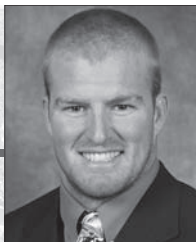


Hunter Teafatiller

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TIGHT END | 6-3 | 240 | SR.-3L

KINGSBURG, CALIF. (SAN JOAQUIN MEMORIAL)

2008 OUTLOOK

Senior tight end Hunter Teafatiller will be counted on to expand his role in the Nebraska offense this fall. Last season Teafatiller was part of a large group of tight ends who contributed, but three of those players have completed their eligibility leaving the 6-3, 240-pound Teafatiller as the most veteran member of that group.

Teafatiller has played in 32 games over the past three seasons, and has shown big-play ability with four of his nine career receptions resulting in touchdowns. Teafatiller has been a regular on Nebraska's kickoff return unit throughout his career.

2007 (JUNIOR)

Teafatiller played in each of the season's final 11 games, as part of a deep group of tight ends. He finished the year with four receptions for 34 yards, including a career-high three catches for 21 yards in a road victory at Wake Forest. Teafatiller saw extensive action throughout the remainder of the year, but his only other reception was a 13-yarder at Kansas. He also contributed on special teams and had four kickoff returns for 37 yards.

2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Teafatiller played in all 14 games with starts against Texas and Missouri, when NU lined up with three tight ends. He caught only five passes for 78 yards, but four of those receptions resulted in touchdowns. He also continued to play a key role on the Huskers' special teams units. He opened the season with his first career catch for a score on a 29-yard reception against Louisiana Tech.

Following a five-game stretch without a catch, Teafatiller scored the Huskers' first touchdown against Kansas State on a 17-yard pass from place-kicker Jake Wesch on a fake field-goal attempt. Teafatiller found the end zone once again two weeks later against Missouri with another 17-yard reception. He caught his fourth pass of the year against Colorado, then accounted for NU's lone score in the Big 12 title game against Oklahoma, with a 14-yard catch from Zac Taylor in the second quarter.

2005 (FRESHMAN)

One of a school-record 13 true freshmen to see action, Teafatiller played in each of the final seven games on the Huskers' punt return unit after sitting out the first half of the year. He also saw action on NU's kickoff return unit.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (SAN JOAQUIN MEMORIAL HS)

Teafatiller played primarily tight end and defensive end for Coach Anthony Ghoston at San Joaquin Memorial. Teafatiller helped his team to the 2004 Valley championship. In the process, Teafatiller earned NYL Defensive Player-of-the-Year honors, and was also a first-team NYL selection at tight end and defensive end.

PERSONAL

The son of Guy and Jill Teafatiller, Hunter was born on Oct. 30, 1986. He is a communication studies major and has assisted with NU's hospital visits.

TEAFATILLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving							
Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2005	7/0	0	0	0.0	0.0	None	0
2006	14/2	5	78	15.6	5.6	29 yards vs. La. Tech	4
2007	11/0	4	34	8.5	6.5	13 at Kansas	0
Totals	32/2	9	112	12.4	3.5	29 yards vs. La. Tech	4

SINGLE-GAME BESTS

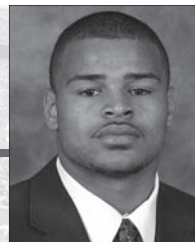
Receptions—3 at Wake Forest, 2007

Receiving Yards—29 vs. Louisiana Tech, 2006

Long Reception—29 yards vs. Louisiana Tech, 2006 (TD)

Rickey Thenarse

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SAFETY | 6-0 | 195 | JR.-2L

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (JORDAN)

» **Two-Time Nebraska Special Teams MVP (2006, 2007)**

2008 OUTLOOK

Rickey Thenarse (pronounced tuh-NARSE) has been best known for his fearless special teams play during his first two seasons in a Husker uniform. The Los Angeles native has been named Nebraska's Special Teams MVP each of the past two seasons, and expects to play a key role in that area again this fall.

However, Thenarse figures to have a much expanded role in the Nebraska secondary this fall, following the graduation of six veteran players in the defensive backfield. The 6-0, 195-pound Thenarse performed well during spring ball and will enter fall camp listed atop the depth chart at free safety.

2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Thenarse saw extensive action in 2007, both on special teams and as a backup safety behind Pierre Green and Larry Asante. Thenarse played in all 12 games and made 28 total tackles, including 18 solo stops. Many of his stops came on kick or punt coverage, but Thenarse also used his hard-hitting style to make an impact at safety.

He finished the season with four games of three or more tackles. He had four tackles, including three solo stops, and forced a fumble on a kickoff against USC. He added three tackles against Ball State, before making a career-high five tackles each in back-to-back road games at Texas and Kansas late in the season. Thenarse forced his second fumble of the season against the Longhorns.

2006 (FRESHMAN)

Thenarse was the only true freshman to play in all 14 games in 2006. He saw limited action in the secondary, but made an immediate impact on the Huskers' coverage units. Thenarse's kickoff coverage ability helped make that Husker unit one of the nation's best.

Thenarse finished the year with nine total tackles, including five solo stops. He made stops in six games, with a season-high four against Colorado, including three solo tackles. His game against the Buffs marked his finest performance, as he also forced a fumble. Thenarse added tackles against Nicholls State, Troy, Kansas, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma. He grabbed his first career interception and returned it 25 yards against Kansas State, and he recorded a pass breakup at Iowa State.



BEFORE NEBRASKA (JORDAN HS)

Thenarse was a standout running back and defensive back for Jordan High School in Los Angeles. As a senior, Thenarse carried the ball 112 times for 1,344 yards and 10 touchdowns, while catching 19 passes for 628 yards and five touchdowns. He also returned 11 punts for 231 yards and a touchdown and returned 14 kickoffs for 300 yards in earning first-team all-city and all-state honors. Defensively, Thenarse had 153 tackles and one interception as a senior. Thenarse earned Eastern League MVP honors and was rated as the No. 94 overall prospect in the nation on the ESPN 150.

As a junior playing for Coach Elijah Asante, Thenarse ran for 1,234 yards on 130 carries, scoring 12 touchdowns and earning first-team all-league honors. Thenarse also had 15 catches for 307 yards and four touchdowns, and added 20 tackles, three sacks and three interceptions on the defensive side of the ball. Thenarse chose Nebraska over USC, UCLA, California, Colorado, Fresno State, Oregon and Washington.

PERSONAL

Rickey, the son of Kathy Thenarse and Ricky Thenarse Sr., was born on Aug. 2, 1988. He is majoring in sociology and has assisted with NU's hospital visits.

THENARSE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Defense	Tackles					Fum.					QB
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2006	14/0	5	4	9	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	1	1	0
2007	12/0	18	10	28	0-0	0-0	2-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26/0	23	14	37	0-0	0-0	3-0	0	1	1	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles—5, at Texas, at Kansas, 2007

Solo Tackles—3, three times

Kevin Thomsen

FULLBACK | 6-2 | 240 | RFR.
ELKHORN, NEB.

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- » 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll
- » 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

2008 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Kevin Thomsen is among a large group of players who are pushing for playing time at the fullback position. Senior Thomas Lawson heads into the fall atop the depth chart, but Thomsen is among the leading contenders for reserve duty in the Husker offense. The 6-2, 240-pound Thomsen owns the physical tools to be a success at the position. Thomsen joined the NU program as a walk-on after a standout career at Nebraska prep powerhouse Elkhorn High School.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

Thomsen sat out as a redshirt and worked with the scout team offense.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (ELKHORN HS)

Thomsen was a first-team Class B all-state selection by the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star following a standout senior season for Coach Mark Wortman at Elkhorn. Thomsen helped the Antlers to a 12-1 record and Class B state runner-up finish. Thomsen recorded 61 tackles, including a pair of sacks, and four interceptions from his defensive line position, while he also rushed for 223 yards and three touchdowns. Thomsen also earned first-team All-Omaha area accolades from the World-Herald. Thomsen threw the discus and shot put for the Elkhorn track team.

PERSONAL

Thomsen is the son of John and Mary Thomsen and was born on Oct. 14, 1988. He has not declared a major, but was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.

Lance Thorell

DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-1 | 190 | RFR.
LOOMIS, NEB.

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- » 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll
- » 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

2008 OUTLOOK

An excellent all-around athlete in high school, Lance Thorell performed well during spring practice, making the most of his repetitions at cornerback. The walk-on player from Loomis, Neb., spent time with the Huskers' second defensive unit and enters the fall listed as a reserve behind projected starters Armando Murillo and Anthony West. Thorell is also a likely candidate to see action on the Huskers' special teams units.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

Thorell sat out his first season as a redshirt.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LOOMIS HS)

Thorell was a standout on both sides of the ball for Loomis High School, helping the Wolves to the Class D-1 state quarterfinals in 2006. Thorell earned first-team Class D-1 all-state honors at defensive back from the Lincoln Journal Star after totaling 118 tackles and four interceptions as a senior. He added more than 1,000 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns while also playing running back for Loomis.

Thorell also excelled on the track as a member of Loomis' Class D state champion track team. He set the state Class D record in the 110-meter hurdles on his way to a gold medal at the state track meet, as well as taking home the gold in the 300-meter hurdles. He also placed in the long jump and 400 meter dash at the 2007 state track meet.

PERSONAL

Lance is the son of Mike Thorell and Kristi Thorell and he was born on Oct. 16, 1988. He has not declared a major, but was named to Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.

Latravis Washington

LINEBACKER | 6-3 | 225 | SO.-1L
BRADENTON, FLA. (BAYSHORE)

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- » 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll
- » 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

2008 OUTLOOK

Linebacker Latravis Washington will be expected to move into a prominent role during his sophomore season in 2008. With the graduation of four senior linebackers from the 2007 team, Washington and several other linebackers will have the opportunity to earn their way into the playing rotation.

The 6-3, 225-pound Washington has added muscle since his arrival on the Nebraska campus. After seeing limited action last fall, Washington will enter fall camp listed second behind senior Cody Glenn at the Will linebacker spot. Washington is the cousin of former Husker defensive back and first-round NFL Draft pick Fabian Washington, now a member of the Cleveland Browns.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

Washington played in six games during his freshman season, both on kickoff coverage and as a reserve linebacker. He finished the year with two tackles, both coming in Nebraska's win over Kansas State.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (BAYSHORE HS)

Washington was a two-way standout for Bayshore High School in Bradenton, Fla., attracting recruiting interest both as a defender and a quarterback. As a senior, Washington split time on defense between the secondary and defensive end, finishing the year with five sacks, in addition to ranking as one of his team's top tacklers.

Washington also started at quarterback for Coach Raymond Woodie, and accounted for six passing touchdowns and six rushing scores. Washington also had an excellent junior season, in which he threw for 600 yards and four touchdowns and ran for 800 yards and nine scores. Washington also lined up as the starting power forward for Bayshore's basketball team.

Washington attended Nebraska's Elite Quarterback camp in both 2005 and 2006. He was regarded as one of the top 70 players in the state of Florida by Rivals.com. Washington chose Nebraska over Ohio State and West Virginia.


PERSONAL

Washington is the son of Katrina Andrew and Julius Washington Jr., and was born on April 13, 1989. He has not yet declared a major, but was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first two semesters. Washington has volunteered his time at Eastmont Towers and at St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center. In addition to attending the same high school as Fabian Washington, Latravis is from the same hometown as former Husker quarterback Tommie Frazier.

Adam Watson

DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-0 | 190 | SO.
LINCOLN, NEB. (NIWOT [COLO.] HS)

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2008 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Adam Watson hopes to make a push for playing time in the Nebraska secondary in his third season in the program. The 6-0, 190-pound Watson will enter fall camp listed as a reserve behind projected starter Rickey Thenarse at free safety.

Watson joined the Nebraska program as a walk-on in the fall of 2006, and is the youngest son of Husker offensive coordinator Shawn Watson. The younger Watson attended Niwot (Colo.) High School while his father was an assistant with at the University of Colorado.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Watson provided depth in the secondary, but did not play in a game.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Watson sat out the season as a redshirt and helped the Husker scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (NIWOT HS)

Watson graduated from Niwot High School in Colorado, before moving to Lincoln following graduation. The younger Watson played safety, tight end and fullback for Head Coach Ron Tesone and earned all-conference honors. Watson was part of three state playoff teams, including a team that reached the state semifinals as a junior.


PERSONAL

Adam is the son of Shawn and Anita Watson and was born on April 2, 1988. He is a communication studies major, and has assisted with the Huskers' team hospital visits.

Jake Wesch

HOLDER/PLACE-KICKER | 6-1 | 205 | SR.-3L
NORTH BEND, NEB.

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- » **Four-Time Brook Berringer Citizenship Team (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)**
- » **2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll**

2008 OUTLOOK

Senior Jake Wesch has been an important special teams contributor for Nebraska throughout his career and is expected to continue in that role again in 2008. A walk-on from North Bend, Neb., Wesch is part of a group of specialists that returns intact this season. Wesch will continue to battle kickers Alex Henery and Adi Kunalic for place-kicking and kickoff duties, while looking to secure the holding responsibilities for the third consecutive year. He is also listed as Dan Titchener's backup at punter.

A year ago, Wesch's standout holding work allowed Husker kickers to be perfect on PAT and field goal attempts. Wesch has been a success story off the field. He is a four-time member of the Brook Berringer Citizenship Team and he is on track to earn his degree in communication studies this December.

2007 (JUNIOR)

Wesch played in all 12 games as Nebraska's holder. His work was flawless as the Huskers' posted the first perfect kicking season in school history. Henery and Kunalic combined to connect on all 46 extra-point tries and each of their combined nine field goals.

2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Wesch played in 11 games and handled the majority of kickoffs beginning with the Texas game. He helped Nebraska rank 16th nationally in kickoff coverage, allowing just 17.9 yards per attempt, as opponents started on average just past their own 28-yard line. Wesch also had three tackles, with a pair of stops against Missouri and a tackle at Oklahoma State.

The biggest play of Wesch's season came from his arm, not his leg, against Kansas State. From his holder position, Wesch helped pull off a perfectly executed fake field-goal attempt with a 17-yard touchdown strike to tight end Hunter Teafatiller, giving NU a 7-0 first-quarter lead.

2005 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Wesch earned the starting nod as NU's kickoff specialist midway through the 2005 season. He played in nine of the final 10 games and helped the Huskers rank among the Big 12 leaders in kickoff coverage. He also served as the backup place-kicker.

2004 (REDSHIRT)

Wesch redshirted and provided depth at kicker.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (NORTH BEND CENTRAL HS)

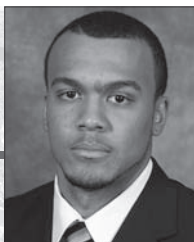
Wesch played multiple positions in high school at North Bend, including punter, free safety and quarterback. He excelled as a punter by averaging 41.6 yards per punt during his senior year. As a quarterback, he rushed for more than 500 yards and passed for another 500 during his team's 5-4 season. Wesch was an all-state kicker during his sophomore and junior years and an all-state punter during his senior year.

PERSONAL

The son of Jim Wesch, Jake was born on Oct. 1, 1985. He is majoring in communication studies and was named to the 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll. Wesch was a member of the 2007-08 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and was a 2008 HERO Leadership Award recipient. He has earned his selection to the Berringer team through extensive community outreach, including volunteering with "School is Cool" Week, Dads of Kids with Disabilities, Charlie Brown's Good Grief Support network, the Fall Break Tour of Excellence and several local hospital visits.

Anthony West

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CORNERBACK | 6-0 | 200 | SO.-1L
SAN DIEGO, CALIF. (POINT LOMA)

2008 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Anthony West is one of several players who will attempt to fill the void after the graduation of six seniors from the Husker secondary. West saw limited action as a redshirt freshman, but appeared up to the task of an expanded role during spring practice. The 6-0, 200-pounder spent the majority of the spring as the No. 1 right cornerback opposite returning starter Armando Murillo. West also has shown the versatility to play safety if needed.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

West served as a reserve cornerback and also saw time on special teams. His most extensive defensive action came when Nebraska went to five and six defensive backs. West finished the year with six tackles, including four solo stops. He made three tackles at Missouri, before making two solo stops against Texas A&M. Both of his tackles against the Aggies were for losses (11 yards), including a nine-yard sack. West added two quarterback hurries against Kansas State and had a tackle against Colorado.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

With injuries in the secondary, West was prepared to play, but redshirted.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (POINT LOMA HS)

West was one of seven Californians in the 2006 class and came to NU from Point Loma High School in San Diego. As a senior, West rushed for 1,320 yards and 14 touchdowns on 174 carries, and had 17 receptions for 341 yards and four touchdowns. He also tallied 36 tackles on defense in helping Coach Mike Hastings' Point Loma squad finish as runner-up in the 2005 CIF Division III championship to St. Augustine High School and fellow Nebraska recruit Menelik Holt. As a

junior, West rushed for 449 yards on 67 carries, scoring seven touchdowns. He added 13 tackles on defense.

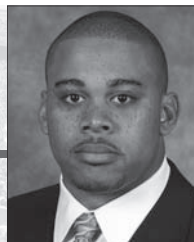
PrepStar placed West on its All-West region team. West also received recruiting interest from UCLA, Texas Tech, San Diego State and Utah.

PERSONAL

The son of Robert and Marguerite West, Anthony was born on March 29, 1988. He is a communication studies major and has volunteered with NU's hospital visits.

Keith Williams

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OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 305 | SO.-1L
FLORISSANT, MO. (MCCLURE NORTH)

» 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

2008 OUTLOOK

Sophomore guard Keith Williams is a key cog in a Nebraska offensive line that returns eight lettermen for the 2008 season, and is expected to be a strength of the Husker offense. A big reason for the optimism surrounding the line is the presence of young talent, including the 6-5, 305-pound Williams. A native of the St. Louis area, Williams has all the physical tools and gained valuable game experience last season.

Williams will enter fall camp listed behind senior returning starter Mike Huff at left guard, but Williams hopes to continue to push for a starting job this season.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Williams played in 10 games at guard behind starters Mike Huff, Jacob Hickman and Matt Slauson. Williams also saw action as a blocker on PAT and field-goal units. The offensive line was the driving force behind Nebraska finishing in the top 10 nationally in both passing offense and total offense.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Williams redshirted and was part of an impressive scout team offensive line.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MCCLURE NORTH HS)

Williams recorded 24 tackles, including one sack and one fumble recovery, and earned first-team Class 5A All-State honors. He helped lead Coach Jim Schottmueller's McClure North squad to back-to-back Missouri Class 5A championship game appearances. As a junior, Williams recorded 51 total tackles, including five tackles for losses and one sack in earning first-team all-conference honors on defense, and first-team all-metro and all-state honors as an offensive lineman.

Williams was ranked among the top 15 players in Missouri by Rivals.com, while PrepStar placed Williams on its All-Midlands region team. Williams also received offers from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Michigan State and Missouri.

PERSONAL

Keith is the son of Marnetta Jackson and Keith Williams Sr., and was born on April 8, 1988. He is an art major, and was named to the 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll. Williams has volunteered with hospital visits.



Kenny Wilson

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I-BACK | 6-0 | 225 | SR.-1L
LIBERAL, KAN. (BUTLER COUNTY CC)

2008 OUTLOOK

Kenny Wilson hopes to get back into the picture for playing time at I-back during his senior season in 2008. Wilson was a key part of a four-man running back rotation in 2006, but injuries have plagued the Kansas native since late that season. Wilson missed the Cotton Bowl at the end of the 2006 season with a leg infection, then suffered a broken leg in an off-field accident in the spring of 2007. He underwent subsequent surgery that sidelined him for several months, and Wilson redshirted in 2007.

Wilson made steady progress during the past several months, but practiced only on a limited basis during spring ball. If he is back to full health, the 6-0, 225-pound Wilson brings an excellent combination of power and speed to the position. He could add depth behind fellow senior Marlon Lucky and sophomores Quentin Castille and Roy Helu Jr.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

Wilson underwent surgery in the spring and sat out the season as a redshirt.

2006 (JUNIOR)

Wilson played in 12 games and was fourth on the team with 335 rushing yards and four touchdowns. He also caught three passes for 20 yards, while picking up 42 yards on two kickoff returns. Wilson was particularly effective early in the season, as he rushed for 311 yards in the first five games. His production helped the Huskers average better than 170 rushing yards per game.

Wilson notched career-high 19-carry efforts in back-to-back weeks against USC and Troy. He ran for 47 yards in the opener against Louisiana Tech, followed by 79 yards and a touchdown on nine carries against Nicholls State. Wilson was Nebraska's leading rusher at No. 4 USC, carrying 19 times for 46 yards. A week later he broke the century mark with 106 rushing yards against Troy and registered two of his four touchdowns against the Trojans.

Wilson's top rushing production in conference play was four carries for 33 yards in an overtime victory over Kansas. Nebraska's four I-backs as a whole produced more than 2,400 rushing yards and 26 touchdowns.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LIBERAL HS/BUTLER COUNTY CC)

Wilson ranked as one of the top 10 junior college prospects in the nation according to Rivals.com. As a freshman playing for coaches Troy Morrell and Aaron Flores at Butler, Wilson rushed for 967 yards and 13 touchdowns on 147 carries in helping the school to the 2004 Junior College national championship game. As a sophomore, Wilson gained 1,292 yards and scored 14 touchdowns on 126 carries in earning NJCAA and JC Gridwire first-team All-America honors.

At Liberal High School, Wilson rushed for 1,499 yards and 18 touchdowns on 199 carries as a junior, and gained 1,189 yards and 16 touchdowns on 211 carries as a senior. Wilson also excelled in track at the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, where he was a state champion in both events and still holds the school record in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. He chose Nebraska over Florida, Tennessee and Oklahoma State.

PERSONAL

Wilson is the son of Eddie Mae Eatmon, and was born on July 2, 1986. He is majoring in sociology and is on track to graduate in May of 2009. Wilson has volunteered his time with Nebraska's local hospital visits.

WILSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
2006	12/0	75	354	19	335	4.5	27.9	30 vs. Nicholls St.	4

Kickoff Returns: 2-42-0, 21.0 average; Receiving: 3-20-0

SINGLE-GAME BESTS

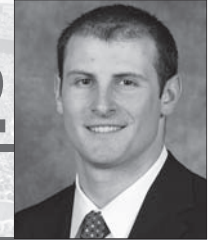
Rushing Yards—106 vs. Troy, 2006

Long Rush—30 vs. Nicholls St., 2006

Rushing Touchdowns—2 vs. Troy, 2006

Patrick Witt

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QUARTERBACK | 6-4 | 225 | RFR.
WYLIE, TEXAS

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

2008 OUTLOOK

Quarterback Patrick Witt has made the most of his decision to graduate high school early and enroll at Nebraska in January of 2007. Witt has two spring practices under his belt, as well as a valuable redshirt season and appears ready to make an impact this fall. The 6-4, 225-pound Witt has good size and has shown a strong arm and solid decision-making in his practice repetitions.

Witt will enter fall camp locked in a battle with sophomore Zac Lee for the No. 2 quarterback spot behind senior Joe Ganz. Witt has excelled off the field during his time in Lincoln, carrying a perfect 4.0 grade-point average after three semesters.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

Witt enrolled in January and participated in spring drills. He prepared as Nebraska's No. 3 quarterback throughout the year, but redshirted.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (WYLIE HS)

Witt played his senior season at Wylie (Texas) High School after moving from Georgia following his junior season. He threw for 1,846 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior, while completing 57 percent of his pass attempts. He also ran for better than 330 yards and four touchdowns for Coach Bill Howard. Wylie fell just one win shy of the state playoffs and Witt was the team's MVP, while being selected as an all-district and all-region selection.

Witt completed 63 percent of his passes for more than 1,000 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior at Parkview High School in Lilburn, Ga. He also rushed for 250 yards and 15 touchdowns. Rivals.com ranked Witt among the top 20 pro-style quarterbacks in the nation and among the top 100 prospects in Texas. Witt was also a first-team academic all-state selection as a senior. He only visited Nebraska, but also received strong recruiting interest from Big 12 rivals Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Oklahoma among others.

PERSONAL

Witt is the son of Gene and Kathy Witt, and was born on April 3, 1989. He is majoring in finance and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his three semesters at Nebraska. Witt has also volunteered his time with School is Cool Week, Special Olympics, as a visitor to the St. Elizabeth's Burn Unit and as a volunteer speaker with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Tyler Wortman

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LINEBACKER | 6-3 | 235 | SR.-1L
GRAND ISLAND, NEB. (CENTRAL CATHOLIC)

- » 2007 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- » Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
- » 2008 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team

2008 OUTLOOK

Senior linebacker Tyler Wortman was one of the breakout performers during spring practice, as the walk-on made his push for a starting linebacker job. The 6-3, 235-pound Wortman worked his way into the playing rotation last fall and this spring took advantage of the opportunity to impress Nebraska's new defensive coaching staff. Wortman will enter fall practice listed atop the depth chart at Buck linebacker, and he is expected to battle sophomore Blake Lawrence for the top job at that spot.

Wortman has distinguished himself in the classroom throughout his time in Lincoln. The Grand Island native carries a 3.955 cumulative grade-point average in mechanical engineering and was a first-team academic All-Big 12 pick last fall. He is on track to graduate in May of 2009.

2007 (JUNIOR)

Wortman played in nine games, including each of the last eight contests. Wortman served as a backup behind senior Bo Ruud at the Sam linebacker spot, and saw his most extensive action when Ruud was sidelined for three games late in the year. Wortman finished the year with nine tackles, including three solo stops. He also had three tackles for loss.

Wortman made a pair of tackles against both Texas and Kansas. He had a three-yard tackle for loss at Texas, then had two tackles for loss (7 yards) against the Jayhawks. He capped the year with three tackles at Colorado.

2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Wortman did not see game action, but was a key scout team performer.

2005 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Wortman was a backup linebacker and scout team performer, but did not play in a game.

2004 (REDSHIRT)

A walk-on athlete, Wortman redshirted in his first season in the program.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS)

Wortman played both defensive end and tight end at Grand Island Central Catholic, while also excelling in wrestling and track. Wortman earned all-state, all-conference and all-district honors during his prep football career. He was also selected to the All-Heartland Area team. Wortman set school records for season and career sacks, while also establishing the school record in career tackles for loss.

On the wrestling mat, Wortman medaled twice at the state meet, and was a conference and district champion. He ended his high school career by winning a pair of gold medals at the state track meet. He was a member of GICC's gold medal 4x800 relay, helping his team capture the Class C team title. Wortman also earned a third-place medal in the 4x400 relay. Wortman ranked first in his class with a 4.0 grade-point average and earned academic all-state honors in all three sports.

PERSONAL

The son of David and Janet Wortman, Tyler was born on June 13, 1986. He is majoring in mechanical engineering and is an eight-time Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll pick. Wortman was named to the 2008 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team for his outreach work that includes Nebraska's team hospital visits, as well as volunteering at Elliott Elementary School.

William Yancy

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DEFENSIVE END | 6-4 | 245 | RFR.
GLENDALE, ARIZ. (IRONWOOD)

2008 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman defensive end William Yancy will look to make the most of his first opportunity to get on the field this fall. Yancy sat out 2007 as a redshirt and added 20 pounds of muscle to his 6-4 frame. Yancy will head into fall camp listed as a reserve behind returning senior Barry Turner at open end. Yancy was one of five Arizona natives in the 2007 class, including teammate Eric Hagg.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

Yancy sat out his first season at Nebraska as a redshirt. He underwent shoulder surgery in the fall, but was full speed for spring practice.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (IRONWOOD HS)

Yancy helped Ironwood High School and Coach Larry Allen to a 7-4 record in 2006 by registering 32 tackles and seven sacks from his strongside defensive end position. For his efforts, Yancy earned honorable-mention Class 5A all-state honors from the Arizona Republic.

Yancy earned all-region honors as a junior when he racked up 66 tackles and 11 sacks while playing the weakside defensive end spot. Yancy participated in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Florida following his senior season. Yancy was ranked among the top five prospects in Arizona.

Yancy was also a standout performer on Ironwood's basketball team, splitting time between power forward and center. Yancy chose Nebraska after also taking visits to Arizona State and Purdue, and turning down an offer from Oklahoma.

PERSONAL

William is the son of Clark and Joyce Yancy and was born on Jan. 9, 1989. He is majoring in marketing. Yancy has volunteered his time at the F Street Recreation Center, Legacy Retirement Center and as part of team hospital visits.

Dreu Young

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TIGHT END | 6-4 | 240 | SO.-1L
COZAD, NEB.

2008 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Dreu Young is among a group of several tight ends who are hopeful of earning playing time at a position that saw the graduation of three seniors. Young saw limited action last fall, and after a strong showing this spring, Young will enter fall practice listed behind sophomore Mike McNeill. A walk-on from Cozad, Neb., Young made the most of the off-season conditioning program, adding 20 pounds of muscle to his 6-4 frame.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Young earned his way into the tight end rotation behind three seniors, and played in eight games and had a 14-yard catch against Nevada.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Young sat out the season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team offense.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (COZAD HS)

Young was a key part of two state playoff qualifying teams for Coach Ron Bubak at Cozad High School. He starred at tight end for the Haymakers, earning honorable-mention Class C-1 all-state honors as a senior. Young was a multi-sport standout, also earning honorable-mention all-state honors in basketball.

PERSONAL

Dreu is the son of Marcus and Mindy Young, and was born on April 23, 1988. He is majoring in business administration and has volunteered with several Husker team hospital visits.