

BO PELINI

HEAD COACH
SIXTH SEASON
OHIO STATE | 1990

EXPERIENCE NEBRASKA

- » Head Coach (2008-13)
- » Interim Head Coach (Dec. 2003)
- » Defensive Coordinator (2003)

LSU

- » Defensive Coordinator (2005-07)

OKLAHOMA

- » Defensive Coordinator (2004)

IOWA

- » Graduate Assistant (1991)

GREEN BAY PACKERS

- » Linebackers (2000-02)

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- » Linebackers (1997-99)

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

- » Assistant Secondary (1994-96)

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT

- » Cardinal Mooney (Ohio)
High School (1993)

COACHING NUMBERS

- » Bowl Games - 11
- » BCS Bowl Games - 3
- » BCS National Championship Games - 2
- » BCS National Champions - 1
- » Conference Title Games - 6
- » Conference Championships - 2

BOWL GAMES NEBRASKA

- » 2013 Capital One Bowl
(lost to Georgia, 41-31)
- » 2012 Capital One Bowl
(lost to South Carolina, 30-13)
- » 2010 Holiday Bowl
(lost to Washington, 19-7)
- » 2009 Holiday Bowl
(beat Arizona, 33-0)
- » 2009 Gator Bowl
(beat Clemson, 26-21)
- » 2003 Alamo Bowl
(beat Michigan State, 17-3)

LSU

- » 2007 BCS National Championship Game
(beat Ohio State, 38-24)
- » 2006 Sugar Bowl
(beat Notre Dame, 41-14)
- » 2005 Peach Bowl
(beat Miami, 40-3)

OKLAHOMA

- » 2004 BCS National Championship Game
(lost to USC, 55-19)

IOWA

- » 1991 Holiday Bowl
(tied BYU, 13-13)

NFL NUMBERS

- » NFL Super Bowls - 1
- » NFL Super Bowl Championships - 1
- » NFL Playoff Games - 11

One of the nation's elite coaches, Bo Pelini is one of only three current college coaches who have won at least nine games in each of the past five years. Pelini is also the nation's only coach to lead his team to a conference title game three times in the past four seasons.

But Pelini isn't focused on his individual accomplishments. His focus is on the team and the process. Pelini's process is working, as he has won at least nine games in each of his first five seasons on the Husker sideline, including three 10-win seasons in the last four years. Among schools currently in a Bowl Championship Series automatic qualifying conference, Pelini is only the 11th head coach in college football history to win at least nine games in each of his first five seasons. Pelini is just the fourth first-time head coach to lead a BCS conference school to nine wins in each of his first five seasons. Nebraska, Alabama, Boise State and Oregon are the only four programs to win at least nine games each of the past five seasons.

The 45-year old Pelini's 48 wins in his first five full seasons rank as the 15th-most among major college head coaches in college football history, according to NCAA records. Pelini is also the most successful coach in the hiring class of 2008, owning more victories than any of the other 18 head coaches who were hired for their jobs beginning with the 2008 season. Pelini has also captured at least a share of the conference divisional title in four of his first five seasons, taking the Huskers to three conference championship games the past four seasons, after inheriting a Nebraska team that finished 5-7 in the season before his arrival.

With five straight nine-win seasons to open his head coaching career, Pelini joins Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne as the only Husker coaches to accomplish that feat. Pelini has also put himself in an elite group of BCS Conference coaches.

Pelini guided Nebraska to a 10-4 mark in 2012 against the nation's fifth-toughest schedule, according to the NCAA. Pelini's 48 wins in his first five full seasons are just one victory shy of Frank Solich's mark for the most wins ever by a Husker coach in his first five seasons. Pelini's first victory in 2013 will be his 50th overall victory at Nebraska, including a win as interim head coach for the 2003 Alamo Bowl.

As a testament to Pelini's process, Nebraska excelled in close games in 2012. The Huskers were 5-1 in games decided by fewer than 10 points. His team showed great resiliency to rally from second-half deficits in five of its seven Big Ten victories. Included in those totals are rallies from a 17-point second-half deficit against Wisconsin, a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit at Northwestern, a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit at Michigan State and a 14-point second-half deficit against Penn State. The Huskers also trailed Iowa by one at halftime at Kinnick Stadium. The 12-point fourth-quarter rally at Northwestern tied for the largest fourth-quarter comeback in school history and marked the second time a Pelini team had pulled off a 12-point fourth-quarter comeback.

The Huskers produced a 10-win season in 2012, and saw five players earn first-team All-Big Ten honors. Quarterback Taylor Martinez and offensive guard Spencer Long were Nebraska's first-team all-conference selections by the league's coaches, while Long completed his journey from walk-on to All-American, earning second-team All-America honors from the Walter Camp Foundation. Joining Long as All-Big Ten honorees by the media were linebacker Eric Martin, safety Daimion Stafford and kicker Brett Maher.

In 2011, Pelini faced the challenge of preparing Nebraska for its first season in the Big Ten Conference. Pelini was up to the task, leading the Huskers to a 9-4 record. Nebraska faced one of the nation's most challenging schedules, highlighted by facing 11 new opponents. Four of Nebraska's eight conference foes were ranked at the time of the game, including the Huskers' 24-3 victory over No. 9 Michigan State that gave Nebraska a win over a top-10 opponent for the second straight season. In addition to the ranked teams, 10 of NU's 12 FBS opponents played in a bowl game. Lavonte David was chosen as a first-team All-American and the Big Ten Linebacker of the Year in 2011, and he also became just the fourth Husker to be named a finalist for the Butkus Award. David, who became only the fifth Blackshirt to post back-to-back 100-tackle seasons, was also



a semifinalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award and the Lott Trophy. Despite playing only two seasons at Nebraska, David posted the fourth-highest tackle total in school history.

Fellow Blackshirt Alfonso Dennard battled through injuries to earn the Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year award. David and Dennard's honors come on the heels of a Husker being named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year in both the 2009 and 2010 seasons.

Maher was also named the Big Ten Punter and Place-kicker of the Year, becoming the first player to win both awards. Maher also became the first player to earn first-team All-Big Ten recognition as the punter and place-kicker in the same season since 2001. Maher earned the Bakken-Andersen Big Ten Kicker-of-the-Year Award again in 2012.

Pelini's leadership helped NU overcome the challenge of a new conference in 2011, while featuring a first-time offensive coordinator and four new assistant coaches. The Huskers also dealt with their share of injuries, among them playing without Dennard for the beginning of the year and losing 2010 All-American Jared Crick for the year in October.

In 2010, Pelini guided Nebraska to its third Big 12 North Division title in his three years as head coach in the conference. He is the only coach in Big 12 history to win at least a share of a divisional title in each of his first three seasons. NU finished with a 10-4 record, giving the Huskers consecutive 10-win seasons for the first time since 2000 and 2001.

During the Huskers' 2010 run, Pelini guided Nebraska to wins over ranked teams in back-to-back weeks knocking off Oklahoma State and Missouri in late October to take control of the Big 12 North. The victories marked the first time NU had defeated top-20 teams in consecutive games since 1999. The win at No. 17 Oklahoma State was the highest ranked team NU had defeated on the road since 1997, while the victory over seventh-ranked Missouri in Lincoln was the highest-ranked team NU had defeated in nine seasons.

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NEBRASKA HAS WON AT LEAST NINE GAMES IN EACH OF COACH PELINI'S FIRST FIVE SEASONS. ALONG WITH NEBRASKA, ONLY ALABAMA, OREGON AND BOISE STATE HAVE POSTED FIVE CONSECUTIVE NINE-WIN SEASONS.

NINE WINS IN EACH OF FIRST FIVE SEASONS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Years</u>
Larry Coker	Miami	2001-05
Barry Switzer	Oklahoma	1973-77
Bo Pelini	Nebraska	2008-12
Tom Osborne	Nebraska	1998-2002

Includes first-time head coaches from a school currently in a BCS Conference

HIGHEST FIVE-YEAR COACHING WIN TOTALS

<u>Coach, School</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Chris Petersen, Boise State	2006-10	67
Bob Pruett, Marshall	1996-2000	58
Bob Stoops, Oklahoma	1999-2003	55
Larry Coker, Miami	2001-05	53
Mark Richt, Georgia	2001-05	52
Barry Switzer, Oklahoma	1973-77	51
John Robinson, USC	1976-80	50
R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M	1989-93	49
Lloyd Carr, Michigan	1995-99	49
Bronco Mendenhall, BYU	2005-09	49
Bret Bielema, Wisconsin	2006-10	49
Frank Solich, Nebraska	1998-2002	49
Bo Pelini, Nebraska	2008-12	48

Includes first-time head coaches from the FBS level since 1900

MOST WINS AMONG 2008 HIRING CLASS

<u>Coach</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Years</u>
Bo Pelini	Nebraska	48
Paul Johnson	Georgia Tech	41
Ken Niumatalolo	Navy	40

Pelini's expertise has always been defense, and the 2010 Blackshirts reflected his defensive acumen. The Huskers ranked 11th nationally in total defense, after finishing seventh in that category in 2009. Nebraska also finished in the top 10 in pass efficiency defense, passing yards allowed and scoring defense for the second straight year in 2010. In 2009, Pelini guided Nebraska to a 10-4 record and the Big 12 North championship. The Huskers posted their first 10-win season in six years and were ranked No. 14 in both final national polls, NU's highest final ranking since 2001. NU fell just one point and one second short of its first Big 12 title in a decade, dropping a 13-12 decision to second-ranked Texas in the Big 12 Championship Game. Nebraska capped the year with a dominant 33-0 shutout of Arizona in the Holiday Bowl, giving Pelini the third of three straight bowl wins to open his head coaching career.

Nebraska's path to the conference title game was not an easy one. After a pair of disappointing October losses, Nebraska stood 4-3 overall and just 1-2 in Big 12 play. However, the Huskers reeled off five straight wins to end the regular season, including three road victories, and captured the division title by two games.

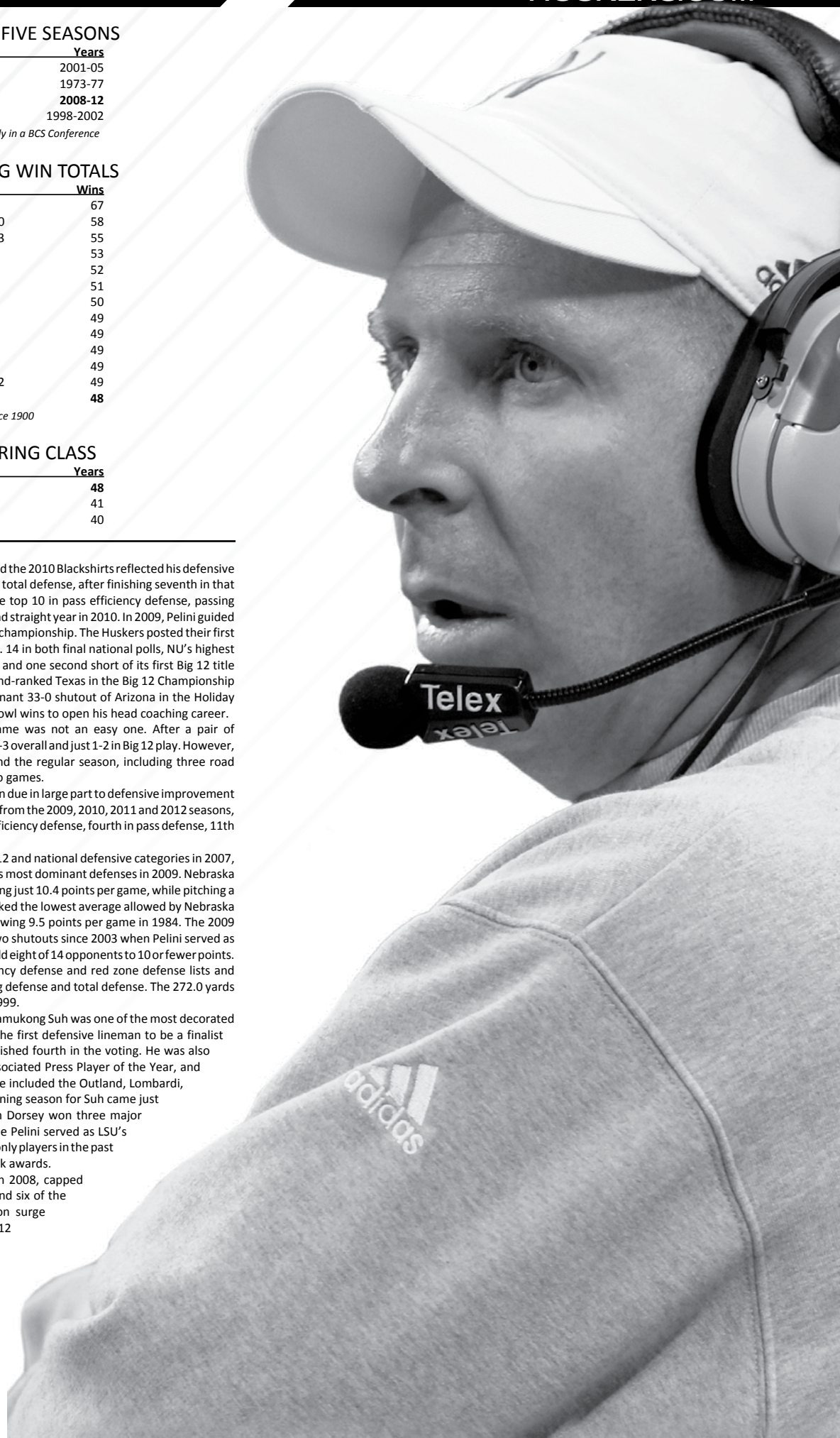
The Huskers' resurgence under Pelini has been due in large part to defensive improvement – Pelini's area of expertise. Combining statistics from the 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 seasons, NU's defense ranks second nationally in pass efficiency defense, fourth in pass defense, 11th in scoring defense and 12th in total defense.

After ranking near the bottom of several Big 12 and national defensive categories in 2007, NU ascended to a position as one of the nation's most dominant defenses in 2009. Nebraska led the nation in scoring defense in 2009, allowing just 10.4 points per game, while pitching a pair of shutouts. The 10.4 points per game marked the lowest average allowed by Nebraska since the Blackshirts also led the nation by allowing 9.5 points per game in 1984. The 2009 season also marked the first time NU posted two shutouts since 2003 when Pelini served as defensive coordinator, and the 2009 Huskers held eight of 14 opponents to 10 or fewer points.

The Blackshirts also topped the pass efficiency defense and red zone defense lists and ranked in the top 10 nationally in sacks, rushing defense and total defense. The 272.0 yards per game allowed ranked as NU's best since 1999.

Under Pelini's guidance, defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh was one of the most decorated defensive players in college football history. The first defensive lineman to be a finalist for the Heisman Trophy in 15 seasons, Suh finished fourth in the voting. He was also the first defensive player to be named the Associated Press Player of the Year, and was a unanimous All-American. Suh's hardware included the Outland, Lombardi, Nagurski and Bednarik awards. The award-winning season for Suh came just two seasons after LSU defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey won three major national awards and was an All-American while Pelini served as LSU's defensive coordinator. Suh and Dorsey are the only players in the past 15 seasons to sweep the Nagurski and Bednarik awards.

Pelini guided the Huskers to a 9-4 record in 2008, capped by victories in the Huskers' final four games and six of the season's final seven contests. The late-season surge allowed Nebraska to earn a share of the Big 12 North championship, and the Huskers picked up their ninth win with a 26-21 come-from-behind victory over Clemson in the Konica Minolta Gator Bowl. The win was a fitting conclusion for a team that developed a toughness that was a direct extension of its head coach.





THE PELINI FAMILY

(from left) Kate, Mary Pat, Caralyn, Bo and Patrick.

Pelini's nine wins were the most nationally among first-time head coaches in 2008. Nebraska won its final four games of 2008 to carry the longest winning streak into a season since 2000. The 6-1 run to close the year tied for the best by an NU team since 1997, and Nebraska won its final four games for just the second time since 1997. In fact, through four seasons, Pelini's Nebraska teams have a 15-7 record in games played on or after Nov. 1, including a 12-4 mark in regular-season contests.

The success under Pelini in 2008 was attributed to both sides of the football. The Husker offense continued to rank among the nation's best, finishing in the nation's top 20 in passing offense, scoring offense and total offense.

The biggest gains were made on the defensive side of the ball, where Pelini implemented his proven defensive system. Nebraska improved its total defensive average by 126.9 yards per game and finished second in the Big 12 in total defense. The run defense allowed 116.5 yards per game, nearly cutting its average from 2007 in half and finishing in the top 25 nationally in that category. The Blackshirts also posted 35 sacks, nearly tripling the total of the previous season.

The successful first season for Pelini came as a result of his ability to quickly implement his attitude and leadership into the program. Nebraska Athletic Director and Hall of Fame coach Tom Osborne named Pelini the 28th head coach in Nebraska football history on Dec. 2, 2007. Pelini wasted no time instilling a disciplined approach on and off the field, while also embracing the traditions of the Cornhusker football program. Pelini built a coaching staff with close ties to both the Pelini family and the Nebraska football family. The Nebraska staff currently includes three former Husker players.

Pelini immediately showed the discipline to handle multiple tasks following his hiring. While quickly taking charge of all aspects of the Nebraska program, Pelini was also committed to finishing what he had started at LSU. Pelini returned to Baton Rouge in mid-December of 2007 and successfully orchestrated the Tigers' defensive game plan for the BCS National Championship Game against Ohio State. The 38-24 win was keyed by a defense that forced three turnovers and had five sacks.

Following the championship victory, Pelini turned his full focus to Nebraska. His first order of business in Lincoln was to pull together the Huskers' 2008 recruiting class. Pelini successfully organized and led a recruiting charge that allowed Nebraska to sign a talented and balanced recruiting class that February.

Pelini also understands the importance of the storied Nebraska walk-on program, and has integrated it as a key part of the Huskers' recruiting plan. The Cornhusker staff has welcomed more than 115 walk-ons to the program in Pelini's first six recruiting classes, and will continue to make the walk-on program a focus in future years.

Pelini has also reached out to two groups that form the backbone of the tradition-rich Nebraska program—its former players and its passionate fan base.

Former Cornhuskers have rallied behind Pelini's blue-collar approach. In turn the head coach has opened his door to those who helped build the program. Pelini has made a strong effort to connect with former players and those past Cornhuskers have become a fixture in the football offices and at practices.

Pelini has made regular public appearances around the state, reaching out to the nation's most loyal fans. The widespread support for Pelini has been evident at every stop and his simple, humble approach is a perfect fit with Nebraskans. The support for Pelini has been evident since his arrival, beginning with 80,000 fans at the Red-White Spring Game in April of 2008 to loyal followings on the road, at bowl games in Jacksonville and San Diego and the 2009 and 2010 Big 12 Championship Games in Arlington, Texas. That continued in 2011 and 2012 as Husker fans have followed the Big Red through its first two seasons of Big Ten Conference action.

While devoting time to former players, fans and attracting talented future Huskers, Pelini's No. 1 professional priority has been, and always will be, the current players in his program. Players have responded to his straight-forward message and process: Work hard, do the right thing and success will follow.

That hard work and discipline does not end on the field. Pelini's players have excelled in the classroom as well since he took over the program. Among Nebraska's 29-player 2012 senior class, 17 student-athletes had earned their degree before the Capital One Bowl, and all 29 are on track to graduate by August of 2013. Overall, 99 of 107 players in Pelini's first five senior classes are on track to earn their degree by August of 2013.

Seventeen of Pelini's players have earned CoSIDA Academic All-District honors, with eight players earning Academic All-America honors. I-back Rex Burkhead earned first-team Academic All-America honors for a second straight season in 2012, while linebacker Sean Fisher was a second-team choice for the second straight year. In 2010 and 2011, safety Austin Cassidy was a two-time first-team selection. Pelini's first two Academic All-Americans were 2008 second-team selections Todd Peterson and Tyler Wortman. Pelini has also seen 93 of his players earn first-team academic all-conference honors during the past five years.

The wide-spread success Pelini has enjoyed in his first five seasons in Lincoln should come as no surprise. Prior to being named head coach, Pelini enjoyed five seasons as college football's most successful defensive coordinator. But the success story started much earlier during Pelini's youth. The youngest of eight children, Pelini grew up in the hard-nosed town of Youngstown, Ohio. Pelini's parents instilled the discipline at a young age that has guided Bo to success both in and out of athletics.

Pelini's passion for athletics began in Youngstown. After a standout prep career at Cardinal Mooney High School, Pelini went on to Ohio State. A hard-hitting safety, he was known for his passionate and relentless play. Teammates recognized his leadership and elected Pelini a team captain as a senior.

The tradition of being part of winning programs did not end after Pelini's playing career. His coaching career has featured success at every stop along the way. A Super Bowl ring and a national championship are part of Pelini's impressive resume.

That coaching resume included a one-year stop as defensive coordinator at Nebraska. During the 2003 season, Pelini quickly learned the traditions of Nebraska football and its passionate fan base. In turn, Husker fans recognized the discipline and passion instilled by Pelini in the Blackshirt defense.

His first stop in Lincoln marked Pelini's first full-time college coaching job. During that 2003 season, Pelini engineered a dominant Blackshirt defense. The energized, relentless unit finished among the Big 12 and nation's best in nearly every defensive category.

Nebraska finished the year ranked first nationally in pass efficiency defense, second in scoring defense and 11th in total defense. The Huskers set a school and Big 12 record with 32 interceptions and tied an NU record with 47 takeaways, helping Nebraska lead the nation in turnover margin.

Pelini began his second tour of duty at Nebraska in 2008 with a victory on his resume. His first tenure in Lincoln was capped by serving as the interim head coach for Nebraska's dominant 17-3 win over Michigan State in the 2003 Alamo Bowl. In the win, the defense held MSU to just 174 total yards and a first-quarter field goal.

More defensive dominance followed in Pelini's next two stops at Oklahoma and LSU. Pelini served as the co-defensive coordinator on Bob Stoops' staff at Oklahoma in 2004, helping the Sooners win a Big 12 title and reach the national championship game against USC. Oklahoma finished the season ranked sixth nationally in rush defense, 11th in scoring defense and 13th in total defense.

In his three seasons as the defensive coordinator at LSU from 2005 to 2007, Pelini's dominant defenses helped the Tigers compile a 34-6 record, including the 2007 BCS national championship and the Southeastern Conference championship. The BCS title game in January of 2008 marked the third time in four years that Pelini was a part of a team that played in a BCS game.

The play of Pelini's defenses was a key part of LSU's success. The Tigers ranked third in the nation in total defense in 2007, surrendering an average of 288.8 yards per game. LSU also ranked in the top 25 nationally in pass efficiency defense (3rd), passing yards allowed per game (9th), rush defense (14th) and scoring defense (17th). Defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey was the nation's most decorated defender in 2007, earning the Outland Trophy, the Lombardi Award and the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, while safety Craig Steltz earned All-America honors.

Pelini's defenses have a history of swarming to the football. LSU forced 36 turnovers in 2007, the third-most takeaways in the country. The Tigers' 2007 defensive success was the standard for Pelini at LSU, as each of his three LSU defenses ranked No. 3 nationally in total defense. Pelini's 2006 unit surrendered just 242.8 yards per game, the fewest by a Tiger team since 1976. A pair of Tigers earned first-team All-America honors, including Dorsey and safety LaRon Landry, who went on to become the sixth overall pick in the NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins.

In 2005, the Tigers allowed just 266.9 yards per game, and ranked in the top 10 nationally in all four major defensive categories, including third in total defense, scoring defense and pass efficiency defense. Kyle Williams and Claude Wroten were both first-team All-America selections.

Overall, the 10 college teams Pelini has been a part of have compiled an impressive 104-30 record, winning at least nine games every season, including seven 10-win campaigns, four 11-win seasons and a pair of 12-win efforts. His defenses have posted 10 shutouts and held the opposition to seven points or less 40 times.

Before joining the Huskers in 2003, Pelini had nine years of NFL experience, one season at a Division I university, and one year in the high school ranks. Pelini broke into the NFL in 1994 as assistant secondary coach for the San Francisco 49ers. With the 49ers, Pelini coached

in the Super Bowl, helping San Francisco to a 49-26 win over San Diego in Super Bowl XXIX. Pelini held that position for three years before moving to the Patriots. He spent three years as New England's linebackers coach under coach Pete Carroll, helping the Patriots to a 27-21 record and two playoff appearances.

After three years with the Patriots, Pelini moved to the Packers, coaching linebackers for three seasons. In three years in Green Bay with head coach Mike Sherman, the Packers posted a 33-15 record and advanced twice to the playoffs. In 2002, the Packer defense ranked fourth in the NFL in pass defense, allowing 188.4 yards per game.

Pelini got his start in coaching in 1991, serving as a graduate assistant coach at Iowa under Hayden Fry. From there he moved into the high school ranks, serving as quarterbacks coach at Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown, Ohio in 1993 before taking the leap to the 49ers.

A standout free safety at Ohio State from 1987 to 1990, Pelini earned four letters for the Buckeyes. He was a three-time selection to the Academic All-Big Ten team. As a senior co-captain Pelini received the "Bo Rein Award," given annually to the Buckeyes' most inspirational player.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT BO PELINI

"Our football program has made significant progress under Bo's leadership. Bo is very straight-forward and very honest, and this is something players like. Our football team has responded to Bo's leadership and that has been a big part of the team's success. It is obvious he has a good understanding of this football program and an understanding of the importance of football to the state."

Tom Osborne, Hall of Fame Football Coach and former NU Athletic Director

"Bo is a great person and a great coach. He did a wonderful job for us while he was on our staff, and he has obviously been successful at his other stops, as well. He is doing an excellent job for Nebraska."

Oklahoma Head Coach Bob Stoops

"I spent five years with Bo in the NFL. He's a great football coach. He is a success due to his work ethic, toughness and the great schemes that he brings."

Seattle Seahawks Head Coach Pete Carroll

"Hopefully, I am an example of what a player can gain by coming to Nebraska and playing for Coach Pelini and his staff. The coaching staff taught me so much in the short amount of time I was able to work with them. As a recruit you can come in and have four years under your belt with this staff. Just imagine how much better you can become."

Ndamukong Suh, 2009 Heisman Trophy finalist, Lombardi, Outland, Nagurski and Bednarik awards winner and 2010 No. 2 NFL Draft pick

"When Coach Pelini came (to Nebraska) he definitely established a whole new culture that kept all of us accountable and just got us ready to be young men in the future."

Prince Amukamara, 2010 All-American and 2011 No. 19 NFL Draft pick

"I'm just grateful I had the opportunity to play for him because he's done tremendous things for me in my career. He has, without a doubt, made me the player I am today. I just enjoy the way he coaches. I just enjoy being around him."

Glenn Dorsey, 2007 Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy winner under Pelini



TIM BECK

EXPERIENCE

NEBRASKA

- » Offensive Coordinator (2011-13)
- » Running Backs (2008-10)

KANSAS

- » Wide Receivers/
Passing Game Coordinator (2007)
- » Wide Receivers (2005-06)

MISSOURI STATE

- » Offensive Coordinator (1998)
- » Passing Game Coordinator (1997)
- » Wide Receivers (1996)

KANSAS STATE

- » Graduate Assistant (1991-92)

ILLINOIS STATE

- » Outside Linebackers (1990)

HIGH SCHOOL HEAD COACH

- » Mansfield Summit (Texas)
High School (2002-04)
- » R.L. Turner (Texas) High School
(1999-2001)
- » Saguaro (Ariz.)
High School
(1993-95)

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT

- » Miramar (Fla.)
High School
(1988-89)

COACHING

NUMBERS

- » Bowl Games - 7
- » BCS Bowl Games - 1
- » Conference Title Games - 3

An innovative coach regarded as one of the nation's finest offensive minds, Tim Beck has played a large role in Nebraska's three conference title game appearances in the past four seasons. Beck's fast-paced offense scored nearly 500 points last fall, earning him a nomination as the nation's top assistant coach. Beck is also known for his ability to quickly develop and utilize underclassmen in his offense.

Beck is in his sixth season at Nebraska and his third year as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. A 2012 Broyles Award nominee, Beck spent his first three seasons coaching the running backs.

NU has scored at least two touchdowns in 26 of Beck's 27 games as offensive coordinator. In 2012, Beck's offense scored 57 offensive touchdowns, the program's most since 2008. The Huskers averaged 34.8 points per game in 2012, a total that ranked 28th nationally.

In addition to the impressive scoring - the Huskers have averaged 32.1 points per game in Beck's two seasons calling plays - NU was eighth nationally in rushing in 2012 (253.4 ypg) and 26th in total offense (460.8 ypg), ranking second in school history with 6,451 yards of offense. NU led the Big Ten in total offense and rushing offense.

Quarterback Taylor Martinez flourished in his second season in Beck's offense. The coaches' selection as the first-team All-Big Ten quarterback, Martinez accounted for a school-record 3,890 yards of total offense in 2012. Martinez rushed for 1,019 yards in 2012 - the fourth-highest total by a quarterback in school history - and he threw for 2,871 yards, the highest total ever by a Husker junior and the third-highest mark overall.

As a testament to Beck's versatility as a play caller, Martinez posted three 300-yard passing performances and five 100-yard rushing efforts. Martinez accounted for 33 total touchdowns in 2012 (10 rushing, 23 passing), setting an NU record. In addition to the impressive season totals, Martinez also became Nebraska's career passing and total offense leader during the 2012 campaign.

I-back Ameer Abdullah also excelled in Beck's offense in 2012. Abdullah rushed for 1,137 yards, the sixth-highest sophomore total in school history. Abdullah's performance earned him second-team all-conference accolades.

Receiver Kenny Bell was another sophomore who flourished in Beck's offense in 2012.

After becoming the second freshman in school history to lead Nebraska in receptions and receiving yards in 2011, Bell repeated the feat in 2012. Bell set NU sophomore records with 50 catches, 863 receiving yards and eight receiving touchdowns. Bell, who also set a Husker sophomore record

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS
SIXTH SEASON
CENTRAL FLORIDA | 1988



THE BECK FAMILY

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

with three 100-yard receiving games, ranked fourth overall on Nebraska's season receiving touchdowns chart, fourth in receiving yards, sixth in 100-yard receiving games, seventh in receptions and ninth in yards per reception (17.5). He was a second-team All-Big Ten selection.

Behind the trio of Martinez, Abdullah and Bell, Nebraska was one of only 19 school nationally - and the only Big Ten team - to average 200 yards passing and rushing in 2012. NU was also one of only four teams in the country to boast five players who averaged better than 5.0 yards per carry on at least 50 carries in 2012.

Offensive guard Spencer Long earned second-team All-America honors in 2012, in addition to being a consensus first-team All-Big Ten selection. Offensive tackle Jeremiah Sirles earned second-team all-conference honors, while tight ends Ben Cotton and Kyler Reed and center Justin Jackson were honorable-mention selections.

Beck impressed in his first year as offensive coordinator in 2011. NU averaged nearly 30 points per game, and the Huskers scored at least two touchdowns in every game in 2011, a feat NU has accomplished only twice in the past 10 seasons. NU's rushing attack flourished, averaging 217.2 yards per game to rank 15th nationally.

Individually, All-Big Ten back Rex Burkhead tied a school record by scoring a touchdown in 10 consecutive games to open the season. Burkhead finished 19th nationally in rushing (104.4 ypg), and his 1,357 rushing yards were the seventh-most in school history and the most by a Husker I-back since 1997. Martinez added 874 yards.

The Huskers also boasted an efficient passing attack under Beck. Martinez completed 56 percent of his passes and threw for 2,089 yards, the seventh-highest total in school history. Martinez also posted the top total offense season (2,963) by a Husker sophomore in 2011 and the fourth-best overall mark in school history.

As running backs coach from 2008 to 2010, Beck guided the Huskers' potent rushing attack. NU ranked first in the Big 12 and ninth nationally in 2010 at 247.6 yards per game. The Huskers ranked seventh nationally with an average of 5.47 yards per carry.

Two-time All-Big 12 selection Roy Helu Jr. ran for a career-high 1,245 yards in 2010 before being selected in the fourth round of the 2011 NFL Draft. Helu Jr. was the first Husker to post back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons in nearly two decades. Helu Jr. also set the NU single-game rushing record with 307 yards against Missouri. Burkhead earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades and rushed for 951 yards in 2010.

NU's running game improved throughout 2008. Nebraska had five games with more than 200 rushing yards in league play. In Big 12 games, NU ranked third in the league in rushing (182.5 ypg).

Beck came to NU after a three-year stint on the staff at Kansas. Beck was KU's receivers coach each of his three seasons in Lawrence, and was promoted to pass game coordinator in February of 2007. Kansas finished with a 12-1 record and a No. 7 final national ranking.

1 NEBRASKA WAS THE ONLY TEAM IN THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE AND ONE OF JUST 19 SCHOOLS NATIONALLY TO AVERAGE 200 YARDS RUSHING AND 200 YARDS PASSING IN 2012.

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
SIXTH SEASON
VIRGINIA TECH | 2001

JOHN PAPUCHIS

A passionate leader, John Papuchis is one of the nation's top young coaches. Papuchis has coached in two BCS Bowl Games and five conference title games in the past eight seasons alone. Papuchis has also coached five defenses in the past eight seasons that have ranked in the top 10 nationally in scoring defense, including two in his past four years at Nebraska.

Papuchis is in his sixth season at Nebraska and his second year as the defensive coordinator. Papuchis has made a quick rise through the coaching ranks. At 35, he was the fourth-youngest defensive coordinator in the country in 2012 and the youngest solo defensive coordinator.

Under Papuchis' direction, Nebraska fielded one of the nation's top pass defenses in 2012, and the Blackshirts played a key role in the Huskers advancing to a conference championship game for the third time in four seasons. Nebraska finished fourth in the nation in pass defense, ninth in pass efficiency defense and 35th in total defense.

Nebraska allowed opposing quarterbacks to complete only 47.1 percent of their passes, the best mark in the nation. Nebraska posted an opponent completion percentage under 50 percent for the third time in the past four seasons and held opposing passers to the worst completion percentage at Nebraska since 2001 (43.3 percent). The 164.1 passing yards per game the Blackshirts allowed was the second-lowest at Nebraska in the past 20 seasons.

The Blackshirts played a key role in Nebraska's 10-win season, holding Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa to 200 or fewer total yards, limiting the Wolverines and Golden Gophers to fewer than 100 yards passing and rushing. The Huskers nearly held the Hawkeyes below the century mark in both rushing (108 yards) and passing (92 yards) as well.

From a scoring standpoint, NU held five opponents to 14 or fewer points in 2012. The Huskers held Arkansas State to 13 points, its fewest of the year and one of only two games where the Red Wolves were held below 30 points. The Blackshirts held both Iowa and Michigan to their second-lowest point totals of the year and their lowest marks in conference play. Individually, defensive end Eric Martin broke through in his senior season. A first-team All-Big Ten selection, Martin had 18 TFLs and 8.5 sacks in 2012 after entering his senior season with only four career TFLs and 2.5 career sacks.

Daimion Stafford led the Big Ten with four interceptions in conference games en route to earning first-team all-conference honors. Linebacker Will Compton tallied a career-high 110 tackles in 2012, and he was a second-team All-Big Ten selection. Defensive tackle Baker Steinkuhler also earned second-team All-Big Ten honors, while defensive back Ciente Evans was an honorable-mention all-conference selection.

In his first four years on staff, Papuchis tutored the defensive line and served as special teams coordinator, while also filling the role of recruiting coordinator in 2011. Papuchis' work with the defensive line helped the Huskers rank in the top 10 in total defense and the top 11 in scoring defense in 2009 and 2010.

NU's defensive line had to overcome numerous injuries in 2011, but the unit persevered, combining for 226 tackles, 14.5 sacks and 26 tackles for loss. Two defensive linemen - Cameron Meredith and Steinkuhler - earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten accolades.

As defensive ends coach, Papuchis produced four all-conference ends in three years. In 2010, both Meredith and Pierre Allen were all-conference selections. Barry Turner was also an all-conference pick in 2009, and Zach Potter earned all-conference accolades in 2008. The 2009 Huskers led the nation in scoring defense.

Nebraska also owned one of the nation's top special teams units from 2008 to 2011 under Papuchis' direction. He produced two All-America kickers in his time in charge of the special teams. Alex Henery earned the title of the most accurate kicker in NCAA history and was a first-team All-American in 2010. Papuchis developed his second straight All-America kicker in 2011, when Brett Maher earned All-America accolades. Both Maher and Henery handled punting and kicking chores for the Huskers. Maher was the Bakken-Andersen



THE PAPUCHIS FAMILY

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

Big Ten Kicker of the Year in 2011 and the Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year. Maher also became the first player to be selected as both the All-Big Ten first-team punter and place-kicker since 2001.

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

In 2010, Papuchis was one of four finalists for the FootballScoop Special Teams Coordinator-of-the-Year Award. That season, Henery earned first-team All-America honors while ending his career as Nebraska's all-time leading scorer and the most accurate kicker in NCAA history, establishing eight NCAA records. In 2009, Henery had an NU record 24 field goals. Henery also placed a Big 12-leading 30 punts inside the opponent 20-yard line.

The special teams unit also had a banner year under Papuchis in 2008, headlined by Henery's school-record 57-yard game-winning field goal against Colorado.

Papuchis joined Nebraska after previous stops at Kansas (2001-03) and LSU (2004-07).

The efforts of Papuchis helped LSU rank third nationally in total defense each season from 2005 to 2007. In 2007, the Tiger defense helped LSU to SEC and national titles, capped by a 38-24 victory over Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game.

The Tigers had a pair of consensus All-Americans in Glenn Dorsey and Craig Steltz.

EXPERIENCE

NEBRASKA

- » Defensive Coordinator (2012-13)
- » Defensive Line/Special Teams Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator (2011)
- » Defensive Line/Special Teams Coordinator (2008-10)

LSU

- » Defensive Intern/Graduate Assistant (2004-07)

KANSAS

- » Graduate Assistant (2001-03)

COACHING NUMBERS

- » Bowl Games - 10
- » BCS Bowl Games - 2
- » Conference Title Games - 5
- » BCS National Championships - 1



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UNDER PAPUCHIS IN 2012, NU RANKED IN THE TOP 10 NATIONALLY IN OPPONENT COMPLETION PERCENTAGE, PASS DEFENSE AND PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE.

RON BROWN

EXPERIENCE

NEBRASKA

- » Running Backs (2011-13)
- » Tight Ends (2008-10)
- » Wide Receivers (2003)
- » Wide Receivers/Tight Ends (1987-2002)

BROWN

- » Defensive Backs (1984-86)
- » Head Freshman Coach (1983)

NEW JERSEY RAMS

- » Defensive Coordinator (1982)

COACHING NUMBERS

- » Bowl Games - 22
- » BCS Bowl Games - 13
- » National Championships - 3
- » Conference Title Games - 7

A man of integrity and principles, Ron Brown has used his nearly 30 years of collegiate coaching experience to develop not only outstanding players, but also outstanding men. The proof of his success is well documented. In addition to tremendous team success, Brown has coached 41 academic all-conference players, and 28 of his former players have gone on to professional careers.

Brown is in his 23rd season at Nebraska and his sixth year on Bo Pelini's staff, after rejoining the Husker coaching staff in 2008. Brown enters his third year as running backs coach, after coaching tight ends his first three years on Pelini's staff. Brown previously served on the NU staff for 17 seasons from 1987 to 2003.

Brown's running backs helped NU rank eighth nationally in rushing offense (253.4 yards per game) in 2012. Preseason All-American Rex Burkhead missed much of the season with a knee injury, and carried the ball only 98 times, but managed 675 yards and 6.9 yards per carry. Without his top running back, Brown tweaked his I-back rotation to help the Huskers again rank among the nation's rushing leaders.

Sophomore I-back Ameer Abdullah, who had only 42 carries for 150 yards in 2011, rushed for 1,137 yards on 226 carries. His rushing total was the sixth-highest ever by a Husker sophomore, despite starting only seven games. Abdullah produced six 100-yard rushing efforts, including 100-yard performances in each of his first five career starts, the longest such streak by a Husker since 1993. A second-team All-Big Ten selection, Abdullah accounted for 11 total touchdowns, including eight on the ground.

True freshman Imani Cross also flourished under Brown's direction, producing a 100-yard game against Idaho State, while scoring seven touchdowns.

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

Burkhead reached 1,000 yards rushing in only 10 games, becoming the first Husker I-back to accomplish that feat since 2001. Burkhead has also had a knack for finding the end zone, scoring 17 touchdowns, including 15 on the ground, and finishing in a tie for 40th nationally in scoring. Burkhead set a school record by scoring a touchdown in each of the first 10 games in 2011 and tied the overall Nebraska record by scoring a touchdown in 10 consecutive games. Working with the tight ends in 2010, Brown's unit was a valuable asset in both the passing and running games. In the passing game, Tyler Reed emerged as a playmaker, catching 22 passes for 395 yards and an NU tight end-record eight touchdown grabs. Brown's tight ends were also a key cog in Nebraska's rushing attack, which led

RUNNING BACKS

SIXTH SEASON | 23RD OVERALL
BROWN | 1979



THE BROWN FAMILY

(from left): Ron, Malvina, Bronwyn and Sojourner.

the Big 12 and ranked ninth nationally in rushing.

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

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

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

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

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

Twenty-eight of Brown's players have gone on to professional careers, including Burkhead, a 2013 NFL Draft Pick. Brown has coached 41 academic all-conference players and four CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, including Burkhead in 2011 and 2012.

Brown, a two-time first-team All-Ivy League defensive back, was selected to Brown's All-Century team and the school's Sports Hall of Fame. Brown signed with three NFL teams as a free agent from 1979 to 1981. He began his coaching career as a defensive coordinator for the semipro New Jersey Rams in 1982. He then spent four seasons at his alma mater before moving to Lincoln.

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

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

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NEBRASKA HAS PLAYED IN A BOWL GAME IN EACH OF BROWN'S 22 SEASONS, INCLUDING A REMARKABLE 13 BCS BOWL APPEARANCES AND SEVEN BOWL GAMES THAT DECIDED THE NATIONAL CHAMPION.

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/RUN GAME COORD.
TIGHT ENDS/OFFENSIVE LINE
SIXTH SEASON | SEVENTH OVERALL
NEBRASKA | 1983

BARNEY COTTON

Among his 25 years of coaching experience, veteran coach Barney Cotton owns 18 years of experience as a collegiate head coach or offensive coordinator. Cotton's offensive lines paved the way for Nebraska to appear in three conference title games in the past four seasons. Behind his run-game expertise, a different Husker I-back has earned all-conference honors in each of the past three seasons.

Cotton is in his sixth season on Coach Bo Pelini's Nebraska staff and his seventh year overall as a Husker assistant, counting his 2003 season as NU's offensive coordinator and offensive line coach.

Cotton's role changes slightly in 2013, as he will serve as Nebraska's run game coordinator and tight ends coach, while continuing in his role with the offensive line and as associate head coach. Cotton has been Nebraska's offensive line coach for the past five seasons and helped NU feature one of the nation's top rushing attacks.

In 2012, Cotton helped guard Spencer Long complete a journey from walk-on to All-American. A consensus first-team All-Big Ten selection, Long was named a second-team All-American by both the Associated Press and the Walter Camp Foundation. Cotton has coached the only three Husker offensive linemen to earn first-team all-conference honors since 2001, while Long was Nebraska's first All-America offensive lineman since Tionu Fonoti in 2001.

In addition to Long, former walk-on center Justin Jackson, a converted defensive lineman, earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten accolades in his first year at center. Offensive tackle Jeremiah Sirles was a second-team all-conference selection, giving Nebraska three all-conference offensive linemen in 2012.

The line helped Nebraska rank eighth nationally with 253.4 rushing yards per game. It paved the way for Ameer Abdullah to become the first Husker sophomore to rush for 1,000 yards since 1994, helping Abdullah earn second-team All-Big Ten honors. The unit also helped Nebraska top 200 yards rushing 12 times in 2012, the highest total by a Husker team since 1997.

Cotton's line also enabled All-Big Ten quarterback Taylor Martinez to set Nebraska's junior class total offense record, throwing for 2,871 yards and rushing for another 1,019 yards and accounting for a school-record 3,890 total yards.

The 2012 season marked the third straight year Nebraska averaged more than 200 yards rushing, a first for the program since 2001 to 2003. The 2011 Husker rushing attack ranked 15th nationally, averaging 217.2 yards per game.

Cotton has a knack for quickly developing players. First- or second-year players combined for 38 starts on the offensive line in 2011. Cotton also developed three current or former walk-ons who combined for 32 starts in 2011. Two of those former walk-ons were Mike Caputo and Long, both of whom earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 2011, along with honorable-mention selection Marcel Jones.

The 2011 line paved the way for All-Big Ten I-back Rex Burkhead to post the 32nd 1,000-yard rushing season in school history. Burkhead finished with 1,357 yards to post the highest rushing total by a Husker I-back since 1997.

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

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



THE COTTON FAMILY

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

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

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

Following his successful one-year stint with NU, Cotton served as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Iowa State. ISU made two bowl appearances in Cotton's tenure.

Following his stint at ISU, Cotton served as a volunteer assistant coach at Ames High School.

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

Cotton was head coach at Hastings in 1995 and 1996. In 1995, the Broncos won a conference title and made the NAIA playoffs, earning Cotton conference coach-of-the-year honors.

Cotton began his coaching career as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at St. Cloud State (Minn.) from 1989 to 1994.

EXPERIENCE

NEBRASKA

- » Associate Head Coach/
Run Game Coordinator/
Tight Ends (2013)
- » Associate Head Coach/
Offensive Line (2008-12)
- » Offensive Coordinator/
Offensive Line (2003)

IOWA STATE

- » Offensive Coordinator/
Offensive Line (2004-06)

NEW MEXICO STATE

- » Assistant Head Coach/
Offensive Coordinator/
Offensive Line (1997-2002)

HASTINGS COLLEGE

- » Head Coach (1995-96)

ST. CLOUD STATE

- » Off. Coord./Off. Line (1989-94)

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT

- » Ames (Iowa) High School
Volunteer (2007)

COACHING NUMBERS

- » Bowl Games - 8
- » Conference Title Games - 3

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LED BY COTTON, NEBRASKA HAS AVERAGED 240 RUSHING YARDS PER GAME OVER THE LAST THREE SEASONS COMBINED, A TOTAL THAT RANKS EIGHTH NATIONALLY.

ROSS ELS

EXPERIENCE NEBRASKA

- » Linebackers/Recruiting Coord./
Special Teams Coordinator (2012-13)
- » Linebackers (2011)

OHIO

- » Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers/
Special Teams Coordinator (2010)
- » Linebackers/Special Teams Coord.
(2007-09)
- » Linebackers (2005-06)

NEW MEXICO STATE

- » Def. Coord./Linebackers (2003-04)
- » Special Teams/Safeties (2001-02)

HASTINGS COLLEGE

- » Head Coach (1997-2000)
- » Def. Coordinator/Secondary (1996)
- » Quarterbacks (1995)

NORTHERN IOWA

- » Secondary (1994)
- » Graduate Assistant (1989)

UNO

- » Secondary (1990-93)

COACHING NUMBERS

- » Bowl Games - 5
- » Conference Title Games - 3

Coaching veteran Ross Els fills a variety of roles for the Huskers. In his two years working with the Husker linebackers, Els has produced a Big Ten Linebacker of the Year and an All-American. In his first year working with Nebraska's special teams in 2012, Brett Maher was selected as the Big Ten Kicker of the Year. Els' well-rounded work has helped NU win 19 games in his first two seasons in Lincoln.

Els begins his third season coaching NU's linebackers in 2013 and his second year as special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator. Overall he is in his 25th season in the college coaching ranks.

The play of Els' linebackers in 2012 helped Nebraska to 10 wins and a trip to the Big Ten Championship Game. Senior Will Compton earned second-team All-Big Ten honors with a team-leading 110 tackles, including six tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks. Compton also recovered three fumbles and had an interception.

Els also helped Alonzo Whaley enjoy a breakout senior season. Whaley ranked fourth on the team with 65 tackles, and he forced a team-leading four fumbles while recording four TFLs, 1.0 sack and one interception. Whaley's pick clinched Nebraska's 13-7 win at Iowa to lock up the Big Ten Legends Division Championship. Entering the year, Whaley had made only 20 career tackles.

Freshman David Santos also contributed 24 tackles and three TFLs, earning Big Ten All-Freshman honors, in addition to a Big Ten Freshman-of-the-Week accolade after he recorded a team-high 10 tackles in his only start against Michigan. Another Els pupil, Sean Fisher earned academic All-America honors for the second straight year in 2012.

As special teams coach for the first time in 2012, Els helped Brett Maher earn a repeat nod as the Big Ten Place-kicker of the Year, in addition to earning first-team All-Big Ten place-kicker accolades and second-team all-conference honors as a punter.

Els came to Nebraska in 2011 after six seasons at Ohio University. In Els' first year in Lincoln, Lavonte David was named the Big Ten Linebacker of the Year and a first-team All-American, while Compton was an honorable-mention all-conference selection.

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

Under Els' instruction, David was recognized as one of the nation's best linebackers.

He was one of six finalists for the Butkus Award, presented annually to the nation's top linebacker. David was Nebraska's first finalist for the award since 1994 and only the fourth Husker to be a Butkus finalist. David was also a semifinalist for the Chuck

LINEBACKERS/RECRUITING & SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR THIRD SEASON | UNO | 1988



THE ELS FAMILY

(clockwise from top left): Jane, Ross, Julie, Bo and Taylor

Bednarik Award and the Lott Trophy, in addition to being named the Lott Trophy national player of the week twice in 2011. Following his outstanding senior season - which saw him post the most tackles for a two-year player in school history - David was selected in the second round of the 2011 NFL Draft by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with the 58th overall pick. He enjoyed one of the NFL's best rookie seasons in 2012.

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

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

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

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

Els helped Ohio to three bowl appearances and two MAC East division championships during his stay in Athens, Ohio. He also coached a total of six All-MAC linebackers, including four first-team honorees.

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

Els had spent two seasons as an assistant under Cotton in 1995 and 1996, and also served in assistant roles at Northern Iowa (1989 and 1994) and UNO (1990-93). He is a 1988 graduate of Nebraska-Omaha, where he played safety. Els is a Lincoln Northeast High School graduate.

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IN ONLY TWO SEASONS AT NEBRASKA, ELS HAS PRODUCED THREE ALL-BIG TEN LINEBACKERS, TWO ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS AND ONE FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICAN.

WIDE RECEIVERS
THIRD SEASON
COLORADO | 1993

RICH FISHER

A former national champion, Rich Fisher has played the lead role in developing arguably the best receiving corps in school history. Fisher's receivers have helped Nebraska post two of the top seven passing seasons in school history the past two years. Fisher has shown the ability to develop and utilize underclassmen, as a freshman or sophomore has led NU in catches and receiving yards in each of his two seasons.

Fisher coaches the wide receivers in his third season on Bo Pelini's staff and is entering his 11th overall season of coaching at the Division I level. Under Fisher's tutelage, the Nebraska wide receiver unit has quickly developed into one of the most explosive and consistent groups in the Big Ten Conference.

Kenny Bell led the way in 2012, earning second-team All-Big Ten honors. Bell set Nebraska sophomore records with 50 catches, 863 receiving yards and eight receiving touchdowns, leading the Huskers in all three categories. Bell, who also set an NU sophomore record with three 100-yard receiving games, finished fourth overall on Nebraska's season receiving touchdowns chart, fourth in receiving yards, sixth in 100-yard receiving games, seventh in receptions and ninth in yards per reception (17.5). At the midway point of his career, Bell is a threat to several NU career receiving records.

In 2012, Quincy Enunwa eclipsed his previous career totals with 42 catches for 470 yards. He added a touchdown grab and a 100-yard receiving game at Northwestern, while blocking for an NU rushing attack that ranked eighth nationally. Jamal Turner hauled in 29 passes for 395 yards and two touchdowns, and played the best football of his career in the second half of the season. Senior Steven Osborne also made his first 10 career catches in 2012, totaling 91 yards and two touchdowns.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The successful season came in large part because of an explosive offense, as Rivers averaged more than 40 points per game. Husker sophomore receiver Taariq Allen was one of two standouts to earn All-Scholastic honors from the Boston Herald.

Prior to coaching at Rivers, the 42-year old Fisher spent several years in private business, including owning and operating New England Gridiron Football Camps from 2004 to 2009.



THE FISHER FAMILY

(from left): Max, Rich, Tori and Alex (not pictured: Mason)

Fisher's collegiate coaching experience includes stops at Idaho, Colorado and Oklahoma State. He has had the opportunity to work with some of the finest coaches in the game during his coaching career. At Idaho, Fisher worked alongside Northwestern Head Coach Pat Fitzgerald and three of his fellow Vandal assistants now coach in the NFL.

At Colorado under Rick Neuheisel, Fisher coached alongside future college head coaches Karl Dorrell (UCLA), Jon Embree (Colorado) and Bobby Hauck (UNLV). Fisher also coached with former Oakland Raider Head Coach Tom Cable.

During his time at Oklahoma State, Fisher coached with Les Miles (LSU), Mike Gundy (Oklahoma State) and Brent Guy (Utah State).

Fisher tutored the wide receivers during his first two seasons at Idaho in 1999 and 2000, then handled the inside and outside linebackers during his final three seasons.

Prior to his five seasons at Idaho, Fisher spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Colorado, his alma mater, working with the wide receivers in 1997 and 1998. Fisher also spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Oklahoma State in 1995 and 1996.

In 10 seasons as a coach at the collegiate level, Fisher has worked with five players who went on to play in the NFL.

Fisher was a three-year letterwinner at Colorado during the Buffs' highly successful run in the late 1980s and early 1990s. An outside linebacker, Fisher lettered in 1990, 1991 and 1992 and was part of CU's 1990 national championship team. He started in 1991 until being sidelined by a knee injury. During his playing time, he also contributed to Big Eight title teams in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

EXPERIENCE

NEBRASKA

» Wide Receivers (2011-13)

IDAHO

» Linebackers (2001-03)

» Receivers (1999-2000)

COLORADO

» Graduate Assistant (1997-98)

OKLAHOMA STATE

» Graduate Assistant (1995-96)

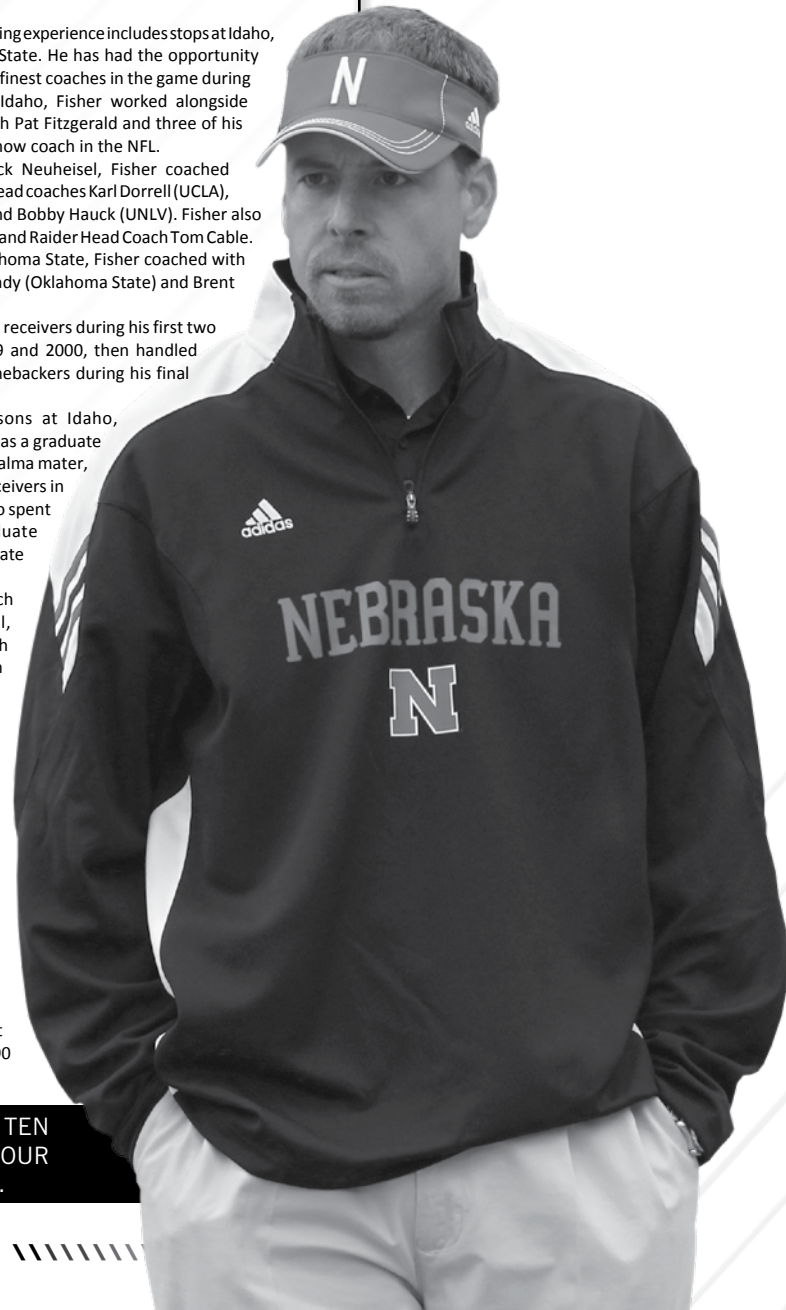
HIGH SCHOOL HEAD COACH

» Rivers (Mass.) School (2009-10)

COACHING NUMBERS

» Bowl Games - 3

» Conference Title Games - 1



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KENNY BELL HAS DEVELOPED INTO AN ALL-BIG TEN RECEIVER UNDER FISHER'S COACHING, SETTING FOUR NEBRASKA SOPHOMORE RECEIVING RECORDS IN 2012.

JOHN GARRISON

OFFENSIVE LINE
THIRD SEASON
NEBRASKA | 2003EXPERIENCE
NEBRASKA

- » Offensive Line (2013)
- » Assistant Offensive Line/
Tight Ends (2011-12)
- » Football Intern (2008-10)

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT

- » Blue Springs (Mo.) High School
(2005-07)

COACHING NUMBERS

- » Bowl Games - 2
- » Conference Title Games - 1

PLAYING NUMBERS
AT NEBRASKA

- » Bowl Games - 4
- » BCS Bowl Games - 2
- » National Championships - 1

John Garrison has helped Nebraska win at least nine games in each of his five seasons on the Husker coaching staff. As a former Husker lineman himself, Garrison is able to relate to his players. His close relationship with the offensive line has helped Nebraska rank in the top 15 nationally in rushing in each of the past three years, including eighth in 2012.

Garrison is in his third season as a full-time Nebraska assistant coach, serving as the offensive line coach in 2013, after holding the title of assistant offensive line/tight ends coach in 2011 and 2012. Garrison has been a member of the Husker coaching staff for each of Bo Pelini's six seasons as head coach, working as an intern with the Nebraska offense from 2008 to 2010.

The offensive line helped Nebraska rank eighth nationally with 253.4 rushing yards per game in 2012. It paved the way for Ameer Abdullah to become the first Husker sophomore to rush for 1,000 yards since 1994, helping Abdullah earn second-team All-Big Ten honors. The unit has also helped Nebraska top 200 yards rushing 12 times in 2012, the highest total by a Husker team since 1997.

Garrison's line also helped All-Big Ten quarterback Taylor Martinez set Nebraska's junior class total offense record, throwing for 2,871 yards and rushing for another 1,019 yards while accounting for a school-record 3,890 total yards.

Individually, Garrison helped guard Spencer Long complete a journey from walk-on to All-American. A consensus first-team All-Big Ten selection, Long was named a second-team All-American by both the Associated Press and the Walter Camp Foundation. Long became Nebraska's first All-America offensive lineman since Tionni Fonoti in 2001 and only the second first-team all-conference offensive lineman since Fonoti in 2001.

In addition to Long, former walk-on center Justin Jackson, a converted defensive lineman, earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten accolades from the league's coaches in his first full season as an offensive lineman. Offensive tackle Jeremiah Sirles was a second-team all-conference selection, giving Nebraska three all-conference offensive linemen in 2012.

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



THE GARRISON FAMILY

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

First- or second-year players combined for 38 starts on the offensive line in 2011. In addition to the youth, Garrison helped three current or former walk-ons combine for 32 starts in 2011. Two of those former walk-ons were senior Mike Caputo and Long, both of whom earned second-team All-Big Ten honors under Garrison's direction. Senior Marcel Jones was also an honorable-mention All-Big Ten pick in 2011.

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

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

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

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

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

The 33-year-old Garrison was a four-year letterman for Frank Solich at Nebraska from 1999 to 2002, and earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 accolades at center as a junior and second-team accolades as a senior. Garrison was Nebraska's starting long snapper as a true freshman in 1999, helping the Huskers to a 12-1 record and Big 12 title. He was a backup center and guard, and handled long snapping duties in 2000.

Garrison was the Huskers' starting center in 2001 and 2002, helping Nebraska play for the BCS National Championship following the 2001 season. That year, he helped quarterback Eric Crouch when the Heisman Trophy.

In 2001, Garrison moved into the lineup as the starting center and helped Nebraska to an appearance in the BCS National Championship Game, while quarterback Eric Crouch won the Heisman Trophy. In his senior season, Garrison was elected by his teammates as one of three co-captains.

A native of Blue Springs, Mo., Garrison is Nebraska's lead recruiter for the Kansas City metro area.

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GARRISON HAS SPENT A TOTAL OF FIVE SEASONS WORKING WITH THE HUSKER OFFENSIVE LINE AND DURING THAT TIME, 12 LINEMEN HAVE EARNED ALL-CONFERENCE ACCOLADES.

SECONDARY
SECOND SEASON
NORTHWESTERN STATE | 1996

TERRY JOSEPH

Despite being one of the youngest members of Nebraska's full-time staff, Terry Joseph is coaching at his third BCS program. Following previous stops at LSU and Tennessee, Joseph was a smashing success in his first year at Nebraska in 2012. Joseph's secondary led the nation in opponent completion percentage, while ranking fourth in pass defense and ninth in pass efficiency defense, helping NU to a 10-win season.

Joseph is in his second season on the Husker coaching staff, where he is in charge of the Husker secondary. In his first season at Nebraska, Joseph directed a secondary that helped Nebraska rank among the nation's top pass defenses.

The 39-year-old Joseph has helped maintain, and perhaps even enhance, Nebraska's already stellar reputation of annually producing one of the nation's best secondaries. In his first year, Joseph's secondary helped Nebraska lead the nation in opponent pass completion percentage (47.1 percent), rank fourth in pass defense (168.2 yards allowed per game) and ninth in pass efficiency defense (105.32).

The 2012 pass defense ranking marked the third straight year NU had ranked in the top 20 nationally in pass efficiency defense. Joseph replaced a pair of returning starters in his first season and he was more than up to the task as the stats and honors prove.

The 168.2 passing yards per game the Blackshirts allowed were the second-fewest by a Nebraska defense since 1993, while the 47.1 completion percentage was the lowest for the Husker program since 2001.

Individually, safety Daimion Stafford earned first-team All-Big Ten honors after leading the conference with four interceptions in league play. Stafford ranked second on the team with 96 tackles, and he forced two fumbles and recovered a pair of fumbles.

Ciante Evans earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from CBS and honorable-mention accolades from the league's coaches. Evans has totaled 56 tackles and ranked second on the team with eight breakups. Stanley Jean-Baptiste led NU with nine pass breakups, including a 48-yard interception return for a touchdown against Minnesota. Evans added a 29-yard interception return for a touchdown against Idaho State. Senior safety P.J. Smith also earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten honors in 2012.

Nebraska's three overall interception returns for touchdowns tied for its most since 2006, while the Huskers' 13 interceptions in 2012 eclipsed its 2011 total.

Before coming to Nebraska, Joseph spent two seasons as the defensive backs coach at Tennessee, where he also served as the recruiting coordinator. Joseph helped the UT defense rank among the nation's top pass defenses in both 2010 and 2011. In 2011, the Vols finished 12th nationally in passing yards allowed with an average of just 177.8 yards per game. Joseph oversaw a young defensive backfield, including true freshman Brian Randolph, who earned SEC all-freshman honors in 2011.

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

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

The highlight of Joseph's stint at Louisiana Tech came in 2008, when the Bulldogs finished second in the Western Athletic Conference and earned their first bowl trip in seven seasons. Tech completed



THE JOSEPH FAMILY

(from left): Lynleigh, Terry, Amanda and Taylor.

an 8-5 season with a 17-10 victory over Northern Illinois in the Independence Bowl. Joseph also coordinated Tech's recruiting efforts, and the 2009 class was ranked second in the WAC. Joseph was ranked as one of the top five recruiters in a non-BCS conference by Rivals.com.

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

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

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

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

Joseph is the cousin of former Nebraska quarterback Mickey Joseph, who was a four-year letterman for the Huskers from 1988 to 1991.

EXPERIENCE

NEBRASKA

» Secondary Coach (2012-13)

TENNESSEE

» Defensive Backs/
Recruiting Coordinator (2010-11)

LOUISIANA TECH

» Secondary/
Recruiting Coordinator (2007-09)

LSU

» Graduate Assistant (2006)

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT

» Destrehan (La.) High School
(2003-05)
» Archbishop Shaw (La.) High School
(1999-2002)

COACHING NUMBERS

» Bowl Games - 4
» BCS Bowl Games - 1
» Conference Title Games - 1

1 IN HIS FIRST YEAR ON STAFF IN 2012, JOSEPH LED A SECONDARY THAT HELD OPPOSING QUARTERBACKS TO THE NATION'S LOWEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE.

RICK KACZENSKI

DEFENSIVE LINE
 SECOND SEASON
 NOTRE DAME | 1997

EXPERIENCE NEBRASKA

» Defensive Line (2012-13)

IOWA

» Defensive Line (2007-11)
 » Graduate Assistant (2005-06)

ELON

» Offensive Line/Tight Ends (2004)

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

» Offensive Line/Tight Ends (2003)

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

» Offensive Line (2002)

SOUTH CAROLINA

» Graduate Assistant (1999-2001)

COACHING NUMBERS

» Bowl Games - 9
 » BCS Bowl Games - 1
 » Conference Title Games - 1

Rick Kaczenski owns uncommon knowledge and unique experience. A former Notre Dame center and offensive line coach, Kaczenski possesses a deep understanding of line play on both sides of the ball. His extensive knowledge helped NU total 17 more TFLs in 2012 than it did in 2011 before his arrival. Individually, his linemen have earned 11 All-Big Ten awards in the past six seasons alone.

Kaczenski enters his second season as Nebraska's defensive line coach and his ninth season coaching in the Big Ten Conference.

Kaczenski faced a challenge in his first season in Lincoln, dealing with multiple injuries on the defensive line, a unit that was down to a rotation of six healthy regular contributors at the end of the year. Despite the challenges, Kaczenski's unit helped NU rank first nationally in opponent pass completion percentage, fourth in passing yards allowed, ninth in pass efficiency defense and 35th in total defense. Led by defensive end Eric Martin, the line helped the Huskers rank second in the Big Ten and in the top 50 nationally in sacks. Martin was Kaczenski's third player in the last five years to total at least 8.0 sacks.

Martin, who entered the 2012 season with 64 tackles, four TFLs and 2.5 sacks in his career, developed into a first-team all-conference performer in his only season working with Kaczenski. In 2012, Martin eclipsed nearly all of his career totals entering the season, recording 59 tackles, 18 TFLs and 8.5 sacks. He ranked third in the Big Ten and among the nation's top 50 players in sacks.

Baker Steinkuhler earned second-team All-Big Ten honors with 47 tackles and seven TFLs before a season-ending injury at Iowa. With two selections in 2012, Kaczenski's defensive linemen have won 11 All-Big Ten awards the past six seasons.

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

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

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

Under Kaczenski, Iowa produced outstanding individual performers on the



THE KACZENSKI FAMILY

(clockwise from top): Jessica, Victor, Sophia and Rick.

defensive line. End Adrian Clayborn became the 21st player at Iowa to earn consensus All-America honors in 2010 after totaling 11.5 sacks and 20 TFL. Clayborn was named the national Defensive Performer of the Year by College Football Performance Awards in 2009. Clayborn was named first-team All-Big Ten in both 2009 and 2010.

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

Defensive tackles Mitch King and Matt Kroul led Iowa's defense in 2008. King (15.5 TFL) was named Defensive Lineman of the Year in the Big Ten while earning first-, second- and third-team All-America honors. Kroul earned second-team All-Big Ten honors after setting an Iowa record with 50 consecutive starts. Both King (Tennessee) and Kroul (N.Y. Jets) signed free agent contracts immediately following the 2009 NFL Draft and have remained in the NFL the last three seasons. In 2007, King was named first-team All-Big Ten and senior defensive end Bryan Mattison earned second-team recognition.

Overall, 12 of Kaczenski's defensive linemen have been drafted or signed NFL free agent contracts over the past five seasons, including four draftees in the past three years.

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

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

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

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

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IN THE LAST FIVE SEASONS ALONE, 12 DEFENSIVE LINEMEN WHO PLAYED COLLEGIATELY FOR KACZENSKI HAVE GONE ON TO PLAY IN THE NFL.

ASSISTANT A.D./FOOTBALL OPERATIONS SIXTH SEASON NEBRASKA | 1987

JEFF JAMROG

Former Nebraska player and assistant coach Jeff Jamrog is in his sixth year as the Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations for the Husker program in 2013.

A finalist for the 2012 FootballScoop.com Director of Football Operations of the Year, Jamrog plays a key role in the administrative aspects of the football program and serves as a liaison with other parts of the athletic department. He works closely with Coach Bo Pelini and Director of Athletics Shawn Eichorst on all football operations and assists with NU's recruiting efforts.

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

A former walk-on himself, Jamrog has also played a lead role in the resurgence of Nebraska's walk-on program. Former walk-on Spencer Long earned second-team All-America honors from the Associated Press and Walter Camp Foundation in 2012, while Brett Maher was the 2012 co-Big Ten Place-Kicker of the Year after sweeping the honors as the conference's best punter and kicker in 2011. Walk-on offensive linemen combined to start 36 games the past two seasons and overall, 12 members of NU's 29-player 2012 senior class began their career as walk-ons.

On the scheduling front, Jamrog has took the lead in securing several future non-conference series. In the past nine months, Nebraska has announced future games with fellow Big Eight rivals Colorado and Oklahoma and a series with 2012 BCS qualifier Northern Illinois.

Jamrog returned to Nebraska after spending four seasons as the head coach at Minnesota State-Mankato. The 49-year-old Jamrog guided his Maverick teams to a 17-27 overall record, including a 6-5 mark in 2004 - the program's first winning season since 1994. The team boasted a six-game improvement in victories, which was not only a school record but tied for the fifth-largest single-season jump in NCAA Division II history.

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

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

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

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



THE JAMROG FAMILY

(clockwise from left): Brett, Jeff, Jared, Connie and Elizabeth.

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

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

NEBRASKA

» Assistant A.D. for Football Operations (2008-13)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

MINNESOTA STATE

» Head Coach (2004-07)

NEBRASKA

» Defensive Line/Defensive Ends/
Special Teams Coordinator (2003)

» Defensive Line (2000-02)

» Graduate Assistant (1988-89)

NEW MEXICO STATE

» Defensive Coordinator/
Inside Linebackers (1997-99)

UNO

» Defensive Coordinator/Defensive
Line/Inside Linebackers (1994-96)

SOUTH DAKOTA

» Inside Linebackers/
Special Teams/
Academic Coordinator
(1990-93)



JAMES DOBSON

HEAD FOOTBALL STRENGTH COACH
SIXTH SEASON
WISCONSIN | 1996

EXPERIENCE

NEBRASKA

» Head Football Strength Coach
(2008-13)

IOWA

» Assistant Strength Coach
(1999-2007)

SMU

» Assistant Strength Coach
(1997-98)

WISCONSIN

» Student Assistant (1994-96)

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

In 2012, Dobson was one of 15 strength and conditioning coaches certified as a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

In Dobson's five seasons directing Nebraska's strength and conditioning efforts, the Huskers have had impressive gains both on and off the field. Outstanding conditioning has been a key factor in NU ranking among the nation's top fourth-quarter teams. In 2012, Dobson's strength and conditioning efforts helped Nebraska rally from double-digit second-half deficits four times in Big Ten play, including tying for the largest fourth-quarter comeback in school history with a 12-point rally at Northwestern.

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

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

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

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

Amukamara developed into a first-round NFL Draft pick in 2011 after earning first-team All-America honors for the Huskers in 2010. He went on to win the Super Bowl with the New York Giants in his first season in the league.

Dobson helped prepare David to make a seamless transition to major



THE DOBSON FAMILY

(clockwise from left): James, Rebecca, Elise and Colton.

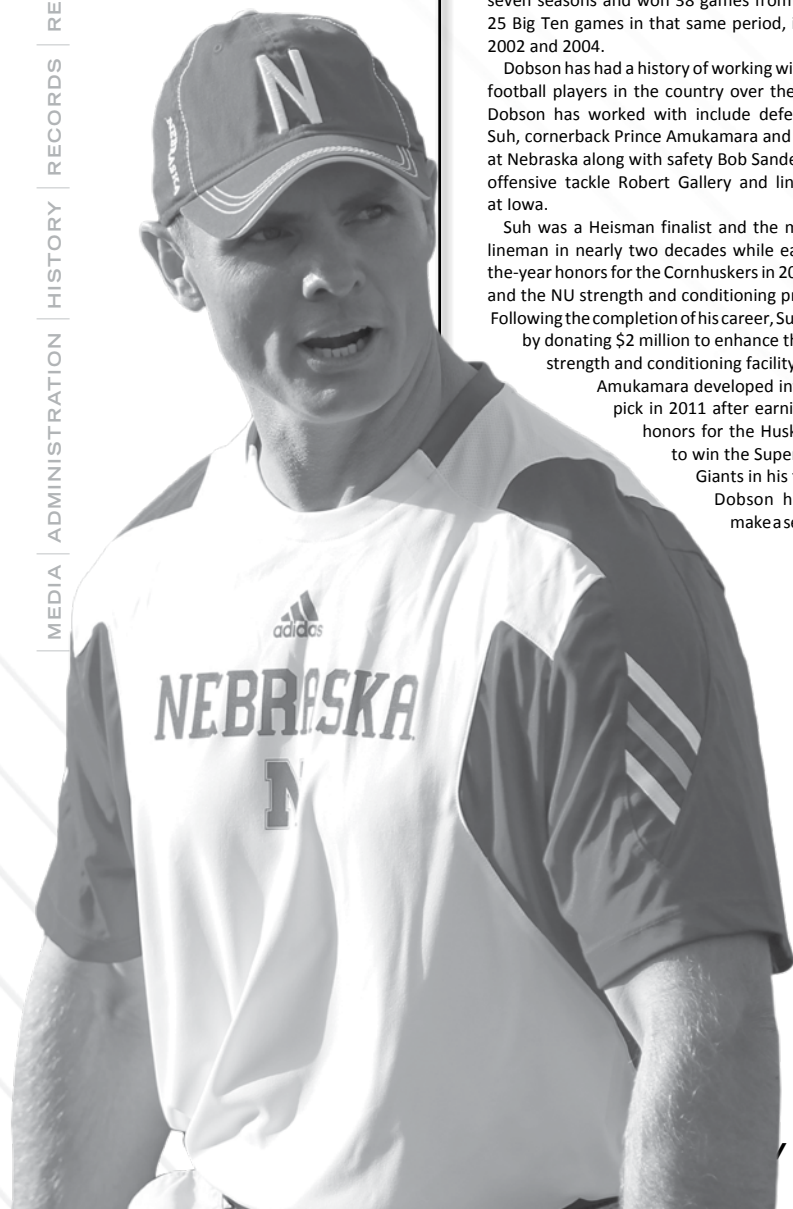
college football. After starring as a junior college All-American, David recorded the most tackles in school history as a junior in 2010, before earning All-America honors in 2011. David was selected in the second round of the 2012 NFL Draft.

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

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

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

A certified strength and conditioning specialist and a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association, Dobson is a native of Mt. Horeb, Wis.



**KYLE BREY**

GRADUATE ASSISTANT | OFFENSE

Kyle Brey joins the Nebraska coaching staff as an offensive graduate assistant, and will work extensively with the Nebraska tight ends.

Brey spent the previous two years on the coaching staff at Kansas, where served as graduate assistant for the offense in 2012, and a quality control coach with the special teams in 2011.

Brey earned four letters at Buffalo, playing both tight end and fullback. Brey played in 38 games for the Bulls who were coached by former Husker Turner Gill for his first three seasons. Brey had eight catches in his career.

Brey comes from a coaching background. His father, Mike, is the head men's basketball coach at Notre Dame. His grandfather has a high school athletic director, while his grandmother was the swimming coach at George Washington University.

Brey received his bachelor's degree in sociology from Buffalo in December of 2010. Brey is married to the former Shea Fluegge.

**T.J. HOLLOWELL**

GRADUATE ASSISTANT | DEFENSE

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

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

While working with the defense in 2011, Hollowell helped linebacker Lavonte David earn the Big Ten's Butkus-Fitzgerald Linebacker-of-the-Year award, while Alfonzo Dennard was named the Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year. David also earned first-team All-America honors. Overall, Nebraska ranked 18th nationally in pass defense last season, and the Huskers held six of their 13 opponents to two touchdowns or less, including holding three opponents to single digits.

In 2012, the Huskers ranked fourth nationally in pass defense and ninth in pass efficiency defense, while linebacker Will Compton recorded 110 tackles to earn All-Big Ten honors.

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

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

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

**JOE GANZ**

GRADUATE ASSISTANT | OFFENSE

A record-setting quarterback for the Huskers, Joe Ganz is in his second year in a graduate assistant role in 2013 and his fourth year overall on the Nebraska coaching staff. Previously, Ganz served as a football intern and graduate manager in 2010 and 2011. Ganz works extensively with the Husker quarterbacks, in addition to helping offensive coordinator Tim Beck in a variety of roles. Ganz helped Taylor Martinez break his own school record for total offense in a season in 2012.

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

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

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

**JAKE MANDELKO**

GRADUATE ASSISTANT | DEFENSE

Jake Mandelko is in his second season as a graduate assistant at Nebraska. Previously, Mandelko spent the 2010 season as a volunteer, and he was a football intern in 2011. In his fourth season working with the Huskers, Mandelko works with the NU defense.

Mandelko assists second-year coordinator John Papuchis, the nation's youngest solo defensive coordinator. Mandelko works extensively with the Husker backfield and second-year secondary coach Terry Joseph. Last year, the secondary helped Nebraska lead the nation in opponent completion percentage (43.3 percent), while the unit ranked fourth nationally in pass defense and ninth in pass efficiency defense.

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

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

FOOTBALL INTERNS

Travis Borchardt



Austin Cassidy



Dan Rudolph



Drew Soukup



Brenden Stai



JAKE WESCH

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

A member of the Huskers' rich football walk-on program, Jake Wesch was named the Assistant Director of Football Operations in September of 2011. He assists Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations Jeff Jamrog in a variety of duties, including playing a key role in team travel.

A native of North Bend, Neb., Wesch was the Huskers' kickoff specialist in 2005 and 2006, while also serving as the starting holder during his final three seasons and was a five-time Brook Berringer Citizenship Team selection. As a senior, Wesch handled the holding duties in all 13 games, as sophomore place-kicker Alex Henery was 56-of-57 on extra points and 18-of-21 on field goal attempts. The field-goal unit capped the year with Henery's school-record 57-yard field goal against Colorado.

Wesch also punted in three games, putting one punt inside the 20-yard line against Missouri, along with a career-best 55-yarder against Texas Tech and a 50-yarder at Iowa State. Wesch also connected on an eight-yard pass to tight end Mike McNeill on a fake field goal against Texas Tech, allowing NU to score a touchdown on the next play. He also executed a fake field goal pitch to Alex Henery for a first down late in the Kansas game.

After finishing his Husker career in 2008, Wesch continued to work in various areas of the athletic department. He worked specifically with the football department prior to the 2010 season as one of the program's interns.

Wesch earned his bachelor's degree in communication studies from Nebraska in the December of 2008 and went on to earn a master's in educational administration in the summer of 2011.



AUSTEN EVERSON

DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOL RELATIONS

Austen Everson returned to the Nebraska football staff in 2009 and was named the director of high school relations in June 2010. A native of Brentwood, Tenn., Everson previously served as a football operations intern at NU from June 2008 to January 2009.

Everson plays a key role in coordinating all of Nebraska's on-campus recruiting efforts and scheduling official visits to the Nebraska campus by prospective student-athletes.

Everson earned his bachelor's degree in 2007 in management from Ohio University, where he was a four-year letterwinner at quarterback and two-year team captain during his junior and senior seasons under former Nebraska football coach Frank Solich. During his undergraduate career, Everson was a two-time academic All-MAC selection, National Football Foundation National Honor Society inductee and Draddy Trophy semifinalist while also earning accolades in the weight room as the All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year.

Following graduation, Everson served as a development intern for the Ohio Athletic Department in the summer of 2007, before becoming a graduate assistant in the administration office. He worked with Ohio's senior women's administrator for nearly two years while earning master's degrees in business administration in 2008 and sports administration in 2009.



AARYN KEARNEY

RECRUITING STAFF ASSISTANT

Aaryn Kearney joined the Nebraska football office on a full-time basis in February of 2009 as a recruiting staff assistant. Kearney assists in coordinating the recruiting process for the coaching staff including correspondence to prospects and coaches and organizing NCAA compliance records pertaining to recruiting activities and campus visits. In addition to assisting the coaching staff in recruiting, Kearney is actively involved with the Big Red Football School and coaching clinics. Kearney had worked in the recruiting office as a student worker for the previous year before his full-time appointment.

A native of Auburn, Neb., Kearney has been associated with the Husker football program since 2003, serving as a football student manager for five seasons. Kearney served as the head student manager during the 2007 season and was awarded the Tom and Terri Burnell Student Manager Scholarship that year. Kearney graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December of 2008 with a bachelor's degree in communication studies.



MIKE NOBLER

FOOTBALL VIDEO COORDINATOR

Mike Nobler is in his fifth year on the Nebraska staff in 2013, where he serves as football video coordinator. Nobler's primary responsibility lies in overseeing Nebraska's 45-client XOS coaching video network that is utilized by the football coaching staff on a daily basis. Nobler was honored for his work in the spring of 2012, when he was named the 2011-12 Big Ten Conference Video Coordinator of the Year, in addition to being a finalist for the Bob Matey National Video Coordinator of the Year Award.

Along with a video staff of eight, Nobler implements the video system for the day-to-day use by coaches, including the taping and editing of practice and games along with opponent video breakdowns. Nebraska was one of the first two schools to begin shooting, editing and distributing practice video in HD in the spring of 2011.

Nobler previously spent two years as a field representative for the maker of the Huskers' current video system, XOS Digital. He provided on-site support, installations of all software and hardware as well as staff training on the video system in college football and basketball and NFL video departments.

Nobler returned to a college football video department after spending four years as assistant video director at Oklahoma. Nobler also spent one year in a similar position at Illinois. A year earlier, he served a 12-month internship with the St. Louis Rams.

A native of Lake Villa, Ill., Nobler graduated from Western Illinois University in 2001 with a degree in communications. He is married to the former Heather Saluri, and the couple has a daughter, Madeline.



TATE GUILLOTTE

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL VIDEO COORDINATOR

Tate Guillotte is in his third season as the assistant football video coordinator. Guillotte assists in providing all video needs for the Husker coaching staff, including film exchange and breakdown of practice and game footage.

Guillotte came to Nebraska after spending two years as an intern with XOS and the SEC Digital Network. He also has previous experience working with a collegiate football team, as Guillotte was a student videographer at LSU from 2006 to 2009.

Guillotte is originally from New Iberia, La. He married his wife Melynnda in June of 2012. The couple has one son, Carson.



MEGAN CUNNINGHAM

ASSISTANT TO COACH PELINI

Megan Cunningham is in her third season as Coach Bo Pelini's assistant. Cunningham's current responsibilities include handling correspondence, scheduling and autograph requests for Coach Pelini, in addition to maintaining student-athlete eligibility and participation forms for the football program. A Lincoln native, she also assists with camps and coaches clinics.

**JONI DUFF**
ASSISTANT TO THE DEFENSE

Joni Duff began her association with the Nebraska football office in 1980. Duff serves as assistant to the defensive coordinator and the defensive assistant coaches. She also handles multiple office functions.

She is married to Craig Duff, and the couple has two sons. Alex is a senior at Benedictine College (Kansas) and a member of the men's soccer team, and Nathan is a senior in high school.

**MARK MAYER**
HEAD FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

Mark Mayer (pronounced Meyer) is in his seventh season as Nebraska's head football athletic trainer in 2013. Mayer came to the Nebraska program in 2007 with more than a dozen years of experience in athletic medicine, including serving the previous nine years as the assistant athletic trainer for the Oakland Raiders.

Mayer heads up Nebraska's athletic medicine efforts for the football team. His responsibilities include year-round preventive care, immediate care for injured athletes at practices and games, and the reconditioning of injured athletes.

Prior to joining the Raiders, he served first as an athletic trainer intern in 1995 and gained full-time status in 1998 as a strength and conditioning assistant. Mayer also served as a student athletic trainer for UC Davis from 1992 to 1994. He was named a full-time assistant athletic trainer for Oakland in 1999 and served in that capacity for Super Bowl XXXVII in 2003 when the AFC Champion Raiders faced the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In his 11 years with the Raiders, Mayer worked with former Husker players Adam Treu, John Parrella, Eric Johnson, Aaron Graham and Fabian Washington.

Originally from San Leandro, Calif., Mayer graduated from the University of California at Davis in 1994, and served as a student athletic trainer for UC Davis from 1992 to 1994. He earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education and is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Married to the former Kira Schoeneman, Mayer and his wife have two children, 10-year old daughter Savannah Audren and 7-year old son Boston Zachary.

**TERI RIGGINS**
ASSISTANT TO THE OFFENSE

Teri Riggins has served as an assistant in the football office since 1998 and began her association with the athletic department in 1996. Riggins is in her ninth year as the assistant to the offensive assistant coaches. Previously she served as the recruiting staff assistant for six years and two seasons as the track and field office secretary.

Before joining the athletic department, she worked at Nebraska-Kearney for the Dean of the College of Education, in the Student Services office at Iowa Western CC and at Duncan Aviation.

An alumnus of the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, Iowa, Riggins and her husband, Jim, are the parents of Brenda Riggins and the late Jamie Riggins-Bayer. Teri and Jim have four grandchildren Josh, Victoria, Sam and Marc and one great-granddaughter.

**JERRY WEBER**
HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

Jerry Weber began his association with the Nebraska athletic medicine staff in 1977 and has been head athletic trainer and associate director of athletic medicine since 1996.

In his duties as head athletic trainer and physical therapist, he oversees the operation of all athletic medicine facilities and supervises the Husker staff of athletic trainers, graduate and undergraduate student assistants. Along with his duties as head trainer, Weber directs the orthopedic rehabilitation and coordinates the return to sport programs with orthopedic specialists and athletic training staff. During the spring he also works with the men's gymnastics and baseball teams.

The NU medical team has two physical therapist/athletic trainers, eight athletic trainers, six graduate assistant certified athletic trainers and 40 student assistants in the athletic training curriculum - all required to care for more than 600 Husker student-athletes.

A Sidney, Neb., native, Weber earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from Nebraska in 1974. He earned his physical therapy degree from UNMC in 1976 and his master's degree from Western Illinois in 1977.

Weber has enjoyed a distinguished career at Nebraska. In June of 2011, Weber was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) Hall of Fame. He became the fourth former Nebraska athletic trainer to join the NATA Hall of Fame, including Paul Schneider, George Sullivan and Roland "Duke" LaRue.

Weber was previously honored by the NATA in June of 2004 as one of 18 members to receive the Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer award. In the spring of 2003, Weber was inducted into the District V NATA Hall of Fame for his many years of service to that organization. In 1991, Weber received the Sullivan Award from the NATA recognizing excellence in athletic training. Weber has been active in the NATA for more than 30 years at the state, district and national levels since 1978, having served on the board of directors and as a presidential candidate.

Weber has also been honored by the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame as a recipient of the 2002 Lyell Bremser Special Merit Award.

Weber was a member of the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport and was the NCAA liaison to the National Athletic Trainers Association's College/University Athletic Trainers Committee for six years from 2001 to 2006. Weber served 10 years on the Nebraska State Examining Board for Athletic Trainers.

**LONNIE ALBERS**
ASSISTANT A.D. FOR ATHLETIC MEDICINE

Dr. Lonnie Albers has served as director of athletic medicine at Nebraska since 1995 and has been working with the athletic department since 1985. Albers, an associate athletic director for the Huskers, oversees the operations of the athletic medicine and athletic training facilities and staff.

Albers practiced clinical medicine in Lincoln for more than 10 years and has more than 20 years of experience in urgent care. He previously served as a team physician from 1985 through 1995. Albers is responsible for the medical care of the student-athletes and maintains a pharmacy permit in order to dispense medicine to student-athletes as needed. A Hildreth, Neb., native, Albers is a certified medical review officer and administers Nebraska's drug testing programs.

Albers earned his bachelor's degree in biology and English from Nebraska in 1977 and his M.D. from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1980. He also is board certified in Family Practice. Albers is married to the former Jodelle Glushenko, and they have three children, Scott, Michelle and Angela.

ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL ASSISTANTS AND STUDENT STAFF

Football Strength and Conditioning Interns: Morgan Bergen and Kraig Lundberg.

Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainers: Raymond Champagne and Ethan Solger.

Student Athletic Trainers: Tony Berger, Jeremy Dockter, Tanner Fowler, Emily Lawrence, Erik Spencer and Meghan Vogt.

Student Equipment Managers: Matt Hager, Kevin Campbell, Ryan Carstenson, Taylor Cook, Jordan Hohweiler, Brett Jamrog, Kara Leachman, Dillon Ludwig, Mitch Mann, Nic Mitchell, Tim O'Brien, DJ Pfeiffer, Morgan Schilling, Trey Semrad, Dusty Staab, Ryan Stanzel and Jonah Watson.

Football Office Student Assistants: Tori Bayer, Aneisha Brown, Elizabeth Jamrog, Taber Konz, Leslie Kumm, Lauren Largen, Sydney Noonan and Alana Tucker.

Football Recruiting Office Student Assistants: Sean Mulholland and Vince Peline.

Student Video Assistants: XXX



JEREMY BUSCH
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

Jeremy Busch joined the Nebraska staff as an assistant football athletic trainer in July of 2012. Busch assists with all aspects of the athletic medicine efforts for the football team, including year-round preventive care, immediate care for injured athletes at practice and games and the reconditioning of injured athletes.

Busch came to Nebraska from Colorado State, after serving the previous six years as an assistant athletic trainer with the football program. Before CSU, he spent one year with the Indiana football program, as well as spending time as an intern assistant athletic trainer with the Minnesota Vikings.

Originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Busch graduated from Iowa with a bachelor's of science degree in athletic training. He went on to graduate from Minnesota with a master's degree in sports management.

Married to the former Peggy Manning, Busch and his wife have twins, Emma and Landon.



CHAD WADE
ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH

Chad Wade is an assistant strength coach for football who began his association with the athletic performance team in 1996. Previously, Wade was the Bob Devaney Sports Center strength coach for three years, working primarily with the men's and women's basketball teams, and served three years as the assistant strength coach at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

With the football team, Wade helps head football strength coach James Dobson coordinate workouts.

In 2013, Wade earned the designation of Master Strength and Conditioning Coach (M.S.C.C.) from the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

Wade, who is Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified (S.C.C.C.), received a bachelor's degree in sports management with a minor in psychology from Nebraska Wesleyan in 1996. Wade also played football for the Plainsmen from 1992 to 1994.

Wade is married to the former Amber Burgess, who lettered for the Husker softball team from 2000 to 2003. The couple has two sons, Burgess, 4, and William, 3.



TYLER CLARKE
ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH

Tyler Clarke is in his sixth season as an assistant strength coach for the Nebraska football program in 2013. Like Head Football Strength Coach James Dobson, Clarke came to Nebraska from the University of Iowa where he spent three seasons as an assistant strength and conditioning coach.

With the Huskers, Clarke assists Dobson with all aspects of the Nebraska strength and conditioning program for football, which includes winter conditioning, summer workouts and in-season training.

Previously, Clarke served as a student assistant with the Hawkeye strength and conditioning staff while working toward his degree. He earned his bachelor's degree in health and sports studies from Iowa in 2005 and his master's degree in administration from Central Michigan in 2008. He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association. Clarke is also certified in CPR through the American Red Cross.

A native of Ames, Iowa, Tyler and his wife Oxana reside in Lincoln, where she is a Ph.D. at UNL.



WILLIE JONES
ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH

Willie Jones is in his fifth season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the Nebraska football team in 2013. Jones came to Nebraska in 2009 from South Dakota State, where he spent two years as a graduate assistant for the Jackrabbit strength and conditioning department.

With the Huskers, Jones assists Head Football Strength Coach James Dobson with all aspects of the strength and conditioning for football.

Jones earned his bachelor's degree in health promotion from South Dakota State in 2007. He also completed his master's degree in sport science from SDSU in May of 2012. Jones was a three-year letterman for the Jackrabbit football team from 2002 to 2006.

Jones is also a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA). He is also a certified strength and conditioning coach through the same organization. A native of Yankton, S.D., Jones is also CPR certified through the American Red Cross.

Jones and his wife, Andrea, were married in May of 2013. He is the proud parent of one son, Cameron.



BRANDON RIGONI
ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH/PERFORMANCE RESEARCH

Brandon Rigoni joined the Husker Power staff in a full-time role as an assistant strength coach in 2009, and coordinates Nebraska's performance research.

In 2013, Rigoni earned a Ph.D. in psychology with a minor in management. He completed his master's degree from Nebraska in 2010.

Rigoni was a member of the original group that conceived the Nebraska Athletic Performance Lab. He has made noteworthy contributions to Elite Form technologies, pioneered a University of Nebraska Biomarkers Strategic Research Initiative and co-authored a grant that generated \$200,000 to build a state-of-the-art biomarkers laboratory on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

As a member of Nebraska's rich football walk-on tradition, Rigoni earned three letters as a special teams standout for the Cornhuskers. He was elected a football team captain, 2004 Special Teams MVP, 2006 Nebraska Lifter of the Year and earned a scholarship prior to the start of his senior season.

Rigoni was also a standout in the classroom as a two-time first-team academic All-Big 12 selection and an eight-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. Upon graduation from Nebraska, Rigoni studied abroad in Italy before returning to the Nebraska Athletic Department as a volunteer strength and conditioning coach. He spent two years as an intern with the strength and conditioning program before being hired as a full-time strength coach in 2009.

A multi-sport star at Lincoln Southeast, Rigoni was the Nebraska High School Football Co-Player of the Year. He was also named to the all-state tournament team as a basketball player for the Knights.

Rigoni married the former Laura Sprague on May 7, 2011.



SCOTT TRAUSCH
SPORTS NUTRITIONIST

Scott Trausch is in his second season as a sports nutritionist at Nebraska, where he works primarily with the football and baseball teams. Previously, Trausch served as a strength and conditioning intern at Nebraska from 2010 to 2012, and he was a sports nutrition intern for the Huskers from 2008 to 2010.

In his current role, Trausch handles a variety of duties, including body composition testing, nutrition education, performance fueling strategies, sports supplements and hydration. He also coordinates all meals when the football team travels. He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist, and Trausch is working toward his Registered Dietitian Certification.

A Nebraska alum, Trausch earned degrees in dietetics and nutrition and exercise health science in 2011.



JAY TERRY
EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Jay Terry has been equipment manager at Nebraska since 2002 and has served on the Nebraska athletic department equipment staff since April 1997. Terry also spent two years as a student equipment manager before serving as an assistant equipment manager for four years.

Terry maintains the Husker football locker room and is in charge of the football team's equipment needs. He coordinates the transportation of all football and support equipment to road games, and oversees Nebraska's equipment staff of three full-time assistants and several student workers who handle all 24 of Nebraska's sports. Terry is also in charge of overseeing the Husker football student managers.

A native of Cozad, Neb., Terry has been a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association for 14 years. He earned a degree in communication studies from the University of Nebraska in May 2004.

Terry is married to the former Heather Bridger and they have a three-year-old son, Connor, and a one-year-old daughter, Quinn.



TYLER RECKER
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Tyler Recker is in his sixth season working with the football equipment staff, and he is in his second season in a full-time role. Recker is responsible for the care of equipment for the football, baseball, softball and volleyball programs.

Recker spent four seasons from 2008 to 2011 working as a student assistant in the equipment room. He earned his undergraduate degree in business administration from Nebraska in December 2012.

A Nebraska native, Recker was a 2008 graduate of West Point/Beemer High School.



JAMIE WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATE A.D. FOR DIVERSITY & LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

Dr. Jamie Williams joined the Nebraska Athletic Department in 2012 as the Huskers' Associate Athletic Director of Diversity and Leadership Initiatives. A former Husker football standout, Williams brings a highly diverse background of professional success to Nebraska.

In his role at Nebraska, Williams is responsible for facilitating all diversity and inclusion programs within the Athletic Department. He also assists in developing and facilitating a leadership development program for department staff and student-athletes, and manages and facilitates the Athletic Department strategic plan, among other duties. He also serves as the co-supervisor for the football program while also serving as the sole supervisor for women's swimming and diving, men's gymnastics and Nebraska's strength and performance unit.

In 2013, Williams was selected to serve as a member of the NCAA Division I Committee on Academic Performance.

Williams joined NU after spending six years as the Director of Athletics at Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Before Williams' hiring, Academy of Art did not have an intercollegiate athletic program. Williams and his staff created a fully functional NCAA Division II athletic department, serving more than 200 student-athletes in 16 sports. In May of 2013, he was honored by Academy of Art University with an honorary doctorate degree.

Williams was a four-year letterwinner on the Husker football team from 1979 to 1982, earning All-Big Eight honors in 1981 and 1982. He caught 44 passes for 516 yards and seven touchdowns in his career. He was inducted into the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 1993.

Following his NU career, Williams was a third-round draft pick of the New York Giants and went on to play 12 seasons in the NFL with the St. Louis Cardinals (1983), Houston Oilers (1984-88), San Francisco 49ers (1989-93) and Los Angeles Raiders (1994). He was a co-captain for San Francisco for four seasons and was a part of the 49ers' Super Bowl XXIV championship team. He was twice named his team's Man of the Year during his career.

Following his playing career, Williams embarked on a professional career that includes work in the film industry as a writer, director, screenwriter and actor. Williams served as a writer, technical director and actor in Any Given Sunday. Williams also has extensive work as a management consultant/executive coach.

A 1990 UNL graduate with a bachelor's in journalism, Williams continued his education following his football career. He received his Masters of Science in Mass Communication from San Jose State in 1993, and a Doctorate of Education in Organization and Leadership, including an emphasis in sports administration, from San Francisco in 2000.

Williams and his wife, Charlotte, have a son, Evan, a redshirt freshman quarterback at NU, and a daughter, Raven.



DENNIS LEBLANC
SENIOR ASSOCIATE A.D. FOR ACADEMICS

Dennis Leblanc was named Nebraska's Senior Associate Athletic Director for Academics in 2007, after being promoted from associate athletic director for academic programs and student services. He was named an associate athletic director in 1998 and has directed the academic program since 1993. Leblanc has been with the academic support program for student-athletes since 1987.

Under Leblanc, Nebraska has become the national leader in CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for football and all sports, NCAA Today's Top Eight Award honorees and recipients of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Postgraduate Scholarship.

Over the past decade, Nebraska's academic support program for student-athletes has received outstanding reviews from the NCAA Certification Review Team and the Nebraska Faculty Intercollegiate Athletic Committee.

Leblanc is an active member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A). In 2002, he received the prestigious Lan Hewlett Award presented by the N4A to an athletic administrator in recognition of distinguished performance in providing personal, academic and professional guidance to student-athletes.

Leblanc was presented the Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Service to Students at the 2004 University of Nebraska Honors Convocation, which recognizes individuals who go beyond the performance of their assigned work, devoting extra time and effort in serving the needs of students. In May of 2007, Leblanc received the Hero Mentor Award through the American Red Cross, which annually recognizes a person for outstanding leadership and mentoring.

Leblanc earned his undergraduate degree from Bethany College, and a master's degree from Wichita State. He is and his wife, Coreen, have four children, including daughters Olivia and twins Madeleine and Mackenzie, and a son, Christian.



KEITH ZIMMER
ASSOCIATE A.D. FOR LIFE SKILLS

In his 26th year serving Nebraska Athletics, Keith Zimmer leads Nebraska's Life Skills unit within the department.

Zimmer, who started at Nebraska in 1987, carries 25 years of life skills and student services experience and provides support to all current Nebraska student-athletes in addition to providing life skills guidance to former student-athletes.

Components of the Husker Life Skills program include individual student-athlete meetings, major life skills events, facilitation of two zero-credit seminars, community outreach, graduate school assistance and postgraduate scholarships. Life Skills annually coordinates an Involvement Fair, Student-Athlete Career Fair, Networking Night, Senior Retreat and Leadership Breakfast.

Zimmer, who worked in Nebraska's Academic and Support Services area from 1988 to 2006, is regarded as a national leader in the life skills area. He received one of the top honors in college athletics in September of 2006, when he was chosen for the Dr. Gene Hooks Award as the Life Skills Administrator of the Year. Zimmer has also served as an NCAA Life Skills trainer and is active with the National Consortium for Academics and Sport.

Zimmer continues to serve as the advisor of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and remains active in the Ventures In Partnership program, where student-athletes are integrated into various outreach initiatives with Lincoln Public Schools. Zimmer also pioneered the annual "School is Cool" Jam, which reached more than 100,000 middle-level students in the 12-year existence of the event.

He is an honorary member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and Mortar Board and has received the Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Service to Students.

Zimmer earned his bachelor's degree at Wayne State College and his master's in education from Springfield (Mass.) College. Zimmer and his wife, Michelle, have two sons, Logan and Caden.