

# CARL PELINI

| DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DEFENSIVE LINE | YOUNGSTOWN STATE (1989) |

Carl Pelini is in his second season on his younger brother's Nebraska coaching staff. In his first season as Nebraska's defensive coordinator and defensive line coach, Pelini helped the Huskers field one of the nation's most improved defensive units.

The Nebraska defense finished second in the Big 12 in total defense and ranked among the top 25 nationally in rushing defense. After creating 13 sacks in 2007, a re-energized Blackshirt defense had 35 sacks in 2008, third-best in the Big 12, including 19 in the final four games of the season. The Blackshirts also finished tops in the conference on third downs, allowing opposing teams to convert only 33.7 percent.

Defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh thrived under Pelini, leading the team and all Big 12 defensive linemen in tackles with 76. Suh also posted a team-high 19 tackles for loss, and led the team in sacks (7.5) and interceptions (2). For his performance Suh was a first-team All-Big 12 selection. Fellow defensive linemen Ty Steinkuhler and Zach Potter were honorable-mention All-Big 12 selections.

Pelini joined the NU staff after three seasons on Frank Solich's coaching staff at Ohio University. Pelini previously served as the Huskers' defensive graduate assistant in 2003, when Bo Pelini was the defensive coordinator. Carl Pelini worked with the defensive line, helping NU rank second nationally in scoring defense and takeaways and 11th in total defense.

Following his one season with the Huskers, Pelini spent 2004 as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Minnesota State Mankato, under head coach Jeff Jamrog, a former Husker player and assistant coach. Pelini helped the Mavericks to a 6-5 record after a winless season the previous year.

After one season in Mankato, Pelini was hired to coach the defensive line at Ohio University. He played a vital role in helping the Bobcats turn around their football program. The recent success in the Ohio program was highlighted by the 2006 season, when the Bobcats won the Mid-American Conference Eastern Division and played in the GMAC Bowl against Southern Miss. The nine victories by Ohio in 2006 marked the

most for the school since 1968, also the last time the school played in a bowl game.

The Bobcat defense ranked in the top 30 nationally in scoring and total defense in 2007. Pelini's defense played a key role in OU's overall success while also earning individual acclaim. In 2006, Pelini helped a pair of Bobcat defensive linemen to second-team all-league honors, marking the first time since 1996 the Ohio defensive line had multiple all-league players. While at Ohio, Pelini also coached a pair of players who earned honorable-mention freshman All-America honors.

Pelini was an accomplished high school coach prior to his first stint at Nebraska. He was the head coach at Fitch High School in Austintown, Ohio, from 2000 to 2002. Pelini rebuilt a program that had not had a winning season for eight years before his arrival, culminating with a 6-4 record in 2002. The school now boasts one of the top Division I programs in Northeast Ohio.

Pelini was also the head coach and athletic director at Winnetonka High School in Kansas City, Mo., from 1996 to 2000. He led the rebound of a program that had struggled prior to his arrival. Pelini's 1997 team finished 8-2 and he was named Suburban Conference Coach of the Year. Pelini also served as the defensive coordinator at Blue Valley High School in Overland Park, Kan.

Pelini played two seasons at Columbia University, before transferring to Youngstown State, where he completed his degree work in 1989. While working toward his bachelor's degree, Pelini was an assistant coach at his alma mater, Cardinal Mooney High School. He was a defensive graduate assistant on Bill Snyder's staff at Kansas State in 1989 and 1990, then served as a restricted earnings coach in 1991.

Pelini earned his bachelor's degree in English literature from Youngstown State in 1989. He added a master's degree in journalism from Kansas State in 1991 and a master's in education from Ohio State University in 1993.

Carl and his wife, Kelley, are the parents of three children, Nicole, Danielle and Dominic.



## NOTING PELINI

» **Born:** July 15, 1965

» **Family:** Wife, Kelley, Daughters, Nicole (14), Danielle (13); Son, Dominic (8)

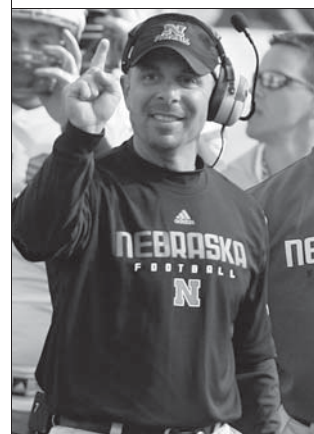
» **Education:** Bachelor's, English literature, Youngstown State, 1989; Master's in journalism, Kansas State, 1991; Master's in education, Ohio State, 1993.

» **Playing Experience:** 1983-84, Columbia

» **Coaching Experience:**  
Cardinal Mooney (Ohio) HS, 1987-88  
assistant coach  
Kansas State, 1989-90  
graduate assistant  
Kansas State, 1991  
restricted earnings coach  
Blue Valley (Kan.) HS, 1993-94  
assistant coach/  
defensive coordinator  
Winnetonka (Kan.) HS, 1995-99  
head coach/athletic director  
Fitch (Ohio) HS, 2000-02  
head coach  
Nebraska, 2003  
graduate assistant/defense  
Minnesota State, 2004  
assistant coach/defensive  
coordinator, secondary  
Ohio, 2005-07  
assistant coach/defensive line  
Nebraska, 2008-present  
assistant coach/defensive  
coordinator/defensive line



The Pelini family (from left): Dominic, Kelley, Nicole, Carl and Danielle.



# SHAWN WATSON

| OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS | SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (1982) |

Shawn Watson is in his fourth season at Nebraska and his third as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Watson has a proven track record as a successful offensive coordinator in the Big 12 Conference and has 27 years of college coaching experience, including three years as a head coach.

Watson's balanced attack in 2008 averaged 169.8 yards per game on the ground and 281.0 yards in the air, as the Huskers' 450.8 yards of total offense per game ranked 12th nationally. Nebraska also ranked in the top 20 nationally in passing offense and scoring offense, finished second nationally in time of possession and was in the top 20 in the country in third-down conversion percentage.

In 2008, senior quarterback Joe Ganz directed Watson's offense with precision and led an assault on the NU record book. Ganz set single-season school records for total yards with 3,826 and passing yards with 3,568. He threw for 25 touchdowns while completing 67.9 percent of his passes and gained 258 yards on the ground with five touchdowns, finishing his career with more than 20 Nebraska records.

Watson was promoted to offensive coordinator before the 2007 season and immediately impacted the Nebraska offense. In 2007, the Huskers threw for a school-record 3,886 yards, including the top three passing days in school history. The Nebraska offense ranked ninth nationally at 468.2 yards per game, NU's best average since 1997.

A pair of Watson's quarterbacks allowed Nebraska to rank seventh nationally in passing with a school-record 323.8 yards per game. Senior Sam Keller threw for 2,422 yards and 14 touchdowns in the first nine games before being injured. The NU offense did not miss a beat after Watson inserted Ganz into the starting role. The junior threw for more than 400 yards in each of the final three games, including school records of 510 yards and seven touchdowns in a victory over Kansas State.

In his first season at Nebraska, Watson coached the tight ends and was the recruiting coordinator. Among his proteges during his first year at Nebraska was Matt Herian, who finished his career with a Nebraska tight end record for receptions (65) and reception yardage (1,243).

Watson came to Nebraska after seven seasons on Gary Barnett's Colorado staff from 1999 to 2005, including the last six as offensive coordinator. Watson was on the staff of four Colorado teams that won the Big 12 North Division, including a conference title in 2001.

Under Watson, Colorado's offense showed its flexibility and the ability to adapt to the Buffs' offensive talent. Colorado ranked 20th nationally in total offense in 2001, and was only the third team in CU history to average both 200 yards rushing and passing. The 2003 Buffs featured a prolific passing attack, ranking 18th nationally at 279.3 yards per game.

Colorado's 2004 team produced a 1,000-yard rusher and a 2,000-yard passer for just the second time in school history. In 2005, Colorado quarterback Joel Klatt re-wrote the CU record book under Watson's guidance. Klatt finished his career as the holder of 44 school records, including career pass completions, attempts and passing yards.

Prior to Colorado, Watson worked for Barnett at Northwestern in 1997 and 1998, serving as quarterbacks coach for the Wildcats. Watson earned his spot at Northwestern following a three-year stint as the head coach at Southern Illinois, Watson's alma mater.

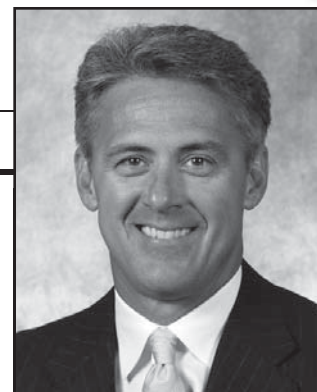
During his three years at the helm, SIU compiled an 11-22 record, and produced 20 all-conference players. Two of his standout players included Mark Gagliano, who led the nation in punting in 1996, and tight end Damon Jones, who was drafted in the fifth round by Jacksonville in the 1997 NFL Draft.

Watson was named the coach at Southern Illinois after an impressive seven-year run as an assistant coach at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. At Miami, Watson tutored the tight ends for three years, wide receivers for two years and served as quarterbacks coach and recruiting coordinator in his final two seasons.

Watson's first full-time assistant coaching job came on Mike White's Illinois staff. Watson first served as a graduate assistant in 1983 and 1984, then worked with the offensive tackles and tight ends in 1985, before serving as the Illini's wide receivers coach in 1986. Watson was a part of two bowl teams at Illinois, including the 1983 Rose Bowl team.

Watson began his collegiate playing career at Illinois in 1978, but transferred to Southern Illinois at Carbondale in 1979 and played two seasons with the Salukis as a safety. He earned a bachelor's degree from SIU in 1982, then served for one season as a graduate assistant with the Salukis in 1982.

Watson and his wife, Anita, have a daughter, Amber, and two sons, Aaron and Adam, a junior walk-on receiver for the Huskers.



## NOTING WATSON

» **Born:** Sept. 21, 1959, in Carbondale, Ill.

» **Family:** Wife, Anita; Daughter, Amber (28); Sons, Aaron (22) and Adam (20)

» **Education:** Bachelor's in health education, Southern Illinois at Carbondale, 1982

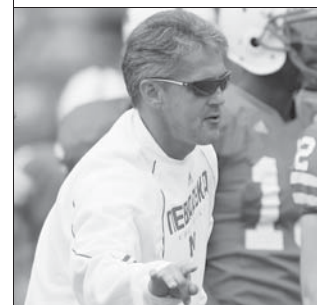
» **Playing Experience:** 1978, Illinois; 1980-81, Southern Illinois

### » **Coaching Experience:**

*Southern Illinois, 1982*  
graduate assistant coach  
*Illinois, 1983-84*  
graduate assistant coach  
*Illinois, 1985*  
assistant coach/tight ends and offensive tackles  
*Illinois, 1986*  
assistant coach/wide receivers  
*Miami (Ohio), 1987-89*  
assistant coach/wide receivers/tight ends  
*Miami (Ohio), 1990-93*  
assistant coach/quarterbacks, recruiting coordinator  
*Southern Illinois, 1994-96*  
head coach  
*Northwestern, 1997-98*  
assistant coach/quarterbacks  
*Colorado, 1999*  
assistant coach/quarterbacks  
*Colorado, 2000-05*  
assistant coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks  
*Nebraska, 2006*  
assistant coach/recruiting coordinator/tight ends  
*Nebraska, 2007-present*  
assistant coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks



The Watson family (from upper left): Aaron, Adam, Anita and Shawn. Not pictured: Amber.





# TIM BECK

| RUNNING BACKS | CENTRAL FLORIDA (1988) |

Tim Beck is in his second season on Coach Bo Pelini's Nebraska staff and serves as the Huskers' running backs coach. In his first season at Nebraska, Beck coached a prolific running game that averaged 169.8 yards per game, including three running backs who topped 450 rushing yards. Talented backs Roy Helu Jr. and Quentin Castille both return for their junior seasons in 2009.

Beck's coaching allowed Nebraska's running game to continue to improve throughout 2008. Nebraska had five games with more than 200 rushing yards in conference play, including a season-high 355 yards against Kansas State. In conference games, Nebraska ranked No. 3 in the Big 12 at 182.5 yards per game, tops in the North division.

Beck came to Nebraska with excellent knowledge of the conference after a three-year stint on Mark Mangino's coaching staff at Kansas. Beck was the Jayhawks' receivers coach each of his three seasons in Lawrence, and was promoted to pass game coordinator in February of 2007.

The Kansas passing game flourished under Beck's leadership. In 2007, Kansas featured one of the nation's most potent offenses, helping the Jayhawks to a 12-1 record and a No. 7 final national ranking. Kansas capped its season with a 24-21 victory over Virginia Tech in the FedEx Orange Bowl.

The Jayhawks finished the year ranked second nationally in scoring offense (42.8 ppg), eighth in total offense (479.8 ypg) and 17th in passing offense (291.0 ypg). Four Kansas players topped the 40-reception mark, led by senior receiver Marcus Henry, who caught 54 passes for 1,014 yards and 10 touchdowns to earn All-Big 12 honors. Junior Dexter Fields finished the year with a team-high 63 receptions, while freshman wideout Dezmon Briscoe and senior tight end Derek Fine also topped 40 receptions.

In 2006, five Jayhawk receivers caught at least 24 passes, led by Fields who snared a team-high 45 receptions. In 2005, Beck's receiving corps helped Kansas to a 7-5 record and a victory in the Fort Worth Bowl. Beck coached wide receiver Mark Simmons, who had a team-high 44 catches and finished his KU career as the school's all-time leader in receptions, while ranking second in career receiving yards.

Before joining the Jayhawks, Beck was one of the most respected high school coaches in the state of Texas, serving three seasons at

Summit High in Mansfield. He was the 2003 District Coach of the Year after leading Summit to its first-ever playoff appearance and district championship. In 2004, SHS advanced to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs with a 9-4 record and won its second straight District 4-5A title. The Jaguars finished the season with the top-ranked defense in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

Beck served as the head coach at R.L. Turner High in Carrollton, Texas, from 1999 to 2001. He led the school to back-to-back playoff appearances and consecutive winning seasons for the first time in 25 years. For his work, Beck was named the district coach of the year in 2000.

Prior to coaching in the Texas high school ranks, Beck worked at Missouri State for three seasons from 1996 to 1998, including one season as the offensive coordinator. In 1998, the MSU offense racked up 4,542 total yards—the fourth-best single-season mark in school history.

Beck was hired at Missouri State after leading Saguaro High School in Scottsdale, Ariz., to the 1995 4A state championship—the first state title in the school's 30-year history. Beck was named the regional coach of the year in 1994 after leading his team to an 8-3 record and a regional final appearance. In Beck's final two seasons at the school, Saguaro compiled a 23-4 record, compared to a 5-43 mark in the five seasons prior to his arrival. Among the standouts Beck coached at Saguaro was former Nebraska All-America safety Mike Brown.

The 43-year-old Beck first gained experience in the Big 12 Conference as a graduate assistant at Kansas State in 1991 and 1992 under Head Coach Bill Snyder. Beck worked on the KSU staff at the same time as Husker defensive coordinator Carl Pelini. Before his one season with the Wildcats, Beck coached the outside linebackers and punters at Illinois State in 1990. He worked in 1988 and 1989 as an assistant coach at Miramar High School in Miramar, Fla.

Beck is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and graduated from Cardinal Mooney High, the same high school that Bo and Carl Pelini attended. Beck was a standout in football, basketball and baseball at Cardinal Mooney.

Beck played at Central Florida and earned his bachelor's degree from UCF in 1988. He and his wife, Tamara have a son, Jordan, and a daughter, Haylie Marie.



## NOTING BECK

» **Born:** March 14, 1966

» **Family:** Wife, Tamara; Son, Jordan (12), Daughter, Haylie Marie (9)

» **Education:** Bachelor's, liberal studies, Central Florida, 1988

» **Playing Experience:** 1984-85, Central Florida

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*Miramar (Fla.) HS, 1988-89*  
 assistant coach  
*Illinois State, 1990*  
 assistant coach/  
 outside linebackers  
*Kansas State, 1991-92*  
 graduate assistant coach  
*Saguaro (Ariz.) HS, 1993-95*  
 head coach  
*Missouri State, 1996-98*  
 assistant coach/  
 offensive coordinator  
*R.L. Turner (Texas) HS, 1999-2001*  
 head coach  
*Mansfield Summit (Texas) HS, 2002-04*  
 head coach  
*Kansas, 2005-06*  
 assistant coach/wide receivers  
*Kansas, 2007*  
 assistant coach/  
 wide receivers/  
 pass game coordinator  
*Nebraska, 2008-present*  
 assistant coach/  
 running backs



The Beck family (from left): Haylie, Tamara, Tim and Jordan.



# RON BROWN

| TIGHT ENDS | BROWN (1979) |

Veteran college assistant Ron Brown re-joined the Nebraska coaching staff in 2008 and enters his second season as the Huskers' tight ends coach. The 2009 campaign will be Brown's 19th overall season as a Nebraska assistant after serving as an assistant for 17 seasons from 1987 to 2003 under Tom Osborne and Frank Solich.

In his first season back in the collegiate game, Brown assisted with an NU offense that finished 12th nationally in total offense. Sophomore tight end Mike McNeill set a Nebraska tight end season record with 32 receptions, including six touchdown grabs. Fellow sophomore Dreu Young averaged a team-leading 15.6 yards per catch while sharing time with McNeill.

Brown served as receivers coach for his entire first tenure with the Huskers and also tutored the tight ends during his first 16 seasons on the NU staff. During his first stint, the blocking of Brown's receivers played a key role in nine NU NCAA rushing titles. Brown was the most veteran member of Solich's final Nebraska coaching staff in 2003.

Brown and former Husker Stan Parker are co-founders and co-directors of a statewide Christian ministry called Mission Nebraska. This ministry stewards numerous Christian radio stations and translators across Nebraska, along with facilitating a host of other endeavors that are near to Brown's heart. One such passion was the several I CAN CAMPS that minister to low income children throughout Nebraska.

The 52-year-old Brown spent the four years prior to his return to coaching serving as the Nebraska State Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. While he relinquished that duty to return to the Cornhuskers, he continues as a regular columnist for FCA's National Magazine "Sharing the Victory." Brown also hosts a national weekly one-minute sports feature called, "I Got Jesus, Who You Got."

During his time away from coaching Brown also worked as an internet, television and radio college and high school analyst for ESPN and Sports Spectrum.

Through Mission Nebraska, Brown hosts a weekly statewide cable TV show called "Truth Vision." He has authored several books on Christian character and growth.

Brown has a heart for Christian men and boys to courageously lead

in the public square. He is an outspoken advocate on many issues, including adoption, abstinence and drug and alcohol education, race relations and anti-pornography, to name a few.

Although Brown enjoys wide respect for his work away from football, he is also nationally respected for his ability as an intense teacher on the gridiron. The Husker receivers under Brown were long known for their tenacity and downfield blocking.

Despite featuring a run-based attack from 1987 to 2003, Brown's receivers and tight ends also made their mark in the passing game. The receiving corps led the Big 12 in touchdown receptions three times during Brown's tenure.

Twenty-seven of Brown's former pupils have gone on to professional careers, including tight end Johnny Mitchell, the New York Jets' first-round pick in 1992; Tyrone Hughes, the two-time Pro Bowl selection with the New Orleans Saints; and tight end Sheldon Jackson, a second-team All-America selection and 1999 draft pick of the Buffalo Bills.

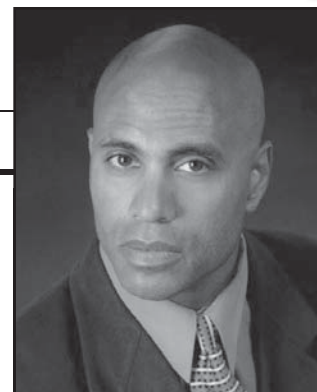
Brown has coached 35 academic all-conference players and two CoSIDA Academic All-Americans during his two tenures with the Huskers.

Brown originally joined Osborne's staff after four years of coaching at Brown University in Providence, R.I., from 1983 to 1986. Brown's first season was as the school's head freshman coach, while his last three seasons were spent as the defensive backfield coach. Brown also served as the assistant to the athletic director in 1986.

Brown was a two-time first-team All-Ivy League performer as a defensive back. He was selected to Brown University's All-Century team and the school's Sports Hall of Fame. Brown signed with three NFL teams as a free agent from 1979 to 1981.

Brown received his bachelor's degree from Brown in 1979, then earned his master's degree in health administration from Columbia University in 1982. He began his coaching career as a defensive coordinator for the semipro New Jersey Rams in 1982, before moving to his alma mater in 1983.

Brown is married to Molvina Carter and they have two daughters, Sojourner Elaine and Bronwyn Pearl.



## NOTING BROWN

» **Born:** Nov. 28, 1956, in New York City

» **Family:** Wife, Molvina Carter; Daughters, Sojourner (14), Bronwyn (11)

» **Education:** Martha's Vineyard High School in Oak Bluffs, Mass.; Brown, bachelor of arts in sociology, 1979; Columbia, master's in health administration, 1982

» **Playing Experience:** 1975-78, Brown University

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*New Jersey Rams, 1982*  
 defensive coordinator  
*Brown, 1983*  
 head freshman coach  
*Brown, 1984-86*  
 assistant coach/defensive backs  
*Nebraska, 1987-2002*  
 assistant coach/wide receivers/tight ends  
*Nebraska, 2003*  
 assistant coach/  
 wide receivers  
*Nebraska, 2008-present*  
 assistant coach/tight ends

» **Administrative Experience:**  
*Brown, 1986*  
 Assistant to the Athletic Director  
*Nebraska Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 2004-2007*  
 State Director





## BARNEY COTTON

| ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/OFFENSIVE LINE | NEBRASKA (1983) |

Barney Cotton is in his second season on Bo Pelini's staff as the offensive line coach. The Omaha native is in his third season overall as a Nebraska assistant, having previously served as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in 2003, a position Cotton has tutored for 20 years. Cotton also serves as Nebraska's associate head coach, assisting Head Coach Bo Pelini with a number of administrative issues.

Cotton helped the Nebraska offense post impressive numbers in 2008, as the Huskers finished among the top 20 nationally in total offense, scoring offense and passing offense. Senior offensive guard Matt Slauson was a second-team All-Big 12 pick under Cotton's guidance, while center Jacob Hickman was an honorable-mention pick by the coaches and tackle Lydon Murtha was named honorable-mention by the Associated Press. The O-line paved the way for the Husker running game to average 169.8 yards per game and scored 27 touchdowns, while protecting quarterback Joe Ganz as he threw for a single-season school-record 3,568 yards, and set the single-season school-record with 3,826 total yards.

In 2003, Cotton's offensive unit helped Nebraska to a 10-3 record and a victory over Michigan State in the Alamo Bowl. Nebraska ranked among the top 10 nationally in rushing offense and four Husker offensive linemen earned all-conference accolades.

Following his successful one-year stint with the Huskers, Cotton stayed in the Big 12 Conference, serving as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Iowa State. With the Cyclones, Cotton directed a potent ISU offensive attack led by quarterback Bret Meyer and record-setting receiver Todd Blythe.

In 2004, Cotton's offensive attack helped ISU to a late-season surge and a berth in the Independence Bowl where it defeated Miami (Ohio). The following season, Meyer and Blythe led ISU to a trip to the Houston Bowl as Meyer threw for 2,876 yards, the second-best total in school history, while Blythe averaged 19.6 yards per catch and topped 1,000 receiving yards. Center Scott Stephenson was a first-team All-Big 12 pick that year in his first season under Cotton.

Following his stint at ISU, Cotton served as a volunteer assistant coach at Ames High School in 2007, where he assisted with all aspects of the offense.

Before his four-year run as an offensive coordinator in the Big 12

Conference, Cotton spent the previous six seasons as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at New Mexico State on the staff of former Husker Tony Samuel.

Under Cotton's direction, the Aggie offense ranked in the top 25 nationally in total offense three times in six seasons—13th in 1998, 17th in 2000 and 23rd in 2002. NMSU ranked in the top 25 in rushing offense in each of Cotton's six seasons in Las Cruces, and six Aggie linemen earned all-conference accolades under Cotton's guidance.

In his final season at New Mexico State, Cotton's offense showed great diversity, rushing for 200 yards or more in eight games, while throwing for 200 or more yards four times. The Aggies led the Sun Belt Conference in passing efficiency, rushing offense and total offense in 2002, and finished No. 14 nationally in rushing offense at 214.5 yards per game.

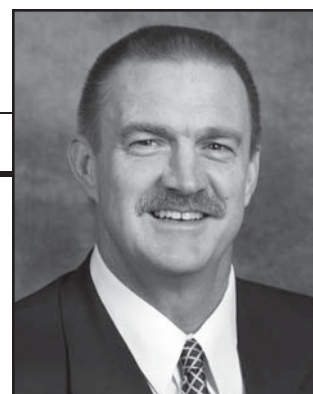
Cotton went to New Mexico State from Hastings College, where he was head coach in 1995 and 1996. In 1995, the Broncos won the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference Championship and made an appearance in the NAIA playoffs. Cotton was named the 1995 NIAC Coach of the Year.

Cotton spent six seasons as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at St. Cloud State (Minn.) from 1989 to 1994. In 1989, St. Cloud won the North Central Conference Championship and averaged more than 400 yards per game of total offense.

An all-state selection as a senior at Omaha Burke High School, Cotton played for Nebraska from 1975 to 1978. He played on the offensive line as a freshman and sophomore, then switched to defense where he started at tackle in 1977. Cotton moved back to offense for his senior season in 1978, where he earned second-team All-Big Eight honors as a guard on Osborne's Big Eight championship team.

Cotton played in the 1979 East-West Shrine Game, then was a third-round pick of the Cincinnati Bengals in 1979. After one season in Cincinnati, Cotton played three seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals from 1980 to 1982, before a knee injury forced his retirement.

Cotton earned a bachelor's degree from Nebraska in 1983 and a master's degree in athletic administration from St. Cloud State in 1994. Cotton and his wife, Christine, have three sons, Ben, Jake and Sam. Ben is a redshirt freshman tight end for the Huskers in 2009.



### NOTING COTTON

» **Born:** Sept. 30, 1956 in Omaha, Neb.

» **Family:** Wife, Christine; Sons, Ben (20), Jake (18) and Sam (15)

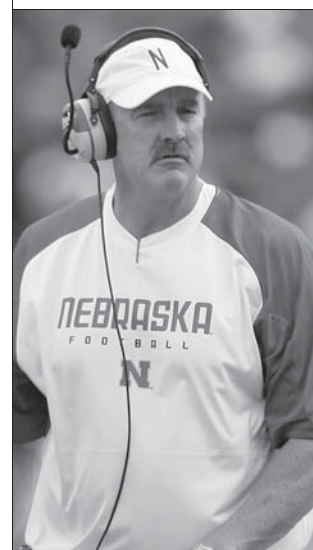
» **Education:** Bachelor of science, Nebraska, 1983; master's, athletic administration, St. Cloud State, 1994

» **Playing Experience:** 1975-78, Nebraska; 1979, Cincinnati Bengals; 1980-82, St. Louis Cardinals

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*St. Cloud State, 1989-94*  
 assistant coach/offensive coordinator, offensive line  
*Hastings College, 1995-96*  
 head coach  
*New Mexico State, 1997-2002*  
 assistant head coach/offensive coordinator, offensive line  
*Nebraska, 2003*  
 assistant coach/offensive coordinator, offensive line  
*Iowa State, 2004-06*  
 assistant coach/offensive coordinator, offensive line  
*Ames (Iowa) HS, 2007*  
 volunteer offensive assistant  
*Nebraska, 2008-present*  
 associate head coach/offensive line



The Cotton family (clockwise from left): Sam, Ben, Jake, Barney and Christine.



# MIKE EKELER

| LINEBACKERS | KANSAS STATE (1995) |

Mike Ekeler is in his second season on Coach Bo Pelini's Husker defensive staff. A native Nebraskan, Ekeler serves as Nebraska's linebackers coach.

In his first season with Nebraska, Ekeler molded a young linebacking corps that helped the Huskers rank second in the Big 12 in total defense in 2008, a dramatic improvement from 2007. Nebraska allowed 126 fewer yards per game than in 2008 and cut its rushing defense average nearly in half. The defensive accomplishments came despite the linebacking corps battling numerous injuries that forced Ekeler to use six different linebackers in the starting lineup throughout the year.

Ekeler joined the Nebraska staff after spending the previous four seasons working alongside Bo Pelini. Ekeler spent the 2005 and 2006 seasons as a graduate assistant coach at LSU, working with the Tiger defense. He then served as an intern for the LSU football team in 2007, helping the Tigers win the SEC and national titles, capped by a victory over Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game. The 2007 season marked the third time in five years Ekeler was part of a team that played in the BCS title game.

In each of Ekeler's three seasons assisting Pelini with the LSU defense, the Tigers finished third nationally in total defense. LSU finished the 2007 season with a 12-2 mark, after posting records of 11-2 in each of the previous two seasons. The Tigers were a perfect 3-0 in bowl games, winning the Peach Bowl in 2005, the Sugar Bowl following the 2006 campaign and the BCS National Championship Game in 2007.

In 2006, the LSU defense surrendered just 242.8 yards per game, the fewest by a Tiger defense since 1976. LSU led the SEC in six defensive categories and ranked in the top five nationally in four major categories. Tiger defenders Glenn Dorsey and LaRon Landry each earned first-team All-America honors.

LSU finished in the top 10 nationally in 2005 in all four major defensive categories and allowed less than 270 total yards per contest. A pair

of Tiger defensive tackles—Kyle Williams and Claude Wroten—each earned first-team All-America accolades.

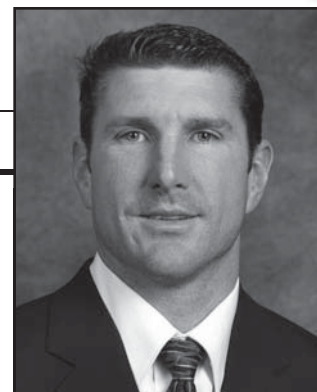
Ekeler spent the 2003 and 2004 seasons as a defensive graduate assistant at Oklahoma on Coach Bob Stoops' staff. In both of his seasons at OU, the Sooners participated in the national championship game and the Sooners posted a combined record of 24-3. In 2004, Ekeler worked alongside Bo Pelini, who served as the Sooners' co-defensive coordinator in OU's Big 12 title season.

The Blair (Neb.) High School graduate got his start in coaching, serving as a volunteer assistant at Omaha Skutt High School from 1999 to 2001. The following season, Ekeler served as an assistant coach at Manhattan (Kan.) High School, before moving into the college game. Prior to his stint in the high school ranks, Ekeler spent seven years in private business, owning a sales company based in Omaha.

Ekeler earned a reputation as a hard-nosed, fiery competitor during his playing days at Kansas State from 1991 to 1994. A four-year letterman, Ekeler was a linebacker and special teams standout for Coach Bill Snyder's teams, including the 1993 Copper Bowl and 1994 Aloha Bowl teams. Snyder appointed Ekeler as a captain in 1994, the only self-appointed captain during Snyder's 17 seasons as Wildcat head coach. His special teams play was noted as Ekeler was honored for his special teams play as the George Michael Sports Machine Special Teams Player of the Year. He also earned academic all-conference honors while at Kansas State.

Ekeler played a key role in Blair High School's 1988 Class B state championship as a junior wide receiver and linebacker.

Ekeler graduated from Kansas State in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in social science. He and his wife, Barbie, have four children, J.J., Cameryn, Abigail and Bella.



## NOTING EKELER

» **Born:** Oct. 4, 1971 in David City, Neb.

» **Family:** Wife, Barbie; Son, J.J. (8); Daughters, Cameryn (7), Abigail (5), Bella (1)

» **Education:** Bachelor's, social science, Kansas State, 1995

» **Playing Experience:** 1991-94, Kansas State

» **Coaching Experience:**  
Omaha (Neb.) Skutt HS, 1999-2001  
volunteer coach  
Manhattan (Kan.) HS, 2002  
assistant coach  
Oklahoma, 2003-04  
graduate assistant/defense  
LSU, 2005-06  
graduate assistant coach/defense  
LSU, 2007  
football intern  
Nebraska, 2008-present  
assistant coach/linebackers



The Ekeler family (from left): Mike, Abigail, Cameryn, J.J., Barbie and Bella.





## TED GILMORE

| ASSISTANT HEAD COACH-OFFENSE/WIDE RECEIVERS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR | WYOMING (1991) |

Ted Gilmore enters his fifth season on the Nebraska coaching staff in 2009. He has served as the receivers coach for each of his first four years, while also handling the role of recruiting coordinator the past three years. The 42-year-old Gilmore added the role of assistant head coach on Bo Pelini's staff.

Husker receivers have posted record-setting numbers under Gilmore's direction, helping the NU passing game rank among the nation's top 15 in passing and total offense each of the past two seasons. In 2008, senior Nate Swift broke 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers' school record for career receptions. Swift finished his career with 166 catches for 2,476 yards and 22 touchdowns. Swift also set the season record for catches by wide receivers with 63 in 2008 and he finished second at Nebraska in season and career receiving yards.

Todd Peterson also excelled under Gilmore, ranking among the NU top five in career receptions and receiving yards. His 62 catches in 2008 rank third in Husker history. Peterson also became one of the most decorated student-athletes in recent years, picking up second-team Academic All-America honors in 2008.

Gilmore is considered a rising star in the profession. In 2007, he was selected to participate in the Expert Coaches Academy in Miami, and his receivers have seen success at all of his coaching stops.

In 2007, the NU receivers were the catalyst behind an offense that ranked seventh nationally in passing and ninth in total offense, while producing the top three passing days in school history.

Seniors Terrence Nunn and Maurice Purify finished their eligibility as the No. 2 and No. 5 career receivers at Nebraska. Nunn finished with 136 career catches, just seven shy of Johnny Rodgers' then-school-record total, and also finished third in career receiving yardage. Purify caught 57 passes as a senior, the second-best total in school history, and finished his two-year NU career with 16 touchdowns to rank No. 3 on that career list. Purify earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors for his efforts in 2007.

Gilmore came to Nebraska after spending two seasons on the coaching staff at the University of Colorado, where he also served as receivers coach and worked on the same staff as NU offensive coordinator Shawn Watson. Gilmore guided D.J. Hackett and Derek McCoy, who

combined for 141 receptions, 1,896 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2003. Hackett set the school record with 78 receptions as a senior and was a first-team All-Big 12 selection before being taken in the 2004 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks. In 2004, Gilmore helped five Colorado wideouts catch 20 or more passes.

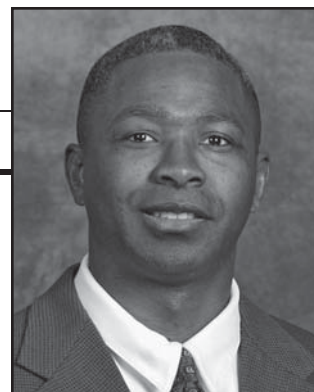
Before his stint in Boulder, Gilmore spent two years as the wide receivers coach for Joe Tiller at Purdue. Gilmore coached the top receiving tandem in the Big Ten in 2002, when Taylor Stubblefield and John Standeford combined for 152 receptions and 2,096 yards.

Stubblefield became the NCAA career leader with 316 receptions after catching at least one pass in all 47 collegiate games. He was a Biletnikoff Award finalist and consensus All-American in 2004, after scoring a school-record 14 touchdowns. Standeford finished his career as the all-time Big Ten leader with 266 receptions and 3,788 yards, and he was a semifinalist for the 2003 Biletnikoff Award, while also earning two first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America certificates.

Gilmore also had assistant coaching stints at Houston (2000), Kansas (1999) and his alma mater Wyoming (1997-98). He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant on Tiller's Wyoming staff from 1994 to 1996, working with the tight ends and wide receivers, including two-time All-American and Biletnikoff Award winner Marcus Harris. One of two All-WAC selections under Gilmore, along with Wendell Montgomery, Harris was the first receiver in NCAA history to record at least 1,400 receiving yards in three consecutive seasons. He won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top receiver in 1996 after setting the NCAA record with 4,518 receiving yards.

Gilmore played his final two college seasons at Wyoming, lettering as a receiver in 1988 and 1989, after transferring from Butler County (Kan.) Community College. He caught 40 passes for a team-leading 594 yards and three touchdowns as a junior, and had 32 receptions for 445 yards and two touchdowns as a senior. He earned second-team All-Western Athletic Conference honors as a senior. Gilmore earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Wyoming in 1991.

A native of Wichita, Kan., Gilmore graduated from Wichita South High School, where he lettered in football, basketball and track. He and his wife, Jennifer, have a daughter, Taylor, and a son, T.J.



### NOTING GILMORE

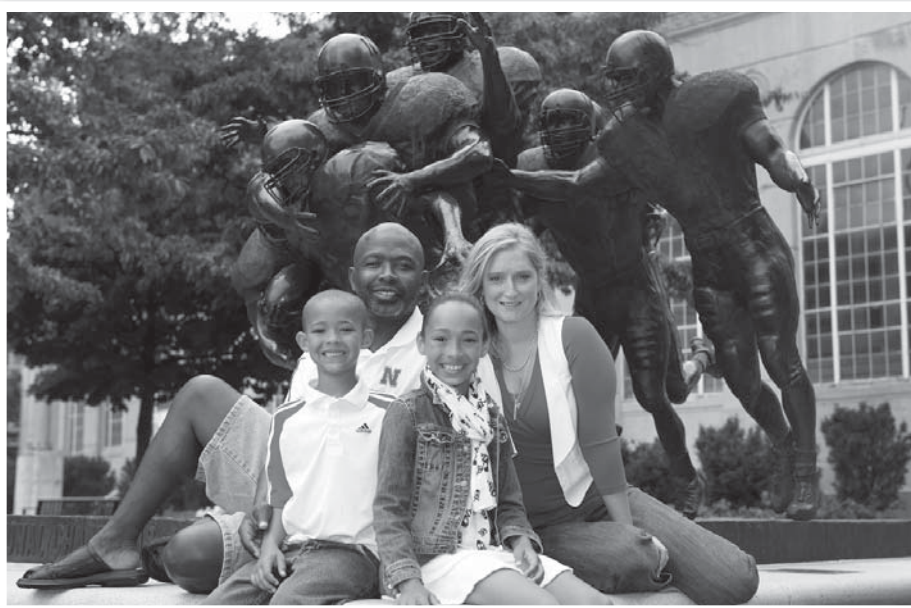
» **Born:** March 21, 1967, in Wichita, Kan.

» **Family:** Wife, Jennifer; Daughter, Taylor (9); Son, T.J. (6)

» **Education:** University of Wyoming, bachelor's, sociology, 1991

» **Playing Experience:** 1986-87, Butler County (Kan.) Community College; 1988-89, Wyoming

» **Coaching Experience:**  
 Wyoming, 1994-96  
     graduate assistant/receivers/  
     tight ends  
 Wyoming, 1997-98  
     assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Kansas, 1999  
     assistant coach/tight ends  
 Houston, 2000  
     assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Purdue, 2001-02  
     assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Colorado, 2003-04  
     assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Nebraska, 2005-06  
     assistant coach/wide receivers  
 Nebraska, 2007  
     assistant coach/wide receivers,  
     recruiting coordinator  
 Nebraska, 2008-present  
     assistant head coach/wide  
     receivers, recruiting coordinator



The Gilmore family (from top left): Ted, Jennifer, Taylor and T.J.



# JOHN PAPUCHIS

| DEFENSIVE ENDS | VIRGINIA TECH (2001) |

John Papuchis enters his second season on the Nebraska coaching staff. Papuchis tutors the Nebraska defensive ends and also plays a key role with the Husker special teams.

In his first year in Lincoln, Papuchis saw starting defensive ends Zach Potter and Pierre Allen combine for 26 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks, with Potter earning honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades. The defensive ends helped a Nebraska defense that finished second in the Big 12 in total defense.

The special teams unit had a banner year under Papuchis in 2008, headlined by place-kicker Alex Henery's school-record 57-yard game-winning field goal against Colorado. Henery finished the year 18-of-21 on field goals and missed just one extra point. He was chosen as a second-team All-Big 12 pick. The Huskers also ranked in the top 25 nationally in punt returns, and returned both a kickoff and punt for a touchdown in the same season for the first time since 1998.

Papuchis joined the Nebraska coaching staff after spending the previous four seasons on the football staff at LSU. Papuchis worked closely with Nebraska Head Coach Bo Pelini during their time together in Baton Rouge. Papuchis served as a defensive intern for the Tigers, assisting in every aspect of the defensive gameplan and scouting reports.

The efforts of Papuchis helped the Tigers rank among the nation's top defenses throughout his time with LSU. The Tigers ranked third nationally in total defense each season from 2005 to 2007. In 2007, the Tiger defense helped LSU to SEC and national titles, capped by a 38-24 victory over Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game.

The Tigers had a pair of consensus All-Americans in defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey and safety Craig Steltz. Dorsey was one of the nation's most decorated players, collecting the 2007 Outland Trophy, Lombardi Award and Nagurski Trophy.

In 2006, the LSU defense surrendered just 242.8 yards per game, the fewest by a Tiger defense team since 1976. LSU led the SEC in six defensive categories and ranked in the top five nationally in four major categories. LSU finished in the top 10 nationally in all four major defensive categories in 2005, and allowed less than 270 total yards per contest. Papuchis also coached the Tiger punters. In 2007, punter Patrick Fisher led the SEC in punting with a 44.5-yard average and earned first-team All-SEC honors.

Papuchis first joined Nick Saban's LSU staff prior to the 2004 season, helping the team earn a berth in the Capital One Bowl.

Papuchis had a three-year stint as a graduate assistant at Kansas from 2001 to 2003. In 2001, he worked with the Jayhawk secondary and then assisted with the linebackers. In his final season in Lawrence, Papuchis helped the Jayhawks earn a berth in the Tangerine Bowl.

Papuchis graduated from Virginia Tech in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in business management. He earned his master's degree in sports administration from Kansas in 2003.

Papuchis is a native of Gaithersburg, Md. He and his wife, Billie, have a one-year-old daughter, Addyson, and are expecting their second child in August.



## NOTING PAPUCHIS

» **Born:** April 23, 1978 in Gaithersburg, Md.

» **Family:** Wife, Billie; Daughter, Addyson (1)

» **Education:** Bachelor's, business management, Virginia Tech, 2001; master's, sports administration, Kansas, 2003

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*Kansas, 2001-03*  
 graduate assistant/defense  
*LSU, 2004-07*  
 defensive intern/  
 graduate assistant  
*Nebraska, 2008-present*  
 assistant coach/defensive ends



The Papuchis family (from left): John, Addyson and Billie.





## MARVIN SANDERS



| ASSISTANT HEAD COACH-DEFENSE/SECONDARY | NEBRASKA (1988) |

Former Nebraska defensive back and assistant coach Marvin Sanders is in his second season as the secondary coach on Bo Pelini's Cornhusker staff. Sanders has 16 years of experience in the college ranks, including previously serving as the NU defensive backs coach in 2003. In 2009, Sanders has added the title of assistant head coach-defense.

In 2008, Sanders developed a young Nebraska secondary that helped the Huskers rank second in the Big 12 Conference in total defense. In a loaded conference that included five of the nation's top eight passing offenses, the Husker secondary rose to the occasion, ranking second in the Big 12 in pass defense, allowing 233.4 yards per game. Seven Husker opponents in 2008 ranked in the nation's top 20 in passing offense. The play of the secondary did not go unnoticed, as Larry Asante was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 selection.

Sanders' first opportunity as a Nebraska assistant was a memorable season for the Blackshirts. NU set a school record with 47 takeaways in 2003, keying a 10-3 season, which culminated with a trip to the Alamo Bowl. The Blackshirt defense set a school and Big 12 record with 32 interceptions and led the nation in pass efficiency defense, while finishing second in the country in scoring defense. Safety Josh Bullocks recorded a school-record 10 interceptions and became just the second NU sophomore in school history to earn All-America honors. Bullocks was also a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award.

Following his one season with the Huskers, Sanders was an assistant for three seasons at North Carolina. In his first season at UNC, Sanders was the co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach and helped the Tar Heels reach the Continental Tire Bowl and post a 5-3 record in the Atlantic Coast Conference. UNC won three of its final four games, largely due to defensive improvement. The Tar Heels allowed 338 yards per game in the final four games, including just 234 against Duke, the fewest by a UNC defense in three years.

Sanders was defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach in his final two seasons with the Tar Heels. Carolina jumped more than 60 spots to 42nd nationally in total defense in 2005. The Tar Heels had several strong efforts, including holding Virginia to 199 total yards in a 7-5 victory. UNC also limited Boston College to just 14 points and held opponents to 280.4 yards per contest in its five victories. Carolina posted its highest sack total since 2000, and its highest interception total since 1999 under Sanders' leadership.

In 2006, one of Sanders' pupils, senior Kareen Taylor, intercepted five passes to rank fourth in the ACC and among the top 25 nationally in interceptions.

Sanders had an accomplished record as a collegiate assistant before he joined the Nebraska staff in 2003. He came to Lincoln after a two-year stint as the secondary coach on Sonny Lubick's Colorado State staff. The Rams posted a 17-9 record during Sanders' two seasons in Fort Collins. In 2002, CSU posted a 10-4 record and won the Mountain West title to earn a trip to the Liberty Bowl, while the Rams played in the New Orleans Bowl in 2001. Sanders coached defensive back Jason Gallimore to first-team all-league honors in 2001, while return specialist Dexter Wynn was a first-team pick in both 2001 and 2002.

Before his two seasons at CSU, Sanders spent one season at New Mexico State, where he coached defensive ends and outside linebackers for Head Coach Tony Samuel.

Sanders' first stint as an assistant coach in the state of Nebraska came from 1995 to 1999 when he spent five seasons on Pat Behrns' staff at Nebraska-Omaha. Sanders was the Mavericks' secondary coach for all five seasons and was the team's defensive coordinator for his final three years in Omaha. UNO won two North Central Conference titles and appeared in the NCAA Division II playoffs twice during Sanders' tenure. The UNO defense finished eighth nationally against the run in 1998 and set the school single-season sack record in 1999.

A native of Markham, Ill., a Chicago suburb, Sanders was the secondary coach at Minnesota-Morris in 1994, where he also served as sports information director. Sanders coached at Nebraska Wesleyan in 1992 and 1993.

Sanders earned three letters as a defensive back at Nebraska from 1987 to 1989, playing for Tom Osborne and secondary coach George Darlington. Sanders started the first seven games of his senior season at free safety, before suffering a shoulder injury. Sanders finished 1989 with 26 tackles and two interceptions in nine games and earned honorable-mention All-Big Eight honors for the Fiesta Bowl squad.

Sanders received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Nebraska in 1990. He is married to the former Susan M. Hyland of Omaha. They have a daughter, Chandler Marie, and a son, Payton.



### NOTING SANDERS

» **Born:** Oct. 2, 1967 in Chicago, Ill.

» **Family:** Wife, Susan; Daughter, Chandler Marie (17); Son, Payton (13)

» **Education:** Bachelor's, business administration, Nebraska, 1990

» **Playing Experience:** 1985-89, Nebraska

» **Coaching Experience:**  
*Nebraska Wesleyan, 1992-93*  
 assistant coach/secondary  
*Minnesota-Morris, 1994*  
 assistant coach/secondary,  
 sports information director  
*Nebraska-Omaha, 1995-96*  
 assistant coach/secondary  
*Nebraska-Omaha, 1997-99*  
 assistant coach/  
 defensive coordinator  
*New Mexico State, 2000*  
 assistant coach/defensive ends,  
 outside linebackers  
*Colorado State, 2001-02*  
 assistant coach/secondary  
*Nebraska, 2003*  
 assistant coach/defensive backs  
*North Carolina, 2004-06*  
 assistant coach/defensive  
 coordinator, defensive backs  
*Nebraska, 2008*  
 assistant coach/secondary  
*Nebraska, 2009-present*  
 assistant head coach-defense/  
 secondary



The Sanders family (clockwise from top left): Susan, Chandler Marie, Marvin and Payton.



# JEFF JAMROG

| ASSISTANT A.D. FOR FOOTBALL | NEBRASKA (1987) |

Former Nebraska player and assistant coach Jeff Jamrog is in his second year as the Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations for the Husker program. Jamrog re-joined Coach Bo Pelini's Nebraska staff after four seasons as a collegiate head coach.

In his role, Jamrog is key in the administrative aspects of the football program and serves as a liaison with other parts of the athletic department. He works closely with Pelini and Athletic Director Tom Osborne on all football operations, and assists with the Huskers' recruiting efforts.

Jamrog also coordinates the travel, budget and staffing for the football office, assists with football scheduling, oversees the compliance, strength training, equipment and academic support units regarding football issues and also supervises football support staffs. He is also the driving force behind the organization of Nebraska's football coaches clinics and youth camps.

Jamrog returned to Nebraska after spending four seasons as the head coach at Minnesota State-Mankato. The 44-year-old Jamrog guided his Maverick teams to a 17-27 overall record, including a 6-5 mark in 2004—the program's first winning season since 1994. The team boasted a six-game improvement in victories, which was not only a school record but tied for the fifth-largest single-season jump in NCAA Division II history.

The Maverick players coached by Jamrog also distinguished themselves in the classroom. Defensive lineman Spencer Dickinson earned a spot on the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America team in both 2006 and 2007. While leading the Maverick program, Jamrog handled many of the duties he encounters on a daily basis with the Huskers.

His four-year run at Minnesota State came after a brief stint as the defensive coordinator at Western Illinois University in the spring of 2004. Prior to that appointment, Jamrog had spent the previous four seasons as the defensive line coach on Frank Solich's staff at Nebraska.

Jamrog tutored the Huskers' interior defensive linemen in each of his four years on the defensive staff. In his final season, Jamrog also

coached the defensive ends and was named special teams coordinator for the 2003 Huskers. During his time with the Huskers, Jamrog helped Nebraska play for the national championship in the Rose Bowl following the 2001 season, along with two trips to the Alamo Bowl (2000, 2003) and an appearance in the Independence Bowl (2002).

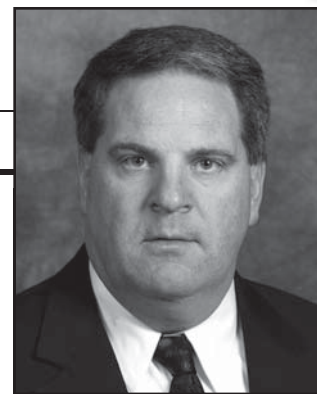
The 2003 Nebraska defense led the country in takeaways, while ranking second nationally in scoring defense. Jamrog's special teams units were also among the nation's best totaling 21 blocked kicks and 11 punt returns for touchdowns in four years. With Jamrog as special teams coordinator in 2003, Nebraska led the Big 12 and ranked ninth nationally in net punting.

Before his first tenure on the Nebraska coaching staff, Jamrog spent three years as defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach at New Mexico State. He helped Head Coach Tony Samuel turn around a program that had just two winning seasons in the previous 31 years.

Jamrog served as the defensive coordinator at Nebraska-Omaha from 1994 to 1996, and helped the Mavs to the 1996 North Central Conference title—the first outright title in school history. UNO earned a No. 4 national ranking, and improved by seven wins over 1995, the second-largest turnaround in Division II history. Jamrog was the inside linebackers coach and special teams coordinator at the University of South Dakota from 1990 to 1993. He began his coaching career at Nebraska in 1988 and 1989 as a graduate assistant.

Originally a walk-on for the Huskers, Jamrog played for the freshman team in 1983, redshirted in 1984, then lettered for three years as a defensive end. As a senior, Jamrog started and had 66 tackles, eight sacks and 13 tackles for loss. Jamrog was a CoSIDA first-team Academic All-American in 1987 and was an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient. He was also the winner of the 1987 Guy Chamberlin Trophy.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Nebraska in 1987 and his master's in business administration in 1990. Jamrog and his wife, Connie, have three children -- Elizabeth, Brett and Jared.



## NOTING JAMROG

» **Born:** Feb. 4, 1965, in Omaha, Neb.

» **Family:** Wife, Connie; Daughter, Elizabeth (18); Sons, Brett (16) and Jared (14).

» **Education:** Bachelor's, business administration, Nebraska, 1987; master's, business administration, Nebraska, 1990

» **Playing Experience:** 1983-87, Nebraska

» **Coaching Experience:** Nebraska, 1988-89

graduate assistant coach

South Dakota, 1990-93

assistant coach/inside linebackers, special teams, academic coordinator

Nebraska-Omaha, 1994-96

assistant coach/defensive coordinator, defensive line, inside linebackers

New Mexico State, 1997-99

assistant coach/defensive coordinator, inside linebackers

Nebraska, 2000-02

assistant coach/defensive line/special teams

Nebraska, 2003

assistant coach/defensive line, defensive ends, special teams coordinator

Minnesota State, 2004-07

head coach

» **Administrative Experience:** Nebraska, 2008

Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations



The Jamrog family (clockwise from left): Connie, Brett, Elizabeth, Jared and Jeff.





# JAMES DOBSON

| HEAD FOOTBALL STRENGTH COACH | WISCONSIN (1996) |

James Dobson joined the Nebraska football staff in January 2008 as Head Football Strength Coach. He oversees all aspects of the Husker strength and conditioning program for football, which includes, winter conditioning, summer workouts and in-season training.

In Dobson's first season directing Nebraska's strength and conditioning efforts, the Huskers saw gains both on and off the field. Outstanding conditioning was a key factor in NU outscoring its opponents 155-52 in the fourth quarter in 2008. Nebraska's point total and scoring differential in the fourth quarter were both second-best in the nation.

Prior to Nebraska, Dobson was part of the Iowa Hawkeye football program. He was in Iowa City during one of the most successful periods in school history. Iowa appeared in bowl games in six of seven seasons and won 38 games from 2002 to 2005. Iowa won 25 Big Ten games in that same period, including Big Ten titles in 2002 and 2004.

With the Hawkeye program, Dobson worked under Chris Doyle, who is regarded as one of the nation's top strength coaches. Top pupils Dobson has worked with include safety Bob Sanders, tight end Dallas Clark, offensive tackle Robert Gallery and linebacker Chad Greenway.

Sanders earned All-America honors at Iowa in 2003, and was the 2007 NFL Defensive Player of the Year with the Indianapolis Colts. Clark began his Hawkeye career as a walk-on linebacker, but moved to tight end and

went on to earn All-America honors in 2002, before being a first-round draft pick. Gallery came to Iowa as a 240-pound tight end, and through the strength program, he left as a 320-pound offensive tackle, won the 2003 Outland Trophy and was the second overall selection in the 2004 draft. Greenway earned All-America honors as a senior in 2005, and was a first-round pick of the Minnesota Vikings in 2006.

In addition to his experience at Iowa, Dobson worked for two years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Southern Methodist, working with the football, volleyball and basketball teams.

Dobson attended the University of Wisconsin, where he worked as a student assistant with the Badger football team for three seasons. He earned his B.S. degree in kinesiology from Wisconsin in 1996, and his master's of science and administration degree from Central Michigan in 2004.

A certified strength and conditioning specialist and a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, Dobson is a native of Mt. Horeb, Wis. He and his wife, Rebecca, have a son, Colton, and a daughter, Elise.



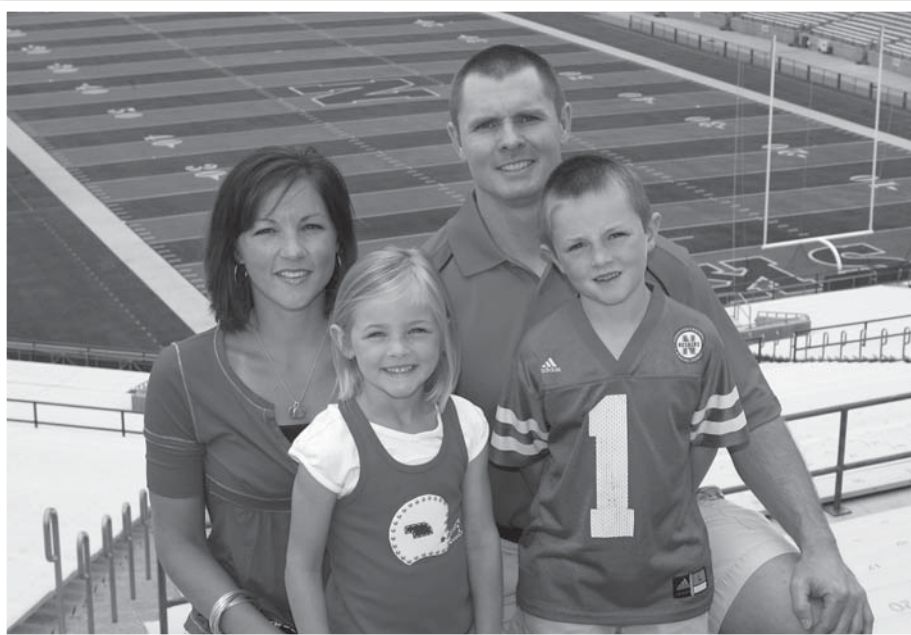
## NOTING DOBSON

» **Born:** Nov. 8, 1973 in Madison, Wis.

» **Family:** Wife, Rebecca; Son, Colton, Daughter, Elise

» **Education:** Bachelor's, kinesiology, Wisconsin, 1996; master's, science and administration, Central Michigan, 2004

» **Strength Coaching Experience:**  
Wisconsin, 1994-96  
Student assistant  
SMU, 1997-98  
Assistant Strength Coach  
Iowa, 1999-2007  
Assistant Strength Coach  
Nebraska, 2008-present  
Strength Coach



The Dobson family (from left): Rebecca, Elise, James and Colton.

