



Alex Henery

# WALK-ONS

“Loyalty. Motivation. Willingness to Sacrifice.”

Nebraska Athletic Director Tom Osborne, a Hall of Fame Coach from 1973 to 1997, has used those words to describe Nebraska’s walk-on program.

The tradition of the Cornhusker walk-on program is one-of-a-kind in college football. Hundreds of young men from towns in all corners of the state have come to Nebraska with big dreams. Many players have excelled beyond their biggest dreams. Osborne and Head Coach Bo Pelini have made a priority of building on the past success of the Husker walk-on program.

## NEBRASKA WALK-ONS IN THE NFL

Player	Lettered	Pos.	Hometown	NFL Career
Brian Blankenship	1983-85	OL	Omaha, Neb.	Steelers, 1987-91
Stewart Bradley	2003-06	LB	Salt Lake City	Cardinals, 2007-present
Alex Henery	2007-10	PK/P	Omaha, Neb.	Eagles, 2011-present
Mitch Krenk	1981-82	TE	Nebraska City, Neb.	Bears, 1984-85
Bill Lafleur	1995-98	P	Battle Creek, Neb.	Chargers, 49ers, 2002-04
Kyle Larson	2001-03	P	Funk, Neb.	Bengals, 2004-08
Rodney Lewis	1979-81	DB	Minneapolis, Minn.	Saints, 1982-86
Allen Lyday	1981-82	DB	Wichita, Kan.	Oilers, 1984-87
Joel Makovicka	1995-98	FB	Brainard, Neb.	Cardinals, 1999-2002
Steve Manstedt	1971-73	DE	Wahoo, Neb.	Redskins, 1976
Jim McFarland	1968-69	TE	North Platte	Cardinals, Dolphins, 1970-75
John Parrella	1990-92	DL	Grand Island	Bills, Chargers, Raiders, Rams, 1993-05
Keith Neubert	1987	TE	Atkinson, Wis.	N.Y. Jets, 1988-91
Derrie Nelson	1978-80	DE	Fairmont, Neb.	Chargers, 1983-85
Greg Orton	1983-84	OL	Nebraska City	Lions, 1987
Jerrell Pippens	2000-03	DB	Philadelphia, Pa.	Bears, Chargers, 2004-05
Jarvis Redwine	1979-80	RB	Inglewood, Calif.	Vikings, 1981-83
Tim Rother	1986-87	DT	Bellevue, Neb.	Raiders, 1989-90
Kelly Saalfeld	1977-79	C	Columbus, Neb.	Packers, Giants, 1980
Mark Schellen	1982-83	FB	Omaha, Neb.	Chargers, 1985
Josh Sewell	2002-03	C	Lincoln, Neb.	Broncos, 2004-05
Scott Shanle	1999-02	LB	St. Edward, Neb.	Rams, Cowboys, Saints, 2003-present
Anthony Steels	1979-81	WR	Riverside, Calif.	Bills, Chargers, 1985-87
Shane Swanson	1982-84	WR	Hershey, Neb.	Broncos, 1987
Jared Tomich	1994-96	DE	St. John, Ind.	Saints, Packers, 1997-2002
Adam Treu	1994-96	OL	Lincoln, Neb.	Raiders, 1997-2006
Dennis Watkins	1984-85	CB	Chicago, Ill.	Eagles, 1986
Jimmy Williams	1979-81	DE	Washington, D.C.	Lions, Vikings, Buccaneers, 1982-93
Toby Williams	1980-82	DL	Washington, D.C.	Patriots, 1983-88

“Without a doubt, one of the reasons (walk-ons) why Nebraska football is where it is today.”

Jason Peter from the video *Husker Century*



Joel Makovicka



Jimmy Williams



Derrie Nelson



Brett Maher

## ALL-AMERICA WALK-ONS

Name, Pos.	Year
Derrie Nelson, DE	1980
Jarvis Redwine, IB	1980
Jimmy Williams, DE	1981
Jared Tomich, DE	1995-96
Kyle Larson, P	2003
Alex Henery, PK	2010

## ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA WALK-ONS

Name, Pos.	Year
Kelly Saalfeld, C	1979
Ric Lindquist, DB	1981
Scott Strasburger, DE	1983-84
Dale Klein, PK	1986
Jeff Jamrog, DE	1987
Mark Blazek, S	1987-88
David Edeal, C	1990
Mike Stigge, P	1991-92
Matt Shaw, TE	1994
Joel Makovicka, FB	1997-98
Bill Lafleur, P	1998
Austin Cassidy, S	2010-11

“The walk-ons were the heart and soul of Nebraska football when I played. Walk-ons bring the passion and the drive to practice every day, and they help set the tone for Saturdays.”

**Derrie Nelson, Former Husker Walk-on Defensive End, 1980 All-American**

“One of the unique aspects of Nebraska is everything it means to the whole state. So the more young men, and the more towns around your state you get involved, the stronger you are going to be.”

**Bo Pelini**  
Head Football Coach

Austin Cassidy



Spencer Long



Jared Tomich



Jarvis Redwine



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