

Walk-On Student-Athletes

Kenny Anderson

DEFENSIVE END | 6-2 | 235 | FR.
OMAHA, NEB. (MILLARD WEST)

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Kenny Anderson joins the Husker football team after putting up some impressive stats his senior year at Millard West. Playing the defensive end position, the 6-2, 235-pounder recorded 13 sacks and 65 tackles, helping Millard West reach the semifinals in the state football playoffs. For his efforts on the field, Anderson earned first-team all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and second-team all-state accolades from the Omaha World-Herald. He was a member of the South Squad for the 2008 Shrine Bowl. Anderson chose to walk-on at Nebraska over offers from Division II Northwest Missouri State and Augustana (S.D) College.

Damon Bechtold

TIGHT END | 6-4 | 215 | FR.
OMAHA, NEB. (WESTSIDE)

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Damon Bechtold is walking on at NU after helping Omaha Westside to three consecutive playoff appearances, including a trip to the 2006 Class A state title game. Bechtold played on both sides of the ball, and was an all-district selection for his play at defensive end, where he collected 10 sacks. At Nebraska, Bechtold is expected to play the tight end position. Bechtold was coached at Westside by Marty Kauffman.

Keifer Burke

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | 6-3 | 220 | FR.
MAXWELL, NEB.

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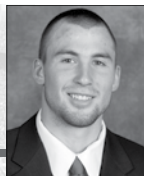


Keifer Burke is walking on at Nebraska after helping his team to the quarterfinals of the Eight Man-1 state football playoffs. From his defensive tackle spot, Burke was named a member of the honorable-mention all-state team by the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. He also played in the Nebraska/Kansas 8-Man All-Star Game. Burke participated in basketball and track and field, and was a Class D-1 honorable-mention all-state pick on the hardwood as a senior.

Jase Dean

DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-0 | 180 | FR.
BRIDGEPORT, NEB.

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Jase Dean was a standout on the Bridgeport football team coached by Chris Koozer. For his efforts on the field, Dean earned honorable-mention all-state honors in Class C-1. He was also a member of the North Squad during the 2008 Shrine Bowl. Dean was a part of the 2007 Winter Academic All-State team (3.86 GPA) and also participated in track and basketball for Bridgeport. As a junior, Dean claimed gold medals in the 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes at the state track meet. During his senior campaign, he was second in the 100 and 400, while claiming fourth in the 200 at the state track meet.

Taylor Dixon

DEFENSIVE BACK | 5-11 | 170 | FR.
WAUNETA, NEB. (WAUNETA-PALISADE)

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Taylor Dixon chose to walk on at Nebraska after a stellar career at Wauneta-Palisade High School. The 5-11, 170-pound athlete rushed for better than 1,000 yards three seasons in a row in the eight-man ranks, and also passed for 1,000 yards his senior season. For his efforts on the field, Dixon earned first-team all-state honors in Class D-1 by the Omaha World-Herald. Dixon is projected to play defensive back at Nebraska. Dixon was also a basketball standout, earning honorable-mention Class D-1 all-state honors by the World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. Dixon finished sixth in the 400 and fourth in the 200 at the Class D state track meet his senior year.

Tanner Foxhoven

LINEBACKER | 6-3 | 210 | FR.
CROFTON, NEB.

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Tanner Foxhoven was a two-way starter for Crofton High School, and helped his team reach the quarterfinals of the Class C-1 state playoffs. On the offensive side of the ball, Foxhoven rushed for over 800 yards and 11 touchdowns. From his linebacker spot, Foxhoven recorded more than 50 tackles and one interception. For his efforts on the field, Foxhoven was selected as a first team all-state member in Class C-1 from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. He was also a member of the North Squad for the 2008 Shrine Bowl.

Matt Holt

RUNNING BACK/LINEBACKER | 6-0 | 200 | FR.
LEE'S SUMMIT, MO. (WEST)

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Matt Holt originally committed to South Dakota State, before deciding to walk on at Nebraska. As a senior at Lee's Summit West, Holt rushed for 1,529 yards and 24 touchdowns, leading his team to a perfect season and a Class 4 Missouri state title. The 6-0, 200-pound running back was named to the MSA's (Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association) first-team all-state team for Class 4A and honorable-mention all-metro by the Kansas City Star.

KC Hyland

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-6 | 195 | FR.
LINCOLN, NEB. (PIUS X)

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KC Hyland chose to walk on at Nebraska after being one of the most productive wide receivers in the state as a senior. The 6-6, 195-pound Hyland caught 36 passes for 558 yards and four touchdowns. Coached by Tim Aylward, Hyland earned honorable-mention all-state accolades from both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. He was also an honorable-mention all-state pick in basketball as a senior.

Justin Jackson

DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-3 | 255 | FR.
ROCA, NEB. (NORRIS)

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Justin Jackson turned down offers from several Division I-AA or II programs, including South Dakota, UNO and Northwest Missouri State to walk-on at Nebraska. Coached by Jeff Reed at Norris High School, Jackson compiled 84 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and six sacks from his nose guard spot as a senior. After earning all-state honors in Class B for his work on the offensive line, the 6-3, 255-pound lineman is projected to play either defensive tackle or defensive end for the Huskers. Jackson played for the South Squad in the 2008 Shrine Bowl. Jackson was also a state tournament qualifier in wrestling.