

ALPHABETICAL LISTING

<i>Name</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>High School/Junior College</i>
Jason Ankrah	DE	6-4	250	Gaithersburg, Md.	Quince Orchard HS
Nick Ash	OL	6-5	270	Keller, Texas	Keller HS
Antonio Bell*	WR	6-2	180	Daytona Beach, Fla.	Mainland HS
Rex Burkhead	RB	5-11	200	Plano, Texas	Plano HS
Jesse Coffey	OL	6-7	300	Denton, Texas	Guyer HS
Dejon Gomes**	DB	6-0	190	Hayward, Calif.	Logan HS/City College of San Francisco
Andrew Green	DB	6-0	175	San Antonio, Texas	James Madison HS
Cody Green*	QB	6-4	220	Dayton, Texas	Dayton HS
J.T. Kerr	TE	6-4	245	San Diego, Calif.	Scripps Ranch HS
Brandon Kinnie	WR	6-3	215	Kansas City, Mo.	Grandview (Mo.) HS/Fort Scott (Kan.) CC
Eric Martin	LB	6-2	215	Moreno Valley, Calif.	Rancho Verde HS
Taylor Martinez	ATH	6-1	185	Corona, Calif.	Centennial HS
Lazarri Middleton	DB	6-1	175	Long Beach, Calif.	Polytechnic HS
Cole Pensick	DL	6-2	250	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Northeast HS
Brent Qvale	OL	6-7	330	Williston, N.D.	Williston HS
Thaddeus Randle	DL	6-1	260	Galena Park, Texas	North Shore HS
Dontrayevous Robinson	RB	6-1	215	Eules, Texas	Eules Trinity HS
Jeremiah Sirles	OL	6-6	310	Lakewood, Colo.	Bear Creek HS
Dijon Washington	DB	6-0	175	Lawndale, Calif.	Leuzinger HS
Chris Williams	LB	6-0	220	Abilene, Texas	Abilene HS
C.J. Zimmerer	RB	6-0	220	Omaha, Neb.	Omaha Gross HS

*-Enrolled at Nebraska in January; **-Indicates mid-year signee; Bios for Bell, Gomes and Green can be found in the returning player section after practicing with the Huskers during spring ball.

CLASS BREAKDOWN:

Total: 21; Freshmen: 19; Junior College Transfers: 2

By State: **Texas (8):** Ash (Keller), Burkhead (Plano), Coffey (Denton), A. Green (San Antonio), C. Green (Dayton), Randle (Galena Park), Robinson (Eules), Williams (Abilene); **California (6):** Gomes (Hayward), Kerr (San Diego), Martin (Moreno Valley), Martinez (Corona), Middleton (Long Beach), Washington (Lawndale); **Nebraska (2):** Pensick (Lincoln), Zimmerer (Omaha); **Colorado (1):** Sirles (Lakewood); **Florida (1):** Bell (Daytona Beach); **Maryland (1):** Ankrah (Gaithersburg); **Missouri (1):** Kinnie (Kansas City); **North Dakota (1):** Qvale (Williston)

BY POSITION (FIRST POSITION LISTED):

Offense (11): QB-C. Green; RB-Burkhead, Robinson, Zimmerer; WR-Bell, Kinnie; TE-Kerr; OL-Ash, Coffey, Qvale, Sirles

Defense (9): DL-Ankrah, Pensick, Randle; LB-Martin, Williams; DB-Gomes, A. Green, Middleton, Washington

Athlete (1): Martinez

WALK-ON STUDENT ATHLETES

The following student-athletes have accepted admission to the University of Nebraska and plan to join the Husker football program as walk-ons in the fall.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Ht.</i>	<i>Wt.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>High School</i>
Robert Barry	TE	6-8	220	Battle Creek, Neb.	Battle Creek HS
Brandon Chapek	OL	6-5	325	Wahoo, Neb.	Bishop Neumann HS
Tyson Clark	WR	6-4	190	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln East HS
Tyler Daake	P/PK	5-2	195	Norfolk, Neb.	Norfolk Catholic HS
Nick Failla	WR	5-10	175	Omaha, Neb.	Millard North HS
Mitch Hron	LB	6-2	220	Schuyler, Neb.	Schuyler HS
Seth Jameson	S	6-1	180	Southlake, Texas	Southlake Carroll HS
Dwight Jones	OL	6-4	245	Gretna, Neb.	Gretna HS
Colin Kanne	DT	6-4	250	Omaha, Neb.	Millard West HS
Ron Kellogg Jr.	QB	6-1	215	Omaha, Neb.	Westside HS
Ty Kildow	WR	5-7	165	Omaha, Neb.	Millard South HS
Adam Kuhl	LS	6-2	270	Maple Valley, Iowa	Maple Valley Community HS
Tyrone Lewis	LB	6-2	195	Lincoln, Neb.	North Star HS
Jake Long	TE	6-4	220	Elkhorn, Neb.	Elkhorn HS
Spencer Long	DE	6-4	250	Elkhorn, Neb.	Elkhorn HS
P.J. Mangieri	LS	6-4	250	Peoria, Ill.	Dunlap HS
Brodrick Nickens	OL	6-5	285	Alliance, Neb.	Alliance HS
Devin Paulsen	LB	6-2	210	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Christian HS
Wil Richards	DB	5-11	195	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit West HS
Colby Starkebaum	LB	6-1	195	Sterling, Colo.	Sterling HS
Brett Wells	TE	6-4	190	St. Paul, Neb.	St. Paul HS

JASON ANKRAH

DEFENSIVE END | 6-4 | 250 | FR.
GAITHERSBURG, MD.
(QUINCE ORCHARD)



Defensive end Jason Ankrah was one of the top prospects on the East Coast and one of the nation's top defensive end recruits. Ankrah comes to Nebraska from Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg, Md., where he starred for Coach Dave Mencarini. Ankrah is just the second Husker signee from Maryland since 1990, joining senior defensive lineman David Harvey (La Plata) who signed with Nebraska in 2005. The 6-4, 250-pound Ankrah was a disruptive force from his defensive end position. He totaled 55 tackles as a senior, including 42 unassisted stops, 14 tackles for loss, seven sacks and 19 quarterback hurries. His play helped Quince Orchard to a 10-2 record in 2008 and a trip to the Maryland 4A West Regional Final. Ankrah was a first-team all-state pick, was an All-Met selection by the Washington Post and was also named to the All-Gazette (Gaithersburg) first team. Ankrah played in the first annual Maryland Crab Bowl, pitting the top players in Maryland against D.C. area standouts. He finished the contest with 1.5 tackles for loss. Ankrah also posted impressive numbers as a junior with more than 50 tackles and five sacks. His play was a significant factor in Quince Orchard's perfect 14-0 record and class 4A state championship, and he earned first-team All-Sentinel as an offensive lineman. Ankrah was listed among the top 10 defensive end prospects in the country by Rivals.com and among the top five recruits in Maryland by that service. He was also listed among the top 250 overall prospects in the country by Rivals. Ankrah is from the same high school as Nebraska assistant coach John Papuchis. He also visited Michigan and Maryland, and also considered Virginia Tech and Clemson. Ankrah is the son of Kofi and Nanu Ankrah and was born on Feb. 26, 1991.

NICK ASH

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 270 | FR.
KELLER, TEXAS



Nick Ash is a key part of an impressive group of offensive linemen in the 2009 Nebraska recruiting class. Ash is one of four players in the class who are expected to begin their Husker careers on the offensive line. The Keller, Texas, native is also one of eight players in the class from the Lone Star State. Ash was a first-team all-district pick for Coach Kevin Atkinson and Class 5A Keller High School in 2008, while also earning second-team all-area honors from the Dallas Morning News. He helped his team to a 7-3 record in 2008, and the Indians narrowly missed out on a state playoff appearance and improved by three wins over the 2007 season. Ash helped a Keller offense that averaged nearly 30 points per game and he allowed just one sack on the season. Ash played tackle during his senior season, switching from offensive guard as a junior, when he was an honorable-mention all-district pick. Ash was ranked among the top 100 overall players in the state of Texas by both Rivals.com and SuperPrep Magazine and is listed among the top 30 offensive guards in the country by Rivals.com. Ash also ranked among the top 40 Dallas area prospects by the Dallas Morning News, and among the top 100 recruits in the state by that newspaper. In addition to his on-field accolades, Ash was also an honorable-mention academic all-state pick by the Texas High School Coaches Association. He selected Nebraska over Kansas, Purdue, Texas Tech, Arizona, Vanderbilt and TCU to name a few, but only visited Nebraska. Ash is the son of Kent and LeAnn Ash, and was born on Oct. 29, 1990.

REX BURKHEAD

RUNNING BACK | 5-11 | 200 | FR.
PLANO, TEXAS



Rex Burkhead is one of two talented running back prospects from the state of Texas in Nebraska's 2009 recruiting class. Burkhead was a standout performer for Plano High School and Coach Jaydon McCullough. Burkhead is one of eight players from Texas in the recruiting class, including fellow running back recruit Dontrayevous Robinson of Euless Trinity High School. Burkhead helped Plano to a 10-2 record and the second round of the Class 5A state playoffs in 2008. The 5-11, 200-pound speedster rushed for 1,762 yards and 28 touchdowns, while averaging nearly seven yards per carry. He also caught 42 passes for 594 yards and five touchdowns out of the backfield and was a threat as a kickoff and punt returner. Burkhead was honored for his efforts as a senior, being named a first-team Class 5A all-state selection by the Associated Press. He was also named the Dallas Morning News' All-Area Offensive Player of the Year. Recent winners of that award have

included Graham Harrell, Chase Daniel and Matthew Stafford. The Morning News listed him among the top 25 prospects in the Dallas Metroplex and as one of the top 30 recruits in the state. He was also named to the Austin American Statesman's Feb 55 List of the top players in Texas. Burkhead's performance as a senior was the culmination of an outstanding high school career. During his junior season, Burkhead rushed for 1,768 yards and 29 touchdowns and caught 47 passes out of the backfield. His play helped Plano to a 13-2 record and a trip to the 5A state semifinals. Burkhead was an honorable-mention 5A all-state selection for his efforts as a junior. Burkhead burst onto the scene as a sophomore when he ran for more than 1,000 yards and eight touchdowns and also passed for more than 600 yards. For his efforts, Burkhead was named the 2006 District 9-5A Offensive Newcomer of the Year. Burkhead was ranked among the top 250 overall prospects in the country by Rivals.com and was listed among that service's top 10 all-purpose backs. He was also regarded as one of the top 40 prospects in Texas by Rivals.com and SuperPrep Magazine. Burkhead was also a basketball standout for Plano High School, earning first-team all-district honors as a junior and senior. He averaged 15.1 points, 5.2 rebounds and 2.6 assists as a senior and was part of a Class 5A state title in 2006. Burkhead chose Nebraska after also visiting Texas A&M, and receiving offers from dozens of other BCS schools. Burkhead was born on July 2, 1990, and is the son of Rick and Robyn Burkhead.

JESSE COFFEY

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-7 | 300 | FR.
DENTON, TEXAS
(GUYER)



Texas native Jesse Coffey helps form an imposing group of offensive line prospects in Nebraska's 2009 recruiting class. Coffey is one of four offensive linemen in the class, all of whom stand at least 6-5 and weigh at least 260 pounds. Coffey is also one of eight recruits to join the Nebraska program from the state of Texas. Coffey earned honorable-mention Associated Press Class 4A all-state honors for Coach John Walsh at Denton's Guyer High School and was a first-team all-area selection by the Dallas Morning News. He was a key part of Guyer's 12-3 record and 4A state semifinal appearance in just the school's third year of varsity football. A three-year starter, Coffey graded out above 90 percent during the 2008 season and recorded more than 50 pancake blocks. Coffey's play helped Guyer make a dramatic turnaround from the 2007 season when it won just one game. Despite the lack of team success, Coffey was noticed by schools around the country, and chose Nebraska over numerous offers including Kansas and Texas A&M. Coffey only visited Nebraska and committed to the Huskers after attending camp in Lincoln last summer. Coffey was listed No. 35 on the Dallas Morning News' list of top players in the area. He was ranked as one of the top 60 offensive tackle prospects in the nation by both Rivals.com and Scout.com. He was also listed among the top 100 overall prospects in the Lone Star State by SuperPrep. He was a standout in the classroom, as he carried a 5.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale, and tied for first in his class. Coffey is the son of Allen and Amy Coffey and was born on Oct. 6, 1990.

ANDREW GREEN

DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-0 | 175 | FR.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
(JAMES MADISON)



Andrew Green is one of eight native Texans in Nebraska's 2009 signing class. The San Antonio product is also a key part of a strong group of secondary recruits joining the Nebraska program. Green starred at James Madison High School, where he helped Coach Jim Streety's team to a 9-3 record and a trip to the second round of the Class 5A state playoffs. Green amassed 56 tackles, while adding 10 pass breakups and a fumble recovery and earned second-team all-area honors from the San Antonio Express-News. Green also returned kicks for Madison and was a first-team all-district pick for his efforts on special teams. Green dominated in the secondary as a junior, when he picked off five passes and recorded eight pass breakups, while also making 70 tackles. Green also rushed for nearly 700 yards and six touchdowns as a junior and was a second-team all-district pick. His play during his junior season helped Madison to the Class 5A state semifinals. Rivals.com listed Green among the top 45 cornerback prospects and among the nation's most physical prospects at the position. He was listed among the top 75 overall in the state of Texas by Rivals, SuperPrep and the Dallas Morning News. Green chose Nebraska over Big 12 rivals Oklahoma, Missouri, Oklahoma State, Colorado, Baylor and Iowa State. He is the son of Tony and Charlar Green and was born on Aug. 21, 1991. Green's father, Tony, played collegiately at Baylor from 1975 to 1978. His uncle, Gary, also played for the Bears and went on to play nine seasons in the NFL as a cornerback, including four seasons as a Pro Bowler.



J.T. KERR
TIGHT END | 6-4 | 245 | FR.
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.
(SCRIPPS RANCH)



Tight end J.T. Kerr is part of a strong contingent of Californians in Nebraska's 2009 recruiting class. A San Diego native, Kerr is one of six Californians to sign with the Huskers. Kerr was limited as a senior because of an injury, but was still a factor in the passing game for Scripps Ranch High and Coach Sergio Diaz. The 6-4, 245-pound Kerr caught 21 passes for 294 yards and three touchdowns, while controlling the line of scrimmage as a blocker. His play helped Scripps Ranch to an 8-4 record and a trip to the second round of the state playoffs. Kerr spent his junior season at Fallbrook High School, where he caught 12 passes for 146 yards and a touchdown. Despite changing schools, Kerr drew the attention of recruiting analysts around the country. He was ranked among the top 40 tight ends in the country by both Rivals.com and Scout.com and was listed among the top 75 players in California by Rivals.com and among the top 100 players in the state by SuperPrep. Kerr was also named to the San Diego Union-Tribune's all-academic team. He chose Nebraska over Arizona and San Diego State. He was born on Dec. 17, 1990, and is the son of John Kerr.



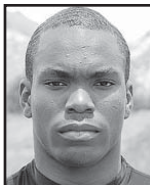
BRANDON KINNIE
WIDE RECEIVER | 6-3 | 215 | So.
KANSAS CITY, MO.
(GRANDVIEW/FORT SCOTT {KAN.} CC)



Brandon Kinnie joins the Nebraska program after two seasons at Fort Scott Community College in Kansas. The 6-3, 215-pounder will add a big, physical player to the Nebraska receiving corps. Kinnie is one of two players to join the Huskers from the junior college ranks along with defensive back Dejon Gomes. Kinnie will have three seasons of eligibility at Nebraska. Kinnie is coming off an impressive 2008 season, when he earned first-team All-Jayhawk League honors. Kinnie caught 62 passes for 845 yards and 10 touchdowns, and also returned two kickoffs for 79 yards for Coach Jeff Sims. His play helped Fort Scott to a 9-2 record and No. 6 final national ranking. Fort Scott capped its season with a 30-14 victory over Blinn (Texas) College in the Heart of Texas Bowl. Kinnie caught a touchdown pass and blocked a punt in the game and was chosen as the bowl's Most Valuable Player. Kinnie also attended Fort Scott in 2007, but sat out the season as a redshirt. He also played for the Fort Scott basketball team each of the past two seasons. He primarily focused on football this past season, but did average 11.9 points and 5.6 rebounds in nine games on the hardwood. Kinnie was ranked among the top 75 overall junior college prospects in the country by both SuperPrep and Rivals.com. He played his prep football at Grandview (Mo.) High School in the Kansas City area. He earned all-state honors at Grandview, where he was also a basketball standout. Kinnie originally committed to Kansas State out of high school. Kinnie chose Nebraska over Kansas and Arkansas. He was born on Dec. 27, 1988, and is the son of Yulondia Sherae Kinnie.



ERIC MARTIN
LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 215 | FR.
MORENO VALLEY, CALIF.
(RANCHO VERDE)

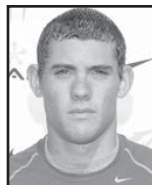


Eric Martin is part of an impressive crop of players from California in Nebraska's 2009 class of recruits. A talented linebacker prospect, Martin is one of six natives of the Golden State who signed to play for the Huskers. The 6-2, 215-pound Martin played linebacker on a dominant defensive unit at Rancho Verde High School. The Mustangs' defense allowed just eight points per game, including four shutouts during a perfect 10-0 regular season, before Coach Pete Duffy's squad was defeated in the first round of the CIF playoffs. Martin led the team in tackles with more than 130 and also recorded eight sacks on the season. Martin was honored for his dominant play as a senior, being chosen as a first-team California all-state pick. He was also the Inland Valley League Defensive MVP and was named to the Inland Empire all-defensive team. Martin also produced big numbers during his junior season when he totaled about 100 tackles, helping Rancho Verde to a 9-3 record, the Inland Valley League title and a trip to the state quarterfinals. Martin also played a key role as a sophomore in 2006, again helping the Mustangs to a league title and another state quarterfinal appearance. Martin made an impression on college coaches after his sophomore season when he was voted the top underclass linebacker at the Southern California Nike Camp. Martin was ranked as one of the top 30 inside linebackers in the nation and among the top 40 players in California by Rivals.com. He was also listed among

the top 70 players in the Far West region by SuperPrep. Martin chose Nebraska after making visits to Arizona and Arizona State. His parents are Kenneth and Alisa Johnson and Martin was born on July 21, 1991.



TAYLOR MARTINEZ
ATHLETE | 6-1 | 185 | FR.
CORONA, CALIF.
(CENTENNIAL)



Taylor Martinez is a talented all-around athlete who has the ability to play on either side of the ball at Nebraska. One of six Californians in Nebraska's 2009 recruiting class, Martinez compiled huge numbers as a quarterback as a senior. The 6-1, 185-pounder also has shown outstanding ability on defense and could be a factor in the secondary. Martinez was a dual threat quarterback for Coach Matt Logan at Corona's Centennial High School as a senior. Martinez passed for better than 3,000 yards and 28 touchdowns, and completed 61 percent of his passes. On the ground, Martinez added 750 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns. His play helped Centennial to a perfect 15-0 season and a state championship, capped by a victory over De La Salle High, when Martinez threw for 243 yards. Centennial finished No. 2 nationally in the USA Today's final prep rankings. Martinez was named the Big VIII League's Most Valuable Player and also earned the Los Angeles Times' Glen Davis Player-of-the-Year Award. A first-team all-state selection, Martinez was also the Inland Division Offensive Player of the Year, was named the Max Preps California Player of the Year and the Golden States Prep Southern California Offensive Player of the Year. Martinez spent only one season at Centennial High School. As a junior, he quarterbacked San Bernardino Cajon High and accounted for about 1,500 yards of total offense. He spent his freshman and sophomore years at Norco High, where he primarily played in the secondary. Martinez was ranked among the top "athlete" prospects in the nation by Rivals.com, while Scout.com listed him among the top 50 quarterbacks. He was listed among the top 50 players in California by both Rivals.com and SuperPrep and Scout.com ranked him as the No. 1 dual-threat quarterback on the West Coast. Martinez only visited the Huskers. He is the son of Casey Martinez and Epifania Martinez and was born on Sept. 15, 1990.



LAZARRI MIDDLETON
DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-1 | 175 | FR.
LONG BEACH, CALIF.
(POLYTECHNIC)



Lazarri Middleton is one of six Californians in the 2009 Nebraska recruiting class and part of a standout group of defensive backs to sign with the Huskers. Middleton is one of at least four players who are expected to begin their Nebraska careers in the secondary. He comes to Nebraska after compiling impressive statistics for high school powerhouse Long Beach Poly. Middleton played for a Poly team that finished the season 14-1, losing only to Sacramento Grant in the state's Open Division title game. Poly, coached by Raul Lara, finished the season ranked 10th nationally in the final USA Today High School football poll. Middleton starred at cornerback for the Jackrabbits, compiling 68 tackles, including 52 solo stops, and two interceptions. His play helped a defense that allowed 10 or fewer points nine times in 15 games. Middleton was regarded as one of the top 60 cornerbacks in the nation by both Rivals.com and Scout.com and was listed among the top 100 overall prospects in California by Rivals.com, while SuperPrep listed him among its Far West Top 150. Middleton chose Nebraska over SMU and Kansas State. He was born on June 21, 1991, and is the son of Lazarri Sr. and Tanisha Middleton.



COLE PENSICK
DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-2 | 250 | FR.
LINCOLN, NEB.
(NORTHEAST)



Cole Pensick is a second-generation Cornhusker and one of two in-state products in Nebraska's 2009 signing class. Cole is the son of Dan Pensick, who lettered for Nebraska as a defensive tackle from 1977 to 1979. He joins Omaha Gross product C.J. Zimmerer as the in-state products in this year's recruiting class. Pensick was the first player to commit to the 2009 class. Pensick joins the Husker program after a standout prep career for Coach Dave Svehla at Lincoln Northeast High School. Pensick was a three-year starter for the Rockets and dominated the line of scrimmage on both offense and defense. As a senior, he played primarily on offense, but still managed to record nearly 40 tackles and lead his team in tackles for loss. He also averaged about 10 pancakes per game while lining up as the starting right guard on offense. Pensick was honored for his defensive play as a senior, as he was a first-team Super-State

pick by the Lincoln Journal Star and a first-team Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska selection. Pensick was a first-team All-Nebraska and second-team Super-State selection during his junior season when he had 39 tackles, including seven tackles for loss, three sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries. His play helped Northeast to a state playoff berth in 2007. Pensick established himself as a player to watch during his sophomore season when he was a second-team All-Nebraska performer. Pensick was regarded as one of the top five prospects in the state by Rivals.com who listed him among the top 80 defensive linemen in the country. Scout.com projected Pensick on the offensive side of the ball, listing him among the top 10 centers in the country. Pensick also excelled in wrestling and track for the Rockets. On the mat, he finished fifth in Class A at 285 pounds as a junior. In track, Pensick captured the Class A shot put title as a junior with a throw of 57-10 1/4 and finished second as a senior with a throw of 57-11 1/2. Cole is the son of Dan and Bev Pensick and was born on Oct. 10, 1990.

BRENT QVALE

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-7 | 330 | FR.
WILLISTON, N.D.



Brent Qvale (pronounced kwal-lee) is part of an imposing group of offensive line recruits in Nebraska's 2009 signing class. The largest member of NU's signing class, the 6-7, 330-pounder is one of four players expected to begin their careers at Nebraska on the offensive line. All of the offensive line recruits stand at least 6-5 and weigh 260 pounds or more. Qvale comes to Nebraska from Williston, N.D., and is the Huskers' first signee from the high school ranks from North Dakota since Darin Duin (Fargo) signed with the Huskers in 1988. He is the first scholarship football player from North Dakota since Darin Erstad joined the squad as a punter from the NU baseball team in 1994. Qvale was a multi-sport standout at Williston High School throughout his prep career. As a senior, he helped Williston and Coach Todd Matthews to a 7-4 record and a trip to the second round of the state playoffs. Qvale dominated on the offensive line and was named the Gatorade North Dakota Player of the Year and was first-team all-state as an offensive tackle. The all-state honors marked the third straight year Qvale picked up first-team all-state recognition as an offensive lineman. Qvale was ranked among the top 100 offensive tackles in the country by Rivals.com. The athletic honors do not end on the gridiron. Qvale was a first-team all-state pick in basketball as a junior when he averaged about 17 points, and he averaged about 21.3 points and 11.9 rebounds and hit 62 percent of his field goals as a senior for a Coyote team that qualified for state. He was also named the Western Dakota Association Athlete of the Year. He also captured the state shot put title as both a sophomore and a junior. His personal best mark was 57-5. Qvale only visited Nebraska, but chose the Huskers over offers from numerous schools, including Wisconsin and Iowa. Qvale also carried a perfect 4.0 grade-point average in the classroom. Qvale was born on March 11, 1991, and is the son of Sanford and Carol Qvale.

THADDEUS RANDLE

DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-1 | 260 | FR.
GALENA PARK, TEXAS
(NORTH SHORE)



Thaddeus Randle is part of a strong group of signees from the state of Texas in Nebraska's 2009 signing class. A native of Galena Park, Randle is one of eight players from the Lone Star State set to join the Nebraska program. Randle was one of the first players to join Nebraska's class, committing to the Huskers in May of 2008. The 6-1, 260-pound Randle excelled as a defensive tackle for North Shore High School. As a senior, Randle made 70 total tackles, including 17 tackles for loss and 11.5 sacks. He also had 11 quarterback hurries, forced three fumbles, recovered two others and had four pass breakups for Coach Steve Aymond's team. Randle's play helped the Mustangs to a perfect 8-0 regular season, before a second-round loss to state runner-up FB Hightower in the Class 5A playoffs. The success was nothing new for North Shore as the school won 78 straight regular-season contests. Randle's play earned him numerous post-season honors. He was a first-team Class 5A all-state selection by the Associated Press and was named to the Houston Chronicle's Greater Houston first-team squad. Randle was a three-year standout for the Mustangs. As a junior, he earned second-team all-district honors for a 14-1 team that reached the state semifinals. Randle also earned second-team all-district honors when he cracked the starting lineup as a sophomore. Randle was ranked as one of the top 100 prospects in Texas by Rivals.com and SuperPrep, and was listed as one of the top 60 defensive tackles in the country by Rivals and Scout.com. Randle took his only visit to Nebraska. He is the son of Thaddeus Randle Sr. and Julia Long and was born on Oct. 20, 1990.

DONTRAYEVIOUS ROBINSON

RUNNING BACK | 6-1 | 215 | FR.
EULESS, TEXAS
(TRINITY)



Dontrayevious Robinson is part of an outstanding crop of players signed from the state of Texas. He is one of eight players who will join the Cornhusker program from the Lone Star State, and also one of two prolific running backs from Texas in the 2009 class, along with Rex Burkhead from Plano High. Robinson split time between tailback and fullback as a senior for a 13-1 Euleless Trinity team that was ranked No. 1 in the nation for part of the year, before being knocked out in the quarterfinals of the Class 5A playoffs. Robinson finished with 614 rushing yards on 112 carries, while adding 11 rushing touchdowns for Coach Steve Lineweaver. Robinson also caught 10 passes. Robinson also starred for the Trojans as both a sophomore and junior. As a junior, Robinson rushed for 885 yards and 17 touchdowns and averaged better than 14 yards on 16 receptions. His efforts helped the Trojans to their second Class 5A state title in three seasons. Robinson first made an impact for Trinity as a sophomore in 2006, when he ran for 448 yards and 12 touchdowns. Robinson was listed among the top 25 prospects in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area by the Dallas Morning News and was ranked among the top 70 running backs in the country by Rivals.com and Scout.com. He was also listed among the top 60 players in Texas by SuperPrep magazine. Robinson only visited Nebraska, but had offers from Utah, New Mexico and Southern Miss to name a few. Robinson is the son of Linda Robinson and was born on Nov. 8, 1990.

JEREMIAH SIRLES

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-6 | 310 | FR.
LAKEWOOD, COLO.
(BEAR CREEK)



Jeremiah Sirles is part of a talented group of offensive line recruits in Nebraska's 2009 class of signees. The 6-6, 310-pound Sirles is one of four players expected to begin their Cornhusker careers on the offensive line, with the quartet all standing at least 6-5 and weighing 260 pounds or more. Sirles was a standout on the offensive line for Bear Creek High School and Coach Tom Thenell each of his final three seasons. Behind Sirles' play, Bear Creek finished 2008 with an 8-3 record, before a loss in the second round of the Class 5A state playoffs. Sirles' impressive blocking helped Bears' quarterback Zach Thenell lead the state in passing, while the offense also produced 215 yards per game on the ground. For his efforts as a senior, Sirles was named to the Rocky Mountain News' All-Colorado squad for the second straight year. Sirles was named first-team all-Colorado and all-conference as a junior, when he helped his team reach the state quarterfinals. As a sophomore, Sirles helped Bear Creek to the state quarterfinals and earned first-team all-South Metro League honors and second-team all-state accolades. Sirles was ranked among the top 45 offensive tackle prospects in the country by Rivals.com and Scout.com. Rivals.com ranked him as one of the top 10 players in the state of Colorado and Sirles was ranked among the top 30 prospects in the Midlands Region by SuperPrep magazine. Sirles also excelled in basketball and track for Bear Creek, helping his team to the state basketball tournament as a senior. Sirles received numerous offers from schools around the country and also visited Arizona State and Oregon before deciding on the Huskers. Sirles was born on Aug. 8, 1991, and is the son of Phil and Nora Sirles.

DIJON WASHINGTON

DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-0 | 175 | FR.
LAWDALE, CALIF.
(LEUZINGER)



California native Dijon Washington is part of an outstanding group of signees that are expected to bolster the Nebraska secondary. Washington is one of at least four players expected to begin their Husker career as defensive backs. He is also one of six native Californians in the Huskers' 2009 group of signees. The 6-0, 175-pound Washington capped his high school career with a strong senior campaign. He made about 70 tackles and had two interceptions for Leuzinger High which posted a 6-4 record in 2008. Washington was an all-league pick and a third-team CIF all-state selection for his efforts as a senior. Washington was a standout on both sides of the ball for Coach Toliver and Leuzinger in 2007. As a wide receiver, he caught 15 passes for approximately 300 yards and five scores. On defense he earned first-team all-league honors after tallying 50 tackles, two interceptions and one sack. Washington also saw significant action

as a sophomore. He was ranked among the top 15 safety prospects in the country by Rivals.com, who also listed Washington as one of the top 35 prospects in the state of California. Washington was listed among the top 85 overall prospects in the Far West region by Super Prep magazine. Washington chose Nebraska over Washington State, Oregon State and San Diego State. He was born on July 4, 1991, and is the son of Kemba Smith.

CHRIS WILLIAMS

LINEBACKER | 6-0 | 220 | FR.
ABILENE, TEXAS



Chris Williams is one of eight players from Texas in Nebraska's 2009 class and is one of the most decorated players signed by the Cornhuskers after starring for Abilene High and Coach Steve Warren. As a senior, Williams' season was cut short by a knee injury, but he produced huge numbers in the first 10 games, helping the Eagles to a perfect 10-0 season before a first-round loss in the Class 5A playoffs. Williams totaled 77 tackles as a senior, including 12 tackles for loss and eight sacks. He also forced four fumbles, recovered three fumbles and had a pair of interceptions. Williams' play netted him recognition as one of 58 players nationally to be named a Parade All-American. He was named the Defensive Player of the Year on the All-Big Country Super Team and was the District 3-5A Player of the Year. Williams posted similar numbers during his junior season for the Eagles. He posted 90 total tackles, including an amazing 32 tackles for loss and 13 sacks. His play helped Abilene to a 13-2 overall record and a trip to the Class 5A Division II state semifinals. Williams earned statewide recognition for his standout effort, being named the Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year by the Associated Press. The 6-0, 220-pounder first produced big numbers for Abilene in 2006 when he was the Eagles' only sophomore starter. Williams tallied 142 tackles in 13 games and established himself as a force in the middle of the Eagles' defense. Williams was regarded as one of the top dozen inside linebackers in the country by Rivals.com, who also ranked him as one of the top 35 prospects in Texas. Scout.com listed Williams as one of the nation's top 25 linebackers and SuperPrep ranked him among the top 25 players in the state of Texas. He was also listed as the 23rd-best prospect on the Austin American-Statesman's Fab 55 list. Williams chose Nebraska over offers from Oklahoma, LSU, Tennessee, Texas A&M and Oregon among others. He is the son of Christopher Williams and Juanita Almagur and was born on Oct. 25, 1990.

C.J. ZIMMERER

RUNNING BACK | 6-0 | 220 | FR.
OMAHA, NEB.
(GROSS)



Omaha product C.J. Zimmerer is one of two in-state players in Nebraska's 2009 recruiting class, joining lineman Cole Pensick of Lincoln Northeast. The 6-0, 220-pound Zimmerer excelled as a two-way standout for Coach Tim Johnk at Omaha Gross High each of his last three seasons. Zimmerer is expected to begin his Nebraska career in the offensive backfield, after posting impressive numbers on both sides of the ball for Gross in 2008. As a running back, he posted 1,325 yards and 17 touchdowns, while averaging better than 10 yards per carry. Defensively, Zimmerer was a force at linebacker, where he made 90 tackles, including nine tackles for loss and added a pair of interceptions. His performance as a senior helped Gross to a 9-2 record and a trip to the second round of the Class B state playoffs. Zimmerer was named to the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State first team as a fullback, while the Omaha World-Herald made him a first-team All-Nebraska pick at linebacker. He was also the honorary captain of the World-Herald's Class B all-state defense. The big numbers as a senior were nothing new for Zimmerer. During his junior season, he ran for 701 yards and 11 touchdowns on just 88 carries, while making 123 tackles, including five sacks on defense. His play as a junior earned him first-team Class B all-state honors from both of the state's largest papers. He also started on the Cougar defense during his sophomore season. Zimmerer was ranked among the top 20 fullbacks in the country by Rivals.com and Scout.com and was listed among the top five players in Nebraska by Rivals. Zimmerer also played basketball at Gross prior to his senior season and competed for the Cougars' track team. He was one of the first players to join the 2009 recruiting class, committing to the Huskers in May 2008. He is the son of Tim and Jackie Zimmerer and was born on May 23, 1991.

WALK-ON STUDENT ATHLETES

The following student-athletes have accepted admission to the University of Nebraska and plan to join the Husker football program as walk-ons in the fall.

ROBERT BARRY

TIGHT END | 6-8 | 220 | FR.
BATTLE CREEK, NEB.



Robert Barry was a talented all-around performer for Battle Creek High School, and joins the Nebraska program as a tight end prospect. Barry caught about 30 passes for 400 yards and five touchdowns as a sophomore tight end, but primarily played quarterback for Coach Greg Wemhoff. Over his final two seasons, Barry passed for a combined 2,300 yards, while rushing for another 500 yards. He also produced 32 touchdowns. Barry was an honorable-mention Class C-2 pick by both the Omaha World-Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star. Barry's play helped Battle Creek reach the state playoffs in 2006 and 2008.

BRANDON CHAPEK

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 325 | FR.
WAHOO, NEB.
(BISHOP NEUMANN)



Offensive lineman Brandon Chapek joins the Huskers from Bishop Neumann High School in Wahoo. Chapek was a first-team Class C-1 all-state pick as an offensive lineman by the Omaha World-Herald, Lincoln Journal Star and Associated Press. Chapek made 43 tackles on defense and his play helped Neumann to an 8-3 record and a trip to the second round of the state playoffs. Chapek also provided impressive play as a junior, helping Bishop Neumann to a 12-1 record and a Class C-1 state runner-up finish. Chapek qualified for the state meet in the discus in 2008 and was an academic all-state pick in basketball twice.

TYSON CLARK

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-4 | 190 | FR.
LINCOLN, NEB.
(EAST)



Tyson Clark joins the Huskers as a walk-on from Lincoln East High School. The 6-4, 190-pounder is the son of former Nebraska All-American safety Bret Clark. The younger Clark was an honorable-mention all-state pick as a receiver by the Lincoln Journal Star in both 2007 and 2008, and was named to the 2008 all-city team. His play for Coach John Gingery also earned him honorable-mention all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald and the Associated Press. Clark also lettered in baseball and basketball for the Spartans.

TYLER DAAKE

PUNTER/PLACE-KICKER | 6-2 | 195 | FR.
NORFOLK, NEB.
(NORFOLK CATHOLIC)



Tyler Daake joins the Nebraska football squad after a standout kicking career for Norfolk Catholic High School and Coach Jeff Bellar. The 6-2 Daake was a three-time first-team selection at the district and state level while playing for the C1 Knights. As a senior he made the Lincoln Journal Star's Super-State team and the Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska team after making seven of nine field goals during the season and connecting on 50-of-54 extra point attempts. As a team, the Knights reached the state semifinals twice and the quarterfinals once during Daake's prep career. Daake was also a four-time state qualifier for the state track meet in the triple jump. He finished fourth in 2007, sixth in 2008 and fourth in 2009.

NICK FAILLA

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-10 | 175 | FR.
OMAHA, NEB.
(MILLARD NORTH)



Nick Failla joins the Nebraska program after a standout prep career at Class A powerhouse Millard North. Failla was an honorable-mention all-state pick for Coach Fred Petito as a senior when he rushed for 946 yards and 11 touchdowns from his quarterback spot. Failla had an outstanding junior season in 2007, rushing for 1,845 yards and 25 touchdowns, while passing for another 477 yards and three touchdowns. His efforts helped the Mustangs to the Class A state title game, and Failla was a first-team Super-State pick by the Lincoln Journal Star and an All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald. Failla made the decision to walk on at Nebraska despite scholarship offers from UNO, South Dakota and Northwest Missouri State. He was a high school teammate of current NU players Mike Caputo, Brian Thorson and Sean Fisher.

MITCH HRON

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 220 | FR.
SCHUYLER, NEB.



Mitch Hron was a talented two-way standout for Schuyler High School, helping his team to a 9-2 record and a trip to the 2008 Class B state quarterfinals. Hron was a standout running back and linebacker for Coach Fred Doscher and earned accolades on both sides of the ball. Offensively, he gained 1,462 yards and scored 16 touchdowns as a running back, and earned Class B all-state offensive honors from the Omaha World-Herald and the Associated Press. He also dominated on defense from his linebacker spot and was a first-team Class B all-state pick on defense by the Lincoln Journal Star.

SETH JAMESON

SAFETY | 6-1 | 180 | FR.
SOUTHLAKE, TEXAS
(SOUTHLAKE CARROLL)



Playing in one of the best prep football states in the nation, Seth Jameson helped class 5A Southlake Carroll High School and Coach Hal Wasson to an 8-3 record and a state playoff appearance as a senior. He finished the season fourth on the team with 45 tackles from his defensive back position. For his efforts, he was named second-team all-district. Jameson was also a track standout for the Dragons, competing in the sprints.

DWIGHT JONES

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 245 | FR.
GRETNA, NEB.



Dwight Jones joins the Nebraska program as an offensive line prospect from Gretna High School. The 6-4, 245-pound Jones played on both sides of the ball and was a three-year letterwinner for the Dragons. His play helped Gretna and Coach Chad Jepsen to state playoff appearances in 2006 and 2008. Jones was also a standout for the Dragons' basketball team. As a junior, he was an honorable-mention all-Omaha area pick after connecting on better than 61 percent of his field-goal attempts. As a senior he helped Gretna to a 17-5 record and berth in the district tournament.

COLIN KANNE

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-4 | 250 | FR.
OMAHA, NEB.
(MILLARD WEST)



Defensive line prospect Colin Kanne joins the Nebraska program from Millard West High School, where he helped the Wildcats to the 2008 Class A state title. Kanne recorded 43 tackles and a pair of sacks during his senior year, helping Coach Kirk Peterson's team to a perfect 13-0 record. He capped his season with five tackles in the Wildcats' 21-8 championship game victory over Millard South. Kanne was a second-team All-Metro selection by the Omaha World-Herald and earned honorable-mention Class A all-state honors. Kanne also helped Millard West to the state semifinals during his junior season in 2007.

RON KELLOGG JR.

QUARTERBACK | 6-1 | 215 | FR.
OMAHA, NEB.
(WESTSIDE)



Ron Kellogg Jr. will join the Huskers as a walk-on from Omaha Westside High School, where he starred at quarterback. Kellogg helped the Warriors and Coach Marty Kaufmann to the state playoffs as a senior, when he passed for 12 touchdowns. Kellogg earned honorable-mention Class A all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal Star for his play. He also held scholarship offers from Northwest Missouri State and North Dakota and a walk-on offer from Iowa. Kellogg is the son of former Kansas basketball great and NBA player Ron Kellogg.

TY KILDOW

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-7 | 165 | FR.
OMAHA, NEB.
(MILLARD SOUTH)



Wide receiver Ty Kildow will join the Huskers after a standout career at Millard South High School. He remained on the radar screen of college recruiters despite missing his senior season with a knee injury. As a junior, Kildow was a Super-State selection by the Lincoln Journal Star and a first-team All-Nebraska pick by the Omaha World-Herald, while also being named the honorary captain of the World-Herald's Class A all-state offense. He caught 44 passes for nearly 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns and also had two kickoff return touchdowns and three interceptions. Kildow was coached at Millard South by former Nebraska defensive back Andy Means. Kildow turned down scholarship offers from UNO, North Dakota and Northwest Missouri State. He was also a baseball standout for the Patriots, having been a three-time first-team Super-State pick and leading Millard South to a third-place finish in the state tournament as a senior.

ADAM KUHL

LONG SNAPPER | 6-2 | 270 | FR.
MAPLE VALLEY, IOWA
(MAPLE VALLEY COMMUNITY)



Adam Kuhl joins the Nebraska program as a walk-on prospect from Maple Valley, Iowa. Kuhl is expected to help the Huskers as a long snapper. The 6-2, 270-pound Kuhl excelled as a defensive lineman for the Rams and earned first-team All-Western Iowa honors from the Omaha World-Herald.



TYRONE LEWIS

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 195 | FR.
LINCOLN, NEB.
(NORTH STAR)



Tyrone Lewis was a key defensive player for the turnaround Coach Mark Waller has led at North Star High School. They took the Navigators from a 1-8 record in 2006 to a 6-4 mark the following year and the squad's first state playoff appearance since 2005. In 2008, the team made it to the second round of the playoffs. Individually, Lewis earned first-team all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald his senior year.



JAKE LONG

TIGHT END | 6-4 | 220 | FR.
ELKHORN, NEB.



Tight end Jake Long joins the Nebraska program after putting up impressive numbers for Elkhorn High School and Coach Mark Wortman. Long, whose twin brother, Spencer, is also playing for Nebraska this year, competed both ways for the 7-3 Antlers. He was a second-team All-Nebraska pick as a tight end by the Omaha World-Herald, while the Lincoln Journal Star placed him on its second-team Super State squad as a defensive lineman. Long earned honorable-mention all-state honors from the World-Herald during his junior season. He also played for the Antlers' 2008 state championship baseball team.



SPENCER LONG

DEFENSIVE END | 6-4 | 250 | FR.
ELKHORN, NEB.



Spencer Long joins his twin brother, Jake, as a walk-on from long-time Nebraska prep powerhouse Elkhorn High School. Spencer helped the Antlers to a 7-3 record in their first season of Class A participation with a strong performance as a defensive end. Long was an honorable-mention all-area selection for Coach Mark Wortman. A talented all-around athlete, the 6-4, 250-pound Long was also a member of the Antlers' 2008 state championship baseball team.



P.J. MANGIERI

LONG SNAPPER | 6-4 | 250 | FR.
PEORIA, ILL.
(DUNLAP)



P.J. Mangieri joins the Huskers as a long snapper from Dunlap High School in Peoria, Ill. The 6-4, 250-pounder also played offense and defensive line for Coach Jeff Alderman. Mangieri recorded 45 tackles and seven sacks in 2008 and was an All-Mid Illini Conference first-team selection as an offensive tackle. He was also named to the Peoria Journal Star's All-Area first team last fall. Mangieri also drew interest from Purdue as a walk-on prospect.



BRODRICK NICKENS

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 285 | FR.
ALLIANCE, NEB.



Offensive lineman Brodrick Nickens joins the Nebraska program as a walk-on from Alliance High School. The 6-5, 285-pounder helped Coach Travis Hawk and Alliance High School to a trip to the 2008 Class B state quarterfinals. Nickens earned first-team all-conference, first-team all-district and honorable mention all-state honors (LJS) after paving the way for starting running back Cody Anthony to rush for more than 1,000 yards. Nickens also lined up on defense for Alliance, posting 55 tackles and three sacks during his career. He turned down scholarship offers from UNK and Wayne State and was pursued as a walk-on by Colorado and Colorado State.



DEVIN PAULSEN

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 210 | FR.
LINCOLN, NEB.
(LINCOLN CHRISTIAN)



Lincoln Christian product Devin Paulsen will join the Nebraska program as a walk-on linebacker. The 6-2, 210-pound Paulsen posted impressive numbers for Coach Matt Farup, helping his team to a Class C-2 state playoff berth. Paulsen accounted for about 120 tackles and two interceptions and also handled the quarterbacking duties for the Crusaders. For his efforts, Paulsen was a Class C-2 all-state defender by the Lincoln Journal Star and an honorable-mention all-city pick by the publication.



WILL RICHARDS

DEFENSIVE BACK | 5-11 | 195 | FR.
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO.
(LEE'S SUMMIT WEST)



Will Richards joins the Nebraska program as a walk-on defensive back from Lee's Summit West High School in the Kansas City area. Richards had a standout senior season for Coach Royce Boehm, when he recorded 80 tackles and intercepted nine passes, including two that he returned for touchdowns. Richards was a first-team Class 5A all-state selection by the Missouri Coaches Association and the Star, and a first-team All-Metro pick by the Kansas City Star. The 5-11, 195-pound Richards also earned first-team all-state honors from the state coaches association during his junior season. Richards, who turned down a scholarship offer from Air Force, was a high school teammate of current Husker linebacker Matt Holt, who joined the program as a walk-on last season.



COLBY STARKEBAUM

LINEBACKER | 6-1 | 195 | FR.
STERLING, COLO.



Colby Starkebaum joins the Nebraska program after a standout career as a two-way performer for Sterling High in Colorado. The 6-1, 195-pound Starkebaum played running back and linebacker for Coach Bauder. His play earned him honorable-mention Class 3A all-state honors from the Rocky Mountain News. Starkebaum was a talented all-around athlete at Sterling. He was a member of the wrestling team and a standout track performer, competing in the long and triple jump. As a junior, Starkebaum finished eighth in the triple jump at the state championships and went on to claim fifth as a senior.



BRETT WELLS

TIGHT END | 6-4 | 190 | FR.
ST. PAUL, NEB.



Brett Wells joins the Nebraska program as a walk-on after an outstanding prep career at St. Paul High School. Wells earned honorable-mention all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star for his efforts for the Wildcats and Coach Travis Brouillette. His play helped St. Paul to the second round of the Class C-1 state playoffs. Wells was also a member of the basketball team, averaging about 15 points and 10 rebounds per game as a senior. He was an honorable-mention all-state pick by both papers during his junior season, while earning second-team all-state accolades from LJS as a senior.