

# COACHING STAFF

**H**ead Coach Bo Pelini has assembled a coaching staff with a championship pedigree. The Cornhusker staff has strong ties to Nebraska and the Big 12 Conference.

- Pelini became the first coach in Big 12 history to guide his team to at least a share of a division championship in his first season.
- He is one of only four coaches in school history to win nine games in their first season joining Bob Devaney, Tom Osborne and Frank Solich.
- Pelini's 9-4 record was the best among first-time head coaches in 2008, and tied for the most of any of the 18 coaches in their first season at their school.

## 2008 FIRST-YEAR HEAD COACHES

Coch, School	Record	Conference
Bo Pelini, Nebraska*	9-4	5-3
Paul Johnson, Georgia Tech	9-4	5-3
Houston Nutt, Ole Miss	9-4	5-3
Bill Stewart, West Virginia	9-4	5-2
Ken Niumatololo, Navy*	8-5	--

\* First-time head coaches

## PELINI'S COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- Five seasons as college defensive coordinator
- Nine years as an assistant in National Football League
- Coached in six bowl games, three Bowl Championship Series games and 11 NFL playoff games

"He is a great coach. He's like a father figure in that you just have so much respect for him and you don't want to disappoint him. As seniors, we felt he really cared about us and that was in just one short year. Players will do anything for him."

Joe Ganz,  
Former Husker



Bo Pelini  
Head Coach  
Second Season  
Ohio State, 1990



**Tim Beck**  
Running Backs  
Second Season  
Central Florida, 1991



**Ron Brown**  
Tight Ends  
19th Season  
Brown, 1979



**Barney Cotton**  
Associate Head Coach/  
Offensive Line  
Third Season  
Nebraska, 1983



**Mike Ekeler**  
Linebackers  
Second Season  
Kansas State, 1995



**Ted Gilmore**  
Assistant Head Coach/  
Wide Receivers/  
Recruiting Coordinator  
Fifth Season  
Wyoming, 1991



**John Papuchis**  
Defensive Ends  
Second Season  
Virginia Tech, 2001



**Carl Pelini**  
Defensive Coordinator/  
Defensive Line  
Second Season  
Youngstown State, 1989



**Marvin Sanders**  
Secondary  
Third Season  
Nebraska, 1989



**Shawn Watson**  
Offensive Coordinator/  
Quarterbacks  
Fourth Season  
Southern Illinois, 1982

