



# BO PELINI

HEAD COACH  
SEVENTH SEASON | OHIO STATE | 1990

*An elite coach, Bo Pelini has won at least nine games in each of his six seasons at Nebraska. One of only two coaches nationally to lead his team to six consecutive nine-win seasons, Pelini ranks ninth nationally with 57 victories since his hiring in 2008. But Pelini's process is about more than winning, it's about developing outstanding men. To that point, Pelini has coached 11 academic All-Americans in six seasons, more than any other coach in the country.*

## COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE NEBRASKA

- » Head Coach (2008-14)
- » Interim Head Coach (Dec. 2003)
- » Defensive Coordinator (2003)

## LSU

- » Defensive Coordinator (2005-07)

## OKLAHOMA

- » Co-Defensive Coordinator (2004)

## IOWA

- » Graduate Assistant (1991)

## NFL EXPERIENCE GREEN BAY PACKERS

- » Linebackers (2000-02)

## NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- » Linebackers (1997-99)

## SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

- » Assistant Secondary (1994-96)

## OTHER EXPERIENCE HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT

- » Cardinal Mooney (Ohio) (1993)

## PELINI'S NUMBERS

- 12** BOWL GAMES
- 11** NFL PLAYOFF GAMES
- 6** CONFERENCE TITLE GAMES
- 3** MAJOR BOWL GAMES
- 2** NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES
- 2** CONFERENCE TITLES
- 1** NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- 1** SUPER BOWL TITLE

One of the nation's most successful coaches over the past six seasons, Pelini enters his seventh season at Nebraska in 2014. Under Pelini's direction Nebraska has won at least nine games each of his first six seasons, one of only three schools in the nation to win nine or more games each year in that time period.

Pelini joins Alabama's Nick Saban as the only coaches in the country to guide their teams to at least nine wins each of the past six seasons. In fact, every team Pelini has been a part of during his 11 seasons as a college head or assistant coach has won at least nine games.

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 owns a 58-24 record as the head coach of the Huskers. He has directed his teams to three 10-win seasons and three appearances in conference championship games at Nebraska.

In Nebraska's 2013 season-opening victory over Wyoming, Pelini picked up his 50th victory as Cornhusker head coach, making him the fifth Nebraska coach to reach that milestone, joining Tom Osborne, Bob Devaney, Frank Solich and Dana X. Bible. Pelini's 57 wins from 2008 to 2013 are the ninth-most for any coach in the country in that time period.

Pelini's performance in his first six seasons in Lincoln has put him in impressive company. Among schools currently in one of the five power conferences (Big Ten, ACC, Big 12, Pac-12, SEC) Pelini is just the eighth head coach in college football history to win at least nine games in each of his first six seasons on the job at that school. The group includes two Nebraska coaches (Osborne, Pelini).

When looking only at coaches in their first head coaching job at a BCS school, Pelini is one of only three to win nine games in each of their first six years, joining Osborne and Barry Switzer (Oklahoma).

The 46-year-old Pelini was among a group of 18 FBS head coaches who were hired for their jobs beginning with the 2008 season. Pelini leads that group in victories over the past six years with 57 wins. In fact, Pelini is one of only six coaches in the group of 18 still in the job they were hired for prior to the 2008 season.

Pelini's success at Nebraska has come after inheriting a Husker team that finished 5-7 the season before his arrival. In 2013, Pelini directed Nebraska to a 9-4 record despite a rash of injuries in the second half of the season. Nebraska posted a 5-3 mark in the Big Ten, marking the sixth straight season Nebraska has had a winning conference record. The Huskers are one of only eight schools in the country to accomplish that feat.

Nebraska showed mental toughness throughout the season, winning all five games that were decided by seven or fewer points. Three of those victories came in the month of November, beginning with a win over Northwestern on the game's final play at Memorial Stadium. The Huskers also went on the road in November and posted victories at Michigan and Penn State, joining an elite group of Big Ten teams to win in both of those road stadiums in the same season. The campaign concluded with a 24-19 victory over Georgia in the TaxSlayer.com Gator Bowl.

Pelini's 2013 Huskers continued to excel individually on and off the field. I-back Ameer Abdullah rushed for 1,690 yards last season, the most rushing yards by a Husker since 1997. Abdullah was a first-team All-Big Ten selection, a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award and a third-team All-America choice.

Senior Spencer Long earned first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors and a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award. Spencer's twin brother, Jake Long, and C.J. Zimmerer earned second-team Academic All-America recognition, giving Nebraska 11 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, the second-most in the nation in that span.



**2** Bo Pelini and Alabama's Nick Saban are the only two coaches nationally to lead their respective teams to six consecutive nine-win seasons.

Nebraska also had 30 student-athletes named to the academic All-Big Ten team, and 19 of NU's 23 seniors participated in the Gator Bowl as graduates. Entering the 2014 season, all 13 members of the Huskers' 2014 senior class are on track to earn their degrees by the end of the fall semester.

Pelini guided Nebraska to a 10-4 mark in 2012 against the nation's fifth-toughest schedule, according to the NCAA. 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 were rallies from four double-digit second-half deficits. NU's rally from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit 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 2012 Huskers saw five players earn first-team All-Big Ten honors. Quarterback Taylor Martinez and 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.

### MOST COACHING VICTORIES SINCE 2008

Coach	School(s)	Wins
Nick Saban	Alabama	72
Chris Petersen	Boise State	69
Bob Stoops	Oklahoma	63
Les Miles	LSU	61
Brian Kelly	Cincinnati/Notre Dame	60
Mike Gundy	Oklahoma State	59
Gary Patterson	TCU	58
Urban Meyer	Florida/Ohio State	58
<b>Bo Pelini</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>57</b>

### MOST WINS AMONG 2008 HIRING CLASS

Coach	School	Wins
<b>Bo Pelini</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>57</b>
Ken Niumatalolo	Navy	49
Paul Johnson	Georgia Tech	47

### NINE WINS IN EACH OF FIRST SIX SEASONS

Coach	School	Years
<b>Bo Pelini</b>	<b>Nebraska</b>	<b>2008-13</b>
Tom Osborne	Nebraska	1973-78
Barry Switzer	Oklahoma	1973-78

\*Includes all first-time head coaches in a major conference

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

Maheer was also named the Big Ten Punter and Place-kicker of the Year, becoming the first player to win both awards. Maheer 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. Maheer 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.

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. Just two seasons removed from ranking near the bottom of several Big 12 and national defensive categories, the Blackshirts 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.

### NU COACHING RECORD

YEAR	RECORD	CONF.
2003 Interim	1-0	N/A
2008	9-4	5-3
2009	10-4	6-2
2010	10-4	6-2
2011	9-4	5-3
2012	9-4	7-1
2013	9-4	5-3
<b>Total</b>	<b>58-24</b>	<b>34-14</b>

### BOWL GAMES

#### NEBRASKA (4-3)

- » 2014 Gator Bowl  
(beat Georgia, 24-19)
- » 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 (3-0)

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

#### OKLAHOMA (0-1)

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

#### IOWA (0-0-1)

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

### NFL PLAYOFFS

#### GREEN BAY PACKERS

- » 2002 NFC Divisional Round

#### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- » 1998 AFC Wild Card Round
- » 1997 AFC Divisional Round

#### SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

- » 1996 NFC Divisional Round
- » 1995 NFC Divisional Round
- » 1994 Super Bowl XXIX Champions







### THE PELINI FAMILY

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

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 Kona 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.

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.

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. Then-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. 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.

During that 2003 season, Pelini engineered a dominant Blackshirt defense. The 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.

In between stints at Nebraska, Pelini served as Oklahoma's co-defensive coordinator in 2004, before spending three seasons as LSU's defensive coordinator from 2005 to 2007. The Tigers finished No. 3 nationally in total defense each of his three seasons. Pelini spent nine seasons as an NFL assistant prior to taking Nebraska's defensive coordinator position. His NFL time included stints with San Francisco (1994-96), New England (1997-99) and Green Bay (2000-02). Pelini also spent the 1993 season as the quarterbacks coach for his alma mater, Cardinal Mooney High School, after serving as a graduate assistant at Iowa in 1991.

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 135 walk-ons to the program in Pelini's first seven 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, 2012 and 2013 as Husker fans have followed the Big Red through its first three 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 23-player 2013 senior class, 19 student-athletes had earned their degree before the Gator Bowl, and all 23 are on track to graduate by August of 2014. Overall, 136 of the 146 players in Pelini's first seven senior classes are on track to earn their degree by December of 2014. Nebraska was

## 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**

also one of 13 Football Bowl Subdivision programs to earn APR Public Recognition in 2014 for ranking in the top 10 percent nationally.

Twenty of Pelini's players have earned CoSIDA Academic All-District honors, with 11 players earning Academic All-America honors. Offensive guard Spencer Long earned first-team Academic All-America honors in 2013, while Jake Long and C.J. Zimmerer were second-team honorees to continue Nebraska's academic excellence under Pelini.

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 123 of his players earn first-team academic all-conference honors during the past six years.

The wide-spread success Pelini has enjoyed in his first six 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 him 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.

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 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 11 college teams Pelini has been a part of have compiled an impressive 113-34 record, winning at least nine games every season. His defenses have posted 10 shutouts and held the opposition to seven points or less 41 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. Pelini then moved into the high school ranks, serving as quarterbacks coach at Cardinal Mooney High School (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 coached by Earle Bruce in 1987 and John Cooper his final three seasons. Pelini helped the Buckeyes to a 15-8 record over his final two seasons as a starter, and 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.

After earning his bachelor's degree in business marketing from Ohio State in 1990, Pelini completed his master's degree in sports administration at Ohio University in 1992. Pelini and his wife, Mary Pat, have three children, a 15-year-old son, Patrick, and two daughters, Kate, 13 and Caralyn, 11.

## HUSKER ALL-AMERICANS

### FIRST TEAM (5)

- » Ndamukong Suh, DT (2009)
- » Prince Amukamara, CB (2010)
- » Lavonte David, LB (2010)
- » Alex Henery, P/PK (2010)
- » Lavonte David, LB (2011)

### SECOND TEAM (2)

- » Jared Crick, DT (2010)
- » Spencer Long, OL (2012)

### THIRD TEAM (3)

- » Eric Hagg, DB (2010)
- » Ameer Abdullah, IB (2013)

## HUSKER ACADEMIC

### ALL-AMERICANS

#### FIRST TEAM (5)

- » Austin Cassidy, S (2010)
- » Austin Cassidy, S (2011)
- » Rex Burkhead, RB (2011)
- » Rex Burkhead, RB (2012)
- » Spencer Long, OL (2013)

#### SECOND TEAM (6)

- » Todd Peterson, WR (2008)
- » Tyler Wortman, LB (2008)
- » Sean Fisher, LB (2011)
- » Sean Fisher, LB (2012)
- » Jake Long, TE (2013)
- » C.J. Zimmerer, FB (2013)

## HUSKER NFL

### DRAFT PICKS

#### 2014 (3)

- » Stanley Jean-Baptiste, CB (2nd Round)
- » Spencer Long, OL (3rd Round)
- » Quincy Enunwa, WR (6th Round)

#### 2013 (2)

- » Rex Burkhead, RB (6th Round)
- » Daimion Stafford, S (7th Round)

#### 2012 (4)

- » Lavonte David, LB (2nd Round)
- » Jared Crick, DT (4th Round)
- » Alfonzo Dennard, CB (7th Round)
- » Marcel Jones, OL (7th Round)

#### 2011 (7)

- » Prince Amukamara, CB (1st Round)
- » Roy Helu Jr., RB (4th Round)
- » Alex Henery, PK (4th Round)
- » DeJon Gomes, S (5th Round)
- » Niles Paul, WR (5th Round)
- » Keith Williams, OL (6th Round)
- » Eric Hagg, S (7th Round)

#### 2010 (3)

- » Ndamukong Suh, DT (1st Round)
- » Phillip Dillard, LB (4th Round)
- » Larry Asante, S (5th Round)

#### 2009 (3)

- » Cody Glenn, LB (5th Round)
- » Matt Slauson, OL (6th Round)
- » Lydon Murtha, OL (7th Round)



# TIM BECK

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS  
SEVENTH SEASON | CENTRAL FLORIDA | 1988

*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 five seasons. Beck's fast-paced offense scored nearly 500 points in 2012, and the Huskers have averaged more than 31 points per game in Beck's three seasons as offensive coordinator. As the quarterbacks coach, Beck helped Taylor Martinez re-write the Nebraska record book, as Martinez set 37 school records in his career.*

## EXPERIENCE

### NEBRASKA

- » Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (2011-14)
- » 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) (2002-04)
- » R.L. Turner (Texas) (1999-2001)
- » Saguaro (Ariz.) (1993-95)

### HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT

- » Miramar (Fla.) (1988-89)

## BECK'S NUMBERS

- 8** BOWL GAMES
- 3** CONFERENCE TITLE GAMES
- 1** MAJOR BOWL GAME

## THE BECK FAMILY



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

Tim Beck is in his seventh season at Nebraska and his fourth year as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. A 2012 and 2013 Broyles Award nominee, Beck spent his first three seasons on the Husker staff coaching the running backs.

NU has scored at least two touchdowns in 39 of Beck's 40 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 2013, the Huskers averaged just under 30 points per game after dealing with multiple key injuries. NU started three different quarterbacks on the season in a year when it expected to rely on four-year starter Taylor Martinez, NU's all-time career passing and total offense leader.

The injuries were not limited to the backfield. NU suffered injuries to five starters on the offensive line. With the injuries, Nebraska was forced to use six different starting offensive lines in the final seven games of the regular season.

Despite the injuries, Nebraska joined Ohio State and Wisconsin as the only Big Ten teams to score at least 17 points in every game during the 2013 season.

Beck relied heavily on first-team All-Big Ten running back Ameer Abdullah, a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award. Abdullah rushed for a Big Ten-best 1,690 yards in 2013, the highest total by a Husker since 1997. Behind Abdullah, Nebraska ranked 19th nationally in rushing at 215.7 yards per game, the fourth consecutive year Nebraska ranked in the top 20 nationally in rushing offense.

In the passing game, three Huskers threw for more than 600 yards, a first in school history. Senior receiver Quincy Enunwa hauled in a school-record 12 touchdown passes, and broke the record in style with a school and NCAA record 99-yard TD reception in the Gator Bowl.

With a healthy unit in 2012, NU was eighth nationally in rushing in (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.

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.

Abdullah also excelled in Beck's offense in 2012, rushing 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 with three 100-yard receiving games, 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.



**2** Beck has been nominated for the Broyles Award, presented annually to college football's Assistant Coach of the Year, in each of the last two seasons.

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.



# JOHN PAPUCHIS

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR  
SEVENTH SEASON | VIRGINIA TECH | 2001

*A passionate leader, John Papuchis is one of the nation's top young coaches. Papuchis has coached in one National Championship Game, two BCS Bowl Games and five conference title games in the past nine seasons. During that time, Papuchis has been a part of five teams that ranked among the top 10 nationally in scoring defense. He has also worked with five top-10 total defenses during that time. Nebraska has ranked in the top 10 nationally in scoring defense twice in Papuchis' tenure.*



**4** In Papuchis' first two seasons as defensive coordinator, opponents have completed only 50.6 percent of their passes against NU, a total that ranks fourth nationally.

John Papuchis is in his seventh season at Nebraska and his third year as the defensive coordinator. Papuchis has made a quick rise through the coaching ranks. When he was promoted to defensive coordinator at age 35 in 2012, Papuchis was the fourth-youngest defensive coordinator in the country and the youngest solo defensive coordinator.

Papuchis helped mold a young Husker defense in 2013, a group that made tremendous progress throughout the year. Nebraska finished the season ranked 40th nationally and fourth in the Big Ten in total defense. The unit gelled with time and during Nebraska's eight-game Big Ten schedule, the Huskers allowed an average of only 318.6 yards per game, while holding Michigan (175 yards), Purdue (216) and Iowa (282) all below 300 yards.

On the year, Nebraska's defense boasted top-25 rankings in four categories. The Huskers ranked first in the Big Ten and seventh nationally in sacks, while ranking sixth in third-down defense, 18th in tackles for loss and 21st in fourth-down defense. Nebraska achieved its lofty rankings despite its youth.

First- or second-year players combined to make 46 defensive starts for the Huskers in 2013. Eight freshmen earned starts for the Blackshirts, while sophomore defensive end Randy Gregory, a first-year transfer, made 10 starts en route to earning first-team All-Big Ten accolades.

Gregory led the Big Ten with 10.5 sacks, including a league-high 9.0 sacks in conference play, a total that ranked second all-time at Nebraska. Gregory was joined as a first-team All-Big Ten selection by senior Ciente Evans, who set a Nebraska defensive back record with 11 tackles for loss, while tying the position record with 3.0 sacks.

Under Papuchis' direction in 2012, Nebraska fielded one of the nation's top pass defenses. NU 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.

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.

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 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 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 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 (2012-14)
- » 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)

## PAPUCHIS' NUMBERS

- 11** BOWL GAMES
- 5** CONFERENCE TITLE GAMES
- 2** MAJOR BOWL GAMES
- 1** NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## THE PAPUCHIS FAMILY



(Clockwise from top): John, Billie, John, Sophia and Addyson.



# RON BROWN

RUNNING BACKS

SEVENTH SEASON | 24TH SEASON OVERALL | BROWN | 1979

*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 that includes three national championships at Nebraska, Brown has coached 44 academic all-conference players, and 28 of his former players have gone on to professional careers.*

## EXPERIENCE

### NEBRASKA

- » Running Backs (2011-14)
- » 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)

## BROWN'S NUMBERS

**23** BOWL GAMES

**13** MAJOR BOWL GAMES

**7** CONFERENCE TITLE GAMES

**3** NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## THE BROWN FAMILY



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

Ron Brown is in his 24th season at Nebraska and his seventh year on Bo Pelini's staff, after rejoining the Husker coaching staff in 2008. Brown enters his fourth 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.

Under Brown's direction, junior I-back Ameer Abdullah enjoyed one of the finest seasons in school history in 2013. A first-team All-Big Ten selection and semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award, Abdullah rushed for 1,690 yards. He ranked seventh nationally in rushing yards per game and his yardage total was the fourth-best in Nebraska history and the highest since 1997.

Abdullah was a consistent performer for an injury-riddled Husker offense last fall, as he tied a school record with 11 100-yard rushing efforts while rushing for at least 85 yards in all 13 games. Abdullah added nine rushing touchdowns while averaging 6.0 yards per carry.

Abdullah enters his senior season with the opportunity to become the first player in school history with three 1,000-yard rushing seasons. He is also poised to become just the second Nebraska player with 4,000 career rushing yards and could become the Huskers' all-time leader in all-purpose yardage.

Behind Abdullah, sophomore Imani Cross ran for 447 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2013. Freshman Terrell Newby added 298 yards, as Nebraska finished the 2013 season ranked 19th nationally in rushing at 215.7 yards per game.

Brown's running backs helped NU rank eighth nationally in rushing (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.

Abdullah, who had only 42 carries for 150 yards in 2011, rushed for 1,137 yards on 226 carries in 2012. He 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.

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 nationally with 104.2 rushing yards per game. Burkhead finished with 1,357 rushing yards for the eighth-best rushing total in school history.

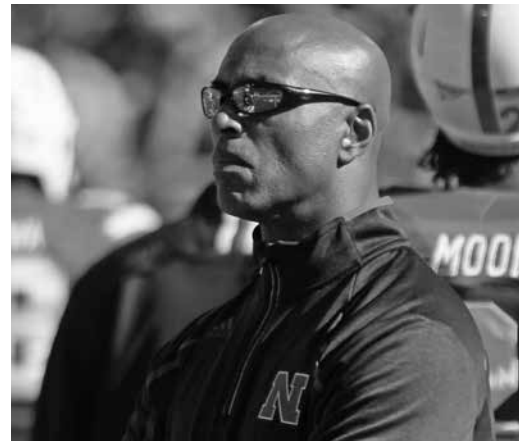
Burkhead also had a knack for finding the end zone, scoring 17 touchdowns, including 15 on the ground, and finishing in a tie for 40th nationally in scoring. Burkhead set a school record by scoring a touchdown in each of the first 10 games in 2011 and tied the overall Nebraska record by scoring a touchdown 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 to Nebraska's rushing attack, which led 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



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Nebraska has played in a bowl game in each of Brown's 23 seasons on the Husker staff, including 13 major bowl games.

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 44 academic all-conference players and five CoSIDA Academic All-Americans.

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.

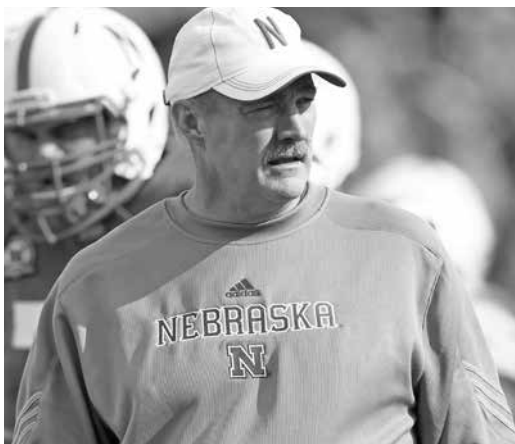
Off the field, Brown and former Husker Stan Parker are co-founders and co-directors of a statewide Christian ministry called Mission Nebraska. This ministry stewards MY BRIDGE RADIO, which consists of numerous Christian radio stations and translators across Nebraska. Mission Nebraska also facilitates 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."

# BARNEY COTTON

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

Among his 26 years of coaching experience, veteran coach Barney Cotton owns 18 years of experience as a collegiate head coach or offensive coordinator. Cotton's work with all phases of the NU rushing attack has helped the Huskers rank in the top 20 nationally in rushing in each of the past four seasons. Husker I-backs have been the beneficiaries of Cotton's expertise, as an I-back has rushed for at least 1,000 yards in five straight seasons, including two-time All-Big Ten back Ameer Abdullah in 2012 and 2013.



**4** Nebraska has ranked in the top 20 nationally in rushing in each of the past four seasons, including two top-10 finishes.

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

Cotton's role changed slightly in 2013, as he served 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 six seasons and helped NU finish in the top 20 nationally in rushing each of the past four years, while producing a 1,000-yard rusher for five straight seasons.

Nebraska's run game ranked 19th nationally in 2013 with an average of 215.7 yards per game. Cotton played a key role in the Huskers once again boasting one of the nation's top rushing attacks. I-back Ameer Abdullah thrived, rushing for 1,690 yards, while tying a school record with 11 100-yard rushing games. Paving the way was a gritty offensive line that dealt with multiple injuries and position switches, as five starters suffered injuries.

Cotton's tight ends combined for 23 catches in 2013 while contributing to the running game's success. Jake Long battled through injuries to earn second-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, while his twin brother Spencer, an offensive lineman, was a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American.

In 2012, Cotton helped 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 Justin Jackson, a converted defensive lineman, earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten accolades in his first year at center. Jeremiah Sirles was a second-team all-conference selection, giving Nebraska three all-conference offensive linemen in 2012. NU also had three all-conference linemen in 2013.

The line helped Nebraska rank eighth nationally with 253.4 rushing yards per game. It paved the way for 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 the 2001-2003 seasons. 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. Helu became the first Husker with back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons in nearly two decades.

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.

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/Offensive Line (2013-14)
- » 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

- » Offensive Coordinator/  
Offensive Line (1989-94)

### HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT

- » Ames (Iowa) Volunteer (2007)

## COTTON'S NUMBERS

**9** BOWL GAMES

**3** CONFERENCE TITLE GAMES

## THE COTTON FAMILY



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





# ROSS ELS

LINEBACKERS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR  
FOURTH SEASON | UNO | 1988

## EXPERIENCE

### NEBRASKA

- » Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator (2014)
- » Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator/Special Teams Coordinator (2012-13)
- » Linebackers (2011)

### OHIO

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

### NEW MEXICO STATE

- » Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (2003-04)
- » Special Teams/Safeties (2001-02)

### HASTINGS COLLEGE

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

### NORTHERN IOWA

- » Secondary (1994)
- » Graduate Assistant (1998)

### UNO

- » Secondary (1990-93)

## ELS' NUMBERS

**6** BOWL GAMES

**3** CONFERENCE TITLE GAMES

## THE ELS FAMILY



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

*Coaching veteran Ross Els fills a variety of roles for the Huskers. In his three years working with the Husker linebackers, Els has produced a Big Ten Linebacker of the Year, an All-American and a second-round NFL Draft pick. With more than 25 years of collegiate coaching experience, Els has helped Nebraska to 28 wins in his first three seasons, including three consecutive nine-win seasons. Known for his ability to quickly prepare newcomers to be key contributors, Els also serves as Nebraska's recruiting coordinator.*

Ross Els begins his fourth season coaching NU's linebackers in 2014 and his third year as recruiting coordinator. Overall he is in his 26th season in the college coaching ranks.

Els helped a young Husker linebacking corps develop throughout the 2013 season. With a two-deep featuring three freshmen, two sophomores and a junior transfer in his first full year of action in the program, Els' linebackers combined for 285 tackles last fall.

Sophomore David Santos was second on the team with 87 tackles and added seven tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks. Redshirt freshman Michael Rose tied for third on the team with 66 stops, including 17 tackles in Nebraska's regular-season finale against Iowa. Junior Zaire Anderson, a junior college transfer who was awarded a medical hardship during his first season at NU in 2012, made 52 stops, including 3.0 sacks. True freshmen Nathan Gerry and Josh Banderas combined for 60 tackles, while making an immediate impact under Els' tutelage.

The linebacking corps - like the entire defensive unit - improved throughout the season, helping NU to a sixth straight nine-win season.

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 in 2012. 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.

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 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



**2** Former Els pupil Lavonte David became the second player in NFL history to record 100 tackles, six sacks and five interceptions in the same season in 2013.

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, Els 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 Els 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). Els is a 1988 graduate of Nebraska-Omaha, where he played safety. He is a Lincoln Northeast High School graduate.

# RICH FISHER

WIDE RECEIVERS  
FOURTH SEASON | COLORADO | 1993

A former national champion, Rich Fisher's wide receivers have been a strength of the team in his first three seasons on the Nebraska staff. Fisher's wideouts have helped NU post two of the top eight receiving seasons in school history. Fisher has shown the ability to develop and utilize underclassmen, as a freshman or sophomore led NU in catches and receiving yards in both 2011 and 2012. In 2013, senior Quincy Enunwa caught a school-record 12 touchdown passes before being selected in the NFL Draft.



**8** Fisher's wide receivers have set eight school records, including Quincy Enunwa's NCAA-record 99-yard TD reception vs. Georgia in the 2014 Gator Bowl.

Rich Fisher coaches the wide receivers in his fourth season on Bo Pelini's staff. In his 12th overall season of coaching at the Division I level, Fisher's wide receiver unit has quickly developed into one of the most explosive and consistent groups in the Big Ten Conference.

Fisher's wide receiving corps dealt with adversity throughout the 2013 season, but still recorded a productive season. The wide receivers not only had to deal with their own injuries that sidelined Jamal Turner and Kenny Bell - two of Nebraska's three leading receivers from 2012 - for portions of the year. The unit also had to adjust to three different starting quarterbacks while combining for 160 catches and 22 touchdown receptions in 2013.

Senior Quincy Enunwa hauled in 51 catches in 2013, including a Nebraska-record 12 touchdown receptions. He set the TD reception record in style with a 99-yard touchdown catch against Georgia in the Gator Bowl. Enunwa's 51 receptions went for 753 yards, the ninth-best yardage total in school history.

Bell finished his junior season with a team-high 52 receptions, marking the third straight year he led the Huskers in catches. Bell joined Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers as the only Huskers to produce two 50-reception seasons. Bell is on track to break Nebraska's career receptions and receiving yards records.

Sophomore Sam Burtch (12) and redshirt freshmen Alonzo Moore (six), Brandon Reilly (3) and Jordan Westerkamp (20) each recorded their first career catches in 2013, with the trio of freshmen combining for 29 receptions. Westerkamp also caught two touchdown passes, including a 49-yard Hail Mary as time expired against Northwestern.

Westerkamp was named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week following his four-catch, 104-yard effort against Northwestern, while Bell repeated as an All-Big Ten selection in 2013.

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).

In 2012, 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. 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.

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.

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

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 Raiders 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. An outside linebacker, Fisher lettered in 1990, 1991 and 1992 and was part of CU's 1990 national championship team. During his playing time, he also contributed to Big Eight title teams in 1989, 1990 and 1991.



## EXPERIENCE

### NEBRASKA

» Wide Receivers (2011-14)

### 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)

## FISHER'S NUMBERS

**4** BOWL GAMES

**1** CONFERENCE TITLE GAME

## THE FISHER FAMILY



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



# JOHN GARRISON

OFFENSIVE LINE  
FOURTH SEASON | NEBRASKA | 2003

*John Garrison has helped Nebraska win at least nine games in each of his six 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 20 nationally in rushing in each of the past four years. In each of Garrison's six seasons on the NU staff, his line has paved the way for an all-conference running back. During that time, six linemen have been selected in the NFL Draft.*

## EXPERIENCE

### NEBRASKA

- » Offensive Line (2013-14)
- » Assistant Offensive Line/Tight Ends (2011-12)
- » Football Intern (2008-10)

### HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT

- » Blue Springs (Mo.) (2005-07)

## GARRISON'S COACHING NUMBERS

**3** BOWL GAMES

**1** CONFERENCE TITLE GAME

## GARRISON'S PLAYING NUMBERS AT NEBRASKA

**4** BOWL GAMES

**2** MAJOR BOWL GAMES

**1** NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

## THE GARRISON FAMILY



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

John Garrison is in his fourth season as a full-time Nebraska assistant coach and his second as the Huskers' offensive line coach. Previously, Garrison was NU's 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 seven seasons as head coach, working as an intern with the Nebraska offense from 2008 to 2010.

Garrison's offensive line paved the way for another big rushing season for the Huskers in 2013. Nebraska ranked 19th nationally with an average of 215.7 rushing yards per game. Junior I-back Ameer Abdullah was the beneficiary of the line play, rushing for 1,690 yards, the highest total by a Husker since 1997. A first-team All-Big Ten selection and third-team All-American, Abdullah rushed for at least 85 yards in every game behind Garrison's line, including a school-record 11 100-yard efforts.

Nebraska's line has also protected the passer well, allowing an average of only 1.3 sacks per game in 2013, a total that ranked 23rd nationally. The line was led by three all-conference performers. Senior Jeremiah Sirles battled through injuries to earn all-conference honors for the second straight season, while seniors Cole Pensick and Andrew Rodriguez each earned their first All-Big Ten accolade in their final season.

The trio of Sirles, Pensick and Rodriguez helped anchor an offensive line that had six of its top eight players injured at one point in the season, including 2012 second-team All-American Spencer Long.

Garrison was also recently honored for his exceptional work on the recruiting trail, as Rivals.com tabbed Garrison as one of the nation's top 25 recruiters in 2014.

The offensive line helped Nebraska rank eighth nationally with 253.4 rushing yards per game in 2012. It paved the way for Abdullah to become the first Husker sophomore to rush for 1,000 yards since 1994, helping Abdullah earn second-team All-Big Ten honors.

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 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 Tionio Fomoti in 2001 and only the second first-team all-conference offensive lineman since Fomoti 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. 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.

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 - Mike Caputo and Long - were All-Big Ten honorees. Senior Marcel Jones was also an honorable-mention All-Big Ten pick in 2011.



**15** In his six seasons working with the offensive line, Garrison has helped 15 Husker offensive linemen earn all-conference recognition.

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.

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 2001 BCS National Championship. That year, he helped quarterback Eric Crouch win 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.



# RICK KACZENSKI

DEFENSIVE LINE  
THIRD SEASON | NOTRE DAME | 1997

*Rick Kaczenski brings a complete understanding of both offensive and defensive line play to the Husker coaching staff. A former Notre Dame center with experience as an offensive line coach, he possesses a unique perspective that has helped his defensive linemen thrive in his first two seasons at NU. His extensive knowledge helped Nebraska rank seventh nationally in sacks in 2013 and 18th in TFLs. Individually, Kaczenski's defensive linemen have earned 13 All-Big Ten awards in the past seven seasons.*



**7** Despite a defensive line that featured six first-year players in the regular rotation, Kaczenski's line helped Nebraska rank seventh nationally in sacks in 2013.

Rick Kaczenski is in his third season as Nebraska's defensive line coach and his 10th season coaching in the Big Ten Conference.

Behind first-team All-Big Ten selection Randy Gregory, NU led the Big Ten and ranked seventh nationally in sacks with 3.0 per game in 2013. Nebraska also led the Big Ten and finished 18th nationally in tackles for loss.

Gregory, a first-year junior college transfer, thrived under Kaczenski's tutelage. Gregory led the Big Ten with 10.5 sacks, including 9.0 sacks in eight Big Ten Conference games. Gregory's 10.5 sacks were the most ever by a first-year Husker, while his 9.0 conference sacks ranked second all-time at Nebraska.

Jason Ankrum enjoyed a productive senior season under Kaczenski, earning honorable-mention All-Big Ten accolades. Ankrum produced 36 tackles with nine tackles for loss and 4.0 sacks, including two sacks in a Gator Bowl victory over Georgia.

Combined, Kaczenski's defensive line produced 247 tackles, 50 tackles for loss and 24.0 sacks in 2013. Five freshmen contributed immediately, combining for 90 tackles, 19 TFLs and 7.5 sacks.

Kaczenski faced a challenge in his first season in Lincoln in 2012, 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 line 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 end Eric Martin, the line helped the Huskers rank second in the Big Ten and in the top 50 nationally in 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 recorded 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 and two more in 2013, Kaczenski's defensive linemen have won 13 All-Big Ten awards the past seven 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 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. 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 defensive line. End Adrian Clayborn became the 21st Hawkeye to earn consensus All-America honors in 2010 after totaling 11.5 sacks and 20 TFLs. Clayborn was named the national Defensive Performer of the Year by College Football Performance Awards in 2009.

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 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. 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.

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.



## EXPERIENCE NEBRASKA

» Defensive Line (2012-14)

## 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)

## KACZENSKI'S NUMBERS

**10** BOWL GAMES

**1** MAJOR BOWL GAME

**1** CONFERENCE TITLE GAME

## THE KACZENSKI FAMILY



(from left): Jessica, Sophia, Victor and Rick.



# CHARLTON WARREN

SECONDARY  
FIRST SEASON | AIR FORCE | 1999

## EXPERIENCE

### NEBRASKA

» Secondary (2014)

### AIR FORCE

» Associate Head Coach/  
Defensive Coordinator/Secondary  
(2012-13)  
» Co-Defensive Coordinator/  
Secondary/Recruiting Coordinator  
(2008-11)  
» Secondary/Recruiting Coordinator  
(2005-07)

### HOUSTON TEXANS

» NFL Minority Internship Program  
(2007)

## WARREN'S NUMBERS

**6** BOWL GAMES

## THE WARREN FAMILY



(from left): Jayree, Jocelyn, Charlton,  
Chase and Teya

*Charlton Warren brings impressive credentials to Lincoln as the newest member of the NU staff. He spent the past nine seasons at Air Force, including the final two seasons as associate head coach and defensive coordinator. Warren worked directly with the Falcon secondary, a unit that ranked in the top 10 nationally in passing yards allowed in two of the last four seasons. Warren also boasts NFL experience, as he was selected to serve a training camp internship with the Houston Texans in 2007.*

Charlton Warren is in his first season on the Nebraska coaching staff, where he will lead the Husker secondary. Warren came to Nebraska after nine years on the defensive staff at the Air Force Academy, including the past two seasons as associate head coach and defensive coordinator. Warren was also a standout defensive back for the Falcons in the late 1990s.

Warren inherits a Nebraska secondary that returns a pair of starters in 2014 seniors Corey Cooper at safety and Josh Mitchell at cornerback. Nebraska has a history of ranking among the nation's top pass defenses, and led the Big Ten in passing yards allowed and opponent pass completion percentage during conference games in 2013.

Warren spent the past nine seasons coaching at Air Force, working directly with the defensive backs all nine years with the Falcons. Warren also earned a reputation as the Falcons' top recruiter and coordinated Air Force's recruiting efforts for six seasons from 2006 to 2011.

Air Force's secondary was a strong point for the Falcon defense during Warren's time in Colorado Springs. The Air Force pass defense often ranked among the best in the country, helping the Falcons to six bowl games in Warren's nine seasons as an assistant coach.

In 2011, the Air Force defense ranked sixth in passing yards allowed per game at 166.8 yards per game. In 2010, the Falcon secondary was even better, ranking second nationally by allowing just 147.8 passing yards per game and finishing 10th nationally in pass efficiency defense. The play of the defensive backfield helped Air Force to a 9-4 record, capped by a victory over Georgia Tech in the Independence Bowl.

The 2009 defense also excelled against the pass under Warren's direction, helping the team to a trip to the Armed Forces Bowl. Air Force ranked seventh nationally with 20 interceptions, helping the team lead the nation in turnover margin. The 2009 Falcons also ranked in the top 20 nationally in passing yards allowed (fifth), total defense (11th) and pass efficiency defense (17th).

Warren was also a member of the Air Force staff for 2007 and 2008 trips to the Armed Forces Bowl, when the Falcons posted 9-4 and 8-5 records, respectively.

Individually, several Falcon defenders excelled under Warren's direction. Air Force produced a first-team All-Mountain West defensive back for three straight years from 2009 to 2011. In 2010, Reggie Rembert capped an outstanding career, earning first-team All-America honors from the American Football Coaches Association and third-team All-America honors from the Associated Press. Rembert was also a two-time first-team all-conference pick and was selected as the NFLPA Service Academy Player of the Year in 2010.

Anthony Wright was a second-team all-conference pick in 2011 and finished his career with 12 interceptions to rank fourth in Air Force history. Chris Thomas also excelled under Warren's coaching, earning all-conference honors three times and ranking among the school's all-time leaders in tackles and interceptions. Warren also coached Carson Bird to first-team all-conference and All-America honors in 2007.

In addition to his nine seasons of experience at Air Force, Warren was selected by the Houston Texans to participate in the NFL's minority internship program in 2007. Warren spent time in training camp with the Texans, and took part in defensive and special teams sessions.

Warren graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in human factors engineering. He was a standout



**2** Twice in the past four seasons, Warren has directed a secondary that ranked in the top 10 nationally in passing yards allowed per game.

defensive back for the Falcons, earning three letters. Warren won the team's Mr. Intensity Award as a senior, and helped the program to consecutive 10-win seasons in 1997 and 1998, including a 12-1 record and outright conference title in 1998.

Following his college career, Warren performed his active service as a systems acquisitions program manager at both Warner Robbins AFB in Georgia and Elgin Air Force Base in Florida. Warren earned his MBA from Georgia College and State University in 2003.

# JEFF JAMROG

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR FOOTBALL OPERATIONS  
SEVENTH SEASON | NEBRASKA | 1987



Former Nebraska player and assistant coach Jeff Jamrog is in his seventh year as the Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations for the Husker program in 2014.

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. Jamrog also serves on the AFCA's Director of Football Operations committee.

A former walk-on himself, Jamrog has played a lead role in the resurgence of Nebraska's walk-on program. Since Pelini has taken over the program, 26 former walk-ons have been placed on scholarship.

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 51 games the past four seasons and overall, 10 members of NU's 23-player 2013 senior class began their career as walk-ons.

On the scheduling front, Jamrog has taken the lead in securing several future non-conference series. Nebraska has recently agreed to future games with fellow Big Eight rivals Colorado and Oklahoma and as well as recent BCS qualifiers Northern Illinois and Oregon.

Jamrog returned to NU after spending four seasons as Minnesota State-Mankato's head coach. He guided the Mavericks to a 17-27 record, including a 6-5 mark in 2004, the first winning season since 1994. The team boasted a six-game improvement, 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.

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.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Nebraska in 1987 and his master's in business administration in 1990.



## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE NEBRASKA

» Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations (2008-14)

## 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)

## THE JAMROG FAMILY



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





# JAMES DOBSON

HEAD FOOTBALL STRENGTH COACH  
SEVENTH 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)

## THE DOBSON FAMILY



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

James Dobson is in his seventh 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 six 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. The 2013 Huskers showed their stamina late in close games, winning all five games decided by seven or fewer points. 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 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 time at Iowa, Dobson spent 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 is in his second season as an offensive graduate assistant at Nebraska, where he works extensively with the tight ends.

In 2013, Brey worked with a Husker offense that averaged more than 30 points per game, despite being forced to use three different starting quarterbacks due to injury. Nebraska's tight ends combined for 22 catches and 379 receiving yards in 2013, while also blocking for a Husker rushing attack that ranked 19th nationally.

Prior to Nebraska, Brey spent two seasons on the coaching staff at Kansas, where he 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 was 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.



**AUSTIN CASSIDY**  
GRADUATE ASSISTANT | DEFENSE

Austin Cassidy is in his first season as a Nebraska defensive graduate assistant and his third season on the Husker staff. Cassidy was also a member of the Husker defensive staff in 2012 and 2013. Cassidy will work primarily with the safeties in 2014.

In his first two years on the Huskers' defensive staff, Nebraska boasted strong secondaries. In 2013, NU ranked 33rd nationally in pass defense after ranking fourth in the country in 2012. In 2012, senior safety Daimion Stafford ranked 30th nationally in interceptions before being selected by the Tennessee Titans in the 2013 NFL Draft.

Cassidy was a safety himself for Nebraska from 2008 to 2011, after redshirting in 2007. Cassidy earned 20 starts in his career, helping the Huskers to 38 wins in his four seasons. He totaled 128 tackles with three interceptions and five breakups. He was an honorable-mention All-Big Ten selection as a senior in 2011, when he ranked fourth on the team with 70 tackles and tied for the team lead with two interceptions. Cassidy also scored a touchdown on a fumble return at Minnesota.

Cassidy was one of the top student-athletes in the history of Nebraska football. He was a two-time, first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American. Only the 14th Husker to be a two-time, first-team academic All-American, Cassidy was a semifinalist for the 2011 William V. Campbell Trophy, considered to be the equivalent of the "academic" Heisman Trophy.

Cassidy received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Nebraska in May of 2011. He is married to the former Alex Ball. Cassidy's father, Tim, was Nebraska's Associate Athletic Director for Football Operations from 2004 to 2007, and Tim currently serves as the Senior Associate Athletic Director of Football at Arizona State.



**JOE GANZ**  
GRADUATE ASSISTANT | OFFENSE

Joe Ganz is in his third year in a graduate assistant role in 2014 and his fifth 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 re-write the Nebraska record books, despite missing most of his senior season due to injury. Working with Ganz every year of his career, Martinez left Nebraska as the Huskers' all-time leader in passing yards (7,258), passing touchdowns (56), completions (573) and total offense (10,233). Martinez set 37 school records under Ganz's tutelage, including season records for touchdowns and total offense.

Ganz was the perfect mentor for Martinez, as Ganz was a record-setting Husker quarterback himself 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. As the Huskers' full-time starting quarterback in Bo Pelini's first season in 2008, Ganz set school records with 3,568 passing yards and 25 touchdowns.

In the classroom, Ganz was a 2008 first-team academic All-Big 12 selection. He earned his degree in business administration from Nebraska in December of 2008.



**MAX ONYGBULE**  
GRADUATE ASSISTANT | DEFENSE

Max Onyegbule is in his first season on the Nebraska staff in 2014, and he serves as a defensive graduate assistant. Onyegbule will primarily work with a talented Husker defensive line this fall, a unit that helped Nebraska rank seventh nationally in sacks in 2013.

Onyegbule spent the 2013 season as a defensive graduate assistant at Kansas, his alma mater.

As a defensive lineman for Kansas from 2006 to 2009, Onyegbule registered 67 tackles as a three-year letterwinner. As a senior in 2009, Onyegbule totaled 37 tackles, including 16 solo stops. He added 11 tackles for loss and 6.0 sacks. Kansas enjoyed great success during Onyegbule's career, including a 12-1 record in 2007, when the Jayhawks earned an Orange Bowl victory over Virginia Tech and finished with a No. 7 final national ranking. Nebraska Offensive Coordinator Tim Beck was a member of the Kansas offensive coaching staff from 2005 to 2007.

Onyegbule earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Kansas in December of 2010.

## FOOTBALL INTERNS



Ridge Barber



Mike Caputo



Justin Drudik



Jake Mandelko



Tim Marlowe



Dan Rudolph



Barrett Ruud



Chris Schuller



**AUSTEN EVERSON**  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

Austen Everson is in his fifth season as a full-time member of the Nebraska football staff. He is in his second season as the assistant director of football operations, after serving as the director of high school relations for three years from 2010 to 2012. A native of Brentwood, Tenn., Everson previously served as a football operations intern at NU from June 2008 to January 2009.

In his current role, Everson assists Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations Jeff Jamrog in a variety of duties, including a key role in team travel.

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 coach Frank Solich. During his undergraduate career, Everson was a two-time academic All-MAC selection, a National Football Foundation National Honor Society inductee and a 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 woman administrator for nearly two years while earning master's degrees in business administration in 2008 and sports administration in 2009.

Everson married the former Leah Luther of Lexington, Neb., in May of 2014.



**JAKE WESCH**  
RECRUITING MANAGER

A former Husker walk-on, Jake Wesch is in his second season as Nebraska's recruiting manager after spending two seasons as NU's assistant director of football operations in 2011 and 2012. Wesch fills a variety of recruiting roles, including developing and supervising a marketing plan, organizing on-campus visits, securing the student-athlete transition to Nebraska and the hiring and supervision of student workers.

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. He 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 a 17-yard touchdown pass to Hunter Teafatiller on a fake field goal against Kansas State. He added 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. Wesch 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 December of 2008 and went on to earn a master's in educational administration in the summer of 2011. Wesch and his wife, Brittany, were married in August of 2013.



**AARYN KEARNEY**  
DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING OPERATIONS

Aaryn Kearney joined the NU football staff in February of 2009 as a recruiting staff assistant. He was promoted to director of recruiting operations in January of 2014. In his position, Kearney directs the day-to-day operations of Nebraska's recruiting staff and is responsible for the implementation of the Huskers' recruiting plan. He oversees the evaluation process for the football staff. He assists the staff with roster management, the initial eligibility of prospective student-athletes and organizing NCAA compliance records pertaining to recruiting activities and campus visits. Kearney also serves as the program's NFL liaison for pro personnel.

In addition to assisting the football 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.



**BRIAN CRIST**  
DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

Brian Crist joined the Nebraska football staff as the Huskers' director of player personnel in 2014. Crist is responsible for the development of the student mentoring program, in addition to coordinating the football team's Life Skills outreach programs and community service efforts. Crist also serves as a liaison to NFL scouts visiting campus, among other duties.

Before coming to Nebraska, Crist spent the 2013 season coaching the wide receivers at Bridgewater College in Virginia. Crist owns nearly 20 years of coaching experience. He spent more than 10 seasons at UMass, working with the quarterbacks, wide receivers, tight ends and special teams. Crist earned his first full-time coaching job with UMass from 1996 to 2001. In his second stint coaching the Minutemen wide receivers from 2007 to 2010, Crist coached New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz.

In between stints with the Minutemen, Crist spent five years working with the wideouts at Louisiana-Lafayette from 2002 to 2006. In his final two seasons, Crist served as the Ragin' Cajuns passing game coordinator. Crist earned his first coaching job as an offensive graduate assistant at Virginia Tech in 1994 and 1995.

Crist earned his bachelor's degree in economics and math from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia in 1994. He and his wife Amy have four children, Jackson (11), Ali (9), Caroline (5) and Logan (3).



**DREW SOUKUP**  
REGIONAL RECRUITING ASSISTANT

Drew Soukup was named a regional recruiting assistant in the spring of 2014 after previously serving as an intern on the Nebraska football staff for the 2012 and 2013 seasons. In his new role, Soukup is responsible for identifying potential recruits within his assigned region, and serving as an on-campus host for visitors from that region.

Soukup earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from Nebraska in May of 2010 and his master's degree in educational administration with a higher education focus in August of 2013. While completing his undergraduate degree, Soukup worked as a student assistant in the Huskers Athletic Fund office, the fundraising arm of the Nebraska Athletic Department.



**KENNY WILHITE**  
REGIONAL RECRUITING ASSISTANT

Kenny Wilhite joined the Nebraska football staff as a regional recruiting assistant in the spring of 2014. Wilhite is responsible for identifying potential recruits within his assigned region, and serving as an on-campus host for visitors from that region.

Wilhite came to Nebraska after spending six seasons coaching defensive backs at Southeast Missouri State under former Husker player and coach Tony Samuel. A native of St. Louis, Mo., Wilhite previously gained coaching experience at New Mexico State, Dodge City Community College, Emporia State, Kentucky State and Central Arkansas.

A standout defensive back for the Huskers under Coach Tom Osborne, Wilhite earned All-Big Eight honors in 1991 after leading the team in interceptions. Wilhite played professionally for four seasons in the Canadian Football League. Wilhite was a CFL all-star in 1996, when he finished third behind Doug Flutie in voting for the league's player-of-the-year award.

Wilhite earned his bachelor's degree in human development from Nebraska in 1992.



**MIKE CUNNINGHAM**  
FOOTBALL STAFF ASSISTANT

Mike Cunningham is in his first season as a Nebraska football staff assistant. Cunningham assists the Husker offensive coaches in a variety of duties, and he has collegiate coaching experience as an offensive assistant.

Cunningham came to Nebraska after serving as the offensive line coach at North Dakota in 2013. He worked with the Minnesota State-Mankato football program from 2006 to 2012, after previously serving on the football staff at Concordia St. Paul in 2004 and 2005.

Cunningham earned his bachelor's degree in family sciences from New Mexico State in 2001. He and his wife Andrea have three children, Trevin (10), Alyssa (7) and Alex (3).





**JONI DUFF**  
FOOTBALL STAFF ASSISTANT TO BO PELINI

Joni Duff began her association with the Nebraska football office in 1980. After previously serving as an assistant to the defensive coordinator and the defensive assistant coaches, she will now also serve as Bo Pelini's administrative assistant. Duff also handles multiple office functions.

She is married to Craig Duff, and the couple has two sons, Alex and Nathan.



**TERI RIGGINS**  
FOOTBALL STAFF ASSISTANT

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 10th year as a football staff assistant, where she assists the Husker offensive coaches, among other duties. Previously she served as the recruiting staff assistant for six years, in addition to 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.



**MIKE NOBLER**  
VIDEO COORDINATOR

Mike Nobler is in his sixth year on the Nebraska staff in 2014, 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 VIDEO COORDINATOR

Tate Guillotte is in his fourth season as the assistant football video coordinator. Guillotte assists in providing all technology needs for the Husker coaching staff, including film exchange and breakdown of practice and game footage. Guillotte helps facilitate the filming and editing of all games and practice, as well as support digital playbooks for the entire Husker football team.

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 2010, where he was a part of the Tigers' 2007 national championship team.

Guillotte is originally from New Iberia, La. He and his wife, Melynnda, have one son, Carson.



**TYLER CLARKE**  
ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH

Tyler Clarke is in his sixth season as an assistant strength coach for the Nebraska football program in 2014. 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. student at UNL.



**WILLIE JONES**  
ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH

Willie Jones is in his sixth season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the Nebraska football team in 2014. 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.



**TAYLOR PORTER**  
ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH

Taylor Porter is in his second season as an assistant strength coach with the Nebraska football team. He assists with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program for football, which includes winter conditioning, summer workouts and in-season training.

Porter brought experience from both the collegiate and professional levels to Nebraska, as he has spent time with the NFL's Houston Texans, while also working at TCU and Louisville.

Porter is originally from Chicago, but grew up in New London, Wis. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in kinesiology at Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he also played football. While at Louisville, he earned his master's degree in justice administration.

Porter is CPR/AED certified by the American Red Cross and is working to become a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association.

## ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL ASSISTANTS AND STUDENT STAFF

**Football Strength and Conditioning Intern:** Morgan Bergen.

**Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainers:** Spencer Fowler and Eduardo Godoy.

**Student Athletic Trainers:** Mason Beel, Justine Bolton, Becca Cover, Clinton Lackas, Helen Schneider and Ashley Strazdas.

**Student Equipment Managers:** Cole Ashby, Ryan Carstenson, Riley Herchenbach, Brett Jamrog, Janzen Krysl, Kara Leachman, Kelli Leachman, Nic Mitchell, Joseph Mueller, Tim O'Brien, DJ Pfeiffer, Kenny Pfeiffer, Mitchell Ruybalaid, Espen Sandes, Trey Semrad, Ryan Stanzel and Jonah Watson.

**Football Office Student Assistants:** Tori Bayer, Aneisha Brown, Elizabeth Jamrog, Taber Konz, Leslie Kumm, Lauren Largen, Lexi Najarian, Valerie Peterson, Jayree Warren and Elise Wordekemper.

**Football Recruiting Office Student Assistants:** Jared Jamrog, Carter Johnson, Addison Morris and Sean Mulholland.

**Student Video Assistants:** Brandon Baratta, Nate Barnhill, Joel Bittner, Kyle Dostal, Joe Finegan, Joe Hamata, Devon Kleich, Matt Pearce and John Wiatr.



**BEN SCHUMACHER**  
ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACH

Ben Schumacher joined the Nebraska football team as an assistant strength coach in the spring of 2014. Schumacher came to Lincoln with Big Ten Conference experience after spending the previous year working with the University of Minnesota's football squad.

With the Huskers, Schumacher assists Head Football Strength Coach James Dobson with all aspects of the Nebraska strength and conditioning program for football, which includes winter conditioning, summer workouts and in-season training.

Previously, Schumacher spent two seasons at Harvard University, where he aided the Crimson to an Ivy League football title as well as an Ivy League Player of the Year in women's lacrosse. Schumacher also served as the head strength and conditioning coach for nine Division I sports in Cambridge. He earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology at Concordia University St. Paul and completed his master's degree in applied health science from Northwest Missouri State University.



**LONNIE ALBERS**  
ASSOCIATE 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.



**MARK MAYER**  
HEAD FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

Mark Mayer (pronounced Meyer) is in his eighth season as Nebraska's head football athletic trainer in 2014. 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, 11-year old daughter Savannah Audren and 8-year old son Boston Zachary.



**DREW HAMBLIN**  
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

Drew Hamblin is in his first season as an assistant athletic trainer at Nebraska, where he works with the Husker football team. Hamblin 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.

Before coming to Nebraska, Hamblin spent three seasons as an assistant athletic trainer at Auburn from 2011 to 2013, when he worked with the Tiger football program. Previously, Hamblin served as the Director of Sports Medicine and Head Athletic Trainer at Newberry College in Newberry, S.C. Hamblin also possesses NFL experience, as he spent the 2009 season as an athletic trainer intern with the Buffalo Bills.

Hamblin is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. A native of Madison, Wis., he earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology-athletic training from Wisconsin in 2007. Hamblin earned a master's degree in sports management from Arkansas in 2009.



**BRANDON ARMSTRONG**  
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

Brandon Armstrong joined the Nebraska athletic training staff in 2014. Armstrong 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.

Armstrong comes to Nebraska after spending the 2012 and 2013 seasons as an athletic training intern with the New England Patriots. Previously, Armstrong spent the 2010 and 2011 seasons as a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Alabama, which won the 2011 national championship.

Armstrong earned bachelor's degrees in athletic training from Morehead State in exercise science in 2007 and in athletic training from Eastern Kentucky in 2010. He earned his master of science degree in health studies with a concentration in athletic training from Alabama in 2012.



**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 Nebraska medical team has two physical therapist/athletic trainers, 11 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.



**RYAN REIST**  
SPORTS DIETITIAN

Ryan Reist joined the Nebraska Athletic Department in March of 2014 as a sports dietitian. He works with Nebraska's football, golf, tennis, gymnastics and softball teams. Reist re-fuels and pre-fuels student-athletes so they perform at their bests.

Prior to coming to Nebraska, Reist was a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist for an executive wellness program. He also works with athletes and other individuals through his sports nutrition company.

Reist graduated from Texas A&M with a degree in nutritional sciences, he also holds master's degrees in exercise physiology and sport nutrition. Reist is a Board Certified Specialist in Sport Dietetics (C.S.S.D.).

Reist and his wife, Whitney, were married in May of 2013.



**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 four 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 five-year-old son, Connor, and a two-year-old daughter, Quinn.



**STEVE WATERFIELD**  
SENIOR ASSOCIATE A.D. | PERFORMANCE & STRATEGIC RESEARCH

Steve Waterfield joined the Athletic Department in August of 2013 as a Senior Associate Athletic Director in charge of Performance and Strategic Research.

A member of the Athletic Department's Senior Management Team, Waterfield serves as the sports administrator for football and men's and women's tennis. He also oversees Nebraska's athletic medicine, strength and conditioning, sports nutrition, Lewis Training Table and the Nebraska Athletic Performance Laboratory (NAPL). In addition, he is responsible for strategic research and analysis.

Waterfield is the athletic department liaison to the institution's Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior (CB3), located in the East Stadium Research Facility.

Waterfield joined Nebraska after two years as a senior administrator at Miami. While in Coral Gables, Waterfield oversaw sports medicine, athletic training, strength and conditioning and human resources, and served as the direct sport administrator for the football and men's basketball programs.

Prior to Miami, Waterfield spent seven years at Wisconsin, serving under Director of Athletics Barry Alvarez as an Associate Athletics Director for Student Services, overseeing compliance, academic services and sports medicine, and served as sport administrator for the men's and women's soccer and men's and women's swimming and diving programs.

Waterfield went to Wisconsin after spending five years as an Assistant Director of Compliance at Ohio State.

Waterfield holds a law degree, a master's in business administration and a master's in sports management from Ohio State and a bachelor's degree in political science from Kenyon College. He is a member of the Ohio bar and U.S. Federal District Court and worked as an Assistant Attorney General in the Ohio Attorney General's office.

Steve and his wife, Jaime, have two sons, Davis and Austin.



**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, who has been with the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes since 1987, joined the Nebraska Athletic Department in 1983 as a member of the track and field staff.

Under Leblanc's leadership, Nebraska has become the national leader in CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for football and all sports, NCAA Today's Top Ten Award honorees and recipients of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Postgraduate Scholarship. Since he joined the academic staff in 1987, 238 of Nebraska's 314 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans have been honored, while NU has claimed 14 of its 17 NCAA's Today TopTen Award recipients. More than 2,700 Husker student-athletes have earned their degrees.

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. In 2012, Nebraska's program became one of only 21 programs nationally to be certified by the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A) for meeting the established standards of service for student-athletes as outlined by the N4A.

Leblanc is a member of the N4A, and in 2002 he received its prestigious Lan Hewlett Award presented 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 above and beyond their assigned duties, devoting extra time and effort in serving the needs of students. In 2005, he was presented with Honorary Mortar Board membership honoring him for his leadership and service to students. In 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 & N-CLUB

In his 27th year serving Nebraska Athletics, Keith Zimmer leads Nebraska's Life Skills unit within the department. He also serves as the sports administrator for the men's and women's golf program while playing in key role in continuing relationships with members of Nebraska's Letterwinners N Club.

Zimmer, who started at Nebraska in 1987, carries 26 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.