

Pierre Allen

DEFENSIVE END | 6-5 | 265 | SO.-1L
DENVER, COLO. (THOMAS JEFFERSON)

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Prince Amukamara

DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-1 | 195 | SO. -1L
GLENDALE, ARIZ. (APOLLO)

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» 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

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2008 OUTLOOK

Defensive end Pierre Allen returns for his sophomore season as part of a defensive line that has extensive experience heading into the 2008 season. A year ago, Allen saw significant playing time at end on a young defensive front. He performed well in the Huskers' new defensive scheme this spring and will enter fall camp listed second at open end behind senior Barry Turner.

Allen played in 11 games last season, rotating at defensive end behind Zach Potter and Barry Turner. Allen played his best in the second half of the year. He reshaped his body after arriving at Nebraska, adding nearly 40 pounds of muscle during his redshirt season in 2006. The 6-5 Allen now weighs in at 265 pounds and maintains outstanding speed and pass-rushing ability at the end position.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

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

2006 (REDSHIRT)

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

BEFORE NEBRASKA (THOMAS JEFFERSON HS)

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

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

PERSONAL

The son of Tara Jenkins and Destry Allen, Pierre was born on Nov. 18, 1987. Allen and his wife, Mercedes, have a son, Pierre Jr., who was born on Aug. 28, 2006. Allen is majoring in child, youth and family studies, and was named to the Big 12 Spring Honor Roll. Allen has volunteered his time on team hospital visits and at the F Street Recreation Center. He was a recipient of a 2008 HERO Leadership Award from the Nebraska Athletic Department.

ALLEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	Tackles				TFL	Fum.				QB Hry.
		UT	AT	TT	Sacks		C-R	BK	PBU	PI	
2006											
Redshirt											
2007	11/0	6	10	16	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2
Totals	11/0	6	10	16	3-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2

Single-Game Highs

- Tackles—6 at Kansas, 2007
- Solo Tackles—2, three times in 2007
- Tackles for Loss—1, three times in 2007

2008 OUTLOOK

Defensive back Prince Amukamara (pronounced ah-moo-kuh-mara) saw limited action as a true freshman in 2007, but will be counted on for a much more significant impact this fall. A versatile performer who could play either cornerback or safety, Amukamara had an impressive showing during spring practice.

The 6-1, 195-pound Amukamara will enter the fall listed as a top contender for the starting right corner job opposite senior Armando Murillo, and he also lined up as Nebraska's top nickel back during spring practice. A high school running back, Amukamara could utilize his running ability in the Huskers' return game. Amukamara played in eight games as a reserve cornerback and special teams performer last fall.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

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

BEFORE NEBRASKA (APOLLO HS)

Amukamara was one of five players from the Phoenix metro area in the Huskers' 2007 class, the largest group Nebraska has signed from that state. Amukamara was a dual-threat performer for Coach Zach Threadgill at Apollo High School. During his final two seasons, Amukamara scored nearly 50 touchdowns, while rushing for 3,389 yards and averaging 11.9 yards per carry. In the same two seasons, he had 664 receiving yards and totaled about 125 tackles, including 95 tackles and two interceptions in 2006.

As a senior, Amukamara rushed for 2,106 yards and 24 touchdowns (191.5 ypg), while catching 22 passes for 252 yards and six touchdowns. He was also a dangerous kickoff and punt return threat, averaging 26 yards per punt return and 20.8 yards on kickoff returns. Amukamara's play helped lead Apollo High School to a 7-4 record in 2006. His top game came in the first round of the Class 4A playoffs against Scottsdale Chaparral. In a 35-28 overtime loss, Amukamara rushed for 366 yards and four touchdowns, caught four passes and had a 45-yard punt return. Amukamara was the state high school player of the year by the Arizona Republic newspaper, which named him a first-team Class 4A all-state pick.

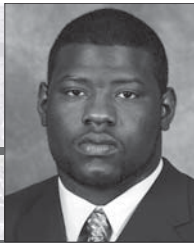
Amukamara was also a starting guard for the Apollo basketball team, which captured its third straight Class 4A state title in 2007, when Amukamara averaged 11.5 points, 4.7 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 3.5 steals per game. He also starred in track, winning the Class 4A state titles in both the 100-meter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

PERSONAL

Amukamara was born on June 6, 1989, and is the son of Romanus and Christie Amukamara. He has not declared a major, but was named to the 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll.

Shukree Barfield

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DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-4 | 290 | SR. -1L
CAMDEN, N.J. (GARDEN CITY [KAN.] CC)

2008 OUTLOOK

Defensive tackle Shukree (shu-KREE) Barfield is part of a defensive line that returns all four starters and several key reserves for the 2008 season. Barfield saw action as a key reserve in 2007, and after a solid spring camp he will enter the fall listed second at the nose guard position. Barfield saw extensive reps with the top unit during spring camp with returning starter Ndamukong Suh sidelined following knee surgery.

Barfield has good size at 6-4 and 290 pounds and also has the athletic ability to be a pass-rushing threat. A New Jersey native, he joined the Nebraska program in January of 2007 after two seasons at Garden City (Kan.) Community College, and saw action in every game last fall.

2007 (JUNIOR)

Barfield served as the top backup behind Suh at nose tackle and played in all 12 games. Barfield made his only start of the season against Oklahoma State, and finished his junior year with 15 tackles, including seven solo stops. He had two or more tackles in five games, led by a season-high three stops against Texas A&M. He added two tackles each against Wake Forest, Oklahoma State, Texas and Colorado, and had a tackle for loss against OSU.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (CAMDEN HS/GARDEN CITY CC)

Barfield and Garden City teammate Kevin Dixon were part of an NU recruiting class that placed a large emphasis on the defensive line. Barfield starred for Coach J.J. Eckert, registering 54 tackles, including five sacks and an interception in helping his team to a 6-4 record. Barfield also totaled more than 50 tackles and had five sacks during his freshman season in 2005. Barfield was among the top 40 junior college prospects in the country according to Rivals.com. He chose the Huskers after also visiting Louisville, South Florida and Kentucky. Garden City Community College has produced two former Huskers—Kareem Moss and Eric Alford—who went on to play professionally.

Barfield originally signed with Rutgers out of high school, after also visiting Kentucky and Miami. He was an all-state selection for Camden High School and had 55 tackles, seven sacks, nine tackles for loss and two interceptions during his senior season. Barfield was ranked as one of the top 20 prospects in the state of New Jersey out of high school.

PERSONAL

Shukree is the son of Anette Barfield and was born on Oct. 23, 1984. He is majoring in sociology and is on track to graduate in May of 2009. Barfield has volunteered for a visit to the Omaha Children's Hospital. Barfield hails from the same hometown as Husker Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier.

BARFIELD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Defense		Tackles					Fum.			QB Hry.		
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	QB	
2007	12/1	7	8	15	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- Tackles—3 vs. Texas A&M, 2007
- Solo Tackles—2, at Wake Forest, 2007
- Tackles for Loss—1, vs. Oklahoma State, 2007

Cruz Barrett

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

2008 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Cruz Barrett is among a group of impressive young offensive linemen in the Nebraska program, who help make the position a strength for the 2008 Huskers. The 6-4, 310-pound Barrett has yet to see game action, but he has been impressive in his duty on the Nebraska scout team.

Barrett had a solid spring camp under first-year offensive line coach Barney Cotton and will enter the fall hopeful of pushing for playing time. He enters fall camp listed as a reserve behind starting senior guards Mike Huff and Matt Slauson.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Barrett was a reserve offensive guard, but did not see game action.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Barrett sat out as a redshirt in his first season with the Huskers.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MAINLAND HS)

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

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

PERSONAL

Born on April 30, 1988, Barrett lives with his guardians Rufus and Janice Wilson. He is majoring in sociology. He has been a regular volunteer as part of Nebraska's team hospital visits.

Justin Baumgartner

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LONG SNAPPER | 6-2 | 245 | SR.
CHEYENNE, WYO. (EAST/CHADRON STATE)

2008 OUTLOOK

Senior long snapper Justin Baumgartner is among a veteran group of Husker specialists. Baumgartner joined the Husker program for the 2006 season, but has yet to see action in a game. He will enter the fall listed as the No. 2 snapper behind fellow senior T.J. O'Leary.

Baumgartner began his career at Chadron State College, before transferring to Laramie County Community College in Wyoming. Baumgartner was a high school teammate of Nebraska junior punter Dan Titchener at Cheyenne (Wyo.) East.

2007 (JUNIOR)

Baumgartner served as O'Leary's top backup, but did not see game action.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

A transfer, Baumgartner redshirted in his first season in the Nebraska program.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (CHEYENNE EAST/CHADRON STATE)

Baumgartner began his college career at Chadron State in 2004, where he played in 10 games as a long snapper and made one assisted tackle. Baumgartner attended school at Laramie County Community College in 2005, but the school did not have a football team. Baumgartner started on both the offensive and defensive lines at Cheyenne East for Coach John Schroff, helping the school to a conference title in 2003. Baumgartner also started for the basketball team and was a member of the golf squad.

PERSONAL

Baumgartner was born on Dec. 18, 1985, and is the son of Terri and Mike Baumgartner. He is majoring in sociology and is on track to graduate in May of 2009. Baumgartner has volunteered time with Nebraska's local hospital visits.

Anthony Blue

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CORNERBACK | 5-10 | 180 | SO.-1L
CEDAR HILL, TEXAS



» 2007 First-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (The Sporting News)

2008 OUTLOOK

Following the graduation of three senior cornerbacks, sophomore Anthony Blue has the potential to play a big role in 2008, but he must first get back on the field. Blue underwent surgery in early March after suffering a knee injury during winter conditioning. He missed all of spring practice, and the status of 5-10, 180-pound speedster for the fall remains in question. If healthy, the Texas native will be a leading contender to earn a starting corner job opposite senior Armando Murillo.

Blue quickly established himself as a potential difference-maker in the Nebraska secondary in his first season in Lincoln. He earned immediate playing time and closed the year by starting the final two games of the 2007 season. Blue's performance was recognized as The Sporting News named him a first-team freshman All-Big 12 performer.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

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

BEFORE NEBRASKA (CEDAR HILL HS)

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

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

PERSONAL

Blue was born on Feb. 6, 1989, and is the son of Shawndra Blue and Anthony Blue Sr. He is majoring in art. Blue assisted with Nebraska's team hospital visits and was a volunteer at the F Street Recreation Center and the Legacy Retirement Center. Before his injury, Blue competed with the NU track team, running the 60 and 200 meters during six indoor meets. He ran an indoor personal-best time

of 7.12 in the 60 meters at the NWU Invite to place fifth and finished sixth in the 200 meters at the Prairie Wolf Invite with a personal-best time of 22.48.

BLUE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Defense	Tackles					Fum.	QB				
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2007	12/2	9	9	18	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles—5, vs. Kansas State, at Colorado, 2007

Solo Tackles—4, at Colorado, 2007

Pass Breakups—1, vs. Kansas State, 2007

Chris Brooks

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WIDE RECEIVER | 6-2 | 210 | JR.
ST. LOUIS, MO. (HAZELWOOD EAST)



2008 OUTLOOK

Junior Chris Brooks is part of a talented, but untested group of receivers who will look to fill the void after five seniors graduated at the position. The 6-2, 210-pound Brooks has the size and physical skills, along with the knowledge of the Nebraska offense to be a factor in the passing game.

Brooks has seen action in five games during his first three seasons in Lincoln, but is hoping to make a much larger impact during the 2008 season. Brooks finished spring ball listed behind senior Nate Swift at the "X" receiver spot.

2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Brooks played in the season opener against Nevada and made his first career reception for four yards. He did not see additional action.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

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

2005 (FRESHMAN)

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

BEFORE NEBRASKA (HAZELWOOD EAST HS)

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

Brooks earned all-city honors in St. Louis each of his final three years of high school. He was ranked as the No. 2 prospect in the state of Missouri according to Rivals.com and among the top 15 receivers in the country according to the service. Brooks chose NU over his in-state school Missouri, and also received offers from Florida and Illinois.

PERSONAL

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

Jaivorio Burkes

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OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 325 | SO.-1L
PHOENIX, ARIZ. (MOON VALLEY)

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

2008 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Jaivorio Burkes emerged late in his first season at Nebraska and is poised for a standout 2008 campaign. The 6-5, 325-pound Burkes added strength during winter conditioning, then followed with an outstanding spring practice session. The Phoenix native is one of five returning linemen who made at least three starts last season, and Burkes is listed No. 1 at right tackle entering fall camp.

Burkes did not play in the season's first eight games, but performed well under difficult circumstances after starting right tackle Lydon Murtha was lost for the season because of injury. Burkes stepped in to start three of the final four games and helped the Husker offense rack up huge numbers in November. Burkes' play earned him first-team freshman All-Big 12 honors from The Sporting News, and many publications have recognized him as a player to watch heading into 2008.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

Burkes was one of 11 true freshmen to see action for the Huskers in 2007. He waited patiently and impressed Nebraska coaches on the scout team until late in the season. However, Murtha suffered a foot injury against Texas A&M and Burkes moved into the starting lineup for the Huskers' game at No. 17 Texas. He went on to play in the final four games, and also earned starts against Kansas and Kansas State.

Burkes' play helped Nebraska average 560.8 yards of total offense in the season's final four games. He helped protect quarterback Joe Ganz who produced three of NU's five all-time 400-yard passing days in the month of November.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MOON VALLEY HS)

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

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

PERSONAL

Jaivorio is the son of Sherry Webb and was born on Dec. 20, 1988. He has not yet declared a major. Burkes has volunteered his time with Nebraska's team hospital visits, at the F Street Recreation Center and the Legacy Retirement Center.

Joseph Camarata

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LINEBACKER | 5-10 | 225 | FR.
OVERLAND PARK, KAN. (ROCKHURST)

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

2008 OUTLOOK

Joseph Camarata joined the Husker football program in January of 2008 as a walk-on linebacker. He earned his way onto the team during winter conditioning, then provided depth in the Huskers' linebacking corps during spring practice. He will enter fall camp as a reserve middle linebacker behind Phillip Dillard.

Camarata came to Nebraska after a strong prep career at Rockhurst High School where he was a standout on both sides of the ball. Camarata spent the 2007 fall semester at Baylor, but was not a member of the football team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (ROCKHURST HS)

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

Camarata was a member of the National Honor Society and earned a Greater Kansas City Football Coaches Association Scholar-Athlete Award in 2006. He compiled better than a 4.0 grade-point average in high school.

Camarata began his high school career at Lincoln Southeast High School, where he started both ways as a sophomore before his family moved to the Kansas City area.

PERSONAL

Camarata is the son of Joe and Colleen Camarata and was born on April 25, 1989. He has not declared a major, but was a 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll selection.

Wes Cammack

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WIDE RECEIVER | 5-11 | 195 | JR.-2L
DEWITT, NEB. (TRI COUNTY)

- » 2007 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- » Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2006, 2007)
- » Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2006, 2007, 2008)

2008 OUTLOOK

Junior Wes Cammack has added depth to the Nebraska receiving corps over the past two seasons, while also playing a vital role on special teams. With the graduation of five senior wideouts from last year's team, Cammack is hopeful of earning a more prominent role in the Husker offense this fall. Cammack finished spring practice listed as a reserve behind senior wideout Todd Peterson at the "Z" receiver position.

A walk-on, Cammack has played in 13 games over the past two seasons mostly on special teams. Cammack is also a strong performer in the classroom, carrying a 3.974 cumulative grade-point average in agricultural engineering. A UNL Regents Scholar, Cammack was first-team academic All-Big 12 in 2007.

2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Cammack saw action in 11 of 12 games, primarily on special teams. He made three tackles on Nebraska's coverage units, with single tackles against Wake Forest, Ball State and Kansas State. He also saw limited action as a receiver.

2006 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Cammack provided depth in the Husker receiving corps and on the special teams units. He appeared in games against Colorado and Auburn.

2005 (REDSHIRT)

Cammack redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (TRI COUNTY HS)

Cammack was a two-way standout at Tri County High School. He rushed for 1,887 yards in his career, including 1,245 as a senior, and scored 21 total touchdowns. He also intercepted 13 passes and had 104 solo tackles on defense. Cammack was a first-team all-state pick by the Omaha World-Herald and earned all-district accolades his last three years. He excelled in basketball and track, lettering four times each. Cammack ran to four gold medals at the state track meet and averaged 20.8 ppg as a senior on the hardwood.

PERSONAL

Wes is the son of Troy and Mary Cammack, and was born on Sept. 24, 1986. Cammack has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first six semesters on campus. He is also active in the community, volunteering on local hospital visits, as well as with the Dads of Kids with Disabilities program and at the Village Manor Retirement center.

Mike Caputo	5 8	

2008 OUTLOOK

Mike Caputo emerged as a potential contributor on the offensive line during spring practice. The 6-1, 275-pound Caputo worked his way up the chart at center throughout spring ball and will enter the fall listed No. 2 at the position behind projected junior starter Jacob Hickman.

A walk-on, Caputo joined the Nebraska program last fall after an outstanding prep career at Nebraska prep powerhouse Millard North.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

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

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MILLARD NORTH HS)

Caputo was an outstanding two-way player for Millard North High School and Coach Fred Petito. Caputo helped Millard North reach four straight Class A state semifinals (2003-06) including a victory in the title game in 2005. For his efforts in 2006, Caputo was named to the Class A all-state team by both the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald. Caputo received offers from several Division II schools, as well as being asked to walk-on at a handful of Division I schools before deciding on Nebraska.

PERSONAL

Caputo was born on May 2, 1989, and he is the son of Tony and Maryann Caputo. Caputo has not declared a major and has assisted with Nebraska's hospital visits.

Austin Cassidy	8	

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

2008 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Austin Cassidy will look to earn playing time in the Nebraska secondary this fall. A high school quarterback and one of the state's top all-around athletes, Cassidy walked on at Nebraska and sat out his first season as a redshirt. In addition to pushing for playing time at strong safety, Cassidy hopes to play a role on the Huskers' special teams units.

Cassidy is off to a strong start in the classroom, carrying a 3.642 cumulative grade-point average, while twice being named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll.

2007 (REDSHIRT)

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

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN SOUTHWEST HS)

Cassidy was a standout performer for Coach Mark King at Lincoln Southwest High School, where he was a first-team Super State pick by the Lincoln Journal Star and a second-team All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald. Cassidy compiled a 14-1 record as the Silverhawks' starting quarterback, including a perfect regular season in 2006. Cassidy rushed for 1,507 yards as a senior, averaging a Class A best 8.3 yards per carry, with eight runs of 40 or more yards.

A captain on the football team, Cassidy was also a track standout. He qualified for the state meet in the pole vault, the 110- and 300-meter hurdles in his junior and senior seasons, and was the Class A gold medalist in the pole vault as a junior. His all-around performance earned him Male Athlete of the Year honors at Southwest. Cassidy attracted recruiting interest from Northwestern, Air Force, Buffalo, Princeton, Cornell, South Dakota, Northern Colorado and UNO.

PERSONAL

Austin was born on Aug. 5, 1988, and is the son of Tim and Nancy Cassidy. He has not declared a major. Austin volunteered his time with Nebraska's team hospital visits as well as the F Street Recreation Center and Legacy Retirement Center. Austin's father was the NU Associate Athletic Director for Football Operations from 2004 to 2007.

Quentin Castille	1 9	

2008 OUTLOOK

Quentin Castille quickly earned playing time in the backfield as a true freshman in 2007 and figures prominently in the Husker coaching staff's plans for this fall. The 6-1, 245-pound Castille teams with senior Marlon Lucky and fellow sophomore Roy Helu Jr. to give Nebraska one of the deepest running back corps in the Big 12 Conference.

Castille was one of 11 true freshmen to see action last fall and finished as the Huskers' second-leading rusher. He was used extensively in short yardage and goal-line situations, but this spring he continued to develop into a more complete back. The powerful Texas native has already gained a reputation for delivering a big blow to would-be tacklers.

2007 (FRESHMAN)

Castille finished as Nebraska's second-leading rusher with 76 carries for 343 yards and four touchdowns. He had four games with 50 or more rushing yards, and had five or more carries seven times. He lost only four yards on his 76 rushing attempts and added three catches for 33 yards during the year.

Castille wasted no time making a name for himself, carrying 18 times for 78 yards and two touchdowns in his debut against Nevada, helping NU roll up more than 400 yards on the ground. Castille had six carries for 28 yards at Wake Forest, then had five carries for 16 yards and his second touchdown in a one-point win over Ball State. He also had his first career reception against the Cardinals.

Castille had his top game with 20 carries for 102 yards against Oklahoma State, including a season-long 23-yard run. He added nine carries for 60 yards and a touchdown a week later against Texas A&M. Castille rumbled for 50 yards on 11 carries against Kansas State, and caught one pass each against KSU and Colorado.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LA PORTE HS)

Castille was one of seven 2007 signees from the state of Texas. He posted huge numbers for La Porte High School and Coach Jeff LaReau as a senior when he rushed for more than 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns, while averaging nearly eight yards per carry. Castille also showed the ability to catch the ball out of the backfield with 12 receptions and a pair of touchdowns. His play helped La Porte to a 7-5 record.

Castille had three 200-yard outings as a senior, including better than 300 yards and six touchdowns against Dobie and 250 yards in a win over Port Arthur Memorial. Castille was a second-team all-state pick and first-team all-district selection for his efforts.

As a junior, Castille rushed for approximately 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns, while averaging 7.5 yards per tote. His performance as a junior earned him a unanimous all-district selection. Overall, Castille racked up more than 4,000 rushing yards during his prep career.

Castille ranked among the top 40 prospects in Texas and the top 250 nationally, while earning recognition as one of the top fullback prospects by several recruiting outlets. Castille chose Nebraska over Louisville.

PERSONAL

Quentin is the son of Wanda Castille and was born on April 25, 1989. He has not declared a major and has been a volunteer at the F Street Recreation Center and the Legacy Retirement Center.

CASTILLE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Rushing

Year	G/S	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Y/A	Y/G	Long	TDs
2007	12/0	76	347	4	343	4.9	28.6	23 vs. Okla. St.	4

Receiving: 3-33-0, long-15 vs. Ball State

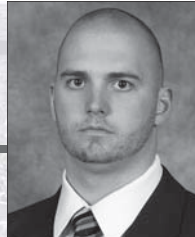
SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

- Rushes**—20 vs. Oklahoma State, 2007
- Rushing Yards**—102 vs. Oklahoma State, 2007
- Long Rush**—23 vs. Oklahoma State, 2007
- Touchdowns**—2 vs. Nevada, 2007

**Nick
Covey**

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DEFENSIVE END | 6-2 | 250 | JR.
GLENDALE, ARIZ. (MOUNTAIN RIDGE)



2008 OUTLOOK

Junior Nick Covey has battled injuries throughout his Nebraska career, but is hopeful of seeing his first extensive playing time in 2008. Covey saw increased action late last fall at linebacker after injuries to seniors Bo Ruud and Lance Brandenburgh.

A native of Glendale, Ariz., Covey worked primarily at linebacker during spring practice, but will try his hand at defensive end to begin fall practice. The 6-2, 250-pound Covey possesses the versatility to move back to linebacker where he could play multiple spots.

2007 (SOPHOMORE)

Covey did not play in the first seven games of the season, but saw action in the second half of the year after injuries hit the linebackers. He saw action against Texas A&M, Texas and Kansas State and finished with five tackles, including three solo stops. He had three tackles against the Aggies and one each vs. Texas and KSU.

2006 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Covey missed the entire season after suffering a knee injury. He had missed the entire 2006 spring practice session following shoulder surgery.

2005 (REDSHIRT)

Covey redshirted during his first season at Nebraska. With the Husker linebacking corps thinned by injury, Covey was ready for duty, but was not called into action.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (MOUNTAIN RIDGE HS)

Covey used his outstanding speed to dominate from his linebacker position for Coach Steve Belles at Mountain Ridge High School. Covey finished his senior year with an average of 12 tackles per game, and also saw time at tight end on offense, where he scored one touchdown.

Covey helped Mountain Ridge to a Class 5A state runner-up finish, and earned first-team all-area honors. As a junior, Covey caught 17 passes for better than 300 yards and scored three touchdowns, while also posting big numbers from his linebacker spot. His performance as a junior earned him first-team Class 5A all-state honors. Recruiting analyst Tom Lemming ranked Covey as the nation's No. 14 inside linebacker.

PERSONAL

Covey is the son of Glenn and Michelle Covey and was born on May 9, 1987. He is a communication studies major.

**Jared
Crick**

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DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-6 | 280 | RFR.
COZAD, NEB.



2008 OUTLOOK

Nebraska native Jared Crick will battle for playing time on a deep Husker defensive front this fall. Crick has added strength and muscle to his 6-6 frame since his arrival in Lincoln during the summer of 2007. The Cozad native began his career at defensive end, but Crick's added weight prompted the Nebraska coaching staff to move him inside to tackle during spring ball.

Crick will enter fall camp listed as a reserve behind four players who saw extensive action a year ago—returning starters Ty Steinkuhler and Ndamukong Suh as well as seniors Kevin Dixon and Shukree Barfield.



2007 (REDSHIRT)

Crick redshirted his first season at Nebraska and worked with the scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (COZAD HS)

Crick earned second-team All-Nebraska honors from the Omaha World-Herald and second-team Super State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star as a senior, while earning first-team Class B honors from both papers. His performance helped Cozad and Coach Ron Bubak compile an 8-3 record and reach the second round of the Class B state playoffs in 2006.

Crick made 68 tackles from his defensive end position, including six tackles for loss. On offense, Crick played tight end and caught 15 passes for 284 yards and four touchdowns. During his junior season, Crick recorded 75 tackles and five sacks en route to Class C-1 all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald and honorable-mention all-state accolades from the Lincoln Journal Star. Crick was among the top five recruits in Nebraska in 2007, and participated in the East Meets West All-American Game in Florida.

Crick was also a key member of the basketball team, leading the team in scoring at 12 points per game and rebounding with eight per contest. He also threw the shot put for Cozad, and finished second in the state with a throw of 60 10-1/4 in the state meet. Crick only visited Nebraska, but did receive numerous other scholarship offers.

PERSONAL

Crick was born on Aug. 21, 1989, and is the son of David and Cindy Crick. He has not declared a major. Crick has volunteered at the F Street Recreation Center, the Legacy Retirement Center and as part of the Huskers' team hospital visits.

Major
Culbert

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SAFETY | 6-0 | 205 | JR.-2L
HARBOR CITY, CALIF. (NATHANIEL NARBONNE)

2008 OUTLOOK

Junior Major Culbert has been a versatile athlete who has seen action at multiple positions during his first two seasons in Lincoln. This spring, Culbert appeared to have found a home in the Husker secondary. The 6-0, 205-pound Culbert will enter fall camp listed as the top backup behind Larry Asante at strong safety.

Culbert saw action in the Nebraska secondary as a true freshman in 2006, but was also used at linebacker in special sets. He then shifted to I-back before the 2006 Cotton Bowl and remained at that position through the first half of 2007, before moving back into a reserve linebacker role during the second part of last season.

2007 (SOPHOMORE)

After impressing coaches during pre-bowl and spring workouts, Culbert began 2007 as a reserve I-back. He saw action at the spot against Nevada, rushing five times for 35 yards and a touchdown. The development of true freshmen runners Quentin Castille and Roy Helu Jr. allowed Culbert to move back to defense for the second half of the year.

He served as a reserve linebacker and made eight tackles in the season's final five games, including a season-high four stops against Texas A&M. Culbert, who also played on Nebraska's coverage teams, had a pair of tackles against Kansas.

2006 (FRESHMAN)

Culbert played in 12 games, and finished with 12 total tackles. Much of his work came on NU special teams, including the punt block and kickoff coverage units. Culbert had one tackle each in six games, and played a key role in a win over Missouri. Against the Tigers' spread attack, Culbert played at linebacker in Nebraska's 3-4 defensive package. He was up to the challenge, recording six tackles, including four solo stops, in a 34-20 NU victory. Culbert partially blocked a punt in the first quarter against Colorado, setting up NU with great field position, and the Huskers converted for a touchdown and a 7-0 lead.

Culbert then showed his all-around ability during bowl practice when he was asked to switch to the I-back position because of injuries.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (NARBONNE HS)

Culbert had a standout prep career at Narbonne High School in California, where he amassed more than 4,000 rushing yards and scored 37 touchdowns during his career. He rushed for 1,955 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior, while adding 10 receptions for 123 yards. Culbert set the school record for most yards rushing in a single game with 332 yards.

Culbert also recorded 106 tackles, seven sacks and two interceptions for Coach Manuel Douglas. Culbert was selected as player of the year by the Daily Breeze Newspaper in Torrance, Calif., and was a second-team all-state defensive back by CalHi Sports.

As a junior, Culbert ran for 1,116 yards and 12 touchdowns, while recording 90 tackles, seven sacks, two interceptions and three fumble recoveries. He earned first-team all-league honors and second-team all-area honors in helping Narbonne to a 10-3 record.

Culbert was ranked among the top 40 players in California and was named to All-West region teams by PrepStar and SuperPrep. He chose Nebraska over offers from Oregon, UCLA, Washington, California, Fresno State, San Diego State and UNLV.

PERSONAL

Culbert, the son of Renee Culbert, was born on Dec. 29, 1987. His godparents are Orlando and Maria Pile. He is majoring in communication studies and has participated in Nebraska's team hospital visits.

CULBERT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/S	Tackles				TFL	Fum.			QB		
		UT	AT	TT	Sacks		C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	
2006	12/0	6	6	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	
2007	10/0	4	5	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	22/0	10	11	21	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	

Rushing: 5-35-1 in 2007; long-17 vs. Nevada

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles—6 vs. Missouri, 2006
Solo Tackles—4, vs. Missouri, 2006

Beau
Davis

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QUARTERBACK | 6-4 | 180 | SR.
VENICE, CALIF.

2008 OUTLOOK

Senior Beau Davis enters the 2008 season in a battle for playing time as a reserve at quarterback. With fellow senior Joe Ganz firmly entrenched as the No. 1 signal caller, Davis will battle redshirt freshman Patrick Witt and sophomore Zac Lee for reserve playing time.

The 6-4, 180-pound Davis has seen limited action during his Nebraska career. He has earned time at quarterback in 2004, 2006 and 2007, while redshirting in 2005. A native of Venice, Calif., Davis has good mastery of the Husker offense, good arm strength and the ability to make a variety of throws.

2007 (JUNIOR)

Davis served as a backup behind Sam Keller and Joe Ganz. Davis saw action in a win over Kansas State and completed his only pass attempt for nine yards.

2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Davis was NU's No. 3 quarterback behind Zac Taylor and Ganz and played in victories over Nicholls State and Troy, but did not record any statistics.

2005 (REDSHIRT)

Davis was a backup quarterback, but did not see game action and redshirted.

2004 (FRESHMAN)

Davis played in the second half of NU's loss at Texas Tech. He struggled in the tough situation, connecting on one of eight passes for 12 yards, with four interceptions.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (VENICE HS)

Davis had a standout senior year at Venice High School in Los Angeles for Coach Angelo Gasca, completing 67 percent of his passes for 3,152 yards and 40 touchdowns, against just 10 interceptions. Davis spread the ball around the field effectively, as three of Venice's wideouts topped 1,000 yards receiving in 2003.

Davis led Venice to a 13-1 record and a berth in the sectional championship game where it was defeated by Carson High School. He threw for a season-high 340 yards against Santa Monica. He threw six touchdown passes in just two quarters against Hamilton High School and had a pair of five-touchdown games as a senior.

Davis was the Los Angeles Times Westside Back of the Year as a senior. He also received first-team all-city honors from the AP, and was named the All-Western League Offensive Player of the Year. Davis transferred to Venice from Carson (Calif.) High School. As a junior at Carson, Davis threw for 1,105 yards and 11 touchdowns and guided his team to a state playoff berth. He turned down scholarship offers from Utah State and Temple.

PERSONAL

The son of Billy and Sandra Davis, Beau was born in Torrance, Calif., on July 15, 1985. He is a sociology major, and in on track to graduate in December of 2008. Davis has volunteered with Nebraska's hospital visits.

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Kevin Dixon

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DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-3 | 280 | SR.-1L
SEBRING, FLA. (GARDEN CITY [KAN] CC)



2008 OUTLOOK

Senior defensive lineman Kevin Dixon was one of several defenders to make a strong impression on the new Nebraska coaching staff during spring practice. Dixon had an outstanding winter conditioning session and showed his increased strength and quickness during spring ball. The Florida native enters fall camp looking to battle for a starting job on a defensive line that returns all four starters. He has the versatility to play either interior position.

The 6-3, 280-pound Dixon saw significant playing time in his first season in the Nebraska program in 2007. A transfer student-athlete, Dixon was a teammate of fellow Husker senior defensive lineman Shukree Barfield at Garden City (Kan.) Community College.

2007 (JUNIOR)

Dixon played in all 12 games, earning starts against Wake Forest, USC, Ball State and Oklahoma State. Dixon finished the season with 19 tackles, including 11 solo stops and had three tackles for loss. In the season opener against Nevada, Dixon made a tackle and intercepted a pass in the Husker victory. Dixon started in place of an injured Ty Steinkuhler the next three weeks, beginning with a two-tackle effort at Wake Forest.

Dixon played his best football in a three-game stretch against Iowa State, Missouri and Oklahoma State, accounting for 12 of his 19 tackles. He had a season-high six tackles at Missouri and had three tackles each against ISU and OSU, including a tackle for loss in each game. He had his final tackle for loss against Kansas State, when he also recorded a quarterback hurry.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (GARDEN CITY CC/SEBRING HS)

Dixon recorded 42 tackles, eight sacks, another nine tackles for loss and forced a pair of fumbles in helping the BroncBusters to a 6-4 record in 2006. For his efforts, Dixon earned honorable-mention All-America honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association.

In his first year at Garden City, Dixon racked up 34 tackles, including 22 solo stops, five sacks and seven tackles for loss. Dixon was ranked among the

top 80 overall junior-college prospects in the country by both Rivals.com and SuperPrep Magazine.

Before his career at Garden City CC, Dixon was a standout for Sebring High School in Vero Beach, Fla. In addition to his football accolades, Dixon was an all-county selection in basketball. Dixon came to Nebraska from a school with past connections with the Huskers. Among the Garden City products to join the Husker program were Kareem Moss and Eric Alford, who both went on to professional careers. Dixon chose Nebraska over Louisville, South Florida and Texas A&M.

PERSONAL

Kevin is the son of Tonya McCoy and was born on May 7, 1987. He is majoring in sociology. Dixon has volunteered his time with local hospital visits.

DIXON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Defense	(-Tackles-)					Fum.				QB	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2007	12/4	11	8	19	3-11	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0	2


SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles—6 at Missouri, 2007
Solo Tackles—4 at Missouri, 2007
Tackles for Loss—1, three times in 2007

Matt Donahue

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WIDE RECEIVER | 6-2 | 180 | SO.
FREMONT, NEB. (OHIO UNIVERSITY)



2008 OUTLOOK

Nebraska native Matt Donahue joined the Husker program as a walk-on in January of 2008 after playing his freshman season at Ohio University. Donahue took part in spring practice and performed well at the wide receiver spot, but he must sit out the 2008 season per NCAA transfer regulations.

The 6-2, 180-pound Donahue has great speed and made an immediate impact in his first college season under former Nebraska coach Frank Solich at Ohio. Husker coaches are confident Donahue can be a future contributor and he will have three seasons of eligibility in Lincoln, beginning in 2009.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (OHIO UNIVERSITY/FREMONT HS)

Donahue played in five games at Ohio in 2007, and made six catches for 143 yards as a freshman, including four catches for 113 yards against Wyoming.

Donahue was a three-year, two-way starter for Fremont High School, starring as a wide receiver and in the Tiger secondary. Donahue tied for the Class A lead as a senior with five interceptions, helping his team to a state playoff berth. He also caught 42 passes for 905 yards as a senior, and ranked second in Class A with 91 receiving yards per game. Donahue, who owns six school records, caught seven touchdown passes as a senior. For his efforts, Donahue was a first-team Super State selection by the Lincoln Journal Star and an All-Nebraska pick by the Omaha World-Herald.

Donahue also lettered three times in basketball and four times in track and field, helping Fremont to a state title.

PERSONAL

Matt is the son of Jerry and Susan Donahue and was born on Jan. 9, 1989. He has not declared a major.

Jim Ebke

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QUARTERBACK | 6-0 | 210 | SO.

LINCOLN, NEB. (EAST/SOUTH DAKOTA STATE)

» 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

2008 OUTLOOK

Lincoln native Jim Ebke returned to his hometown in January after spending his freshman season at South Dakota State. A walk-on quarterback, Ebke competed in spring drills, but must sit out the 2008 season due to NCAA transfer rules. The Lincoln East graduate will have three seasons of eligibility at Nebraska, beginning in 2009.

Ebke, who was a run-pass threat during high school, adds to a talented group of young Husker quarterbacks that includes sophomore Zac Lee, redshirt freshman Patrick Witt and true freshman Kody Spano.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (SOUTH DAKOTA ST./LINCOLN EAST HS)

Ebke redshirted during his only season at South Dakota State. He made a significant impact as a linebacker and safety on the Jackrabbits' scout team.

Ebke was one of the most decorated players in the state of Nebraska in 2006, earning state Gatorade Player-of-the-Year honors while quarterbacking Lincoln East to the Class A state quarterfinals. Under the direction of coach John Gingery, Ebke was honored as the Super-State Honorary Captain and Offensive Player of the Year by the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald after setting eight school records and leading Class A in total offense with 1,225 yards passing and 1,549 yards rushing while accounting for 31 touchdowns. Defensively, he made 66 tackles and intercepted two passes.

Ebke was named to the all-state basketball honorable-mention squad two times and competed in track and field and baseball at the varsity level. He was an academic all-state selection and member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL

Jim is the son of Darrell and Susan Ebke and was born on Sept. 19, 1988. He is majoring in mathematics. He had a strong first semester in Lincoln, earning a spot on the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll. He carries a 3.555 cumulative grade-point average.

Tyrone Fahie

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DEFENSIVE END | 6-3 | 255 | SO.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. (OCEAN LAKES)

» 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

» 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

2008 OUTLOOK

Tyrone Fahie (pronounced FOY) joined the Nebraska program in January of 2007 after six years on active duty with the U.S. Military. Fahie lined up at defensive end and provided depth at the position last fall, while also working on the Huskers' scout team. Fahie originally earned a roster spot in walk-on tryouts before spring practice in 2007, and will provide depth behind projected senior starters Zach Potter and Barry Turner.

In the three years prior to enrolling at Nebraska, Fahie completed two tours in Iraq, where he worked for Seal Team One as a support communicator. Fahie is originally from Virginia Beach, Va.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Fahie served as a reserve defensive end, but did not see game action.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (U.S. NAVY/OCEAN LAKES HS)

Fahie has spent several years on active duty, including two tours in Iraq. He graduated from Ocean Lakes High School in Virginia Beach in 2000, where he was a standout linebacker and free safety.

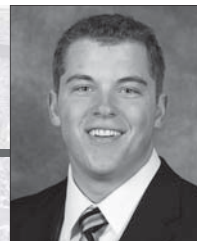
Fahie was also a member of the marching band in high school.

PERSONAL

Tyrone is the son of Floyd and Dafney Fahie, and was born Sept. 30, 1982, in Washington D.C. He is majoring in management at Nebraska and carries a 3.205 grade-point average. Fahie has twice been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

Aaron Gillaspie

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FULLBACK | 6-2 | 240 | SO.

LITTLETON, COLO.

» 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

» 2008 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

» 2008 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team

2008 OUTLOOK

Aaron Gillaspie enters fall camp with hopes of making a push for playing time at the fullback spot. Gillaspie originally earned a spot on the team through the Huskers' walk-on tryouts in the spring of 2007. He has good physical tools for a fullback, checking in at 6-2 and 240 pounds.

A native of Littleton, Colo., Gillaspie has a long link to the Big Red program. His grandfather, Tom Gillaspie, lettered as a quarterback for NU in 1945, and his uncle, Jim Levy, was a running back for the Huskers during the 1960s. Gillaspie is strong in the classroom, carrying a 3.65 cumulative grade-point average in management.

2007 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Gillaspie served as a backup fullback, but did not see game action.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LITTLETON HS)

A former lacrosse player, Gillaspie scored 15 goals and added eight assists in 2005 while playing for the Nebraska club team. In high school, Gillaspie spent his freshman and sophomore years playing for D'Evelyn High School in Denver, before transferring to Littleton High School. He lettered in football for D'Evelyn in his sophomore year, before turning his attention to lacrosse, where he earned all-state and all-conference honors, as well as being voted Most Valuable Player for the Lions. In addition to his athletic awards, Gillaspie earned eight Honor Roll and two academic all-state selections, as well as an academic All-America nomination.

PERSONAL

Aaron is the son of Andrea and Tom Gillaspie and was born in Lincoln on June 15, 1987. He is a management major at Nebraska and carries a 3.650 cumulative grade-point average. He was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll in the spring of 2008 and the fall of 2007. Gillaspie is also extremely active in the community and earned a spot on the 2008 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team as well as a HERO Leadership Award. Aaron has volunteered with American Education Week, School is Cool Week, Relay for Life and Nebraska's team hospital visits.