

2008 NEBRASKA SENIOR BIOS



#56 SHUKREE BARFIELD

DEFENSIVE LINE ▶ 6-4 ▶ 290 ▶ 2 LETTERS
CAMDEN, N.J. (GARDEN CITY CC)

Shukree Barfield was a versatile performer on the Husker defensive line during his two seasons at Nebraska. The 6-4, 290-pound Barfield spent the 2007 season and the first half of 2008 as a backup on the interior defensive line. However, depleted depth at defensive end forced the coaching staff to move Barfield to end where he played a key role over the second half of the 2008 campaign.

Barfield played in 12 games in 2008 and finished the year with 10 tackles, including seven solo stops. The New Jersey native had three sacks on the season, the first a three-yarder in the opener against Western Michigan. He capped the season with two sacks for 13 yards on the final series of the game in Nebraska's thrilling 40-31 win over Colorado. Barfield also made two tackles against both San Jose State and Missouri.

Barfield played in all 12 games as the top backup behind Ndamukong Suh at nose tackle in 2007. He drew a start against Oklahoma State and finished the season with 15 tackles, including seven solo stops. He made a career-high three tackles against Texas A&M.

Barfield joined the Nebraska program in January of 2007 after spending the previous two seasons at Garden City (Kan.) Community College.

CAREER STATISTICS

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.					QB
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2007	12/1	7	8	15	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2008	12/0	7	3	10	3-16	3-16	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24/1	14	11	25	4-17	3-16	0-0	0	0	0	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » **Tackles**—3 vs. Texas A&M, 2007
- » **Solo Tackles**—2, at Wake Forest, 2007, vs. Colorado, 2008
- » **Tackles for Loss**—2-13 vs. Colorado, 2008
- » **Sacks**—2.0-13 vs. Colorado, 2008



#56 JUSTIN BAUMGARTNER

LONG SNAPPER ▶ 6-2 ▶ 245 ▶ 1 LETTER
CHEYENNE, WYO. (EAST/CHADRON STATE)

HONORS & AWARDS

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

Justin Baumgartner completed his Nebraska career in 2008. Baumgartner served as a backup long snapper for the Huskers for three seasons after joining the program for the 2006 season. Baumgartner backed up T.J. O'Leary over each of his three seasons in the program, assisting a successful special teams unit. Baumgartner began his college career at Chadron State College in 2004, where he played in 10 games as a long snapper.



#15 BEAU DAVIS

QUARTERBACK ▶ 6-4 ▶ 180 ▶ 1 LETTER
VENICE, CALIF.

Quarterback Beau Davis played an important reserve role on the Nebraska offense during his Nebraska career.

Davis appeared in four games during his Husker career, most recently seeing action against Kansas State as a junior in 2007, when he completed his only pass attempt for nine yards.

The California native also saw action against Nicholls State and Troy in 2006, but did not record any statistics. He redshirted in 2005, after seeing action in a reserve role at Texas Tech as a true freshman in 2004. Davis earned his degree in sociology in December.



#12 JOE GANZ

QUARTERBACK ▶ 6-1 ▶ 210 ▶ 3 LETTERS
PALOS HEIGHTS, ILL. (AMOS ALONZO STAGG)

HONORS & AWARDS

- » Holds 23 Nebraska School Records
- » NU Single-Game Record Holder for Passing Yards (510), Total Offense (528) and Passing TDs (7)
- » Nebraska Season Record Holder for Passing Yards, Pass Completions and Total Offense
- » Second at Nebraska in Career Passing Yards and Touchdown Passes
- » 2008 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (2007 vs. Kansas State; 2008 vs. Kansas State)
- » 2008 Tom Novak Trophy Winner
- » 2008 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Watch List
- » Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- » Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2007, 2008)
- » 2008 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team
- » 2004 Nebraska Offensive Scout Team MVP

Quarterback Joe Ganz took the reins of the Nebraska offense late in the 2007 season and immediately began re-writing the Cornhusker record book. Ganz went on to post one of the most prolific offensive seasons in school history in 2008, and by the end of his career he held more than 20 school records.

The 6-1, 210-pound Ganz engineered a Nebraska offense that became one of the most complete units in the country in the second half of the 2008 season. The Huskers ranked in the top 20 nationally in passing offense, total offense and scoring offense. Ganz also transformed Nebraska into one of the most efficient units in the country. The Huskers ranked second in the nation in time of possession and were among the Big 12 leaders in third-down conversions.

In the process of leading the Husker offense Ganz, set Nebraska season records for with 3,568 passing yards and 3,826 yards of total offense. Ganz was extremely accurate throughout the season, completing 67.9 percent of his passes and set NU's record for season completions and percentage. He has also shattered the Nebraska career record for accuracy by completing nearly 66 percent of his 549 career pass attempts. He threw for 25 touchdown passes in 2008, the second-most in NU history and his 45 career touchdown passes also rank second in the Nebraska record book.

Ganz finished his senior season ranked among Big 12 and national leaders in several categories, including passing yards per game, total offense and pass efficiency. Following his final game, Ganz's career pass efficiency ranking was fourth among all 2008 active players trailing only Heisman finalists Sam Bradford, Tim Tebow and Colt McCoy.

Ganz threw for more than 300 yards five times in 2008, and topped that number eight times in 16 career starts. In 2008, Ganz also showed his dual-threat ability. He ran for 258 yards and five touchdowns on the season, including 95 yards and two touchdowns at Kansas State—the most rushing yards by an NU quarterback in five seasons. Ganz also joined elite company against New Mexico State when he became just the third player in school history to rush, pass and catch a touchdown in the same game. The only other Huskers to accomplish that feat are Heisman Trophy winners Johnny Rodgers and Eric Crouch.

The leadership of Ganz allowed Nebraska to surpass 30 points 10 times in 2008 and in 13 of his 16 career starts. The Huskers passed for at least 200 yards in all 12 games in 2008 and gained more than 400 yards of total offense nine times. His poise was evident as Nebraska rallied from a second-half deficit to win four games in 2008, including three of the season's final four games.

Ganz was voted one of four team captains for the 2008 season. Ganz was also named the Huskers' MVP and capped his career by being named the MVP of the 2009 Konica Minolta Gator Bowl.

Ganz served as the Huskers' No. 2 signal caller for nearly all of 2005, 2006 and 2007, before a season-ending injury to Sam Keller thrust Ganz into the starting role late in 2007. Less than a month later, Ganz had shattered numerous school records and established himself as a player to watch for the 2008 season.

Ganz threw for 1,399 yards and 15 touchdowns in his three 2007 starts, while posting the top two passing days in school history. His 15 touchdown passes in a three-game stretch were a school record and he guided Nebraska to an average of 598.7 yards of total offense in his three starts. Ganz threw for 405 yards and four touchdowns in his first start at Kansas, then threw for a school-record 510 yards and an NU record seven touchdowns in a rout of Kansas State. He added 484 yards and four touchdowns at Colorado.

Ganz backed up Zac Taylor in 2006 and played in five games. He completed 7-of-13 passes for 122 yards and three touchdowns. He did not see game action in 2005, and redshirted in 2004.

Ganz was also strong in the classroom, earning first-team academic All-Big 12 honors in 2008. He graduated in December of 2008 with a degree in communication studies and was a seven-time Big 12 commissioner's honor roll pick.

CAREER STATISTICS

Passing

Year	G/GS	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Y/A	Y/G	LP	TD	Eff.R.
2004											Redshirt
2005											Did Not Play
2006	5/0	13	7	0	.538	122	9.4	24.4	31 vs. Nich. St.	3	208.83
2007	6/3	152	89	7	.586	1,435	9.4	239.2	62 at Kansas	16	163.38
2008	13/13	420	285	11	.693	3,568	8.5	274.5	69 vs. Baylor	25	153.62
Totals	24/16	585	381	18	.651	5,125	8.8	213.5	69 vs. Baylor	44	157.38

Rushing: 115-341-8 total; 92-258-5, long-33 in 2008; 20-93-3, long-28 vs. Colorado in 2007; 3 (-10)-0 in 2006; long-10 vs. Nicholls St.

Receiving: 1-20 total; 1-20 in 2008; long-20 vs. New Mexico St.

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » **Pass Attempts**—58 at Colorado, 2007 (*school record*)
- » **Pass Completions**—36 at Texas Tech, 2008 (*ties school record*)
- » **Passing Yards**—510 yards vs. Kansas State, 2007 (*school record*)
- » **Passing Touchdowns**—7 vs. Kansas State, 2007 (*school record*)
- » **Long Pass**—69 yards to Marlon Lucky vs. Baylor, 2008
- » **Rushes**—13 vs. Colorado, 2008
- » **Rushing Yards**—95 at Kansas State, 2008
- » **Rushing Touchdowns**—2 at Colorado, 2007, at Kansas State, 2008
- » **Total Offense Attempts**—64 at Colorado, 2007 (*school record*)
- » **Total Offense Yards**—528 yards vs. Kansas State, 2007 (*school record*)



#34 CODY GLENN

LINEBACKER ▶ 6-0 ▶ 235 ▶ 4 LETTERS
RUSK, TEXAS

HONORS & AWARDS

- » 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- » 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll
- » 2008 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team

Cody Glenn was a major contributor for Nebraska for each of his four seasons in the program. After three seasons as a key part of the NU running game, Glenn switched to defense as a senior and made his mark as a linebacker.

The 6-0, 235-pound Glenn made the switch midway through spring ball in 2008 and excelled in the Huskers' defensive scheme. In nine games, he racked up 51 tackles, including six tackles for loss and four pass breakups. He showed his ability as a defender in the opener, recording 12 tackles, three tackles for loss and three pass breakups in NU's win over Western Michigan. He also topped 10 tackles with a career-high 14 stops against Virginia Tech. Glenn was suspended from the team for the final four games.

Glenn made the switch after three productive, but injury-plagued seasons at I-back. Glenn was bothered by leg and foot injuries throughout the 2007 season. He played in five games and finished with 27 carries for 78 yards, and scored two touchdowns against top-ranked USC. He also caught six passes for 52 yards. Glenn appeared in just one of the final six games while battling injuries.

Glenn was part of a productive four-player rotation at I-back in 2006, but missed the final three games with a foot injury. He gained 370 yards and scored a team-high eight touchdowns, helping the quartet of backs gain more than 2,400 yards and score 26 touchdowns. Glenn scored two touchdowns in three games, and bulled his way for a career-high 148 yards and two scores on 19 carries at Iowa State. Glenn made the most of his 71 attempts, averaging 5.2 yards per carry. In addition to his career-high total at Iowa State, Glenn had 88 yards against Louisiana Tech and also scored two touchdowns against Nicholls State and Texas A&M.

Glenn emerged as a short-yardage back as a true freshman and finished with 131 yards and four touchdowns on 45 carries, and lost yardage on just one of his 45 carries. Glenn played a huge role in the Huskers' near-comeback against Texas Tech, with 12 carries for 39 yards, including second-quarter touchdowns of one and five yards. He had a season-high 41 yards in a 23-14 win at Baylor.

CAREER STATISTICS

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
2005	7/0	45	132	1	131	2.9	18.7	10 vs. Tx. Tech	4
2006	9/0	71	375	5	370	5.2	41.1	36 vs. Iowa St.	8
2007	5/0	27	87	9	78	2.9	15.6	20 vs. Nevada	2
Totals	21/0	143	594	15	579	4.0	27.6	36 vs. Iowa St.	14

Defense Year	G/S	Tackles				TFL	Fum.					QB Hry.
		UT	AT	TT	Sacks		C-R	BK	PBU	PI		
2008	9/9	26	25	51	6-20	0-0	1-0	0	4	0	4	

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- Rushing Attempts**—19 at Iowa State, 2006
- Rushing Yards**—148 at Iowa State, 2006
- Long Rush**—36, at Iowa State, 2006
- Rushing Touchdowns**—2, five times, most recently vs. USC, 2007
- Tackles**—14 vs. Virginia Tech, 2008
- Tackles for Loss**—3-10 vs. Western Michigan, 2008



#61 MIKE HUFF

OFFENSIVE GUARD ▶ 6-4 ▶ 300 ▶ 4 LETTERS
RALSTON, NEB.

HONORS & AWARDS

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

Mike Huff was a reliable member of the Nebraska offensive line throughout his career, and spent the majority of his final three seasons in the starting lineup. A four-year letterman, Huff racked up 23 career starts and helped Nebraska field one of the nation's top offenses the past two seasons.

Huff played in all 13 games in 2008, including starts at left guard in the first four games. Huff and his teammates on the offensive line helped quarterback Joe Ganz set Nebraska records for passing yards and total offense in a season. The offensive line was also pivotal in powering a running game that averaged better than 210 yards per contest over the second half of the regular season. Nebraska finished the season ranked 12th in total offense and also among the top 20 nationally in scoring offense and passing.

Huff played in all 12 games in 2007, with six starts at right guard. Huff helped pave the way for an outstanding Husker offensive attack in 2007. Nebraska averaged 468.2 yards per game, its best offensive total in 10 seasons, while averaging a school-record 323.8 passing yards per contest.

Huff was in the starting lineup for 13 of 14 games as NU captured the Big 12 North title in 2006. The Huskers were one of just three teams nationally to rank in the top 25 in rushing, passing, scoring and total offense. The line played a pivotal role in senior quarterback Zac Taylor's record-setting season that culminated with him being named Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year. In the running game Nebraska gained at least 180 yards in eight games.

A reserve guard, Huff played against Oklahoma in 2005. Huff redshirted in his first season in the program. Huff played his entire senior season as a graduate after earning his degree in May of 2008.

CAREER NUMBERS

- » **Games Played**—40 (1 in 2005, 14 in 2006, 12 in 2007, 13 in 2008)
- » **Games Started**—23 (13 in 2006, 6 in 2007, 4 in 2008)



#36 THOMAS LAWSON

FULLBACK ▶ 6-0 ▶ 250 ▶ 3 LETTERS
PARKER, COLO. (PONDEROSA)

Thomas Lawson was an important contributor at fullback and on special teams during his Nebraska career. Lawson earned three letters during his career, including splitting time as the starting fullback in his final two seasons.

As a senior, Lawson played in 11 games and finished with one catch for four yards against San Jose State. Lawson was a regular as an upback on kickoff returns and had three returns for 31 yards, including two for 27 yards against Colorado. Lawson also saw some duty on the Huskers' PAT and field goal units.

Lawson played in 10 games in 2007, with two starts at fullback. He caught three passes and reached the end zone on all three grabs. He caught two passes for 10 yards against Iowa State, including TDs of six and four yards, and added a one-yard TD catch against Oklahoma State. Lawson played on kickoff coverage in two games in 2006. In 2005, he was a backup fullback and I-back and appeared in his first career game at Colorado. He redshirted in 2004.



#5 MARLON LUCKY

I-BACK ▶ 6-0 ▶ 215 ▶ 4 LETTERS
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

HONORS & AWARDS

- » 2007 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Big 12 Coaches, Austin American-Statesman)
- » 2007 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP)
- » 2006 Second-Team All-Big 12 (AP, Houston Chronicle, San Antonio Express-News)
- » 2006 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Nevada, 2007)
- » Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (vs. Troy, 2006, vs. Nevada, 2007)
- » 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- » Nebraska Record for Most Receptions in a Season (75 in 2007)
- » Fourth on Nebraska Career All-Purpose Yardage List

I-back Marlon Lucky concluded one of the most productive all-purpose careers in Nebraska history with a solid 2008 campaign. The 6-0, 215-pound Lucky finished his career among the top 20 in school history in rushing, while ranking in the top five in receptions and all-purpose yards. The California native was a play-maker for the Nebraska offense since his true freshman campaign in 2005.

Lucky finished his career with 2,393 rushing yards to rank 17th on Nebraska's all-time rushing list and his 1,019 yards in 2007 was the first 1,000-yard rushing season by an NU back in three seasons. Lucky also caught 135 career passes to rank fourth on that career list, while his 75 receptions in 2007 is a Nebraska season record. Overall, Lucky played in 50 career games with 29 starts and his 4,214 career all-purpose yards ranks fourth in school history.

Lucky started the first 11 games of his senior season before missing the regular season finale with Colorado because of injury. He rotated at I-back with sophomores Quentin Castille and Roy Helu Jr., and the trio of talented backs produced big numbers for a Husker offense that ranked among the top 20 nationally in passing, scoring and total offense.

Lucky finished 2008 as Nebraska's second-leading rusher with 517 yards and tied for the team lead with seven rushing touchdowns. He also continued to be a factor in the passing game, catching 26 passes, while also triggering the offense on several direct-snap plays. Lucky topped 50 yards on the ground four times during the 2008 campaign, including a 103-yard rushing effort against New Mexico State. His effort against the Aggies included a career-long 58-yard rush. On that run, Lucky became the 24th player in school history to surpass 2,000 career rushing yards. He also threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Joe Ganz in the game, then added his fourth career TD pass against Kansas off a direct snap from center. Lucky's 26 pass receptions covered 288 yards and he added his fourth career receiving touchdown in 2008.

Lucky earned second-team All-Big 12 honors in 2007 after one of the most productive all-purpose seasons in school history. He rushed for 1,019 yards on 206 rushes, including nine rushing touchdowns. His 84.9 yards per game ranked seventh in the Big 12 Conference and Lucky finished the year with five 100-yard rushing efforts, while reaching at least 65 yards rushing nine times.

In the receiving department, Lucky caught a Nebraska single-season record 75 passes for 705 yards and three touchdowns. He caught at least six passes in eight games, including 13 receptions against Texas A&M and 11 against Ball State, the second- and third-best reception totals in school history. Lucky's all-purpose average of 145.3 yards per game was 31st nationally, and he topped 100 combined yards in 10 of 12 games. His all-purpose total was the seventh-best in school history.

Against Nevada, Lucky had career highs of 30 carries and 233 yards, including three touchdowns in a 52-10 victory over Nevada. He also caught a touchdown pass in the game and was named the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week and the Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week. Lucky added 100-yard rushing games against Ball State, Iowa State, Texas and Kansas State.

Lucky was part of a four-man I-back committee that totaled more than 2,400 rushing yards and 26 touchdowns in 2006. He was chosen as a second-team All-Big 12 selection as an all-purpose player by the Associated Press, and was an honorable-mention all-conference choice by the Big 12 coaches. His 728 rushing yards were second on the team, and he caught 32 passes for 383 yards, with at least one reception in 13 of 14 games. Lucky topped 100 all-purpose yards six times and his 1,264 all-purpose yards were second on the team. On the ground, Lucky twice cracked the century mark, against Nicholls State and Troy, when he ran for 156 yards and three touchdowns and earned Big 12 Player-of-the-Week honors.

Lucky played in all 12 games as a true freshman in 2005. He was a backup behind senior Cory Ross and ran for 129 yards, while also playing a key role on kickoff returns. He averaged 20.9 yards on 15 returns, including a season-long 57-yard return at Kansas.

CAREER STATISTICS

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
2005	12/0	43	139	10	129	3.0	10.8	11, twice	0
2006	14/6	141	762	34	728	5.2	52.0	51, vs. Troy	6
2007	12/12	206	1,057	38	1,019	4.9	84.9	41, vs. ISU	9
2008	12/11	125	550	33	517	4.1	47.0	58, vs. NMSU	7
Totals	50/29	515	2,508	115	2,393	4.6	48.8	58, vs. NMSU	22

Receiving: 135-1,379-4 total; 2-3-0 in 2005; 32-383-0 in 2006; 75-705-3 in 2007; 26-288-1 in 2008

Kickoff Returns: 22-442-0 total; 13-270-0 in 2005; 8-153-0 in 2006; 1-19-0 in 2007; long 57-KU, 2005

Passing: 4-6-0, 69 yards, 4 TD total; 1-2-0, 25 yards in 2006 (25-yard TD pass to Nate Swift vs. Texas); 1-2-0, 20 yards in 2007, (20-yard TD pass to Sean Hill vs. Iowa State); 2-2-0, 24 yards in 2008 (20 yard TD pass to Joe Ganz vs. New Mexico State, 4-yard TD pass to Mike McNeill vs. Kansas)

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » **Rushing Attempts**—30 vs. Nevada, 2007
- » **Rushing Yards**—233 vs. Nevada, 2007
- » **Long Rush**—58 vs. New Mexico State, 2008
- » **Rushing Touchdowns**—3 vs. Troy, 2006, vs. Nevada, 2007
- » **Receptions**—13 vs. Texas A&M, 2007 (Nebraska RB record)
- » **Receiving Yards**—125 vs. Texas A&M, 2007
- » **Long Reception**—69 vs. Baylor, 2008



#5 ARMANDO MURILLO

CORNERBACK ▶ 6-0 ▶ 190 ▶ 2 LETTERS
TAMPA, FLA. (ROBINSON/EASTERN ARIZ. CC)

Cornerback Armando Murillo was a key performer in the Nebraska secondary in each of his two seasons in the Cornhusker program. The Florida native played in all 25 games over the past two seasons with 24 career starts.

Murillo finished his career with 16 pass breakups and 114 career tackles and his play in 2008 was a key to a much-improved Nebraska defense. The 2008 Huskers finished second in the Big 12 in total defense, allowing more than 125 fewer total yards per game and also ranked second in the conference in passing yards allowed per game.

Murillo was the anchor of a young group of Nebraska cornerbacks in 2008 and was the team leader in pass breakups with nine, while ranking among the team leaders in solo tackles. Murillo started the final 12 games of the season and had five games with five or more tackles, including a season-high eight against San Jose State. Murillo had his first career interception against New Mexico State and returned the pick 57 yards. Murillo also had six tackles in that contest and made seven tackles against Virginia Tech. At Iowa State, Murillo had five tackles and recovered a key third-quarter fumble.

Murillo was the only cornerback to be in the starting lineup every game in 2007 and finished fourth on the team with 71 tackles. His 43 solo tackles ranked second among the Huskers, and he tied for the team lead with seven pass breakups. Murillo made at least three tackles in every game, had five tackles eight times during his junior season and made a career-high nine tackles against Iowa State.

CAREER STATISTICS

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.			QB		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2007	12/12	43	28	71	3-4	0.5-2	0-0	0	7	0	0
2008	13/12	35	9	44	2-1	0.0-0	0-1	0	9	1	1
Totals	25/24	78	37	115	5-5	0.5-2	0-1	0	16	1	1

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » **Tackles**—9 vs. Iowa State, 2007
- » **Solo Tackles**—7 vs. Iowa State, Colorado, 2007
- » **Tackles for Loss**—2 vs. Kansas State, 2007
- » **Pass Breakups**—1, 16 times
- » **Interceptions**—1-57 vs. New Mexico State, 2008



#76 LYDON MURTHA

OFFENSIVE TACKLE ▶ 6-7 ▶ 315 ▶ 4 LETTERS
HUTCHINSON, MINN.

HONORS & AWARDS

- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Associated Press)
- » 2007 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » 2007 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2006, 2007)

» 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

Offensive tackle Lydon Murtha was a fixture on the Husker offensive line for four seasons and was a large part of Nebraska's offensive success in 2008. Injuries limited Murtha to eight starts during his senior season, but the Minnesota native made a big impact when healthy.

The 6-7, 315-pound Murtha teamed with senior guard Matt Slauton to form an impressive right side to the Husker line, helping propel the Huskers to top-20 national rankings in total offense and passing. Nebraska improved throughout the season offensively and was a physical unit in the second half of the season. Nebraska averaged better than 210 rushing yards per game over the second half of the regular season and scored 30 or more points 10 times in 2008.

Murtha and his line mates also allowed quarterback Joe Ganz to set Nebraska school records for season passing yards and total offense. Despite missing four games, Murtha's play was recognized, as he was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 choice by the Associated Press.

Murtha started the first eight games of 2007 at right tackle before being sidelined by injury for the final four games. Nebraska averaged 468.2 yards per game, its best offensive total in 10 seasons, while averaging a school-record 323.8 passing yards per contest. The offensive line provided the protection for four of the top five passing days in school history, while Marlon Lucky topped 1,000 rushing yards.

Murtha played in all 14 games in 2006, including three starts. He was part of a Nebraska offensive line that made major improvements and helped the Huskers rank 14th nationally in total offense and in the top 25 in all four major offensive statistical categories. Murtha played in nine games as a redshirt freshman in 2005, including three starts at left tackle. The play of the offensive line helped Nebraska post the then top two passing efforts in school history in 2005. Murtha redshirted in his first season in 2004.

Murtha earned his degree in economics in December.

CAREER NUMBERS

- » Games Played—40 (9 in 2005, 14 in 2006, 8 in 2007, 9 in 2008)
- » Games Started—23 (3 in 2005, 3 in 2006, 8 in 2007, 9 in 2008)



#82 T.J. O'LEARY

LONG SNAPPER ▶ 6-1 ▶ 235 ▶ 3 LETTERS
OMAHA, NEB. (MILLARD NORTH/N.M. STATE)

O'LEARY'S HONORS & AWARDS

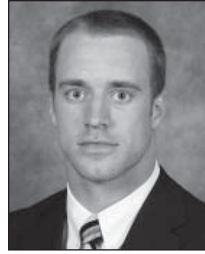
- » 2008 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team
- » 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

T.J. O'Leary was a vital member of the Nebraska special teams over the past three seasons, handling the long-snapping chores. The Omaha native helped Nebraska's kicking game rank among the most solid units in the Big 12 Conference during his Husker career.

In his third season as a starter in 2008, O'Leary started all 13 games and helped place-kicker Alex Henery connect on 56-of-57 PAT attempts, and convert on 18-of-21 field goal attempts. The kicking corps capped the regular season with Henery's school record 57-yard field goal that provided the decisive points against Colorado, then Henery made four field goals in the Gator Bowl victory. O'Leary also assisted NU punters in pinning opponents inside their 20-yard line 14 times. On coverage, O'Leary made an unassisted tackle against San Jose State.

O'Leary started all 12 games as Nebraska's long snapper in 2007. He helped NU to a perfect place-kicking season, as the Huskers hit on all nine field goals and 46-of-46 PATs. He also helped Nebraska average 36.3 yards in net punting. O'Leary began the 2006 season as a backup, but was the starting snapper on punts for the final 10 games, while handling the PAT and field goal snapping for several games at midseason. He helped NU rank 24th nationally in net punting. O'Leary redshirted in 2005 after transferring from New Mexico State. He played with the Aggies in 2004.

O'Leary earned his degree in communication studies in December.



#17 TODD PETERSON

WIDE RECEIVER ▶ 6-4 ▶ 215 ▶ 4 LETTERS
GRAND ISLAND, NEB. (CENTRAL CATHOLIC)

HONORS & AWARDS

- » 2008 ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-American
- » 2008 National Football Foundation/College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Semifinalist
- » Two-Time Wuerffel Award Finalist (2007, 2008)

» Four-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

» Fourth on Nebraska's All-Time Receptions List and Career Receiving Yardage List

» Two-Time Brook Berringer Citizenship Team (2007, 2008)

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

» Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

» 2008 Cletus Fischer Native Son Award Winner

Todd Peterson was a reliable performer in the Husker receiving corps for each of the past four seasons. The Grand Island, Neb., native completed his career among the top five players in school history in receptions and receiving yardage. He also closed out his career as one of the most decorated student-athletes in recent years.

Peterson teamed with fellow senior Nate Swift to give Nebraska one of the top 1-2 receiving tandems in the Big 12 in 2008. Peterson finished with 62 receptions, the third-highest total in school history. Together, the receiving duo helped Nebraska rank among the nation's top 20 teams in passing, scoring and total offense. Peterson's 786 receiving yards ranked sixth on the Nebraska season charts. His career totals of 108 receptions and 1,602 receiving yards each rank fourth in Nebraska history.

Peterson caught at least three passes in every game in 2008 and surpassed 50 receiving yards in nine of 13 games. He was at his best in Big 12 play, hauling in 43 of his receptions, including seven for 81 yards against Missouri and a career-high eight catches for 77 yards at Texas Tech, when he caught a 17-yard touchdown in the waning seconds of the game to force overtime. On the game-tying drive, Peterson had three catches for 39 yards. He had five catches each against Baylor, Oklahoma and Kansas, and capped his career with four catches for a career-high 96 yards and a touchdown in the Gator Bowl.

Off the field, Peterson continued to rack up the honors and accolades as a senior. A December graduate, Peterson carried a 3.763 cumulative grade-point average in nutritional science and dietetics. He and fellow senior Tyler Wortman were both chosen as second-team ESPN the Magazine Academic All-Americans, increasing Nebraska's nation-leading total in that department. Peterson also earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors for the fourth straight season, becoming just the eighth player in school history to be a four-time first-team academic all-conference honoree.

Peterson played in all 12 games in 2007, including two starts, and had 18 receptions for 359 yards and five touchdowns. Peterson's 19.9-yard per catch average ranked second on the team, with 10 of his 18 catches covering at least 20 yards. Peterson had a season-high five catches for 74 yards against USC, including fourth-quarter touchdown catches of 20 and 18 yards. He caught two touchdowns against Kansas State, and his effort helped NU to a school-record 519 passing yards and seven touchdowns.

Peterson played in all 14 games in 2006, with starts against Nicholls State and Missouri. He made 19 catches for 307 yards, an average of 16.2 yards per catch and had touchdown catches against Kansas and Texas A&M. Peterson had at least one catch in nine games, led by seven receptions for 82 yards and a touchdown at A&M.

Peterson played in 10 games in 2005 with a start at Colorado, and had nine catches for 150 yards and a pair of touchdowns. His touchdown catches came at Baylor and at Missouri, and he had three catches for a season-high 65 yards against the Tigers. In his first career start at Colorado, he had three catches for 54 yards, including a season-long 38-yarder. Originally a walk-on, Peterson redshirted in his first year at NU.

CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2004							
2005	10/1	9	150	16.7	15.0	38 vs. Colorado	2
2006	14/2	19	307	16.2	21.9	48 vs. Oklahoma	2
2007	12/2	18	359	19.9	29.9	44 vs. Oklahoma State	5
2008	13/12	62	786	12.7	60.5	36 at Oklahoma	4
Totals	49/17	108	1,602	14.8	32.7	48 vs. Oklahoma	13

Rushing: 2-18-0 total; 2-18-0 in 2008; long 16 at Oklahoma

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » Receptions—8 at Texas Tech, 2008
- » Receiving Yards—96 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl
- » Long Reception—48 yards vs. Oklahoma, 2006
- » Touchdowns—2 vs. USC, Kansas State, 2007
- » Rushing Yards—16 at Oklahoma, 2008



#98 ZACH POTTER
 DEFENSIVE END ▶ 6-7 ▶ 280 ▶ 4 LETTERS
 OMAHA, NEB. (CREIGHTON PREP)

- HONORS & AWARDS**
- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Coaches)
 - » 2008 Lott Trophy Watch List
 - » 2008 Ted Hendricks Award Watch List
 - » 2007 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)

- » Two-Time Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2007, 2008)
- » 2006 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Nebraska Season Record for Blocked Kicks by a Defensive End (3, 2008)
- » Nebraska Career Record for Blocked Kicks by a Defensive End (5)
- » Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2006, 2007, 2008)
- » Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2007, 2008)

Defensive end Zach Potter was a key part of a Nebraska defensive line that became the strength of a much-improved 2008 Cornhusker defense. The 2008 campaign concluded a highly productive career by the Omaha native who made an impact in each of his four seasons.

In his second season as a starter in 2008, Potter not only played at a high level on the defensive front but he was also a team leader and was selected as one of four team captains. The 6-7, 280-pound Potter finished the year second on the team in tackles for loss (16) and sacks (5.5) and ranked near the top of the Big 12 charts in both of those categories among defensive linemen.

Overall, Potter made 47 tackles, had interceptions against San Jose State and Kansas and also broke up seven passes at the line of scrimmage, tying the Nebraska position record. Three of those passes were intercepted by another Blackshirt defender, including two interception returns for scores by nose tackle Ndamukong Suh. Potter continued to be a factor on special teams, blocking three opponent kicks to give him five career blocked kicks. The three blocked kicks tied a season record for defensive linemen. Potter's five career blocked kicks is a position record.

Potter was honored for his work as he was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 selection. His play helped a Nebraska defense that reduced its yards per game allowed by more than 125 yards from the 2007 season and finished second in the Big 12 in total defense. Nebraska also recorded 35 sacks on the season, nearly tripling its total from the previous season. In the classroom, Potter earned second-team academic All-Big 12 honors, the third straight season he has been honored by the conference.

He added his second sack of the year against New Mexico State and also recorded a blocked field goal in the first quarter, setting the tone in NU's 38-7 win. Potter made six tackles each against Virginia Tech and Missouri, including two tackles for loss in each game. At Texas Tech, Potter blocked a Red Raider extra-point in overtime for his second block of the season.

Potter started 11 of 12 games at base end in 2007 and finished with 45 tackles, while his 12 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks were second on the team. He had five games in 2007 with five or more tackles, including a career-high six against both USC and Oklahoma State. Potter had a big game against Ball State, finishing with four tackles, two tackles for loss, a sack, a fumble caused and a pair of hurries. He had his first career interception at Texas.

Potter played in 13 games as a sophomore, including reserve time at defensive end, as well as special teams action. He made three tackles and was also a regular on both NU's field goal/PAT and field goal/PAT block units. Potter played in all 12 games as a true freshman, seeing limited action on the defensive line. He was a major contributor on special teams, and literally had a hand in a pair of victories. He blocked a field goal in NU's 7-6 win over Pittsburgh, before blocking a Kansas State PAT in NU's 27-25 win.

CAREER STATISTICS

Defense Year	G/S	Tackles				TFL	Sacks	Fum.			QB	
		UT	AT	TT				C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2005	12/0	0	1	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
2006	13/0	2	1	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	12/11	26	19	45	12-23	2.5-10	1-1	0	1	1	1	5
2008	13/13	14	33	47	16-54	5.5-44	1-0	3	7	2	2	6
Totals	50/24	42	54	96	28-77	8.0-54	2-1	5	8	3	3	11

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » Tackles—6, five times, including three times in 2008
- » Solo Tackles—4 vs. Oklahoma State, 2007
- » Tackles for Loss—2, six times, including three in 2008
- » Sacks—1.5-9 vs. Kansas, 2008



#88 CLAYTON SIEVERS
 DEFENSIVE END ▶ 6-4 ▶ 255 ▶ 4 LETTERS
 ELKHORN, NEB.

- SIEVERS' HONORS & AWARDS**
- » 2008 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
 - » Two-Time Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2005, 2006)
 - » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2008)
 - » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic

Honor Roll (2006, 2008)

Clayton Sievers was a versatile performer throughout his Nebraska career and during his senior season he was a key member of a rejuvenated Husker defense. Sievers served as the top backup at defensive end for nearly the entire season and his high level of play was rewarded with a Blackshirt near season's end.

Sievers played in all 13 games of the 2008 season and helped the Nebraska defense finish second in the Big 12 in total defense, and nearly triple its sack total from the 2007 season. He finished the season with 14 total tackles, including three tackles for loss and his first career sack against Iowa State. He also forced a fumble against the Cyclones and added tackles for loss against Oklahoma and Kansas. Sievers also saw action on Nebraska's punt and PAT units. In the classroom, Sievers earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors as a senior.

Sievers played in 11 games in 2007 as a backup at defensive end. He made seven tackles, including a career-high three stops against Texas A&M. He also served on several Nebraska special teams units. Sievers played in nine games as a reserve linebacker in 2006 and had one assisted tackle, and was a regular on special teams.

Sievers began his career as a tight end and played in all 12 games in 2005, including three starts. He had six catches for 39 yards, including two catches against Maine. He was also a member of the kickoff return team. Sievers redshirted in his first season at Nebraska. Sievers earned his degree in communication studies in December of 2008.

CAREER STATISTICS

Defense Year	G/S	Tackles				TFL	Sacks	Fum.			QB	
		UT	AT	TT				C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2004		Redshirt										
2005	12/3	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	9/1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	11/0	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
2008	13/0	9	5	14	3-6	1-1	1-0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	45/4	13	10	23	3-6	1-1	1-0	0	0	0	0	2

Receiving: 6-39-0 in 2005; long-11 vs. Nevada

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » Tackles—3 vs. Texas A&M, 2007
- » Solo Tackles—2 three times, including twice in 2008
- » Sack—1 at Iowa State, 2008



#70 MATT SLAUSON

OFFENSIVE GUARD ▶ 6-5 ▶ 320 ▶ 4 LETTERS
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. (AIR FORCE PREP)

HONORS & AWARDS

- » 2008 First-Team All-Big 12 (San Antonio Express-News)
- » 2008 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Coaches, Kansas City Star)
- » 2007 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Rivals.com)
- » 2007 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP)
- » 2006 Second-Team All-Big 12 (AP, Kansas City Star, Houston Chronicle, Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, San Antonio Express-News)
- » 2006 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)

Offensive lineman Matt Slauson completed an outstanding Nebraska career in the 2008 season by anchoring a strong Nebraska offensive line. Slauson started all 13 games at right guard during his senior season, helping Nebraska rank among the nation's top 20 in scoring, passing and total offense.

The 6-5, 320-pound Slauson reaped the rewards of his off-season commitment to improve his overall level of conditioning. After dropping more than 20 pounds during the off-season, Slauson was Nebraska's most complete offensive lineman, helping the Huskers amass more than 400 yards of total offense nine times, and top 30 points 10 times in 13 games.

The unit also displayed the physical nature Nebraska coaches wanted, helping the Huskers control the football and rank second nationally in time of possession. He and his offensive line mates played a key role in the success of quarterback Joe Ganz who established Nebraska season records for passing yards, total offense and completion percentage. The Huskers also developed a strong running game averaging 211.7 yards per game and 5.1 yards per carry in the final six games of the regular season.

Slauson's play did not go unnoticed, as he received first-team All-Big 12 honors from the San Antonio Express-News, while being a second-team all-conference selection by several other sources.

Slauson played in all 12 games in 2007 and made eight starts at three different positions, including right guard and both tackle spots. Behind the offensive line, Nebraska averaged 468.2 yards per game, its best offensive total in 10 seasons, while averaging a school-record 323.8 passing yards per contest. Slauson played a key role in protecting the quarterback, and Nebraska finished the year by allowing just 18 sacks in 296 pass attempts. Slauson earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press and second-team all-league mention by Rivals.com.

Slauson was the Huskers' starting right tackle during the first 11 games of 2006, before suffering an injury that slowed him for the final three games. He was one of the driving forces behind a balanced Nebraska offense that ranked among the nation's leaders in both rushing and passing and finished 14th in total offense. He helped clear the way for NU's four-man I-back committee to combine for more than 2,400 yards rushing and 26 touchdowns. Slauson also helped provide protection for quarterback Zac Taylor who earned Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors.

Slauson was a second-team All-Big 12 performer according to several media outlets, including the Associated Press. He was also an honorable-mention all-conference pick by the Big 12 coaches.

As a true freshman, Slauson played in nine games and was a regular on NU's extra-point and field goal units. He entered the offensive line rotation late in the season, when he started at right tackle the final three games.

CAREER NUMBERS

- » Games Played—48 (9 in 2005, 14 in 2006, 12 in 2007, 13 in 2008)
- » Games Started—35 (3 in 2005, 11 in 2006, 8 in 2007, 13 in 2008)



#43 TY STEINKUHLER

DEFENSIVE TACKLE ▶ 6-3 ▶ 280 ▶ 4 LETTERS
LINCOLN, NEB. (SOUTHWEST)

HONORS & AWARDS

- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » 2008 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2008)
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2006, 2008)

Defensive tackle Ty Steinkuhler was a key element of a much-improved Nebraska defense in 2008. Steinkuhler and fellow tackle Ndamukong Suh clogged up the middle of the defense, while continually wreaking havoc in opposing backfields. The defensive front allowed Nebraska to finish second in the Big 12 in total defense, while reducing its average yards per game allowed by more than 125 yards per game from 2007.

The 6-3, 280-pound Steinkuhler started all 13 games and finished among the Big 12 leaders in tackles among defensive linemen. Steinkuhler totaled 48 tackles, including 21 solo stops, while recording eight tackles for loss and a pair of sacks.

Steinkuhler had six or more tackles five times in 2008, including a career-high eight tackles in the season opener against Western Michigan. He added six-tackle efforts against San Jose State and Virginia Tech, and shared a sack against the Hokies, before making six tackles and a tackle for loss against Missouri. The Lincoln native played his best football in the season's final two games. Against Colorado, he had two tackles for loss (14 yards) and a sack for a 12-yard loss. In the Gator Bowl against Clemson, Steinkuhler was dominant in the first half and finished the game with six tackles, a sack, a pair of tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

The son of 1983 Lombardi and Outland winner Dean Steinkuhler, Ty was honored for his work, being named an honorable-mention All-Big 12 performer by the league's coaches. He was also a second-team academic All-Big 12 honoree in 2008.

Steinkuhler battled injuries for much of 2007 and had 13 tackles, including four tackles for loss, while playing both end and tackle. He made a season-high three tackles against Iowa State, Texas and Kansas State. Steinkuhler played in all 14 games as a reserve defensive tackle in 2006, and finished with 22 tackles, including 15 solo stops. He had his first career sack against Kansas State and forced a fumble against Troy, while finishing the year with three tackles for loss. He had a season-high five tackles against Troy.

Steinkuhler played in eight games as a reserve defensive end in 2005 and made five tackles, including a pair of tackles for loss. Steinkuhler redshirted in his first season and worked on the scout team. He earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice in December.

CAREER STATISTICS

Defense Year	G/S	Tackles					TFL	Fum.			QB Hry.
		UT	AT	TT	Sacks	C-R		BK	PBU	PI	
2004							Redshirted				
2005	8/0	2	3	5	2-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2006	14/0	15	7	22	3-8	0.5-1	1-0	0	0	0	0
2007	10/8	7	6	13	4-12	0.0-0	1-0	0	0	0	1
2008	13/13	21	27	48	8-27	2.5-21	1-0	0	0	0	3
Totals	45/21	45	43	88	17-47	3-22	3-0	0	0	0	4

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » Tackles—8 vs. Western Michigan, 2008
- » Solo Tackles—4, five times
- » Tackles for Loss—2 vs. Colorado, 2008, Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl



#87 NATE SWIFT

WIDE RECEIVER ▶ 6-2 ▶ 200 ▶ 4 LETTERS
HUTCHINSON, MINN.

HONORS & AWARDS

- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches, AP)
- » Nebraska Record Holder for Career Receptions (166)
- » Second in NU History in Season Receiving Yards (941), Career Receiving Yards (2,476), Season Receptions (63 in 2008) Season TD List (10), Career TD List (22)
- » 2008 Guy Chamberlin Trophy Winner
- » Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (2008 vs. Virginia Tech)
- » Nebraska Freshman Record Holder for Receptions (45), Yards (641) and TDs (7)
- » 2005 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP)
- » 2005 First-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (Sporting News)
- » Two-Time Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2005, 2006)
- » Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2007, 2008)
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2008)

Nate Swift completed a record-setting Nebraska career in 2008, as he reached or moved near the top of nearly all of the Cornhuskers' season and career receiving charts. Swift began an assault on the Nebraska record book during his redshirt freshman season in 2005 and that pursuit continued to his final game.

Swift left Nebraska as the school's career receptions leader with 166 catches and ranked second in receiving yards at 2,476, just three yards behind Johnny Rodgers. Swift's 63 catches and 941 receiving yards in 2008 were also both second on the single-season lists, and his 22 career touchdown catches were also second on the Nebraska chart. His 10 touchdown receptions as a senior ranked second on the season list.

Swift played in 51 games during his four-year career, with 29 starts, including all 13 games in 2008. As a senior, Swift and fellow senior Todd Peterson teamed to give Nebraska one of the Big 12's top 1-2 receiving tandems. The duo posted the second- and third-best reception totals in school history, respectively, and combined for 125 receptions, 1,727 yards and 14 receiving touchdowns. Their play paced a passing game that ranked 15th nationally and helped Nebraska rank 12th in total offense. The Huskers passed for at least 200 yards in all 12 games, topped 400 yards of total offense nine times and scored 30 points in 10 of 12 games.

One of four team captains, Swift caught at least one pass in all 13 games, finishing his career with 18 straight games with at least one catch. He had at least one catch in 45 of 51 games in his career and had 13 career games with five or more catches.

He opened 2008 with five catches for a season-high 121 yards and two touchdowns against Western Michigan. In non-conference play he added six grabs for 70 yards against New Mexico State. Swift had five receptions for 45 yards and a 20-yard touchdown against Missouri and added five catches for 70 yards at Texas Tech. Swift had a huge first half at Iowa State, catching eight passes for 112 yards and his fourth touchdown of the season in a 35-7 Husker victory.

Swift then had a career day against Baylor in Lincoln. Swift hauled in a career-high 11 passes and tied his season-high with 121 receiving yards. With his 11 receptions, Swift set the Nebraska career receptions record, besting the previous record of 143 receptions by Rodgers. Swift set the record in style with a nine-yard touchdown reception late in the third quarter to give NU a 24-20 lead. On his next catch, he caught a 53-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to secure the Nebraska victory.

He had a career-long 67-yard reception at Oklahoma, then added his fourth game over the century mark against Kansas with seven receptions for 111 yards and a fourth-quarter touchdown. Swift added four receptions for 98 yards at Kansas State, with all four of his receptions covering at least 20 yards. He closed his home career with a two-yard touchdown reception against Colorado, then added three catches, including a 17-yard third-quarter touchdown in the Gator Bowl.

Swift finished the season ranked 12th in the Big 12 Conference in receiving yards per game, and was one of 10 players in the league to record four or more 100-yard receiving games in 2008.

The passing game was not the only area where Swift made a significant impact. He was also Nebraska's primary punt returner and averaged 14.8 yards per return to rank second in the Big 12 and tied for eighth nationally. Swift's year was highlighted by an 88-yard punt return for a touchdown against Virginia Tech. The play earned Swift honors as the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week. Swift's overall play earned him honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors in a league that featured many of the nation's top receivers.

Swift helped Nebraska rank in the top 10 nationally in passing offense in 2007. He played in all 12 games with eight starts and was third on the team with 36 receptions for 520 yards, an average of 14.4 yards per catch. He had five games with four or more catches and had at least one reception in 11 games. Swift produced his best game of 2007 at Texas with a season-high six catches for 112 yards and two touchdowns.

Swift played in all 14 games with starts against Kansas and Kansas State in 2006, and finished with 22 catches for 374 yards, an average of 17.0 yards per catch. He had a catch in each of the final 11 games, and had touchdown catches against Texas and Auburn.

Swift was impressive as a redshirt freshman in 2005, finishing as the team leader in receptions (45), receiving yardage (641) and receiving touchdowns (7). His numbers all set school freshman records and earned him honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors. His seven scoring receptions all came in the final six games, and at the time marked the most in a season for a Husker since Gerald Armstrong had seven in 1992. In Big 12 games, Swift averaged 5.3 catches and 76.3 yards per game to rank sixth in the conference.

Swift had the top three single-game reception efforts by a Husker freshman with three games of seven or more catches. His 135-yard receiving effort at Missouri represented a career high and the most receiving yards ever by a Husker freshman in a regular-season game. He also topped 100 yards a week later against Oklahoma. He was the first Husker with consecutive 100-yard receiving games since Irving Fryar in 1983. Swift added 109 yards and two touchdowns against Kansas State and capped the year with touchdowns against Colorado and Michigan. Swift redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

He graduated in December with a degree in construction management.

CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2004						Redshirt	
2005	12/6	45	641	14.2	53.4	34 vs. Kansas State	7
2006	14/2	22	374	17.0	26.7	49 vs. Troy	2
2007	12/8	36	520	14.4	43.3	35 at Texas	3
2008	13/13	63	941	14.9	72.4	67 at Oklahoma	10
Totals	51/29	166	2,476	14.9	48.5	67 at Oklahoma	22

Punt Returns: 28-352-1 total; 3-50-0 in 2006; 2-6-0 in 2007; 23-296-1 in 2008; long 88- Virginia Tech, 2008

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » Receptions—11 vs. Baylor, 2008
- » Receiving Yards—135 vs. Missouri, 2005
- » Long Reception—67 yards at Oklahoma, 2008
- » Touchdowns—2, five times



#89 HUNTER TEAFATILLER

TIGHT END ▶ 6-3 ▶ 240 ▶ 4 LETTERS
KINGSBURG, CALIF. (SAN JOAQUIN MEMORIAL)

Hunter Teafatiller was a contributor at tight end and on special teams throughout his Husker career, then moved into a role as a fullback as a senior. After lining up exclusively at tight end for his first three seasons, Teafatiller split time between the two positions in 2008.

Teafatiller played in 12 games in 2008, drawing starts against San Jose State and Missouri. He caught three passes for 27 yards, with all of the catches against New Mexico State, including a season-long 15-yard catch. He also netted five tackles on special teams, including three in the season finale against Colorado. He also continued in his role on kickoff returns and had a 16-yard return against Kansas.

Teafatiller played in the final 11 contests of the 2007 season as part of a deep tight end corps. He finished with four receptions for 34 yards, including a career-high three catches for 21 yards in a road victory at Wake Forest. He also contributed on special teams and had four kickoff returns for 37 yards. He played in all 14 games with starts against Texas and Missouri in 2006. While he caught only five passes for 78 yards, four of those receptions resulted in touchdowns.

Teafatiller played in each of the final seven games on the Huskers' punt return unit as a true freshman after sitting out the first half of the year. He also saw action on NU's kickoff return unit.

CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2005	7/0	0	0	0.0	0.0	None	0
2006	14/2	5	78	15.6	5.6	29 yards vs. La. Tech	4
2007	11/0	4	34	8.5	6.5	13 at Kansas	0
2008	12/2	3	27	9.0	2.2	15 vs. New Mexico State	0
Totals	44/4	12	139	11.6	3.2	29 yards vs. La. Tech	4

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » Receptions—3 at Wake Forest, 2007
- » Receiving Yards—29 vs. Louisiana Tech, 2006
- » Long Reception—29 yards vs. Louisiana Tech, 2006 (TD)



#97 DAN TITCHENER
PUNTER ▶ 6-0 ▶ 200 ▶ 3 LETTERS
CHEYENNE, WYO. (EAST)

HONORS & AWARDS

- » Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2006, 2007, 2008)
- » First-Team ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII (2008)
- » 2007 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » Three-Time Brook Berringer Citizenship Team (2006, 2007, 2008)

- » 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, 2008)

Dan Titchener handled Nebraska's punting chores for the third consecutive season in 2008. The Wyoming native was a solid performer throughout his career and excelled at pinning opponents deep in their own territory. Titchener placed 55 career punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line, enhancing Nebraska's field position.

As a senior, Titchener averaged 39.3 yards on 42 punts and placed 13 punts inside the 20-yard line. Titchener was at his best in the second half of the season, averaging better than 43 yards per punt in the final five regular-season games. He tied his career best with a 58-yard punt at Oklahoma, and allowed Big 12 opponents just 38 return yards in eight games, the third-fewest punt return yards in the Big 12.

Titchener also continued his academic success during his senior season. The accounting major earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors for the third straight season and was also a first-team ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District pick.

Originally a walk-on, Titchener earned a scholarship before the 2007 season and went on to a strong performance as a junior. He averaged 41.3 yards on 49 punts, an improvement of two yards over the previous season. He had at least one punt of 44 yards or more in 10 games, and placed 16 of his punts inside the 20-yard line, including five games with two or more downed inside the 20-yard line. Titchener's performance earned him honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades from the league coaches.

Titchener helped NU rank 24th nationally in net punting in 2006. His placed 26 punts inside the 20-yard line, and also forced 28 fair catches. He compiled a 39.3-yard average, with five punts of more than 50 yards, including a career-long 58-yarder at Oklahoma State. He set a Big 12 title game record with six punts inside the 20 against Oklahoma and placed at least three kicks inside the 20 on three other occasions. Titchener was a reserve in 2005, but did not play after redshirting in 2004.

He graduated with a degree in accounting in December of 2008.

CAREER STATISTICS

Punting							
Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Avg.	I20	Long	
2004		Redshirt					
2005	0/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	
2006	14/14	66	2,592	39.3	26	58 vs. Oklahoma State	
2007	12/12	49	2,023	41.3	16	52 at Texas	
2008	12/11	42	1,649	39.3	13	58 at Oklahoma	
Totals	38/37	157	6,264	39.9	55	58, twice	

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » Punts—8 vs. Kansas State, 2006, at Texas, 2007
- » Punting Yards—341 at Texas, 2007
- » Punting Average (min. 2 punts)—46.0 vs. Kansas, 2008 (2-92)
- » Long Punt—58 vs. Oklahoma State, 2006, at Oklahoma, 2008
- » Number of Career Punts of 50-Plus Yards—9, 5 in 2006, 2 in 2007, 2 in 2008
- » Most Punts Downed Inside 20-Yard Line—6 vs. Oklahoma, 2006



#37 JAKE WESCH
PK/PUNTER/HOLDER ▶ 6-1 ▶ 205 ▶ 4 LETTERS
NORTH BEND, NEB.

HONORS & AWARDS

- » Four-Time Brook Berringer Citizenship Team (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- » 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

Jake Wesch played a vital role on Nebraska's special teams throughout his career. The Nebraska native served as the starting holder for his final three seasons, helping the Huskers rank among the nation's best in that category, and he also served as a backup punter and place-kicker.

Wesch handled the holding duties in all 13 games, as sophomore place-kicker Alex Henery was 56-of-57 on extra points and 18-of-21 on field goal attempts. The field-goal unit capped the year with Henery's school-record 57-yard field goal against Colorado.

Wesch also punted in three games, putting one punt inside the 20-yard line against

Missouri, along with a career-best 55 yarder against Texas Tech and a 50-yarder at Iowa State. Wesch also connected on an eight-yard pass to tight end Mike McNeill on a fake field goal against Texas Tech, allowing NU to score a touchdown on the next play. He also executed a fake field goal pitch to Alex Henery for a first down late in the Kansas game.

Wesch's holding work in 2007 allowed Husker kickers to be perfect on PAT and field goal attempts for the first time in school history. Freshmen Alex Henery and Adi Kunalic combined to connect on all 46 extra-point tries and each of their combined nine field goals.

Wesch played in 11 games in 2006, and handled the majority of kickoffs beginning with the Texas game. He helped Nebraska rank 16th nationally in kickoff coverage, allowing just 17.9 yards per attempt. He also had three tackles, but made his biggest play of the season with his arm. Wesch pulled off a perfectly executed fake field-goal attempt at Kansas State with a 17-yard touchdown strike to tight end Hunter Teafatiller, giving NU a 7-0 first-quarter lead.

Wesch earned the starting nod as NU's kickoff specialist midway through 2005, and helped the Huskers rank among the Big 12 leaders in kickoff coverage. He also served as the back-up place-kicker. Wesch redshirted in 2004.

He earned his degree in communication studies in December of 2008.



#53 TYLER WORTMAN
LINEBACKER ▶ 6-3 ▶ 235 ▶ 2 LETTERS
GRAND ISLAND, NEB. (CENTRAL CATHOLIC)

HONORS & AWARDS

- » 2008 Second-Team ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-American
- » 2008 First-Team Academic All-District VII
- » Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2007, 2008)
- » 2008 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team

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

Linebacker Tyler Wortman worked his way into a leading role on the Nebraska defense in 2008. A walk-on performer, Wortman secured a starting role during spring football, then excelled late in the season after injuries took their toll on the Husker linebacking corps.

Wortman solidified the unit that helped the Nebraska defense rank second in the Big 12 in total defense, a year after finishing last in that category. Wortman was NU's top BUCK linebacker throughout the year and played in all 13 games, with six starts. He finished the season with 36 tackles, including 29 stops in the final five games.

Wortman made two tackles each against Western Michigan, Virginia Tech and Iowa State, then had a strong game against Oklahoma. He was second on the team in tackles with a career-high 11, and added a career-high three tackles for loss. His six-tackle effort against Kansas included a key seven-yard tackle for loss on a reverse in the fourth quarter. He added five tackles, including a tackle for loss, against Kansas State. Wortman had a first-quarter interception on Senior Day against Colorado, returning the pick eight yards to set up a field goal. He capped his career with four tackles against Clemson in the Gator Bowl.

Wortman excelled in the classroom throughout his college career. He carried a 3.958 cumulative grade-point average in mechanical engineering, and he was named an ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-Americans in 2008.

Wortman played in nine games in 2007, including each of the last eight contests, and made nine tackles. He also had three tackles for loss. Wortman was a key scout team performer, but did not see game action in 2005 or 2006. A walk-on athlete, Wortman redshirted in his first season in the program in 2004.

Wortman graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in December.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.			QB	
		UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry
2004		Redshirt									
2005		Did Not Play									
2006		Did Not Play									
2007	9/0	3	6	9	3-10	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2008	13/6	19	17	36	5-11	0.0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0
Totals	22/6	22	23	45	8-21	0.0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- » Tackles—11 at Oklahoma, 2008
- » Solo Tackles—4 at Kansas State, 2008
- » Tackles for Loss—3-3 at Oklahoma, 2008
- » Interception—1-8 vs. Colorado, 2008