007 campaign. Suh also helped Nebraska record 35 sacks on the season, 22 more than its 2007 total.

While controlling the center of the line was Suh's primary job, he also used his athleticism to provide several game-changing plays during his junior season. Suh intercepted a pair of passes and returned both of them for touchdowns, including a dramatic game-clinching score in the regular-season finale against Colorado. He had a career game against Kansas that earned him Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Suh also became a fixture as a fullback in short-yardage situations late in the season, and against the Jayhawks he showed his athletic ability when he caught a two-yard touchdown pass.

Suh showed no ill effects from knee surgery that kept him out of spring practice, starting all 13 games and making 39 solo stops among his tackle total. His sack and tackle for loss numbers led the team, and he added a forced fumble, six quarterback hurries, three breakups and two blocked kicks. Suh finished the season with nine games of five or more tackles, including six in Big 12 Conference play, and had at least one tackle for loss in 11 of 13 games. His 5.8 tackles per game led all Big 12 defensive linemen by 1.4 tackles per game.

Suh recorded his first major highlight against San Jose State when he picked off a first-quarter Spartan pass and returned it 49 yards for a touchdown to give NU a 14-6 lead. A week later, Suh registered his first two sacks of the year and forced a fumble in a 38-7 victory over New Mexico State. Suh made seven tackles, including two tackles for loss against Missouri, and also made seven tackles each against Baylor and at Oklahoma. Against the Bears, Suh added his second career blocked kick.

He exploded for a career game against Kansas, finishing with 12 total tackles, including five solo stops. He had 2.5 sacks for 18 yards in losses and four tackles for loss totaling 19 yards. His





12 tackles were the most by a defensive lineman in three seasons while the 2.5 sacks were the most by any Husker since 2003 and the four tackles for loss were the most by an NU defender in 38 games.

Suh made five tackles, including two tackles for loss and a sack at Kansas State, then capped the regular season with three tackles and the crucial touchdown against Colorado. He closed his season in style in the Gator Bowl victory over Clemson. Suh made eight total tackles, including six solo stops. He tied his career high with four tackles for loss and had two sacks for 19 yards. Suh also blocked a second-quarter Tiger field-goal attempt, his second blocked kick of 2008.

## 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Suh played in all 12 games with 11 starts, producing four games with four or more tackles among his 34 total tackles on the season. All six of his tackles for loss came in a four-game stretch early in the season.

Suh played a key role in NU's 20-17 win at Wake Forest, recording two tackles for loss. Both of his stops behind the line occurred inside the NU 10-yard line, one forcing Wake to kick a field goal and the other helping result in a game-saving interception in the fourth quarter.

Suh had four tackles and a tackle for loss against top-ranked USC, then made a season-high six tackles, including a TFL and a fumble recovery against Ball State. In a win against Iowa State, Suh had four solo stops, two tackles for loss and a six-yard sack. He added three tackles and blocked an extra point against Texas A&M, then closed the year with five tackles and two pass breakups at Colorado.

## 2006 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Suh played in all 14 games as a backup defensive lineman and earned freshman all-conference honors from The Sporting News. Despite coming off the bench, he finished the year with 19 total tackles, and ranked among the team leaders in tackles for loss (8) and sacks (3.5).

He totaled at least one tackle for loss in five of seven games to start the year, including a three-TFL effort featuring 1.5 sacks against Troy and NU's lone sack against USC. He added three stops against both Nicholls State and Kansas State, when he also finished with two tackles for loss, a sack, a fumble caused, an interception and two quarterback hurries. Suh also saw time on special teams as a blocker on the place-kicking unit.

## 2005 (INJURED-REDSHIRT)

Suh was one of a school-record 13 true freshmen to see action in 2005. He played in the first two games and had an assisted tackle against Wake Forest before missing the remainder of the season after undergoing knee surgery. He received a medical redshirt.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (GRANT HS)

Suh was a two-way star at Grant High School, where he earned Parade All-America honors and was voted the 2004 Portland Interscholastic League Defensive Player of the Year and the state Class 4A Defensive Player of the Year. As a senior, Suh had 65 tackles, including 10 sacks and recovered four fumbles. He also starred on the offensive line for Coach William Griffin, helping the Generals to a 9-3 record and a berth in the state quarterfinals. Suh earned first-team all-league honors on both offense and defense, and in addition to his defensive accolades was a first-team all-state pick on offense by at least one media outlet. Suh also earned first-team All-PIL honors on both offense and defense as a junior and was an honorable-mention all-state pick as a junior.

Suh was listed as the top prospect in the state of Oregon by Rivals.com and among the top 10 defensive tackle prospects in the country. Suh played in the U.S. Army All-American Game, where he lined up on the offensive line. Suh also played basketball and was a track standout for Grant High. He earned honorable-mention all-league honors in basketball as a junior and senior. In track he was the district shot put champion in 2004, and won the OSAA Class 4A shot put title in 2005 with a school-record throw of 61-4. For his all-around athletic accomplishments, Suh was a finalist for the Portland Tribune's Athlete of the Year. Suh chose Nebraska over California, and also visited Miami, Oregon State and Mississippi State.

## PERSONAL

Suh's mother, Bernadette, is from Jamaica, while his father, Michael, hails from Cameroon. In the Ngema tribe in Cameroon, Ndamukong means "House of Spears." Suh was born on Jan. 6, 1987, and he will earn his degree in construction management this December. Ndamukong was named to the 2009 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll. He has volunteered with Nebraska's local hospital visits and also recently volunteered his time as a speaker at Pound Middle School.

## CAREER STATISTICS

### ---Tackles---

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2005*	2/0	0	1	1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2006	14/0	12	7	19	8-45	3.5-37	1-0	0	0	1	2
2007	12/11	22	12	34	6-29	1-6	0-1	1	2	0	4
2008	13/13	39	37	76	19-85	7.5-67	1-0	2	3	2	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41/24</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>33-159</b>	<b>12.0-110</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>

\*Suh was granted a medical hardship following the 2005 season and regained a year of eligibility

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-12 vs. Kansas, 2008

Solo Tackles-6 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl

Sacks-2.5-18 vs. Kansas, 2008

Tackles for Loss-4-19 vs. Kansas, 2008, 4-24 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl

Interceptions-1, three times, 2 in 2008

Touchdowns-49-yard INT return vs. San Jose State; 30-yard INT return vs. Colorado;

2-yard TD reception vs. Kansas

## 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	2	4	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
San Jose State	2	3	5	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-49	0	1
New Mexico State	3	1	4	2-15	2-0-15	1-0-0	0-0	0	0
Virginia Tech	3	3	6	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Missouri	2	5	7	2-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
at Texas Tech	4	1	5	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
at Iowa State	1	2	3	1-5	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	2
Baylor	3	4	7	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
at Oklahoma	4	3	7	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Kansas	5	7	12	4-19	2.5-18	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
at Kansas State	2	3	5	2-16	1.0-15	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
Colorado	2	1	3	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-30	2	0
vs. Clemson	6	2	8	4-24	2.0-19	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>19-85</b>	<b>7.5-67</b>	<b>1-0-0</b>	<b>2-79</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>



## PIERRE ALLEN

DEFENSIVE END | 6-5 | 265 | JR.-2L

DENVER, COLO.

(THOMAS JEFFERSON)



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

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Defensive end Pierre Allen was one of Nebraska's breakout performers in 2008, and he will enter his junior season expected to be one of the cornerstones of the Husker defense. Allen assumed a starting role late last season and became a key part of a front four that was the strength of one of the nation's most improved defenses.

The 6-5, 265-pound Allen is one of nine defenders with extensive starting experience heading into the 2009 season. Allen has the strength and speed to be effective against the run while also harassing opposing quarterbacks as a pass rusher. The Colorado native was a key reserve for the Huskers in 2007, after redshirting in 2006. Allen has added about 40 pounds of muscle since his arrival in Lincoln three years ago.

### 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Allen was pushed into a starting role when Barry Turner suffered a season-ending injury in game two. Allen went on to start the final 11 games opposite senior Zach Potter, and Allen finished the year fourth on the team in tackles with 52, including 21 solo stops. He also ranked third in tackles for loss (10) and sacks (5). Allen had four games with five or more tackles, and his average of 4.0 tackles per game ranked fourth among Big 12 defensive linemen.

Allen's play helped the Nebraska defense allow 126 fewer yards per game than in 2007, and NU finished second in the Big 12 in total defense. The defensive line provided the push for Nebraska to record 35 sacks, up from just 13 a year earlier.

Allen wasted no time in showing his ability after Turner's first-quarter injury against San Jose State. Allen made a career-high 10 tackles in the game, including three tackles for loss, and a pass breakup. He added three tackles the following week against New Mexico State, then tallied nine tackles, including his first career sack against Virginia Tech.

Allen produced his second sack for seven yards against Baylor, then had a standout effort with seven tackles and a 15-yard sack in NU's win over Kansas. He capped the regular season with his fourth sack in the Husker victory over Colorado, Allen's hometown school. He had a one-yard sack against Clemson in the Gator Bowl, one of five Blackshirt sacks in the game.

### 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Allen had 16 total tackles, including three tackles for loss, with 15 of his 16 tackles in the final six games. Allen made four tackles, including a tackle for loss against Oklahoma State. He had three tackles and a pair of hurries at Texas, then had a season-high six tackles at Kansas, when he recorded his second tackle for loss. Allen added his third tackle for loss of the year at Colorado.

### 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Allen sat out as a redshirt and added about 40 pounds of muscle.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (THOMAS JEFFERSON HS)

Allen was a two-sport star at Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver, helping Coach Dan Trumble's Spartans to the Class 5A state playoffs each of Allen's final three seasons. Allen led the team in tackles and was defensive MVP as a junior. He earned Denver Post first-team All-Colorado honors as an athlete. Rivals.com ranked Allen among the top 40 weakside defensive ends in the country, and he was named to the SuperPrep All-America 277.

Allen also excelled in basketball, helping his team to 4A state titles each of his final two seasons. Allen earned MVP honors in the state tournament both years, after posting a triple-double in the championship game as a junior and a 13-point, 17-rebound, five-block effort in the title game as a senior. Allen was the 4A state player of the year as a junior, averaging more than 20 points per game and led Class 4A in rebounding (14.3) and blocked shots (5.3). He earned Rocky Mountain News/CBS 4 Mr. Basketball honors each of his final two years. Allen only visited Nebraska, but also had offers from Colorado, Colorado State, Michigan State, Syracuse, Washington and Wyoming.

### PERSONAL

The son of Tara Jenkins and Destry Allen, Pierre was born on Nov. 18, 1987. Allen and his wife, Mercedes, have a son, Pierre Jr., who will celebrate his third birthday on Aug. 28. Allen is majoring in child, youth and family studies, and was named to the 2007 Big 12 Spring Honor Roll. Allen has volunteered his time on team hospital visits and at the F Street Recreation Center. He was a recipient of a 2008 HERO Leadership Award from the Nebraska Athletic Department.

### CAREER STATISTICS

		---Tackles---									
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	11/0	6	10	16	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2
2008	13/11	21	31	52	10-37	5.0-27	1-0	0	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24/11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>13-42</b>	<b>5.0-27</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

### SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-10 vs. San Jose State, 2008

Solo Tackles-3 vs. San Jose State, Virginia Tech, 2008

Tackles for Loss-3 vs. San Jose State, 2008

Sacks-1, five times in 2008

### 2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Opponent	---Tackles---			---Sacks---			FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds					
Western Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
San Jose State	3	7	10	3-8	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	
New Mexico State	1	2	3	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Virginia Tech	3	6	9	1-2	1-0-2	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Missouri	1	4	5	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	2	0	2	0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Baylor	1	2	3	1-7	1-0-7	0-0-0	0-0	1	0	
at Oklahoma	1	2	3	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Kansas	2	5	7	1-15	1-0-15	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Kansas State	2	1	3	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	1	0	
Colorado	2	1	3	1-2	1-0-2	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
vs. Clemson	1	1	2	1-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	21	31	52	10-37	5.0-27	1-0-0	0-0	2	1	



# PRINCE AMUKAMARA

CORNERBACK | 6-1 | 200 | JR.-2L

GLENDALE, ARIZ.

(APOLLO)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Prince Amukamara (pronounced ah-moo-kuh-mara) emerged as a key player in the Nebraska secondary in 2008, and is in position for a more extensive role as a junior. Amukamara was Nebraska's top reserve cornerback last season and also saw extensive action when the Huskers used nickel and dime packages.

The 6-1, 200-pound Amukamara will enter fall camp as one of the leading contenders for the open starting cornerback position left by the graduation of Armando Murillo. Amukamara and junior returning starter Anthony West have the most experience in a talented, but young group of Husker cornerbacks. A high school running back, Amukamara is also likely to continue to play a key role on special teams.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Amukamara played in all 13 games, including starts against Western Michigan, New Mexico State and Virginia Tech. He started the opener with Murillo slowed by injury, then replaced an injured Anthony West against the Aggies. Amukamara made 34 tackles, including 21 solo stops, and ranked as one of the leading tacklers among non-starters. Amukamara added three pass breakups and caused a pair of fumbles on punt coverage at Kansas State. He also had two tackles for loss and an 11-yard sack against Baylor.

Amukamara made a career-high eight tackles in the opener against Western Michigan, and added six tackles in the Huskers' 38-7 win over New Mexico State. He had four other games with at least three tackles, and in addition to his sack against Baylor he added a tackle for loss vs. Oklahoma.

## 2007 (FRESHMAN)

Amukamara did not play in the first three games, but saw action in eight of the final nine contests. In addition to providing depth at corner, Amukamara was a regular on the kickoff coverage unit. He had four tackles, including two against Kansas State and one each against Ball State and Missouri. Amukamara was one of 11 true freshmen to see action for the Huskers.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (APOLLO HS)

Amukamara was a dual-threat performer for Coach Zach Threadgill at Apollo High School. During his final two seasons, Amukamara scored nearly 50 touchdowns, while rushing for 3,389 yards and averaging 11.9 yards per carry. In the same two seasons, he had 664 receiving yards and totaled about 125 tackles, including 95 tackles and two interceptions in 2006.

As a senior, Amukamara rushed for 2,106 yards and 24 touchdowns (191.5 ypg), while catching 22 passes for 252 yards and six touchdowns. He also averaged 26 yards per punt return and 20.8 yards on kickoff returns. His play helped lead Apollo High School to a 7-4 record in 2006. His top game came in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs against Scottsdale Chaparral, when Amukamara rushed for 366 yards and four touchdowns in a 35-28 overtime loss. Amukamara was the state high school player of the year by the Arizona Republic newspaper, which named him a first-team Class 4A all-state pick.

Amukamara was also a starting guard in basketball, helping Apollo capture its third straight Class 4A state title in 2007, by averaging 11.5 points, 4.7 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 3.5 steals per game. He also starred in track, winning the Class 4A state titles in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes in 2007. His times in the 100 (10.78) and 200 (21.91) were both the fastest of any high school track athlete in Arizona. He chose Nebraska over Fresno State and Arizona State.

## PERSONAL

Amukamara was born on June 6, 1989, and is the son of Romanus and Christie Amukamara. He is a political science major, and was named to the 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	Tackles			TFL	Sacks	Fum				
		UT	AT	TT			C-R	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	8/0	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2008	13/3	21	13	34	2-12	1.0-11	2-0	0	3	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21/3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>1.0-11</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-8 vs. Western Michigan, 2008

Solo Tackles-5 vs. Western Michigan, 2008

Tackles for Loss-1, twice in 2008

Sacks-1.0-11 vs. Baylor, 2008

## 2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Opponent	---Tackles---			---Sacks---			FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds					
Western Michigan	5	3	8	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	1	1	
San Jose State	2	1	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
New Mexico State	3	3	6	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	
Virginia Tech	0	2	2	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Missouri	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Texas Tech	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	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Baylor	2	1	3	1-11	1.0-11	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Oklahoma	3	1	4	1-1	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	
Kansas	0	1	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Kansas State	3	0	3	0-0	0.0-0	2-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Colorado	0	1	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
vs. Clemson	0	0	0	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	21	13	34	2-12	1.0-11	2-0-0	0-0	1	3	

# KENNY ANDERSON

DEFENSIVE END | 6-2 | 250 | RFR.

OMAHA, NEB.

(MILLARD WEST)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Omaha native Kenny Anderson enters his second season in the Nebraska football program in 2009. A walk-on athlete, the 6-2, 240-pound Anderson will enter fall camp as a reserve defensive end and will be asked to supply depth behind projected starters Pierre Allen and Barry Turner. Anderson has excelled in the classroom since his arrival in Lincoln, earning a 3.367 cumulative grade-point average. He was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Anderson sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (MILLARD WEST HS)

Anderson posted impressive statistics during his senior year at Millard West. Playing the defensive end position, Anderson recorded 13 sacks and 65 tackles, helping Millard West reach the semifinals in the state football playoffs. For his efforts on the field, Anderson earned first-team all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and second-team all-state accolades from the Omaha World-Herald. He was a member of the South Squad for the 2008 Shrine Bowl. Anderson chose to walk on at Nebraska over offers from Division II Northwest Missouri State and Augustana (S.D.) College.

## PERSONAL

Anderson was born on May 20, 1990, and is the son of Rod and Kim Anderson. He is majoring in business administration and has volunteered with the Special Olympics and a Nebraska Veteran's Welcome Home event.



## LARRY ASANTE

SAFETY | 6-1 | 215 | SR.-2L

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

(HAYFIELD/COFFEYVILLE CC)



- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP, Coaches)
- » 2007 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2007)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Senior Larry Asante returns for his final season with Nebraska as one of the most experienced players on the Huskers' 2009 roster. Asante has held down the starting role at strong safety for each of the past two seasons and is expected to continue in that role while leading the Husker secondary in 2009.

The 6-1, 215-pound Asante was a key component in one of the nation's most improved defenses in 2008. He has the all-around ability to be a difference-maker in both pass defense and run support. Asante's play has earned him honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors each of the past two seasons.

The Virginia native arrived at Nebraska in January of 2007 after two seasons at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College, the same school that produced 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier. Asante is on track to earn his degree in economics this December.

### 2008 (JUNIOR)

Asante started 12 games and finished as NU's second-leading tackler with 67 stops, including 45 solo tackles. Asante added two tackles for loss, including a sack, four pass breakups and grabbed his first career interception against Colorado. He helped Nebraska rank second in the Big 12 in total defense, while also finishing second in passing yards allowed. The 2008 Huskers allowed 126 fewer yards per game than the 2007 unit. For his play, Asante was chosen as an honorable-mention All-Big 12 performer by both the league's coaches and Associated Press.

Asante made at least five tackles in eight games, led by a career-high 13 stops at Oklahoma. He added nine tackles, including eight solo stops, and a pass breakup in the Huskers' narrow overtime loss at Texas Tech. Asante recorded seven tackles in the victory over Baylor and had his first career sack (four yards) and a pair of tackles for loss in the contest. He had six stops each against Western Michigan and Virginia Tech.

### 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Asante arrived at Nebraska in time for spring practice and made the transition to safety after playing linebacker at Coffeyville. Asante won the starting strong safety job during spring ball and made 78 tackles on the season, including 40 solo stops.

Asante made at least two tackles in every game, and recorded at least eight tackles six times, including a season-high 10 stops against Texas A&M. He had nine tackles in four games—Wake Forest, Iowa State, Texas and Kansas—and made eight tackles against top-ranked USC. Asante also forced a fumble against the Trojans and finished the year with four pass breakups, including two at Texas.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (HAYFIELD/COFFEYVILLE CC)

Asante played linebacker for Coffeyville CC, using his speed and ball-hawking abilities to register 76 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, three blocked kicks and an interception as a redshirt freshman in 2006. His performance netted Asante All-Jayhawk League honors, and honorable-mention All-America honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association. Asante was ranked among the top 10 overall junior college prospects in the nation by Rivals.com.

Asante originally hails from Alexandria, Va., where he attended Hayfield High School. As a prepster, Asante starred on both sides of the ball. He earned all-league honors as a running back in the AAA Patriot Division according to the Washington Post. He chose Nebraska over Clemson, and also visited Kansas State and Iowa State.

### PERSONAL

Larry is the son of Paul and Juliana Asante and was born on March 7, 1988. He is majoring in economics and was named to the 2007 Big 12 Spring Commissioner's Honor Roll. He is one of 11 Husker seniors expected to have their degree by the end of the fall semester.

### CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---											
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	12/10	40	38	78	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	4	0	1
2008	13/12	45	22	67	2-4	1.0-4	0-0	0	4	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25/22</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

### SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles—13 at Oklahoma, 2008  
Solo Tackles—9 at Oklahoma, 2008  
Tackles for Loss—2-4 vs. Baylor, 2008  
Sacks—1.0-4 vs. Baylor, 2008  
Pass Breakups—2 at Texas, 2007

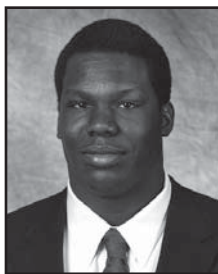
### 2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Opponent	---Tackles---			---Sacks---			FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	Yds				
Western Michigan	3	3	6	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
San Jose State	6	1	7	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
New Mexico State	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Virginia Tech	3	3	6	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Missouri	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Texas Tech	8	1	9	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	0
at Iowa State	3	2	5	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Baylor	4	3	7	2-4	1.0-4	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	9	4	13	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kansas	2	1	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Kansas State	4	1	5	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Colorado	0	1	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	1-0	0	1	0
vs. Clemson	1	2	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>1.0-4</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>



# CRUZ BARRETT

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 310 | JR.  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.  
(MAINLAND)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Junior Cruz Barrett will enter fall camp looking to make a bid for playing time on a deep and talented Nebraska offensive line. The 6-4, 310-pound Barrett has spent the majority of his career working as an offensive guard, but he also tried his hand at center during spring ball. The Florida native will look to make an impact in 2009, after spending the first portion of his career as a valuable member of the scout team unit.

## CAREER

Barrett has worked as a reserve offensive lineman each of the past two seasons, but has not appeared in a game. He sat out as a redshirt in his first season at Nebraska in 2006.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (MAINLAND HS)

Barrett was a two-year starter for Coach John Maronto at Mainland, which finished 8-3 in 2005 in Florida's second-largest classification. Mainland boasts more than 40 current players in college football at all levels. Barrett was listed on the Tallahassee Democrat's Sunshine 75 and ranked among the top 60 players in the state of Florida by Rivals.com, which also listed him among the top 40 offensive guard prospects in the country.

PrepStar placed Barrett on its All-Southeast region team, and he was ranked among the SuperPrep Florida Top 96. He also played basketball for Mainland. Barrett received scholarship offers from Florida, Florida State, North Carolina, Oklahoma and West Virginia. NU scholarship freshman recruit Antonio Bell was a teammate of Barrett's at Mainland.

## PERSONAL

Born on April 30, 1988, Barrett lives with his guardians Rufus and Janice Wilson. He is majoring in sociology and is a two-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. He has been a regular volunteer as part of Nebraska's team hospital visits.

# DAMON BECHTOLD

TIGHT END | 6-4 | 235 | RFR.  
OMAHA, NEB.  
(WESTSIDE)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Tight end Damon Bechtold enters fall camp hoping to push for playing time at one of Nebraska's deepest positions. The 6-4, 235-pound Bechtold will add depth behind returning starter Mike McNeill, as well as junior Dreu Young and sophomore Ryan Hill who also earned extensive playing time last fall. The walk-on from Omaha Westside is off to a strong start in the classroom, earning recognition on the Big 12 Academic Honor Roll each of his two semesters of college.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Bechtold sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (OMAHA WESTSIDE HS)

Bechtold walked on at NU after helping Omaha Westside to three consecutive playoff appearances, including a trip to the 2006 Class A state title game. Bechtold played on both sides

of the ball, and was an all-district selection for his play at defensive end, where he collected 10 sacks as a senior. Bechtold played under Coach Marty Kaufman at Westside.

## PERSONAL

Bechtold was born on Oct. 29, 1989, and is the son of M.J. Bechtold. He is majoring in construction management and carries a 3.666 cumulative grade-point average. Bechtold has participated in several volunteer activities including School is Cool Week, a Veteran's Welcome Home event and team hospital visits.

# ANTONIO BELL

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-2 | 180 | FR.  
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.  
(MAINLAND)



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Talented wide receiver Antonio Bell joined the Husker program in January of 2009, after originally signing with Nebraska in February of 2008. The 6-2, 180-pound Bell immediately made a strong impression during spring ball with his speed, explosiveness and excellent hands. He has put himself in position to battle for playing time this fall at wideout, where Nebraska must replace two of the top five receivers in school history in Nate Swift and Todd Peterson.

Bell was one of three scholarship players to join the Nebraska program in January along with defensive back Dejon Gomes and quarterback Cody Green. A native of Daytona Beach, Fla., Bell was a teammate of junior offensive lineman Cruz Barrett at Mainland High School.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (MAINLAND HS)

Bell had a highly productive prep career for Coach John Maronto at Mainland High School. A four-year starter, Bell caught 45 passes for 776 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior in 2007. That performance earned him first-team all-area honors and second-team Class 5A all-state accolades from the Florida Sports Writers Association. Bell earned first-team all-area honors for the Buccaneers as a junior when he caught 42 passes, covering 625 yards and four touchdowns. Bell accounted for 500 receiving yards as a sophomore in 2005, earning him a second-team all-area selection. Bell also competed in the high jump and triple jump for the Mainland track team.

He was ranked among the top 60 players in the Sunshine State by SuperPrep Magazine in 2008. Bell chose Nebraska over offers from West Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

## PERSONAL

Antonio is the son of Tony and Cynthia Bell, and was born on Feb. 21, 1990. He has not declared a major.

# JUSTIN BLATCHFORD

CORNERBACK | 6-1 | 195 | RFR.  
PONCA, NEB.



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Cornerback Justin Blatchford will compete for playing time at one of the deepest positions on the Nebraska defense. The 6-1, 195-pound Blatchford will enter fall camp listed as a reserve behind returning starter Anthony West and is among a large group of young players who will battle for action this fall. A walk-on from Ponca, Neb., Blatchford is off to a strong start in the classroom, earning recognition on the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Blatchford redshirted during the 2008 season and worked with the scout team.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (PONCA HS)

Blatchford was a four-sport athlete at Class C-2 Ponca High School. He was a two-time all-state football selection at running back for Coach Joe Kvidera, and also played linebacker on defense. He set the school career record with 66 rushing touchdowns, while gaining more than 1,000 yards three seasons and averaging more than seven yards per carry during his career. He also set the school's single-game rushing record with a 283-yard performance against Randolph. He was all-state honorable mention as a sophomore and was an all-conference selection all four years, while leading Ponca to the state playoffs three seasons. He played in the 2008 Shrine Game.

Blatchford also earned letters all four years in basketball, baseball and golf. He was a two-time all-conference selection as a guard in basketball, while leading his squad to a state championship his junior year. He placed in the top 10 all four years at the state golf tournament, and guided Ponca to a state runner-up finish his junior season. On the diamond, he played numerous positions, including outfield and catcher, and was a two-time state champion for the Wakefield Legion program. In the classroom he was on the honor roll all four years and was a member of the National Honor Society.

## PERSONAL

Blatchford is the son of Bruce and Rhonda Blatchford, and was born Jan. 3, 1990, in Sioux City, Iowa. He has not declared a major, but carries a 3.319 cumulative grade-point average.

# ANTHONY BLUE

CORNERBACK | 5-10 | 185 | So.-1VL  
CEDAR HILL, TEXAS



- » 2007 First-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (*The Sporting News*)
- » 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team Member

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Anthony Blue returns to the Nebraska secondary in 2009 after missing the entire 2008 season with a knee injury. The 5-10, 185-pound Blue had a productive spring practice session and has re-entered the battle for significant playing time in the defensive backfield. The speedy Blue is one of 10 returning letterwinners in the secondary and is a leading contender to push for a starting cornerback job, along with returning starter Anthony West, junior Prince Amukamara and sophomore Alfonzo Dennard.

Blue returned to the practice field midway through the fall campaign, but the Husker coaching staff made the decision to redshirt Blue. He quickly established himself as a potential difference-maker in the Nebraska secondary as a true freshman and was a first-team freshman All-Big 12 performer according to *The Sporting News*.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Blue underwent surgery in early March after suffering a knee injury during winter conditioning. He missed all of spring practice, but did return to the practice field in late October before redshirting.

## 2007 (FRESHMAN)

Blue played in all 12 games with starts against Kansas State and Colorado. He finished with 18 tackles, including nine solo stops. Blue opened the year as a reserve behind four veteran cornerbacks and saw his most extensive action on special teams. He made a single tackle in five of the first nine games, before recording 13 tackles in the final three games. Blue made three tackles at Kansas, then had a season-high five tackles against both KSU and Colorado. He added a breakup against the Wildcats.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (CEDAR HILL HS)

One of seven Texans in the 2007 NU recruiting class, Blue was a standout performer for Cedar Hill, a powerhouse in the Class 5A ranks. Blue played a key role for Coach Joey McGuire, as Cedar Hill captured the Texas Class 5A state title with a perfect 16-0 record. Blue was a second-team all-state selection, first-team all-district pick and second-team all-area in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

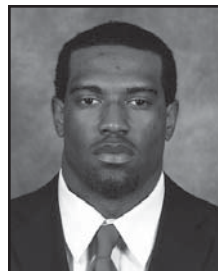
Blue made 60 tackles and intercepted two passes as a senior, while breaking up another 20 passes. Blue was ranked among the top 75 defensive back prospects in the nation by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*. In addition to his outstanding play on the gridiron, Blue was a track standout for Cedar Hill. Although he didn't place in the state track meet, Blue ran a personal best of 21.17 in the 200-meter dash in the district meet. Blue only visited Nebraska, but received a number of offers, including Baylor, Purdue and Wisconsin.

## PERSONAL

Blue was born on Feb. 6, 1989, and is the son of Shawndra Blue and Anthony Blue Sr. He is majoring in art. Blue was a member of the 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team and has assisted with Nebraska's team hospital visits and was a volunteer at the F Street Recreation Center and the Legacy Retirement Center. Blue competed with the NU track team in the winter of 2008, running the 60 and 200 meters during six indoor meets. He ran an indoor personal-best time of 7.12 in the 60 meters and recorded a personal-best time of 22.48 in the 200 meters.

# CHRIS BROOKS

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-2 | 215 | Sr.-1VL  
ST. LOUIS, MO.  
(HAZELWOOD EAST)



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Chris Brooks has moved himself into a position to earn playing time in the Nebraska receiving corps as a fifth-year senior in 2009. The 6-2, 215-pound Brooks has played in a reserve role throughout his career, but saw added playing time late in the 2008 season. He then stepped up during spring practice and culminated his work with a strong Red-White game, when he hauled in five passes, including a touchdown. Brooks has the size and athleticism to make an impact, and also has an excellent grasp of the Husker offense. He is among the leading candidates to fill the void left by the graduation of Nate Swift and Todd Peterson, who finished as two of the top five receivers in school history.

Brooks also emerged in 2008 as a key member of Nebraska's punt and kickoff return units, and he once again figures to play a special-teams role in 2009. The St. Louis native is on track to earn his degree in economics in December of 2009.

## 2008 (JUNIOR)

Brooks played in 11 games and made two catches for 27 yards. He did not have a reception in the first eight games, before catching a two-yard pass at Oklahoma. A week later, Brooks caught a 25-yard TD pass from Joe Ganz in the second quarter of Nebraska's 45-35 win over Kansas. The reception came on a 3rd-and-10 play and tied the game at 14. Brooks missed the Gator Bowl with a sprained ankle.

In addition to his role on offense, Brooks was involved with the special teams. Nebraska coaches noticed Brooks' contributions in that department, naming him the special teams captain against Missouri and Oklahoma. Brooks made an unassisted tackle at Oklahoma.

## 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Brooks played in the season opener against Nevada and made his first career reception for four yards.

## 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Brooks did not see action and redshirted during the 2006 season.

## 2005 (FRESHMAN)

Brooks played in four games (Maine, Iowa State, Texas Tech, Missouri) as a true freshman, but did not have a reception.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (HAZELWOOD EAST HS)

Brooks was a standout for Coach Corey Johnson at Hazelwood East High School in St. Louis. Brooks had 66 receptions as a senior for 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns, with a long reception of 77 yards. In the process, he helped Hazelwood East to a 9-4 record and a runner-up finish in Missouri's Class 6A (state's largest classification).

Brooks earned all-city honors in St. Louis each of his final three years of high school. He was ranked as the No. 2 prospect in the state of Missouri according to *Rivals.com* and among



the top 15 receivers in the country according to the service. Brooks chose NU over his in-state school Missouri, and also received offers from Florida and Illinois.

## PERSONAL

Brooks is the son of Donnie Brooks and Marilyn McClure, and was born on Feb. 5, 1987. He is majoring in economics, and has volunteered with the Huskers' team hospital visits.

# JAIVORIO BURKES

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 295 | JR.-2VL

PHOENIX, ARIZ.  
(MOON VALLEY)



- » 2007 First-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (*The Sporting News*)
- » 2008 Athlon Magazine "Rising Star"

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Offensive tackle Jaivorio Burkis has been a key component of the Nebraska offensive line in each of his two seasons in a Cornhusker uniform. He entered the off-season as a likely candidate to contend for a starting offensive tackle job in 2009, but an illness kept him out of spring practice. The 6-5, 295-pound Burkis is hopeful of returning to action in time for fall camp and resuming his bid for significant playing time on a deep Nebraska offensive line.

Burkes emerged late in his true freshman season in 2007, and has the needed athletic ability to play tackle in the Nebraska offensive attack. Last season, the Phoenix native played in all 13 games and made four starts, helping Nebraska feature one of the nation's most complete offenses.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Burkes was slowed by an illness that forced him to miss the majority of fall camp, but returned in time for the season opener and played in all 13 games, with four starts. Burkis started at right tackle against San Jose State, Kansas and Kansas State, while lining up on the left side at Iowa State.

The offensive line allowed quarterback Joe Ganz to set season records for passing yards, completion percentage and total offense. Nebraska also ranked among the top 20 nationally in passing offense, scoring offense and total offense. The Huskers reached 400 yards in nine of 13 games and topped 30 points 10 times. Nebraska also averaged better than 200 rushing yards per game over the second half of the regular season and ranked second nationally in time of possession.

## 2007 (FRESHMAN)

Burkes was one of 11 true freshmen to see action for the Huskers in 2007. He did not play in the first eight games but waited patiently and impressed Nebraska coaches on the scout team until late in the season. However, Lydon Murtha suffered a foot injury against Texas A&M and Burkis moved into the starting lineup for the Huskers' game at Texas. He went on to play in the final four games, also starting against Kansas and Kansas State.

Burkes' play helped NU post huge numbers in November as the Huskers averaged 560.8 yards of total offense in the season's final four games. He helped protect quarterback Joe Ganz who produced three of NU's five all-time 400-yard passing days in the month of November. Burkis' play earned him first-team freshman All-Big 12 honors from *The Sporting News*.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (MOON VALLEY HS)

Burkes was one of five signees from Arizona in Nebraska's 2007 class. He was widely regarded as one of the nation's top offensive line prospects after starring for Coach Roger Britson at Moon Valley High School in Phoenix. In addition to his standout work on the offensive line, Burkis also played on the defensive line for Moon Valley and recorded eight sacks during his senior season. Burkis was a Class 4A first-team all-state selection by the Arizona Republic. He was rated among the top five recruits in the state of Arizona and the top 10 offensive line prospects in the country. Burkis was selected to play in the East Meets West All-American Game in Florida.

Burkes was also a starter for his high school basketball team, and ranked among the state's top players. As a senior, he averaged 20 points and 16 rebounds per game. He averaged 15 points and 14 rebounds per game during his junior season. Burkis chose Nebraska after also taking recruiting visits to Oklahoma, Michigan and Arizona State.

## PERSONAL

Jaivorio is the son of Sherry Webb and was born on Dec. 20, 1988, in Montgomery, Ala. His family moved to Phoenix when Jaivorio was five years old. He is majoring in sociology. Burkis has volunteered his time with Nebraska's team hospital visits, at the F Street Recreation Center and the Legacy Retirement Center.

## BURKES' CAREER STATISTICS

Games Played - 17 (4 in 2007, 13 in 2008)

Games Started - 7 (3 in 2007, 4 in 2008)

# JOSEPH CAMARATA

LINEBACKER | 5-10 | 225 | RFR.

OVERLAND PARK, KAN.  
(ROCKHURST)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Joseph Camarata is among a large group of young players who have made a bid for playing time at linebacker. The 5-10, 225-pound Camarata will enter fall camp as a reserve at middle linebacker and is hopeful of making a push for action as a redshirt freshman. Camarata originally joined the Husker football program in January of 2008 as a walk-on and earned his way onto the team during winter conditioning. He spent the 2007 fall semester at Baylor, but was not a member of the football team.

Camarata came to Nebraska after a strong prep career at Rockhurst High School where he was a standout on both sides of the ball. Camarata is off to a strong in the classroom at Nebraska, carrying a 3.552 cumulative grade-point average in forensic science after three semesters.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Camarata redshirted in his first season with the Huskers and worked on the scout team defense.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (ROCKHURST HS)

Camarata was an outstanding two-way player for Rockhurst High School and Coach Anthony Severino, starting at both center and middle linebacker. Camarata earned first-team Class 6A all-state honors as an offensive lineman by the Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. He also earned Kansas City Area all-district honors during his senior year. During his junior season, Camarata helped Rockhurst High School to a state semifinal appearance.

Camarata was a member of the National Honor Society and earned a Greater Kansas City Football Coaches Association Scholar-Athlete Award in 2006. He compiled better than a 4.0 grade-point average in high school. Camarata began his high school career at Lincoln Southeast High School, where he started both ways as a sophomore before his family moved to the Kansas City area.

## PERSONAL

Camarata is the son of Joe and Colleen Camarata and was born on April 25, 1989. He is a three-time Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll selection. Camarata has volunteered his time with numerous outreach events including the Special Olympics and team visits to local hospitals and retirement centers.



## WES CAMMACK

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-11 | 200 | SR.-3VL

DEWITT, NEB.  
(TRI COUNTY)



- » Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2007, 2008)
- » Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- » Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Senior Wes Cammack has supplied depth in the Nebraska receiving corps each of the past three seasons, while also playing a key role on the Husker special teams units. This spring the Nebraska native will try to make a push for playing time in a receiving corps that lost two of the top five receivers in school history in Todd Peterson and Nate Swift.

A walk-on performer, Cammack has played in 26 games over the past three seasons, primarily on special teams. He has one career catch and was one of Nebraska's leading special teams tacklers in 2008. Cammack is also one of Nebraska's top scholar-athletes. He is on track to earn his degree in agricultural engineering in May of 2010 and carries a 3.888 cumulative grade-point average. A UNL Regents Scholar, Cammack is a two-time first-team academic All-Big 12 selection.

### 2008 (JUNIOR)

Cammack played in all 13 games, and had a five-yard catch in the 38-7 win over New Mexico State. While he saw limited time as a receiver, Cammack was a special teams standout, primarily on kickoff coverage. He had nine tackles, including eight solo stops. He had solo tackles in five games, before making a career-high two tackles against both Colorado and Clemson.

### 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Cammack saw action in 11 of 12 games, primarily on special teams. He made three tackles on Nebraska's coverage units, with single tackles against Wake Forest, Ball State and Kansas State. He also saw limited action as a receiver.

### 2006 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Cammack provided depth in the receiving corps and on the special teams units. He appeared in games against Colorado and Auburn.

### 2005 (REDSHIRT)

Cammack redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (TRI COUNTY HS)

Cammack was a two-way standout at Tri County High School. He rushed for 1,887 yards in his career, including 1,245 as a senior, and scored 21 total touchdowns. He also intercepted 13 passes and had 104 solo tackles on defense. Cammack was a first-team all-state pick by the Omaha World-Herald and earned all-district accolades his last three years. He excelled in basketball and track, lettering four times each. Cammack ran to four gold medals at the state track meet and averaged 20.8 ppg as a senior on the hardwood.

### PERSONAL

Wes is the son of Troy and Mary Cammack, and was born on Sept. 24, 1986. Cammack has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first eight semesters on campus. He is also active in the community, volunteering on local hospital visits, as well as with the Dads of Kids with Disabilities program and at the Village Manor Retirement center.

## MIKE CAPUTO

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-1 | 275 | So.-1VL

OMAHA, NEB.  
(MILLARD NORTH)



### 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Mike Caputo emerged as a key performer for the Nebraska offensive line during spring practice. After seeing action as the No. 2 center as a redshirt freshman, the Omaha native is poised for a larger role this fall. Caputo worked as senior Jacob Hickman's backup at center for much of the spring, but also worked with the top unit, which allowed the coaching staff to experiment with using Hickman at guard.

The 6-1, 275-pound Caputo is undersized for an offensive lineman, but uses outstanding technique to compensate. He is one of eight returning lettermen on the offensive line.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Caputo served as a reliable backup to starter Jacob Hickman throughout the season. Caputo played in seven games and helped the Nebraska offense rank among the top 20 nationally in scoring, passing and total offense.

### 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Caputo sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (MILLARD NORTH HS)

Caputo was an outstanding two-way player for Millard North High School and Coach Fred Petito. Caputo helped Millard North reach four straight Class A state semifinals (2003-06) including a victory in the title game in 2005. For his efforts in 2006, Caputo was named to the Class A all-state team by both the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald. Caputo received offers from several Division II schools, as well as being asked to walk-on at a handful of Division I schools before deciding on Nebraska.

### PERSONAL

Caputo was born on May 2, 1989, and he is the son of Tony and Maryann Caputo. Caputo is majoring in communication studies and has assisted with Nebraska's hospital visits, the Omaha Heart Walk and volunteered at Elliott Elementary School.

## AUSTIN CASSIDY

SAFETY | 6-1 | 210 | So.

LINCOLN, NEB.  
(SOUTHWEST)



- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007, 2008)
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Austin Cassidy will bid to earn playing time in a deep and experienced Nebraska secondary in 2009. Cassidy will enter fall camp as a reserve safety behind seniors Larry Asante, Matt O'Hanlon and Rickey Thenarse, who all have significant starting experience under their belts. The 6-1, 210-pound Cassidy will also look to push for action on the Husker special teams.

A Lincoln Southwest graduate, Cassidy excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.818 cumulative grade-point average. He has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his four semesters of college.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Cassidy served as a reserve safety behind Asante, O'Hanlon and Thenarse throughout the season. He appeared in NU wins over New Mexico State and Kansas State and made an unassisted tackle against the Aggies.

**2007 (REDSHIRT)**

Cassidy sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN SOUTHWEST HS)**

Cassidy was a standout performer for Coach Mark King at Lincoln Southwest High School, where he was a first-team Super-State pick by the Lincoln Journal Star and a second-team All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald. Cassidy compiled a 14-1 record as the Silverhawks' starting quarterback, including a perfect regular season in 2006. Cassidy rushed for 1,507 yards as a senior, averaging a Class A best 8.3 yards per carry, with eight runs of 40 or more yards.

A captain on the football team, Cassidy was one of the state's top all-around athletes. He qualified for the state track meet in the pole vault, the 110- and 300-meter hurdles in his junior and senior seasons, and was the Class A gold medalist in the pole vault as a junior. His all-around performance earned him Male Athlete-of-the-Year honors at Southwest. Cassidy attracted recruiting interest from Northwestern, Air Force, Buffalo, Princeton, Cornell, South Dakota, Northern Colorado and UNO.

**PERSONAL**

Austin was born on Aug. 5, 1988, and is the son of Tim and Nancy Cassidy. He is majoring in psychology and earned perfect 4.0 grade-point averages each of the past two semesters. Austin has volunteered his time with Nebraska's team hospital visits as well as the F Street Recreation Center and Legacy Retirement Center. Austin's father was the NU Associate Athletic Director for Football Operations from 2004 to 2007.

# QUENTIN CASTILLE

I-BACK | 6-1 | 235 | JR.-2L  
LA PORTE, TEXAS

**2009 OUTLOOK**

Quentin Castille has been a vital part of the Nebraska running game in each of his first two seasons in the program, and his role is expected to grow in 2009. The 6-1, 235-pound Castille and fellow junior Roy Helu Jr. are expected to give Nebraska one of the nation's top running back tandems and help the Huskers develop a strong rushing attack.

Castille first aided Nebraska as a true freshman as a power back in short-yardage situations. He dropped more than 15 pounds before his sophomore season which allowed him to refine his all-around skills and show the ability to be an every-down back in the Husker offense. He gained nearly 500 yards on the ground last season, capped by his best career performance in the Gator Bowl victory over Clemson.

**2008 (SOPHOMORE)**

Castille was Nebraska's third-leading rusher with 467 yards and six touchdowns on 106 rushing attempts. He also caught nine passes for 109 yards. After rotating at I-back with Helu and senior Marlon Lucky throughout 2008, Castille broke out against Clemson. With both Helu and Lucky slowed by injury, Castille gained 125 yards on 18 carries and caught a 20-yard pass. His effort included second-half runs of 58 and 40 yards, and allowed Nebraska to rally from a pair of 11-point deficits for the victory. The runs were the two longest rushes of Castille's two-year career.

Castille carried six times in each of the first two games, with a touchdown against San Jose State. In the opener against Western Michigan, he had a career-high 38 receiving yards on three catches, including a career-long 31-yard catch. He rushed 10 times for 75 yards in a 38-7 win over New Mexico State. Castille bulled his way to 70 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries at Iowa State. He added 49 yards on five carries against Kansas and six carries for 51 yards and a score at Kansas State. Included in his effort at KSU was a then-career-long 37-yard touchdown run on a 4th-and-1 play in the first quarter. He capped the regular season with 12 carries and his sixth touchdown in the 40-31 victory over Colorado.

Castille's play helped the Husker running game flourish in the second half of the season. In Big 12 games, Nebraska ranked third in the conference in rushing, with more than 180 yards per game, including better than 210 yards per contest in the final six games.

**2007 (FRESHMAN)**

Castille was Nebraska's second-leading rusher with 76 carries for 343 yards and four touchdowns. He had four games with 50 or more rushing yards, and had five or more carries seven times. He lost only four yards on his 76 rushing attempts and added three catches for 33 yards.

Castille carried 18 times for 78 yards and two touchdowns in his college debut against Nevada, helping NU roll up more than 400 rushing yards. Castille had six carries for 28 yards at Wake Forest, then had five carries for 16 yards and a touchdown in a one-point win over Ball State. He also had his first career reception against the Cardinals.

Castille had his top game with 20 carries for 102 yards against Oklahoma State, including a season-long 23-yard run. He added nine carries for 60 yards and a touchdown a week later against Texas A&M. Castille rumbled for 50 yards on 11 carries against Kansas State, and caught one pass each against KSU and Colorado.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (LA PORTE HS)**

Castille posted huge numbers for La Porte High School and Coach Jeff LaReau as a senior when he rushed for more than 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns, while averaging nearly eight yards per carry. Castille also caught 12 passes, including a pair of receiving touchdowns. Castille had three 200-yard outings as a senior, including better than 300 yards and six touchdowns against Dobie and 250 yards in a win over Port Arthur Memorial. Castille was a second-team all-state pick and first-team all-district selection for his efforts.

As a junior, Castille rushed for approximately 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns, while averaging 7.5 yards per tote. His performance as a junior earned him a unanimous all-district selection. Overall, Castille racked up more than 4,000 rushing yards during his prep career. Castille ranked among the top 40 prospects in Texas and the top 250 nationally, while earning recognition as one of the top fullback prospects by several recruiting outlets. Castille chose Nebraska over Louisville.

**PERSONAL**

Quentin is the son of Wanda Castille and was born on April 25, 1989. He is a sociology major and has been a volunteer at the F Street Recreation Center and assisted with local hospital visits.

**CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TD
2007	12/0	76	347	4	343	4.9	28.6	23 vs. OSU	4
2008	13/1	106	505	38	467	4.4	35.9	58 vs. Clemson	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25/1</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>852</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>58 vs. Clemson</b>	<b>10</b>

**SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS**

Rushing Attempts—20 vs. Oklahoma State, 2007  
 Rushing Yards—125 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl  
 Long Rush—58, vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl  
 Rushing Touchdowns—2 vs. Nevada, 2007  
 Receptions—3 vs. Western Michigan, 2008  
 Receiving Yards—38 vs. Western Michigan, 2008

**2008 GAME-BY-GAME RUSHING STATISTICS**

Opponent	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Western Michigan	6	5	2	0
San Jose State	6	7	3	1
New Mexico State	10	75	17	0
Virginia Tech	3	8	4	0
Missouri	12	26	6	0
at Texas Tech	3	6	4	1
at Iowa State	11	70	19	1
Baylor	7	31	8	0
at Oklahoma	7	2	2	1
Kansas	5	49	18	0
at Kansas State	6	51	37	1
Colorado	12	12	8	1
vs. Clemson	18	125	58	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>

## SEUNG HOON CHOI

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-2 | 295 | RFR.

LINCOLN, NEB.

(CHRISTIAN)



### 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Seung Hoon Choi sat out the 2008 season as a redshirt after joining the Nebraska program as a walk-on. The 6-2, 295-pound Choi will enter fall camp listed as a reserve at guard and he is expected to provide depth in an offensive line that returns eight letterwinners for the 2009 season.

Choi is a native of Seoul, South Korea and came to Lincoln during eighth grade. He first played football during his sophomore year at Lincoln Christian High School.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Choi walked on and sat out his first season as a redshirt.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN CHRISTIAN HS)

Choi earned honorable-mention all-state honors in Class C-1 his senior year by both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. Choi was coached by Matt Farup at Lincoln Christian. Choi finished his high school career with a sixth-place finish in the shot put at the 2008 state track meet.

### PERSONAL

Seung was born on Nov. 24, 1989, in Seoul, South Korea. He is the son of San Jo Coi and Yu Mi Chu, who still reside in South Korea. Choi is majoring in management.

## ANDY CHRISTENSEN

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-3 | 305 | SR.-2VL

LINCOLN, NEB.

(CHRISTIAN)



» CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-District VII (2006)

» First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2006)

» Five-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

» Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2006, 2007, 2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Offensive guard Andy Christensen will enter his sixth season in a Nebraska uniform in 2009 after being granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA this spring. Christensen has missed the majority of two seasons because of injury, affording him the opportunity to petition for an extra season.

The 6-3, 310-pound Christensen is one of eight returning lettermen on the offensive line, and has the power and ability to contend for significant playing time in the fall. After spring ball, returning starter Keith Williams held a firm grasp on the left guard spot, but the right guard job remained open and Christensen hopes to be a factor in that race this fall.

Christensen has extensive playing experience having started nine games in 2006 and 2007, before suffering a season-ending knee injury early in the 2007 season. He returned to the team last fall, but did not see game action. Christensen has been an academic standout throughout his time at Nebraska. He graduated in May of 2008 with a degree in construction management, and is on track to earn his master's degree in the same field in May of 2010.

### 2008 (SENIOR)

Christensen returned to the Nebraska roster in September of 2008, following a suspension, and was a reserve throughout the season. He did not see game action.

### 2007 (JUNIOR)

Christensen was entrenched as a starting guard before he went down with a season-ending knee injury in the third game against USC.

### 2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Christensen played in all 14 games with six starts. He served as Nebraska's top reserve at both guard positions during the early portion of the season. However, Christensen moved into the starting lineup at mid-season after Greg Austin continued to battle knee injuries.

Christensen helped Nebraska to five 200-yard rushing games as four Husker I-backs combined to run for more than 2,400 yards and 26 touchdowns. He played a key role in protecting senior quarterback Zac Taylor, who earned Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors, while throwing for a school-record 3,197 yards. In addition to his work on the offensive front, Christensen was also on NU's PAT and FG units.

### 2005 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Christensen was expected to see significant playing time on the offensive line, but suffered a shoulder injury during fall camp. The subsequent surgery sidelined him for the entire season.

### 2004 (REDSHIRT)

One of five native Nebraskans in the 2004 class, Christensen redshirted and made an excellent impression on the scout team.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (BENNINGTON HS)

Christensen was a two-way standout for Coach Greg Bohn at Bennington High, where he started for three years at offensive tackle and was a four-year starter at defensive tackle. As a senior, Christensen compiled 112 tackles and 10 sacks to help the Badgers earn a state playoff berth. He was also a dominant blocker, earning second-team All-Nebraska honors and first-team Class C-2 honors from the Omaha World-Herald. Christensen earned second-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and was a first-team Class C-2 pick as an offensive lineman. As a junior, he led Class C-2 with more than 120 tackles, while recording 10 sacks.

Christensen also captured the Class C heavyweight wrestling state title as a senior. He also finished fourth in the state as a sophomore and was a state qualifier as a freshman. In track, he won the Class C state shot put title by nearly seven feet with a heave of 60-5, the second-best throw regardless of class at the 2004 state meet. He added a third-place finish in the discus with a throw of 157-3.

Christensen produced a 4.1 grade-point average and ranked in the top five percent of his class. He was also a member of the National Honor Society. Christensen chose Nebraska over Iowa, Iowa State and Colorado State.

### PERSONAL

The son of Don and Denise Christensen, Andy was born in Omaha on June 24, 1986. He has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll nine times, and completed his undergraduate work in construction management in May of 2008. He was a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-District VII pick in 2006 and was a first-team academic All-Big 12 selection the same season. He owns better than a 3.93 grade-point average in his graduate work.

### CAREER NUMBERS

Games Played - 17 (14 in 2006, 3 in 2007)

Games Started - 9 (6 in 2006, 3 in 2007)



# WILL COMPTON

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 225 | RFR.

BONNE TERRE, MO.

(NORTH COUNTY)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Will Compton is a key part of a talented group of young linebackers in the Nebraska program who are expected to make an impact in 2009. The 6-2, 225-pound Compton will enter fall camp as a leading contender for the starting Mike linebacker job along with seniors Colton Koehler and Phillip Dillard, who each had starting experience last fall.

Compton contended for playing time early last season, but Nebraska coaches made the decision to redshirt the talented youngster, even after injuries depleted the position. A St. Louis area product, Compton was one of the most highly regarded recruits in Coach Bo Pelini's first recruiting class.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Compton redshirted in his first season in the program and worked with the scout team defense.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (NORTH COUNTY HS)

Compton starred on both sides of the ball for North County High School. During his senior season, Compton recorded 107 tackles, including 16 tackles for loss, four sacks, and two interceptions, while causing a fumble and recovering another from his linebacker position.

On offense, Compton was also a key performer for Coach David Leeds, accounting for approximately 500 rushing yards, 1,000 all-purpose yards and 14 touchdowns. His play as a senior earned Compton first-team all-state honors from the Missouri Sportswriters and Broadcasters Association.

Compton also stood out as a junior, making 71 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and an interception on defense, while rushing for 455 yards, and catching 51 passes for 855 yards. He earned first-team all-state honors as a receiver, while picking up all-district and all-conference honors as a linebacker.

A SuperPrep All-American, Compton was ranked as the No. 3 overall prospect in the state of Missouri by Rivals.com and one of the top 40 "athletes" in the country by the recruiting service. ESPN.com and Scout.com both listed Compton among the top 20 inside linebacker prospects in the nation. Compton was a defensive captain in the Offense-Defense Bowl all-star game at the 2008 Orange Bowl. Compton chose Nebraska over Missouri and Illinois.

## PERSONAL

Compton is the son of Bill and Kathy Compton and was born on Sept. 19, 1989. He has not declared a major, but was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll last fall. Compton has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center. Will's younger brother, Cody, will join the Nebraska wrestling team this fall.

# KHIRY COOPER

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-2 | 195 | RFR.

SHREVEPORT, LA.

(CALVARY BAPTIST ACADEMY)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Khiry Cooper (pronounced KY-ree) is among a large group of players who will try to make a push for playing time at wide receiver this fall. Cooper flashed play-making ability on the practice field during a redshirt season and is a candidate to help fill the void left by the graduation of Nate Swift and Todd Peterson, who were two of the top five receivers in NU history.

Cooper did not participate in spring practice, as he was an outfielder for Coach Mike Anderson's Nebraska baseball team. Cooper came to Nebraska as a decorated two-sport standout and turned down a baseball contract offer from the Los Angeles Angels after the organization selected him in the fifth round of the 2008 MLB Draft. Cooper plans to continue as a dual-sport athlete at Nebraska.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Cooper redshirted in his first season with the football program, before joining the NU baseball team in the second semester. On the diamond, Cooper played in 35 games and made 20 starts in the outfield. He hit .229 with two homers and 9 RBIs, and added three stolen bases.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (CALVARY BAPTIST ACADEMY)

Cooper accounted for 42 receiving touchdowns and better than 1,700 yards in his final three seasons of high school, including 16 trips to the end zone as a senior. Cooper caught 60 passes for 1,038 yards in 2007, while also seeing action on defense. His play led Calvary Academy to a 12-1 record and a trip to the Class 2A state semifinals. For his efforts, Cooper was a first-team Class 2A all-state selection and was also a member of the Baton Rouge Advocate's "Second Dozen" of top players in Louisiana. Cooper nabbed 50 receptions for 750 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior.

During his sophomore campaign in 2005, Cooper was a key contributor at wide receiver and free safety, grabbing 48 receptions for 597 yards and 11 touchdowns. Cooper's coach at Calvary Academy was Doug Pederson, who played quarterback in the NFL for 12 seasons, most recently the 2000 to 2004 seasons with the Green Bay Packers.

Cooper also used his speed to roam center field for the Calvary Academy baseball team. As a senior, Cooper hit .337 to lead his team to a 2A state title, as he was named to the all-state first team. Cooper was ranked among the top 30 football players in the state of Louisiana by both Rivals.com and SuperPrep Magazine. Cooper chose Nebraska over Arkansas.

## PERSONAL

Khiry is the son of Yolanda Cooper and was born on Jan. 18, 1990. Khiry is majoring in construction management and has volunteered his time with several FCA speaking engagements as well as Nebraska's team hospital visit in Jacksonville during Gator Bowl week.

# BEN COTTON

TIGHT END | 6-6 | 250 | RFR.

AMES, IOWA



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

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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Ben Cotton is a key part of a talented group of Nebraska tight ends, a position that is expected to be a strength for the 2009 Husker offense. The 6-6, 250-pound Cotton has all the physical tools necessary to excel and he is expected to push for playing time behind juniors Mike McNeill and Dreu Young, who both gained extensive playing time last fall.

The son of Nebraska associate head coach Barney Cotton, Ben had a standout spring for the Huskers, capped by an impressive performance in the Red-White Game. The younger Cotton caught four passes for 48 yards, including a 24-yard touchdown reception in the contest. Cotton was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll in each of his first two semesters.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Cotton sat out the season as a redshirt and worked on the scout team offense.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (AMES HS)

Cotton committed to the Huskers shortly after the hiring of Bo Pelini as head coach. He was the first scholarship signee from the state of Iowa since 2001. Cotton was a key performer for Ames High and Coach Bruce Vertanen each of his final three years of high school. During his senior season, Cotton caught 44 passes for 639 yards and four touchdowns to earn first-team Elite All-State honors from the Des Moines Register.

He was the Little Cyclones' only two-way starter, also lining up at defensive end. Cotton missed six games because of injury in 2006, but still had 10 receptions. Cotton first drew the attention of college coaches as a sophomore when he earned second-team all-conference honors.

Cotton was also a standout for the Ames High basketball team. He was a part of the starting lineup as a junior and senior. Cotton qualified for the state track meet in the discus and was a pitcher and center fielder for the baseball team. He earned honorable-mention all-conference honors with the baseball squad in 2008.

Cotton was ranked among the top 25 tight ends in the country by SuperPrep and Rivals.com. He was listed as the No. 2 overall prospect in the state of Iowa by Rivals.com and Scout.com and among the top 25 players in the Midlands region by SuperPrep. Cotton chose Nebraska over offers from Louisville, Iowa, Kansas, Iowa State and Wisconsin.

## PERSONAL

Ben is the son of Barney and Christine Cotton and was born on June 13, 1989. He has not declared a major, but carries a 3.356 grade-point average. Cotton has volunteered his time with outreach activities at local hospitals and retirement centers. His father, Barney, played for the Huskers from 1975 to 1978.

## JARED CRICK

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-6 | 285 | So.-1VL  
COZAD, NEB.



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore defensive lineman Jared Crick was a reliable reserve for the Cornhuskers in 2008, but he is expected to play a much bigger role this fall. Crick emerged during spring practice to become the favorite to line up alongside All-America candidate Ndamukong Suh at defensive tackle on the interior of the Nebraska defensive front.

The 285-pound Crick began his Nebraska career at defensive end, but has added size to his 6-6 frame, providing him the strength to battle in the middle of the defense, while maintaining enough agility to rush the passer.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Crick and fellow redshirt freshman Terrence Moore supplied depth behind Suh and senior Ty Steinkuhler at tackle. Crick played in nine games and made a pair of tackles, with a solo stop against New Mexico State and an assisted tackle at Oklahoma. Crick added a pass breakup against Western Michigan. The play of the front four keyed a Nebraska defense that ranked second in the Big 12 in total defense. The Huskers also improved their sack total from 13 in 2007 to 35 last fall.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Crick redshirted his first season at Nebraska and worked with the scout team. He moved inside to tackle in the spring of 2008.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (COZAD HS)

Crick earned second-team All-Nebraska honors from the Omaha World-Herald and second-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star as a senior, while earning first-team Class B honors from both papers. His performance helped Cozad and Coach Ron Bubak compile an 8-3 record and reach the second round of the Class B state playoffs in 2006.

Crick made 68 tackles as a defensive end, including six tackles for loss. Crick also played tight end and caught 15 passes for 284 yards and four touchdowns. Crick recorded 75 tackles and five sacks as a junior en route to Class C-1 all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald and honorable-mention all-state accolades from the Lincoln Journal Star. Crick participated in the East Meets West All-American Game in Florida.

Crick also led the basketball team in scoring at 12 points per game and rebounding with eight per contest. He also threw the shot put and finished second in the state with a throw of 60 10-1/4. Crick only visited Nebraska, but did receive numerous other scholarship offers.

## PERSONAL

Crick was born on Aug. 21, 1989, and is the son of David and Cindy Crick. He is majoring in history. Crick has volunteered at the F Street Recreation Center, the Legacy Retirement Center and as part of the Huskers' team hospital visits.

## JON DAMKROGER

PUNTER/PLACE-KICKER | 6-1 | 190 | So.  
FIRTH, NEB.  
(NORRIS)



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

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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Jon Damkroger is among the candidates to replace three-year starter Dan Titchener as Nebraska's starting punter in 2009. The battle for the job will continue into the fall, but Damkroger had a solid spring to stay in the race with junior Alex Henery and redshirt freshman Brett Maher. Damkroger began his college career at Nebraska-Omaha, before joining the Huskers in 2008. He is a standout in the classroom, carrying a 3.353 grade-point average in business administration.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Damkroger redshirted after transferring from Nebraska-Omaha.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (UNO/NORRIS HS)

Damkroger averaged 35 yards on 40 punts for Coach Pat Behrns and UNO in 2007. He pinned Maverick opponents inside the 20-yard line 10 times as a freshman. He was the only true freshman to play on a UNO team that won its first 10 games, and advanced to the second round of the Division II playoffs.

Damkroger was a three-sport star at Norris High. He was a three-year letterwinner for Coach Jeff Reed in football, earning first-team all-state honors while serving as a captain for the Titans. He averaged 43 yards per punt and also played wide receiver and safety. Damkroger also served as team captain and was a two-year starter in basketball and was a four-year letterwinner, team captain and four-event state qualifier in track. Damkroger set school records in the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter relay. In addition to his athletic accomplishments, Damkroger was a four-year member of the student council and the National Honor Society.

## PERSONAL

The son of Tom and Deanne Damkroger, Jon was born June 7, 1989, in Lincoln, Neb. Damkroger has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his two semesters at Nebraska, and was a Dean's List student and academic all-conference in his first year of college at Nebraska-Omaha.

## JASE DEAN

CORNERBACK | 6-0 | 185 | RFR.  
BRIDGEPORT, NEB.



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Jase Dean is one of several young players who will look to make an impact in the Nebraska secondary this fall. The 6-0, 185-pound Dean brings size and speed to the cornerback position, and could also compete for playing time on special teams. A standout at Bridgeport High School, Dean walked on and redshirted in his first season in the program.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Dean redshirted and worked in the scout team secondary.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (BRIDGEPORT HS)

Dean was coached by Chris Koozer at Bridgeport High School. Dean earned honorable-mention all-state honors in Class C-1. He was also a member of the North Squad during the 2008 Shrine Bowl and was a part of the 2007 Winter Academic All-State team (3.86 GPA).

Dean also participated in track and basketball for Bridgeport, and as a junior claimed gold medals in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes at the state track meet. During his senior campaign, he was second in the 100 and 400, while claiming fourth in the 200.

#### PERSONAL

Dean was born on Aug. 29, 1989, and is the son of Monte and Tammy Dean. He is majoring in nutrition, exercise and health science and has volunteered his time at the Village Manor Retirement Center and as part of the Huskers' hospital visits.

## ALFONZO DENNARD

CORNERBACK | 5-10 | 190 | So.-1VL

ROCHELL, GA.  
(WILCOX COUNTY)



#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Alfonzo Dennard (pronounced DEN-ard) earned immediate playing time as a true freshman for Nebraska, contributing on both defense and special teams. This fall the talented sophomore is expected to battle for a starting cornerback job in a deep Nebraska secondary. The 5-10, 190-pounder is a key element of a position group that also includes returning starter Anthony West, junior Prince Amukamara and fellow sophomore Anthony Blue.

Dennard is also likely to continue to serve a key role on special teams. A year ago, he was one of the Huskers' top kickoff return men and made an impact on coverage units.

#### 2008 (FRESHMAN)

Dennard appeared in each of the final 12 games and was one of three true freshmen to see extensive action for Nebraska in 2008. He saw the majority of his action on special teams, as he and Niles Paul formed an explosive kickoff return combination. Dennard returned eight kickoffs for 150 yards, an average of 18.8 yards per return. He closed the year with a 29-yard return against Colorado, then had a season-long 31-yard return in the Gator Bowl victory over Clemson.

Dennard also saw action on the kickoff coverage and punt return units, and had five tackles, including four solo stops. He had a season-high two tackles at Kansas State.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (WILCOX COUNTY HS)

Dennard excelled on both sides of the ball for Wilcox County High School in Georgia, and was the first scholarship player from Georgia since current New England Patriot Le Kevin Smith joined the Huskers in 2001. In his senior season, Dennard played a leading role in helping Wilcox County and Coach Mark Ledford to a 13-2 record and state runner-up finish in Class A.

Dennard made 53 tackles, while picking off five passes as a cornerback. Offensively, Dennard caught 39 passes for 780 yards and scored 14 touchdowns. He also used his speed to help on special teams, returning two kickoffs and one punt for touchdowns. Dennard received first-team Class A all-state honors from the Georgia Sportswriters Association.

Dennard also piled up big numbers as a junior. Offensively he caught 45 passes for 840 yards and 12 touchdowns, while rushing 24 times for 240 yards and another six touchdowns. On defense he made 60 tackles and had six interceptions.

Dennard was also a contributor in track and basketball. He served as the point guard for Wilcox County's hoops team and used his speed in sprint events during track in the spring. He finished sixth in the state in the long jump with a leap of 21-3. Dennard played in the GACA North-South All-Star game. He was ranked as one of the nation's top 25 cornerbacks by Rivals.com. Dennard chose Nebraska over North Carolina and Troy.

#### PERSONAL

Dennard is the son of Rose Mary Dennard and was born on Sept. 9, 1989. He has not yet declared a major, and has assisted with Nebraska's team hospital visits and volunteered his time at the Village Manor Retirement Center.

#### CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2008	12/0	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12/0	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

## PHILLIP DILLARD

LINEBACKER | 6-1 | 240 | SR.-3VL

TULSA, OKLA.

(JENKS)



#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Linebacker Phillip Dillard battled injuries throughout the 2008 campaign, but assisted in helping Nebraska make major defensive improvements. The 6-1, 240-pound Dillard is the most experienced linebacker at a position where a number of young players are expected to step forward this fall. Dillard battled for playing time throughout the spring at Mike linebacker and will enter fall camp as one of many contenders for a starting linebacker job this fall.

Dillard has 33 games of playing experience under his belt heading into 2009, including eight starts. The Oklahoma native has shown flashes of outstanding play throughout his career, but has had to work his way through a series of injuries. Dillard is on track to earn his undergraduate degree in sociology in December, and is one of 11 Husker seniors expected to complete their studies by the end of the fall semester.

#### 2008 (JUNIOR)

Before missing the final four games of the regular season, Dillard emerged as a leader in the linebacking corps and ranked among the team leaders in tackles. His play assisted an NU defense that finished second in the Big 12 in total defense and improved its per game average by 126 yards per game. Dillard returned for limited action in the Gator Bowl.

Dillard started five of the first eight games before being injured against Baylor. He made 38 tackles, including 28 in the first four games while fully healthy. He shared half a sack against San Jose State and had two tackles for loss on the year. Dillard made four tackles in the opener against Western Michigan, then had eight stops against San Jose State. He had a career-high 11 tackles against Virginia Tech, and made four stops against Missouri before being injured. He was limited the following two games, then made four unassisted tackles against Baylor before suffering another injury.

#### 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Dillard played in all 12 games at Mike linebacker, splitting time with senior Corey McKeon. Dillard started against Missouri and Oklahoma State and finished the year with 37 tackles, including 22 solo stops. He had five games with four or more tackles, including a season-high six tackles each against Wake Forest and Ball State. He added five tackles at Missouri and had four tackles against both Kansas and Iowa State. He recorded a tackle for loss against Oklahoma State.

#### 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Dillard showed great promise early in the opener against Louisiana Tech, making four tackles, including three solo stops, before going down with an ACL injury. He spent the remainder of the season going through rehabilitation and received a medical redshirt.

#### 2005 (FRESHMAN)

Dillard played in 11 games as a true freshman in 2005, including a start against Missouri, and finished with 11 tackles. One of 13 Husker true freshmen to see action, Dillard missed only the matchup with Pittsburgh. He had a pair of solo tackles in his collegiate debut against Maine, including a tackle for loss. He added a pair of tackles against Wake Forest.

He was strong at the close of the year, compiling seven tackles in the final four games. He capped the regular season with a season-high three tackles in the 30-3 win at Colorado, then added two solo stops in the Alamo Bowl win over Michigan.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (JENKS HS)

Dillard was one of the nation's top linebacker prospects after earning Oklahoma all-state honors for two consecutive seasons at Jenks High School, a Tulsa prep powerhouse. Dillard led his team to a Class 6A state-runner-up finish in 2004, when he had more than 120 tackles, including 75 solo stops and three sacks, along with seven pass breakups.

In his final two seasons playing for Coach Allen Trimble, Dillard totaled more than 200 tackles. He also caught four passes as a senior, three for touchdowns. In addition to his all-state honors, Dillard was named the Jim Thorpe Association Oklahoma Defensive Player of the Year as a junior. He was one of seven 2005 Nebraska recruits who played in the U.S. Army All-American game in San Antonio. Dillard helped the West squad to a 35-3 victory with an interception.



Dillard chose the Huskers after also receiving scholarship offers from Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Kansas State and Texas A&M, among others.

## PERSONAL

Dillard's guardians are Tyrone and Ronda Lynne, and Phillip was born on Dec. 10, 1986. He is a sociology major, and has volunteered his time with the Read to Succeed Book Drive, the Charlie Brown Good Grief program and Nebraska's local hospital visits.

## CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2005	11/1	7	4	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2006*	1/0	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2007	12/2	22	15	37	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	1
2008	9/5	13	25	38	2-9	0.5-6	0-0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33/8</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>4-12</b>	<b>0.5-6</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

\*Dillard was granted a medical hardship following the 2006 season and regained a year of eligibility

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles--11 vs. Virginia Tech, 2008

Solo Tackles--4 vs. Ball State, 2007, vs. Baylor, 2008

Tackles for Loss--1, four times

# TAYLOR DIXON

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-11 | 190 | RFR.

WAUNETA, NEB.

(WAUNETA-PALISADE)



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

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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Taylor Dixon enters his second season in the Nebraska program looking to bid for playing time in the Nebraska receiving corps. The walk-on performer from Wauneta, Neb., sat out his first season as a redshirt and hopes to make an impact at a position where the Huskers' top two performers have graduated. Dixon is off to a strong start in the classroom, having been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Dixon sat out the season as a redshirt and worked on the scout team.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (WAUNETA-PALISADE HS)

Dixon had a stellar career at Wauneta-Palisade High School, where he rushed for better than 1,000 yards three seasons in a row in the eight-man ranks, and also passed for 1,000 yards his senior season. For his efforts, Dixon earned first-team all-state honors in Class D-1 by the Omaha World-Herald. Dixon was also a basketball standout, earning honorable-mention Class D-1 all-state honors from the World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. Dixon finished sixth in the 400 and fourth in the 200 at the Class D state track meet his senior year.

## PERSONAL

Dixon is the son of Brad and Mindi Dixon, and was born on Oct. 27, 1989. He is majoring in pre-dentistry and carries a 3.655 cumulative grade-point average. Dixon has volunteered his time with team hospital visits and as a speaker during American Education Week.

# JIM EBKE

SAFETY | 6-0 | 210 | So.

LINCOLN, NEB.

(EAST/SOUTH DAKOTA STATE)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Lincoln native Jim Ebke switched from offense to defense before spring practice and will look to compete for playing time at safety this fall. The 6-0, 210-pounder was a reserve quarterback last season, frequently running the Huskers' scout team offense. Ebke was also an accomplished defender in high school and will try his hand at that spot. Ebke began his college career at South Dakota State, before transferring to Nebraska in January of 2008.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Ebke transferred from South Dakota State to walk on for the Huskers. He sat out the 2008 season due to NCAA transfer rules and worked as a reserve quarterback.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (SOUTH DAKOTA STATE/LINCOLN EAST HS)

Ebke redshirted during his only season at South Dakota State. He made a significant impact as a linebacker and safety on the Jackrabbits' scout team.

Ebke was one of the most decorated players in the state of Nebraska in 2006, earning state Gatorade Player-of-the-Year honors while quarterbacking Lincoln East to the Class A state quarterfinals. Under the direction of Coach John Gingery, Ebke was honored as the Super-State Honorary Captain and Offensive Player of the Year by the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. He set eight school records and led Class A in total offense with 1,225 yards passing and 1,549 yards rushing while accounting for 31 touchdowns. Defensively, he made 66 tackles and intercepted two passes.

Ebke was named to the all-state basketball honorable-mention squad two times and competed in track and field and baseball at the varsity level. He was an academic all-state selection and member of the National Honor Society.

## PERSONAL

Jim is the son of Darrell and Susan Ebke and was born on Sept. 19, 1988. He is majoring in actuarial science, and was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll.

# TYRONE FAHIE

DEFENSIVE END | 6-3 | 255 | JR.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

(OCEAN LAKES/U.S. NAVY)



» Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)

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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Tyrone Fahie (pronounced FOY) joined the Nebraska program in January of 2007 after six years on active duty with the U.S. Military. Fahie has provided depth at the defensive end position each of his two years in the program, and hopes to make a push for playing time in 2009. Fahie originally earned a roster spot in walk-on tryouts before spring practice in 2007.

In the three years prior to enrolling at Nebraska, Fahie completed two tours in Iraq, where he worked for Seal Team One as a support communicator. Fahie is originally from Virginia Beach, Va. Despite being only a junior in eligibility, Fahie is on track to complete his degree work in management this December.

**2008 (SOPHOMORE)**

Fahie played late in Nebraska's victory over New Mexico State, and was among the top performers on the scout team defense.

**2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)**

Fahie served as a reserve defensive end, but did not see game action.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (U.S. NAVY/OCEAN LAKES HS)**

Fahie has spent several years on active duty, including two tours in Iraq. He graduated from Ocean Lakes High School in Virginia Beach in 2000, where he was a standout linebacker and free safety.

Fahie was also a member of the marching band in high school.

**PERSONAL**

Tyrone is the son of Floyd and Dafney Fahie, and was born Sept. 30, 1982, in Washington D.C. He is majoring in management at Nebraska and carries a 3.44 cumulative grade-point average. Fahie has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll four times. Fahie has volunteered his time with several organizations, including the Special Olympics and was a part of Nebraska's team hospital visit in Jacksonville during Gator Bowl week.

# SEAN FISHER

LINEBACKER | 6-6 | 230 | 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**

Redshirt freshman Sean Fisher is one of several young standouts in the Nebraska linebacker corps expected to make an impact in 2009. The Omaha native finished spring ball as one of the leading candidates to emerge as the starting Buck linebacker for the Huskers in 2009. The 6-6, 230-pound Fisher played in the secondary in high school and brings versatility to the NU defense with the ability to defend both the run and pass.

Fisher saw action in one game in 2008, before being sidelined with a shoulder injury. He was subsequently rewarded a medical hardship from the Big 12 Conference and has four seasons of eligibility remaining. Fisher carries a perfect 4.0 grade-point average after his initial year at Nebraska.

**2008 (REDSHIRT)**

Fisher appeared on special teams in the opener against Western Michigan, however a shoulder injury sidelined him from game action for the remainder of the year. He received a medical hardship.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (MILLARD NORTH HS)**

Fisher was one of the first players to commit to the 2008 Husker class, announcing his college choice in June of 2007. He was a standout two-way performer at Class A powerhouse Millard North, starting in the secondary and at running back, while also handling punting chores and returning kicks.

Fisher led Coach Fred Petito's team to the Class A state championship game in 2007. Fisher rushed for 646 yards, including 198 yards on 44 carries in the state title game. Defensively, Fisher played in the secondary and made 68 total tackles, including 43 unassisted stops, and added three tackles for loss and an interception.

Fisher was an honorary captain of both the Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska team and the Lincoln Journal Star's Super-State squad. Fisher also earned all-state honors from both papers as a junior when he made 92 tackles and had three interceptions, helping the Mustangs to the state semifinals. Fisher was also a key player for Millard North during his sophomore season, when the school captured the Class A state title.

Fisher was named a SuperPrep All-American and was listed among the nation's top 25 linebackers by SuperPrep, ESPN.com and Scout.com. He was widely regarded as one of the

top five players in Nebraska by all recruiting services. Fisher chose Nebraska over Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado and Arizona State among others.

**PERSONAL**

Fisher was born on Sept. 13, 1989, and is the son of Todd and Cathy Fisher. Todd Fisher was a walk-on cornerback for NU who lettered in 1983. Sean has not declared a major, but has twice been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll and has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center and the Village Manor Retirement Center.

# CURENSKI GILLEYLEN

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-0 | 215 | So.-1VL  
LEANDER, TEXAS



- » 2008 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008)

**2009 OUTLOOK**

Sophomore Curenski Gilleylen (pronounced kur-en-ski gilley-yen) hopes to move into a leading role in the Nebraska receiving corps in 2009. The graduation of 2008 senior receivers Todd Peterson and Nate Swift left a large void in the Nebraska receiving corps, and the 6-0, 215-pound Gilleylen is among the top contenders to step up. Gilleylen brings a good blend of size and speed to the Husker offense, and could also play a role in the NU return game.

Gilleylen is one of six returning letterwinners in the receiving corps after playing in 11 games as a redshirt freshman.

**2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)**

Gilleylen had an outstanding spring practice session in 2008, capped by a long touchdown reception in the spring game. He saw limited time as a reserve receiver during the year, playing in 11 games. He finished the year with two receptions for 11 yards, including a five-yard catch against Virginia Tech and a six-yarder at Oklahoma. He also returned two kickoffs for 48 yards—a 26-yarder vs. the Hokies and a 22-yard return vs. Western Michigan.

**2007 (REDSHIRT)**

Gilleylen sat out his first season in Lincoln as a redshirt.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (LEANDER HS)**

Gilleylen was one of seven Texans in the 2007 class after a standout career at Leander High School. He earned honorable-mention Texas Class 5A all-state honors as a senior. He was a first-team All-Centex selection by the Austin American Statesman, a Hill Country News' Dazzling Dozen Team member, and was Leander's Outstanding Offensive Player. He helped Leander to a 12-3 record in 2006.

Playing for Coach Steve Gidden, Gilleylen had 30 catches for 915 yards and nine touchdowns. He also spent some time at running back and had 500 yards rushing with another four touchdowns. Gilleylen also posted impressive numbers as a junior, catching more than 40 passes for 850 yards and 12 touchdowns to earn all-district honors and second-team all-state accolades.

In addition to his impressive football credentials, Gilleylen was also a track standout, competing in the 100 meters and on his school's 4x100-meter relay team. Gilleylen broke a school record by running a 10.22 100-meter dash in 2007. He was also an honorable-mention academic all-state pick by the Texas High School Coaches Association. Gilleylen chose NU over Oklahoma State and Tennessee.

**PERSONAL**

The son of Stephanie Sullivan and Clazell Gilleylen, Curenski was born on March 15, 1989. Curenski is majoring in civil engineering. He has volunteered his time during School is Cool Week, at the F Street Recreation Center, the Legacy Retirement Center and on the Huskers' team hospital visits. He was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll.

## DAN GLASSMAN

DEFENSIVE END | 6-4 | 250 | JR.  
OMAHA, NEB.  
(CREIGHTON PREP)



- » 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2006, 2008)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Junior Dan Glassman will enter fall camp with the goal of making a push for playing time at defensive end. The 6-4, 250-pound Glassman returned to the Huskers in the fall of 2008, after leaving the program the previous fall. Glassman spent his first stint with the Huskers as a tight end, before moving to defense upon his return. Glassman is strong in the classroom, having been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll three times and carrying a 3.417 cumulative grade-point average in biological sciences.

### 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Glassman returned to the team in the fall and was a reserve defensive end for the Huskers, but did not see game action.

### 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Glassman left the program prior to the start of the 2007 season.

### 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Glassman redshirted as a tight end and worked on the scout team in 2006.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (OMAHA CREIGHTON PREP HS)

Glassman is a product of Omaha Creighton Prep High School, one of the state's top prep programs. Glassman turned down an offer to walk-on at Nebraska out of high school and also had an opportunity to join the Army football program. He enrolled part-time at UNO for the fall semester and joined the Huskers in January of 2006.

Glassman played for Coach Tom Jaworski at Creighton Prep, where he was a teammate of former Husker Zach Potter. Glassman helped the Junior Jays to a state title in 2004, playing tight end and defensive tackle.

Glassman was a Lincoln Journal Star academic all-state pick, and also played basketball and participated in track. He was a captain on the basketball team, helping Prep to the state finals as a senior, and was a two-time qualifier for the state track meet, once in the shot put and once in the 4x100 meter relay.

### PERSONAL

Glassman is the son of Mike and Mary Glassman, and was born on Nov. 8, 1986. He is a pre-chiropractic major. Glassman is one of Nebraska's top volunteers in the community and was named to the 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team. Glassman has been a volunteer at the Special Olympics Aquatic Event, Rebuilding Omaha this past spring and Nebraska's team hospital visits.

## DEJON GOMES

CORNERBACK | 6-0 | 190 | JR.  
HAYWARD, CALIF.  
(LOGAN/CITY COLLEGE  
OF SAN FRANCISCO)



### 2009 OUTLOOK

Dejon Gomes was one of three players in Nebraska's 2009 recruiting class who joined the Huskers at the start of the second semester and participated in spring ball. The early arrival in Lincoln allowed the 6-0, 190-pound Gomes to join the competition for playing time among a group of talented young cornerbacks. Gomes was one of two players in the 2009 class to join the Huskers from the junior college ranks and he has two seasons of eligibility at Nebraska.

Gomes joined the Huskers after a successful two-year career at the City College of San Francisco, the same school that has recently sent Maurice Purify and Zac Lee to Lincoln.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA

#### (CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO/LOGAN HS)

Gomes came to Nebraska after two impressive seasons at City College of San Francisco. He recorded 39 tackles during the 2008 season for Coach George Rush's team. Gomes also had four interceptions, 14 pass breakups and five tackles for loss. For his play, Gomes earned all-conference honors in 2008. His strong performance came on the heels of an outstanding freshman season. Gomes recorded 34 tackles, four interceptions, seven breakups and four tackles for loss during the 2007 campaign, helping the Rams to a national championship. Gomes was ranked among the top 40 overall junior college prospects in the country by SuperPrep.

Gomes starred as a prepster at Logan High School in Union City, Calif. He primarily played running back in high school and rushed for about 1,000 yards and 24 touchdowns as a senior, before switching to defense for college. Gomes chose Nebraska after also visiting Houston.

### PERSONAL

Gomes was born on Nov. 17, 1989, and is the son of Norman and Deon Goolsby. He is majoring in psychology at Nebraska.

## CODY GREEN

QUARTERBACK | 6-4 | 220 | FR.  
DAYTON, TEXAS



### 2009 OUTLOOK

Cody Green came to Nebraska as one of the most heralded recruits in the 2009 Husker signing class. The 6-4, 220-pound quarterback joined the Nebraska program in January after completing course requirements at Dayton High School in the fall semester. Green was one of three members of the recruiting class to join the team for the second semester and his early arrival allowed him an extra 15 practices to learn the Husker offense. Green had a solid spring and will enter the fall in the battle for playing time at quarterback with juniors Zac Lee and Latravis Washington.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (DAYTON HS)

Green was one of eight Texans in the Huskers' 2008 signing class. He had a remarkable senior season as he led Dayton High and Coach Jerry Stewart to a 13-2 record and a Class 4A state runner-up finish. A true dual threat as a signal caller, Green amassed nearly 5,000 yards of total offense. Green threw for 3,265 yards and 37 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,610 yards and 25 touchdowns.

In leading the Broncos to the state title game, Green produced more than 1,000 yards passing and nearly 800 rushing yards in six playoff games. In the 4A state title game, Green passed for 329 yards and six touchdowns, while rushing for 94 yards. Green topped 200 yards passing nine times as a senior, including a pair of 300-yard games. On the ground, he rushed for more than 100 yards eight times, including 270 yards against Brenham in the state playoffs.



Green was named first-team all-area by the Houston Chronicle as a utility player and was also an honorable-mention Class 4A all-state selection by the Associated Press.

Green was slowed by an injury during his junior season that allowed him to play in only a few games. He first showed his talents for Dayton High as a sophomore, when he rushed for 689 yards and passed for 1,429 yards and 19 touchdowns, while completing better than 61 percent of his passes.

Green was listed among the top 25 overall players in the state of Texas by the Austin American-Statesman, Dallas Morning News, Rivals.com and SuperPrep. He was ranked among the top 10 quarterback prospects in the country by both Rivals.com and Scout.com. Green received numerous offers, but only visited Nebraska and committed to the Huskers in July of 2008.

## PERSONAL

He is the son of Chandra Green and was born on June 2, 1991. He has not yet declared a major and has volunteered his time with the School is Cool event.

# THOMAS GROVE

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 225 | JR.-2VL  
ARLINGTON, 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 OUTLOOK

Thomas Grove has been a key contributor on special teams during his first two seasons in the Nebraska program, and this fall the walk-on performer will look to earn playing time at linebacker. The 6-2, 225-pound Grove will figure into the wide-open battle for playing time at the Will linebacker position. Grove first served on NU's kickoff coverage team as a true freshman in 2007, then appeared in all 13 games a year ago.

Grove is one of Nebraska's top scholar-athletes. A first-team academic All-Big 12 pick in 2008, Grove carries a 3.64 cumulative grade-point average in biological sciences.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Grove appeared in all 13 games as a regular on the kickoff coverage unit. He had an assisted tackle against Western Michigan and an unassisted stop against Clemson in the Gator Bowl.

## 2007 (FRESHMAN)

Grove impressed NU coaches during fall camp and was one of 11 true freshmen to see action in 2007. Grove appeared on kick coverage in games against Nevada, Wake Forest and Kansas State.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (ARLINGTON HS)

Grove was a two-way standout for Coach Steven Gubbels at Arlington High School. Grove helped Arlington to an 8-2 record and a trip to the second round of the Class C-1 state playoffs in 2006. Grove rushed for 1,133 yards and 17 touchdowns for the Eagles as a running back. On defense, he recorded 29 tackles, two sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries from his linebacker spot. For his efforts, Grove was an honorable-mention Class C-1 all-state pick by the Omaha World-Herald.

## PERSONAL

Thomas is the son of Paul and Karen Grove and was born on July 2, 1989. Grove has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll three times. Grove has been a volunteer on Nebraska's team hospital visits.

# ERIC HAGG

SAFETY | 6-2 | 205 | JR.-2VL  
PEORIA, ARIZ.  
(IRONWOOD)



- » 2008 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Eric Hagg became an important ingredient in the secondary during his sophomore season and figures to again play a large role in 2009. Hagg established himself as a regular starter at nickel back, and his speed and athleticism were keys to the Huskers being successful against the high-powered offenses in the Big 12.

The 6-2, 205-pounder is part of a Nebraska secondary that will enter the 2009 campaign with much more depth and experience than last fall. Hagg has the ability to play both cornerback and safety, but spent the majority of his time during the spring at safety. In addition to pushing for a starting safety job, Hagg is likely to remain in the crucial role of starting nickel back. An Arizona native, Hagg was one of 11 Husker true freshmen to see action in 2007.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Hagg played in all 13 games with 10 starts and was among the select group of defenders to be awarded a Blackshirt late in the season. He finished with 39 tackles, including 29 solo stops, and added five tackles for loss, a sack and ranked among the team leaders with seven pass breakups.

He opened 2008 in strong fashion with five tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery against Western Michigan. Hagg recorded a career-high 10 tackles, including nine solo stops against New Mexico State, then made his first career tackle for loss against Virginia Tech. He added four tackles each against Baylor and Oklahoma, and had tackles for loss against Kansas and Colorado. Hagg had two pass breakups against both San Jose State and Kansas.

Hagg saved his biggest plays for a crucial moment in the Gator Bowl win over Clemson. With the Tigers threatening for the go-ahead score late in the contest, Hagg had a key pass breakup on a first-and-goal play. Hagg then threw Clemson quarterback Cullen Harper for a 16-yard sack on second down, allowing NU to preserve the 26-21 victory.



## 2007 (FRESHMAN)

Hagg did not see action in Nebraska's first four games, but ended any chance of a redshirt when he first saw action against Iowa State. Hagg went on to play in seven games, both on kick coverage and as a reserve in the secondary. He made a pair of assisted tackles in Nebraska's win over Kansas State.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (IRONWOOD HS)

One of five players in Nebraska's 2007 recruiting class from the state of Arizona, Hagg was a standout at Ironwood High School in Peoria, where he was a teammate of fellow Husker William Yancy. Hagg starred at receiver and defensive back for Coach Larry Allen catching 49 passes for 920 yards and nine touchdowns, while making 33 tackles and intercepting four passes on defense. His efforts as a senior earned him first-team Arizona 5A all-state honors from the Arizona Republic.

Hagg's impressive senior season came on the heels of a strong junior campaign, when he had 37 catches, including 12 touchdowns and made better than 40 tackles on defense. He also had seven interceptions and blocked a punt. Hagg was listed among the top 15 players in Arizona by both Rivals.com and Scout.com.

In addition to his outstanding accomplishments on the field, Hagg was a top basketball player, starting for Ironwood and averaging 10 points per game as a senior. Hagg only visited Nebraska, but had numerous other offers including Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon and Oregon State.

## PERSONAL

Eric Jr. is the son of Eric Hagg Sr., and was born on Sept. 15, 1989. He is majoring in ethnic studies and has volunteered his time as an FCA Outreach speaker and with team hospital visits.

## CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---											
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	7/0	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2008	13/10	29	10	39	5-28	1-0-16	1-1	0	7	0	2
Totals	20/10	29	12	41	5-28	1-0-16	1-1	0	7	0	2

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-10 vs. New Mexico State, 2008  
Solo Tackles-9 vs. New Mexico State, 2008  
Tackles for Loss-2-18 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl  
Sacks-1-16 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl  
Pass Breakups-2 vs. San Jose State, Kansas, 2008

# DAVID HARVEY

DEFENSIVE END | 6-4 | 270 | SR.  
LA PLATA, MD.  
(MCDONOUGH)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Senior David Harvey brings versatility to the Nebraska defensive line and will look to push for playing time in his final season in a Husker uniform. The 6-4, 270-pound Harvey has lined up at defensive end for the majority of his career, but tried his hand at defensive tackle during part of spring ball. He moved back outside for the final portion of spring practice, but could add depth at either position.

Harvey has seen limited playing time on defense during his Nebraska career, after beginning his time in Lincoln at tight end. The Maryland native is on track to complete his degree work in sociology in December.

## CAREER

Harvey was a reserve defensive end in 2008, but did not see game action. He switched to tackle late in the season. During his sophomore season, Harvey appeared in NU's win over Iowa State at defensive end. He switched to defense in the fall of 2006 and worked primarily on the scout team. Harvey redshirted during his first season at Nebraska in 2005.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (MCDONOUGH HS)

Harvey was the first Maryland prep player to sign with Nebraska since 1990 when Donta Jones and Duane Wiles came to Nebraska from the state. Jones also came to Nebraska from McDonough High School.

Harvey capped a strong prep career with an outstanding senior season in which he made 59 tackles, including six sacks from the defensive end spot, and caught 15 passes for 249 yards. Harvey played just one season for Coach Dave Bradshaw at McDonough, after moving from South Carolina. As a junior at Sumter (S.C.) High School, Harvey had three sacks and helped his team to a 13-1 record and a state runner-up finish. Harvey was also a standout on the basketball court, as he averaged 10 points and 13 rebounds at McDonough as a junior, after transferring to the school at mid-term. Harvey's efforts helped his squad to the state semifinals.

## PERSONAL

Harvey is the son of Julia Moore and David Thomas, and was born on May 16, 1987. Harvey has been active in the community, serving as a volunteer with the Lincoln Action Program, the People's City Mission and team hospital visits. His efforts earned him a Nebraska 2006 HERO Leadership Award. He was named to the 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll.

# MIKE HAYS

FULLBACK | 6-1 | 235 | So.-1VL  
PAPILLION, NEB.  
(PAPILLION-LA VISTA)



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Mike Hays developed into one of Nebraska's most dependable special teams players as a redshirt freshman in 2008. The Papillion native is likely to continue in that role again this fall, while also making a push for the top job at fullback. At 6-1 and 235 pounds, Hays has the size to make an impact as a lead blocker for the Huskers.

A walk-on, Hays appeared in every game a year ago after redshirting in his first season in the Nebraska program.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Hays played in all 13 games as part of the Huskers' kickoff, kickoff return and punt teams, while also supplying depth behind senior fullbacks Thomas Lawson and Hunter Teafatiller. Hays finished the season with three tackles on special teams. He made unassisted tackles against Kansas and Colorado, and had an assist against San Jose State.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT)

A walk-on, Hays worked as both a linebacker and fullback on the scout team.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (PAPILLION-LA VISTA HS)

Hays only played organized football for two years at Class A Papillion-LaVista High School, but he quickly made an impact during his prep career. Hays played linebacker and wide receiver and earned honorable-mention all-state, first-team all-district and second-team all-metro honors as a senior.

Hays was a four-sport athlete for the Monarchs. As a forward for the basketball team he led the squad to the state playoffs, while helping the baseball team to the district championships as a centerfielder and pitcher. Hays also competed in the sprints for the track and field team.

Hays had scholarship offers to several Division II schools before choosing the Huskers.

## PERSONAL

Hays is the son of Bill and Anita Hays and was born on Aug. 22, 1989. He is majoring in sociology. Hays has been a part of NU's hospital visits, while also serving as a volunteer with the Omaha Heart Walk and the Elementary School is Cool Week.



# ROY HELU JR.

I-BACK | 6-0 | 215 | JR.-2VL  
DANVILLE, CALIF.  
(SAN RAMON VALLEY)



» 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Roy Helu Jr. (pronounced HELL-ue) was a key part of a three-man rotation at I-back in 2008, and the California native emerged as a go-to back in November. Helu Jr. and fellow junior Quentin Castille head into 2009 as proven performers at I-back, and the duo should give Nebraska one of the top rushing tandems in the Big 12 Conference.

Helu's play late in the 2008 season earned him honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, and he is poised to compete for bigger honors as a junior. The Californian finished as Nebraska's leading rusher with 803 yards, while averaging better than six yards per carry. The 6-0 Helu Jr. worked hard in Nebraska's off-season strength and conditioning program and now checks in at 215 pounds while maintaining the speed, elusiveness and vision that has made him a success during his first two seasons.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Helu played in all 13 games and started the final two contests of the season. He had 803 rushing yards on 125 carries, an average of 6.4 yards per attempt, the best average by a Husker in seven years. Helu was the first Husker with at least 100 carries to average better than six yards per rush since 2000. He also showed his ability as a receiver, with 25 catches for 266 yards, including three games with at least four receptions.

Helu topped 50 yards on the ground seven times during the season, including 100-yard games against Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado. He ranked 10th in the Big 12 in rushing and his 80.0 rushing yards per contest in league games ranked fifth in the conference.

Helu opened the year with 52 yards against Western Michigan, and added 59 yards and a touchdown on nine carries in the win over San Jose State. Helu had 47 yards on 10 carries on the road at Texas Tech, then had 66 yards on just six carries at Iowa State. His effort against the Cyclones included a 50-yard run and a career-long 27-yard catch.

Helu rushed for 510 yards in the final four games of the regular season, topping the century mark three times. His play led a rejuvenated Nebraska running game that averaged 211.6 yards in the final half of the regular season. Helu had eight rushes of 20 yards or more in the final four regular-season games.

His first 100-yard outing came at Oklahoma when Helu ran for 157 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries, including a career-long 57-yard run. He added 115 yards and two touchdowns against Kansas, while setting career bests with eight catches for 61 yards in the 45-35 win. The back-to-back 100-yard rushing outings marked the first time a Husker back had accomplished that feat in Big 12 play since 2006.

Helu added 72 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 13 carries at Kansas State and capped the year with a great effort against Colorado. He carried 25 times for 166 yards, the second-highest rushing total in a Big 12 game in 2008. In the contest, Helu surpassed 1,000 career rushing yards and also caught five passes for 49 yards to total a career-high 215 all-purpose yards. Helu was slowed by a minor leg injury in the Gator Bowl and had just five first-half carries.

## 2007 (FRESHMAN)

One of 11 true freshmen to see action, Helu played in just two of the first six games, but was a key performer in a five-game stretch in the second half of the year. He finished as Nebraska's third-leading rusher with 45 carries for 209 yards, an average of 4.6 yards per tote. Helu also showed the ability to catch the ball, snaring five passes for 40 yards.

Helu had six carries for 26 yards in the opener against Nevada, then had four carries for 13 yards and a reception against Ball State. He carried a season-high 14 times for 55 yards against Oklahoma State. Helu also caught a season-long 21-yard pass against the Cowboys.

Helu added 39 rushing yards against Texas A&M, 14 yards at Texas

and had nine carries for a season-high 56 yards at Kansas. His performance against the Jayhawks included a season-long 24-yard run. Helu carried twice against Kansas State, but did not see action at Colorado in the season finale.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (SAN RAMON VALLEY HS)

Helu was one of four 2007 signees from California and came to Lincoln after an impressive career at San Ramon Valley High School for Coach Dave Kravitz. Helu helped San Ramon Valley to a 10-2 record in 2006, earning first-team all-league honors at running back. He finished his senior campaign with 1,085 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns and added another 300 yards and one more score on 20 receptions. He also had one interception as a free safety.

As a junior, Helu rushed for 1,526 yards and 19 scores on 186 carries during the 2005 season, good for an impressive 8.2 yards per carry. He added 30 receptions for 500 yards and four touchdowns to earn All-East Bay League honors. Helu was also a dangerous return man for San Ramon Valley throughout his high school career. Helu only visited Nebraska, but also received offers from numerous schools, including BYU, California and Oregon.

## PERSONAL

Helu was born on Dec. 7, 1988 and is the son of Roy Helu Sr. and Kilistofa (Kristi) Helu. He is majoring in sociology and has been a regular volunteer through NU's community outreach activities. He has worked with numerous FCA activities, as well as volunteering at Elliot Elementary School and as part of the Huskers' team hospital visits.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TD
2007	7/0	45	212	3	209	4.6	29.9	24 at Kansas	0
2008	13/2	125	839	36	803	6.4	61.8	57 at Oklahoma	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20/2</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>50.6</b>	<b>57 at Oklahoma</b>	<b>7</b>

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts—25 vs. Colorado, 2008

Rushing Yards—166 vs. Colorado, 2008

Long Rush—57 at Oklahoma, 2008

Rushing Touchdowns—2 vs. Kansas, Kansas State, 2008

Receptions—8 vs. Kansas, 2008

Receiving Yards—61 vs. Kansas, 2008





## 2008 GAME-BY-GAME RUSHING STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Western Michigan	7	52	27	0
San Jose State	9	59	17	1
New Mexico State	7	32	14	0
Virginia Tech	4	21	12	1
Missouri	5	11	7	0
at Texas Tech	10	47	10	0
at Iowa State	6	66	50	0
Baylor	2	6	3	0
at Oklahoma	16	157	57	1
Kansas	16	115	52	2
at Kansas State	13	72	24	2
Colorado	25	166	25	0
vs. Clemson	5	-1	4	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7</b>

## ALEX HENERY

PLACE-KICKER/PUNTER | 6-2 | 175 | JR.-2VL  
90  
OMAHA, NEB.  
(BURKE)



- » 2009 Lou Groza Award Candidate
- » 2008 Second-Team All-Big 12  
(AP, Kansas City Star, Dallas Morning News, San Antonio Express-News)
- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Colorado, 2008)
- » Nebraska & Memorial Stadium Record Holder for Longest Field Goal (57 yards)
- » Nebraska Record Holder for Season Field Goal Percentage (1.000 in 2007)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Alex Henery returns for his junior season after putting together two of the finest seasons for a place-kicker in Nebraska school history. Henery was perfect on field goal and extra-point attempts as a freshman in 2007, then proved to be one of the nation's top kickers as a sophomore. In addition to contending for all-conference and All-America honors this fall, the Omaha native is a leading contender to take on the additional role as Nebraska's punter.

Henery is the nation's most accurate returning kicker. Through two seasons he has connected on 26-of-29 field goal attempts for an 89.7 percent accuracy rate. A second-team All-Big 12 pick as a sophomore, Henery's accuracy has never been in question and last year he exhibited his leg strength with six field goals of 40 yards or more, including a school-record 57-yarder to pull out a win over Colorado. He also enters the 2009 campaign with a 101-of-102 success rate on extra points, the most accurate career mark for a Nebraska kicker.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Henery ranked among the Big 12 leaders in scoring and field-goal accuracy in 2008, after connecting on 18-of-21 field goals and 56-of-57 extra points on the year. His 110 points were the most by a Husker since 2001, and his 8.5 points per game ranked fifth overall in the Big 12 and second among kickers. His 85.7 percent field goal accuracy was tops in the league and among the top 12 nationally. Henery also ranked in the top 25 nationally in scoring and field goals per game.

Henery capped his standout 2008 season with a signature moment in the regular-season finale against Colorado. He connected on a school-record 57-yard field goal to provide the decisive points in the final minutes of the Huskers' 40-31 victory over Colorado. The record-setting 57-yard kick against Colorado was two yards longer than the previous record held by three players. The 57-yarder came after Henery made kicks of 35, 27 and 37 yards earlier in the game.

The kick against Colorado was not his final success in 2008, as Henery connected on all four field goal attempts in a 26-21 Gator Bowl victory over Clemson. The game marked his third contest in 2008 with four field goals.

Henery also started the year with a bang. In the opener against Western Michigan, Henery made four field goals, all from 44 yards, marking just the second time in school history a player

made four field goals from 40-plus yards in the same game. Henery's four field goals tied the Memorial Stadium record and extended the perfect start to his career to 12 straight field goals, the most ever to start a Husker career.

Henery had his first career miss against New Mexico State (35 yards), but also made a field goal, starting a streak of four straight games with a field goal. Henery's only other misses of the season each came from beyond 50 yards (vs. Texas Tech, Baylor). On the season he made all six field goals from 40-49 yards, including a 48-yarder against Virginia Tech. Henery's missed extra point against Baylor ended a streak of 77 straight made PATs to start his career.

Henery also made a key play against Kansas, rushing nine yards for a first down on a fourth-quarter fake field goal to set up an insurance score in a 45-35 Husker victory.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Henery connected on all eight of his field goal attempts and was perfect on 45 PAT tries as a redshirt freshman. His effort was the ninth perfect PAT season in school history and he became the first player in Nebraska history with at least five field goal attempts in a season without a miss. His performance earned Henery first-team freshman All-Big 12 honors from The Sporting News.

Henery and fellow freshman Adi Kunalic took an uncertain kicking situation entering the year and made it a strength. Henery handled the Huskers' extra-point duties and short and mid-range field goals while Kunalic kicked off and was slotted as the long-range field goal kicker.

Henery connected on a pair of first-half field goals in Nebraska's 20-17 win at Wake Forest. He added a 37-yarder against USC in the second quarter, then connected on two field goals, including a season-long 39-yarder at Missouri. He added single field goals against Texas, Kansas and Kansas State. Henery had a season-high 10 extra points against Kansas State, with six against Nevada and five in three other games. Henery's only punt was a 32-yarder against USC that was downed inside the Trojan 5-yard line.

## 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Henery sat out the season as a redshirt.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (BURKE HS)

Henery was one of the top walk-ons in Nebraska's 2006 class. He earned Omaha World-Herald first-team All-Nebraska and first-team Lincoln Journal Star Super-State honors as a punter. Henery averaged 41.4 yards per punt as a senior, and also connected on 6-of-10 field goals and 37-of-38 extra-point tries.

Henery helped Burke to a 7-5 finish and a trip to the state semifinals. He earned first-team all-state honors as a junior, averaging 41.7 yards per punt. He also played soccer for the Bulldogs, helping them to a 14-3 record and a state playoff appearance as a junior.



## PERSONAL

Alex is the son of Guy and Mary Henery, and was born on Aug. 18, 1987. Henery is majoring in construction management. He has participated in several outreach activities, including the Omaha Heart Walk, School is Cool and numerous hospital visits, including the Huskers' trip to a local hospital during their Gator Bowl trip to Jacksonville.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	PAT	FG	TP	PPG	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG
2007	12/12	45-45	8-8	69	5.75	0-0	5-5	3-3	0-0	0-0	39
2008	13/13	56-57	18-21	110	8.46	1-1	7-7	3-4	6-6	1-3	57
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25/25</b>	<b>101-102</b>	<b>26-29</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>7.16</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>12-12</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>57</b>

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Field Goals Made—4 vs. Western Michigan, Colorado, 2008, vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl  
Long Field Goal—57 yards vs. Colorado, 2008 (school record)  
PATs Made—10 vs. Kansas State, 2007  
Consecutive FG Made—12, Entire 2007 season thru New Mexico State, 2008

## 2008 GAME-BY-GAME PLACE-KICKING STATISTICS

Opponent	---PAT---		---Field Goals---	
	Made	Att.	Made	Att.
Western Michigan	5	5	4	4
San Jose State	5	5	0	0
New Mexico State	5	5	1	2
Virginia Tech	3	3	1	1
Missouri	2	2	1	1
at Texas Tech	4	4	1	2
at Iowa State	5	5	0	0
Baylor	3	4	1	2
at Oklahoma	4	4	0	0
Kansas	6	6	1	1
at Kansas State	8	8	0	0
Colorado	4	4	4	4
vs. Clemson	2	2	4	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>

\*Nebraska school record and Memorial Stadium record

# RICKY HENRY

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 300 | JR.  
OMAHA, NEB.  
(BURKE/NORTH DAKOTA  
STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE)



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Omaha native Ricky Henry is poised for a major role on the Nebraska offensive line during the 2009 season. After spring ball four players had emerged as likely starters on the offensive front. However, the right guard position remained up for grabs and the 6-4, 300-pound Henry is among the leading contenders to fill that role. Henry brings a physical nature and tenacity to the position and a redshirt season in 2008 allowed him to gain a better grasp of the Husker offense.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Henry sat out his first season at Nebraska as a redshirt.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

## (BURKE HS/NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE)

Henry was one of six Nebraska natives in the 2008 signing class. He originally signed with Nebraska in 2006, but spent two seasons at the North Dakota State College of Science, where he was a standout on the offensive line. Henry started every game at right guard in his two seasons at the school. In 2007, Henry earned first-team all-region honors for Coach Chuck Parsons.

Henry attended Omaha Burke High School, where he earned two first-team Class A all-state honors. In 2005, Henry was named to the Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska team and the Lincoln Journal Star's Super-State squad. Henry made his biggest mark on defense in high school with 84 tackles, including 27 tackles for loss as a senior, and another 107 tackles during his junior season.

Henry also starred on the wrestling mat in high school, winning the Class A state heavyweight title as a senior, after earning runner-up honors in his junior season. Henry was the first Husker scholarship recruit from Omaha Burke since Adam Julch and Aaron Wills signed with the Huskers in 1995. In addition to Nebraska, Henry also received offers from Colorado and Houston.

## PERSONAL

Henry was born on July 27, 1987, and is the son of Maria Henry and Rick Henry. He is majoring in sociology.

# WILL HENRY

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-5 | 215 | JR.-2VL

EL PASO, TEXAS  
(J.M. HANKS)



» 2007 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team

» Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2006, 2008)

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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Will Henry has served in a support role as a reserve receiver throughout his Nebraska career, but the Texas native is hoping for a more prominent role in 2009. The 6-5, 215-pound Henry is among a group of contenders who are vying for playing time and looking to help the Husker offense overcome the loss of Todd Peterson and Nate Swift, who finished their careers as two of the top five receivers in school history.

Henry is the tallest of Nebraska's receivers and has seen reserve action at receiver the past two seasons, while also contributing on special teams.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Henry played in nine games, primarily on the punt return unit, while seeing a few snaps at receiver. He did not have a reception on the season.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Henry appeared in games against Ball State and Iowa State. He did not have any receptions, but made valuable progress in practice throughout the season.

## 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Henry sat out the season as a redshirt and added muscle to his 6-5 frame.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (J.M. HANKS HS)

Henry matched Wilson Thomas (1998) as the tallest receiver to sign with the Huskers since at least 1974. Henry played for Coach Ron Durks at J.M. Hanks High School in El Paso, Texas, and chose Nebraska after also receiving offers from Missouri, New Mexico State and UTEP.

As a junior, Henry caught 16 passes for 273 yards and three touchdowns. He enjoyed a breakout season as a senior, totaling 52 receptions for 917 yards and 12 touchdowns. His performance earned him Class 5A first-team all-state honors from TexasHSFootball.com and honorable-mention Class 5A All-State honors from the Associated Press. Playing defense as a junior, Henry recorded 35 total tackles and intercepted two passes. He was ranked among the SuperPrep Texas Top 102. Henry also ran track for Hanks.

## PERSONAL

Will is the son of William and Vernetta Henry, and was born on Dec. 10, 1987. He is majoring in nutrition, exercise and health science and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll three times. He has also made an impact in the Lincoln community and was named to the 2007 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team. Henry has volunteered during School is Cool Week, American Education Week, as an FCA Outreach speaker and as part of NU's hospital visits. He was also a HERO Leadership Award recipient in the spring of 2007.



## JACOB HICKMAN

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 290 | SR.-3VL  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.  
(CENTENNIAL)



- » 2009 Rimington Award Watch List
- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » 2007 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Center Jacob Hickman will enter spring practice as the most game-tested veteran on the Nebraska offense. A two-time honorable-mention All-Big 12 pick, Hickman has started 23 games in his career including all 13 contests at center in 2008. He is one of three returning starters on the Husker offensive front and will look to provide leadership to a youthful 2009 offense. Hickman is a preseason member of the Rimington Award watch list and could be a contender for conference and national accolades.

Hickman worked at both guard and center this spring and while he is expected to anchor the line at center, he does have significant playing experience at guard, giving the offensive line added versatility. The play of Hickman has helped Nebraska rank among the nation's top 12 in total offense each of the past two seasons.

Hickman is on track to earn his degree in construction management in December. He is one of 11 Husker seniors expected to pick up their degree by the end of the fall semester.

### 2008 (JUNIOR)

After switching from guard during spring ball, Hickman was one of only two linemen to start every game. Hickman was the anchor for the line that powered the unit to top-20 national rankings in scoring, rushing and total offense. The Huskers finished the year averaging 450.8 yards per game to rank 12th nationally and topped 30 points in 10 of 13 games.

The offensive line made steady progress throughout the year, helping make Nebraska one of the Big 12's top rushing teams. Nebraska finished third in the league in rushing in conference games and averaged better than 210 yards per game over the final half of the regular season. Nebraska rushed for at least 160 yards in each of the final six games of the regular season, including 340 yards at Kansas State, the most by Nebraska in a Big 12 game in six seasons.

Hickman and his line mates also allowed senior quarterback Joe Ganz to set season school records for passing yards and total offense. The continuity Hickman provided for Ganz helped the signal caller complete better than 67 percent of his passes and post five 300-yard passing days. Both of those marks were Nebraska season records.

### 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

After missing spring ball because of a knee injury, Hickman played in all 12 games in 2007, including starts in the final nine games at left guard. He was a key cog in a line that helped Nebraska set single-game and season passing records, averaging better than 323 passing yards per game to finish seventh nationally. Despite throwing a school-record 481 passes, the line surrendered only 18 sacks.

The Huskers also finished ninth nationally in total offense by averaging 468.2 yards per game. The line paved the way for I-back Marlon Lucky to record a 1,000-yard rushing season, along with more than 1,700 all-purpose yards.

### 2006 (FRESHMAN)

Hickman played in five games, appearing in non-conference wins over Louisiana Tech, Nicholls State and Troy. He saw extensive action at Oklahoma State, helping Nebraska roll up 452 yards of offense. That performance earned Hickman the start against Missouri. Hickman also served on NU's PAT and field goal units. Hickman missed the Cotton Bowl after suffering a knee injury in December.

Against Missouri, Hickman became just the second true freshman offensive lineman to start a game for Nebraska since 1972, joining former teammate Matt Slauson who started the final three games at offensive tackle as a true frosh in 2005. Hickman also became just the seventh Husker true freshman lineman to letter since 1972.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (CENTENNIAL HS)

Hickman was a two-way standout for Coach Brian Nixon at Centennial High School in Bakersfield, playing defensive tackle and offensive line. Hickman earned second-team CalHi Sports all-state honors as a senior in 2004, and was a first-team all-state underclassman selection as a junior, when he also earned all-area and all-league honors. Hickman had 56 tackles and 13 sacks as a junior in helping Centennial to a 10-3 record.

Hickman was ranked among the top 50 prospects in California by Rivals.com. He only visited Nebraska, but also received offers from Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado, Washington and UCLA.

### PERSONAL

Hickman is the son of Bill Hickman and Nancy Smith, and was born on Aug. 14, 1986. He and wife, Savannah, were married in July of 2007. Hickman was named to the 2009 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll. Hickman has volunteered with Nebraska's regular hospital visits, as well as at Eastmont Towers.

### HICKMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Games Played - 30 (5 in 2006, 12 in 2007, 13 in 2008)

Games Started - 22 (9 in 2007, 13 in 2008)





# RYAN HILL

TIGHT END | 6-3 | 250 | So.-1VL  
ARVADA, COLO.  
(ARVADA WEST)



# MATT HOLT

LINEBACKER | 6-0 | 200 | So.-1VL  
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO.  
(WEST)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Tight end Ryan Hill emerged as a contributor on the Nebraska offense during his redshirt freshman campaign in 2008. The 6-3, 250-pound Hill was utilized as a third tight end behind Mike McNeill and Dreu Young and provided the Huskers with another receiving threat at the spot. This fall, Hill will look to continue to build a role at one of the deepest positions in the Nebraska offense. The Colorado native has the size to be a solid blocker, while also maintaining the athleticism to be a receiving threat.

Hill has excelled in the classroom throughout his time in Lincoln. He carries a 3.327 cumulative grade-point average and he was one of 13 Huskers named to the first-team academic All-Big 12 unit in 2008.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Hill saw action in all 13 games and finished with three receptions for nine yards. He had two catches for three yards against Missouri, then hauled in a six-yard touchdown catch to open the scoring against Baylor.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT)

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

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (ARVADA WEST HS)

Hill was a versatile player for Coach Casey Coons at Arvada West High School. Hill produced big numbers from his tight end position in his final two seasons, while also serving as the team's punter. Hill was often split out wide as a senior and caught 42 passes for 924 yards with seven touchdown grabs. He posted similar numbers as a junior, hauling in 44 passes for nearly 900 yards and an impressive 15 touchdowns, helping his team to a 10-3 record and a state semifinal appearance.

Hill was honored for his efforts at tight end, as he was named all-conference both his junior and senior years and was an all-state pick as a senior. In addition to excelling at the tight end position, Hill averaged 42.8 yards per punt as a senior and was an All-Colorado selection as a punter.

Hill was ranked among the top 10 tight ends in the country by SuperPrep Magazine, and was named one of the 15 best prospects in Colorado by Rivals.com. His athletic accomplishments were not limited to the gridiron. He was a standout on the baseball team as a pitcher and third baseman. Hill was one of Nebraska's first commitments in the 2007 class, and did not take any additional visits.

## PERSONAL

Ryan is the son of Ron Hill and Tracey Remley, and his stepfather is Doug Remley. Ryan was born on Jan. 29, 1989. He is majoring in business administration and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll four times. Hill has done numerous outreach activities, including volunteering with the Special Olympics and Nebraska's team hospital visits.



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Matt Holt was thrust into the spotlight as a true freshman in 2008, playing a key role at linebacker. After stepping into a leading role at mid-season, Holt missed the final month of the season with a shoulder injury. The 6-0, 200-pound Holt was back to full speed for spring ball and he will be among a number of players bidding for action at the Will linebacker spot this fall. Holt brings great speed to the position and could play a key role in Nebraska's nickel and dime packages.

Holt is off to an outstanding start in the classroom, carrying a 3.39 cumulative grade-point average after two semesters.

## 2008 (FRESHMAN)

Holt played in nine games, beginning the year as a contributor on Nebraska's kickoff coverage unit. After injuries shuffled the lineup at linebacker, Holt was forced into action at the start of Big 12 play. He responded with three unassisted tackles against Missouri and eight tackles, including seven solo stops, in NU's overtime loss at No. 7 Texas Tech. Holt finished the year with 14 total tackles, including 11 solos. He did not play in Nebraska's final three games because of a shoulder injury.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (LEE'S SUMMIT WEST HS)

Holt originally committed to South Dakota State, before deciding to walk on at Nebraska. As a senior at Lee's Summit West, Holt rushed for 1,529 yards and 24 touchdowns, leading his team to a perfect season and a Class 4 Missouri state title.

Holt was named to the MSAA's (Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association) first-team all-state team for Class 4A and honorable-mention all-metro by the Kansas City Star.

## PERSONAL

Holt is the son of Mark and Kathryn Holt and was born on Sept. 19, 1989. He is majoring in finance and has twice been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. He has assisted with Nebraska's local hospital visits.

## CAREER STATISTICS

		---Tackles---										
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH	
2008	9/0	11	3	14	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9/0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

## MENELIK HOLT

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-4 | 220 | SR.-3VL  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.  
(ST. AUGUSTINE)



### 2009 OUTLOOK

Wide receiver Menelik (pronounced men-uh-Leak) Holt is expected to step into a leading role in the Nebraska receiving corps as a senior. A three-year letterwinner, the 6-4, 220-pound Holt will be asked to help fill a large void left by the graduation of 2008 senior receivers Nate Swift and Todd Peterson, who finished as two of the top five receivers in Nebraska school history.

Holt and junior Niles Paul are the most experienced Nebraska receivers heading into the 2009 campaign. Holt saw spot duty as a reserve each of his first two seasons, then provided an excellent complement to the Huskers' senior receiving duo last fall. He was fourth on the team in receptions and was one of a school-record seven players with at least 20 receptions.

Despite not having the benefit of a redshirt season, Holt is on track to complete his undergraduate work in sociology in August of 2010.

### 2008 (JUNIOR)

Holt caught 30 passes for 355 yards and a touchdown, despite being slowed for much of the second half of the season by a knee injury. He played in 12 games, missing only the Oklahoma contest and made starts against Virginia Tech, Texas Tech, Iowa State and Colorado when Nebraska opened in three-receiver sets. Holt had four games with five or more catches and snagged a 20-yard touchdown reception against Missouri. Holt also showed his ability to make big plays with six receptions of 20 yards or longer.

He opened the year with five catches for 59 yards against Western Michigan, and had five catches for a career-high 67 yards against Missouri. Holt grabbed a career-high six catches for 55 yards in a near-miss at Texas Tech, then added five catches for 45 yards at Iowa State. Holt was injured after one catch vs. Baylor and did not have a catch for the next three games. He closed the regular season with three catches for 42 yards against Colorado and added two against Clemson in the Gator Bowl.

### 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Holt saw action in all 12 games, both as a reserve at the "X" receiver spot and on special teams. He saw his playing time increase late in the season and made the most of his opportunity. Holt caught four passes for 97 yards in the season's final four games, the first catches of his career. He caught a 13-yard pass at Kansas, then followed with a career-long 35-yard catch against Kansas State. In the season finale at Colorado, Holt had two catches for 49 yards.

### 2006 (FRESHMAN)

Holt appeared in eight games, including duty on the punt block and kickoff coverage squads. He also saw reserve action at receiver, but did not have a catch. Holt played in three of Nebraska's first four games and saw action in five of the final six contests, including the Cotton Bowl against Auburn. Holt helped Nebraska rank among the national leaders in kickoff return defense.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (ST. AUGUSTINE HS)

Holt caught 62 passes for a league-leading 790 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior. On defense, Holt recorded 17 tackles, including a league-leading 4.5 sacks, one forced fumble and one interception. Holt earned first-team Medium School all-state honors, as Coach Jerry Ralph's St. Augustine Saints won the CIF 2005 Division III title.

Holt earned first-team all-league honors as a junior, catching 42 passes for 726 yards and 12 touchdowns, while adding an interception return for a touchdown. Holt was ranked among the top 50 receivers by Rivals.com and PrepStar, and among the top 60 players in California.

Holt played center for the St. Augustine basketball team, and as a junior averaged 10 points and 16 rebounds a game, including a school record for rebounds in a playoff game with 22. He led St. Augustine to a Southern California Regional Division III title before losing in the state finals.

### PERSONAL

Menelik is the son of the late Mary Holt and Alfred Jones, and was born on Aug. 19, 1988. His half-brother, Austin Jones, is a sophomore I-back for the Huskers. Menelik is majoring in sociology and was a volunteer on several of Nebraska's hospital visits, as well as the School is Cool event.

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2006	8/0	0	0	0.0	0.0	None	0
2007	12/0	4	97	24.2	8.1	35 vs. Kansas St.	0
2008	12/4	30	355	11.8	29.6	25 vs. WMU	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32/4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>35 vs. Kansas St.</b>	<b>1</b>

### SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions—6 at Texas Tech, 2008  
Receiving Yards—67 vs. Missouri, 2008  
Long Reception—35 yards vs. Kansas State, 2007

### 2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECEIVING STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Western Michigan	5	59	25	0
San Jose State	2	24	20	0
New Mexico State	0	0	0	0
Virginia Tech	1	20	20	0
Missouri	5	67	21	1
at Texas Tech	6	55	16	0
at Iowa State	5	45	17	0
Baylor	1	8	8	0
at Oklahoma		-- DNP--		
Kansas	0	0	0	0
at Kansas State	0	0	0	0
Colorado	3	42	20	0
vs. Clemson	2	35	23	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>

## KC HYLAND

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-6 | 210 | RFR.  
LINCOLN, NEB.  
(PIUS X)



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

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman KC Hyland brings a tall target to the Nebraska receiving corps and will attempt to contend for playing time this fall. The 6-6, 210-pound Hyland impressed coaches with his work on the scout team a year ago and performed well during spring practice. A walk-on from Lincoln, Hyland was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll in the fall of 2008.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Hyland redshirted in his first season in the Nebraska program.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (PIUS X HS)

Hyland chose to walk on at Nebraska after being one of the most productive wide receivers in the state as a senior. Hyland caught 36 passes for 558 yards and four touchdowns.

Coached by Tim Aylward, Hyland earned honorable-mention all-state accolades from both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. He was also an honorable-mention all-state pick in basketball as a senior.

### PERSONAL

Kramer (KC) Hyland is the son of John and Nancy Hyland, and he was born on Sept. 9, 1989. KC is majoring in biological sciences and carries a 3.32 cumulative grade-point average. His father, John, played at Nebraska earning three letters from 1970 to 1972 as a defensive end. KC has volunteered his time at the People's City Mission and was part of Nebraska's hospital visit in Jacksonville during the Gator Bowl week.

# JUSTIN JACKSON

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-3 | 270 | RFR.

ROCA, NEB.

(NORRIS)



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Justin Jackson enters fall camp with hopes of earning playing time in the interior of the Husker defensive line. A walk-on, Jackson stood out for his work on the scout team in 2008. However, his progress was slowed as he missed the majority of spring ball with a shoulder injury. He is expected to be full speed for the start of fall camp, where he will try to push for reserve action behind senior Ndamukong Suh and sophomores Jared Crick and Terrence Moore.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Jackson walked on and redshirted in his first season, while adding about 15 pounds muscle to his 6-3 frame.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (NORRIS HS)

Jackson turned down offers from several Division I-AA or II programs, including South Dakota, UNO and Northwest Missouri State to walk on at Nebraska. Coached by Jeff Reed at Norris High School, Jackson compiled 84 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and six sacks from his nose guard spot as a senior.

After earning all-state honors in Class B for his work on the offensive line, Jackson capped his high school career playing for the South Squad in the 2008 Shrine Bowl. He was also a state tournament qualifier in wrestling.

## PERSONAL

Jackson is the son of Jim and Dianne Jackson, and was born on July 2, 1990. He has not declared a major, but has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center and Nebraska hospital visits.

# AUSTIN JONES

I-BACK | 5-10 | 210 | So.

CENTENNIAL, COLO.

(SMOKY HILL)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Austin Jones is coming off an impressive spring practice and is expected to provide depth in a talented Nebraska I-back corps in 2008. Jones will battle redshirt freshmen Collins Okafor and Lester Ward for playing time behind juniors Quentin Castille and Roy Helu Jr. The 5-10, 210-pound Jones originally earned a spot on the Nebraska roster through a walk-on tryout in 2007.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Jones was a reserve I-back behind senior Marlon Lucky and sophomores Roy Helu Jr. and Quentin Castille, but he did not see game action.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Jones joined the Huskers during the season and sat out as a redshirt.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (SMOKY HILL HS)

Jones was a standout performer for Coach John Thompson at Smoky Hill High School in Aurora, Colo. Jones averaged 5.9 yards per carry as a senior and was named his team's MVP,

while also earning honorable-mention all-state honors.

Jones also lettered twice in wrestling and once in track and was presented with a Citizenship Award at Smoky Hill.

## PERSONAL

Austin is the son of Alfred and Rita Jones and was born on Aug. 18, 1989. He is the half-brother of Husker senior receiver Menelik Holt. Jones is majoring in communication studies and earned a spot on the 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll. He has volunteered his time at Elliott Elementary School and during School is Cool Week.

# D.J. JONES

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 315 | JR.-1VL

OMAHA, NEB.

(CENTRAL)



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Junior D.J. Jones is part of a talented and experienced group of offensive linemen returning for the 2009 season. Jones is one of eight returning lettermen on the offensive line and the Omaha native is expected to make a push for significant playing time this fall. During spring practice, the 6-5, 315-pound Jones spent time at both guard and tackle and has the ability to play either position this fall. Jones is a contender for the starting right guard job, but could also move outside if necessary.

Jones has provided valuable depth in the offensive line each of the past two seasons, after redshirting in his first year in the program. Jones was one of the state's top prospects after a standout prep career at Omaha Central High School.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Jones was Matt Slauson's top backup at right guard in 2008, but saw action in just two games as Nebraska ranked among the top 20 nationally in passing, scoring and total offense.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Jones played in nine games, including each of the final eight contests of the season. He served as a reserve guard behind Slauson, Mike Huff and Jacob Hickman, while also seeing snaps at tackle. The offensive line helped Nebraska rank in the top 10 nationally in both passing offense and total offense.

## 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Jones redshirted and helped form an impressive scout team offensive line.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (CENTRAL HS)

Jones was the first commitment of the 2006 NU class, pledging to NU in April of 2005. Jones earned first-team all-state honors as a senior playing for Coach Joe McMenamin at Omaha Central after earning honorable-mention accolades as a junior. He was named to the 2005 Lincoln Journal Star Super-State team and the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska team.

Jones was ranked as the top player in the state of Nebraska and among the top 20 offensive tackles in the country according to Rivals.com. Jones was also named a SuperPrep All-American and was among the top 10 players in the Midlands Region according to the publication. Jones chose Nebraska over Iowa State, Kansas and Houston.

## PERSONAL

D.J. is the son of Bridget Brown and David Jones Sr., and was born on May 8, 1988. He is a communication studies major, and has been a volunteer during Nebraska's hospital visits. He is on track to complete his degree work in May of 2010 in four years, and would play his senior season as a graduate student.

## JONES' CAREER STATISTICS

Games Played - 11 (9 in 2007, 2 in 2008)

Games Started - 0



## MARCEL JONES

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-7 | 310 | So.-1VL

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

(TREVOR BROWNE)



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

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Marcel Jones earned significant playing time in 2008 and is in line for an even bigger role this fall. One of eight returning letterwinners on the offensive line, Jones emerged from spring practice as the frontrunner to be the starting right tackle, a position vacated by the graduation of Lydon Murtha. Jones has worked diligently to add muscle to his 6-7 frame and the Phoenix native will enter this season at 310 pounds.

In addition to his steady progression on the field, Jones has been a standout in the classroom. He was a first-team academic All-Big 12 selection in 2008 and carries a 3.394 grade-point average in construction management.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Jones emerged during spring practice and went on to play in all 13 games, helping the Nebraska offense rank in the top 20 nationally in total offense, scoring offense and passing offense. Jones drew a start at right tackle against Western Michigan in place of an injured Murtha.

He also played nearly the entire game at Kansas State with Murtha and Javorio Burkes sidelined. In that contest, Jones helped Nebraska to season highs in points (56), rushing yards (340) and total offense (610). The 340 rushing yards were the most in a Big 12 game for Nebraska in six seasons. Jones also served on the Huskers' top PAT and field goal unit throughout the season.

### 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Jones sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked on the scout team.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (TREVOR BROWNE HS)

Jones was part of an impressive group of prep standouts joining the NU program from the state of Arizona in 2007. Jones had an outstanding senior year on the offensive line for Coach Randy Ricedorff at Trevor Browne High School. Jones missed his junior year because of injury, but earned honorable-mention Arizona 5A all-state accolades as a senior. Jones was ranked among the top 15 prospects in Arizona by Rivals.com and Scout.com.

Jones was also a standout on the basketball court for Trevor Browne High School. He was the starting center for Browne, which went 27-3 and earned a top-five ranking in Class 5A. Jones averaged 11.6 points and nine rebounds per game as a senior. As a junior, he earned all-region honors for his performance on the hardwood. Jones was also a star in the classroom, ranking in the top 20 of his senior class of more than 500 students. Jones chose Nebraska over Arizona State.

### PERSONAL

Marcel is the son of Ulysses and Tracy Torry and was born on Sept. 4, 1988. He was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first four semesters. Jones has also been very active in the community and was named to the 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team. Jones has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center, the Legacy Retirement Center, and part of Nebraska's team hospital visits.

### CAREER NUMBERS

Games Played - 13 (13 in 2008)

Games Started - 1 (1 in 2008)

## FARON KLINGELHOEFER

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-2 | 255 | So.

AMHERST, NEB.

(AMHERST/NEBRASKA-KEARNEY)



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

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Faron Klingelhoefer (pronounced fair-in KLING-ul-hoffer) enters his second season in the Nebraska program and will look to add depth to the Husker defensive front this fall. After beginning his Nebraska career at defensive end, Klingelhoefer worked inside at tackle during spring practice and is expected to provide depth behind senior Ndamukong Suh and sophomores Jared Crick and Terrence Moore. Klingelhoefer began his career at Nebraska-Kearney, before joining the Huskers in January of 2008.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Klingelhoefer was a reserve defensive end, but did not see game action.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (AMHERST HS/NEBRASKA-KEARNEY)

Klingelhoefer was enrolled at Nebraska-Kearney during the fall semester in 2007, but redshirted for the Lopers. He had a standout prep career for Class C Amherst High School, where he was a star on both sides of the ball at fullback and linebacker. Klingelhoefer was a two-time all-state selection as he helped the Broncos to two district championships. Klingelhoefer also earned all-state accolades from the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald during his junior and senior year.

A three-sport athlete, Klingelhoefer also competed in track and field and wrestling during his high school career. He was a two-time all-state honoree in wrestling, capturing third place twice at 215 pounds. He threw the shot and discus in track.

Klingelhoefer was a member of National Honor Society and was named to the academic all-state list twice for football.

### PERSONAL

Faron is the son of Kevin and Julie Klingelhoefer and was born on Aug. 14, 1988. He is majoring in agricultural education and was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll. Klingelhoefer has done outreach work at the People's City Mission and as part of Nebraska's team hospital visits.

## COLTON KOEHLER

LINEBACKER | 6-1 | 230 | SR.-1VL

HARVARD, NEB. (HARVARD/

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN)



- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2006)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Colton Koehler (pronounced CO-ler) stepped into a prominent role in a thin Nebraska corps of linebackers in the latter stages of the 2008 season. The walk-on was up to the challenge of filling in when needed as injuries hit the Nebraska linebacker corps. The 6-1, 230-pound Koehler earned his first career start in the Gator Bowl, then continued his momentum with an impressive showing during spring practice. That performance has put the walk-on in position to battle for the starting job at middle linebacker during fall camp.

Koehler began his college career at Nebraska Wesleyan, before transferring across town. He worked as a fullback in his first season in the program, before moving to defense in the spring of 2007. The Harvard, Neb., native is on track to earn his degree in business administration this December.

**2008 (JUNIOR)**

Koehler played in seven games, including five of the final six contests, and had 16 tackles, including seven solo stops. Koehler had a key tackle for loss of Baylor's Jay Finley in the end zone for a fourth-quarter safety, supplying the final points in a 32-20 victory. Koehler had four tackles, including three solo stops at Oklahoma, before recording a team-high eight tackles in a win at Kansas State. He added one tackle in the Gator Bowl in his only career start.

**2007 (SOPHOMORE)**

Koehler provided depth behind a veteran group of linebackers, but he did not see game action.

**2006 (REDSHIRT)**

Koehler participated in spring drills in 2006, then sat out as a transfer after spending his first semester of college at Nebraska Wesleyan.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (HARVARD HS/NEBRASKA WESLEYAN)**

Koehler spent 2005 playing for Coach Brian Keller at Nebraska Wesleyan. Koehler played in eight games and finished with one reception and one tackle. He was a multi-sport standout at Harvard High School, which played eight-man football. Koehler played quarterback for Harvard, and earned Class D-1 honorable-mention all-state recognition. He also played in the Nebraska-Oklahoma eight-man All-Star game and the 28th annual Sertoma Eight-Man All-Star game.

On the hardwood, Koehler was a Class D-1 first-team all-state selection and earned all-league honors in the Twin Valley Conference. Koehler was also selected to the Lincoln Journal Star Academic All-State team.

**PERSONAL**

The son of Jerry and Karen Koehler, Colton was born on Feb. 25, 1987. He is majoring in business administration and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll three times. Koehler was a part of Nebraska's regular hospital visits.

**CAREER STATISTICS**

---Tackles---											
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2006	Redshirt										
2007	Did Not Play										
2008	7/1	7	9	16	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7/1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS**

Tackles-8 at Kansas State, 2008

Solo Tackles-3 at Oklahoma, Kansas State, 2008

Tackles for Loss-1 vs. Baylor, 2008

# MICAH KREIKEMEIER

LINEBACKER | 6-3 | 220 | RFR.  
WEST POINT, NEB.  
(CENTRAL CATHOLIC)



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

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

**2009 OUTLOOK**

Linebacker Micah Kreikemeier (pronounced crack-meyer) is poised to contend for playing time in 2009 after missing his first season in Lincoln with a knee injury. The 6-3, 220-pound Kreikemeier had a strong showing during spring ball and will be in the mix for action at the Buck linebacker position in 2009. A second-generation Husker, Kreikemeier was the first player to commit to Nebraska following the hiring of Bo Pelini as head coach in December of 2007.

Kreikemeier has excelled in the classroom, carrying a 3.939 cumulative grade-point average in civil engineering after his first year.

**2008 (REDSHIRT)**

Kreikemeier underwent knee surgery early in the fall and sat out his first season, while going through rehabilitation.

**BEFORE NEBRASKA (WEST POINT CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS)**

Kreikemeier was one of six in-state products in Nebraska's 2008 scholarship class, joining the Husker program after a standout prep career at West Point Central Catholic.

Kreikemeier starred at linebacker for Coach Dave Ridder at West Point CC. Kreikemeier totaled 125 tackles, three sacks, an interception and a pair of fumble recoveries on defense as a senior. Offensively, he played tight end and had more than 300 receiving yards and two touchdowns. He also scored four touchdowns as a short-yardage back for the Bluejays to earn honorable-mention Class C-2 all-state recognition. Kreikemeier was ranked as one of the nation's top 70 linebacker prospects according to ESPN.com, and was listed among the top 10 prospects in Nebraska by Rivals.com.

Kreikemeier also played basketball for the Bluejays, and earned honorable-mention all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald as a senior. He also participated in track.

He is the first player from West Point Central Catholic to earn a scholarship from the Huskers since Tom Ridder signed with the Huskers in 1974. Dave Ridder also played for Nebraska, originally joining the program as a walk-on before earning a scholarship, and lettering as a defensive end from 1981 to 1983.

**PERSONAL**

Micah is the son of Keith and Jodi Kreikemeier and was born on March 12, 1990. He has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first two semesters, while also volunteering time with the Rebuilding Omaha effort this spring. Kreikemeier's father, Keith, played for the Huskers as a walk-on from 1981 to 1985.

# ADI KUNALIC

PLACE-KICKER | 6-0 | 190 | JR.-2VL  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
(NORTH CROWLEY)



» 2008 First-Team Academic All-Big 12

» Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)

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

» 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team

**2009 OUTLOOK**

Place-kicker Adi Kunalic (pronounced ah-dee kun-ALEK) continues to provide Nebraska with a powerful special teams weapon, serving as one of the nation's top kickoff specialists. Kunalic has served in that role each of the past two seasons and essentially negated the effects of kickoffs moving to the 30-yard line. The junior has booted 39 percent of his career kickoffs for touchbacks, allowing the Huskers to rank among the national leaders in that category each of the past two seasons. In addition to handling his special teams role again in 2009, Kunalic will continue to push fellow junior Alex Henery in the place-kicking department.

Kunalic has become one of Nebraska's top scholar-athletes. He carries a 3.802 cumulative grade-point average in advertising and was a first-team academic All-Big 12 pick in 2008.

**2008 (SOPHOMORE)**

Kunalic continued his impressive performance on kickoff duties as a sophomore. Kunalic posted 28 touchbacks in 81 attempts, and Nebraska was fifth in the country in touchbacks. Kunalic had at least three touchbacks in five games in 2008, including a season-high five in the opener against Western Michigan and four against San Jose State. Kunalic also backed up Alex Henery as the place-kicker, but did not attempt a kick.

**2007 (FRESHMAN)**

The strong-legged Kunalic quickly showed his ability with a season-high six touchbacks against Nevada in the opener. He also connected on a 46-yard field goal against the Wolf Pack in his only attempt of the year. Kunalic added four touchbacks each against Ball State, Iowa State and Kansas State and had at least one touchback in 10 of 12 games. The average length of his kickoffs was 65.7 yards, and Nebraska's 28 team touchbacks ranked third in the nation.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (NORTH CROWLEY HS)

Kunalic was part of an impressive group of seven 2007 Husker recruits from the state of Texas. Kunalic came to the Huskers after a standout prep career for Coach Mike Papas at North Crowley High School in Fort Worth. Kunalic attempted just six field goals as a senior for a 3-7 North Crowley team, and connected on four of those attempts. He also nailed 29-of-31 extra-point attempts. Kunalic's powerful leg allowed him to boot 22 kickoffs for touchbacks during his senior season. Kunalic also served as the team's punter and averaged nearly 40 yards on 46 punts with a season-long punt of 72 yards.

As a junior, Kunalic had more place-kicking opportunities for a 9-2 North Crowley squad. He connected on 7-of-9 field goal attempts, including a pair of field goals from better than 50 yards. Kunalic was ranked among the top 20 kickers in the country according to Rivals.com. Kunalic chose Nebraska after also taking a visit to Washington State. He also received offers from Miami, Kansas and Utah among others.

## PERSONAL

Adi was born in Bosnia on June 1, 1989, and is the son of Meho and Ivana Kunalic. The Kunalic family moved to Germany in 1992 and then to the United States in 2000. Kunalic is majoring in advertising and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his four semesters. Kunalic has also been one of Nebraska's community leaders and was named to the 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team. He has volunteered his time at the Ridgewood Retirement Center, Elliott Elementary School and with numerous hospital visits, including the Huskers' visit to a local hospital in Jacksonville during Gator Bowl week.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	PAT	FG	TP	PPG	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG
2007	12/0	1-1	1-1	4	0.33	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	46
2008	13/0	0-0	0-0	0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25/0</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>46</b>

\*Kickoffs (2008, 81 for 65.5 ypk, 29 touchbacks; 2007, 66 for 65.7 ypk, 28 touchbacks)

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Field Goals Made—1 vs. Nevada, 2007  
Field Goals Attempted—1 vs. Nevada, 2007  
Long Field Goal—46 yards vs. Nevada, 2007  
PATs Made—1 vs. Nevada, 2007  
PATs Attempted—1 vs. Nevada, 2007  
Consecutive PATs Made—1, active streak entering 2009 season

# BLAKE LAWRENCE

LINEBACKER | 6-3 | 225 | JR.-2VL  
SHAWNEE MISSION, KAN.  
(SHAWNEE MISSION WEST)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Blake Lawrence has been a contributor at linebacker in each of his first two seasons at Nebraska and is poised for a more prominent role in 2009. The 6-3, 225-pound junior moved into the top Will linebacker spot late in the 2008 season, and performed well, highlighted by a strong outing in the Gator Bowl. Lawrence continued to show excellent ability early in spring practice before being sidelined with a concussion for the second half of the drills. Lawrence will enter fall camp as a strong contender in a wide open race for the starting Will linebacker job.

Lawrence is a standout in the classroom, carrying a 3.894 grade-point average in marketing. Despite not having redshirted, Lawrence is on track to complete his undergraduate work in December of 2009 in just 2 ½ years.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Lawrence played in 10 games, and saw his most extensive action in the season's final three games, including starts against Kansas State and Clemson. His play down the stretch helped the Huskers rank second in the Big 12 in total defense and limited the Tigers to just 210 yards in the Gator Bowl.

Lawrence finished the year with 21 total tackles, including 12 in the final three games. He had five tackles at Kansas State, and added three against Colorado in the regular-season finale. In the Gator Bowl, Lawrence had four tackles and intercepted a third-quarter pass that set up a field goal to aid Nebraska's comeback.

## 2007 (FRESHMAN)

Lawrence played in eight games during his first season, serving as a backup behind senior Bo Ruud at SAM linebacker. Lawrence also saw regular action on the kickoff coverage unit. He saw his most extensive action of the season against Texas A&M when Ruud went out with a knee injury. Lawrence made his first career tackle against the Aggies and had his second tackle of the year against Kansas State.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (SHAWNEE MISSION WEST HS)

Lawrence came to Nebraska after an award-winning prep career at Shawnee Mission West High School. Lawrence was named the Gatorade Kansas High School Player of the Year after an impressive senior season for Coach Tim Callaghan. Lawrence was a dominant two-way player at Shawnee Mission West, starting at quarterback as a senior, while continuing as a defensive stalwart.

On defense, Lawrence played both safety and linebacker and had 60 tackles, a pair of sacks and three interceptions. On offense, Lawrence completed 68-of-131 passes for 1,329 yards and 15 touchdowns, while throwing just three interceptions. Lawrence was also a running threat, picking up 483 yards on 71 carries, while reaching the end zone 15 times on the ground. His performance led Shawnee Mission West to the state Class 6A title game. Lawrence earned all-state and all-metro honors from the Kansas City Star, and was regarded as the top overall recruit in Kansas by Rivals.com.

As a junior, Lawrence served as the backup quarterback for his older brother, Tyler, and starred on defense. Blake tallied 90 tackles, including 13 tackles for loss, while recording four sacks and forcing four fumbles. For his efforts, Lawrence received all-conference, all-county, all-metro and all-state honors.

Lawrence was also one of the top scholars at his school, maintaining better than a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average. Lawrence received numerous scholarship offers and chose the Huskers after also visiting Kansas.

## PERSONAL

Blake is the son of Lisa Heath and Michael Lawrence and was born on March 21, 1989. Lawrence was a first-team academic All-Big 12 pick in 2008 and is a four-time Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll selection. In December of 2007, Lawrence was one of five 2007 high school scholar-athletes invited to attend the National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame dinner in New York City.

Lawrence has also been named to the 2008 and 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Teams for his extensive community outreach work. Lawrence has assisted with School is Cool Week, and volunteered for local hospital visits and at the Ridgewood Retirement Center.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	---Tackles---			TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
		UT	AT	TT							
2006	Redshirt										
2007	8/0	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2008	10/2	8	13	21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18/2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles—5 at Kansas State, 2008  
Solo Tackles—3 at Kansas State, 2008



# ZAC LEE

QUARTERBACK | 6-2 | 215 | JR.  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.  
(ST. IGNATIUS PREP/  
CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO)



- » 2007 Offensive Scout Team MVP
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Junior Zac Lee will enter fall camp with a strong lead in the race to replace Joe Ganz as Nebraska's starting quarterback for the 2009 season. The 6-2, 215-pound Lee excelled during spring ball, capped by a strong performance in the Red-White Game when he connected on 15-of-18 passes for 214 yards and three touchdowns. Lee has a strong arm and good mobility, adding another dimension to the Husker offense.

Lee saw limited action as a reserve behind Ganz last season, but continued to gain a better knowledge of the offense. Lee arrived at Nebraska in January of 2007 from City College of San Francisco, but redshirted in his first season and handled the scout team quarterback chores. Lee comes from a quarterback background, as his father, Bob, played quarterback in the National Football League for 12 seasons from 1969 to 1980.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Lee appeared in two games for the Huskers in 2008, helping NU post wins over Western Michigan and Kansas State. He completed two passes for 17 yards in both contests.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Lee was one of six players in the 2007 class to join the team in January. He was limited to light throwing during spring ball because of a knee injury, then sat out as a redshirt. He was rewarded for his practice work as the offensive Scout Team MVP.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

### (ST. IGNATIUS PREP/CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO)

Lee came to Nebraska following a highly successful 2006 season at City College of San Francisco, the same school as former standout Husker receiver Maurice Purify and Lee's current teammate, Dejon Gomes. Lee had a standout campaign for Coach George Rush, with more than 3,400 passing yards and 35 touchdowns while completing 64 percent of his passes. Lee's performance led San Francisco City College to a 10-2 record and an appearance in the California junior college title game. The City College of San Francisco offense averaged nearly 40 points per game with Lee at the controls. Lee was ranked as the nation's top junior college quarterback by Rivals.com, Scout.com and SuperPrep Magazine. Lee sat out the 2005 season before enrolling in junior college in January of 2006.

Lee starred in both football and baseball at St. Ignatius College Prep in San Francisco. He was a three-year all-league quarterback in high school, but focused much of his time on baseball, limiting his Division I football scholarship offers out of high school. Lee chose Nebraska after also receiving strong recruiting interest from Oklahoma, Fresno State and Mississippi State among others.

## PERSONAL

Zac was born April 26, 1987, and is the son of Bob and Janice Lee. His father played quarterback for 12 seasons in the NFL from 1969 to 1980, spending time with the Vikings, Falcons and Rams. The elder Lee had his best season in 1973 when he threw for more than 1,700 yards for the Falcons. Bob Lee also served as the athletic director at University of the Pacific. Zac is majoring in business administration and is a three-time Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll selection. Lee is on track to earn his degree in May of 2010, and would play his senior season as a graduate student. He has been a volunteer on local hospital visits and with the Special Olympics.

# TYLER LEGATE

FULLBACK | 5-10 | 225 | RFR.  
NELIGH, NEB.  
(NELIGH-OAKDALE/  
SOUTH DAKOTA)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Tyler Legate emerged from spring practice as a leading contender for playing time at fullback. Legate is among a group of several players who will look to earn playing time at the spot after the graduation of 2008 seniors Thomas Lawson and Hunter Teafatiller. The walk-on joined the program in January of 2008 after transferring from South Dakota and sat out his first season as a redshirt.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Legate sat out the season as a redshirt and worked on the scout team after transferring from South Dakota.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (NELIGH-OAKDALE HS/SOUTH DAKOTA)

Legate sat out the 2007 season as a redshirt at South Dakota. Legate earned four letters each in football, track and wrestling during a standout prep career at Neligh-Oakdale High School. He helped his team to an 8-3 record and state quarterfinal appearance in his senior season. Legate made 139 tackles on defense and led Class C-2 with 2,051 rushing yards and 29 touchdowns. He was the honorary captain of the Class C-2 all-state team by the Omaha World-Herald and was a three-time all-district pick.

Legate qualified for the state wrestling meet three times, capped by a state title at 189 pounds his senior season. He also helped Neligh-Oakdale's 4x400 relay team to a seventh-place finish at state as a senior.

## PERSONAL

Tyler is the son of Roger and Rosemary Legate and was born on March 7, 1989. He is majoring in elementary education. Tyler's cousin, Billy, played fullback and was a special teams standout for Nebraska, lettering four seasons from 1995 to 1998.

# BEN LESTER

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-10 | 170 | So.  
TECUMSEH, NEB.



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Ben Lester adds depth to the Husker receiving corps and will be looking for a more significant role this fall as Nebraska must replace graduated seniors Todd Peterson and Nate Swift. The 5-10, 170-pound Lester has excellent speed, but has been hindered by injuries early in his Nebraska career. A walk-on performer, Lester is the grandson of former long-time Husker offensive line coach Milt Tenopir.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Lester was a reserve receiver, but missed much of the season with an injury and did not see game action.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Lester sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked on the scout team.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (TECUMSEH HS)

Lester joined the Huskers following an outstanding senior season as a wideout and defensive back for Tecumseh High School. Lester was named to the Lincoln Journal Star's Class C-2 all-state team as an athlete in 2006, while he garnered honorable-mention recognition from the Omaha World-Herald.

## PERSONAL

Ben is the son of Rick and Kim Lester and was born on Nov. 23, 1988. Lester is majoring in communication studies and has assisted with the Huskers' area hospital visits. He is a two-time Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll selection.

# LUKE LINGENFELTER

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 275 | So.  
PLAINVIEW, NEB.



- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007, 2008)
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Luke Lingenfelter made the switch from defense to offense this spring and will enter fall camp hoping to push for playing time at tackle behind projected starters Mike Smith and Marcel Jones. The 6-4, 275-pound Lingenfelter has spent his first two seasons in the program as a reserve defensive end. A walk-on, Lingenfelter is strong in the classroom, carrying a 3.446 cumulative grade-point average in biological systems engineering.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Lingenfelter was a reserve defensive end, but did not appear in a game.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Lingenfelter sat out his first season at Nebraska as a redshirt.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (PLAINVIEW HS)

Lingenfelter earned first-team Class C-2 all-state accolades from both the Lincoln Journal Star (offensive line) and Omaha World-Herald (defensive line) in 2006. Lingenfelter helped Plainview High School earn a state playoff appearance as a senior. As a junior, Lingenfelter helped Plainview to the Class C-2 state title, earning all-state honors. Lingenfelter threw the discus and shot put for Plainview, and won the silver medal in the 2007 Class C discus.

## PERSONAL

Luke is the son of Burt and Kim Lingenfelter, and was born on May 25, 1989. Lingenfelter has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll four times in his NU career. Luke's cousin, Newton Lingenfelter, finished his Husker career as an offensive lineman in 2006.

# BRETT MAHER

PUNTER/PLACE-KICKER | 6-0 | 170 | RFR.  
KEARNEY, NEB.



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Brett Maher is among the candidates to take over the starting punting chores following the graduation of three-year starter Dan Titchener. A Kearney native, Maher will likely battle during fall camp with junior Alex Henery and sophomore Jon Damkroger for

the spot. Maher could also provide depth in the place-kicking department behind Henery and fellow junior Adi Kunalic.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

A walk-on, Maher sat out his first season in the Nebraska program as a redshirt.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (KEARNEY HS)

Maier put together an impressive senior year at Kearney High School under Coach Brandon Cool. Maier went 41-for-46 kicking extra points and 8-for-14 on field goals, while averaging 41.2 yards per punt. Along with his kicking duties, Maier played wide receiver where he had 775 receiving yards and 10 touchdown receptions.

For his efforts on the field, Maier earned first-team all-state honors from both the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star, while playing for the North Squad in the 2008 Shrine Bowl. He was also an honorable-mention Class A all-state pick in basketball.

Maier capped his senior season with a state championship in the long jump at the state track meet, while also winning the pole vault and setting a state record. Maier turned down offers from Ohio and Colorado State to walk on at Nebraska.

## PERSONAL

The son of Brian and Peggy Maier, Brett was born on Nov. 21, 1989. He has not yet declared a major, and has volunteered his time with the People's City Mission in Lincoln. He was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll.

# JORDAN MAKOVICKA

I-BACK | 5-10 | 205 | RFR.  
ULYSSES, NEB.  
(EAST BUTLER)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Jordan Makovicka will look to add depth in the Nebraska running back corps in 2009. The youngest brother in a long line of successful Nebraska backs, Jordan could play either I-back or fullback for the Huskers. Makovicka redshirted during his first season in the program, then missed much of spring practice with an injury. Makovicka has excelled in the classroom, compiling a 3.678 grade-point average after two semesters of college.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

A walk-on, Makovicka redshirted during his first season in the Husker program.

## BEFORE NEBASKA (EAST BUTLER HS)

Makovicka rushed for 1,912 yards on 339 carries, averaging 191.2 yards per game for East Butler High School as a senior in 2007. He earned second-team All-Nebraska honors from the Omaha World-Herald and Class C-2 first-team all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. Makovicka finished sixth in the long jump at the state track meet his senior year.

## PERSONAL

Jordan is the son of John and Connie Makovicka and was born on Aug. 10, 1989. He has not declared a major. His father, John, was a standout halfback at Kearney State College (1967-71) and earned NAIA All-America honors. John was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 1996. Jordan's older brothers, Jeff and Joel, were each starting fullbacks for Nebraska in the 1990s.

# MATT MANNINGER

LINEBACKER | 6-1 | 220 | RFR.

OMAHA, NEB.  
(CREIGHTON PREP)



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Omaha native Matt Manninger is among a group of young linebackers vying for playing time at the Buck linebacker position. The 6-1, 220-pound Manninger joined the Huskers as a walk-on from Nebraska high school powerhouse Omaha Creighton Prep and worked on the scout team during his first season in Lincoln.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Manninger sat out his first season in the program as a redshirt.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (OMAHA CREIGHTON PREP HS)

Manninger earned honorable-mention Class A all-state accolades from both the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald as a senior. A two-year starter at Omaha Creighton Prep, Manninger started at middle linebacker, leading his team to playoff berths each year of his prep career. Manninger led the state of Nebraska with four fumble recoveries.

Manninger was getting interest from several Division II schools before choosing to walk on at Nebraska, joining high school teammates Colin and Conor McDermott in the Huskers' 2008 walk-on class.

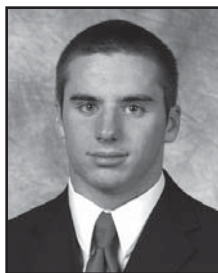
## PERSONAL

Matt was born on Sept. 22, 1989, and is the son of Mike and Mary Beth Manninger. He is majoring in nutrition, exercise and health science, and has volunteered time with the Special Olympics and People's City Mission.

# TIM MARLOWE

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-10 | 175 | RFR.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO  
(CARDINAL MOONEY)



» 2008 Nebraska Offensive Scout Team Co-MVP

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Tim Marlowe brings great speed and explosiveness to the Nebraska receiving corps. The 5-10, 175-pound Marlowe will begin fall camp hoping to enter the wide open race for playing time at receiver, and he could also figure prominently in the Huskers' kickoff and punt return plans. Marlowe is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and a product of Cardinal Mooney High School, the same school that produced Nebraska Head Coach Bo Pelini.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Marlowe worked on the Nebraska scout team unit as a receiver and impressed coaches enough to earn Offensive Scout Team Co-MVP honors.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (CARDINAL MOONEY HS)

Marlowe was one of the final additions to the 2008 Nebraska recruiting class, committing to the Husker program the week of signing day. Marlowe was the first player from the state of Ohio to commit to the Husker program in 10 years. Marlowe showed his versatility as a senior at Cardinal Mooney High School, beginning the season at receiver, before being pressed into service at quarterback and leading his team to the state championship game. Marlowe also continued to play a role on the Mooney defense.

Marlowe ran for almost 300 yards on 42 carries and scored four touchdowns. He also caught nine passes for 216 yards and three more touchdowns. On defense, he had 36 tackles, led his team in pass deflections with 32 and in interceptions with five. He also had three kickoff returns

for 70 yards. His play helped Cardinal Mooney and Coach P.J. Fecko to a 14-1 record and a Division IV state runner-up finish. In the state title game, Marlowe rushed 17 times for 104 yards and a touchdown, completed 5-of-6 passes for 135 yards and a touchdown and made three tackles on defense. Marlowe was also a two-way standout for Cardinal Mooney as a junior, helping the Cardinals to a perfect 15-0 record and a Division IV state title.

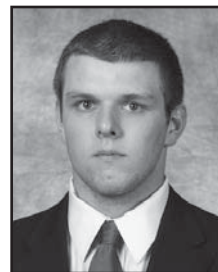
## PERSONAL

Tim is the son of Richard and Maureen Marlowe, and was born on Feb. 10, 1989. He has not declared a major. Marlowe volunteered his time as part of Nebraska's visit to a local hospital during the Gator Bowl trip to Jacksonville.

# BEN MARTIN

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-4 | 260 | JR.-1VL

LINCOLN, NEB.  
(SOUTHWEST)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Lincoln native Ben Martin has earned limited playing time on the defensive line each of the past two seasons, and hopes to push for additional action this fall. Martin is one of four returning letterwinners in the interior defensive line, joining senior All-America hopeful Ndamukong Suh and sophomores Jared Crick and Terrence Moore. The 6-4, 260-pound Martin also has the versatility to move outside to end, but spent spring practice at defensive tackle.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Martin played against New Mexico State, but did not have a tackle.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Martin moved to defensive tackle in spring ball and went on to play in seven games. He served as a backup behind fellow Lincoln Southwest graduate Ty Steinkuhler. Martin finished with three tackles, including two stops against Iowa State and an assisted tackle at Kansas.

## 2006 (REDSHIRT)

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

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN SOUTHWEST HS)

Martin was one of three in-state commits in the 2006 signing class. Martin helped Coach Mark King's Silverhawks to an undefeated regular-season record in 2005 and a runner-up finish to Millard North for the Class A state championship. He was named to the 2005 Lincoln Journal Star Super-State team and the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska team. Martin was an all-city selection as a junior, recording 63 tackles and six sacks. As a senior, he earned first-team all-state honors, tallying 66 tackles and six tackles for losses.

Martin was rated as the No. 6 prospect in Nebraska by Rivals.com, while PrepStar placed him on its All-Midlands region team. Martin chose NU after also receiving interest from Colorado State, Iowa State, Kansas State, Kansas, Wyoming and Ohio.

## PERSONAL

Ben is the son of Michael and Viann Martin, and was born on April 6, 1988. He is majoring in biological sciences and has volunteered with Nebraska's hospital visits. Martin was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll.



## JAY MARTIN

TIGHT END | 6-2 | 230 | So.  
WAVERLY, NEB.



- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007, 2008)
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008, 2009)

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore tight end Jay Martin will enter fall camp looking to battle for playing time at one of Nebraska's deepest and most talented positions. The group is led by juniors Mike McNeill and Dreu Young, but a number of talented young players will look to solidify a place in the rotation behind that experienced duo. Martin began his career at defensive end, before moving to offense in the spring of 2008.

Martin is nearly perfect in the classroom, carrying a 3.982 cumulative grade-point average after four semesters of college.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Martin moved to tight end and provided depth, but did not see game action.

### 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Martin sat out his first season in the program and was a reserve linebacker.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (WAVERLY HS)

Jay was a standout multi-sport performer for Waverly High School, where he earned first-team Class B all-state honors as a defensive lineman from the Lincoln Journal Star. Martin, who was selected to play in the 2007 Shrine Bowl, also qualified for the state track meet in the hurdles. His older brother, Lee, recently completed his track career with the Huskers.

### PERSONAL

Martin was born on Nov. 30, 1988, and is the son of Bob and Sheri Martin. His father was a 1975 All-American with the Huskers, and Jay is also the cousin of former Husker linebackers Bo and Barrett Ruud. Martin is majoring in business administration and has been selected to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his first four semesters. He has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center, the Legacy Retirement Center and several hospital visits, including one in Jacksonville during Nebraska's Gator Bowl trip.

## MATHEW MAY

LINEBACKER | 6-1 | 215 | So.-1VL  
IMPERIAL, NEB.  
(CHASE COUNTY)



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

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Mathew May is one of several players who stepped up at linebacker late in the 2008 season, and the walk-on performer is poised for a leading role on the Nebraska defense this fall. After an outstanding showing during spring practice, the 6-1, 215-pound May is among the top contenders for the starting job at the Will linebacker position. May moved from the defensive backfield to linebacker for the final three games and made a smooth transition.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

May appeared in eight games, including the final seven contests when Nebraska posted a 6-1 record. In addition to reserve work first at safety then linebacker, May was a contributor on Nebraska's kickoff and punt return units. He finished the year with six tackles, including

three at Kansas State, after moving to linebacker earlier that week. He was credited with a forced fumble and a sack of KSU quarterback Josh Freeman in the game. He also had a fumble recovery against Colorado.

### 2007 (REDSHIRT)

May sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked on the scout team.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (CHASE COUNTY HS)

May had a standout senior season as a linebacker for Chase County High School. He tallied 104 tackles and four interceptions as a senior to earn Class C-1 all-state honors from both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. He was also the team's leading rusher with nearly 1,400 yards and 21 touchdowns, as the Longhorns reached the Class C-1 state quarterfinals one year after an appearance in the state championship game.

May ran the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes for the Chase County track team, as well as a leg on the 4x400 relay team, which finished with a silver medal in Class B at the state track meet in 2007.

### PERSONAL

Mathew is the son of Tim May and Tammy May and was born on March 18, 1988. He is majoring in business administration and is a two-time Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll selection. May has volunteered his time with Nebraska's local hospital visits, with the School is Cool Week at the F Street Recreation Center and the Legacy Retirement Center.

### CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	---Tackles---				TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
		UT	AT	TT								
2007		Redshirt										
2008	8/0	5	1	6		1-8	1-8	1-1	0	0	0	0
Totals	8/0	5	1	6		1-8	1-8	1-1	0	0	0	0

## MYCHAEAL MCCLURE

TIGHT END | 6-5 | 235 | RFR.  
WISNER, NEB.  
(WISNER-PILGER)



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

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Tight end Mychael McClure has made great strides in his one year in the Nebraska program and this fall he will look to translate that progress into playing time. The 6-5, 235-pound McClure has added more than 25 pounds of muscle since his arrival last summer and will bid for playing time at one of the deepest and most talented positions on the Nebraska offense.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT)

A walk-on, McClure sat out his first season and was impressive in his scout team work.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (WISNER-PILGER HS)

McClure played both wide receiver and linebacker at Wisner-Pilger High School, and earned Class C-1 first-team all-state honors from both the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star.

He also starred in basketball, earning Class C-1 all-state honors, while leading his team to the state tournament. McClure finished his senior season at the state track and field meet with a seventh-place finish in the long jump and eighth-place finish in the triple jump.

### PERSONAL

Mychael is the son of Kevin and Holly McClure and was born on Feb. 9, 1990. He is majoring in fisheries and wildlife and was named to the 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll. He has volunteered time with the Special Olympics. Mychael's older brother, Kellen, is a member of the Husker track and field team.

# COLIN McDERMOTT

DEFENSIVE END | 6-2 | 250 | RFR.

OMAHA, NEB.

(CREIGHTON PREP)



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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Colin McDermott will look to add depth at the defensive end spot during the 2009 campaign. The 6-2, 250-pound McDermott sat out his first season in the program as a redshirt and added strength. McDermott and his twin brother, Conor, both joined the Cornhusker program as walk-ons from Nebraska high school power Omaha Creighton Prep.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

McDermott sat out as a redshirt and worked with the scout team defense.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (CREIGHTON PREP)

McDermott was a three-year starter for Omaha Creighton Prep and Coach Tom Jaworski. McDermott anchored a unit that ranked first in team defense in Class A in 2007. He made 57 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions, earning him first-team all-state honors from both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. McDermott was also a member of the North Squad for the 2008 Shrine Bowl. He capped his senior year with a seventh-place finish in the shot put at the state track and field meet. As a junior, McDermott had 71 tackles and three sacks.

## PERSONAL

Colin is the son of John McDermott and Joni Piper and was born on April 11, 1990. He has not declared a major.

# CONOR McDERMOTT

DEFENSIVE END | 6-2 | 250 | RFR.

OMAHA, NEB.

(CREIGHTON PREP)



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

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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Conor McDermott will join his twin brother, Colin, at the defensive end position this fall and looks to provide depth behind returning starters Pierre Allen and Barry Turner. Conor sat out his first season in the program as a redshirt after joining the Cornhuskers as a walk-on from Nebraska high school power Omaha Creighton Prep. McDermott is off to a strong start in the classroom with a 3.762 cumulative grade-point average.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

McDermott sat out as a redshirt and worked with the scout team defense.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (CREIGHTON PREP)

McDermott started on defense for Coach Tom Jaworski. McDermott was a first-team Super-State selection as a linebacker by the Lincoln Journal Star and a second-team All-Nebraska pick by the Omaha World-Herald. He was also a member of the North Squad during the 2008 Shrine Bowl. McDermott was the team's second-leading tackler with 64, while adding three sacks and two interceptions. He helped his team to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs in 2007.

## PERSONAL

Conor is the son of John McDermott and Joni Piper and was born on April 11, 1990. He has not declared a major, but was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll both semesters in 2008-09. He has volunteered his time speaking at School is Cool Week.

# MIKE McNEILL

TIGHT END | 6-4 | 240 | JR.-2VL

KIRKWOOD, MO.



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

» Nebraska Season Record Holder for Receptions by a Tight End (32)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Tight end Mike McNeill was one of Nebraska's breakout players in 2008, and is expected to continue to develop into a go-to-player in his junior season. He finished as Nebraska's third-leading receiver and set a Husker season record for receptions by a tight end with 32 catches.

The 6-4, 240-pound McNeill is the leader of a talented group of young tight ends that figure to be a strength for the 2009 Husker offense and relieve some pressure from an inexperienced receiving corps. McNeill showed the ability of a complete tight end last fall, making both the difficult catches in the middle of the field, as well as stretching the defense as a deep receiving threat. He could be a factor in all-conference and other award conversations this fall. McNeill enters the 2009 season with at least one catch in 11 straight games.

## 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

McNeill finished with 32 receptions for 442 yards and six touchdowns. His receptions total bettered the 31 catches by Johnny Mitchell in 1991, and his six touchdowns were just one shy of Mitchell's season tight end record. McNeill was one of seven Huskers who caught at least 20 passes, helping Nebraska finish 14th nationally in passing offense and 12th in total offense.

McNeill was in the starting lineup for all 12 regular-season games. He averaged 13.8 yards on his 32 catches and had eight games with three or more receptions, including the final four games of the season. He also caught seven passes of 20 yards or more in 2008, including a career-long 53-yard touchdown grab against Colorado.

McNeill had just one catch in the first two games, but had two catches for 57 yards and a 32-yard touchdown against New Mexico State. He then added three catches for 66 yards and a touchdown against Virginia Tech. McNeill set a career high with four catches against Baylor, then had four catches for 37 yards and a touchdown against Kansas. He added three catches against K-State and had a career-high 70 yards on three receptions against Colorado. McNeill was also on Nebraska's kickoff return unit.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

McNeill missed spring practice following off-season shoulder surgery, but recovered to play in eight games as a redshirt freshman. He served as a reserve behind seniors J.B. Phillips, Josh Mueller and Sean Hill. McNeill caught a 25-yard pass in the season opener against Nevada for his only catch of the season. He also had a nine-yard kickoff return at Texas.

## 2006 (REDSHIRT)

McNeill redshirted in his first season in Lincoln. He had a leg injury early in fall camp, then underwent shoulder surgery in December of 2006.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (KIRKWOOD HS)

McNeill was one of two signees from the state of Missouri in 2006. Playing for former Husker Larry Frost at Kirkwood, McNeill earned first-team Class 6A All-state honors in both his junior and senior seasons. McNeill caught 20 passes for 345 yards and five touchdowns as a sophomore, had 44 catches for 806 yards and six touchdowns as a junior and caught 33 passes for 665 yards and four touchdowns in 2005.

He was ranked among the top 40 prospects at tight end nationally and among the top dozen players in the state of Missouri. McNeill chose Nebraska over Colorado, Wisconsin, Missouri, Texas Tech, Kansas, Indiana and Northwestern.

## PERSONAL

Mike is the son of Allen and Sally McNeill, and was born on March 7, 1988. He is majoring in business administration and was named to the 2006 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll. McNeill has been a volunteer with Nebraska's area hospital visits. He is on track to complete his undergraduate work in May of 2010, and would compete in his senior season as a graduate student.

## CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2007	8/0	1	25	25.0	3.1	25 vs. Nevada	0
2008	13/12	32	442	13.8	34.0	53 vs. Colorado	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21/12</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>53 vs. Colorado</b>	<b>6</b>

Kickoff Returns: 1-9-0 at Texas, 2007

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Receptions—4 vs. Baylor, Kansas, 2008  
 Receiving Yards—70 vs. Colorado, 2008  
 Long Reception—53 yards vs. Colorado, 2008

## CAREER NUMBERS

Receptions of More than 20 Yards-8 (1 in 2007, 7 in 2008)

## 2008 GAME-BY-GAME RECEIVING STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Western Michigan	1	3	3	1
San Jose State	0	0	0	0
New Mexico State	2	57	35	1
Virginia Tech	3	66	32	1
Missouri	2	37	24	0
at Texas Tech	3	24	9	0
at Iowa State	3	39	17	0
Baylor	4	24	8	0
at Oklahoma	1	6	6	0
Kansas	4	37	18	1
at Kansas State	3	52	29	1
Colorado	3	70	53	1
vs. Clemson	3	27	15	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6</b>



# SAM MEGINNIS

**LONG SNAPPER | 6-2 | 225 | RFR.**  
**LINCOLN, NEB.**  
**(EAST)**



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

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

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Lincoln native Sam Meginnis could play a key special teams role for the Huskers in 2009. The 6-2, 225-pounder is among the leading candidates to replace T.J. O'Leary as Nebraska's starting long snapper, after O'Leary handled those duties over the past three seasons. Meginnis worked with the linebackers in his first season in the program, but focused on special teams this past spring. Meginnis is strong in the classroom, carrying a 3.757 grade-point average after his first year of college.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Meginnis redshirted in his first season in the program and worked with the scout team.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN EAST HS)

Meginnis earned second-team all-state honors as a linebacker from both the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald in his senior season, while also earning an invitation to play for the South Squad in the 2008 Shrine Bowl.

Meginnis had a team-leading 75 tackles in 2007, and also recorded two sacks, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. While at Lincoln East, Meginnis helped Coach John Gingery turn around a program that finished 1-8 during Meginnis' sophomore year into a state playoff contender each of his final two seasons.

Meginnis received interest from several Division II schools before deciding to walk on at Nebraska.

## PERSONAL

Sam was born on July 20, 1989, and is the son of Richard and Lisa Meginnis. He is a business administration major and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.

# MARCUS MENDOZA

**WIDE RECEIVER | 5-10 | 190 | So.**  
**HOUSTON, TEXAS**  
**(SPRING WOODS)**



» Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2007, 2008, 2009)

» 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Marcus Mendoza made the switch from I-back to wide receiver during spring practice, and will be among the young and talented prospects looking to push for playing time at wideout this fall. Mendoza has shown great speed and explosiveness in his limited time on the field at running back, and Nebraska coaches envision the 5-10, 190-pounder bringing the same skills to receiver. Last fall, he was impressive in his reserve work at I-back, averaging nearly seven yards per carry.

In addition to his push for playing time at receiver, Mendoza could also make an impact for Nebraska as a kickoff or punt return specialist.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Mendoza played in four games as a reserve I-back behind Marlon Lucky, Roy Helu Jr. and Quentin Castille. He was productive in his limited work with 15 carries for 103 yards and a



touchdown. Mendoza rushed three times for 33 yards against New Mexico State and had 10 carries for 58 yards and a 31-yard touchdown run at Kansas State, helping NU roll up 340 rushing yards. Mendoza also caught two passes for seven yards.

## 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Mendoza graduated early from high school and arrived at Nebraska in January of 2007 to participate in spring practice. He sat out the season as a redshirt.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (SPRING WOODS HS)

Mendoza was one of seven members of the Huskers' 2007 signing class who came from Texas. As a senior at Spring Woods High School, Mendoza had approximately 700 rushing yards and seven touchdowns, while also catching 20 passes for better than 250 yards and another four scores. He was also a dangerous return threat for Coach Dwayne Eggerman. As a junior, Mendoza missed three games, but still earned second-team all-district honors after rushing for better than 650 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Mendoza was ranked as one of the top dozen all-purpose backs in the country by Rivals.com and among the top 20 prospects in Texas by Scout.com. He was also listed 70th on SuperPrep's Texas Super 200 Senior Playmakers List. Mendoza was also a standout on the track, clocking times of 10.64 seconds in the 100 and 21.6 in the 200 meters as a junior. Mendoza chose Nebraska after also visiting Oklahoma State and Texas Tech.

## PERSONAL

Marcus is the son of Rubi Mendoza and was born on Sept. 21, 1988. He is majoring in secondary education-social science and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll three times. Mendoza has been among Nebraska's leaders in community outreach and was named to the 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team. Among his many outreach activities are numerous hospital and elementary school visits, and volunteering time with City Impact, the Optimist Club, American Education Week and School is Cool Week.

# CAMERON MEREDITH

DEFENSIVE END | 6-4 | 260 | RFR.  
SANTA ANA, CALIF.  
(MATER DEI)



## 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Cameron Meredith is one of several young standouts on the defensive side of the ball who will look to make an impact in 2009. The 6-4, 260-pound Meredith is expected to contend for playing time at defensive end this fall after redshirting in his first season. Meredith has added 35 pounds of muscle to his 6-4 frame since his arrival in Lincoln and performed well during spring ball.

The California native played in one game last fall, before being sidelined with a shoulder injury. He was awarded a medical hardship from the Big 12 Conference and has four seasons of eligibility remaining.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Meredith appeared in Nebraska's win over New Mexico State following Barry Turner's season-ending injury, but suffered an injury of his own and sat out the remainder of the 2008 campaign.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (MATER DEI HS)

Meredith was one of three Californians in Nebraska's 2008 signing class. He was a three-year starter at Mater Dei High School, annually one of the nation's powerhouse prep programs. Mater Dei was nationally ranked for much of the 2007 season, before losing in the quarterfinals of the state playoffs and finishing with a 9-2 record. Meredith was hampered by injury as a senior, but still managed to earn co-Defensive MVP honors in the Trinity League and first-team All-Orange County honors from the Orange County Register. Meredith was also a third-team all-state pick by Cal Hi Sports. As a senior, Meredith had 65 unassisted tackles, 27 assists, 7.5 sacks, nine quarterback hurries, two caused fumbles and one fumble recovery.

Meredith was also a standout for Coach Bruce Rollinson as a junior, when he made 60 tackles, including eight sacks, and recovered a pair of fumbles. His play as a junior earned Meredith first-team all-league and second-team all-county honors. Meredith was regarded as one of the

top 15 weakside defensive ends in the country by Rivals.com and one of the top 70 prospects in California by Rivals.com, Scout.com and SuperPrep Magazine. Meredith chose Nebraska over a host of other schools, including Oregon, Colorado, Oklahoma and Arizona State.

## PERSONAL

Cameron was born on Nov. 20, 1989, and is the son of Cory and Katherine Meredith. He has not declared a major. Meredith was part of Nebraska's hospital visit in Jacksonville during the Gator Bowl trip and he has also volunteered his time at the Legacy Retirement Center in Lincoln.

# DEREK MEYER

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 315 | SR.  
CAMPBELL, NEB.  
(SILVER LAKE/KANSAS STATE)



» 2008 Nebraska Offensive Scout Team Co-MVP

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Senior offensive lineman Derek Meyer will look to make the most of his one season of playing time at Nebraska. Meyer joined the Husker program as a walk-on transfer from Kansas State prior to the 2008 season. He impressed coaches and teammates with his work on the scout team and was named the Huskers' Offensive Scout Team co-MVP. This fall, the 6-5, 315-pound Meyer is a candidate for playing time at either guard and tackle and adds further experience to an offensive line with eight returning letterwinners.

A native Nebraskan, Meyer began his career at Kansas State and saw action for the Wildcats as a redshirt freshman in 2006. He is on track to complete his undergraduate work in agribusiness this December.

## 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Meyer sat out the 2008 season due to NCAA transfer regulations and was a stalwart on the Nebraska scout team offense. In addition to sitting out the season, Meyer forfeited a year of eligibility by transferring within the Big 12 Conference.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (SILVER LAKE HS/KANSAS STATE)

Meyer was a scholarship signee at Kansas State and redshirted in his first season in 2005. He saw action in K-State's first five games in 2006 as a redshirt freshman before sustaining a injury that sidelined him for the rest of the year. He did not play during the 2007 season before transferring to Nebraska.

Meyer was a three-year starter at Silver Lake High School, earning all-district and all-state honors three times. While playing at tight end, he caught 19 passes for 325 yards.

## PERSONAL

The son of Dana and Mitzi Meyer, Derek was born on May 3, 1987. He is majoring in agribusiness and has volunteered his time at the People's City Mission and Messiah Lutheran Church.

## JOSH MOLEK

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-3 | 245 | RFR.

OMAHA, NEB.

(SKUTT CATHOLIC)



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

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Josh Molek joined the Nebraska program as a walk-on in 2008, and redshirted in his first season with the Huskers. Molek used the season to add muscle to his 6-3 frame and made the move from defensive end to defensive tackle during spring practice. The Omaha native will look to provide depth on a defensive front that features three players with extensive starting experience.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Molek redshirted in his initial season and worked on the scout team defense.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (SKUTT CATHOLIC HS)

Molek was a standout defensive end for coaches B.T. Krael and Matt Turman at Omaha Skutt Catholic, helping the SkyHawks win the 2005 Class B state championship. As a senior, Molek made the 2007 All-Omaha Metro team, the all-conference team and was a first-team Class B all-state pick by the Omaha World-Herald.

Molek was also honored as part of the 2007 Associated Press All-State team and made honorable-mention all-state according to the Lincoln Journal Star. He played for the South squad in the 2008 Shrine Bowl.

### PERSONAL

Josh is the son of David and Debra Molek, and was born on Sept. 18, 1989. He has not declared a major, but has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his first two semesters. He has volunteered his time with the Special Olympics.

## TERRENCE MOORE

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-3 | 285 | So.-1VL

NEW ORLEANS, LA.

(MCDONOGH 35)



### 2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Terrence Moore was a reliable reserve on the defensive front during the 2008 campaign, and this fall he figures to expand his role on the Nebraska defense. The 6-3, 285-pound Moore is expected to contend with fellow sophomore Jared Crick for the starting defensive tackle spot opposite All-America candidate Ndamukong Suh.

A native of New Orleans, Moore endured hardship during his high school career. He and his mother were displaced to Spring, Texas in 2005 following Hurricane Katrina, but Moore returned to New Orleans for his senior season and was a standout on the gridiron.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Moore appeared in seven games and contributed to a Nebraska squad that finished second in the Big 12 in total defense and nearly tripled its sack total from a year earlier. Moore made eight tackles, including six in the season's first three games. He had three tackles and two sacks for 11 yards in Nebraska's season-opening 47-24 victory over Western Michigan. He added two tackles against San Jose State and registered single tackles vs. New Mexico State, Missouri and Iowa State.

### 2007 (REDSHIRT)

Moore sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked on the scout team.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (MCDONOGH 35 HS)

Moore was Nebraska's first signee from the Louisiana prep ranks since the 2002 Husker signing class. Moore was an impact performer for McDonogh 35 Senior High School in New Orleans, the same high school as former Husker star and NFL All-Pro defensive lineman Neil Smith.

Moore totaled 81 tackles, including 31 tackles for loss, 14 sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries as a senior. His performance earned him first-team New Orleans all-metro and first-team all-district honors. Moore helped Coach Wayne Reese and McDonogh 35 to a 7-3 record and a trip to the second round of the Louisiana 4A state playoffs.

Moore played in only a handful of games in 2005 after arriving in Texas, but remained on the recruiting radar of numerous schools. Moore was ranked among the top 25 prospects in Louisiana by Rivals.com and among the top 40 defensive tackles in the country.

Moore only visited Nebraska, but received strong recruiting interest from Alabama, Missouri, Oklahoma State and Tulane among others.

### PERSONAL

Terrence is the son of Judy Hunter and was born on Jan. 31, 1989. He is majoring in communication studies and has volunteered his time with American Education Week and as part of Nebraska's numerous hospital visits.

### CAREER STATISTICS

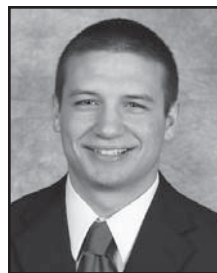
---Tackles---											
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	Redshirt										
2008	7/0	3	5	8	2-11	2.0-11	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7/0	3	5	8	2-11	2.0-11	0-0	0	0	0	0

## BRENT MORAVEC

SAFETY | 6-0 | 185 | RFR.

GRAND ISLAND, NEB.

(CENTRAL CATHOLIC)



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

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Brent Moravec will look to compete for playing time in a young, but talented Nebraska secondary. Moravec will head into fall camp as a reserve free safety behind seniors Matt O'Hanlon and Rickey Thenarse who each have extensive starting experience. The 6-0, 185-pound Moravec could also push for a role on the Huskers' special teams units.

A walk-on from Grand Island, Moravec carries a 3.397 cumulative grade-point average and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Moravec redshirted and worked on the Husker scout team during his first season in the program.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC)

Moravec had a stellar athletic career at Grand Island Central Catholic where he competed at the state championship level in football, basketball and track and field. Moravec also excelled in the classroom, as he was nominated for the prestigious Wendy's High School Heisman Award. He was a three-time academic all-state selection in football, basketball and track.

As a senior, Moravec earned honorable-mention Class C-1 all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald after finishing third in the 100-meter dash and seventh in the 110-meter high hurdles.

### PERSONAL

Brent is the son of Mark and Judy Moravec and was born on Oct. 19, 1989. He is majoring in biochemistry and has volunteered with Nebraska's team hospital visits. His father, Mark, was a three-year letterman as a fullback for the Huskers from 1980 to 1982.

# MATT O'HANLON

**SAFETY | 5-11 | 200 | SR.-3VL**  
**BELLEVUE, NEB.**  
**(BELLEVUE EAST)**



- » 2006 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » 2007 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2008)
- » Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2007, 2008, 2009)

## 2009 OUTLOOK

Safety Matt O'Hanlon emerged as a key player in the Nebraska secondary during his junior season and will once again compete for major playing time in 2009. The 5-11, 200-pound O'Hanlon started nine games last year and will enter fall camp as a front-runner for the starting free safety job along with fellow senior Rickey Thenarse.

A former walk-on, O'Hanlon had an outstanding spring practice in 2008, working his way into the regular rotation. He was rewarded by being placed on scholarship last September and went on to help the Husker defense rank among the nation's most improved units. O'Hanlon first earned playing time as a key special teams performer and he continued in that role in 2008.

A native of Bellevue, Neb., O'Hanlon is expected to pick up his degree in history this August and play his senior season as a graduate student.

## 2008 (JUNIOR)

O'Hanlon started the first nine games of the season at safety, then split time with Thenarse the remainder of the year. He finished third among all Nebraska tacklers with 52, including 33 solo stops. O'Hanlon added two tackles for loss, an interception and five pass breakups.

O'Hanlon notched five tackles in each of the first two games and went on to record five or more tackles seven times. He snared his first career interception against New Mexico State, returning the fourth-quarter pick 21 yards, and added a career-best two breakups in the game.

O'Hanlon had a career-high eight tackles against Virginia Tech, including his first career tackle for loss. He notched seven tackles against Kansas, including a season-high five solo stops. In the Gator Bowl victory over Clemson, O'Hanlon played a key role with six tackles, including five solo stops. He helped preserve the win with a critical pass breakup on a Clemson third-and-goal play in the final two minutes.

## 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

O'Hanlon played in 10 games, primarily working on the Huskers' special teams units. He finished the year with three tackles, including solo stops against Nevada and Iowa State, as well as an assist against Texas.

## 2006 (FRESHMAN)

O'Hanlon played in all 14 games and made eight tackles, including six stops in the first four games. He made a season-high three tackles against Louisiana Tech, and added two tackles against Nicholls State. O'Hanlon made his first career unassisted tackle against Colorado. His play on kickoff coverage helped NU rank among the nation's best in that category.

## 2005 (REDSHIRT)

O'Hanlon redshirted after joining the program in January.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA (BELLEVUE EAST HS)

O'Hanlon was a quarterback at Bellevue East as a sophomore and junior before moving to running back as a senior for Coach Jerry Lovell. On defense, O'Hanlon played cornerback and free safety, while returning punts and kickoffs. A team captain, O'Hanlon led Bellevue East to two state playoff berths, including the quarterfinals as a senior. He was an all-district and honorable-mention all-state pick for his performance on the gridiron, and was also an honorable-mention academic all-state pick. He participated in the 2004 Nebraska Shrine Bowl, starting at strong safety.

O'Hanlon also participated in powerlifting, winning a state title in 2003 and finishing as a runner-up in 2004. He earned four varsity soccer letters and helped the Chieftains to the state playoffs in 2003.

## PERSONAL

The son of Joe and Becky O'Hanlon, Matt was born on Oct. 5, 1985. He is majoring in history and was a first-team academic All-Big 12 pick in 2006, and a second-teamer in 2007. He has also been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll six times. He has volunteered as part of the Huskers' hospital visits.

## CAREER STATISTICS

### ---Tackles---

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2005	Redshirt										
2006	14/0	1	7	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2007	10/0	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2008	13/9	33	19	52	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	5	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37/9</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

## SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-8 vs. Virginia Tech, 2008

Solo Tackles-5 vs. Kansas, 2008, vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl

Interceptions-1-21 vs. New Mexico State, 2008

## 2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

### ---Tackles---

### ---Sacks---

Opponent	Solo	Asst	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU
Western Michigan	3	2	5	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
San Jose State	2	3	5	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1
New Mexico State	1	1	2	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-21	1	2
Virginia Tech	3	5	8	1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Missouri	4	1	5	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
at Texas Tech	2	1	3	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	0
Baylor	1	1	2	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1
at Oklahoma	3	2	5	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Kansas	5	2	7	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
at Kansas State	1	0	1	1-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
vs. Clemson	5	1	6	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	<b>1-21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>





## COLLINS OKAFOR

I-BACK | 6-1 | 225 | RFR.

OMAHA, NEB.

(WESTSIDE)



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

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Omaha native Collins Okafor will enter fall camp looking to make a push for playing time at a talented Nebraska I-back position. Okafor, fellow redshirt freshman Lester Ward and sophomore Austin Jones are expected to supply depth behind juniors Roy Helu Jr. and Quentin Castille. The 6-1, 225-pound Okafor has made good progress since his arrival on campus, capped by rushing for 79 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries in the Red-White Spring Game.

Okafor is off to a strong start academically, carrying a 3.736 cumulative grade-point average in biological sciences after two semesters.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Okafor redshirted and worked with the scout team offense.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (WESTSIDE HS)

Okafor was one of the first players to join the 2008 Nebraska signing class, committing to the Huskers during his junior season at Omaha Westside High School. He was one of six in-state products in the 2008 Husker class, and was the first scholarship signee from Westside since 2000.

Okafor earned first-team All-Nebraska honors from the Omaha World-Herald and first-team Super-State accolades from the Lincoln Journal Star each of his final two seasons. In his final year, Okafor rushed for 1,525 yards on 205 carries and found the end zone 17 times for Coach Marty Kauffman. Okafor's play helped Westside to a 7-3 record and a trip to the state playoffs.

During his junior season in 2006, Okafor was the driving force behind the Warriors' trip to the Class A state championship game and a 12-1 record. Okafor rushed for 1,850 yards and 16 rushing touchdowns, while also compiling 389 receiving yards and six touchdown receptions.

Okafor was ranked as one of the top five players in the state by Rivals.com and Scout.com and among the top 25 players in the Midlands Region by SuperPrep Magazine. Okafor also excelled on the track for Westside, qualifying for the state meet as a junior in the 100 meters, 400-meter relay and 1,600-meter relay. Okafor chose Nebraska over Stanford, Kansas and Iowa.

### PERSONAL

Collins is the son of Napoleon Okafor and Pat Okon Okafor and was born on June 6, 1989. He has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll in each of his first two semesters at Nebraska.

## COURTNEY OSBORNE

SAFETY | 6-3 | 195 | RFR.

GARLAND, TEXAS

(SOUTH GARLAND)



- » 2008 Scout Team Defensive co-MVP

### 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Courtney Osborne is part of an impressive collection of young talent in the Nebraska secondary. The 6-3, 195-pound Osborne will head into fall camp as a reserve at free safety behind senior veterans Matt O'Hanlon and Rickey Thenarse who each have extensive starting experience. Osborne was a standout in his first year in the program and earned co-MVP honors on the defensive scout team.

Osborne and his brother, Steven, are one of three sets of identical twins on the Nebraska football squad, joining fellow redshirt freshmen Colin and Conor McDermott and freshmen Jake and Spencer Long.

### 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Osborne worked on the defensive scout team unit during his redshirt season.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (SOUTH GARLAND HS)

Osborne was one of nine Texas natives in Nebraska's 2008 signing class, representing the Huskers' largest ever recruiting harvest from the Lone Star State. Courtney and Steven Osborne marked the second set of twins to sign with Nebraska, joining the Bullocks brothers who signed in 2001.

A versatile performer, Osborne made his biggest impact on defense for South Garland High School and Coach Mickey Moss. Osborne also excelled on the special teams units where he utilized his hard-hitting style. The play of the Osbornes helped a talented South Garland squad to a 10-2 record and a district title in 2007.

Osborne was listed as the No. 50 prospect on the Dallas Morning News' Area 100 list. In addition to Nebraska, Osborne received scholarship offers from UNLV and Kansas.

### PERSONAL

Courtney was born on Jan. 15, 1990, and is the son of Sandra Osborne. He has not declared a major. Osborne has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center and with hospital visits.

## STEVEN OSBORNE

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-4 | 200 | RFR.

GARLAND, TEXAS

(SOUTH GARLAND)



### 2009 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Steven Osborne enters fall camp looking to position himself for playing time in a young Nebraska receiving corps. The 6-4, 200-pound Osborne is among several young contenders at the spot who will look to partially fill the void left by the graduation of Todd Peterson and Nate Swift—two of the top five receivers in school history.

Osborne and his brother, Courtney, are one of three sets of identical twins on the Nebraska football squad, joining fellow redshirt freshmen Colin and Conor McDermott and freshmen Jake and Spencer Long.

### BEFORE NEBRASKA (SOUTH GARLAND HS)

Steven Osborne joined his twin brother Courtney in the Huskers' 2008 signing class. They were just the second set of twins ever to sign letters of intent with the Huskers, joining Josh and Daniel Bullocks who signed with the Huskers in 2001. The Osbornes were two of nine Texas natives in the 2008 class, marking the most players ever signed from the state in one season by Nebraska.

Steven Osborne provided a big receiving target for South Garland High and Coach Mickey Moss, helping the school to a district title and a 10-2 record. As a senior, Osborne caught 38 passes for 601 yards and 10 touchdowns. His play did not go unnoticed as the Dallas Morning News ranked him as the No. 49 prospect on its Area 100 list. In addition to Nebraska, Osborne also visited UNLV, and received scholarship offers from Utah, Kansas and SMU among others.

### PERSONAL

Steven was born on Jan. 15, 1990, and is the son of Sandra Osborne. He has not declared a major. Osborne has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center and with hospital visits.

# 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20/4</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>21, twice</b>	<b>0</b>

*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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>





## 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37/5</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>6-25</b>	<b>2.0-21</b>	<b>4-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

**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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6-25</b>	<b>2.0-21</b>	<b>1-0-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

# 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11/5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40/13</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>18-109</b>	<b>11.5-104</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>

\*-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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23/11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3-13</b>	<b>2.0-11</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2-26</b>	<b>2</b>

## 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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21/4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>55 vs. WMU</b>	<b>1</b>

**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