

NDAMUKONG SUH



DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-4 | 300 | SR.-3L
PORTLAND, ORE.



- » 2009 All-America Candidate
- » 2009 Lombardi Award, Outland Trophy and Nagurski Award Candidate
- » 2009 Lott Trophy Watch List
- » 2008 First-Team All-Big 12 (Associated Press, Dallas Morning News, Kansas City Star, San Antonio Express-News)
- » 2008 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » 2008 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Kansas)
- » 2008 Nebraska Defensive MVP
- » Nebraska Season Record for Interceptions by a Defensive Tackle (2)
- » Nebraska Season Record for Interception Returns for Touchdowns by a Defensive Tackle (2)
- » Nebraska Career Record for Interceptions by a Defensive Tackle (3)
- » 2006 First-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (Sporting News)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2009)

2009 OUTLOOK

Defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh (pronounced En-dom-ah-ken Soo) emerged as one of the Big 12's most dominant defensive forces during his junior season and will anchor the Nebraska defense in 2009. The 6-4, 300-pound Suh possesses a rare combination of power and athleticism and regularly demonstrated the ability to control the line of scrimmage from his interior position. He was among the leading reasons Nebraska fielded one of the nation's most-improved defenses last fall. Suh led all Big 12 defensive linemen in tackles per game, and produced several critical game-changing plays in 2008.

Suh will enter his senior season as a leading contender for numerous honors and awards, and he is likely to leave his name in a prominent position in the Cornhusker record book. He earned first-team All-Big 12 honors in 2008, the first Nebraska interior defensive lineman to earn first-team all-league honors since Steve Warren in 1999. Suh should be considered a strong contender for higher honors as a senior. He and returning defensive ends Pierre Allen and Barry Turner form the nucleus of what should be a strong front four.

Suh enters his senior year with 33 career tackles for loss—just five tackles for loss from the Nebraska career top 10 and within striking distance of second place on the list. He also has 12 career sacks, and could make a push for the top five on that chart.

Suh came to Nebraska from Portland, Ore., and was Nebraska's first-ever scholarship signee from that state. He is expected to earn his degree in construction management this December, joining 10 other Husker seniors who are expected to complete their undergraduate work during the fall semester.

2008 (JUNIOR)

Suh was the first Nebraska defensive lineman to lead the team in tackles since 1973, and his 76 total tackles were the most by a Husker lineman since 1992. He posted 7.5 sacks and his 19

tackles for loss were the eighth-best total in school history. Suh's play helped Nebraska finish second in the Big 12 in total defense at 349.8 yards per game, an improvement of 126 yards per game from the 2007 campaign. Suh also helped Nebraska record 35 sacks on the season, 22 more than its 2007 total.

While controlling the center of the line was Suh's primary job, he also used his athleticism to provide several game-changing plays during his junior season. Suh intercepted a pair of passes and returned both of them for touchdowns, including a dramatic game-clinching score in the regular-season finale against Colorado. He had a career game against Kansas that earned him Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors. Suh also became a fixture as a fullback in short-yardage situations late in the season, and against the Jayhawks he showed his athletic ability when he caught a two-yard touchdown pass.

Suh showed no ill effects from knee surgery that kept him out of spring practice, starting all 13 games and making 39 solo stops among his tackle total. His sack and tackle for loss numbers led the team, and he added a forced fumble, six quarterback hurries, three breakups and two blocked kicks. Suh finished the season with nine games of five or more tackles, including six in Big 12 Conference play, and had at least one tackle for loss in 11 of 13 games. His 5.8 tackles per game led all Big 12 defensive linemen by 1.4 tackles per game.

Suh recorded his first major highlight against San Jose State when he picked off a first-quarter Spartan pass and returned it 49 yards for a touchdown to give NU a 14-6 lead. A week later, Suh registered his first two sacks of the year and forced a fumble in a 38-7 victory over New Mexico State. Suh made seven tackles, including two tackles for loss against Missouri, and also made seven tackles each against Baylor and at Oklahoma. Against the Bears, Suh added his second career blocked kick.

He exploded for a career game against Kansas, finishing with 12 total tackles, including five solo stops. He had 2.5 sacks for 18 yards in losses and four tackles for loss totaling 19 yards. His





12 tackles were the most by a defensive lineman in three seasons while the 2.5 sacks were the most by any Husker since 2003 and the four tackles for loss were the most by an NU defender in 38 games.

Suh made five tackles, including two tackles for loss and a sack at Kansas State, then capped the regular season with three tackles and the crucial touchdown against Colorado. He closed his season in style in the Gator Bowl victory over Clemson. Suh made eight total tackles, including six solo stops. He tied his career high with four tackles for loss and had two sacks for 19 yards. Suh also blocked a second-quarter Tiger field-goal attempt, his second blocked kick of 2008.

2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Suh played in all 12 games with 11 starts, producing four games with four or more tackles among his 34 total tackles on the season. All six of his tackles for loss came in a four-game stretch early in the season.

Suh played a key role in NU's 20-17 win at Wake Forest, recording two tackles for loss. Both of his stops behind the line occurred inside the NU 10-yard line, one forcing Wake to kick a field goal and the other helping result in a game-saving interception in the fourth quarter.

Suh had four tackles and a tackle for loss against top-ranked USC, then made a season-high six tackles, including a TFL and a fumble recovery against Ball State. In a win against Iowa State, Suh had four solo stops, two tackles for loss and a six-yard sack. He added three tackles and blocked an extra point against Texas A&M, then closed the year with five tackles and two pass breakups at Colorado.

2006 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Suh played in all 14 games as a backup defensive lineman and earned freshman all-conference honors from The Sporting News. Despite coming off the bench, he finished the year with 19 total tackles, and ranked among the team leaders in tackles for loss (8) and sacks (3.5).

He totaled at least one tackle for loss in five of seven games to start the year, including a three-TFL effort featuring 1.5 sacks against Troy and NU's lone sack against USC. He added three stops against both Nicholls State and Kansas State, when he also finished with two tackles for loss, a sack, a fumble caused, an interception and two quarterback hurries. Suh also saw time on special teams as a blocker on the place-kicking unit.

2005 (INJURED-REDSHIRT)

Suh was one of a school-record 13 true freshmen to see action in 2005. He played in the first two games and had an assisted tackle against Wake Forest before missing the remainder of the season after undergoing knee surgery. He received a medical redshirt.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (GRANT HS)

Suh was a two-way star at Grant High School, where he earned Parade All-America honors and was voted the 2004 Portland Interscholastic League Defensive Player of the Year and the state Class 4A Defensive Player of the Year. As a senior, Suh had 65 tackles, including 10 sacks and recovered four fumbles. He also starred on the offensive line for Coach William Griffin, helping the Generals to a 9-3 record and a berth in the state quarterfinals. Suh earned first-team all-league honors on both offense and defense, and in addition to his defensive accolades was a first-team all-state pick on offense by at least one media outlet. Suh also earned first-team All-PIL honors on both offense and defense as a junior and was an honorable-mention all-state pick as a junior.

Suh was listed as the top prospect in the state of Oregon by Rivals.com and among the top 10 defensive tackle prospects in the country. Suh played in the U.S. Army All-American Game, where he lined up on the offensive line. Suh also played basketball and was a track standout for Grant High. He earned honorable-mention all-league honors in basketball as a junior and senior. In track he was the district shot put champion in 2004, and won the OSAA Class 4A shot put title in 2005 with a school-record throw of 61-4. For his all-around athletic accomplishments, Suh was a finalist for the Portland Tribune's Athlete of the Year. Suh chose Nebraska over California, and also visited Miami, Oregon State and Mississippi State.

PERSONAL

Suh's mother, Bernadette, is from Jamaica, while his father, Michael, hails from Cameroon. In the Ngema tribe in Cameroon, Ndamukong means "House of Spears." Suh was born on Jan. 6, 1987, and he will earn his degree in construction management this December. Ndamukong was named to the 2009 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll. He has volunteered with Nebraska's local hospital visits and also recently volunteered his time as a speaker at Pound Middle School.

CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2005*	2/0	0	1	1	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2006	14/0	12	7	19	8-45	3.5-37	1-0	0	0	1	2
2007	12/11	22	12	34	6-29	1-6	0-1	1	2	0	4
2008	13/13	39	37	76	19-85	7.5-67	1-0	2	3	2	6
Totals	41/24	73	57	130	33-159	12.0-110	2-1	3	5	3	12

*Suh was granted a medical hardship following the 2005 season and regained a year of eligibility

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-12 vs. Kansas, 2008

Solo Tackles-6 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl

Sacks-2.5-18 vs. Kansas, 2008

Tackles for Loss-4-19 vs. Kansas, 2008, 4-24 vs. Clemson, 2009 Gator Bowl

Interceptions-1, three times, 2 in 2008

Touchdowns-49-yard INT return vs. San Jose State; 30-yard INT return vs. Colorado;

2-yard TD reception vs. Kansas

2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

---Tackles---

---Sacks---

Opponent	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU
Western Michigan	2	2	4	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
San Jose State	2	3	5	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-49	0	1
New Mexico State	3	1	4	2-15	2-0-15	1-0-0	0-0	0	0
Virginia Tech	3	3	6	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Missouri	2	5	7	2-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
at Texas Tech	4	1	5	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
at Iowa State	1	2	3	1-5	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	2
Baylor	3	4	7	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
at Oklahoma	4	3	7	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0
Kansas	5	7	12	4-19	2.5-18	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
at Kansas State	2	3	5	2-16	1.0-15	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
Colorado	2	1	3	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-30	2	0
vs. Clemson	6	2	8	4-24	2.0-19	0-0-0	0-0	1	0
Totals	39	37	76	19-85	7.5-67	1-0-0	2-79	7	3

PIERRE ALLEN

DEFENSIVE END | 6-5 | 265 | JR.-2L

DENVER, COLO.

(THOMAS JEFFERSON)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2007)

2009 OUTLOOK

Defensive end Pierre Allen was one of Nebraska's breakout performers in 2008, and he will enter his junior season expected to be one of the cornerstones of the Husker defense. Allen assumed a starting role late last season and became a key part of a front four that was the strength of one of the nation's most improved defenses.

The 6-5, 265-pound Allen is one of nine defenders with extensive starting experience heading into the 2009 season. Allen has the strength and speed to be effective against the run while also harassing opposing quarterbacks as a pass rusher. The Colorado native was a key reserve for the Huskers in 2007, after redshirting in 2006. Allen has added about 40 pounds of muscle since his arrival in Lincoln three years ago.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Allen was pushed into a starting role when Barry Turner suffered a season-ending injury in game two. Allen went on to start the final 11 games opposite senior Zach Potter, and Allen finished the year fourth on the team in tackles with 52, including 21 solo stops. He also ranked third in tackles for loss (10) and sacks (5). Allen had four games with five or more tackles, and his average of 4.0 tackles per game ranked fourth among Big 12 defensive linemen.

Allen's play helped the Nebraska defense allow 126 fewer yards per game than in 2007, and NU finished second in the Big 12 in total defense. The defensive line provided the push for Nebraska to record 35 sacks, up from just 13 a year earlier.

Allen wasted no time in showing his ability after Turner's first-quarter injury against San Jose State. Allen made a career-high 10 tackles in the game, including three tackles for loss, and a pass breakup. He added three tackles the following week against New Mexico State, then tallied nine tackles, including his first career sack against Virginia Tech.

Allen produced his second sack for seven yards against Baylor, then had a standout effort with seven tackles and a 15-yard sack in NU's win over Kansas. He capped the regular season with his fourth sack in the Husker victory over Colorado, Allen's hometown school. He had a one-yard sack against Clemson in the Gator Bowl, one of five Blackshirt sacks in the game.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Allen had 16 total tackles, including three tackles for loss, with 15 of his 16 tackles in the final six games. Allen made four tackles, including a tackle for loss against Oklahoma State. He had three tackles and a pair of hurries at Texas, then had a season-high six tackles at Kansas, when he recorded his second tackle for loss. Allen added his third tackle for loss of the year at Colorado.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Allen sat out as a redshirt and added about 40 pounds of muscle.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (THOMAS JEFFERSON HS)

Allen was a two-sport star at Thomas Jefferson High School in Denver, helping Coach Dan Trumble's Spartans to the Class 5A state playoffs each of Allen's final three seasons. Allen led the team in tackles and was defensive MVP as a junior. He earned Denver Post first-team All-Colorado honors as an athlete. Rivals.com ranked Allen among the top 40 weakside defensive ends in the country, and he was named to the SuperPrep All-America 277.

Allen also excelled in basketball, helping his team to 4A state titles each of his final two seasons. Allen earned MVP honors in the state tournament both years, after posting a triple-double in the championship game as a junior and a 13-point, 17-rebound, five-block effort in the title game as a senior. Allen was the 4A state player of the year as a junior, averaging more than 20 points per game and led Class 4A in rebounding (14.3) and blocked shots (5.3). He earned Rocky Mountain News/CBS 4 Mr. Basketball honors each of his final two years. Allen only visited Nebraska, but also had offers from Colorado, Colorado State, Michigan State, Syracuse, Washington and Wyoming.

PERSONAL

The son of Tara Jenkins and Destry Allen, Pierre was born on Nov. 18, 1987. Allen and his wife, Mercedes, have a son, Pierre Jr., who will celebrate his third birthday on Aug. 28. Allen is majoring in child, youth and family studies, and was named to the 2007 Big 12 Spring Honor Roll. Allen has volunteered his time on team hospital visits and at the F Street Recreation Center. He was a recipient of a 2008 HERO Leadership Award from the Nebraska Athletic Department.

CAREER STATISTICS

		---Tackles---									
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	11/0	6	10	16	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2
2008	13/11	21	31	52	10-37	5.0-27	1-0	0	1	0	2
Totals	24/11	27	41	68	13-42	5.0-27	1-0	0	2	0	4

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-10 vs. San Jose State, 2008

Solo Tackles-3 vs. San Jose State, Virginia Tech, 2008

Tackles for Loss-3 vs. San Jose State, 2008

Sacks-1, five times in 2008

2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Opponent	---Tackles---			---Sacks---			FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds					
Western Michigan	1	0	1	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
San Jose State	3	7	10	3-8	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	
New Mexico State	1	2	3	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Virginia Tech	3	6	9	1-2	1-0-2	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Missouri	1	4	5	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Texas Tech	1	0	1	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Iowa State	2	0	2	0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Baylor	1	2	3	1-7	1-0-7	0-0-0	0-0	1	0	
at Oklahoma	1	2	3	0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Kansas	2	5	7	1-15	1-0-15	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Kansas State	2	1	3	1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0	1	0	
Colorado	2	1	3	1-2	1-0-2	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
vs. Clemson	1	1	2	1-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	21	31	52	10-37	5.0-27	1-0-0	0-0	2	1	



PRINCE AMUKAMARA

CORNERBACK | 6-1 | 200 | JR.-2L

GLENDALE, ARIZ.

(APOLLO)



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

2009 OUTLOOK

Prince Amukamara (pronounced ah-moo-kuh-mara) emerged as a key player in the Nebraska secondary in 2008, and is in position for a more extensive role as a junior. Amukamara was Nebraska's top reserve cornerback last season and also saw extensive action when the Huskers used nickel and dime packages.

The 6-1, 200-pound Amukamara will enter fall camp as one of the leading contenders for the open starting cornerback position left by the graduation of Armando Murillo. Amukamara and junior returning starter Anthony West have the most experience in a talented, but young group of Husker cornerbacks. A high school running back, Amukamara is also likely to continue to play a key role on special teams.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Amukamara played in all 13 games, including starts against Western Michigan, New Mexico State and Virginia Tech. He started the opener with Murillo slowed by injury, then replaced an injured Anthony West against the Aggies. Amukamara made 34 tackles, including 21 solo stops, and ranked as one of the leading tacklers among non-starters. Amukamara added three pass breakups and caused a pair of fumbles on punt coverage at Kansas State. He also had two tackles for loss and an 11-yard sack against Baylor.

Amukamara made a career-high eight tackles in the opener against Western Michigan, and added six tackles in the Huskers' 38-7 win over New Mexico State. He had four other games with at least three tackles, and in addition to his sack against Baylor he added a tackle for loss vs. Oklahoma.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

Amukamara did not play in the first three games, but saw action in eight of the final nine contests. In addition to providing depth at corner, Amukamara was a regular on the kickoff coverage unit. He had four tackles, including two against Kansas State and one each against Ball State and Missouri. Amukamara was one of 11 true freshmen to see action for the Huskers.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (APOLLO HS)

Amukamara was a dual-threat performer for Coach Zach Threadgill at Apollo High School. During his final two seasons, Amukamara scored nearly 50 touchdowns, while rushing for 3,389 yards and averaging 11.9 yards per carry. In the same two seasons, he had 664 receiving yards and totaled about 125 tackles, including 95 tackles and two interceptions in 2006.

As a senior, Amukamara rushed for 2,106 yards and 24 touchdowns (191.5 ypg), while catching 22 passes for 252 yards and six touchdowns. He also averaged 26 yards per punt return and 20.8 yards on kickoff returns. His play helped lead Apollo High School to a 7-4 record in 2006. His top game came in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs against Scottsdale Chaparral, when Amukamara rushed for 366 yards and four touchdowns in a 35-28 overtime loss. Amukamara was the state high school player of the year by the Arizona Republic newspaper, which named him a first-team Class 4A all-state pick.

Amukamara was also a starting guard in basketball, helping Apollo capture its third straight Class 4A state title in 2007, by averaging 11.5 points, 4.7 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 3.5 steals per game. He also starred in track, winning the Class 4A state titles in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes in 2007. His times in the 100 (10.78) and 200 (21.91) were both the fastest of any high school track athlete in Arizona. He chose Nebraska over Fresno State and Arizona State.

PERSONAL

Amukamara was born on June 6, 1989, and is the son of Romanus and Christie Amukamara. He is a political science major, and was named to the 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	Tackles			TFL	Sacks	Fum				
		UT	AT	TT			C-R	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	8/0	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2008	13/3	21	13	34	2-12	1.0-11	2-0	0	3	0	1
Totals	21/3	23	15	38	2-12	1.0-11	2-0	0	3	0	1

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles-8 vs. Western Michigan, 2008

Solo Tackles-5 vs. Western Michigan, 2008

Tackles for Loss-1, twice in 2008

Sacks-1.0-11 vs. Baylor, 2008

2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Opponent	---Tackles---			---Sacks---						
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	
Western Michigan	5	3	8	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	1	1	
San Jose State	2	1	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
New Mexico State	3	3	6	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	
Virginia Tech	0	2	2	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Missouri	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Texas Tech	0	0	0	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Iowa State	2	0	2	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Baylor	2	1	3	1-11	1.0-11	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Oklahoma	3	1	4	1-1	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	
Kansas	0	1	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
at Kansas State	3	0	3	0-0	0.0-0	2-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Colorado	0	1	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
vs. Clemson	0	0	0	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	
Totals	21	13	34	2-12	1.0-11	2-0-0	0-0	1	3	

KENNY ANDERSON

DEFENSIVE END | 6-2 | 250 | RFR.

OMAHA, NEB.

(MILLARD WEST)



» Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2008)

2009 OUTLOOK

Omaha native Kenny Anderson enters his second season in the Nebraska football program in 2009. A walk-on athlete, the 6-2, 240-pound Anderson will enter fall camp as a reserve defensive end and will be asked to supply depth behind projected starters Pierre Allen and Barry Turner. Anderson has excelled in the classroom since his arrival in Lincoln, earning a 3.367 cumulative grade-point average. He was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Anderson sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MILLARD WEST HS)

Anderson posted impressive statistics during his senior year at Millard West. Playing the defensive end position, Anderson recorded 13 sacks and 65 tackles, helping Millard West reach the semifinals in the state football playoffs. For his efforts on the field, Anderson earned first-team all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and second-team all-state accolades from the Omaha World-Herald. He was a member of the South Squad for the 2008 Shrine Bowl. Anderson chose to walk on at Nebraska over offers from Division II Northwest Missouri State and Augustana (S.D.) College.

PERSONAL

Anderson was born on May 20, 1990, and is the son of Rod and Kim Anderson. He is majoring in business administration and has volunteered with the Special Olympics and a Nebraska Veteran's Welcome Home event.

LARRY ASANTE

SAFETY | 6-1 | 215 | SR.-2L

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

(HAYFIELD/COFFEYVILLE CC)



- » 2008 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP, Coaches)
- » 2007 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- » Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2007)

2009 OUTLOOK

Senior Larry Asante returns for his final season with Nebraska as one of the most experienced players on the Huskers' 2009 roster. Asante has held down the starting role at strong safety for each of the past two seasons and is expected to continue in that role while leading the Husker secondary in 2009.

The 6-1, 215-pound Asante was a key component in one of the nation's most improved defenses in 2008. He has the all-around ability to be a difference-maker in both pass defense and run support. Asante's play has earned him honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors each of the past two seasons.

The Virginia native arrived at Nebraska in January of 2007 after two seasons at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College, the same school that produced 1983 Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier. Asante is on track to earn his degree in economics this December.

2008 (JUNIOR)

Asante started 12 games and finished as NU's second-leading tackler with 67 stops, including 45 solo tackles. Asante added two tackles for loss, including a sack, four pass breakups and grabbed his first career interception against Colorado. He helped Nebraska rank second in the Big 12 in total defense, while also finishing second in passing yards allowed. The 2008 Huskers allowed 126 fewer yards per game than the 2007 unit. For his play, Asante was chosen as an honorable-mention All-Big 12 performer by both the league's coaches and Associated Press.

Asante made at least five tackles in eight games, led by a career-high 13 stops at Oklahoma. He added nine tackles, including eight solo stops, and a pass breakup in the Huskers' narrow overtime loss at Texas Tech. Asante recorded seven tackles in the victory over Baylor and had his first career sack (four yards) and a pair of tackles for loss in the contest. He had six stops each against Western Michigan and Virginia Tech.

2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Asante arrived at Nebraska in time for spring practice and made the transition to safety after playing linebacker at Coffeyville. Asante won the starting strong safety job during spring ball and made 78 tackles on the season, including 40 solo stops.

Asante made at least two tackles in every game, and recorded at least eight tackles six times, including a season-high 10 stops against Texas A&M. He had nine tackles in four games—Wake Forest, Iowa State, Texas and Kansas—and made eight tackles against top-ranked USC. Asante also forced a fumble against the Trojans and finished the year with four pass breakups, including two at Texas.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (HAYFIELD/COFFEYVILLE CC)

Asante played linebacker for Coffeyville CC, using his speed and ball-hawking abilities to register 76 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, three blocked kicks and an interception as a redshirt freshman in 2006. His performance netted Asante All-Jayhawk League honors, and honorable-mention All-America honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association. Asante was ranked among the top 10 overall junior college prospects in the nation by Rivals.com.

Asante originally hails from Alexandria, Va., where he attended Hayfield High School. As a prepster, Asante starred on both sides of the ball. He earned all-league honors as a running back in the AAA Patriot Division according to the Washington Post. He chose Nebraska over Clemson, and also visited Kansas State and Iowa State.

PERSONAL

Larry is the son of Paul and Juliana Asante and was born on March 7, 1988. He is majoring in economics and was named to the 2007 Big 12 Spring Commissioner's Honor Roll. He is one of 11 Husker seniors expected to have their degree by the end of the fall semester.

CAREER STATISTICS

---Tackles---											
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	FF-FR	BK	PBU	PI	QBH
2007	12/10	40	38	78	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	4	0	1
2008	13/12	45	22	67	2-4	1.0-4	0-0	0	4	1	1
Totals	25/22	85	60	145	2-4	1.0-4	1-0	0	8	1	2

SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

Tackles—13 at Oklahoma, 2008
Solo Tackles—9 at Oklahoma, 2008
Tackles for Loss—2-4 vs. Baylor, 2008
Sacks—1.0-4 vs. Baylor, 2008
Pass Breakups—2 at Texas, 2007

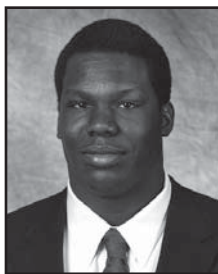
2008 GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Opponent	---Tackles---			---Sacks---			FF-FR-Yds	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU
	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	Yds				
Western Michigan	3	3	6	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
San Jose State	6	1	7	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
New Mexico State	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Virginia Tech	3	3	6	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Missouri	1	0	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Texas Tech	8	1	9	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	0
at Iowa State	3	2	5	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Baylor	4	3	7	2-4	1.0-4	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Oklahoma	9	4	13	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kansas	2	1	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Kansas State	4	1	5	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Colorado	0	1	1	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	1-0	0	1	0
vs. Clemson	1	2	3	0-0	0.0-0	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	45	22	67	2-4	1.0-4	0-0-0	1-0	1	4	4



CRUZ BARRETT

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 310 | JR.
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.
(MAINLAND)



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

2009 OUTLOOK

Junior Cruz Barrett will enter fall camp looking to make a bid for playing time on a deep and talented Nebraska offensive line. The 6-4, 310-pound Barrett has spent the majority of his career working as an offensive guard, but he also tried his hand at center during spring ball. The Florida native will look to make an impact in 2009, after spending the first portion of his career as a valuable member of the scout team unit.

CAREER

Barrett has worked as a reserve offensive lineman each of the past two seasons, but has not appeared in a game. He sat out as a redshirt in his first season at Nebraska in 2006.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MAINLAND HS)

Barrett was a two-year starter for Coach John Maronto at Mainland, which finished 8-3 in 2005 in Florida's second-largest classification. Mainland boasts more than 40 current players in college football at all levels. Barrett was listed on the Tallahassee Democrat's Sunshine 75 and ranked among the top 60 players in the state of Florida by Rivals.com, which also listed him among the top 40 offensive guard prospects in the country.

PrepStar placed Barrett on its All-Southeast region team, and he was ranked among the SuperPrep Florida Top 96. He also played basketball for Mainland. Barrett received scholarship offers from Florida, Florida State, North Carolina, Oklahoma and West Virginia. NU scholarship freshman recruit Antonio Bell was a teammate of Barrett's at Mainland.

PERSONAL

Born on April 30, 1988, Barrett lives with his guardians Rufus and Janice Wilson. He is majoring in sociology and is a two-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. He has been a regular volunteer as part of Nebraska's team hospital visits.

DAMON BECHTOLD

TIGHT END | 6-4 | 235 | RFR.
OMAHA, NEB.
(WESTSIDE)



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

2009 OUTLOOK

Tight end Damon Bechtold enters fall camp hoping to push for playing time at one of Nebraska's deepest positions. The 6-4, 235-pound Bechtold will add depth behind returning starter Mike McNeill, as well as junior Dreu Young and sophomore Ryan Hill who also earned extensive playing time last fall. The walk-on from Omaha Westside is off to a strong start in the classroom, earning recognition on the Big 12 Academic Honor Roll each of his two semesters of college.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Bechtold sat out his first season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (OMAHA WESTSIDE HS)

Bechtold walked on at NU after helping Omaha Westside to three consecutive playoff appearances, including a trip to the 2006 Class A state title game. Bechtold played on both sides

of the ball, and was an all-district selection for his play at defensive end, where he collected 10 sacks as a senior. Bechtold played under Coach Marty Kaufman at Westside.

PERSONAL

Bechtold was born on Oct. 29, 1989, and is the son of M.J. Bechtold. He is majoring in construction management and carries a 3.666 cumulative grade-point average. Bechtold has participated in several volunteer activities including School is Cool Week, a Veteran's Welcome Home event and team hospital visits.

ANTONIO BELL

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-2 | 180 | FR.
DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.
(MAINLAND)



2009 OUTLOOK

Talented wide receiver Antonio Bell joined the Husker program in January of 2009, after originally signing with Nebraska in February of 2008. The 6-2, 180-pound Bell immediately made a strong impression during spring ball with his speed, explosiveness and excellent hands. He has put himself in position to battle for playing time this fall at wideout, where Nebraska must replace two of the top five receivers in school history in Nate Swift and Todd Peterson.

Bell was one of three scholarship players to join the Nebraska program in January along with defensive back Dejon Gomes and quarterback Cody Green. A native of Daytona Beach, Fla., Bell was a teammate of junior offensive lineman Cruz Barrett at Mainland High School.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MAINLAND HS)

Bell had a highly productive prep career for Coach John Maronto at Mainland High School. A four-year starter, Bell caught 45 passes for 776 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior in 2007. That performance earned him first-team all-area honors and second-team Class 5A all-state accolades from the Florida Sports Writers Association. Bell earned first-team all-area honors for the Buccaneers as a junior when he caught 42 passes, covering 625 yards and four touchdowns. Bell accounted for 500 receiving yards as a sophomore in 2005, earning him a second-team all-area selection. Bell also competed in the high jump and triple jump for the Mainland track team.

He was ranked among the top 60 players in the Sunshine State by SuperPrep Magazine in 2008. Bell chose Nebraska over offers from West Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

PERSONAL

Antonio is the son of Tony and Cynthia Bell, and was born on Feb. 21, 1990. He has not declared a major.

JUSTIN BLATCHFORD

CORNERBACK | 6-1 | 195 | RFR.
PONCA, NEB.



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

2009 OUTLOOK

Cornerback Justin Blatchford will compete for playing time at one of the deepest positions on the Nebraska defense. The 6-1, 195-pound Blatchford will enter fall camp listed as a reserve behind returning starter Anthony West and is among a large group of young players who will battle for action this fall. A walk-on from Ponca, Neb., Blatchford is off to a strong start in the classroom, earning recognition on the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Blatchford redshirted during the 2008 season and worked with the scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (PONCA HS)

Blatchford was a four-sport athlete at Class C-2 Ponca High School. He was a two-time all-state football selection at running back for Coach Joe Kvidera, and also played linebacker on defense. He set the school career record with 66 rushing touchdowns, while gaining more than 1,000 yards three seasons and averaging more than seven yards per carry during his career. He also set the school's single-game rushing record with a 283-yard performance against Randolph. He was all-state honorable mention as a sophomore and was an all-conference selection all four years, while leading Ponca to the state playoffs three seasons. He played in the 2008 Shrine Game.

Blatchford also earned letters all four years in basketball, baseball and golf. He was a two-time all-conference selection as a guard in basketball, while leading his squad to a state championship his junior year. He placed in the top 10 all four years at the state golf tournament, and guided Ponca to a state runner-up finish his junior season. On the diamond, he played numerous positions, including outfield and catcher, and was a two-time state champion for the Wakefield Legion program. In the classroom he was on the honor roll all four years and was a member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL

Blatchford is the son of Bruce and Rhonda Blatchford, and was born Jan. 3, 1990, in Sioux City, Iowa. He has not declared a major, but carries a 3.319 cumulative grade-point average.

ANTHONY BLUE

CORNERBACK | 5-10 | 185 | So.-1VL
CEDAR HILL, TEXAS



- » 2007 First-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (*The Sporting News*)
- » 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team Member

2009 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Anthony Blue returns to the Nebraska secondary in 2009 after missing the entire 2008 season with a knee injury. The 5-10, 185-pound Blue had a productive spring practice session and has re-entered the battle for significant playing time in the defensive backfield. The speedy Blue is one of 10 returning letterwinners in the secondary and is a leading contender to push for a starting cornerback job, along with returning starter Anthony West, junior Prince Amukamara and sophomore Alfonzo Dennard.

Blue returned to the practice field midway through the fall campaign, but the Husker coaching staff made the decision to redshirt Blue. He quickly established himself as a potential difference-maker in the Nebraska secondary as a true freshman and was a first-team freshman All-Big 12 performer according to *The Sporting News*.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Blue underwent surgery in early March after suffering a knee injury during winter conditioning. He missed all of spring practice, but did return to the practice field in late October before redshirting.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

Blue played in all 12 games with starts against Kansas State and Colorado. He finished with 18 tackles, including nine solo stops. Blue opened the year as a reserve behind four veteran cornerbacks and saw his most extensive action on special teams. He made a single tackle in five of the first nine games, before recording 13 tackles in the final three games. Blue made three tackles at Kansas, then had a season-high five tackles against both KSU and Colorado. He added a breakup against the Wildcats.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (CEDAR HILL HS)

One of seven Texans in the 2007 NU recruiting class, Blue was a standout performer for Cedar Hill, a powerhouse in the Class 5A ranks. Blue played a key role for Coach Joey McGuire, as Cedar Hill captured the Texas Class 5A state title with a perfect 16-0 record. Blue was a second-team all-state selection, first-team all-district pick and second-team all-area in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

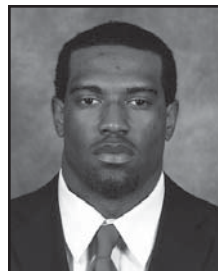
Blue made 60 tackles and intercepted two passes as a senior, while breaking up another 20 passes. Blue was ranked among the top 75 defensive back prospects in the nation by both *Rivals.com* and *Scout.com*. In addition to his outstanding play on the gridiron, Blue was a track standout for Cedar Hill. Although he didn't place in the state track meet, Blue ran a personal best of 21.17 in the 200-meter dash in the district meet. Blue only visited Nebraska, but received a number of offers, including Baylor, Purdue and Wisconsin.

PERSONAL

Blue was born on Feb. 6, 1989, and is the son of Shawndra Blue and Anthony Blue Sr. He is majoring in art. Blue was a member of the 2009 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team and has assisted with Nebraska's team hospital visits and was a volunteer at the F Street Recreation Center and the Legacy Retirement Center. Blue competed with the NU track team in the winter of 2008, running the 60 and 200 meters during six indoor meets. He ran an indoor personal-best time of 7.12 in the 60 meters and recorded a personal-best time of 22.48 in the 200 meters.

CHRIS BROOKS

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-2 | 215 | Sr.-1VL
ST. LOUIS, MO.
(HAZELWOOD EAST)



2009 OUTLOOK

Chris Brooks has moved himself into a position to earn playing time in the Nebraska receiving corps as a fifth-year senior in 2009. The 6-2, 215-pound Brooks has played in a reserve role throughout his career, but saw added playing time late in the 2008 season. He then stepped up during spring practice and culminated his work with a strong Red-White game, when he hauled in five passes, including a touchdown. Brooks has the size and athleticism to make an impact, and also has an excellent grasp of the Husker offense. He is among the leading candidates to fill the void left by the graduation of Nate Swift and Todd Peterson, who finished as two of the top five receivers in school history.

Brooks also emerged in 2008 as a key member of Nebraska's punt and kickoff return units, and he once again figures to play a special-teams role in 2009. The St. Louis native is on track to earn his degree in economics in December of 2009.

2008 (JUNIOR)

Brooks played in 11 games and made two catches for 27 yards. He did not have a reception in the first eight games, before catching a two-yard pass at Oklahoma. A week later, Brooks caught a 25-yard TD pass from Joe Ganz in the second quarter of Nebraska's 45-35 win over Kansas. The reception came on a 3rd-and-10 play and tied the game at 14. Brooks missed the Gator Bowl with a sprained ankle.

In addition to his role on offense, Brooks was involved with the special teams. Nebraska coaches noticed Brooks' contributions in that department, naming him the special teams captain against Missouri and Oklahoma. Brooks made an unassisted tackle at Oklahoma.

2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Brooks played in the season opener against Nevada and made his first career reception for four yards.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Brooks did not see action and redshirted during the 2006 season.

2005 (FRESHMAN)

Brooks played in four games (Maine, Iowa State, Texas Tech, Missouri) as a true freshman, but did not have a reception.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (HAZELWOOD EAST HS)

Brooks was a standout for Coach Corey Johnson at Hazelwood East High School in St. Louis. Brooks had 66 receptions as a senior for 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns, with a long reception of 77 yards. In the process, he helped Hazelwood East to a 9-4 record and a runner-up finish in Missouri's Class 6A (state's largest classification).

Brooks earned all-city honors in St. Louis each of his final three years of high school. He was ranked as the No. 2 prospect in the state of Missouri according to *Rivals.com* and among

the top 15 receivers in the country according to the service. Brooks chose NU over his in-state school Missouri, and also received offers from Florida and Illinois.

PERSONAL

Brooks is the son of Donnie Brooks and Marilyn McClure, and was born on Feb. 5, 1987. He is majoring in economics, and has volunteered with the Huskers' team hospital visits.

JAIVORIO BURKES

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 295 | JR.-2VL

PHOENIX, ARIZ.
(MOON VALLEY)



- » 2007 First-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (*The Sporting News*)
- » 2008 Athlon Magazine "Rising Star"

2009 OUTLOOK

Offensive tackle Jaivorio Burkis has been a key component of the Nebraska offensive line in each of his two seasons in a Cornhusker uniform. He entered the off-season as a likely candidate to contend for a starting offensive tackle job in 2009, but an illness kept him out of spring practice. The 6-5, 295-pound Burkis is hopeful of returning to action in time for fall camp and resuming his bid for significant playing time on a deep Nebraska offensive line.

Burkes emerged late in his true freshman season in 2007, and has the needed athletic ability to play tackle in the Nebraska offensive attack. Last season, the Phoenix native played in all 13 games and made four starts, helping Nebraska feature one of the nation's most complete offenses.

2008 (SOPHOMORE)

Burkes was slowed by an illness that forced him to miss the majority of fall camp, but returned in time for the season opener and played in all 13 games, with four starts. Burkis started at right tackle against San Jose State, Kansas and Kansas State, while lining up on the left side at Iowa State.

The offensive line allowed quarterback Joe Ganz to set season records for passing yards, completion percentage and total offense. Nebraska also ranked among the top 20 nationally in passing offense, scoring offense and total offense. The Huskers reached 400 yards in nine of 13 games and topped 30 points 10 times. Nebraska also averaged better than 200 rushing yards per game over the second half of the regular season and ranked second nationally in time of possession.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

Burkes was one of 11 true freshmen to see action for the Huskers in 2007. He did not play in the first eight games but waited patiently and impressed Nebraska coaches on the scout team until late in the season. However, Lydon Murtha suffered a foot injury against Texas A&M and Burkis moved into the starting lineup for the Huskers' game at Texas. He went on to play in the final four games, also starting against Kansas and Kansas State.

Burkes' play helped NU post huge numbers in November as the Huskers averaged 560.8 yards of total offense in the season's final four games. He helped protect quarterback Joe Ganz who produced three of NU's five all-time 400-yard passing days in the month of November. Burkis' play earned him first-team freshman All-Big 12 honors from *The Sporting News*.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MOON VALLEY HS)

Burkes was one of five signees from Arizona in Nebraska's 2007 class. He was widely regarded as one of the nation's top offensive line prospects after starring for Coach Roger Britson at Moon Valley High School in Phoenix. In addition to his standout work on the offensive line, Burkis also played on the defensive line for Moon Valley and recorded eight sacks during his senior season. Burkis was a Class 4A first-team all-state selection by the Arizona Republic. He was rated among the top five recruits in the state of Arizona and the top 10 offensive line prospects in the country. Burkis was selected to play in the East Meets West All-American Game in Florida.

Burkes was also a starter for his high school basketball team, and ranked among the state's top players. As a senior, he averaged 20 points and 16 rebounds per game. He averaged 15 points and 14 rebounds per game during his junior season. Burkis chose Nebraska after also taking recruiting visits to Oklahoma, Michigan and Arizona State.

PERSONAL

Jaivorio is the son of Sherry Webb and was born on Dec. 20, 1988, in Montgomery, Ala. His family moved to Phoenix when Jaivorio was five years old. He is majoring in sociology. Burkis has volunteered his time with Nebraska's team hospital visits, at the F Street Recreation Center and the Legacy Retirement Center.

BURKES' CAREER STATISTICS

Games Played - 17 (4 in 2007, 13 in 2008)

Games Started - 7 (3 in 2007, 4 in 2008)

JOSEPH CAMARATA

LINEBACKER | 5-10 | 225 | RFR.

OVERLAND PARK, KAN.
(ROCKHURST)



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

2009 OUTLOOK

Joseph Camarata is among a large group of young players who have made a bid for playing time at linebacker. The 5-10, 225-pound Camarata will enter fall camp as a reserve at middle linebacker and is hopeful of making a push for action as a redshirt freshman. Camarata originally joined the Husker football program in January of 2008 as a walk-on and earned his way onto the team during winter conditioning. He spent the 2007 fall semester at Baylor, but was not a member of the football team.

Camarata came to Nebraska after a strong prep career at Rockhurst High School where he was a standout on both sides of the ball. Camarata is off to a strong in the classroom at Nebraska, carrying a 3.552 cumulative grade-point average in forensic science after three semesters.

2008 (REDSHIRT)

Camarata redshirted in his first season with the Huskers and worked on the scout team defense.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (ROCKHURST HS)

Camarata was an outstanding two-way player for Rockhurst High School and Coach Anthony Severino, starting at both center and middle linebacker. Camarata earned first-team Class 6A all-state honors as an offensive lineman by the Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. He also earned Kansas City Area all-district honors during his senior year. During his junior season, Camarata helped Rockhurst High School to a state semifinal appearance.

Camarata was a member of the National Honor Society and earned a Greater Kansas City Football Coaches Association Scholar-Athlete Award in 2006. He compiled better than a 4.0 grade-point average in high school. Camarata began his high school career at Lincoln Southeast High School, where he started both ways as a sophomore before his family moved to the Kansas City area.

PERSONAL

Camarata is the son of Joe and Colleen Camarata and was born on April 25, 1989. He is a three-time Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll selection. Camarata has volunteered his time with numerous outreach events including the Special Olympics and team visits to local hospitals and retirement centers.