

## TIM BECK

OFFENSIVE COORD./QUARTERBACKS | FIFTH SEASON  
CENTRAL FLORIDA | 1988



# NEBRASKA

### THE TIM BECK FILE

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2011-present, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Offensive Coordinator)
- » 2008-10, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Running Backs)
- » 2007, Kansas Assistant Coach (Wide Receivers/Passing Game Coordinator)
- » 2005-06, Kansas Assistant Coach (Wide Receivers)
- » 2002-04, Mansfield Summit High School (Mansfield, Texas) Head Coach
- » 1999-2001, R.L. Turner High School (Carrollton, Texas) Head Coach
- » 1996-98, Missouri State Assistant Coach (Offensive Coordinator)
- » 1993-95, Saguaro High School (Scottsdale, Ariz.) Head Coach
- » 1991-92, Kansas State Graduate Assistant
- » 1990, Illinois State Assistant Coach (Outside Linebackers)
- » 1988-89, Miramar High School (Miramar, Fla.) Assistant Coach

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- » Central Florida (1984-85)

Tim Beck enters his fifth season at Nebraska and his second season as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 2012. Beck spent his first three seasons on staff tutoring the Nebraska running backs.

Beck produced impressive results in his first year as an offensive coordinator. Nebraska averaged nearly 30 points per game, and the Huskers scored at least two touchdowns in every game in 2011, a feat NU has accomplished only twice in the past 10 seasons. Nebraska's rushing attack flourished under Beck's direction, averaging 217.2 yards per game to rank 15th nationally. Nebraska averaged 200 yards rushing for only the second time in the past eight seasons.

Individually, All-Big Ten back Rex Burkhead tied a school record by scoring a touchdown in 10 consecutive games to open the season. His 17 touchdowns were seventh in NU history and the most by a Husker since Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch scored 19 touchdowns in 2001. Burkhead finished 19th nationally in rushing (104.4 ypg), and his 1,357 rushing yards were the seventh-most in school history and the most by a Husker l-back since 1997. Taylor Martinez added 874 yards on the ground, the ninth-highest total by a quarterback in school history.

The Huskers also boasted an efficient passing attack under Beck. Martinez completed 56 percent of his passes and threw for 2,089 yards, the sixth-highest total in school history. Under Beck's game plan, Martinez threw only two interceptions in the season's final 30 quarters, a span that totaled 168 pass attempts. Martinez had one streak of 125 straight passes without an interception. Martinez also posted the top total offense season (2,963) by a Husker sophomore in 2011 and the third-best overall mark in school history.

As running backs coach in 2010, Beck helped the Huskers' rushing attack rank first in the Big 12 and ninth nationally in 2010 at 247.6 yards per game. Nebraska topped the 200-yard mark 10 times, rushed for 300 yards four times and 400 yards once. The Huskers ranked seventh nationally with an average of 5.47 yards per carry. Nebraska also posted its first 2,500-yard rushing season since 2003 and scored 30 rushing touchdowns for the first time since 2001.

NU posted back-to-back 300-yard rushing games against Idaho and Washington, a first for the program since 2002. The Huskers had three 100-yard rushers for only the fifth time in school history against the Huskies. Two weeks later at Kansas State, Nebraska ran for 451 yards, its highest total since 2001.

Two-time All-Big 12 selection Roy Helu Jr. ran for a career-high 1,245 yards - the second-highest total by a senior running back in NU history - before being selected in the fourth round of the 2011 NFL Draft. Helu Jr. was the first Husker to post back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons since Calvin Jones in 1992 and 1993. Helu Jr. also set the Nebraska single-game rushing record with 307 yards against Missouri. Behind Helu Jr., Burkhead earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades and rushed for 951 yards in 2010.

In 2009, Nebraska averaged 147.1 rushing yards per game, and outrushed 11 of 14 opponents. Helu Jr. rushed for 1,147 yards, and ranked fourth in the Big 12 in rushing to earn second-team All-Big 12 honors.

In Beck's first year, NU's running game improved throughout 2008. Nebraska had five games with more than 200 rushing yards in league play, including a season-high 355 yards against Kansas State. In Big 12 games, NU ranked third in the league in rushing (182.5 ypg).

Beck came to Nebraska after a three-year stint on the staff at Kansas. Beck was the Jayhawks' receivers coach each of his three seasons in Lawrence, and was promoted to pass game coordinator in February of 2007. Kansas finished with a 12-1 record and a No. 7 final national ranking in 2007. The Jayhawks capped their season with a 24-21 victory over Virginia Tech in the Fed Ex Orange Bowl. KU finished the year second nationally in scoring

offense (42.8 ppg), eighth in total offense (479.8 ypg) and 17th in passing (291.0 ypg).

In 2006, five Jayhawk receivers caught at least 24 passes. In 2005, Beck's receivers helped Kansas to a 7-5 record and a victory in the Fort Worth Bowl.

Beck came to KU as one of the most respected high school coaches in the state of Texas, serving three seasons at Summit High in Mansfield. He was the 2003 District Coach of the Year, and a season later, Summit High advanced to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs with a 9-4 record.

Beck was head coach at R.L. Turner High in Carrollton, Texas, from 1999 to 2001, leading the school to back-to-back playoff appearances and consecutive winning seasons for the first time in 25 years. Beck was named the district coach of the year in 2000.

Prior to coaching in the Texas prep ranks, Beck worked at Missouri State for three seasons from 1996 to 1998, including one season as the offensive coordinator. In 1998, the MSU offense racked up 4,542 total yards - the fourth-best mark in school history.

Beck was hired at Missouri State after leading Saguaro High School in Scottsdale, Ariz., to the 1995 4A state championship - the school's first state title. Beck was named the regional coach of the year in 1994, and in his final two seasons at the school, Saguaro compiled a 23-4 record, compared to a 5-43 mark in the five seasons prior to his arrival.

The 46-year-old Beck served as a graduate assistant at Kansas State in 1991 and 1992 under Bill Snyder, where Beck worked with former NU defensive coordinator Carl Pelini. Previously, Beck coached the outside linebackers and punters at Illinois State in 1990, and worked in 1988 and 1989 as an assistant coach at Miramar High School.

Beck is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, and graduated from Cardinal Mooney High, the same high school that Bo Pelini attended. Beck was a standout in football, basketball and baseball at Cardinal Mooney.

Beck played at Central Florida and earned his bachelor's degree in 1988 before adding a master's degree in counseling and guidance from KSU in 1992. He and his wife, Tamara, have a son, Jordan, and a daughter, Haylie Marie.



The Beck Family (clockwise from top): Jordan, Haylie Marie, Tim and Tamara.

## JOHN PAPUCHIS

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR | FIFTH SEASON  
VIRGINIA TECH | 2001

## THE JOHN PAPUCHIS FILE

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2012, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Defensive Coordinator)
- » 2011, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Defensive Line/Special Teams Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator)
- » 2008-10, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Defensive Line/Special Teams Coord.)
- » 2004-07, LSU Defensive Intern/Graduate Assistant
- » 2001-03, Kansas Graduate Assistant (Defense)

John Papuchis enters his fifth season on Bo Pelini's Nebraska staff in 2012, and his first year as the Huskers' defensive coordinator. Papuchis was promoted to his current role in December of 2011 before Nebraska's Capital One Bowl matchup with South Carolina. Papuchis has made a quick rise through the coaching ranks. At 34, he is the fourth-youngest defensive coordinator in the country and the youngest solo defensive coordinator.

In his first four years on staff, Papuchis tutored the defensive line and served as special teams coordinator, and also filled the role of recruiting coordinator in 2011. Papuchis' work with the defensive line has helped the Huskers rank in the top 10 in total defense and the top 11 in scoring defense in two of the past three seasons.

NU's defensive line had to overcome numerous injuries in 2011, but the unit persevered, combining for 226 tackles, 14.5 sacks and 26 tackles for loss. Two defensive linemen - Cameron Meredith and Terrence Moore - also intercepted passes in 2011, while Meredith earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten accolades along with Baker Steinkuhler. Meredith was second on the team with five sacks and ranked third with six TFLs, nearly doubling his career sack total entering the year.

In 2010 as defensive ends coach, Papuchis tutored both of Nebraska's starting defensive ends to All-Big 12 honors, with Pierre Allen claiming first-team honors and Meredith garnering second-team accolades. Each player ranked in the top six on the team in tackles while combining for 129 stops, 19 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks.

In 2009, Papuchis' ends combined for 127 tackles, including 33 tackles for loss and 12 sacks. With 16 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks, Barry Turner was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 selection in 2009, while Allen racked up five sacks and 12 tackles for loss.

In his first year in Lincoln, Papuchis saw starting defensive ends Zach Potter and Allen combine for 26 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks in 2008, with Potter earning honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades. The defensive ends helped a Nebraska defense that finished second in the Big 12 in total defense.

Nebraska also owned one of the nation's top special teams units from 2008 to 2011 under Papuchis' direction. After helping Alex Henery earn the title of the most accurate kicker in NCAA history, Papuchis developed his second straight All-America kicker in 2011. In his first season as a starter, Brett Maher ranked 10th nationally in punting (44.5) and 18th in field goals (19). Maher's 19 field goals ranked in a tie for second in school history, and he was a Lou Groza Award semifinalist, in addition to winning the Bakken-Andersen Big Ten Kicker-of-the-Year award and the Eddleman-Field Big Ten Punter-of-the-Year award. Maher also became the first player to be selected as both the All-Big Ten first-team punter and place-kicker since 2001.

Nebraska also boasted one of the nation's top kickoff return units in 2011, ranking seventh nationally with an average of 25.5 yards per return. Ameer Abdullah set a school record with 211 kickoff return yards against Fresno State, including a 100-yard touchdown.

In 2010, Papuchis was one of four finalists for the FootballScoop Special Teams Coordinator-of-the-Year Award. That season, Henery earned first-team All-America honors while ending his career as Nebraska's all-time leading scorer and the most accurate kicker in NCAA history, establishing eight NCAA records. Along with Henery, Papuchis had another weapon to utilize on special teams in Adi Kunalic, who ranked among the national leaders in touchbacks, posting 86 career touchbacks.

In 2009, the Huskers' kickoff and punt return units both ranked in the top 30 nationally, while Henery had an NU record 24 field goals. Henery also placed a Big 12-leading 30 punts inside the opponent 20-yard line. The Huskers ranked in the top 15 nationally in kickoff return defense and third in touchbacks.

The special teams unit also had a banner year under Papuchis in 2008, headlined by

Henery's school-record 57-yard game-winning field goal against Colorado. Henery finished the year 18-of-21 on field goals and missed just one extra point. Henery was a second-team All-Big 12 pick. The Huskers also ranked in the top 25 nationally in punt returns, and returned both a kickoff and punt for a touchdown in the same season for the first time since 1998.

Papuchis joined the Nebraska coaching staff after spending the previous four seasons on the football staff at LSU. Papuchis worked closely with Nebraska Head Coach Bo Pelini during their time together in Baton Rouge. Papuchis served as a defensive intern for the Tigers, assisting in every aspect of the defensive game plan and scouting reports.

The efforts of Papuchis helped the Tigers rank among the nation's top defenses throughout his time with LSU. The Tigers ranked third nationally in total defense each season from 2005 to 2007. In 2007, the Tiger defense helped LSU to SEC and national titles, capped by a 38-24 victory over Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game.

The Tigers had a pair of consensus All-Americans in Glenn Dorsey and Craig Steltz. Dorsey was one of the nation's most decorated players, collecting the 2007 Outland Trophy, Lombardi Award and Nagurski Trophy.

In 2006, the LSU defense surrendered just 242.8 yards per game, the fewest by a Tiger defense since 1976. LSU led the SEC in six defensive categories and ranked in the top five nationally in four major categories. LSU finished in the top 10 nationally in all four major defensive categories in 2005, and allowed less than 270 total yards per contest. Papuchis also coached the Tiger punters. In 2007, punter Patrick Fisher led the SEC in punting with a 44.5-yard average and earned first-team All-SEC honors.

Papuchis first joined Nick Saban's LSU staff prior to the 2004 season, helping the team earn a berth in the Capital One Bowl.

Papuchis had a three-year stint as a graduate assistant at Kansas from 2001 to 2003. In 2001, he worked with the Jayhawk secondary and then assisted with the linebackers. In his final season at KU, Papuchis helped the Jayhawks earn a berth in the Tangerine Bowl.

Papuchis graduated from Virginia Tech in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in business management. He earned his master's degree in sports administration from Kansas in 2003.

Papuchis is a native of Gaithersburg, Md. He and his wife, Billie, have a four-year-old daughter, Addyson, a three-year-old son, John, and an infant daughter Sophia.



The Papuchis Family (from left): John, John, Addyson, Billie and Sophia.



## RON BROWN

RUNNING BACKS  
FIFTH SEASON | 22ND OVERALL  
BROWN | 1979



### THE RON BROWN FILE

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2011-present Nebraska, Assistant Coach (Running Backs)
- » 2008-10, Nebraska, Assistant Coach (Tight Ends)
- » 2003, Nebraska, Assistant Coach (Wide Receivers)
- » 1987-2002, Nebraska, Assistant Coach (Wide Receivers/Tight Ends)
- » 1984-86, Brown, Assistant Coach (Defensive Backs)
- » 1983, Brown, Head Freshman Coach
- » 1982, New Jersey Rams Assistant Coach (Defensive Coordinator)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- » Brown University (1975-78)

Veteran college assistant Ron Brown rejoined the Nebraska coaching staff in 2008 and enters his fifth season on Bo Pelini's staff in 2012. Brown completed his first season as NU's running backs coach in 2011, after coaching the tight ends the previous three years. Overall, Brown enters his 22nd season as a Husker assistant in 2012 after serving on the NU staff for 17 seasons from 1987 to 2003.

In 2011, Brown helped Nebraska rank 15th nationally in rushing and was a nominee for the Broyles Award, given to the nation's top assistant coach. All-Big Ten back Rex Burkhead led the Huskers' prolific rushing attack, ranking 19th in the nation with 104.2 rushing yards per game. Burkhead posted seven 100-yard rushing games, and finished with 1,357 rushing yards for the seventh-best rushing total in school history and the highest total by a Husker I-back since 1997.

Burkhead reached 1,000 yards rushing in only 10 games, becoming the first Husker I-back to accomplish that feat since 2001. Burkhead has also had a knack for finding the end zone, scoring 17 touchdowns, including 15 on the ground, and finished in a tie for 40th nationally in scoring. Burkhead set a school record by scoring a touchdown in each of the first 10 games in 2011 and tied the overall Nebraska record by scoring a touchdown in 10 consecutive games.

Working with the tight ends in 2010, Brown's unit was a valuable asset in both the passing and running games. In the passing game, Tyler Reed emerged as a playmaker, catching 22 passes for 395 yards and a Nebraska tight end record eight touchdown grabs. Reed's 79-yard touchdown reception at Kansas State was Nebraska's longest pass play since 2002. Led by Ben Cotton, Brown's tight ends were also a key cog in Nebraska's rushing attack, which led the Big 12 and ranked ninth nationally in rushing.

In 2009, Brown's tight ends combined for 46 catches, 442 yards and six touchdowns. Five different tight ends caught a pass, while tight ends grabbed six of Nebraska's 18 touchdown catches on the season.

Mike McNeill enjoyed his second straight strong season under Brown's tutelage. McNeill tied for the team lead with four touchdown catches, while ranking second with 26 catches and third with 259 receiving yards. He was a second-team AP All-Big 12 selection in 2009.

In 2008, Brown assisted with an NU offense that finished 12th nationally in total offense. McNeill set an NU tight end season record with 32 receptions, including six touchdown grabs. Fellow sophomore tight end Dreu Young averaged a team-leading 15.6 yards per catch while sharing time with McNeill.

Brown served as receivers coach for his entire first tenure with the Huskers and also tutored the tight ends during his first 17 seasons on the NU staff. The blocking of Brown's wide receivers played a key role in Nebraska's nine NCAA rushing titles.

Brown is nationally respected for his ability as an intense teacher on the field. The NU receivers under Brown were long known for their tenacity and downfield blocking. Despite featuring a run-based attack from 1987 to 2003, Brown's receivers and tight ends also made their mark in the passing game, leading the Big 12 in touchdown receptions three times.

Brown joined Osborne's staff for his first tenure at NU after four years of coaching at Brown University in Providence, R.I., from 1983 to 1986. Brown's first season was as the school's head freshman coach, and he then spent three seasons as defensive backfield coach. Brown also served as assistant to the athletic director in 1986.

Twenty-seven of Brown's former pupils have gone on to professional careers, including tight end Johnny Mitchell, the New York Jets' first-round pick in 1992; Tyrone Hughes, the two-time Pro Bowl selection with the New Orleans Saints; and tight end Sheldon Jackson, a 1999 draft pick of the Buffalo Bills. Brown has coached 39 academic all-conference players and three CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, including Burkhead in 2011.

Brown was a two-time first-team All-Ivy League performer as a defensive back. He was selected to Brown's All-Century team and the school's Sports Hall of Fame. Brown signed with three NFL teams as a free agent from 1979 to 1981.

Brown received his bachelor's degree from Brown in 1979, then earned his master's degree in public health from Columbia University in 1982. He began his coaching career as a defensive coordinator for the semipro New Jersey Rams in 1982, before moving to his alma mater in 1983.

Off the field, Brown and former Husker Stan Parker are co-founders and co-directors of a statewide Christian ministry called Mission Nebraska. This ministry stewards MY BRIDGE RADIO, which consists of numerous Christian radio stations and translators across Nebraska. Mission Nebraska also facilitates a statewide Christian ministry called FreedMen Nebraska, which challenges and inspires men and boys to take a strong courageous Christian stand in the public square.

Through FreedMen Nebraska, Brown also hosts a weekly statewide cable TV show called "Truth Vision", along with daily radio spots. The 55-year-old Brown spent the four years prior to his return to coaching serving as the Nebraska State Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. While he relinquished that duty to return to the Cornhuskers, he continues as a regular columnist for FCA's National Magazine "Sharing the Victory."

During his time away from coaching, Brown also worked as an internet, television and radio college and high school analyst for ESPN and Sports Spectrum.

He has authored several books on Christian character and growth. He is an outspoken advocate on many issues, including adoption, abstinence and drug and alcohol education, race relations and anti-pornography, to name a few.

Brown is married to Molvina Carter and they have two daughters, Sojourner Elaine and Bronwyn Pearl.



The Brown Family (from left): Ron, Molvina, Bronwyn and Sojourner.



## BARNEY COTTON

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/OFFENSIVE LINE  
FIFTH SEASON | SIXTH OVERALL  
NEBRASKA | 1983



### THE BARNEY COTTON FILE

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2008-present, Nebraska Associate Head Coach (Offensive Line)
- » 2007, Ames (Iowa) High School Volunteer Coach (Offensive Assistant)
- » 2004-06, Iowa State Assistant Coach (Offensive Coord./Offensive Line)
- » 2003, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line)
- » 1997-2002, New Mexico State Assistant Head Coach (Offensive Line/Offensive Coord.)
- » 1995-96, Hastings College Head Coach
- » 1989-94, St. Cloud State Assistant Coach (Offensive Coord./Offensive Line)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- » 1980-82, St. Louis Cardinals
- » 1979, Cincinnati Bengals
- » 1975-78, Nebraska

Barney Cotton is in his fifth season as the Nebraska offensive line coach. The Omaha native is in his sixth season overall as a Nebraska assistant, having previously served as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in 2003, a position Cotton has tutored for 23 years. Cotton also serves as Nebraska's associate head coach, assisting Head Coach Bo Pelini with a number of administrative issues.

With his line paving the way, the 2011 Husker rushing attack ranked 15th nationally, averaging 217.2 yards per game. With the 2011 rushing average, the Huskers averaged more than 200 yards rushing in consecutive seasons for the first time since 2002 and 2003.

Cotton has a knack for quickly developing players. True freshman Tyler Moore earned four starts in 2011, becoming only the fourth true freshman to earn a start on the NU offensive line. Moore is the only true freshman offensive lineman to start a season opener for the Huskers, as he earned a start at right tackle in the 2011 season opener against Tennessee at Chattanooga. Overall, first- or second-year players combined for 38 starts on the offensive line in 2011. Cotton also developed three current or former walk-ons who combined for 32 starts in 2011. Two of those former walk-ons are Mike Caputo and Spencer Long, both of whom earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 2011, along with honorable-mention selection Marcel Jones.

The line paved the way for All-Big Ten I-back Rex Burkhead to post the 32nd 1,000-yard rushing season in school history. Burkhead finished with 1,357 yards to post the highest rushing total by a Husker I-back since 1997.

In 2010, NU rushed for 3,466 yards, the program's highest total since 2002, and ranked ninth nationally in rushing yards per game (247.6 ypg). Ricky Henry became the first Husker offensive lineman to earn first-team All-Big 12 honors since Toniui Fonoti in 2001, while Caputo and Keith Williams garnered honorable-mention accolades. Roy Helu Jr. ran for 1,245 yards behind the line and set the Nebraska single-game rushing record with 307 yards against Missouri.

Under Cotton's leadership in 2009, three Husker linemen (Henry, Williams and Jacob Hickman) earned All-Big 12 accolades from the Associated Press. The line helped pave the way for I-back Roy Helu Jr. to earn All-Big 12 honors while posting the 29th 1,000-yard rushing season in Husker history. Helu Jr. added 1,245 rushing yards in another All-Big 12 campaign in 2010, becoming the first Husker with back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons in nearly two decades.

Cotton helped Nebraska finish among the top 20 units nationally in total offense, scoring offense and passing offense in 2008. Matt Slauson was a second-team All-Big 12 pick under Cotton's guidance, while Hickman and Lydon Murtha were honorable-mention picks. The line paved the way for the Husker running game to average 169.8 yards per game and score 27 touchdowns, while protecting quarterback Joe Ganz as he threw for a single-season school-record 3,568 yards, and set the single-season school-record with 3,826 total yards.

In 2003, Cotton's offensive unit helped Nebraska to a 10-3 record and a victory over Michigan State in the Alamo Bowl. Nebraska ranked among the top 10 nationally in rushing offense and four linemen earned all-conference accolades.

Following his successful one-year stint with NU, Cotton stayed in the Big 12, serving as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Iowa State. In 2004, Cotton's offense helped ISU to a late-season surge and a berth in the Independence Bowl where it defeated Miami (Ohio). The following season, Bret Meyer and Todd Blythe led ISU to a trip to the Houston Bowl, as Meyer threw for 2,876 yards, while Blythe topped 1,000 receiving yards. Center Scott Stephenson was a first-team All-Big 12 pick that year in his first season under Cotton.

Following his stint at ISU, Cotton served as a volunteer assistant coach at Ames High School in 2007, where he assisted with all aspects of the offense.

Before his four-year run as an offensive coordinator in the Big 12, Cotton spent the previous six seasons as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at New Mexico State on the staff of former Husker Tony Samuel. Under Cotton's direction, the Aggie offense ranked in the top 25 nationally in total offense three times in six seasons and ranked in the top 25 in rushing offense all six seasons.

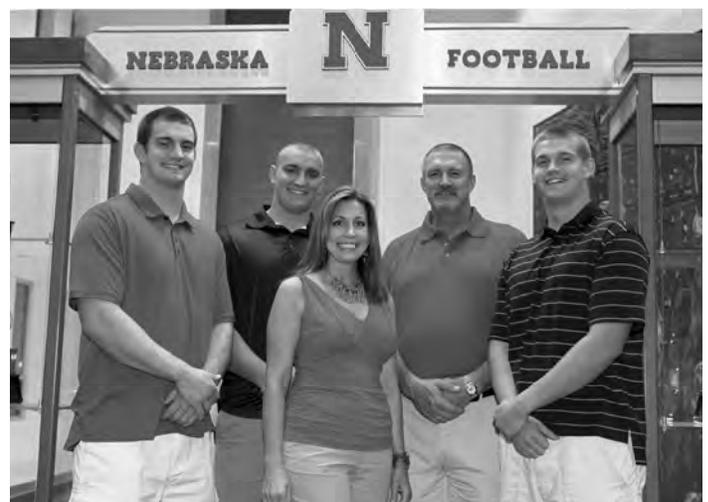
Cotton went to New Mexico State from Hastings College, where he was head coach in 1995 and 1996. In 1995, the Broncos won the Nebraska-Iowa Athletic Conference Championship and made an appearance in the NIAA playoffs. Cotton was named the 1995 NIAC Coach of the Year.

Cotton spent six seasons as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at St. Cloud State (Minn.) from 1989 to 1994. In 1989, St. Cloud won the North Central Conference Championship and averaged more than 400 yards of offense.

An all-state selection as a senior at Omaha Burke High School, Cotton played for Nebraska from 1975 to 1978. He played on the offensive line as a freshman and sophomore, then switched to defense where he started at tackle in 1977. Cotton moved back to offense in 1978, where he earned second-team All-Big Eight honors as a senior guard on Tom Osborne's Big Eight championship team.

Cotton played in the 1979 East-West Shrine Game, then was a third-round pick of the Cincinnati Bengals in 1979. Cotton played one season with Cincinnati and three in St. Louis from 1980 to 1982, before a knee injury forced his retirement.

The 55-year-old Cotton earned a bachelor's degree from Nebraska in 1983 and a master's degree in athletic administration from St. Cloud State in 1994. Cotton and his wife, Christine, have three sons, Ben, Jake and Sam. Ben is a senior tight end for the Huskers, while Jake is a sophomore offensive lineman and Sam is a freshman tight end. The Cottons are the only group of three brothers on the same FBS roster in 2012.



The Cotton Family (from left): Ben, Jake, Christine, Barney and Sam.

## ROSS ELS

LINEBACKERS/RECRUITING COORD./SPECIAL TEAMS COORD.  
SECOND SEASON  
NEBRASKA-OMAHA 1988



### THE ROSS ELS FILE

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2012-present, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Linebackers/Recruiting Coord./Special Teams Coord.)
- » 2011, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Linebackers)
- » 2010, Ohio Assistant Head Coach (Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator)
- » 2007-09, Ohio Assistant Coach (Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator)
- » 2005-06, Ohio Assistant Coach (Linebackers)
- » 2003-04, New Mexico State Assistant Coach (Defensive Coord./Linebackers)
- » 2001-02, New Mexico State Assistant Coach (Special Teams/Safeties)
- » 1997-2000, Hastings College Head Coach
- » 1996, Hastings College Assistant Coach (Defensive Coordinator/Secondary)
- » 1995, Hastings College Assistant Coach (Quarterbacks)
- » 1994, Northern Iowa Assistant Coach (Secondary)
- » 1990-93, Nebraska-Omaha Assistant Coach (Secondary)
- » 1989, Northern Iowa Graduate Assistant

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- » 1984-87 Nebraska-Omaha

Ross Els enters his second season as linebackers coach on the Nebraska coaching staff in 2012, while adding the duties of special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator for the first time.

Els joined the Nebraska program in 2011 after six seasons on Frank Solich's Ohio staff. Els has 11 seasons of experience as an assistant coach at the Division I level and more than two decades of overall collegiate coaching experience.

Under Els' direction in 2011, Lavonte David was named the Big Ten Linebacker of the Year and a first-team All-American, while Will Compton was an honorable-mention all-conference selection.

David and Compton were Nebraska's top two tacklers in 2011, combining for 215 tackles and 20 tackles for loss. David led the team with 133 tackles, 13 TFLs, 5.5 sacks, two interceptions, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. David posted six games with at least 10 tackles and was only the fourth Husker to record 100 tackles in consecutive seasons. David ranked third in the Big Ten in tackles per game and 18th nationally.

Under Els' instruction, David was recognized as one of the nation's best linebackers. He was one of six finalists for the Butkus Award, presented annually to the nation's top linebacker. David was Nebraska's first finalist for the award since 1994 and only the fourth Husker to be a Butkus finalist. David was also a semifinalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award and the Lott Trophy, in addition to being named the Lott Trophy national player of the week twice in 2011. Following his outstanding senior season - which saw him post the most tackles for a two-year player in school history - David was selected in the second round of the 2011 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with the 58th overall pick.

Compton enjoyed a breakout year in Els' first season on staff. The junior linebacker entered the season with 55 career tackles and two career TFLs through 23 games. In 13 games in 2011, Compton easily eclipsed his career totals, posting 82 tackles and seven TFLs. He excelled during Big Ten play, as 55 of his 82 tackles came in NU's eight conference games, an average of nearly seven tackles per game.

At Ohio, Els served as assistant head coach for one season and tutored the Bobcat linebackers for all six seasons. In his final four seasons, he also served as Ohio's special teams coordinator.

In 2010, the Ohio defense ranked 20th nationally and second in the Mid-American Conference in rushing defense. Els' special teams were also a key part of Ohio's 8-5 season that culminated with a trip to the New Orleans Bowl. The Bobcats ranked first in the MAC in net punting, third in punt returns and fifth in kickoff returns.

In 2009, he tutored linebacker Noah Keller, who led the MAC with 155 tackles en route to earning an honorable-mention All-America award. He also coached punt returner LaVon Brazil to second-team All-America honors that season, while freshman place-kicker Matt Weller earned freshman All-America accolades after kicking a school-record 21 field goals.

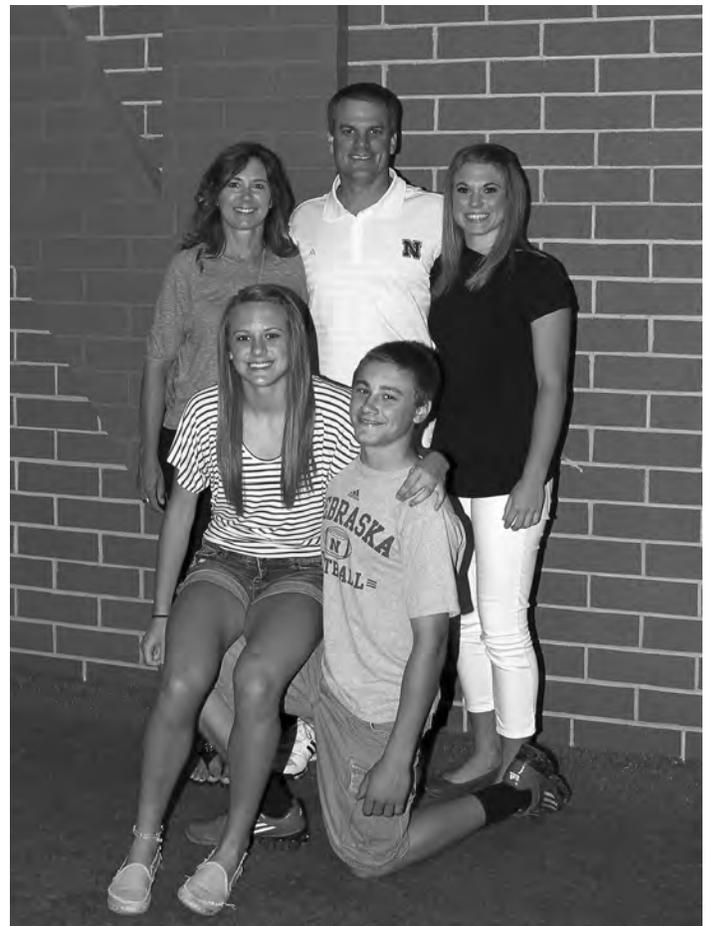
Els helped Ohio to three bowl appearances and two MAC East division championships during his stay in Athens, Ohio. He also coached four All-MAC linebackers. During his first three seasons at Ohio he worked on the defensive staff.

Els joined the Ohio staff following four seasons on Tony Samuel's coaching staff at New Mexico State. In his final two seasons he was the defensive coordinator for the Aggies. While in Las Cruces, Els worked with current NU offensive line coach Barney Cotton. Els had succeeded Cotton as the head coach at Hastings College, where he compiled a 32-9 record from 1997 to 2000, including NAIA playoff appearances in 1998 and 1999. His 1999 team reached the national quarterfinals, and both his 1998 and 1999 teams posted perfect 10-0 regular seasons.

Els had spent two seasons as an assistant under Cotton in 1995 and 1996, and also

served in assistant roles at Northern Iowa (1989 and 1994) and UNO (1990-93). He is a 1988 graduate of Nebraska-Omaha, where he played safety. Els is a Lincoln Northeast High School graduate.

Els and his wife, Jane, have two daughters, Julie and Taylor, and a son, Bo.



The Els Family (clockwise from left): Jane, Ross, Julie, Bo and Taylor.

## RICH FISHER

WIDE RECEIVERS | SECOND SEASON  
COLORADO | 1993

## THE RICH FISHER FILE

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2011-present, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Receivers)
- » 2009-10, Rivers School (Weston, Mass.) Head Coach
- » 2001-03, Idaho Assistant Coach (Linebackers)
- » 1999-2000, Idaho Assistant Coach (Receivers)
- » 1997-98, Colorado Graduate Assistant
- » 1995-96, Oklahoma State Graduate Assistant

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- » 1989-92, Colorado



Rich Fisher enters his second year as Nebraska's receivers coach in 2012, and his 10th season of coaching at the Division I college level.

In his first season in 2011, Fisher's receivers contributed to Nebraska's success in the passing game and also offered solid perimeter blocking for the Husker running game. Fisher inherited a talented but young stable of receivers. Under his direction, the group hauled in 107 passes for 1,434 yards, while averaging 13.4 yards per reception. The unit was highlighted by underclassmen who combined for 69 catches, 1,004 receiving yards and a 14.6 yard-per-catch average.

Leading the list of young receivers succeeding under Fisher's tutelage was redshirt freshman Kenny Bell. Bell led Nebraska with 32 catches and 461 receiving yards in 2011 and added three receiving touchdowns. Bell became only the second freshman in school history to lead Nebraska in both receptions and receiving yards, joining Nate Swift who accomplished the feat as a redshirt freshman in 2005.

Sophomore Quincy Enunwa had 21 catches for 293 yards and two touchdowns, after recording only one reception as a freshman. Senior Brandon Kinnie had 22 catches in 2011 and finished just outside the top 10 on the Nebraska career receptions list. Junior Tim Marlowe had 12 grabs, after not recording a catch in his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Fisher also helped true freshman Jamal Turner make the transition from high school quarterback to college wide receiver. Turner had 15 catches for 243 yards and averaged 16.2 yards per catch for the Huskers in 2011.

Fisher came to Nebraska after two highly successful seasons in the prep ranks. He spent the 2009 and 2010 seasons as the head coach at Rivers School in Weston, Mass., where he compiled a 12-5 record.

In 2010, Fisher coached Rivers School to a perfect 8-0 regular season, the school's first undefeated regular season since 1915 and its only ISL championship. In fact, it was just the school's third winning season in the past 25 years and the first since 1979. The team also played in the Norm Walker Bowl at Gillette Stadium, the first-ever bowl game for Rivers School.

The successful season came in large part because of an explosive offense, as Rivers averaged more than 40 points per game. A pair of Rivers School standouts, Taariq Allen and Ben Patrick, earned All-Scholastic honors from the Boston Herald. A standout receiver, Allen is a redshirt freshman at Nebraska this fall.

The 41-year old Fisher spent several years in private business, including owning and operating New England Gridiron Football Camps from 2004 to 2009.

Fisher's collegiate coaching experience includes stops at Idaho, Colorado and Oklahoma State, most recently spending five seasons on the Vandals' staff from 1999 to 2003. Fisher tutored the wide receivers during his first two seasons in Moscow, then handled the inside and outside linebackers during his final three seasons.

Prior to his five seasons at Idaho, Fisher spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Colorado, his alma mater. While with the Buffs in 1997 and 1998, Fisher assisted with coaching the wide receivers. In 1998, he helped the Buffs to an 8-4 record, capped by a victory over Oregon in the Aloha Bowl.

Fisher also spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Oklahoma State in 1995 and 1996. With the Cowboys, Fisher worked with the defense, specifically in the secondary.

In nine seasons as a coach at the collegiate level, Fisher has worked with five players who went on to play in the NFL.

Fisher was a three-year letterwinner at Colorado during the Buffs' highly successful run in the late 1980s and early 1990s. An outside linebacker, Fisher lettered in 1990, 1991 and 1992 and was part of CU's 1990 national championship team. He started in 1991 until being

sidelined by a knee injury. During his playing time, he also contributed to Big Eight title teams in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Originally from Sugarland, Texas, Fisher graduated from Colorado with a degree in communications in 1993. Fisher and his wife, Tori, have two sons, Max and Alex, and a daughter Mason.



The Fisher Family (from left): Max, Rich, Tori and Alex (not pictured: Mason).



## JOHN GARRISON

ASSISTANT OFFENSIVE LINE/TIGHT ENDS  
SECOND SEASON  
NEBRASKA 2003



# NEBRASKA

### THE JOHN GARRISON FILE

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2011-present, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Asst. Offensive Line/Tight Ends)
- » 2008-10, Nebraska (Football Intern)
- » 2005-07, Blue Springs (Mo.) High School Assistant Coach (Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- » 1999-2002, Nebraska

Former Husker standout John Garrison is in his second season as a full-time Nebraska assistant coach. He serves as assistant offensive line and tight end coach.

Garrison has been a member of the Nebraska staff for the past four seasons overall, working as a football intern with the Husker offense from 2008 to 2010, while also working in conjunction with the strength and conditioning staff.

In his first full-time season in 2011, Garrison and veteran offensive line coach Barney Cotton developed an offensive line that paved the way for a Husker rushing attack that ranked 15th nationally, averaging 217.2 yards per game. In addition to his overall work with the line, Garrison has played a key role in the development of several underclassmen and walk-ons.

Tyler Moore earned four starts in 2011, becoming only the fourth true freshman to earn a start on the NU offensive line. Moore became the only true freshman offensive lineman to start a season opener for the Huskers when he lined up at right tackle against Tennessee at Chattanooga last season. Garrison was also able to coach Moore on the mental challenges that come with early playing time, as Garrison himself is one of only 10 true freshmen offensive linemen to play in a game in school history.

Including Moore, first- or second-year players combined for 37 starts on the offensive line in 2011. In addition to the youth, Garrison helped three current or former walk-ons combine for 32 starts in 2011. Two of those former walk-ons were senior Mike Caputo and junior Spencer Long, both of whom earned second-team All-Big Ten honors under Garrison's direction. Senior Marcel Jones was also an honorable-mention All-Big Ten pick in 2011.

The line helped All-Big Ten back Rex Burkhead post the 32nd 1,000-yard rushing season in school history. Burkhead also produced the highest rushing total by a Husker I-back since 1997.

Garrison also oversees Nebraska's tight ends, who combined for 29 catches for 446 yards and one touchdown in 2011, in addition to a blocking role in the run game.

Before being elevated to a full-time role in 2011, Garrison spent the previous three seasons as a football intern with the offensive line in conjunction with the strength and conditioning staff.

In four total seasons working with the Husker offensive line, nine linemen have earned all-conference honors. In 2010, Ricky Henry became the first Husker to take home first-team all-conference accolades since 2001, as Nebraska led the Big 12 and ranked ninth nationally with nearly 250 rushing yards per game.

The offensive line has helped pave the way for an all-conference back in each of Garrison's four seasons working with the unit. In 2010, senior Roy Helu Jr., became the first running back to surpass 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons since 1992 and 1993, while Burkhead topped the 1,000-yard mark in 2011.

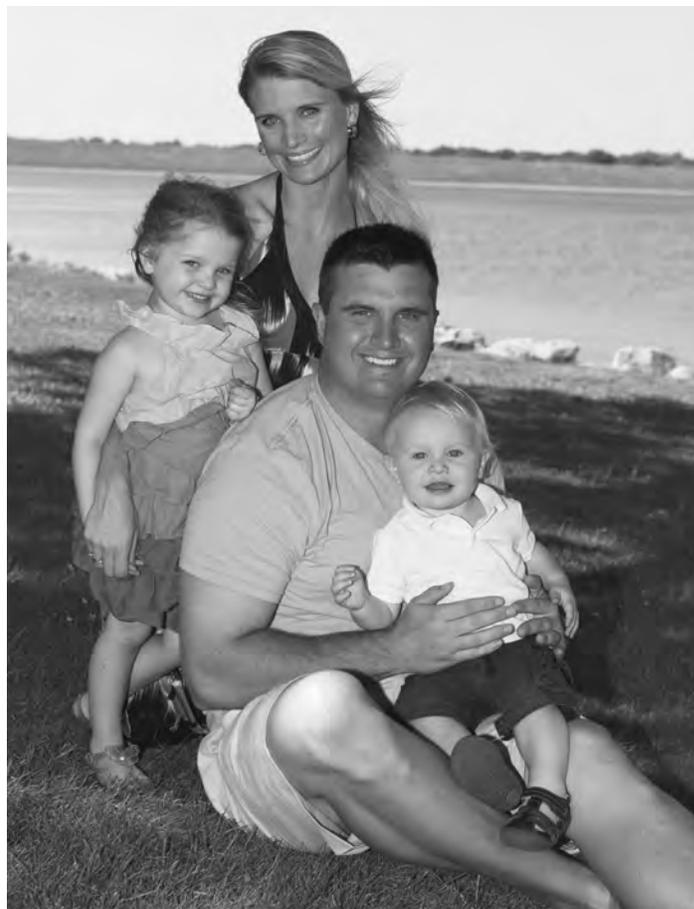
Garrison joined the Nebraska staff in March of 2008 after spending four years at Blue Springs (Mo.) High School as an assistant coach and special education teacher. Garrison served as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator. Garrison also conducted and managed the weight room activities for multiple sports at Blue Springs.

The 31-year-old Garrison was a four-year letterman for Frank Solich at Nebraska from 1999 to 2002, and earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades as a junior and senior. Garrison was Nebraska's starting long snapper as a true freshman in 1999, helping the Huskers to a 12-1 record and Big 12 title. He was a backup center and guard, and handled long snapping duties in 2000.

In 2001, Garrison moved into the lineup as the starting center and helped Nebraska to an appearance in the BCS National Championship Game, while quarterback Eric Crouch won

the Heisman Trophy. In his senior season, Garrison was elected by his teammates as one of three co-captains.

A native of Blue Springs, Mo., Garrison graduated from Nebraska with a degree in secondary education in 2003. He and his wife, Jamie, have a daughter, Lily and a son, Jack, and are expecting their third child.



The Garrison Family (from top): Jamie, Lily, John and Jack.

## TERRY JOSEPH

SECONDARY | FIRST SEASON  
NORTHWESTERN STATE | 1996

## THE TERRY JOSEPH FILE

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2012, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Secondary)
- » 2010-11, Tennessee Assistant Coach (Defensive Backs/Recruiting Coord.)
- » 2007-09, Louisiana Tech Assistant Coach (Secondary/Recruiting Coord.)
- » 2006, LSU Graduate Assistant
- » 2003-05, Destrehan (La.) High School Assistant Coach
- » 1999-2002, Archbishop Shaw (La.) High School Assistant Coach

Terry Joseph is one of two new assistants on the Nebraska defensive staff. Joseph, who coaches the secondary, came to Nebraska following two seasons as the defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Tennessee on Coach Derek Dooley's staff.

The 38-year-old Joseph helped the Tennessee defense rank among the nation's top pass defenses each of the past two seasons. In Lincoln, Joseph will take over a Nebraska defensive backfield that returns nine players who started at least one game in 2011, including safety Daimion Stafford, and cornerbacks Andrew Green and Ciente Evans, who each started at least seven games in 2011.

The Husker secondary ranked 18th nationally in pass defense in 2011, marking its third straight season finishing among the nation's top 20 pass defenses. While Joseph benefits from returning talent in his first season, one of his biggest challenges will be helping Nebraska replace a pair of starters, including Alfonzo Dennard, the 2011 Tatum-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year. Dennard was the fourth member of the Husker secondary taken in the NFL Draft in the past two seasons.

At Tennessee last season, Joseph helped the Vols finish 12th nationally in passing yards allowed with an average of just 177.8 yards per game. Joseph oversaw a young defensive backfield, including true freshman Brian Randolph, who earned SEC all-freshman honors in 2011.

In Joseph's first season in Knoxville in 2010, Joseph helped the Vols rank in the top 20 in the nation with 18 interceptions, and the group played a key role in a late-season run that earned Tennessee a trip to the Music City Bowl. Safety Janzen Jackson and cornerback Prentiss Waggner each earned second-team All-SEC honors. Waggner returned three interceptions for touchdowns to set a school record.

Joseph joined the Tennessee staff after working under Dooley for three seasons at Louisiana Tech from 2007 to 2009, where he also served as the secondary coach and recruiting coordinator. Joseph played a key role in a defensive turnaround at Louisiana Tech.

The highlight of Joseph's stint at Louisiana Tech came in 2008, when the Bulldogs finished second in the Western Athletic Conference and earned their first bowl trip in seven seasons. Tech completed an 8-5 season with a 17-10 victory over Northern Illinois in the Independence Bowl. Joseph also coordinated Tech's recruiting efforts, and the 2009 class was ranked second in the WAC. Joseph was ranked as one of the top five recruiters in a non-BCS conference by Rivals.com.

Joseph worked alongside Nebraska Head Coach Bo Pelini as a defensive graduate assistant at LSU in 2006. During his one season in Baton Rouge, Joseph helped the Tiger defense rank third nationally in total defense, and LSU finished the year with a Sugar Bowl victory over Notre Dame.

Joseph began his coaching career in the Louisiana prep ranks, working as an assistant at two New Orleans area schools. Joseph worked at Archbishop Shaw from 1999 through 2002, and at Destrehan High School from 2003 to 2005.

Joseph earned his bachelor's degree from Northwestern State in 1996. He was a baseball standout at the school, and is one of only 12 players in Southland Conference history to earn first-team all-conference honors three straight seasons. Joseph was the conference player of the year in 1995, when he was coached by former Nebraska baseball coach Dave Van Horn. A two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American with the Demons, Joseph owned 10 school records when he completed his collegiate baseball career.

Joseph was a 13th-round draft choice of the Chicago Cubs and played four seasons in the minor leagues with the Cubs and San Diego Padres.

Joseph and his wife, Amanda, are the parents of two daughters, Taylor and Lynleigh. Joseph is the cousin of former Nebraska quarterback Mickey Joseph, who was a four-year letterman for the Huskers from 1988 to 1991.



*The Joseph Family (left to right): Lynleigh, Terry, Amanda and Taylor*



## RICK KACZENSKI

DEFENSIVE LINE | FIRST SEASON  
NOTRE DAME | 1997



# NEBRASKA

### THE RICK KACZENSKI FILE

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2012, Nebraska Assistant Coach (Defensive Line)
- » 2007-11, Iowa Assistant Coach (Defensive Line)
- » 2005-06, Iowa Graduate Assistant (Iowa)
- » 2004, Elon Assistant Coach (Offensive Line/Tight Ends)
- » 2003, East Tennessee State Assistant Coach (Offensive Line/Tight Ends)
- » 2002, South Carolina State Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)
- » 1999-2001, South Carolina Graduate Assistant (Offense/Recruiting)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- » 1994-97, Notre Dame

Rick Kaczenski joined the Nebraska coaching staff in December of 2011 and is in his first year as the Huskers' defensive line coach. The 37-year old Kaczenski was part of Nebraska's staff for the 2012 Capital One Bowl contest.

Kaczenski joined the Nebraska defensive staff after building an impressive resume on Kirk Ferentz's staff at Iowa. The performance of Kaczenski's defensive lines played a key role in Iowa's success the past five seasons. With Kaczenski as a member of the full-time coaching staff from 2007 to 2011, Iowa reached a bowl game in each of his final four seasons, including an appearance in the Orange Bowl following the 2009 season. His defensive lineman earned nine first- or second-team All-Big Ten awards from 2007 to 2011.

In 2010, Iowa ranked sixth nationally in rushing defense (101.5 ypg) and seventh in scoring defense (17.0 ppg). A year earlier, the Hawkeye defense ranked in the top 10 nationally in four defensive statistical categories, including pass efficiency defense, total defense, scoring defense and passing yards allowed. The effort of the front line played a big part in the defensive success, as Iowa posted an 11-2 overall record and a victory over Georgia Tech in the Orange Bowl.

The 2008 Iowa defense also ranked high across the board. Kaczenski's defensive front keyed a group that limited opponents to just 94.0 rushing yards per game to rank ninth in the country. Iowa also ranked fifth in scoring defense, fifth in pass efficiency defense and 12th in scoring defense en route to a 9-4 record and Outback Bowl berth in 2008. In his first season as a full-time assistant in 2007, Iowa ranked third in the Big Ten and 13th nationally in scoring defense, while also leading the conference in turnover margin.

Under Kaczenski, Iowa produced outstanding individual performers on the defensive line. End Adrian Clayborn became the 21st player at Iowa to earn consensus All-America honors in 2010. Clayborn was named the national Defensive Performer of the Year by College Football Performance Awards in 2009. Clayborn was named first-team All-Big Ten in both 2009 and 2010.

Clayborn was the 20th pick in the first round by Tampa Bay in the 2011 NFL Draft, and was one of three Hawkeye defensive linemen selected in that draft. Defensive lineman Christian Ballard was taken in the fourth round by Minnesota, while Tennessee selected defensive lineman Karl Klug in the fifth round.

Defensive tackles Mitch King and Matt Kroul led Iowa's defense in 2008. King was named Defensive Lineman of the Year in the Big Ten while earning first-, second- and third-team All-America honors. Kroul earned second-team All-Big Ten honors after setting an Iowa record with 50 consecutive starts. Both King (Tennessee) and Kroul (N.Y. Jets) signed free agent contracts immediately following the 2009 NFL Draft and have remained in the NFL the last two seasons. In 2007, King was named first-team All-Big Ten and senior defensive end Bryan Mattison earned second-team recognition.

Overall, nine of Kaczenski's defensive linemen have been drafted or signed NFL free agent contracts over the past four seasons, including four draftees in the past two years.

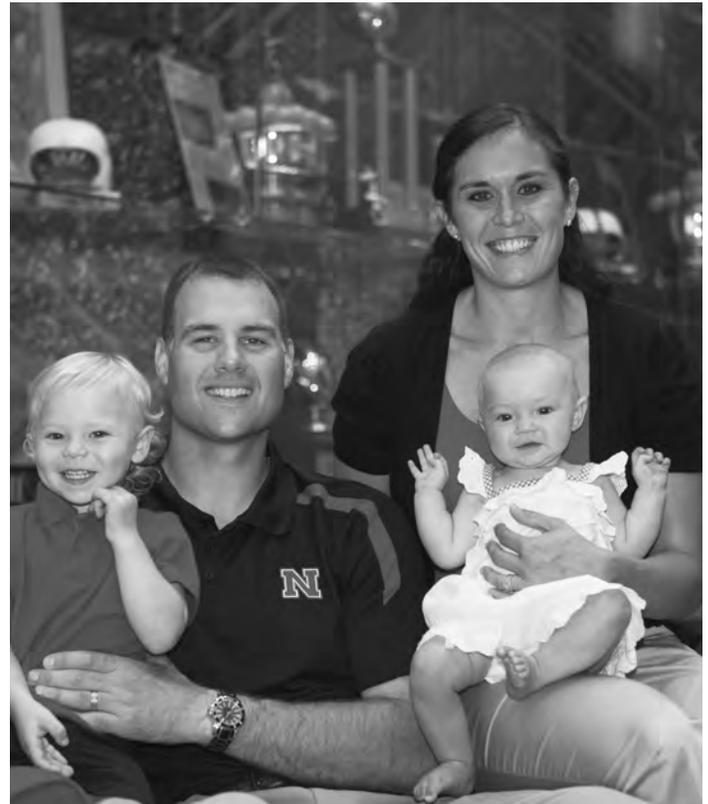
Before taking over as defensive line coach, Kaczenski served two seasons as a graduate assistant at Iowa in 2005-06, working specifically with the offensive line. Kaczenski joined the Iowa staff after serving as the offensive line and tight ends coach at Elon University in 2004. He served in the same capacity at East Tennessee State in 2003 and was the offensive line coach at South Carolina State in 2002 for Head Coach Buddy Pough.

Kaczenski was on the staff at South Carolina from 1999 to 2001 under Head Coach Lou Holtz. Kaczenski was a graduate assistant with the Gamecocks, working in recruiting while assisting with the offensive line and wide receivers. Kaczenski began his coaching career in 1998 as an assistant coach at Erie (Pa.) Cathedral Prep, his high school alma mater.

Kaczenski played collegiately at Notre Dame from 1993 to 1997, where he was a three-year starter at center from 1995 to 1997. While with the Irish, Kaczenski helped Notre Dame to four bowl appearances, including a trip to the 1995 Fiesta Bowl and the 1996 Orange Bowl. Kaczenski played in a total of 40 games, and during his career Notre Dame finished in the top 20 in rushing three times, including sixth in 1995 and eighth in 1996.

Kaczenski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology from Notre Dame in 1997, and he is a graduate of Cathedral Prep High School in Erie, Pa. He was elected to the Erie Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2007. His brother, Bob, was a member of Penn State's 1986 national championship team.

Kaczenski was born Feb. 15, 1975 in Erie, Pa. Rick and his wife, Jessica, have a one-year old son, Victor James, and a daughter, Sophia.



The Kaczenski Family (from left): Victor, Rick, Jessica and Sophia.



## JEFF JAMROG

ASSOCIATE A.D. FOR FOOTBALL OPERATIONS  
FIFTH SEASON  
NEBRASKA 1987



### THE JEFF JAMROG FILE

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

» 2008-present, Nebraska (Associate A.D. for Football Operations)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2004-07, Minnesota State (Head Coach)
- » 2003, Nebraska (Asst. Coach/Def. Line/Def. Ends/Special Teams Coord.)
- » 2000-02, Nebraska (Assistant Coach/Defensive Line)
- » 1997-99, New Mexico St. (Asst. Coach/Def. Coordinator/Inside LBs)
- » 1994-96, Nebraska-Omaha (Asst. Coach/Def. Coord./Def. Line/Inside LBs)
- » 1990-93, South Dakota (Asst. Coach/Inside LBs/Special Teams/Acad. Coord.)
- » 1988-89, Nebraska (Graduate Assistant)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

» 1983-87, Nebraska

Former Nebraska player and assistant coach Jeff Jamrog is in his fifth year as the Associate Athletic Director for Football Operations for the Husker program in 2012. Jamrog plays a key role in the administrative aspects of the football program and serves as a liaison with other parts of the athletic department. He works closely with Coach Bo Pelini and Athletic Director Tom Osborne on all football operations and assists with NU's recruiting efforts.

Jamrog also coordinates the travel, budget and staffing for the football office, spearheading football scheduling, overseeing the compliance, strength training, equipment and academic support units regarding football issues and also supervising football support staffs.

A former walk-on himself, Jamrog has also played a lead role in the resurgence of Nebraska's walk-on program. Walk-ons Spencer Long and Seung Hoon Choi combined for 18 starts on the offensive line in 2011, while punter/place-kicker Brett Maher was named the Big Ten's top punter and place-kicker. Overall, 11 members of Nebraska's 21-player 2011 senior class began their careers as walk-ons, including three players who started every game and five players with at least four starts in 2011.

Jamrog returned to Nebraska after spending four seasons as the head coach at Minnesota State-Mankato. The 47-year-old Jamrog guided his Maverick teams to a 17-27 overall record, including a 6-5 mark in 2004 - the program's first winning season since 1994. The team boasted a six-game improvement in victories, which was not only a school record but tied for the fifth-largest single-season jump in NCAA Division II history.

The Maverick players coached by Jamrog also distinguished themselves in the classroom. Defensive lineman Spencer Dickinson earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-America team in both 2006 and 2007. While leading the Maverick program, Jamrog handled many of the duties he encounters on a daily basis with the Huskers.

His four-year run at Minnesota State came after a brief stint as the defensive coordinator at Western Illinois in the spring of 2004. Prior to that appointment, Jamrog had spent the previous four seasons as the defensive line coach on Frank Solich's staff at Nebraska.

Jamrog tutored the Huskers' interior defensive linemen each of his four years on the defensive staff. In his final season, Jamrog also coached the defensive ends and was named special teams coordinator for the 2003 Huskers. During his time with the Huskers, Jamrog helped Nebraska play for the national championship in the Rose Bowl following the 2001 season, along with two trips to the Alamo Bowl (2000, 2003) and an appearance in the Independence Bowl (2002).

The 2003 Nebraska defense led the country in takeaways, while ranking second nationally in scoring defense. Jamrog's special teams units were also among the nation's best, totaling 21 blocked kicks and 11 punt returns for touchdowns in four years. With Jamrog as special teams coordinator in 2003, Nebraska led the Big 12 and ranked ninth nationally in net punting.

Before his first tenure on the Nebraska coaching staff, Jamrog spent three years as defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach at New Mexico State. He helped Head Coach Tony Samuel turn around a program that had just two winning seasons in the previous 31 years.

Jamrog served as the defensive coordinator at Nebraska-Omaha from 1994 to 1996, and helped the Mavs to the 1996 North Central Conference title - the first outright title in school history. UNO earned a No. 4 national ranking, and improved by seven wins over 1995, the second-largest turnaround in Division II history. Jamrog was the inside linebackers coach and special teams coordinator at the University of South Dakota from 1990 to 1993. He began his coaching career at Nebraska in 1988 and 1989 as a graduate assistant.

Originally a walk-on for the Huskers, Jamrog played for the freshman team in 1983, redshirted in 1984, then lettered for three years as a defensive end. As a senior, Jamrog started and had 66 tackles, eight sacks and 13 tackles for loss. Jamrog was a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American in 1987 and was an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient. He was also the winner of the 1987 Guy Chamberlin Trophy.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Nebraska in 1987 and his master's in business administration in 1990. Jamrog and his wife, Connie, have three children: Elizabeth, Brett and Jared.



The Jamrog Family (clockwise from top left): Brett, Jeff, Jared, Connie and Elizabeth.



## JAMES DOBSON

HEAD FOOTBALL STRENGTH COACH | FIFTH SEASON  
WISCONSIN | 1996



# NEBRASKA

### THE JAMES DOBSON FILE

#### STRENGTH COACHING EXPERIENCE

- » 2008-present, Nebraska Head Football Strength Coach
- » 1999-2007, Iowa Assistant Strength Coach
- » 1997-98, SMU Assistant Strength Coach
- » 1994-96, Wisconsin Student Assistant

James Dobson joined the Nebraska football staff in January 2008 as Head Football Strength Coach. He oversees all aspects of the Husker strength and conditioning program for football, which includes winter conditioning, summer workouts and in-season training.

Dobson was one of 15 strength and conditioning coaches certified as a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association this past spring.

In Dobson's first four seasons directing Nebraska's strength and conditioning efforts, the Huskers have had impressive gains both on and off the field. Outstanding conditioning has been a key factor in NU ranking among the nation's top fourth-quarter squads in Dobson's tenure.

In 2008, Nebraska outscored its opponents 155-52 in the fourth quarter. Nebraska's point total and scoring differential in the fourth quarter were both second best in the nation. The Huskers again dominated the fourth quarter in 2009. Nebraska outscored its opponents 96-32 in the fourth quarter. The 32 points allowed in the fourth quarter tied for the fewest in the nation, while the 64-point differential was fourth. Overall in the second half, Nebraska outscored its opponents 154-55, as the 55 second-half points were the fewest allowed by any team in the nation.

Prior to Nebraska, Dobson was part of the Iowa Hawkeye football program. He was in Iowa City during one of the most successful periods in school history. Iowa appeared in bowl games in six of seven seasons and won 38 games from 2002 to 2005. Iowa won 25 Big Ten games in that same period, including Big Ten titles in 2002 and 2004.

Dobson has had a history of working with some of the top college football players in the country over the past decade. Top pupils Dobson has worked with include defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, cornerback Prince Amukamara and linebacker Lavonte David at Nebraska along with safety Bob Sanders, tight end Dallas Clark, offensive tackle Robert Gallery and linebacker Chad Greenway at Iowa.

Suh was a Heisman finalist and the most decorated defensive lineman in nearly two decades while earning national player-of-the-year honors for the Cornhuskers in 2009. The impact of Dobson and the NU strength and conditioning program on Suh is evident. Following the completion of his career, Suh showed his appreciation by donating \$2 million to enhance the four-year old Nebraska strength and conditioning facility.

Amukamara developed into a first-round NFL Draft pick in 2011 after earning first-team All-America honors for the Huskers in 2010. He went on to win the Super Bowl with the New York Giants in his first season in the league. Dobson helped prepare David to make a seamless transition to major college football. After starring as a junior college All-American, David recorded the most tackles in school history as a junior in 2010, before earning All-America honors in 2011. David was selected in the second round of the 2012 NFL Draft.

Sanders earned All-America honors at Iowa in 2003, and was the 2007 NFL Defensive Player of the Year with the Indianapolis Colts. Clark began his Hawkeye career as a walk-on linebacker, but moved to tight end and went on to earn All-America honors in 2002, before being a first-round draft pick. Gallery came to Iowa as a 240-pound tight end, and through the strength program, he left as a 320-pound offensive tackle, won the 2003 Outland Trophy and was the second overall selection in the 2004 draft. Greenway earned All-America honors as a senior in 2005, and was a first-round pick of the Minnesota Vikings in 2006.

In addition to his experience at Iowa, Dobson worked for two years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Southern Methodist, working with the football, volleyball and basketball teams.

Dobson attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he worked as a student assistant with the Badger football team for three seasons. He earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Wisconsin in 1996, and his master's of science and administration degree from Central Michigan in 2004.

A certified strength and conditioning specialist and a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association, Dobson is a native of Mt. Horeb, Wis. He and his wife, Rebecca, have a son, Colton, and a daughter, Elise.



The Dobson Family (clockwise from top left): James, Rebecca, Elise and Colton.

## JOE GANZ

GRADUATE ASSISTANT | OFFENSE



A record-setting quarterback for the Huskers, Joe Ganz has been elevated to a graduate assistant role in 2012 in his third year on the Nebraska coaching staff. Previously, Ganz served as a football intern and graduate manager in 2010 and 2011. Ganz works extensively with the Husker quarterbacks, in addition to helping offensive coordinator Tim Beck in a variety of roles.

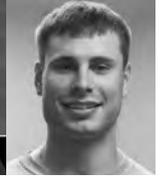
Before moving into a coaching role, Ganz was a standout quarterback for the Huskers from 2004 to 2008. Although he had to wait until the latter half of the 2007 season for his chance to shine, Ganz ended his career owning 23 Nebraska school records. He established Husker records with 510 passing yards, 528 yards of total offense and seven passing touchdowns against Kansas State in 2007 in only his second career start. Ganz also holds Nebraska game records for pass completions and attempts and total offense attempts.

A native of Palos Heights, Ill., Ganz holds Nebraska season records for passing yards, completions and total offense, all set during his senior year in 2008. That season, Ganz completed nearly 70 percent of his passes while throwing for 3,568 yards and 25 touchdowns. He added 258 yards on the ground with five rushing touchdowns. Ganz finished his career second in school history in passing yards (5,125) and passing touchdowns (44).

Ganz was a two-time Big 12 Offensive Player-of-the-Week selection and was on the watch list for the 2008 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award. In the classroom, Ganz was a 2008 first-team academic All-Big 12 selection and a seven-time Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll honoree. He earned his degree in business administration from Nebraska in December of 2008.

## JAKE MANDELKO

GRADUATE ASSISTANT | DEFENSE



Jake Mandelko is in his first season as a graduate assistant at Nebraska. Previously, Mandelko spent the 2010 season as a volunteer, and he was a football intern in 2011. In his third season working with the Huskers, Mandelko will take on an increased role with the NU defense.

Mandelko will assist first-year coordinator John Papuchis, the nation's youngest solo defensive coordinator. Mandelko is expected to work extensively with the Husker backfield and first-year secondary coach Terry Joseph.

A native of Lexington, Neb., Mandelko played safety for Nebraska-Kearney, earning all-region honors as a junior in 2008, when he tied for the conference lead with five interceptions, including two returned for touchdowns. He was an all-region selection again as a senior in 2009, when UNK finished 11-2 and earned a No. 8 Division II national ranking. He was named honorary captain of the Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska Division II football team in 2009, when he led the Lopers in tackles, interceptions and pass breakups.

Mandelko earned his degree in sports administration from Nebraska-Kearney in May of 2008. Jake's father, Mike, was an All-Big Eight offensive guard for the Huskers in 1982.

## T.J. HOLLOWELL

GRADUATE ASSISTANT | DEFENSE



T.J. Hollowell is in his second season as a graduate assistant coach for the Husker football program. He assists the coaching staff on the defensive side of the ball, working extensively with the linebackers.

Hollowell is in his third year with the Husker football program overall, as he served as an intern in 2010. In that role, he assisted the coaching staff and the Husker strength and conditioning staff.

While working with the defense last season, Hollowell helped linebacker Lavonte David earn the Big Ten's Butkus-Fitzgerald Linebacker-of-the-Year award, while Alfonzo Dennard was named the Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year. David also earned first-team All-America honors. Overall, Nebraska ranked 18th nationally in pass defense last season, and the Huskers held six of their 13 opponents to two touchdowns or less, including holding three opponents to single digits.

A former starter for the Blackshirts, Hollowell signed with the New York Giants as a free agent in 2004 and spent two seasons in the NFL. He played for the New York Giants in 2004 and the New York Jets in 2005, while also spending two training camps with the Denver Broncos. He also spent parts of two years in the Canadian Football League with the Edmonton Eskimos.

Hollowell played four seasons at Nebraska from 2000 to 2003, totaling 173 career tackles in helping the Huskers to four bowl games, including the BCS National Championship Game in 2001. As a senior, he earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 recognition from the league coaches and the AP, totaling 80 stops, including eight tackles for losses. He tied Nebraska's school record with eight pass breakups and was part of a defense that forced a school-record 47 turnovers.

A native of Copperas Cove, Texas, Hollowell received his degree in sociology from Nebraska in 2009.

## VINCE MARROW

GRADUATE ASSISTANT | OFFENSE



Vince Marrow is in his second season as a graduate assistant coach for the Husker football program. He assists with the offense, working extensively with the tight ends. Marrow expanded his role and proved successful on the recruiting front last spring, when Nebraska was granted a waiver from the NCAA to allow Marrow to recruit off campus while associate head coach Barney Cotton was unable to travel while recovering from surgery.

With Marrow's help, a young Husker offense showed great promise under first-year coordinator Tim Beck in 2011. Nebraska averaged nearly 30 points per game last fall, and the Huskers scored at least two touchdowns in every game in 2011, a feat NU has accomplished only twice in the past 10 seasons. Nebraska's rushing attack flourished, averaging 217.2 yards per game to rank 15th nationally. Nebraska averaged 200 yards rushing for only the second time in the past eight seasons.

Marrow came to Nebraska after serving as the tight ends coach of the Omaha Nighthawks in the United Football League in 2010. He helped the Nighthawks to a 3-5 record in the franchise's inaugural campaign. Prior to that, he was the head coach at Holland High School in Springfield, Ohio, in 2009 and at the University of Toledo as tight ends coach in 2008. Marrow began his coaching career in NFL Europe following a distinguished playing career. He worked with the Rhein Fire (2006-07) and Berlin Thunder (2005-06) as a tackles/tight end coach with both teams before the league folded in 2007.

As a player, he was on the roster of five NFL teams: Buffalo Bills (1992-95); Carolina Panthers (1995); New York Jets (1996); Chicago Bears (1997-98) and San Francisco 49ers (1998-99). He was on the roster for the Bills for Super Bowls in 1993 and 1994. His best season in the NFL was in 1994, when he appeared in 10 games for the Bills.

Marrow also made first-team all-league for the Frankfort Galaxy of NFL Europe in 1998, and played one season for the Orlando Rage in the XFL in 2000 before going into coaching.

Marrow started his college career at Youngstown State before transferring to Toledo and playing two seasons as a tight end for the Rockets. He was a second-team All-Mid American Conference selection in 1991 and was selected by the Bills in the 11th round of the 1992 NFL Draft.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Marrow graduated with a degree in criminal justice from Toledo in 1992 and was a teammate of Husker football coach Bo Pelini at Cardinal Mooney High School. Marrow and his wife, Dr. Monique Marrow, have five children (Mike, Phylcia, Merrisa, Victoria and Aryanna). Mike is a fullback for Nebraska.