



Steve OCTAVIEN 15

LINEBACKER · SR. · 6-0 · 240
NAPLES, FLA. (LELY/WILLIAM RAINEY
HARPER COLLEGE) · 1 LETTER

» 2005 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

2007 OUTLOOK

Senior linebacker Steve Octavien enters 2007 with hopes of remaining healthy and becoming an impact player for the Blackshirt defense. Octavien has flashed glimpses of great play-making ability in limited playing time over the past two seasons, but injuries have kept him from reaching his full potential. The 6-0, 240-pound Octavien has regularly shown the ability to be a disruptive force when he has been on the field.

Octavien enters the fall as one of four senior linebackers with extensive starting experience. He has the capability to line up at either the SAM or WILL linebaker spot and hopes to earn a starting job during fall camp. Octavien was the top backup to Bo Ruud at WILL linebacker last fall and missed five games because of injury, but made 32 tackles in his nine appearances, including four tackles for loss.

Octavien missed all but one quarter of the 2005 season after suffering a broken leg that forced him to redshirt. He did manage to make four tackles, including two for loss, in his brief debut against Maine in the season opener. Octavien joined Nebraska after starring at William Rainey Harper College in 2003 and 2004.

A sociology major, Octavien is on track to earn his degree in December.

2006 (JUNIOR)

Octavien played in nine games and finished with 32 tackles, including four tackles for loss and a sack. He also broke up two passes, added a quarterback hurry and a fumble caused in helping Nebraska rank in the top 25 nationally in scoring defense. After appearing in each of NU's first three games, Octavien missed the next four contests while rehabbing his injured leg. He rebounded to play in six of the final seven games, and made only his second career start in the Big 12 Championship Game against Oklahoma, when the Huskers opened in their goal-line defense.

Octavien recorded at least five tackles three times, including a career-high 10 stops, with two for loss, against Texas. His strong effort against the Longhorns also featured a forced fumble and pass breakup. He registered two tackles against Texas A&M, five against Colorado and three against the Sooners. He closed the year with three solo tackles and his first career sack in the Cotton Bowl against Auburn.

2005 (INJURED-REDSHIRT)

Before being injured against Maine, Octavien made four tackles, including two tackles for loss, including a four-yard stop behind the line on the game's first play.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LELY HS/WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE)

A native of Naples, Fla., Octavien played in only four games for William Rainey Harper College in 2004 because of injury. Despite the limited action, Octavien was ranked as the No. 4 junior college linebacker prospect by College Football News. In 2003, Octavien finished with 124 tackles, including 15 tackles for loss, helping Coach John Eliasik's team to a 10-1 record. Octavien also had eight sacks, three interceptions, two blocked field goals and a blocked punt, and helped his team to a 19-3 record over two years. In addition to his football talents, Octavien was a track standout for Harper College. He ran the second leg on the school's 2004 national champion 400-meter relay team and won the Division III junior college discus title with a throw of 164-7.

Octavien signed with Illinois out of Naples Lely High School, where he started for three seasons. He started at linebacker as a sophomore, then was a two-way standout each of his final two seasons. He won the state title in the discus in his junior year in 2002 and finished second as a senior. Octavien's personal-best throw of 193-7 was the 10th-best prep mark in the nation in 2003. He also visited Iowa, North Carolina and Central Florida, before enrolling at Nebraska.

PERSONAL

Octavien was born on Nov. 25, 1984, and is the son of Philmene and Stephen Octavien, who were both born in Haiti. He is majoring in sociology and was named to the 2005 Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. Octavien's sister, Dayana, was a three-time track All-American in the discus and hammer throw at South Florida and competed in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials.

OCTAVIEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Defense (-----Tackles-----)						Fum.			QB		
	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	
2005*	1/1	3	1	4	2-5	0-0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	
2006	9/1	21	11	32	4-7	1-1	1-0	0	2	0	1	
Totals	10/2	24	12	36	6-12	1-1	1-0	0	2	0	2	

*-Medical redshirt in 2005

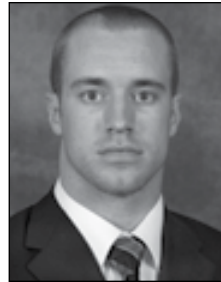
Single-Game Bests:

Tackles-10, vs. Texas, 2006

Solo Tackles-7 vs. Texas, 2006

Tackles for Loss-2-5 vs. Maine, 2005; 2-3 vs. Texas, 2006

Pass Breakups-1 vs. Texas; vs. Texas A&M, 2006



Todd PETERSON 17

WIDE RECEIVER · JR. · 6-4 · 210
GRAND ISLAND, NEB.
(CENTRAL CATHOLIC) · 2 LETTERS

» 2007 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team

» Two-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2005, 2006)

» Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll (2004, 2005, 2006)

» Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll (2005, 2006, 2007)

2007 OUTLOOK

Junior Todd Peterson has become one of the top receiving targets in the Nebraska offensive attack over the past two seasons and figures prominently in the Huskers' plans again this fall. The 6-4, 210-pound Peterson has good speed and outstanding size and provides a downfield receiving threat for the Huskers. He is capable of playing either the "X" or "Z" receiver spot and is part of an NU receiving corps that returns intact for the 2007 season.

Originally a walk-on, Peterson has been on academic scholarship since his arrival in Lincoln. However, his quick progress on the field led Head Coach Bill Callahan to place Peterson on football scholarship before the 2006 season. Peterson went on to rank sixth on the team with 19 receptions, while playing in all 14 games. He played in 10 games as a redshirt freshman in 2005, and registered at least one catch in five of the final eight games. Peterson redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

Peterson is one of Nebraska's top student-athletes. He carries a 3.726 grade-point average in nutrition, exercise and health science and is a two-time academic All-Big 12 pick. Peterson is also active in the community and was named to the 2007 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team.

2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Peterson played in all 14 games, with starts against Nicholls State and Missouri. He made 19 catches for 307 yards, an average of 16.2 yards per catch and had touchdown catches against Kansas and Texas A&M. Peterson had at least one catch in nine of 14 games.

Peterson experienced a career game while helping NU earn a come-from-behind win at Texas A&M. He led the Huskers with career highs of seven receptions for 82 yards. In addition to a second-quarter touchdown against the Aggies, Peterson also recorded two key catches on the game-winning drive, including a crucial

22-yard reception on a 4th-and-3 play. Peterson had two catches for 72 yards against Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game, including a career-long 48-yard grab.

2005 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Peterson played in 10 games with a start at Colorado, and totaled nine catches for 150 yards and a pair of touchdowns. After not recording a reception in his first three games, Peterson made his first career catch memorable when he hauled in a 21-yard pass for a touchdown against Baylor, giving Nebraska a 20-7 lead. His second catch came in the following game at Missouri and went for 34 yards and another score. Peterson had three catches for a season-high 65 yards against the Tigers.

2006 GAME-BY-GAME

Game	No.	Yds.	TD	Long
La. Tech	2	30	0	18
Nicholls St.	1	31	0	31
USC	1	28	0	28
Troy	0	0	0	0
Kansas	1	6	1	6
Iowa State	2	25	0	15
Kansas State	0	0	0	0
Texas	1	5	0	5
Oklahoma St.	2	28	0	15
Missouri	0	0	0	0
Texas A&M	7	82	1	22
Colorado	0	0	0	0
Oklahoma	2	72	0	48
Auburn	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	307	2	48

Peterson finished strong, as he recorded catches in each of NU's last three games. In his first career start at Colorado, Peterson tied his season high with three receptions for 54 yards, including a season-long 38-yarder that set up a second-quarter touchdown. In the Alamo Bowl, Peterson caught a two-point conversion from Zac Taylor to pull NU within 28-25 in the fourth quarter.

2004 (REDSHIRT)

Originally a walk-on, Peterson redshirted in his first year at Nebraska.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS)

Peterson was an outstanding three-sport athlete in high school, lettering four times in football, basketball and track. He earned Class C-1 all-state honors in football, and was also a second-team All-Nebraska selection, while claiming all-conference and all-district accolades. He was a three-time member of the Grand Island Independent's Heartland Super Squad. He set Grand Island Central Catholic career records for receptions and receiving yards, while also setting the single-season receiving yardage mark. He also tied the school mark for career interceptions with 10.

In basketball, Peterson finished as the second-leading scorer in school history. He also qualified in four events for the state track meet his senior year. He set the school record with a high jump of 6-8 1/2, while adding a school-best mark in the 55-meter intermediate hurdles. He was a member of a school-record 4x100-meter relay squad, and set the school mark for career points scored on the track. Grand Island Central Catholic won the Class C-1 state title in 2004. Peterson also excelled in the classroom, earning academic all-state honors in all three sports. He finished his senior year with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and ranked first in his class.

PERSONAL

The son of Ron and Becky Peterson, Todd was born Oct. 26, 1985, in Grand Island, Neb. In addition to being a first-team academic All-Big 12 pick each of the past two years, he has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first six semesters. Peterson is a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and is among Nebraska's most active players in the community. Among Peterson's extensive list of community activities are serving as a speaker during School is Cool Week, American Education Week, volunteering with Make-a-Wish, Read to Succeed and Pacific Pals and being a regular visitor to local hospitals.

PETERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving

122 Year	G/S	No.	Yds.	Y/R	Y/G	Long	TDs
2004	Redshirt						
2005	10/1	9	150	16.7	15.0	38 vs. Colorado	2
2006	14/2	19	307	16.2	21.9	48 vs. Oklahoma	2
Totals	24/3	28	457	16.3	19.1	48 vs. Oklahoma	4

Single-Game Highs

Receptions—7 vs. Texas A&M, 2006

Receiving Yards—82 vs. Texas A&M, 2006

Long Reception—48 yards vs. Oklahoma, 2006

Touchdowns—1 four times, most recently vs. Texas A&M, 2006



Jordan PICOU 68

OFFENSIVE LINE · SR. · 6-2 · 305
 RIALTO, CALIF. (EISENHOWER/
 MT. SAN ANTONIO CC)

2007 OUTLOOK

Senior Jordan Picou will look to close out his Nebraska career by making an impact on the Husker offensive line in 2007. Picou has played a reserve role for the Huskers since joining the program in 2005, but could see action this fall. He will enter fall camp looking to push for playing time as a backup at guard or center. Picou briefly switched to defense last fall before returning to offense in the spring.

Picou appeared in two games in 2006, after redshirting in his first season with Nebraska. He came to Lincoln following two years at Mt. San Antonio Community College in California. Picou is majoring in sociology and is on track to graduate in December.

2006 (JUNIOR)

After missing spring ball because of shoulder surgery, Picou played in Nebraska wins over Nicholls State and Troy.

2005 (REDSHIRT)

Picou redshirted in his first season in the Husker program.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (EISENHOWER HS/
 MT. SAN ANTONIO CC)

Picou earned All-Mission Conference honors in 2004 for Coach Bill Fisk at Mt. San Antonio CC. His effort helped his team to an 8-3 record. Picou also earned first-team California all-state junior college honors in 2004. In addition to his offensive line duties, the athletic Picou lined up at tight end early in the season and scored a rushing touchdown from the fullback spot.

Picou played his high school football at Eisenhower High School in Rialto, Calif., where he was an all-state selection. He also excelled in basketball as the starting center on a team coached by his father that won the National Junior Basketball Association tournament in 1999.

PERSONAL

Picou is the son of Danny and Alicia Picou, and was born on Oct. 2, 1985. He is majoring in sociology, and has served as a volunteer on NU's team hospital visits.



Zach POTTER 98

DEFENSIVE END · JR. · 6-7 · 280
 OMAHA, NEB. (CREIGHTON PREP)
 2 LETTERS

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

2007 OUTLOOK

Junior Zach Potter will face one of the biggest challenges for the Huskers this season, as he will have the opportunity to replace first-round draft pick Adam Carriker as the starting base end. The 6-7, 280-pound Potter has the size to step into the position that Carriker held down for each of the past three seasons. Potter has seen valuable repetitions as a reserve the past two seasons, but will be asked to take his game to the next level this fall.

Potter played in 13 games during his sophomore season, including reserve time at defensive end, as well as special teams action. He played in all 12 games as a true freshman in 2005. An Omaha native, Potter was regarded as the top player in the state of Nebraska in 2004. Potter was a first-team academic All-Big 12 pick last season and carries a 3.166 cumulative grade-point average.

2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Potter made three tackles while serving as the top reserve at base end. He had one stop each against Nicholls State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M. Potter was also a regular on both NU's field goal/PAT and field goal/PAT block units.

2005 (FRESHMAN)

Potter saw limited action on the defensive line and had a tackle against Wake Forest. He was a major contributor on special teams, and literally had a hand in a pair of victories. He blocked a field goal in NU's 7-6 win over Pittsburgh in the third game of the year, before blocking a Kansas State PAT in NU's 27-25 win over the Wildcats. As a team, Nebraska blocked seven kicks on the season.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (OMAHA CREIGHTON PREP HS)

Potter had a standout prep career at Creighton Prep, where he helped the Junior Jays to the Class A state title as a senior. Potter was a two-way standout, starring at both tight end and defensive end for Head Coach Tom Jaworski. In helping the Junior Jays to a 12-1 record in 2004, Potter was the honorary captain of both the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska offense and the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State defense. Potter made 97 tackles, including 48 solo stops and six sacks. Offensively, he caught 24 passes for 501 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Potter also produced outstanding numbers as a junior, catching 14 passes for better than 300 yards, including four touchdowns. He made 61 tackles, with 10 sacks and 11 pass breakups at the line of scrimmage. His performance as a junior earned Potter first-team all-state honors. Rivals.com ranked Potter as the No. 1 prospect in the state of Nebraska and the sixth-best strongside defensive end recruit in the nation.

Potter also starred in basketball where he averaged 19 points and 11 rebounds per game as a center. He led the Junior Jays to the Class A state title game and was a first-team all-state selection by both of the state's major newspapers. His all-around athletic performance earned him co-Boys High School Athlete-of-the-Year honors from the Lincoln Journal Star. Potter was named the Bert Render Award-winner as the state's top male athlete from the B'Nai B'rith organization. Potter attended NU's Big Red Football School and also considered Notre Dame and Kansas State before selecting Nebraska.

PERSONAL

Potter is the son of Dave Potter and Karen Sanden, and his stepmother is Lynne Potter. Zach was born on May 4, 1986, and he is a three-time Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll pick. Potter has volunteered his time as a speaker during the Fall Break Tour of Excellence, American Education Week and School is Cool Week, as well as with the Attention Center for Youth.



Andy Poulosky 86

DEFENSIVE END • SR. • 6-2 • 255
PONCA, NEB. • 1 LETTER

2007 OUTLOOK

Senior defensive end Andy Poulosky has served as a valuable reserve on the defensive front during his Nebraska career, while also seeing action on special teams. This season, Poulosky will make a push to earn playing time for a Nebraska defensive line that lost all four starters, including senior ends Jay Moore and Adam Carriker. Poulosky enters the fall listed behind juniors Clayton Sievers and Barry Turner at the open end position.

The 6-2, 255-pound Poulosky appeared in six games in 2006, primarily on special teams, after appearing in one game in 2004. A walk-on athlete from Ponca, Neb., Poulosky redshirted in his first season at Nebraska in 2003.

Poulosky is a psychology major and is one of 23 Husker seniors on track to graduate this December.

CAREER

Poulosky played in six games in 2006, and served on Nebraska's field goal and PAT units for part of the year, in addition to his reserve role at defensive end for the Huskers. He saw his most extensive action during three games in a four-week stretch beginning with the Iowa State win in early October, filling in as a blocker on the kicking units. He recorded his first two career tackles with stops against Nicholls State and Troy. His tackle against the Trojans came for a three-yard loss.

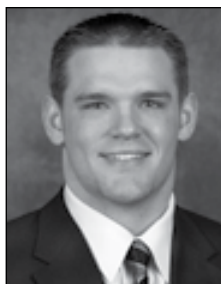
Poulosky was a reserve end in 2005, but did not see game action. He appeared in the 2004 season opener against Western Illinois as a freshman, but did not record a tackle. He redshirted in 2003.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (PONCA HS)

Poulosky attended Ponca High School, and finished second in team tackles and first in receiving as a senior for Coach Mitch Elbert. Poulosky was a four-year letterwinner, and qualified for the state football playoffs in his freshman and senior years. On the basketball floor, Poulosky was part of a state runner-up team his freshman year, and qualified for the state tournament again as a senior. He also qualified for the state track meet in the shot put and discus as a senior.

PERSONAL

Andy is the son of Mark and Fran Poulosky, and was born on May 14, 1984, in Sioux City, Iowa. He is majoring in psychology and has been active in the community throughout his career. He has volunteered with School is Cool Week, the Spring Break Tour of Excellence, the Dads of Kids with Disabilities Program, as a speaker at Lincoln's Elliott Elementary School and as part of Nebraska's local hospital visits.



Thomas Rice

85

DEFENSIVE END • SR. • 6-1 • 240
LINCOLN, NEB. (EAST)

» 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

2007 OUTLOOK

Senior Thomas Rice has provided valuable depth on the Husker defensive front throughout his Husker career. Rice enters his senior season with hopes of making a bid for playing time. After lining up at defensive end during his first four years, Rice spent part of his time on the inside during spring practice.

In addition to off-season training for football, Rice spent the second semester filling in as a heavyweight wrestler for the Huskers. After NU's regular starter was injured, Rice joined the team and was in the Huskers' regular dual lineup. Rice is on track to earn his degree in civil engineering in May of 2008.

CAREER

Rice has been a reserve defensive end each of the past three seasons, but has yet to appear in a game. Rice walked on and redshirted in his first season at Nebraska in 2003.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN EAST HS)

Rice earned all-conference, academic all-conference and academic all-state honors as a two-sport star at Lincoln East High School. He played offensive lineman and defensive end on the football field, and was a part of two state championship wrestling teams on the mat. Rice was named an All-American in wrestling following a sixth-place finish at the Greco Roman National Championships. He was a three-year letterwinner in football, wrestling and track, and also lettered twice in music, and was a National Honor Society Member.

PERSONAL

Rice is the son of Donlynn and Patrick Rice, and was born on Jan. 15, 1985. He is majoring in civil engineering at Nebraska, and was a member of the 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll. He has volunteered his time at Lincoln's Belmont Elementary School, the People's City Mission and with local hospital visits.



Craig Roark 55

DEFENSIVE LINE • SO. • 6-2 • 305
ADA, OKLA.

» 2007 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
» 2005 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

2007 OUTLOOK

Sophomore Craig Roark (pronounced RO-ark) hopes to get his Nebraska career on track this fall after battling through an injury-plagued 2006 campaign. The shoulder injury that kept Roark out of action last fall also sidelined him for the spring. However, the Oklahoma native will enter fall camp with the goal of earning playing time on a defensive line that lost all four starters from last season.

Roark came to Nebraska in 2005 as a highly regarded offensive line prospect. He spent the 2005 season on Nebraska's scout team, then switched to defense during spring practice in 2006.

2006 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Roark battled injuries throughout the year and did not see action.

2005 (REDSHIRT)

Roark spent the 2005 season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (ADA HS)

Roark was one of three Oklahomans in Nebraska's 2005 recruiting class, and one of seven 2005 signees who played in the U.S. Army All-America Game in San Antonio. Roark was a fixture on the Ada offensive line for Coach Steve Dean, helping his team to an 11-2 record and a state semifinal appearance in 2004. Roark was credited with 208 pancakes as a senior and earned first-team Class 4A all-state honors from the Oklahoma Coaches Association and all-state honors from the Tulsa World.

Roark also contributed to the Ada defense, making 58 tackles in 2004 from his defensive tackle spot. Roark was ranked as the No. 13 offensive guard in the country and the fifth-best prospect in the state of Oklahoma by Rivals.com. Roark also lettered three times in track and once in wrestling. He competed in his first Oklahoma state track meet as a senior, earning third in the Class 5A shot put. Roark was a member of the Superintendent's Honor Roll, received an Army All-American Scholar Award and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Roark only visited NU, but also had scholarship offers from Arizona, Missouri, Florida State and Ohio State.

PERSONAL

Roark is the son of Bryan and Christy Roark, and was born on Oct. 15, 1985. He is majoring in social science education and is a two-time Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Roll pick. He has volunteered with Nebraska's hospital visits.



Xavier RUCKER 84

WIDE RECEIVER · RFR. · 5-6 · 160
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (BRECK)

2007 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman wide receiver Xavier Rucker will look to overcome the odds and earn playing time for the Huskers this season. The diminutive Rucker checks in at just 5-6 and 160 pounds, but is one of Nebraska's hardest workers and is regularly the last player off the field after practice. Rucker will provide depth behind a veteran Nebraska receiving corps, following a redshirt season in 2006. Rucker is a walk-on athlete who joined the Huskers from Breck High School in Minneapolis.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

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

BEFORE NEBRASKA (BRECK HS)

Rucker joined the Nebraska program in August after a standout prep career at Breck High School in Minneapolis. Rucker caught 61 passes for 1,029 yards as a junior, helping his team to an 8-3 season. He also grabbed nine touchdown catches, while rushing for 218 yards and a score. He struggled with injuries as a senior, limiting him to 35 catches for 529 yards. Rucker also saw time at defensive back and returned kickoffs, including two for touchdowns in 2005. Rucker helped Coach Mike Thiel's squad to the 2003 Minnesota Class AA state title.

PERSONAL

Xavier is the son of Evette Dorsey and Charles Rucker and was born on Feb. 17, 1988. He has not declared a major. Rucker was a volunteer on local hospital visits.



Andy SAND 48

FULLBACK · SR. · 6-2 · 230
LINCOLN, NEB. (SOUTHEAST)

- » Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
- » Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2005, 2006)

2007 OUTLOOK

Senior Andy Sand enters the 2007 season in a position to push for playing time after serving in a reserve role throughout his Nebraska career. Sand provided depth for the Huskers at tight end for most of his first four seasons, but moved to fullback late last season. He was impressive during spring practice and will enter fall camp in contention to replace two-year starter Dane Todd at fullback. Like Todd, Sand is a graduate of Lincoln Southeast High School.

Sand is strong in the classroom, having been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll seven times during his career. He carries a 3.491 grade-point average in business administration and will join a large group of Husker seniors expected to graduate this December.

CAREER

Sand has yet to see game action for the Huskers. He was a reserve tight end in 2004 and 2005, before switching to fullback during the 2006 season. A walk-on, Sand redshirted in his first season with the Huskers in 2003.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN SOUTHEAST HS)

Sand helped Lincoln Southeast to a state title as a tight end and defensive end in 2002. He played alongside fellow Husker Bo Ruud. A two-way player, Sand earned Lincoln Journal Star Super-State honors as a defensive end his senior year. Sand added 15 receptions for 450 yards for Coach Chuck Mizerski. Sand also lettered two seasons in basketball and two times in track and field, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL

The son of Ben and Nancy Sand, Andy was born on June 21, 1984, and will pick up his degree in business administration this December. He has volunteered his time as a speaker during School is Cool Week and has also visited local hospitals.



Matt SENSKE 42

FULLBACK · SR. · 6-3 · 245
BELLEVUE, NEB. (EAST)

- » Two-Time Brook Berringer Citizenship Team Member (2006, 2007)
- » Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2007)

2007 OUTLOOK

Senior Matt Senske is among a large group of players who are hopeful of earning time at the fullback spot following the graduation of two-year starter Dane Todd. Senske backed up Todd early last season and appeared in four games, but a late-season back injury required surgery and also kept him out of spring practice. The 6-3, 245-pound Senske is an excellent athlete who has also spent time with the Husker track team.

Senske moved to fullback in 2005, but did not see game action during his sophomore season. He previously served as a reserve linebacker after joining the team through a walk-on tryout in the fall of 2004.

Senske is one of Nebraska's most active players off the field. He is a two-time member of the Brook Berringer Citizenship Team for his work in the community and he will also serve as the vice president of the 2007-08 Nebraska Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Senske is one of 23 Husker seniors who are scheduled to graduate this December.

2006 (JUNIOR)

Senske appeared in four games, including Nebraska's three non-conference home games and the Huskers' win at Texas A&M. Senske made two catches for 13 yards out of the backfield against Troy and scored his first career touchdown in the third quarter on a one-yard pass from backup quarterback Joe Ganz.

2005 (SOPHOMORE)

Senske was a reserve fullback, but did not play in a game.

2004 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Senske joined the football team during the fall and was a backup linebacker. He continued his track career, throwing the javelin and discus for the Huskers.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (BELLEVUE EAST HS)

Senske was a dual-sport standout at Bellevue East High School. In football, Senske was a force for Bellevue East on both sides of the ball. He played tight end and defensive end, and led his team in nearly every category in his senior year. Senske earned academic all-state honors as a junior and senior, was All-Metro in 2001 and all-district in 2001 and 2002. Senske earned honorable-mention all-state honors in 2000, 2001 and 2002. He was also a strong performer for Coach Daryl Berg's Chieftain track team, qualifying for the state meet in the discus in both 2002 and 2003, and played basketball as well.

PERSONAL

The son of Robert and Denise Senske, Matt was born on April 19, 1985. He is majoring in business administration, and has twice been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. Senske owns a 3.051 grade-point average and will complete his undergraduate work in the fall semester. Senske has volunteered his time with Holmes Lake Manor, American Education Week, School is Cool Week and Pacific Pals Youth Camp, while also participating in local hospital visits.



Clayton
SIEVERS 88

DEFENSIVE END · JR. · 6-4 · 245
ELKHORN, NEB. · 2 LETTERS

- » Two-Time Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2005, 2006)
- » 2006 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- » 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

2007 OUTLOOK

Junior Clayton Sievers has proven himself as a versatile performer during his career at Nebraska. Sievers was a key contributor at tight end in 2005, before switching to defense and making an impact as a reserve linebacker last season. Sievers also spent time at defensive end and was part of NU's goal-line defensive unit.

The 6-4, 245-pound Sievers settled in at defensive end during spring practice and is a candidate for a starting job as the Huskers look to replace departed seniors Adam Carriker and Jay Moore. Sievers is also expected to continue to excel as a key member of several Nebraska special teams units.

Sievers appeared in nine games a year ago, following a redshirt freshman season when he played in all 12 games as a tight end. Sievers redshirted in his first season in 2004. The Elkhorn native is also accomplished in the classroom. He is a two-time second-team academic All-Big 12 selection.

2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Sievers appeared in nine games while serving as the top reserve at SAM linebacker behind Stewart Bradley. Sievers recorded one assisted tackle during NU's Big 12 North Division-clinching win over Texas A&M. In addition to his defensive duties, Sievers was a regular on Nebraska's punt, punt block and PAT/field goal units.

2005 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Sievers played in all 12 games, including starts against Pittsburgh, Missouri and Oklahoma. Sievers established a career high with two receptions for 12 yards in his first career game in the opener against Maine. He added single receptions against Wake Forest, Pitt, Iowa State and Oklahoma. His catch against the Sooners was a season-long 11-yard grab. Sievers added one tackle on the season, and was a member of NU's kickoff return team.

2004 (REDSHIRT)

Sievers redshirted in his first season with the Huskers.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (ELKHORN HS)

A versatile two-way performer for Coach Mark Wortmann at Elkhorn, Sievers starred at outside linebacker, defensive end and tight end in 2003. He finished his senior year with 70 tackles, including seven sacks. He played fullback on offense and averaged more than five yards per carry. His performance helped the Antlers to a 6-4 record in 2003. Sievers made 65 tackles and five sacks as a junior, and played tight end for the Antler offense, helping Elkhorn reach the Class B quarterfinals in 2002.

Sievers was a second-team super-state selection as a defensive lineman by the Lincoln Journal Star, and a second-team All-Nebraska pick as a defender by the Omaha World-Herald. He earned first-team Class B all-state honors from both publications. Sievers, who began his prep career at Valley High School, chose Nebraska over Iowa, Iowa State, Colorado State and Wyoming.

PERSONAL

Clayton is the son of Scott and Karen Sievers, and was born on Jan. 13, 1986. He is a communication studies major and has twice been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. He has volunteered his time with the Lincoln Action Program and on local hospital visits. Sievers is the younger brother of former Husker Academic All-American Chad Sievers, who lettered from 2002 to 2004.



Mike
SMITH 65

OFFENSIVE LINE · RFR. · 6-6 · 285
LAS VEGAS, NEV. (PALO VERDE)

- » 2006 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

2007 OUTLOOK

Redshirt freshman Mike Smith came to Nebraska from Las Vegas as a highly regarded defensive end prospect. After a season on the scout team defense, Smith has moved to offense, and he hopes to add depth on the line this fall. He will enter the fall listed as a reserve at tackle behind projected starters Lydon Murtha and Carl Nicks. The 6-6, 285-pound Smith has good size and strength and adds to an impressive group of redshirt freshman offensive linemen that also includes Cruz Barrett, Keith Williams and D.J. Jones.

2006 (REDSHIRT)

Smith sat out the season as a redshirt and worked with the scout team defense, before switching to the offensive line.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (PALO VERDE HS)

Smith was the first Nebraska scholarship recruit from the state of Nevada since Albert Lewis Jr. in 1982. As a senior, Smith recorded 56 tackles and five sacks in earning first-team all-state honors for Coach Darwin Rost and Palo Verde High School. Smith added eight receptions for 102 yards and one touchdown as a tight end. Smith was ranked as the No. 32 defensive end prospect in the nation by Scout.com and as the 25th-best weakside defensive end prospect in the nation by Rivals.com. As a junior, Smith recorded 71 tackles and a state-leading 17 sacks in helping Palo Verde to a 14-0 record and the 2004 Southern 4A Title. He also logged six catches for 122 yards in earning second-team all-state honors.

Smith was a three-sport star for Palo Verde, playing basketball and baseball as well as football. He earned second-team all-state honors as a first baseman as a junior. As a senior, Smith led Class 4A in home runs (10) and runs batted in (54), while ranking third in batting average (.563) to help Palo Verde to a playoff berth and earn first-team All-Southern Nevada and Northwest Division Player-of-the-Year honors. Smith chose Nebraska over Oregon, Oregon State and UNLV.

PERSONAL

Mike, the son of Michael and Pattie Smith, was born on March 17, 1988. He has not declared a major and was named to the 2006 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll. He has volunteered as part of the Huskers' local hospital visits.



Ty **STEINKUHL 43**
STEINKUHLER

DEFENSIVE LINE · JR. · 6-3 · 285
LINCOLN, NEB. (SOUTHWEST) · 2 LETTERS

- » 2006 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- » 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

2007 OUTLOOK

Junior Ty Steinkuhler has made a solid impact in a key reserve role on the defensive line each of the past two seasons. This fall, the second-generation Husker will be counted on for a much greater impact as Nebraska replaces all four starters on the defensive front. The 6-3, 285-pound Steinkuhler appears to be up to the challenge. He has outstanding strength and good athleticism for a defensive lineman.

Steinkuhler will head into the fall as the projected starter at defensive tackle, but could also see action on the outside at defensive end. Last season Steinkuhler played in all 14 games at defensive tackle behind Barry Cryer and made 22 tackles. He appeared in 10 games as a redshirt freshman in 2005, lining up as a reserve at defensive end. Steinkuhler redshirted in his first season in the program. Ty is the son of 1983 Outland and Lombardi Award winner Dean Steinkuhler, who helped the Huskers to one of the most prolific offensive seasons in college football history.

2006 (SOPHOMORE)

Steinkuhler finished with 22 tackles, including 15 solo stops. He had his first career sack against Kansas State and forced a fumble against Troy, while finishing the year with three tackles for loss. He made stops in all but four games and registered a career-high five against Troy, including one for loss. He added four-tackle efforts against USC and Colorado and added his third tackle for loss in the Big 12 title game against Oklahoma. In addition to his defensive duties, Steinkuhler also saw limited time on special teams, most notably the PAT/field goal block unit.

2005 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

126 Steinkuhler played in eight games, including the final three contests, when his time increased on the defensive line. He registered five tackles and was in on a pair of tackles for loss. He had a season-high three stops during the win over Wake Forest, including a tackle for loss. His second tackle for loss came against Kansas State.

2004 (REDSHIRT)

Steinkuhler redshirted in his first season and worked on the scout team.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (LINCOLN SOUTHWEST HS)

Steinkuhler excelled on both sides of the ball as a senior for Lincoln Southwest and Coach Mark King. The Journal Star made him a first-team super-state pick as a linebacker. The World-Herald honored his offensive play, naming him a first-team All-Nebraska pick as a lineman, but listed him as a first-team Class A all-state linebacker. Steinkuhler totaled 163 tackles, including 98 unassisted, with an interception and a fumble recovery. He helped Southwest make one of the state's biggest improvements with a 5-5 record and the school's first-ever playoff trip.

Steinkuhler helped build the Southwest football program from the ground up. The Silver Hawks struggled to an 0-9 record in their inaugural season in 2002. Despite the winless season, Steinkuhler had 134 tackles (72 solo) to earn second-team super-state honors and first-team Class A honors from the Lincoln Journal Star. An outstanding all-around athlete, Steinkuhler added three letters in basketball and four in track.

PERSONAL

Ty is the son of Dean Steinkuhler and Sue Steinkuhler, and was born on Sept. 11, 1985. He is a criminal justice major, and has twice been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. He adds to a long line of father-son combinations in NU football history, and Dean's No. 71 is one of 16 retired Husker jerseys. Ty has volunteered his time with local hospital visits.

STEINKUHLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Defense (-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB	
	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2004	Redshirted										
2005	8/0	2	3	5	2-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2006	14/0	15	7	22	3-8	0.5-1	1-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22/0	17	10	27	5-8	0.5-1	1-0	0	0	0	0



Ndamukong **93**
SUH

DEFENSIVE TACKLE · SO. · 6-4 · 305
PORTLAND, ORE. (GRANT) · 1 LETTER

- » 2006 First-Team Freshman All-Big 12 (The Sporting News)

2007 OUTLOOK

Sophomore defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh (pronounced En-dom-ah-ken Soo) emerged as a key reserve last fall and this spring showed he is ready to become a dominant force for the Blackshirts. At 6-4 and 305 pounds, Suh is a powerful force on the interior capable of being a run-stopper and also pressuring the passer. Suh will enter fall camp listed as Nebraska's top nose tackle, and he will be asked to help anchor a defensive front that must replace all four starters.

Suh earned freshman all-conference honors last fall as a backup to Ola Dagunduro. Despite coming off the bench he finished the year with eight tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks. Suh received freshman All-Big 12 honors from The Sporting News for his play. Suh saw limited action in 2005 as a true freshman, but missed the final 10 games of the season with an injury and received a medical redshirt. Suh came to Nebraska from Portland, Ore., and was NU's first-ever scholarship signee from Oregon.

2006 (REDSHIRT FRESHMAN)

Suh played in all 14 games and was among the team leaders in both tackles for loss and sacks. He made 19 total tackles, including eight for loss and 3.5 sacks for 37 yards. Suh also had a pair of quarterback hurries, caused a fumble and had an interception at Kansas State. He totaled at least one tackle for loss in five of seven games to start the year, including a three-TFL effort featuring 1.5 sacks against Troy. He added three stops against both Nicholls State and Kansas State, when he totaled two more TFLs and one sack against the Wildcats. Suh also recorded NU's only sack against USC. He also saw time on special teams as a blocker on the place-kicking unit.

2005 (INJURED-REDSHIRT)

Suh was one of a school-record 13 true freshmen to see action in 2005. He played in the first two games and had an assisted tackle against Wake Forest before missing the remainder of the season after undergoing knee surgery.

BEFORE NEBRASKA (GRANT HS)

Suh was a two-way star at Grant High School, where he earned Parade All-America honors and was voted the 2004 Portland Interscholastic League Defensive Player of the Year and the state Class 4A Defensive Player of the Year. As a senior, Suh had 65 tackles, including 10 sacks and recovered four fumbles. He also starred on the offensive line for Coach William Griffin, helping the Generals to a 9-3 record and a berth in the state quarterfinals. Suh earned first-team all-league honors on both offense and defense, and in addition to his defensive accolades was a first-team all-state pick on offense by at least one media outlet. Suh also earned first-team All-PIL honors on both offense and defense as a junior and was an honorable-mention all-state pick as a junior.

Rivals.com listed Suh as the No. 1 prospect in the state of Oregon, the sixth-best defensive tackle in the country, and the 51st-best overall prospect in the nation. Suh was one of seven 2005 NU signees who played in the U.S. Army All-American Game, where he lined up on the offensive line. Suh also played basketball and was a track standout for Grant High. He earned honorable-mention all-league honors in basketball as a junior and senior. In track he was the district shot put champion in 2004, and won the OSAA Class 4A shot put title in 2005 with a school-record throw of 61-4. For his all-around athletic accomplishments, Suh was a finalist for the Portland Tribune's Athlete of the Year. Suh chose Nebraska over California, and also visited Miami, Oregon State and Mississippi State.

PERSONAL

Suh's mother, Bernadette, is from Jamaica, while his father, Michael, hails from Cameroon. In the Ngema tribe in Cameroon, Ndamukong means "House of Spears." Suh was born on Jan. 6, 1987, and is majoring in construction management. He has volunteered with Nebraska's local hospital visits.

SUH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Defense (-----Tackles-----)					Fum.				QB	
	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2005	2/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2006	14/0	12	7	19	8-45	3.5-37	1-0	0	0	1	2
Totals	16/0	12	8	20	8-45	3.5-37	1-0	0	0	1	2