

Steve Kriewald

45

POS. **Fullback**
 HT./WT. 5-10 / 250
 YEAR Sophomore
 LETTERS One Letter
 HOME Scotia, Neb.
 H.S. North Loup-Scotia

- 2002 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team
- Two-Time Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2001, 2002)
- Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2000, 2001)
- Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2001, 2002)

Sophomore fullback Steve Kriewald (pronounced KREE-wald) was Nebraska's No. 2 fullback for the second straight season in 2002. Kriewald and starter Judd Davies saw fewer carries this fall, but both players continued in their crucial roles as lead blockers for NU's ground game. Kriewald also received second-team Academic All-Big 12 honors for the second consecutive year.

2002: Kriewald served as Judd Davies' backup at fullback for the second straight season. Kriewald also saw extensive action on special teams as a member of NU's kickoff return, and punt coverage teams and also served as a blocker on extra points and field goals. He played in all 13 games and started against Iowa State when the Huskers opened in a power set. He finished the season with six carries for 19 yards. He added one tackle on special teams duty.

Career: Kriewald was Davies' backup at fullback, but earned two starts (Oklahoma, Kansas) when Davies went down with an ankle injury in 2001. He played in 11 games and had 18 carries for 96 yards and scored a 24-yard touchdown at Colorado. He had a career-best 28 yards at Missouri. Kriewald saw action at fullback and on special teams in the 2002 Rose Bowl, but did not have a carry. Kriewald redshirted in 2000.

For more information on Steve Kriewald, please see page 141 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Kriewald's Career Statistics

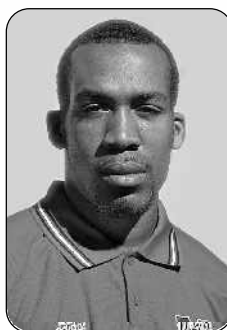
Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
2000		Redshirt							
2001	11/2	18	96	1	95	5.3	8.7	24 vs. CU	1
2002	13/1	6	19	0	19	3.2	1.5	6 vs. Utah St.	0
Totals	24/3	24	115	1	114	4.8	4.8	24 vs. CU	1

Receiving: 1-3 vs. Kansas, 2001

Tackles: 2001, 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT; 2002, 0 UT, 3 AT, 3 TT

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Rushing, none



Mark LeFlore

27

POS. **Split End**
 HT./WT. 5-11 / 175
 YEAR Freshman
 HOME Omaha, Neb.
 H.S. Central

True freshman Mark LeFlore emerged as a big-play threat in his first season of action at Nebraska. The Omaha Central graduate played in 12 games and produced big plays for the Husker offense both as a receiving and running threat. He was one of five true freshmen to play this fall, including high school teammate David Horne. LeFlore is listed as Nebraska's No. 3 split end for the bowl game behind fifth-year senior Wilson Thomas and fellow freshman Ross Pilkington.

2002: LeFlore played in every game except the season opener. He finished the season with five receptions for 26 yards and rushed four times for 80 yards. He scored a touchdown the first time he touched the ball as a Husker, racing 64 yards for a touchdown on a reverse against McNeese State. LeFlore earned his first start at Oklahoma State, when the Huskers utilized his running skills on a 29-yard reverse on Nebraska's first offensive snap.

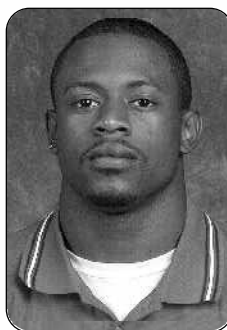
For more information on Mark LeFlore, please see page 154 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

LeFlore's Career Statistics

Receiving

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2002	12/1	5	26	5.2	2.2	9 at Kansas State	0

Rushing: 4-80-1 TD, 64 yards vs. McNeese State, 2002



Lornell McPherson

1

POS. **Right Cornerback**
 HT./WT. 5-9 / 180
 YEAR Sophomore
 LETTERS One Letter
 HOME Omaha, Neb.
 H.S. Central

- 2001 Fourth-Team Freshman All-American (The Sporting News)
- 2001 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

Lornell McPherson is in his second season as a key member of the Husker secondary. McPherson backed up all-conference right corner DeJuan Groce this fall and played extensively when NU went to nickel and dime packages. McPherson was limited throughout the season by a right shoulder injury he suffered early in the fall. In his first season with Nebraska, McPherson was regarded as one of the nation's top freshman cornerbacks. He will serve as Groce's backup in the Independence Bowl.

2002: McPherson played in 12 games this season and earned four starts when Nebraska opened the game in a specialty defensive packages. He finished his sophomore campaign with 13 total tackles, including seven solo stops. McPherson had four tackles each against Arizona State and McNeese State and made three tackles, including a TFL, against Troy State. He also played on several of Nebraska's special teams units.

Career: McPherson played in all 13 games in 2001 and started three times when NU opened in a nickel package. He recorded 29 tackles,

Lornell McPherson, cont.

including 20 solo stops and had three tackles for loss, including an eight-yard sack against Troy State. McPherson added six pass breakups, the fourth-best total on the team and picked off two passes (Baylor, Kansas). He had a career-high eight tackles against Texas Tech. McPherson was a member of the punt return and kickoff coverage teams and recovered a blocked punt against Iowa State. He played in the Rose Bowl against Miami, but did not have any tackles. McPherson redshirted in 2000.

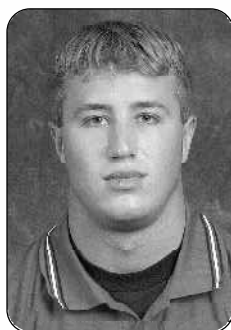
For more information on Lornell McPherson, please see page 126 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

McPherson's Career Statistics

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB Int.		
<u>Year</u>	<u>G/S</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TT</u>	<u>TFL</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>C-R</u>	<u>BK</u>	<u>PBU</u>	<u>PI</u>	<u>Hrv.Csd.</u>	
2000	Redshirt											
2001	12/3	20	9	29	3-11	1.0-8	0-0	0	6	2	1 0	
2002	12/4	7	6	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0	
Totals	24/7	27	15	42	4-14	1.0-8	0-0	0	6	2	1 0	

Interceptions: 2--6-0 total; 2--6 in 2001

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, none

**Ross Pilkington****2****POS.** Split End**HT./WT.** 6-0 / 195**YEAR** Freshman**HOME** Ft. Collins, Colo.**H.S.** Loveland

- Nebraska Freshman Season Receptions Record (13)
- 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2002 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

Freshman wideout Ross Pilkington quickly emerged as one of Nebraska's top receivers in his first season in a Husker uniform. The Colorado native broke NU's freshman receptions record and enters the bowl game as the No. 2 split end behind fifth-year senior Wilson Thomas.

Pilkington originally signed with Nebraska in 2000, but delayed his enrollment while he played minor league baseball in the Colorado Rockies organization. Husker coaches quickly discovered Pilkington was worth the wait as he provides Nebraska with an athletic receiver who possesses good size and speed. His performance earned him first-team freshman All-Big 12 recognition from *The Sporting News*.

2002: Pilkington finished the season with an NU freshman-record 13 receptions for 277 yards. The 13 catches bettered the previous frosh record of 12 catches, held by I-backs Ahman Green (1995) and DeAngelo Evans (1996). His 277 yards receiving is five yards short of the school freshman record of 282 yards by Johnny Mitchell in 1990. His receptions and receiving yardage totals both ranked second on the team.

Pilkington caught two passes each against Utah State and Penn State, and made a name for himself at Iowa State when he caught a 90-yard touchdown pass from Jammal Lord. The 90-yard catch was the third-longest in school history, and Nebraska's longest pass play since 1965.

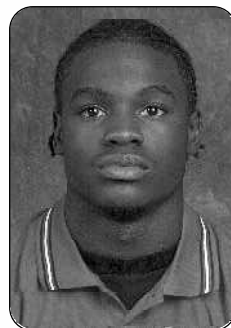
Pilkington had a season-high three catches for 54 yards against McNeese State and made two grabs for 52 yards, including a 30-yard catch at Texas A&M. Pilkington had a streak of eight consecutive games with at least one catch end against Kansas.

For more information on Ross Pilkington, please see page 145 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Pilkington's Career Statistics**Receiving**

Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2002	13/0	13	277	21.3	21.3	90 at Iowa State	1

Rushing: 4-7-0, long 11 at Penn State

**Jerrell Pippens****31****POS.** Free Safety**HT./WT.** 6-2 / 195**YEAR** Junior**LETTERS** Two Letters**HOME** Philadelphia, Pa.**H.S.** West Catholic

Junior Jerrell Pippens played a key role as a reserve in the Husker secondary and was one of Nebraska's top special teams players this season. Pippens played in every game this fall and finished the year with 33 tackles. Pippens enters the Independence Bowl listed third at free safety behind redshirt freshman Josh Bullocks and sophomore Philip Bland, who is Nebraska's starting rover.

2002: Pippens played in all 13 games as a reserve free safety and was also a key member of Nebraska's kickoff and punt coverage teams. He finished his junior season with 33 total tackles, including 16 solo stops. Pippens made a career-high eight tackles at Penn State and had four tackles each against Utah State and McNeese State. Along with DeJuan Groce, Pippens served as a gunner on NU's punt coverage and was a key reason why Nebraska allowed just 9.6 yards per punt return.

Career: Pippens played in 11 games in 2001 as a backup free safety and special teams standout. He finished the year with 14 tackles, including eight solo stops. Pippens saw action on special teams in the 2002 Rose Bowl and made two solo tackles as a member of Husker special teams.

Pippens saw action in five regular-season games at free safety in 2000 and had one tackle. He had three solo tackles against Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl. A former walk-on, Pippens redshirted in 1999.

For more information on Jerrell Pippens, please see page 145 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Pippens' Career Statistics

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB	Int.
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.Csd.
1999	Redshirt										
2000	5/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0
2001	11/0	8	6	14	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0
2002	13/0	16	17	33	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0
Totals	29/0	24	24	48	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0 0

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Tackles, 3 UT, 0 AT, 3 TT

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, 2 UT, 0 AT, 2 TT



Split end Ross Pilkington ranked second on the team in receptions with Husker freshman record 13 catches, including a 90-yard touchdown reception at Iowa State.



Nick Povendo

69
POS. Offensive Tackle

HT./WT. 6-3 / 300

YEAR Sophomore

HOME Keller, Texas

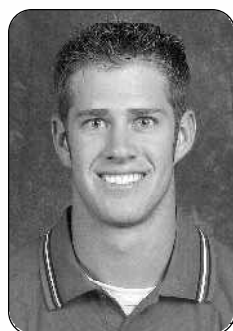
H.S. Keller

Sophomore Nick Povendo played a key role on the Husker offensive line this fall. He served as the backup at both tackle spots and alternated into the lineup behind starters Richie Incognito and Dan Vili Waldrop. Povendo was also a member of NU's extra-point and field goal teams.

2002: Povendo was a part of an offensive line that paved the way for Nebraska's running game that led the Big 12 in rushing offense at nearly 270 yards per game. Povendo played in every game with a start at Iowa State and finished with 14 pancakes, including five against Utah State.

Career: Povendo played in just one game as a redshirt freshman in 2001 and missed several games after being bit by a spider. The bite required surgery to clean out the wound. He redshirted his first year at Nebraska.

For more information on Nick Povendo, please see page 145 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.



Pat Ricketts

28
POS. Left Cornerback

HT./WT. 5-11 / 180

YEAR Junior

LETTERS Two Letters

HOME Omaha, Neb.

H.S. Millard North

- Two-Time First-Team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII (2001, 2002)
- Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2001, 2002)
- Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Arizona State)
- 2002 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team
- 2000 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12
- Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2000, 2001, 2002)
- Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2000, 2001)

Junior Pat Ricketts was one of three cornerbacks who saw extensive action this season. He opened the year as the starting left corner opposite senior DeJuan Groce, but gave way to true freshman Fabian Washington after five games. He kept his Blackshirt and was an important part of the defense for the remainder of the season as he was utilized as a third cornerback in passing situations. Ricketts finished ninth on the team in tackles and was also a member of Nebraska's kickoff coverage unit.

Ricketts continues to excel in the classroom. The Omaha native has a 3.405 cumulative grade-point average in business administration and was a first-team Academic All-Big 12 pick for the second straight season. In addition, Ricketts was one of four Huskers to earn Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII honors.

2002: Ricketts played in all 13 games and started eight at cornerback. Ricketts finished the year with 54 tackles to rank ninth on the team and third among defensive backs. His nine pass breakups ranked second on the team, trailing Washington's 11. He opened the year with three tackles and three pass breakups against Arizona State, and earned Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Ricketts recovered a fumble against Troy State and had his first interception of the season against Utah State. He recorded double-figure tackle totals each of the next two weeks with 10

stops at Penn State and 12 tackles at Iowa State.

Ricketts recorded his third double-figure tackle game with 11 stops at Texas A&M, when he also had his second interception of the year.

Career: Ricketts played in every game in 2001 and started twice when NU opened in the penny package. He had 29 tackles, including 19 solo stops. He also had an interception against Kansas State, recovered a fumble at Baylor and had five pass breakups. Ricketts played in the 2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami and had one solo tackle. Ricketts appeared in 11 games as the No. 2 left corner and a special teams player in 2000. He had 18 tackles and a pass breakup. In the 2000 Alamo Bowl, Ricketts recorded two solo tackles in his first bowl appearance. A former walk-on athlete, Ricketts turned down an appointment to the Army to attend Nebraska. He redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

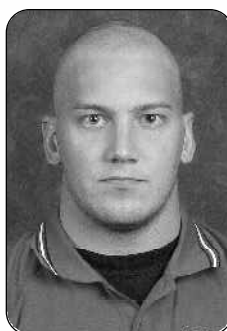
For more information on Pat Ricketts, please see page 127 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Ricketts' Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)										Fum.		QB Int.	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.	
1999													
2000	10/0	8	10	18	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2001	12/2	19	10	29	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	5	1	1	1	0
2002	13/8	31	23	54	1-4	0-0	0-1	0	9	2	0	0	0
Totals	35/10	58	43	101	1-4	0-0	0-2	0	15	3	1	0	0

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: 2 UT, 0 AT, 2 TT

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT



Kyle Ringenberg

86
POS. Tight End

HT./WT. 6-4 / 245

YEAR Senior

LETTERS One Letter

HOME Elkhorn, Neb.

H.S. Elkhorn

- Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2001, 2002)
- 2002 First-Team Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-District VII
- 2002 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team
- Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002)
- Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)

Fifth-year senior Kyle Ringenberg was one of four tight ends to see extensive action this season. With fellow senior Jon Bowling sidelined for the bowl game, Ringenberg will share tight end duties with senior Aaron Golliday and true freshman Matt Herian. Ringenberg earned first-team Academic All-District VII honors and was a first-team academic all-conference pick for the second straight year with a 3.778 grade-point average in exercise science.

2002: Ringenberg played in all 13 games and caught two passes for 40 yards, a 25-yarder against McNeese State and a 15-yard catch in the regular-season finale against Colorado. Ringenberg was also on NU's kickoff return team and had one return for six yards against Texas.

Career: Ringenberg moved to tight end from rush end in the spring of 2001. He played in eight games and had three catches for 49 yards, including two for 30 yards at Kansas. Ringenberg saw action in the 2002 Rose Bowl, but did not have a catch. Ringenberg played in four games as a reserve rush end in 2000 and had two assisted tackles. He played against Northwestern in the Alamo Bowl, but did not have any tackles.

Ringenberg saw action in two games in 1999, but did not have any tackles. A former walk-on athlete, Ringenberg redshirted his first year.

For more information on Kyle Ringenberg, please see page 146 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.



Cory Ross

22
POS. I-Back

HT./WT. 5-6 / 210

YEAR Freshman

HOME Denver, Colo.

H.S. Thomas Jefferson

Redshirt freshman Cory Ross entered fall camp as Nebraska's No. 6 I-back, but rose to second on the depth chart early in the season. Ross saw extensive action in Nebraska's first five games before freshman David Horne came out of his redshirt season. Ross finished the season as Nebraska's fourth-leading rusher and sees action in Nebraska's wing-set along with fellow I-back Josh Davis. Ross is listed fourth on the depth chart entering the bowl game.

2002: Ross played in 12 games this season and started against Missouri when Nebraska opened in a spread formation. He rushed for 184 yards on 35 carries to rank fourth on the team in rushing yards. Ross opened the year with three carries for a season-high 44 yards against Arizona State, including a 34-yard touchdown. He added 27 yards against Troy State and picked up 42 yards on nine carries against Utah State, including a 13-yard TD run. Ross had 27 yards on seven carries at Penn State. He had four carries at Iowa State and had two catches for 14 yards against the Cyclones. Ross caught five passes for 39 yards on the year.

Career: Ross redshirted in his first season at Nebraska in 2001. He was a prep All-American as a cornerback at Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver. He also rushed for more than 1,500 yards and 23 touchdowns in his senior season.

Ross' Career Statistics

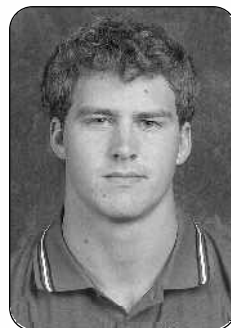
Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
2001		Redshirted							
2002	12/1	35	188	4	184	5.3	15.3	34 vs. ASU	2

Receiving: 5-39-0, long of 15 at Iowa State



Sophomore linebacker Barrett Ruud finished third on the team in tackles with 82 and led the Huskers in tackles for loss with 12 for 36 yards.



Barrett Ruud

38
POS. Mike Linebacker

HT./WT. 6-2 / 240

YEAR Sophomore

LETTERS One Letter

HOME Lincoln, Neb.

H.S. Southeast

- 2002 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2001 Second-Team Freshman All-American (The Sporting News)
- 2002 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

Barrett Ruud (pronounced RUDE) had a strong first season as Nebraska's starting Mike linebacker despite battling injuries throughout much of his sophomore campaign. Ruud finished the season as Nebraska's third-leading tackler and led the Huskers in tackles for loss. A preseason member of the Butkus Award watch list, Ruud compiled his impressive statistics despite playing several games with a broken hand and later battled a leg injury. Ruud was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 pick by the league's coaches and also earned first-team academic All-Big 12 honors.

2002: Ruud started all 13 games at middle linebacker and finished third on the team with 82 tackles, including 35 solo stops. His 12 tackles for loss (36 yards) led Nebraska and he added two sacks and four pass breakups. Ruud's two caused fumbles tied for the team lead, while his 12 quarterback hurries were tied for third on the squad.

Ruud had five games this season with eight or more tackles, beginning with an eight-tackle performance in the opener against Arizona State, when he had two tackles for loss. Ruud broke his left hand early in the Troy State game, but returned to action in the contest. Despite playing with a cast the following week against Utah State, Ruud had four tackles, two tackles for loss, a sack, a fumble caused and two quarterback hurries.

Ruud had eight tackles and a pair of pass breakups against McNeese State. He posted a career-high 12 tackles, including three TFL and a sack against Texas. Ruud finished the season with nine tackles and two tackles for loss at Kansas State, followed by a 10-tackle effort against Colorado, when he also forced a fumble.

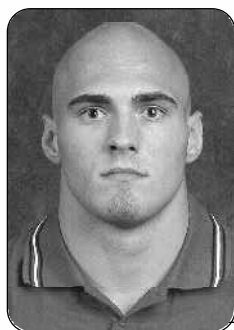
Career: Ruud played in every game as a true freshman in 2001 and totaled 49 tackles, including 17 solos, six tackles for loss, half a sack and one quarterback hurry. He had seven games with four or more tackles, with a season-high 10 stops against Troy State. Ruud played in the 2002 Rose Bowl, but did not have a tackle. He was one of three true freshmen to see action in 2001, joining Philip Bland and Mike Stuntz.

For more information on Barrett Ruud, please see page 146 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Ruud's Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)										Fum.		QB Int.	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.	
2001	12/0	17	32	49	6-15	0.5-3	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	
2002	13/13	35	47	82	12-36	2-17	2-0	0	4	0	12	1	
Totals	25/13	52	79	131	18-51	2.5-20	2-0	0	4	0	13	1	

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, none



Scott Shanle

43

POS. **Sam Linebacker**
 HT./WT. 6-2 / 240
 YEAR Senior
 LETTERS Three Letters
 HOME St. Edward, Neb.
 H.S. St. Edward

- 2002 Butkus Award Watch List
- 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2001 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP, Coaches)
- 2001 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week vs. Missouri (9/29)
- 2000 Successful Farming All-America Team
- Tied NU Linebacker Season Record with Eight Pass Breakups (2001)
- NU Linebacker Game Record with Four Pass Breakups vs. Missouri

Fifth-year senior Scott Shanle (pronounced SHAN-lee) will complete an outstanding Nebraska career in the 2002 Independence Bowl. The former walk-on has played in every game over the past four seasons and has been Nebraska's starter at the Sam linebacker position for each of the last three seasons. Shanle was a Butkus Award watch list member and finished fourth on the team in tackles in 2002 with 71 stops.

Shanle is one of three regular senior starters on the Blackshirt defense and ranks among the top 30 in career tackles at Nebraska with 183 total stops. Shanle earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches this fall, the second straight year he has been an honorable-mention selection. Shanle graduated last week with a bachelor's degree in family and consumer science.

2002: Shanle finished his senior season with 71 tackles to rank fourth on the team. It marked the third straight season he had been among Nebraska's top five tacklers. Shanle added five tackles for loss and two sacks and hurried opposing quarterbacks six times.

Shanle recorded five games this fall with seven or more tackles, with a season-high 10 stops against McNeese State, including a 10-yard sack. He had eight stops at Oklahoma State and posted seven tackles each against Utah State, Texas A&M and Kansas State. Shanle added a five-yard sack and caused a fumble against the Wildcats. Shanle also contributed on Nebraska's punt return unit. He reached the end zone for the first time as a Husker in the season opener against Arizona State, when he returned a blocked punt six yards for a score in NU's 48-10 victory.



Scott Shanle finished fifth on the team with 71 tackles this season. A three-year starter, Shanle ranks among the top 30 all-time tacklers at Nebraska.

Career: Shanle started for the second straight year at Sam linebacker in 2001 and was fifth on the team in tackles with 56. He added eight pass breakups on the year to tie the linebacker record. He had a position record four breakups at Missouri to go along with a season-high eight tackles and was named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week. He added eight tackles for loss and three sacks on the year. Shanle had four tackles, including three solo stops in the 2002 Rose Bowl. He also had one forced fumble and one quarterback hurry.

Shanle played in all 12 games with 10 starts in 2000, and was fifth on the team with 55 tackles, including 30 solos. He recorded four tackles for loss and a sack, with a career-best 11 tackles at Kansas State. Shanle had his only career interception against Iowa State. He started the 2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern and had four assisted tackles.

Shanle was a backup Sam linebacker in 1999 and played in every game, primarily on special teams. He saw action in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee. A walk-on athlete, Shanle redshirted his first season.

For more information on Scott Shanle, please see pages 114-115 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Shanle's Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)						Fum.				QB		Int.
<u>Year</u>	<u>G/S</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>AT</u>	<u>TT</u>	<u>TFL</u>	<u>Sacks</u>	<u>C-R</u>	<u>BK</u>	<u>PBU</u>	<u>PI</u>	<u>Hrv.</u>	<u>Csd.</u>
1998												
					Redshirted							
1999	12/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	11/9	30	25	55	4-7	1-4	1-0	0	2	1	4	2
2001	12/9	26	30	56	8-36	3-25	0-1	0	8	0	0	0
2002	13/10	31	40	71	5-19	2-15	1-0	0	1	0	6	0
Totals	48/28	87	96	183	17-62	6-44	2-1	0	11	1	10	2

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles, none

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Tackles, 0 UT, 4 AT, 4 TT

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, 3 UT, 1 AT, 4 TT; FF 1; QBH 1



Shane Siegel

23

POS. **Right Cornerback**
 HT./WT. 6-2 / 210
 YEAR Freshman
 HOME Grand Island, Neb.
 H.S. Grand Island

- 2002 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- 2001 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2002 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

Shane Siegel (pronounced SEE-gull) played a key role as a reserve cornerback for Nebraska this season and also made strong contributions on NU's special teams. Siegel played in all 13 games and started the season opener with Arizona State. He saw action on defense primarily when the Huskers used multiple cornerbacks in passing situations. Siegel earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors.

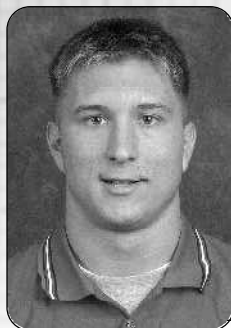
2002: Siegel finished the year with 14 tackles and appeared in all 13 games. He saw his most extensive action in Nebraska's win over Kansas and recorded five tackles, including a tackle for loss.

Career: A walk-on athlete, Siegel redshirted in 2001.

For more information on Shane Siegel, please see page 147 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Siegel's Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)						Fum.				QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
2001					Redshirted							
2002	13/1	7	7	14	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Chad Sievers

54

POS. Mike Linebacker

HT./WT. 6-3 / 225

YEAR Sophomore

HOME Valley, Neb.

H.S. Valley

OTHER New Mexico State

- 2002 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- 2001 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2002 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

Sophomore linebacker Chad Sievers made strong contributions in his first season on the Husker defense, but an injury will keep him out of the Independence Bowl. Sievers spent the year as Barrett Ruud's backup at Mike linebacker and made 37 tackles. He was slowed early in the season by injury then suffered a season-ending knee injury against Kansas. Sievers maintains a perfect 4.0 grade-point average in business administration and was a first-team Academic All-Big 12 selection.

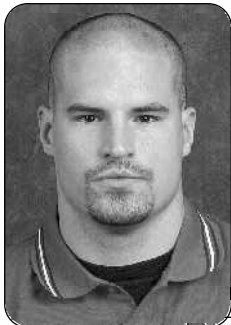
2002: Sievers finished the year with 37 tackles and two tackles for loss in nine games. He missed the season opener with Arizona State, then made six tackles, including a tackle for loss in his Husker debut against Troy State. He missed the Utah State game, but had five or more tackles in the next three games, including a season-high nine stops at Iowa State. Sievers suffered his season-ending knee injury early in the Kansas game, but continued in the contest and made six tackles and recovered a fumble.

Career: Sievers sat out the 2001 season after transferring from New Mexico State. Sievers played in 10 games at New Mexico State in 2000.

For more information on Chad Sievers, please see page 147 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Sievers' Career Statistics

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)	Fum.			QB Int.	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
2001	Redshirted after transfer from New Mexico State											
2002	9/0	15	22	37	2-4	0-0	0-1	0	1	0	2	0



Justin Smith

92

POS. Left Rush End

HT./WT. 6-4 / 265

YEAR Senior

LETTERS Three Letters

HOME Sherman, Texas

H.S. Sherman

- 1999 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- Two-Time Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2000, 2001)
- Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (1998, 1999, 2000)
- Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (1999, 2000, 2001)

Justin Smith has been a key contributor at rush end for each of the past four seasons and finished his NU career with a strong senior campaign. Smith's role this fall increased when fellow senior rush end Chris Kelsay was sidelined for five games with a hamstring injury. Smith was up to the task, averaging nearly six tackles per game while Kelsay was out. Smith is listed second behind Kelsay at left end for the bowl game and is one of four rush ends expected to play. Smith played his senior season with his degree in hand and took graduate classes this fall.

2002: Smith played in all 13 games and earned starts against Texas

A&M and Kansas. He finished the season with 45 tackles and eight tackles for loss, along with 1.5 sacks. Smith's 12 quarterback hurries ranked in a tie for third among all Huskers.

Smith opened the year with three tackles and an assist on a nine-yard sack against Arizona State. Smith had five tackles and a sack against Missouri, then had a standout game in his home state at Texas A&M. He recorded four tackles, including three TFL and a sack, along with three hurries, one of which caused an Aggie interception. He added a tackle for loss against Texas the following week, then had a season-high nine tackles, including two TFL and a pair of quarterback hurries, against Kansas.

Career: Smith played in every game and had 27 tackles in 2001. His nine tackles for loss were third best on the team and he had four sacks for 22 yards. Smith also had a fumble recovery and a fumble caused. He had one solo tackle in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

Smith played in every game in 2000 and totaled 14 tackles, including eight solo stops and two tackles for loss. Smith played in the 2000 Alamo Bowl, but did not have a tackle. Smith played in 12 games as a redshirt freshman and had 12 tackles, with two tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks for 10 yards lost. Smith saw action in the Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee, but did not have a tackle. Smith redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

For more information on Justin Smith, please see page 148 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Smith's Career Statistics

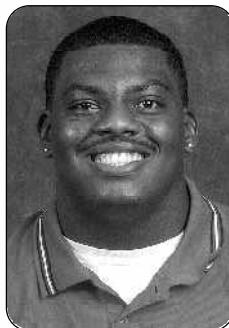
Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.					QB Int.	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
1998	Redshirt											
1999	11/0	5	7	12	2-10	1.5-10	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	11/0	8	6	14	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0
2001	12/0	10	17	27	9-29	4-22	1-1	0	0	0	1	0
2002	13/2	14	31	45	8-19	1.5-11	0-0	0	2	0	12	1
Totals	47/2	37	61	98	21-60	7-43	1-1	0	2	0	17	1

Fumble Returns: 1-7-0 vs. Notre Dame

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles, none

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Tackles, none

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT



Le Kevin Smith

66

POS. Defensive Tackle

HT./WT. 6-2 / 300

YEAR Freshman

HOME Macon, Ga.

H.S. Stratford Academy

Redshirt freshman Le Kevin Smith returned to full health this fall and showed his abilities in his first season of action with the Huskers. Smith is Nebraska's No. 3 defensive tackle and finished the season with 37 tackles to earn first-team frosh All-Big 12 honors from *The Sporting News*. Smith has underwent a pair of surgeries to repair torn ACL's in his first two seasons at Nebraska.

2002: Smith played in all 13 games and finished with 37 tackles and added five TFL and a sack. He had five games with four or more tackles, including four tackles, two TFL and his only sack against Utah State. He had a season-high five tackles and a tackle for loss against Kansas.

Career: Smith suffered an ACL injury during fall camp as a true freshman, then tore the ACL in his other knee in spring of 2002. Smith was one of the top defensive linemen in the country at Stratford Academy in Macon, Ga. He was named the USA Today Georgia Player of the Year.

Smith's Career Statistics

Defense	(-----Tackles-----)					Fum.					QB Int.	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
2001	Redshirt											
2002	13/0	15	22	37	5-10	1-6	0	0	0	0	3	0



Mike Stuntz

16

POS. **Quarterback**
 HT./WT. 6-1 / 190
 YEAR Sophomore
 LETTERS One Letter
 HOME Council Bluffs, Iowa
 H.S. St. Albert

- 2001 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll
- 2002 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

Sophomore Mike Stuntz has served as Jammal Lord's backup at quarterback throughout the season. He appeared in six games and threw for 100 yards, with his most extensive action coming at Iowa State. Stuntz was recruited as a quarterback, but played split end as a true freshman in 2001. His signature moment as a Husker came when he threw a 63-yard touchdown strike to quarterback Eric Crouch on a reverse play in Nebraska's 20-10 victory over Oklahoma in 2001.

2002: Stuntz played in six games as Lord's backup. He carried 15 times for 13 yards with a long run of 11 at Iowa State. Stuntz completed 10-of-25 passes for 100 yards, including 72 yards on seven completions at Iowa State in his most extensive action. He threw for 25 yards vs. Utah State.

Career: Stuntz played in 10 games as a true freshman at split end. He did not have a reception, but had a 25-yard rush vs. Rice. He completed one pass, a 63-yard TD strike to Crouch on a reverse against Oklahoma. He did not see action in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

For more information on Mike Stuntz, please see pages 148-149 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Stuntz's Career Statistics

Passing

Year	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Y/A	Y/G	LP/TD	Eff.R.
2001	10/0	1	1	0	100.000	63	63.0	6.3	63 1	959.2
2002	6/0	25	10	0	.400	100	4.0	16.7	18 0	73.6
Totals	16/0	26	11	0	.423	163	6.3	10.2	63 1	107.66

Rushing: 15-13-0, 11 long vs. ISU, 2002; 1-25-0 vs. Rice, 2001; Total: 16-38-0.



Junior Tagoa'i

55

POS. **Offensive Guard**
 HT./WT. 6-2 / 285
 YEAR Junior
 LETTERS One Letter
 HOME Hauula, Hawaii
 H.S. St. Louis School

- 2000 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12
- 2000 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- 1999 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

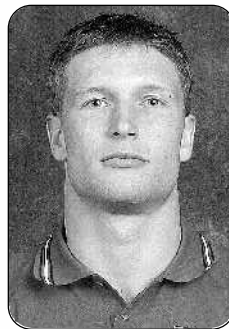
Junior Tagoa'i (pronounced TAH-go-eye) was a key member of the Husker offensive line this fall. Tagoa'i backed up both of Nebraska's starting offensive guards and played in all 13 games. Tagoa'i finished tied for fifth on the team in pancakes and will continue to back up left guard Mike Erickson and right guard Wes Cody in Nebraska's bowl game.

2002: Tagoa'i finished the season with 91 pancakes and helped Nebraska's offense lead the Big 12 in rushing at 268.9 yards per game. Tagoa'i had five double-figure pancake efforts, highlighted by 18 knock-downs at Texas A&M. In that game, the NU offensive line set a school

record with 110 pancakes as the Huskers rushed for 381 yards. Tagoa'i also reached double figures in pancakes against Arizona State, Utah State, Kansas and Colorado.

Career: Tagoa'i played in three games in 2001 after moving from defense in the spring and had six pancakes. Tagoa'i played in five regular-games at nose tackle in 2000 and finished with three tackles. A scholarship athlete, Tagoa'i redshirted his first season.

For more information on Junior Tagoa'i, please see page 149 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.



Aaron Terpening

2

POS. **Rover**
 HT./WT. 5-11 / 195
 YEAR Senior
 LETTERS Three Letters
 HOME Salem, Ore.
 H.S. North

- Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2000, 2001, 2002)
- Two-Time Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America Nominee (2000, 2001)
- Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (1999, 2000, 2001)
- Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (1999, 2000, 2001)

Senior Aaron Terpening has played a key role on special teams throughout his career and this fall made important contributions in the Husker secondary. Terpening opened the season as the starting rover and held the position through the first five games. He finished the year with 15 tackles and scored his first career touchdown against Kansas. Terpening continued his strong work in the classroom as well, as he earned first-team Academic All-Big 12 honors for the third straight season. He is on track to graduate in May 2003, with a degree in architectural studies.

2002: Terpening played in all 13 games and started twice at rover. He was also a member of several special teams units. He finished the year with 15 tackles, including two tackles for loss. Terpening had a career-high six tackles against Penn State. A week later he had four tackles at Iowa State and blocked a punt, which Nebraska converted to a touchdown one play later. Terpening scored his first career touchdown against Kansas when he returned a blocked punt 30 yards for a touchdown.

Career: Terpening saw action in every game as a member of Husker special teams and as a reserve rover in 2001. He had 16 tackles, including six solo stops, and caused a fumble against Baylor. He had one solo tackle on special teams in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

Terpening had a solid sophomore season as a backup rover and a special teams standout. He blocked a punt against Kansas State that Keyuo Craver returned for a touchdown. Terpening had six tackles and added two tackles in the Alamo Bowl. He played in five games in 1999, had one tackle and picked off a pass and returned it for two yards against Iowa State. A former walk-on, Terpening redshirted in 1998.

For more information on Aaron Terpening, please see page 150 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

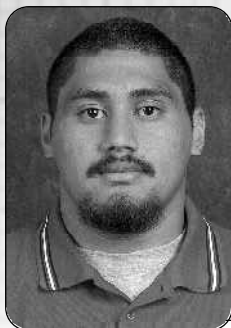
Terpening's Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)										Fum.		QB Int.	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.	
1998													
1999	5/0	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	
2000	11/0	2	4	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	
2001	12/0	6	10	16	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2002	13/2	3	12	15	2-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	
Totals	41/2	12	26	38	2-1	0-0	1-0	2	0	1	1	0	

Blocked Punts: 2; 1 vs. Kansas State, 2000; 1 vs. Iowa State, 2002

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Tackles, 2 UT, 0 AT, 2 TT

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT



Dan Vili Waldrop

68

POS. Right Tackle

HT./WT. 6-5 / 325

YEAR Junior

LETTERS Two Letters

HOME Wilmington, Calif.

H.S. Banning

■ 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP)

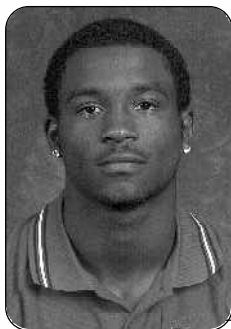
Dan Vili Waldrop has spent the past two seasons as Nebraska's starting right offensive tackle. He finished fifth on the team in pancakes for the second straight year and had one of the most productive pancake games in school history against Texas A&M. Waldrop played a key role in Nebraska's Big 12-leading rushing offense and for his efforts earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press.

2002: Vili Waldrop started all 13 games at right tackle and tied for fifth on the team with 91 pancakes. Vili Waldrop had a career-high 24 pancakes at Texas A&M, when Nebraska rushed for 381 yards. The Husker offensive line produced a school-record 110 knock-downs in that game. The 24 pancakes are the fourth-highest single game total in school history. Vili Waldrop had three other games with seven or more pancakes, led by an eight-pancake effort against Colorado.

Career: Vili Waldrop started all 12 games and the Rose Bowl at right tackle in 2001. He finished fifth on the team in pancakes with 95 and assisted the Huskers to the NCAA rushing title at 314.7 yards per game. Vili Waldrop had three double-figure pancake games with a season-high 17 knock-downs against Rice, when NU had 497 total yards.

Vili Waldrop played in 10 games in 2000, primarily on special teams, but also as a reserve left guard. He had seven pancakes and also played in the 2000 Alamo Bowl. Vili Waldrop redshirted in 1999.

For more information on Dan Vili Waldrop, please see page 128 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.



Fabian Washington

3

POS. Left Cornerback

HT./WT. 6-0 / 175

YEAR Freshman

HOME Bradenton, Fla.

H.S. Bayshore

■ Second-Team Freshman All-American (The Sporting News)

■ 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)

■ Nebraska Freshman Record for Interceptions in a Season (Four)

True freshman cornerback Fabian Washington emerged as a future star in his first season of action with the Huskers. Washington began the year as a reserve cornerback, but the coaching staff quickly recognized his play-making ability and Washington cracked the starting lineup midway through the season. Washington led the team in pass breakups and set a Nebraska freshman record with four interceptions. Washington was one of the nation's top freshman defensive backs. He was a second-team frosh All-America selection by *The Sporting News* and earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the conference coaches.

2002: Washington played in 12 games as a true freshman and made 10 starts, including the last eight games as the Huskers' starting left cornerback. Washington finished the season with 41 tackles, (28 solo) and led the team with 11 pass breakups, one short of the Husker freshman

record. He tied for the team lead with four interceptions and returned those picks for 35 yards and a touchdown.

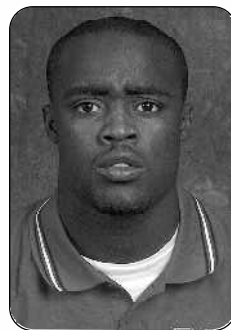
Washington scored a touchdown the first time he touched the ball as a Husker with a 29-yard interception return against Arizona State. He had four tackles and forced a fumble at Iowa State, and also picked off two Seneca Wallace passes in the game. Washington had six tackles and a fumble recovery at Oklahoma State, followed by a season-high seven tackles at Texas A&M. He broke up two passes and picked off his fourth pass of the season against Kansas.

For more information on Fabian Washington, please see page 156 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Washington's Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB Int.			
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
2002	12/10	28	13	41	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	11	4	0	0

Interception Return: 4-35-1, 29-yard TD vs. Arizona State, 2002



Demorrio Williams

7

POS. Will Linebacker

HT./WT. 6-1 / 215

YEAR Junior

HOME Beckville, Texas

H.S. Beckville

J.C. Kilgore J.C.

■ 2002 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

Junior linebacker Demorrio Williams was the only junior college transfer in Nebraska's 2002 class and made a strong impression in his first season in Lincoln. Williams had an impressive spring camp and started 11 games at Will linebacker this fall. He finished second on the team in tackles, while splitting time with fellow junior T.J. Hollowell.

2002: Williams played in all 13 games with 11 starts at Will linebacker. He finished the season with 83 tackles to rank second on the team and added six tackles for loss and a sack. Williams also tied for the team lead with two fumbles caused, recovered a fumble and blocked a punt.

Williams made a strong impression in his debut as a Husker with a blocked punt against Arizona State that was returned for a score by Scott Shanle. He also returned a blocked punt later in the game. Williams had four games with eight or more tackles. He had eight tackles each against Troy State and at Oklahoma State. Against Texas A&M, Williams had nine tackles and a 15-yard sack. He closed the year with a season-high 13 tackles against Colorado. He also had two tackles for loss against the Buffs and also caused and recovered a fumble in the game.

Career: Williams was a standout linebacker at Kilgore JC (Texas), where he led his team to a 12-0 record in 2001 and earned honorable-mention JUCO All-America honors. Williams was a second-team All-American in 2000 after posting 130 tackles as a freshman.

For more information on Demorrio Williams, please see page 151 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Williams' Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)						Fum.				QB Int.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
2002	13/11	36	47	83	6-24	1-15	2-1	1	3	0	5	0

Blocked Punt: 1 vs. Arizona State, 2002