### DAN GLASSMAN







- 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2006, 2008)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Junior Dan Glassman will enter fall camp with the goal of making a push for playing time at defensive end. The 6-4, 250-pound Glassman returned to the Huskers in the fall of 2008, after leaving the program the previous fall. Glassman spent his first stint with the Huskers as a tight end, before moving to defense upon his return. Glassman is strong in the classroom, having been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll three times and carrying a 3.417 cumulative grade-point average in biological sciences.

#### 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Glassman returned to the team in the fall and was a reserve defensive end for the Huskers, but did not see game action.

#### 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Glassman left the program prior to the start of the 2007 season.

#### 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Glassman redshirted as a tight end and worked on the scout team in 2006.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (OMAHA CREIGHTON PREP HS)

Glassman is a product of Omaha Creighton Prep High School, one of the state's top prep programs. Glassman turned down an offer to walk-on at Nebraska out of high school and also had an opportunity to join the Army football program. He enrolled part-time at UNO for the fall semester and joined the Huskers in January of 2006.

Glassman played for Coach Tom Jaworski at Creighton Prep, where he was a teammate of former Husker Zach Potter. Glassman helped the Junior Jays to a state title in 2004, playing tight end and defensive tackle.

Glassman was a Lincoln Journal Star academic all-state pick, and also played basketball and participated in track. He was a captain on the basketball team, helping Prep to the state finals as a senior, and was a two-time qualifier for the state track meet, once in the shot put and once in the 4x100 meter relay.

#### **PERSONAL**

Glassman is the son of Mike and Mary Glassman, and was born on Nov. 8, 1986. He is a pre-chiropractic major. Glassman is one of Nebraska's top volunteers in the community and was named to the 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team. Glassman has been a volunteer at the Special Olympics Aquatic Event, Rebuilding Omaha this past spring and Nebraska's team hospital visits.

### DEJON **GOMES**

CORNERBACK | 6-0 | 190 | Jr. HAYWARD, CALIF. (LOGAN/CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO)



#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Dejon Gomes was one of three players in Nebraska's 2009 recruiting class who joined the Huskers at the start of the second semester and participated in spring ball. The early arrival in Lincoln allowed the 6-0, 190-pound Gomes to join the competition for playing time among a group of talented young cornerbacks. Gomes was one of two players in the 2009 class to join the Huskers from the junior college ranks and he has two seasons of eligibility at Nebraska.

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#### **BEFORE NEBRASKA**

#### (CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO/LOGAN HS)

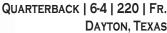
Gomes came to Nebraska after two impressive seasons at City College of San Francisco. He recorded 39 tackles during the 2008 season for Coach George Rush's team. Gomes also had four  $interceptions, 14\,pass\,breakups\,and\,five\,tackles\,for\,loss.\,For\,his\,play, Gomes\,earned\,all-conference$ honors in 2008. His strong performance came on the heels of an outstanding freshman season. Gomes recorded 34 tackles, four interceptions, seven breakups and four tackles for loss during the 2007 campaign, helping the Rams to a national championship. Gomes was ranked among the top 40 overall junior college prospects in the country by SuperPrep.

Gomes starred as a prepster at Logan High School in Union City, Calif. He primarily played running back in high school and rushed for about 1,000 yards and 24 touchdowns as a senior, before switching to defense for college. Gomes chose Nebraska after also visiting Houston.

#### **PERSONAL**

Gomes was born on Nov. 17, 1989, and is the son of Norman and Deon Goolsby. He is majoring in psychology at Nebraska.







#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Cody Green came to Nebraska as one of the most heralded recruits in the 2009 Husker signing class. The 6-4, 220-pound quarterback joined the Nebraska program in January after completing course requirements at Dayton High School in the fall semester. Green was one of three members of the recruiting class to join the team for the second semester and his early arrival allowed him an extra 15 practices to learn the Husker offense. Green had a solid spring and will enter the fall in the battle for playing time at quarterback with juniors Zac Lee and Latravis Washington.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (DAYTON HS)

Green was one of eight Texans in the Huskers' 2008 signing class. He had a remarkable senior season as he led Dayton High and Coach Jerry Stewart to a 13-2 record and a Class 4A state runner-up finish. A true dual threat as a signal caller, Green amassed nearly 5,000 yards of total offense. Green threw for 3,265 yards and 37 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,610 yards and 25 touchdowns.

In leading the Broncos to the state title game, Green produced more than 1,000 yards passing and nearly 800 rushing yards in six playoff games. In the 4A state title game, Green passed for 329 yards and six touchdowns, while rushing for 94 yards. Green topped 200 yards passing nine times as a senior, including a pair of 300-yard games. On the ground, he rushed for more than 100 yards eight times, including 270 yards against Brenham in the state playoffs.



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Green was named first-team all-area by the Houston Chronicle as a utility player and was also an honorable-mention Class 4A all-state selection by the Associated Press.

Green was slowed by an injury during his junior season that allowed him to play in only a few games. He first showed his talents for Dayton High as a sophomore, when he rushed for 689 yards and passed for 1,429 yards and 19 touchdowns, while completing better than 61 percent of his passes.

Green was listed among the top 25 overall players in the state of Texas by the Austin American-Statesman, Dallas Morning News, Rivals.com and SuperPrep. He was ranked among the top 10 quarterback prospects in the country by both Rivals.com and Scout.com. Green received numerous offers, but only visited Nebraska and committed to the Huskers in July of 2008.

#### **PERSONAL**

He is the son of Chandra Green and was born on June 2, 1991. He has not yet declared a major and has volunteered is time with the School is Cool event.

### THOMAS GROVE

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 225 | JR.-2VL ARLINGTON, NEB.



- » 2008 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007, 2008)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008)

#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Thomas Grove has been a key contributor on special teams during his first two seasons in the Nebraska program, and this fall the walk-on performer will look to earn playing time at linebacker. The 6-2, 225-pound Grove will figure into the wide-open battle for playing time at the Will linebacker position. Grove first served on NU's kickoff coverage team as a true freshman in 2007, then appeared in all 13 games a year ago.

Grove is one of Nebraska's top scholar-athletes. A first-team academic All-Big 12 pick in 2008, Grove carries a 3.64 cumulative grade-point average in biological sciences.

#### 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Grove appeared in all 13 games as a regular on the kickoff coverage unit. He had an assisted tackle against Western Michigan and an unassisted stop against Clemson in the Gator Bowl.

#### 2007 (FRESHMAN)

Grove impressed NU coaches during fall camp and was one of 11 true freshmen to see action in 2007. Grove appeared on kick coverage in games against Nevada, Wake Forest and Kansas State.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (ARLINGTON HS)

Grove was a two-way standout for Coach Steven Gubbels at Arlington High School. Grove helped Arlington to an 8-2 record and a trip to the second round of the Class C-1 state playoffs in 2006. Grove rushed for 1,133 yards and 17 touchdowns for the Eagles as a running back. On defense, he recorded 29 tackles, two sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries from his linebacker spot. For his efforts, Grove was an honorable-mention Class C-1 all-state pick by the Omaha World-Herald.

#### **PERSONAL**

Thomas is the son of Paul and Karen Grove and was born on July 2, 1989. Grove has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll three times. Grove has been a volunteer on Nebraska's team hospital visits.

## ERIC HAGG

SAFETY | 6-2 | 205 | JR.-2VL PEORIA, ARIZ. (IRONWOOD)



- » 2008 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2008)

#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Eric Hagg became an important ingredient in the secondary during his sophomore season and figures to again play a large role in 2009. Hagg established himself as a regular starter at nickel back, and his speed and athleticism were keys to the Huskers being successful against the high-powered offenses in the Big 12.

The 6-2, 205-pounder is part of a Nebraska secondary that will enter the 2009 campaign with much more depth and experience than last fall. Hagg has the ability to play both cornerback and safety, but spent the majority of his time during the spring at safety. In addition to pushing for a starting safety job, Hagg is likely to remain in the crucial role of starting nickel back. An Arizona native, Hagg was one of 11 Husker true freshmen to see action in 2007.

#### 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Hagg played in all 13 games with 10 starts and was among the select group of defenders to be awarded a Blackshirt late in the season. He finished with 39 tackles, including 29 solo stops, and added five tackles for loss, a sack and ranked among the team leaders with seven pass breakups.

He opened 2008 in strong fashion with five tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery against Western Michigan. Hagg recorded a career-high 10 tackles, including nine solo stops against New Mexico State, then made his first career tackle for loss against Virginia Tech. He added four tackles each against Baylor and Oklahoma, and had tackles for loss against Kansas and Colorado. Hagg had two pass breakups against both San Jose State and Kansas.

Hagg saved his biggest plays for a crucial moment in the Gator Bowl win over Clemson. With the Tigers threatening for the go-ahead score late in the contest, Hagg had a key pass breakup on a first-and-goal play. Hagg then threw Clemson quarterback Cullen Harper for a 16-yard sack on second down, allowing NU to preserve the 26-21 victory.



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### 2007 (FRESHMAN)

Hagg did not see action in Nebraska's first four games, but ended any chance of a redshirt when he first saw action against Iowa State. Hagg went on to play in seven games, both on kick coverage and as a reserve in the secondary. He made a pair of assisted tackles in Nebraska's win over Kansas State.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (IRONWOOD HS)

One of five players in Nebraska's 2007 recruiting class from the state of Arizona, Hagg was a standout at Ironwood High School in Peoria, where he was a teammate of fellow Husker William Yancy. Hagg starred at receiver and defensive back for Coach Larry Allen catching 49 passes for 920 yards and nine touchdowns, while making 33 tackles and intercepting four passes on defense. His efforts as a senior earned him first-team Arizona 5A all-state honors from the Arizona Republic.

Hagg's impressive senior season came on the heels of a strong junior campaign, when he had 37 catches, including 12 touchdowns and made better than 40 tackles on defense. He also had seven interceptions and blocked a punt. Hagg was listed among the top 15 players in Arizona by both Rivals.com and Scout.com.

In addition to his outstanding accomplishments on the field, Hagg was a top basketball player, starting for Ironwood and averaging 10 points per game as a senior. Hagg only visited Nebraska, but had numerous other offers including Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon and Oregon State.

#### **PERSONAL**

Eric Jr. is the son of Eric Hagg Sr., and was born on Sept. 15, 1989. He is majoring in ethnic studies and has volunteered his time as an FCA Outreach speaker and with team hospital visits.

#### CAREER STATISTICS

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Year	G/S	UT	ΑT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	7/0	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2008	13/10	29	10	39	5-28	1.0-16	1-1	0	7	0	2
Totals	20/10	29	12	41	5-28	1.0-16	1-1	0	7	0	2

#### SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-10 vs. New Mexico State, 2008 Solo Tackles-9 vs. New Mexico State, 2008 Tackles for Loss-2-18 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl Sacks-1-16 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl Pass Breakups-2 vs. San Jose State, Kansas, 2008

### DAVID **HARVEY** DEFENSIVE END | 6-4 | 270 | SR.



LAPLATA, MD. (McDonough)



Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2007)

#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Senior David Harvey brings versatility to the Nebraska defensive line and will look to push for playing time in his final season in a Husker uniform. The 6-4, 270-pound Harvey has lined up at defensive end for the majority of his career, but tried his hand at defensive tackle during part of spring ball. He moved back outside for the final portion of spring practice, but could add depth at either position.

Harvey has seen limited playing time on defense during his Nebraska career, after beginning his time in Lincoln at tight end. The Maryland native is on track to complete his degree work in sociology in December.

#### CAREER

Harvey was a reserve defensive end in 2008, but did not see game action. He switched to tackle late in the season. During his sophomore season, Harvey appeared in NU's win over Iowa State at defensive end. He switched to defense in the fall of 2006 and worked primarily on the scout team. Harvey redshirted during his first season at Nebraska in 2005.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (McDonough HS)

Harvey was the first Maryland prep player to sign with Nebraska since 1990 when Donta Jones and Duane Wiles came to Nebraska from the state. Jones also came to Nebraska from McDonough High School.

Harvey capped a strong prep career with an outstanding senior season in which he made 59 tackles, including six sacks from the defensive end spot, and caught 15 passes for 249 yards. Harvey played just one season for Coach Dave Bradshaw at McDonough, after moving from South Carolina. As a junior at Sumter (S.C.) High School, Harvey had three sacks and helped his team to a 13-1 record and a state runner-up finish. Harvey was also a standout on the basketball court, as he averaged 10 points and 13 rebounds at McDonough as a junior, after transferring to the school at mid-term. Harvey's efforts helped his squad to the state semifinals.

#### **PERSONAL**

Harvey is the son of Julia Moore and David Thomas, and was born on May 16, 1987. Harvey has been active in the community, serving as a volunteer with the Lincoln Action Program, the People's City Mission and team hospital visits. His efforts earned him a Nebraska 2006 HERO Leadership Award. He was named to the 2007 Big 12 Commisioner's Fall Honor Roll.

### **MIKE** HAYS

FULLBACK | 6-1 | 235 | So.-1VL PAPILLION, NEB. (PAPILLION-LAVISTA)



#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Mike Hays developed into one of Nebraska's most dependable special teams players as a redshirt freshman in 2008. The Papillion native is likely to continue in that role again this fall, while also making a push for the top job at fullback. At 6-1 and 235 pounds, Hays has the size to make an impact as a lead blocker for the Huskers.

A walk-on, Hays appeared in every game a year ago after redshirting in his first season in the Nebraska program.

#### 2008 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Hays played in all 13 games as part of the Huskers' kickoff, kickoff return and punt teams, while also supplying depth behind senior fullbacks Thomas Lawson and Hunter Teafatiller. Hays finished the season with three tackles on special teams. He made unassisted tackles against Kansas and Colorado, and had an assist against San Jose State.

### 2007 (REDSHIRT)

A walk-on, Hays worked as both a linebacker and fullback on the scout team.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (PAPILLION-LAVISTA HS)

Hays only played organized football for two years at Class A Papillion-LaVista High School, but he quickly made an impact during his prep career. Hays played linebacker and wide receiver and earned honorable-mention all-state, first-team all-district and second-team all-metro

Hays was a four-sport athlete for the Monarchs. As a forward for the basketball team he led the squad to the state playoffs, while helping the baseball team to the district championships as a centerfielder and pitcher. Hays also competed in the sprints for the track and field team.

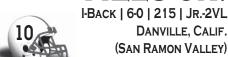
Hays had scholarship offers to several Division II schools before choosing the Huskers.

#### **PERSONAL**

Hays is the son of Bill and Anita Hays and was born on Aug. 22, 1989. He is majoring in sociology. Hays has been a part of NU's hospital visits, while also serving as a volunteer with the Omaha Heart Walk and the Elementary School is Cool Week.

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### Roy Helu Jr.





» 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12

#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Roy Helu Jr. (pronounced HELL-ue) was a key part of a three-man rotation at I-back in 2008, and the California native emerged as a go-to back in November. Helu Jr. and fellow junior Quentin Castille head into 2009 as proven performers at I-back, and the duo should give Nebraska one of the top rushing tandems in the Big 12 Conference.

Helu's play late in the 2008 season earned him honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches, and he is poised to compete for bigger honors as a junior. The Californian finished as Nebraska's leading rusher with 803 yards, while averaging better than six yards per carry. The 6-0 Helu Jr. worked hard in Nebraska's off-season strength and conditioning program and now checks in at 215 pounds while maintaining the speed, elusiveness and vision that has made him a success during his first two seasons.

#### 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Helu played in all 13 games and started the final two contests of the season. He had 803 rushing yards on 125 carries, an average of 6.4 yards per attempt, the best average by a Husker in seven years. Helu was the first Husker with at least 100 carries to average better than six yards per rush since 2000. He also showed his ability as a receiver, with 25 catches for 266 yards, including three games with at least four receptions.

Helu topped 50 yards on the ground seven times during the season, including 100-yard games against Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado. He ranked 10th in the Big 12 in rushing and his 80.0 rushing yards per contest in league games ranked fifth in the conference.

Helu opened the year with 52 yards against Western Michigan, and added 59 yards and a touchdown on nine carries in the win over San Jose State. Helu had 47 yards on 10 carries on the road at Texas Tech, then had 66 yards on just six carries at Iowa State. His effort against the Cyclones included a 50-yard run and a career-long 27-yard catch.

Helu rushed for 510 yards in the final four games of the regular season, topping the century mark three times. His play led a rejuvenated Nebraska running game that averaged 211.6 yards in the final half of the regular season. Helu had eight rushes of 20 yards or more in the final four regular-season games.

His first 100-yard outing came at Oklahoma when Helu ran for 157 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries, including a career-long 57-yard run. He added 115 yards and two touchdowns against Kansas, while setting career bests with eight catches for 61 yards in the 45-35 win. The back-to-back 100-yard rushing outings marked the first time a Husker back had accomplished that feat in Big 12 play since 2006.

Helu added 72 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 13 carries at Kansas State and capped the year with a great effort against Colorado. He carried 25 times for 166 yards, the second-highest rushing total in a Big 12 game in 2008. In the contest, Helu surpassed 1,000 career rushing yards and also caught five passes for 49 yards to total a career-high 215 all-purpose yards. Helu was slowed by a minor leg injury in the Gator Bowl and had just five first-half carries.

#### 2007 (FRESHMAN)

One of 11 true freshmen to see action, Helu played in just two of the firstsix games, but was a key performer in a five-game stretch in the second half of the year. He finished as Nebraska's third-leading rusher with 45 carries for 209 yards, an average of 4.6 yards per tote. Helu also showed the ability to catch the ball, snaring five passes for 40 yards.

Helu had six carries for 26 yards in the opener against Nevada, then had four carries for 13 yards and a reception against Ball State. He carried a season-high 14 times for 55 yards against Oklahoma State. Helu also caught a season-long 21-yard pass against the Cowboys.

Helu added 39 rushing yards against Texas A&M, 14 yards at Texas

and had nine carries for a season-high 56 yards at Kansas. His performance against the Jayhawks included a season-long 24-yard run. Helu carried twice against Kansas State, but did not see action at Colorado in the season finale.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (SAN RAMON VALLEY HS)

Helu was one of four 2007 signees from California and came to Lincoln after an impressive career at San Ramon Valley High School for Coach Dave Kravitz. Helu helped San Ramon Valley to a 10-2 record in 2006, earning first-team all-league honors at running back. He finished his senior campaign with 1,085 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns and added another 300 yards and one more score on 20 receptions. He also had one interception as a free safety.

As a junior, Helu rushed for 1,526 yards and 19 scores on 186 carries during the 2005 season, good for an impressive 8.2 yards per carry. He added 30 receptions for 500 yards and four touchdowns to earn All-East Bay League honors. Helu was also a dangerous return man for San Ramon Valley throughout his high school career. Helu only visited Nebraska, but also received offers from numerous schools, including BYU, California and Oregon.

#### **PERSONAL**

Helu was born on Dec. 7, 1988 and is the son of Roy Helu Sr. and Kilistofa (Kristi) Helu. He is majoring in sociology and has been a regular volunteer through NU's community outreach activities. He has worked with numerous FCA activities, as well as volunteering at Elliot Elementary School and as part of the Huskers' team hospital visits.

#### **CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TD
2007	7/0	45	212	3	209	4.6	29.9	24 at Kansas	0
2008	13/2	125	839	36	803	6.4	61.8	57 at Oklahoma	7
Totals	20/2	170	1,051	39	1,012	6.0	50.6	57 at Oklahoma	7

#### SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Rushing Attempts–25 vs. Colorado, 2008 Rushing Yards–166 vs. Colorado, 2008 Long Rush–57 at Oklahoma, 2008 Rushing Touchdowns-2 vs. Kansas, Kansas State, 2008 Receptions-8 vs. Kansas, 2008 Receiving Yards-61 vs. Kansas, 2008



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#### 2008 GAME-BY-GAME RUSHING STATISTICS

Opponent	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Western Michigan	7	52	27	0
San Jose State	9	59	17	1
New Mexico State	7	32	14	0
Virginia Tech	4	21	12	1
Missouri	5	11	7	0
at Texas Tech	10	47	10	0
at Iowa State	6	66	50	0
Baylor	2	6	3	0
at Oklahoma	16	157	57	1
Kansas	16	115	52	2
at Kansas State	13	72	24	2
Colorado	25	166	25	0
vs. Clemson	5	-1	4	0
Totals	125	803	57	7

# ALEX HENERY

PLACE-KICKER/PUNTER | 6-2 | 175 | JR.-2VL 90 OMAHA, NEB. (BURKE)



- 2009 Lou Groza Award Candidate
- » 2008 Second-Team All-Big 12

(AP, Kansas City Star, Dallas Morning News, San Antonio Express-News)

- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (vs. Colorado, 2008)
- » Nebraska & Memorial Stadium Record Holder for Longest Field Goal (57 yards)
- » Nebraska Record Holder for Season Field Goal Percentage (1.000 in 2007)

#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Alex Henery returns for his junior season after putting together two of the finest seasons for a place-kicker in Nebraska school history. Henery was perfect on field goal and extra-point attempts as a freshman in 2007, then proved to be one of the nation's top kickers as a sophomore. In addition to contending for all-conference and All-America honors this fall, the Omaha native is a leading contender to take on the additional role as Nebraska's punter.

Henery is the nation's most accurate returning kicker. Through two seasons he has connected on 26-of-29 field goal attempts for an 89.7 percent accuracy rate. A second-team All-Big 12 pick as a sophomore, Henery's accuracy has never been in question and last year he exhibited his leg strength with six field goals of 40 yards or more, including a school-record 57-yarder to pull out a win over Colorado. He also enters the 2009 campaign with a 101-of-102 success rate on extra points, the most accurate career mark for a Nebraska kicker.

#### 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Henery ranked among the Big 12 leaders in scoring and field-goal accuracy in 2008, after connecting on 18-of-21 field goals and 56-of-57 extra points on the year. His 110 points were the most by a Husker since 2001, and his 8.5 points per game ranked fifth overall in the Big 12 and second among kickers. His 85.7 percent field goal accuracy was tops in the league and among the top 12 nationally. Henery also ranked in the top 25 nationally in scoring and field goals per game.

Henery capped his standout 2008 season with a signature moment in the regular-season finale against Colorado. He connected on a school-record 57-yard field goal to provide the decisive points in the final minutes of the Huskers' 40-31 victory over Colorado. The record-setting 57-yard kick against Colorado was two yards longer than the previous record held by three players. The 57-yarder came after Henery made kicks of 35, 27 and 37 yards earlier in the game.

The kick against Colorado was not his final success in 2008, as Henery connected on all four field goal attempts in a 26-21 Gator Bowl victory over Clemson. The game marked his third contest in 2008 with four field goals.

Henery also started the year with a bang. In the opener against Western Michigan, Henery made four field goals, all from 44 yards, marking just the second time in school history a player

made four field goals from 40-plus yards in the same game. Henery's four field goals tied the Memorial Stadium record and extended the perfect start to his career to 12 straight field goals, the most ever to start a Husker career.

Henery had his first career miss against New Mexico State (35 yards), but also made a field goal, starting a streak of four straight games with a field goal. Henery's only other misses of the season each came from beyond 50 yards (vs. Texas Tech, Baylor). On the season he made all six field goals from 40-49 yards, including a 48-yarder against Virginia Tech. Henery's missed extra point against Baylor ended a streak of 77 straight made PATs to start his career.

Henery also made a key play against Kansas, rushing nine yards for a first down on a fourthquarter fake field goal to set up an insurance score in a 45-35 Husker victory.

#### 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Henery connected on all eight of his field goal attempts and was perfect on 45 PAT tries as a redshirt freshman. His effort was the ninth perfect PAT season in school history and he became the first player in Nebraska history with at least five field goal attempts in a season without a miss. His performance earned Henery first-team freshman All-Big 12 honors from The Sporting News.

Henery and fellow freshman Adi Kunalic took an uncertain kicking situation entering the year and made it a strength. Henery handled the Huskers' extra-point duties and short and mid-range field goals while Kunalic kicked off and was slotted as the long-range field goal kicker.

Henery connected on a pair of first-half field goals in Nebraska's 20-17 win at Wake Forest. He added a 37-yarder against USC in the second quarter, then connected on two field goals, including a season-long 39-yarder at Missouri. He added single field goals against Texas, Kansas and Kansas State. Henery had a season-high 10 extra points against Kansas State, with six against Nevada and five in three other games. Henery's only punt was a 32-yarder against USC that was downed inside the Trojan 5-yard line.

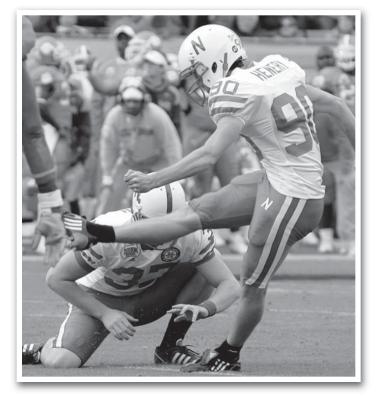
#### 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Henery sat out the season as a redshirt.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (BURKE HS)

Henery was one of the top walk-ons in Nebraska's 2006 class. He earned Omaha World-Herald first-team All-Nebraska and first-team Lincoln Journal Star Super-State honors as a punter. Henery averaged 41.4 yards per punt as a senior, and also connected on 6-of-10 field goals and 37-of-38 extra-point tries.

Henery helped Burke to a 7-5 finish and a trip to the state semifinals. He earned first-team all-state honors as a junior, averaging 41.7 yards per punt. He also played soccer for the Bulldogs, helping them to a 14-3 record and a state playoff appearance as a junior.



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#### **PERSONAL**

Alex is the son of Guy and Mary Henery, and was born on Aug. 18, 1987. Henery is majoring in construction management. He has participated in several outreach activities, including the Omaha Heart Walk, School is Cool and numerous hospital visits, including the Huskers' trip to a local hospital during their Gator Bowl trip to Jacksonville.

#### **CAREER STATISTICS**

Yea	r G	PAT	FG	TP	PPG	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG
200	7 12/12	45-45	8-8	69	5.75	0-0	5-5	3-3	0-0	0-0	39
200	3 13/13	56-57	18-21	110	8.46	1-1	7-7	3-4	6-6	1-3	57
Tota	als 25/25	101-102	26-29	179	7.16	1-1	12-12	6-7	6-6	1-3	57

#### SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Field Goals Made–4 vs. Western Michigan, Colorado, 2008, vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl Long Field Goal–57 yards vs. Colorado, 2008 (school record)

PATs Made-10 vs. Kansas State, 2007

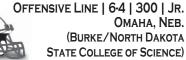
Consecutive FG Made-12, Entire 2007 season thru New Mexico State, 2008

#### 2008 GAME-BY-GAME PLACE-KICKING STATISTICS

	PAT	Field Goals			
Opponent	Made -Att.	Made -Att.	Long	Blkd.	
Western Michigan	5-5	4-4	44	0	
San Jose State	5-5	0-0	0	0	
New Mexico State	5-5	1-2	19	0	
Virginia Tech	3-3	1-1	48	0	
Missouri	2-2	1-1	28	0	
at Texas Tech	4-4	1-2	21	0	
at Iowa State	5-5	0-0	0	0	
Baylor	3-4	1-2	27	1	
at Oklahoma	4-4	0-0	0	0	
Kansas	6-6	1-1	35	0	
at Kansas State	8-8	0-0	0	0	
Colorado	4-4	4-4	57*	0	
vs. Clemson	2-2	4-4	48	0	
Totals	56-57	18-21	57*	1	

<sup>\*</sup>Nebraska school record and Memorial Stadium record







#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Omaha native Ricky Henry is poised for a major role on the Nebraska offensive line during the 2009 season. After spring ball four players had emerged as likely starters on the offensive front. However, the right guard position remained up for grabs and the 6-4, 300-pound Henry is among the leading contenders to fill that role. Henry brings a physical nature and tenacity to the position and a redshirt season in 2008 allowed him to gain a better grasp of the Husker offense.

#### 2008 (REDSHIRT)

Henry sat out his first season at Nebraska as a redshirt.

#### **BEFORE NEBRASKA**

#### (BURKE HS/NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE)

Henry was one of six Nebraska natives in the 2008 signing class. He originally signed with Nebraska in 2006, but spent two seasons at the North Dakota State College of Science, where he was a standout on the offensive line. Henry started every game at right guard in his two seasons at the school. In 2007, Henry earned first-team all-region honors for Coach Chuck Parsons.

Henry attended Omaha Burke High School, where he earned two first-team Class A all-state honors. In 2005, Henry was named to the Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska team and the Lincoln Journal Star's Super-State squad. Henry made his biggest mark on defense in high school with 84 tackles, including 27 tackles for loss as a senior, and another 107 tackles during his junior season.

Henry also starred on the wrestling mat in high school, winning the Class A state heavyweight title as a senior, after earning runner-up honors in his junior season. Henry was the first Husker scholarship recruit from Omaha Burke since Adam Julch and Aaron Wills signed with the Huskers in 1995. In addition to Nebraska, Henry also received offers from Colorado and Houston.

#### **PERSONAL**

Henry was born on July 27, 1987, and is the son of Maria Henry and Rick Henry. He is majoring in sociology.





- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2006, 2008)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Will Henry has served in a support role as a reserve receiver throughout his Nebraska career, but the Texas native is hoping for a more prominent role in 2009. The 6-5, 215-pound Henry is among a group of contenders who are vying for playing time and looking to help the Husker offense overcome the loss of Todd Peterson and Nate Swift, who finished their careers as two of the top five receivers in school history.

Henry is the tallest of Nebraska's receivers and has seen reserve action at receiver the past two seasons, while also contributing on special teams.

#### 2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Henry played in nine games, primarily on the punt return unit, while seeing a few snaps at receiver. He did not have a reception on the season.

#### 2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Henry appeared in games against Ball State and Iowa State. He did not have any receptions, but made valuable progress in practice throughout the season.

#### 2006 (REDSHIRT)

Henry sat out the season as a redshirt and added muscle to his 6-5 frame.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (J.M. HANKS HS)

Henry matched Wilson Thomas (1998) as the tallest receiver to sign with the Huskers since at least 1974. Henry played for Coach Ron Durks at J.M. Hanks High School in El Paso, Texas, and chose Nebraska after also receiving offers from Missouri, New Mexico State and UTEP.

As a junior, Henry caught 16 passes for 273 yards and three touchdowns. He enjoyed a breakout season as a senior, totaling 52 receptions for 917 yards and 12 touchdowns. His performance earned him Class 5A first-team all-state honors from TexasHSFootball.com and honorable-mention Class 5A All-State honors from the Associated Press. Playing defense as a junior, Henry recorded 35 total tackles and intercepted two passes. He was ranked among the SuperPrep Texas Top 102. Henry also ran track for Hanks.

#### **PERSONAL**

Will is the son of William and Vernette Henry, and was born on Dec. 10, 1987. He is majoring in nutrition, exercise and health science and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll three times. He has also made an impact in the Lincoln community and was named to the 2007 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team. Henry has volunteered during School is Cool Week, American Education Week, as an FCA Outreach speaker and as part of NU's hospital visits. He was also a HERO Leadership Award recipient in the spring of 2007.

### **JACOB HICKMAN**

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 290 | SR.-3VL BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. (CENTENNIAL)



- 2009 Rimington Award Watch List
- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » 2007 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

#### 2009 OUTLOOK

Center Jacob Hickman will enter spring practice as the most game-tested veteran on the Nebraska offense. A two-time honorable-mention All-Big 12 pick, Hickman has started 23 games in his career including all 13 contests at center in 2008. He is one of three returning starters on the Husker offensive front and will look to provide leadership to a youthful 2009 offense. Hickman is a preseason member of the Rimington Award watch list and could be a contender for conference and national accolades.

Hickman worked at both guard and center this spring and while he is expected to anchor the line at center, he does have significant playing experience at guard, giving the offensive line added versatility. The play of Hickman has helped Nebraska rank among the nation's top 12 in total offense each of the past two seasons.

Hickman is on track to earn his degree in construction management in December. He is one of 11 Husker seniors expected to pick up their degree by the end of the fall semester.

#### 2008 (JUNIOR)

After switching from guard during spring ball, Hickman was one of only two linemen to start every game. Hickman was the anchor for the line that powered the unit to top-20 national rankings in scoring, rushing and total offense. The Huskers finished the year averaging 450.8 yards per game to rank 12th nationally and topped 30 points in 10 of 13 games.

The offensive line made steady progress throughout the year, helping make Nebraska one of the Big 12's top rushing teams. Nebraska finished third in the league in rushing in conference games and averaged better than 210 yards per game over the final half of the regular season. Nebraska rushed for at least 160 yards in each of the final six games of the regular season, including 340 yards at Kansas State, the most by Nebraska in a Big 12 game in six seasons.

Hickman and his line mates also allowed senior quarterback Joe Ganz to set season school records for passing yards and total offense. The continuity Hickman provided for Ganz helped the signal caller complete better than 67 percent of his passes and post five 300-yard passing days. Both of those marks were Nebraska season records.

#### 2007 (SOPHOMORE)

After missing spring ball because of a knee injury, Hickman played in all 12 games in 2007, including starts in the final nine games at left guard. He was a key cog in a line that helped Nebraska set single-game and season passing records, averaging better than 323 passing yards per game to finish seventh nationally. Despite throwing a school-record 481 passes, the line surrendered only 18 sacks.

The Huskers also finished ninth nationally in total offense by averaging 468.2 yards per game. The line paved the way for I-back Marlon Lucky to record a 1,000-yard rushing season, along with more than 1,700 all-purpose yards.

#### 2006 (FRESHMAN)

Hickman played in five games, appearing in non-conference wins over Louisiana Tech, Nicholls State and Troy. He saw extensive action at Oklahoma State, helping Nebraska roll up 452 yards of offense. That performance earned Hickman the start against Missouri. Hickman also served on NU's PAT and field goal units. Hickman missed the Cotton Bowl after suffering a knee injury in December.

Against Missouri, Hickman became just the second true freshman offensive lineman to start a game for Nebraska since 1972, joining former teammate Matt Slauson who started the final three games at offensive tackle as a true frosh in 2005. Hickman also became just the seventh Husker true freshman lineman to letter since 1972.

#### BEFORE NEBRASKA (CENTENNIAL HS)

Hick man was a two-way standout for Coach Brian Nixon at Centennial High School in Bakers field,playing defensive tackle and offensive line. Hickman earned second-team CalHi Sports all-state honors as a senior in 2004, and was a first-team all-state underclassman selection as a junior, when he also earned all-area and all-league honors. Hickman had 56 tackles and 13 sacks as a junior in helping Centennial to a 10-3 record.

Hickman was ranked among the top 50 prospects in California by Rivals.com. He only visited Nebraska, but also received offers from Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado, Washington and UCLA.

#### **PERSONAL**

Hickman is the son of Bill Hickman and Nancy Smith, and was born on Aug. 14, 1986. He and wife, Savannah, were married in July of 2007. Hickman was named to the 2009 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll. Hickman has volunteered with Nebraska's regular hospital visits, as well as at Eastmont Towers.

#### **HICKMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Games Played - 30 (5 in 2006, 12 in 2007, 13 in 2008) Games Started - 22 (9 in 2007, 13 in 2008)

