

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
SIXTH SEASON
VIRGINIA TECH | 2001

JOHN PAPUCHIS

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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 Cianté 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



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

RON BROWN

RUNNING BACKS
SIXTH SEASON | 23RD OVERALL
BROWN | 1979

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 - 12
- » 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, Kyler 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



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."



22 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 Toinu 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 Sirls 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 Toinu 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 Coord. (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.

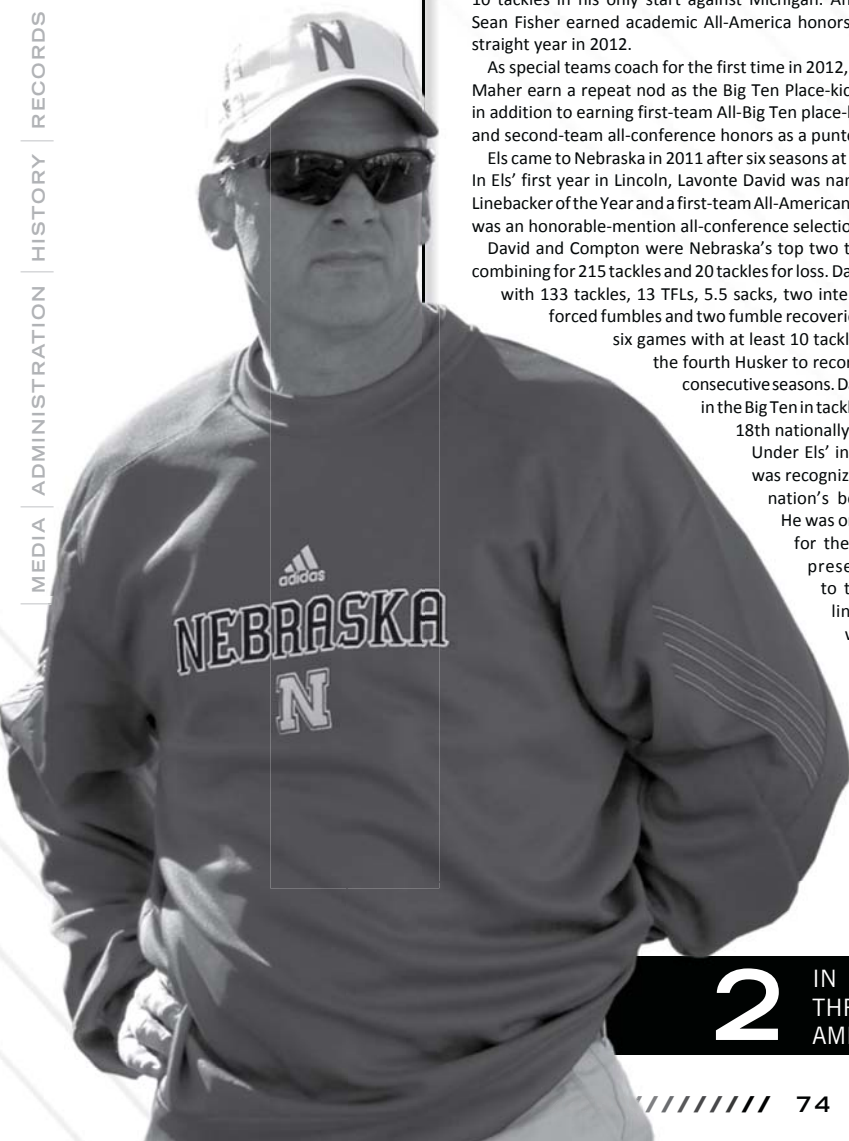
In 2010, the Ohio defense ranked 20th nationally and second in the Mid-American Conference in rushing defense. Els' special teams were also a key part of Ohio's 8-5 season that culminated with a trip to the New Orleans Bowl. The Bobcats ranked first in the MAC in net punting, third in punt returns and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



2 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 | 2003

EXPERIENCE 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 Toniui 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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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

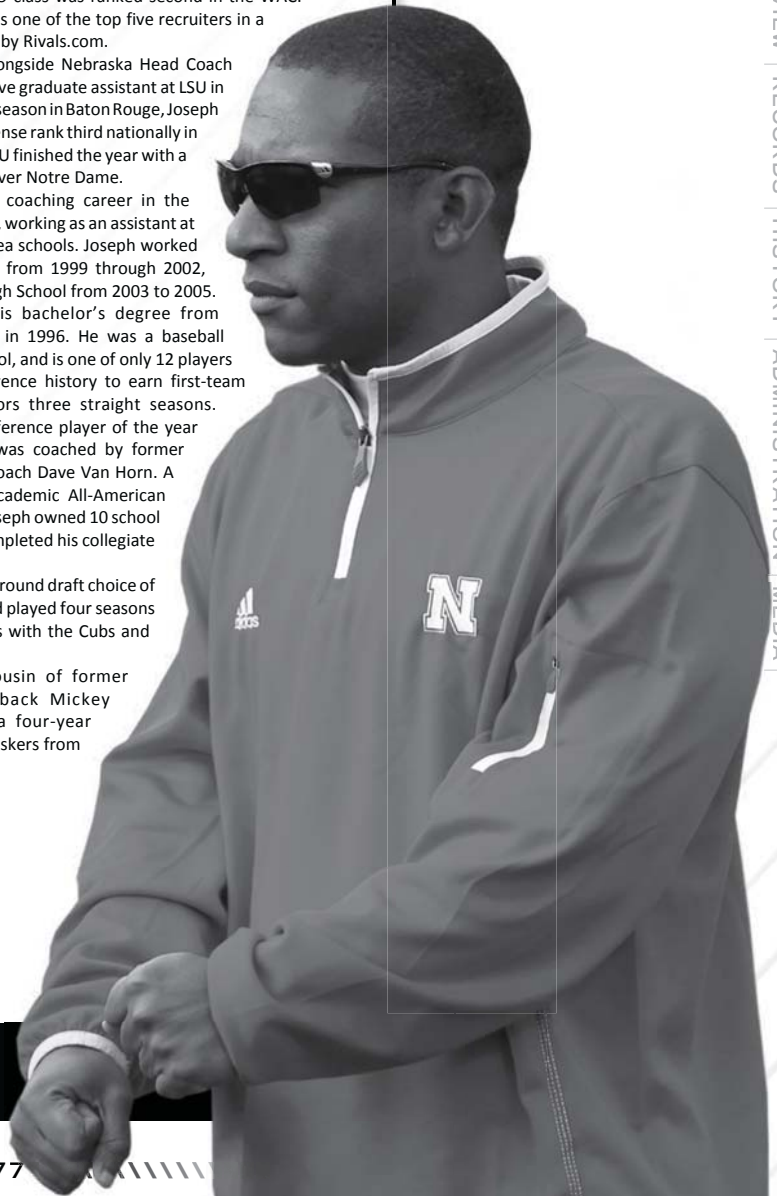
» Graduate Assistant (2006)

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 NURank 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.

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