

SENIOR FEATURE: WES CAMMACK



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Wes Cammack is a senior wide receiver for the Huskers. In his fifth year in the program, Cammack has seen action in 27 of Nebraska's 28 games over the past three seasons. Originally a walk-on, Cammack earned a scholarship this fall. A two-time first-team academic All-Big 12 selection, Cammack carries a 3.888 GPA in agricultural engineering. Cammack was born on Sept. 24, 1986.

QUICK HITTERS

Off field talents?

I'm pretty good at Guitar Hero.

Favorite pre-game meal?

Beef loin.

Favorite Lincoln restaurant?

Texas Roadhouse

Favorite place to eat in DeWitt?

Well there's only one. It's called R.J.'s.

Last movie you saw in a theater?

Gamer...it wasn't very good.

Favorite NFL team?

I don't really have one but I like the Minnesota Vikings because I went to a game there as a kid.

Favorite sport other than football?

Definitely basketball. I miss shooting the rock.

By Nate Pohlen, Nebraska Media Relations

A standout on Nebraska's special teams, Wes Cammack has made only one career reception, but the biggest reception of his career might have come off the field this fall. Cammack was one of six native Nebraskan walk-ons placed on scholarship by Head Coach Bo Pelini during the Huskers' fall camp.

And it came at a perfect time for Cammack, whose four-year Regents' Scholarship expired before the fall semester started.

"I couldn't ask for a better experience than having that work out for me, carrying over after my academic one," Cammack said. "It was definitely a big plus."

Of course, Cammack didn't come to the practice field every day hoping to earn a scholarship. And that's probably why he received one.

"It was always a goal, but you can't control that really," Cammack said. "You can only control your work ethic."

Cammack learned his work ethic from helping his father on the farm in his hometown of DeWitt, Neb. He said helping his father since age six or seven has given him the mentality that he brings to the field every day.

"I have a lot of respect for my mom and dad and the hard work they've put in throughout my life," said Cammack, whose favorite past time in DeWitt is bow-hunting.

A standout three-sport athlete at Tri County High School, Cammack turned down offers from small colleges to play football or basketball because he knew all along that he wanted to attend a big university for academic reasons. Of course, playing for the Huskers was always a dream in the back of his mind as well.

"Definitely. You listen to the games and watch the games on TV growing up," Cammack said. "It's every Huskers' dream as a kid."

However, Cammack found that balancing school and football was more work than he could have imagined.

"Showing up, I didn't know what to expect and how much time and work you have to put in," Cammack said. "You kind of put your social life on the back burner. You go to practice, class and do homework."

The two-time first-team academic All-Big 12 selection is on track to earn his degree in agricultural engineering in May of 2010 and carries a 3.888 cumulative grade-point average. And in 2008, he was one of Nebraska's leading special teams tacklers.

But Cammack isn't concerned with his statistics. Right now, he's focused on maintaining his work ethic and building a special memory in his final season at Nebraska.

"I'll definitely remember the friendships I've made with the guys on the team that I've met along the way who I'll probably talk to for the rest of my life," Cammack said. "That's why I'm coming out here every day playing for the guy next to me."

COACHES' TAKE: JOHN PAPUCHIS

"Wes is one of those players that does everything you ask him to do. He's a true team player. When he has his opportunities, he's always contributed."

