

# NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

## 2019 RECRUITING CLASS

### SCHOLARSHIP ADDITIONS (27)

NAME	POS.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
Matthew Anderson	OL	Leesville, La. (Leesville HS)
Brant Banks*	DL	Houston, Texas (Westbury Christian HS)
Bryce Benhart	OL	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville North HS)
Darien Chase	WR	Vancouver, Wash. (Union HS)
Darrion Daniels*^	DL	Dallas, Texas (Bishop Dunne HS/Oklahoma State)
Myles Farmer	DB	Atlanta, Ga. (Westlake HS)
Jimmy Fritzsche	OL	Greenville, S.C. (Greenville HS)
Jamin Graham	LB	Attalla, Ala. (Etowah HS)
Jackson Hannah	LB	Nashville, Tenn. (Montgomery Bell Academy)
Nick Henrich*	LB	Omaha, Neb. (Burke HS)
Chris Hickman*	TE	Omaha, Neb. (Burke HS)
Demariyon Houston	WR	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Millwood HS)
Rahmir Johnson	RB	Oradell, N.J. (Bergen Catholic HS)
Michael Lynn	OL	Greenwood Village, Colo. (Cherry Hills HS)
Luke McCaffrey*	QB	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Valor Christian HS)
Dedrick Mills	RB	Waycross, Ga. (Ware County HS/Ga. Tech/Garden City CC)
Jamie Nance*	WR	Blanchard, Okla. (Blanchard HS)
Garrett Nelson*	LB	Scottsbluff, Neb. (Scottsbluff HS)
Mosai Newsome	DL	Waverly, Iowa (Waverly-Shell Rock HS)
Quinton Newsome	DB	Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett HS)
Ethan Piper	ATH	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic HS)
Noa Pola-Gates	DB	Gilbert, Ariz. (Williams Field HS)
Ty Robinson	DL	Gilbert, Ariz. (Higley HS)
Wandale Robinson*	ATH	Frankfort, Ky. (Western Hills HS)
Garrett Snodgrass	LB	York, Neb. (York HS)
Ronald Thompkins	RB	Loganville, Ga. (Grayson HS)
Javin Wright	DB	Chandler, Ariz. (Hamilton HS)

\*-enrolled at Nebraska in January; ^-graduate transfer

### STATE BREAKDOWN

- Nebraska (5)
- Georgia (4)
- Arizona (3)
- Colorado (2)
- Oklahoma (2)
- Texas (2)
- Alabama (1)
- Iowa (1)
- Kentucky (1)
- Louisiana (1)
- Minnesota (1)
- New Jersey (1)
- South Carolina (1)
- Tennessee (1)
- Washington (1)

### POSITION BREAKDOWN

- Linebacker (5)
- Defensive Back (4)
- Defensive Line (4)
- Offensive Line (4)
- Running Back (3)
- Wide Receiver (3)
- Athlete (2)
- Quarterback (1)
- Tight End (1)

### WALK-ON COMMITMENTS (23) [AS OF FEB. 6]

NAME	POS.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
John Bullock	LB	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep HS)
Grant Detlefsen	P	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast HS)
John Goodwin	TE	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln HS)
Tyson Guzman	DB	Omaha, Neb. (Westside HS)
Gabe Heins	PK	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney HS)
Jacob Herbek	DL	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic HS)
Matt Huser	DL	Omaha, Neb. (Millard West HS)
Garrett Hustedt	LB	Omaha, Neb. (Mount Michael Benedictine HS)
Austin Jablonski	ATH	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X HS)
Cooper Jewett	RB	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn South HS)
Dylan Jorgensen	PK	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest HS)
Riley Kinney	ATH	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland HS)
Cam Kleinschmidt	DB	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln HS)
Nick Leader	LB	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest HS)
Caden McCormack	LB	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest HS)
Brayden Miller	QB	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney HS)
Riley Moses	OL	Fairmont, Neb. (Fillmore Central HS)
Luke Reimer	ATH	Lincoln, Neb. (North Star HS)
Eli Richter	OL	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic HS)
Braden Sellon	LB	Lincoln, Neb. (East HS)
Sam Shurtleff	LB	Watkinsville, Ga. (Oconee County HS)
Noah Stafursky	OL	York, Neb. (York HS)
Zach Weinmaster	RB	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland HS)

### STATE BREAKDOWN

- Nebraska (20)
- Colorado (2)
- Georgia (1)

### POSITION BREAKDOWN

- Linebacker (6)
- Athlete (3)
- Offensive Line (3)
- Defensive Back (2)
- Defensive Line (2)
- Place-Kicker (2)
- Running Back (2)
- Punter (1)
- Quarterback (1)
- Tight End (1)

The walk-ons listed above have been admitted to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and paid their enrollment deposit

# SCHOLARSHIP BIOS

## **MATTHEW ANDERSON • OL** **LEESVILLE, LA. (LEESVILLE HS)**

Matthew Anderson comes to Nebraska from Leesville High School in Louisiana, where he was a key member of an offensive line that helped Leesville win 23 games over his junior and senior seasons. Anderson was a three-time district champion for the Wampus Cats.

Anderson helped Leesville to a 13-1 record as a senior, when the Wampus Cats posted a perfect regular season for the first time in the school's 98-year history and advanced to the semifinals of Louisiana Class 4A state playoffs for the first time in more than 20 years. Anderson was recognized as a first-team all-state selection by the Louisiana Football Coaches Association following his senior season, in addition to being named to the all-composite team, which was made up of the top players in Class 1A through Class 5A. He was also named to the USA Today All-Louisiana team. Anderson, who helped Leesville to a 10-2 record as a junior, also played tennis for the Wampus Cats and was captain of the chess team.

Anderson was rated as a three-star prospect and was listed among the top 70 offensive tackles in the country by 247Sports. He held offers from Louisiana Tech, Louisiana and Western Kentucky, among others.

## **BRANT BANKS • DL** **HOUSTON, TEXAS (WESTBURY CHRISTIAN HS)**

Brant Banks was a versatile player for Westbury Christian High School in Houston, playing on the offensive line, defensive line and tight end. An all-district performer as both an offensive and defensive lineman, Banks is expected to begin his Nebraska career on the defensive line, where he brings great size and athleticism to the position.

As a senior, Banks was a first-team all-district honoree at offensive tackle for Westbury Christian. Banks was a first-team all-district selection offensive lineman as a junior and a second-team pick as a defensive lineman, when he helped Westbury Christian to the state playoffs. He also earned second-team all-state honors from the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools as a junior.

Banks was considered a three-star recruit, and Rivals ranked him among the top 50 offensive tackles in the country and the top 70 players in the state of Texas. He held more than a dozen scholarship offers and chose Nebraska after also visiting Baylor and Missouri.

## **BRYCE BENHART • OL** **LAKEVILLE, MINN. (LAKEVILLE NORTH HS)**

Bryce Benhart is regarded as one of the top offensive line recruits in the nation after completing his career at a Minnesota prep powerhouse. As one of the nation's top recruits, Benhart was selected for the 2019 Army All-American Bowl.

Benhart helped Lakeville North High School and Coach Brian Vossen to a 13-0 record and a Class 6A state title in 2018. With Benhart providing a huge blocking presence, the Lakeville North offense scored at least 35 points seven times in its unbeaten season, capped by victories over Eden Prairie and Lakeville South in the state semifinals and finals. Benhart earned All-Minnesota honors from USA Today for his efforts as a senior. In 2017, Benhart

helped Lakeville to a 7-4 record and a trip to the state playoffs. For his work on the line, Benhart was a second-team All-Minnesota selection by the Associated Press. Benhart was also a member of the varsity team in 2016, helping Lakeville North to a 9-2 record.

Benhart was ranked as the No. 2 player in Minnesota by both Rivals and 247Sports. He was ranked as the No. 13 offensive tackle in the nation and the No. 153 overall recruit by 247Sports and the No. 18 offense tackle and No. 139 player overall by Rivals, while he was also a member of the ESPN 300. Benhart also visited Tennessee and Wisconsin and had numerous other offers, including Michigan, Minnesota, Northwestern, Notre Dame and Oklahoma. Benhart also participates in wrestling and finished fourth at the 2018 state wrestling championship.

## **DARIEN CHASE • WR** **VANCOUVER, WASH. (UNION HS)**

Talented athlete Darien Chase was a consensus choice as one of the top prospects in Washington and is a versatile performer capable of playing multiple positions for the Huskers. Chase was a standout performer for Coach Rory Rosenbach at Union High School in Vancouver, Wash., helping the school to a Class 4A state title and a 14-0 record in 2018.

Chase caught 65 passes for 1,004 yards and 14 receiving touchdowns in his senior season and added 214 yards on kickoff returns. His play keyed an offense that averaged better than 430 yards per game. In the state championship game, Chase had five catches for 126 yards and a touchdown, while adding two tackles. Chase was named the Seattle Times Co-Player of the Year for his play and was named the Washington Offensive Player of the Year and a first-team All-Washington selection by USA Today.

Chase also led Union to the state playoffs as a junior in 2017. He caught 45 passes for 1,095 yards, averaging better than 24.3 yards per reception. Chase had 14 receiving touchdowns, including a 98-yard touchdown catch, and totaled more than 1,300 all-purpose yards. On defense, he had 33 tackles, four interceptions, four tackles for loss and two breakups.

Following his senior season, the Seattle Times named Chase one of five "blue chip" prospects in the state of Washington, while the Tacoma News Tribune identified Chase as a Northwest Nugget as one of the top recruits in the Northwest region. Chase was a first-team All-Washington pick by the Associated Press as both a junior and senior.

Chase was ranked as the top prospect in Washington by 247Sports, which also listed him as the nation's No. 11 athlete prospect and the No. 200 overall recruit in the nation. Chase also visited Boise State and had offers from Oregon, Oregon State, Utah, Washington and Washington State among others.

## **DARRION DANIELS • DL** **DALLAS, TEXAS (BISHOP DUNNE HS/OKLAHOMA ST.)**

Darrion Daniels joins Nebraska as a graduate transfer after earning his degree from Oklahoma State. Daniels, who will have one season of eligibility with the Huskers, joins his brother Damien, a sophomore, as members of the NU defensive line.

Daniels played for the Cowboys each of the last four seasons. An injury limited him to four games in 2018 and allowed him to utilize his redshirt season. Daniels recorded seven tackles, one tackle for loss and 1.0 sack in his four games. As a junior in 2017, Daniels started 10 games and had 26 tackles, five TFLs, a half sack, two pass breakups and a pair of quarterback hurries. He earned the Vernon Grant Award for outstanding leadership, spirit and enthusiasm following the season. As a sophomore, Daniels appeared in 13 games, totaling 15 tackles, one TFL, one breakup, one hurry and one blocked extra point. Daniels was named Oklahoma State's most outstanding defensive newcomer as a true freshman in 2015, when he played in 13 games and had 16 tackles, 2.5 TFLs and a half sack.

Daniels played his prep ball for Bishop Dunne High School in Dallas. He recorded 67 tackles as a senior with 28 tackles for loss and eight sacks. As a junior, Daniels totaled 80 tackles, 25 TFLs and two sacks. He was named a first-team all-state selection as both a junior and a senior. Daniels also finished as the state runner-up in the shot put as a senior.

Out of high school, Daniels chose Oklahoma State over numerous other offers, including Iowa, LSU, Miami, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Ohio State, TCU, Tennessee, Texas, Texas A&M, USC and Wisconsin.

## **MYLES FARMER • DB** **ATLANTA, GA. (WESTLAKE HS)**

Myles Farmer is one of two safety prospects who signed with the Huskers from the Atlanta area. He brings good size and athleticism to the Husker secondary after playing for Westlake High School.

Although statistics from his high school career were unavailable, Farmer was named to the all-region first team as a senior after earning second-team honors as a junior.

Farmer was regarded as a three-star prospect. He was ranked among the top 50 safeties nationally by Rivals and among the top 60 safeties in the country in the 247Sports Composite rankings. He only visited Nebraska but also held offers from Louisville, Minnesota, Ole Miss, Oregon, Virginia Tech and West Virginia, among others.

## **JIMMY FRITZSCHE • OL** **GREENVILLE, S.C. (GREENVILLE HS)**

Jimmy Fritzsche, an athletic offensive lineman who also lined up at tight end for Greenville High School, is the first South Carolina player to sign with Nebraska out of high school since Tyrone Legette in 1988.

Fritzsche helped Greenville reach the state playoffs with a 7-4 record as a senior, when the Red Raiders averaged nearly 400 yards of total offense per game and topped the 40-point mark six times. As a junior in 2017, Fritzsche caught five passes for 35 yards as a tight end for a 12-2 Greenville squad that advanced to the state quarterfinals.

Fritzsche held scholarship offers from several Power Five programs, including Clemson, Purdue and Syracuse. Rivals ranked Fritzsche among the top 15 players in South Carolina. The three-star prospect chose Nebraska after also visiting Clemson, Connecticut and Syracuse.

## **JAMIN GRAHAM • LB** **ATTALLA, ALA. (ETOWAH HS)**

Jamin Graham comes to Nebraska as one of the top players in the state of Alabama. Graham starred as a defensive end for Etowah High School, helping the Blue Devils to a 12-1 record and a trip to the Class 5A state quarterfinals in 2018.

As a senior, Graham posted 85 tackles, 37 tackles for loss, 13.5 sacks and 20 quarterback hurries for an Etowah squad that posted five shutouts and limited opponents to just 8.7 points per game. He also forced three fumbles and had two fumble recoveries, both of which resulted in touchdowns. In the season opener against Gadsen City, Etowah trailed by three with 1:15 remaining before Graham recovered a fumble for a touchdown to put the Blue Devils on top. On the ensuing drive, Graham had a strip sack and he returned the fumble 73 yards for a game-clinching touchdown.

Following his senior season, Graham was one of three finalists for the Alabama Sports Writers Association's Class 5A Lineman of the Year award. Graham was an all-area selection as a junior and had 52 tackles as a sophomore with 16 TFLs and four sacks.

Graham is also a standout basketball player for Etowah. He helped the Blue Devils to the program's first regional title as a junior, when he averaged 13 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks per game and was named The Gadsen Times' 2018 All-Etowah County Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

Graham only visited Nebraska, but he held offers from Louisville, Minnesota, Ole Miss, South Carolina and Virginia, among others. A three-star recruit, Graham was ranked among the nation's top 50 weakside defensive ends by Rivals and in the 247Sports Composite rankings.

## **JACKSON HANNAH • LB** **NASHVILLE, TENN. (MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY)**

Nebraska signed one of the top linebackers in the southeast in Nashville native Jackson Hannah. Hannah comes to Lincoln from Montgomery Bell Academy, and is the Huskers' first scholarship recruit to play high school football in Tennessee since Barry Turner in 2005.

Hannah, who helped Montgomery Bell Academy to three trips to the Division II-AAA state championship game, totaled 157 tackles in his prep career with 32.5 tackles for loss, 13 sacks, six fumble recoveries and three forced fumbles. He had 66 tackles, 16 TFLs and 6.0 sacks as a senior, when he was named to the Tennessee Football Coaches Association all-state team. Hannah also saw action in the backfield, rushing 29 times for 123 yards. Hannah had 52 tackles, nine tackles for loss, three sacks, one forced fumble and a pair of fumble recoveries as a junior. He totaled 37 tackles, 7.5 TFLs, four sacks, one forced fumble and three fumble recoveries as a sophomore. Hannah also saw varsity action as a freshman, recording a pair of tackles.

Rivals rated Hannah as a four-star recruit and the No. 18 inside linebacker in the nation. He only visited Nebraska but held offers from numerous other Power Five programs, including Alabama, Florida, LSU, Oregon and Wisconsin, among many others.

## **NICK HENRICH • LB**

### **OMAHA, NEB. (BURKE HS)**

The 2018 Gatorade Nebraska Player of the Year, Nick Henrich is a standout linebacker in the Huskers' 2019 recruiting class. In addition to his state honor, Henrich was chosen as a semifinalist for the high school Butkus Award. Henrich is one of two members of the class from Class A state champion Omaha Burke and one of five in-state signees overall. Henrich, who was selected for the 2019 Army All-American Bowl, was a catalyst for the success of Coach Paul Limongi's team each of the past three seasons.

As a senior, Henrich helped the Bulldogs to a 13-0 record by recording 96 tackles, 19.5 tackles for loss and four sacks. He earned first-team All-Nebraska honors from the Omaha World-Herald and Super State accolades from the Lincoln Journal Star for the second straight year, while being named the honorary captain of the defensive unit by both outlets. Henrich led Burke to a 9-3 record and an appearance in the Class A semifinals in 2017. He finished with 119 tackles, 31.5 tackles for loss and 11 sacks. As a sophomore, Henrich helped his team to an 8-3 record and a quarterfinal playoff appearance. He earned honorable-mention all-state recognition after collecting 58 tackles, 16 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks.

Henrich was a consensus choice by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN as the top prospect in the state of Nebraska. Rivals ranked him as the No. 7 outside linebacker prospect in the nation and the No. 127 player overall, while 247Sports listed him as the nation's No. 92 overall player and its No. 6 inside linebacker prospect. He was also a member of the ESPN 300. Henrich also visited Wisconsin and had dozens of offers including Notre Dame, Iowa and Oregon to name a few.

## **CHRIS HICKMAN • TE**

### **OMAHA, NEB. (BURKE HS)**

Tight end prospect Chris Hickman is one of two members of the Class A state champion Omaha Burke team to join the Nebraska program. Hickman is also one of five in-state signees in the class, the largest group of homegrown scholarship signees since 2008.

Hickman provided a big receiving target for Coach Paul Limongi's team, and Hickman also excelled on defense. In 2018, Hickman caught 19 passes for 421 yards and four touchdowns, averaging better than 22 yards per reception. Defensively, he had 39 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, two interceptions, four pass breakups and caused two fumbles. Hickman's play helped Burke to a perfect 13-0 record in 2018. Hickman earned Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska and Lincoln Journal Star Super State honors as a defensive lineman for his play in 2018. It marked the second straight year he has received those accolades, after also being selected as a defensive lineman in 2017.

During his junior year, Hickman caught 24 passes for 575 yards and eight touchdowns. On defense, he had 46 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and six sacks from his defensive end spot. He also had four interceptions, five pass breakups and caused four fumbles. Hickman first started for the Bulldogs as a sophomore when he caught 15 passes for 320 yards and seven touchdowns. His production in 2016 earned Hickman honorable-mention all-state recognition.

Hickman was regarded as the No. 2 prospect in Nebraska by both Rivals and 247Sports, and he was rated him among the nation's top 20 tight ends in the 247Sports Composite rankings. Hickman was also a member of the Bulldogs' varsity basketball team as a sophomore and junior. He chose Nebraska over numerous offers including Indiana, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas State, LSU, Minnesota, Purdue and Wisconsin among others.

## **DEMARIYON HOUSTON • WR**

### **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. (MILLWOOD HS)**

Demariyon Houston is a key member of a talented and highly regarded group of receivers in Nebraska's 2019 signing class. As a big-play wideout for coach Darwin Franklin at Oklahoma City's Millwood High School, Houston was a two-time Class 2A state champion, and he helped Millwood post a 39-game winning streak, the fifth-longest winning streak in 11-man football in Oklahoma history.

Houston had an impressive senior season at Millwood, catching 35 passes for 772 yards and 11 touchdowns, averaging more than 22 yards per reception. Following his senior campaign, Houston was named a first-team All-Oklahoma selection by USA Today in addition to earning all-district, all-class and all-state recognition from the Oklahoma Coaches Association. As a junior in 2017, Houston battled through injuries to catch 20 passes for 534 yards and seven touchdowns to help Millwood to its second straight state title.

Houston was regarded as a four-star prospect by 247Sports, and he was listed as one of the top 50 wide receivers in the country and top five overall players in Oklahoma in the 247Sports Composite rankings. Originally a Texas recruit, Houston only visited Nebraska and Minnesota, but held scholarship offers from dozens of schools, including Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Notre Dame, Oregon and Penn State.

## **RAHMIR JOHNSON • RB**

### **ORADELL, N.J. (BERGEN CATHOLIC HS)**

Rahmir Johnson rushed for more than 2,300 yards in his career as a state champion at Bergen Catholic High School in New Jersey, where he was one of the nation's top running back prospects.

Johnson led Bergen Catholic to a 10-2 record and state runner-up finish as a senior in 2018, when he was named a third-team all-state selection and a first-team pick among non-public schools. Johnson ran for 1,334 yards and scored 12 total touchdowns, becoming the first Crusader to rush for 1,000 yards in a season since 2009. Johnson had seven 100-yard rushing games as a senior and averaged 11.2 yards per game. He was the USA Today Super 25 national star of the week after rushing for 130 yards in the Crusaders' 34-22 win against No. 5 Grayson (Ga.) High School. That performance helped earn Johnson win the overall Super 25 Top Star award as the top performer among the 15 national weekly award winners.

He rushed for 555 yards and six touchdowns on 90 carries as a junior, when Bergen Catholic won the state title. Johnson also caught 11 passes for 97 yards and two touchdowns and had 23 kickoff returns for 428 yards as a junior. He rushed for 462 yards and three touchdowns on 86 carries as a sophomore.

Johnson was also a standout on the track at Bergen Catholic, clocking career bests of 10.75 in the 100-meter dash and 21.46 in the 200-meter dash. One of the fastest runners in the state, Johnson won sectional titles in the 100-meter dash in both 2017 and 2018 and was third at the 2018 NJSIAA Championships. He won a sectional title in the 200 meters in 2017, when he also finished fourth in the long jump. Indoors, Johnson finished second in the 200 meters at the 2018 NJSIAA Meet of Champions and second in the 55-meter dash at the 2017 NJSIAA Championships. Johnson also competed in sprints at the New Balance Indoor National meet as a freshman, sophomore and junior.

A four-star recruit, Johnson was rated as the No. 6 all-purpose back in the country by Rivals. He only visited NU but had offers from numerous Power Five schools, including Minnesota, North Carolina, Pitt and West Virginia.

## **MICHAEL LYNN • OL GREENWOOD VILLAGE, COLO. (CHERRY HILLS HS)**

One of two signees from Colorado, Michael Lynn is part of an impressive group of lineman in the Huskers' 2019 recruiting class. Lynn provided a strong blocking presence at Cherry Hills High School, one of the top programs in the Colorado Class 5A ranks.

As a senior, Lynn helped Cherry Hills and Coach Dave Logan to a 12-2 record and a state runner-up finish, earning All-Colorado and all-state honors. During his junior season, Lynn helped Cherry Creek post a 9-3 record and reach the state playoffs. Lynn's blocking keyed an explosive offense that averaged 233.7 rushing yards per game. Lynn earned second-team All-Colorado honors as an offensive tackle for his work in 2017. Lynn was also a member of Cherry Creek's varsity squad as a sophomore when the school posted a 9-4 record and reached the state semifinals. Lynn is ranked among the top five players in Colorado and among the top 75 offensive tackle prospects in the nation by both Rivals and 247Sports.

A three-star recruit, Lynn was ranked among the top five players in Colorado by the 247Sports Composite rankings. Lynn only visited Nebraska, but had a number of offers including Arizona, Arizona State, Oklahoma State, Penn State, Utah and Washington State.

## **LUKE McCAFFREY • QB HIGHLANDS RANCH, COLO. (VALOR CHRISTIAN HS)**

One of the nation's top dual-threat quarterback prospects, Luke McCaffrey will join the Nebraska program after leading his team to a Colorado state championship in 2018. McCaffrey has been an offensive standout at Valor Christian (Colo.) High School the past three seasons and produced big numbers through the air and on the ground as a senior.

McCaffrey was coached by his father, Ed, and guided Valor Christian to a perfect 14-0 record and a Class 5A state championship in 2018. McCaffrey threw for 2,202 yards as a senior, with 21 touchdowns and only four interceptions. On the ground he ran for 526 yards and eight touchdowns and averaged nearly 6.5 yards per carry. In the state title victory over Cherry Creek, McCaffrey passed for 169 yards, while picking up 72 yards on the ground. For his efforts, McCaffrey was an All-Colorado and all-state selection.

As a junior, McCaffrey was a versatile offensive performer, while splitting time at quarterback with Colorado signee Blake Stenstrom. McCaffrey helped Valor Christian to an 11-1 record by rushing for 548 yards and passing for 878 yards with a 78 percent completion rate. He also had 147 receiving yards. McCaffrey was

a First-Team All-Colorado choice as a quarterback by the coaches association, and was a first-team all-state pick by the Denver Post as an Athlete.

McCaffrey saw limited time as a quarterback as a sophomore in 2016, but provided Valor Christian with an explosive running and receiving option. He ran 23 times for 245 yards and two touchdowns, while catching 47 passes for 717 yards and nine touchdowns. As a defensive back, he made 42 tackles and had two interceptions, helping the team to an 11-3 record and a state title.

McCaffrey was ranked as the nation's No. 142 overall prospect by ESPN.com, which listed him as the top prospect in Colorado and the No. 5 dual-threat quarterback in the country. A four-star recruit, he was also the top player in Colorado, the No. 13 athlete prospect in the nation and among the top 300 players in the nation in the 247Sports Composite rankings.

McCaffrey had offers from numerous schools including Colorado, Michigan, Ohio State, Washington and UCLA to name a few. His father, Ed, played 13 seasons in the National Football League, and was part of three Super Bowl champion teams. His older brothers, Max (Duke/San Francisco 49ers) and Christian (Stanford/Carolina Panthers) have both played professionally, and older brother, Dylan, is a member of the Michigan football team.

## **DEDRICK MILLS • RB WAYCROSS, GA. (WARE COUNTY HS/GEORGIA TECH/GARDEN CITY CC)**

Dedrick Mills was regarded as the nation's No. 1 junior college running back after an impressive two seasons at Garden City Community College in Kansas.

In 2018, Mills rushed for 1,358 yards and 19 touchdowns in 10 games. He produced six 100-yard rushing efforts and had at least 240 rushing yards in three games, helping Garden City to a 10-1 record and a No. 2 national ranking. Mills ranked fourth in the National Junior College Athletic Association in rushing yards and rushing yards per game (135.8), and he led the NJCAA with his 19 rushing touchdowns. For his efforts, Mills was named an honorable-mention junior college All-American. Mills was limited by injuries in his first season at Garden City in 2017, carrying the ball just seven times for 59 yards.

Prior to Garden City, Mills spent his freshman season at Georgia Tech in 2016. Mills played in nine games with the Yellow Jackets and was the team's leading rusher with 771 yards and 85.7 yards per game. He scored 12 touchdowns and averaged 5.1 yards per carry. Mills played his high school ball for Ware County High School in Georgia, where he started every game of his career. Mills rushed for 1,211 yards and 22 touchdowns as a senior in 2015, when he earned all-state recognition as a linebacker after totaling 96 tackles and 11 tackles for loss. Mills rushed for 584 yards en route to being a second-team all-region selection as a junior.

The top-rated junior college running back in the 247Sports Composite rankings, Mills was also ranked as the No. 12 overall junior college prospect in the country by Rivals. He only visited Nebraska, but also had offers from Arkansas State and Memphis.

## **JAMIE NANCE • WR** **BLANCHARD, OKLA. (BLANCHARD HS)**

Four-star wide receiver Jamie Nance had a standout career at Blanchard High School in Oklahoma. A speedy and athletic receiver, Nance had 107 catches for 1,884 yards and 21 touchdowns in his prep career.

In his senior season that saw him earn first-team All-Oklahoma honors from USA Today, Nance caught 36 passes for 523 yards and nine touchdowns. He also rushed for 234 yards on 30 carries and totaled nearly 500 combined punt and kickoff return yards, earning all-state honors as a punt returner. Nance also intercepted three passes as a defensive back, finishing his career with 10 interceptions. As a junior in 2017, Nance totaled 35 receptions for 673 yards and six touchdowns, including a 92-yard touchdown. He also rushed for 174 yards and had more than 300 yards on kickoff and punt returns. Nance added five interceptions on defense, including a game-clinching pick-six that ended Wagoner's 48-game winning streak, the longest 11-man win streak in Oklahoma high school history. Nance had 36 catches for 668 yards and six touchdowns as a sophomore.

A gifted athlete, Nance is also a standout in track and field. He won the 2018 Oklahoma Class 4A long jump title in his first season competing in the event, while also finishing second in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. As a sophomore, Nance finished fifth in the 200 meters and sixth in the 100 meters.

Nance is regarded as one of the top 40 wide receivers in the country by Rivals and one of the top 40 athletes in the 247Sports Composite rankings. He chose Nebraska after also visiting TCU, and Nance had offers from Iowa State, Minnesota, Mississippi State, Missouri, Notre Dame and others.

## **GARRETT NELSON • LB** **SCOTTSBLUFF, NEB. (SCOTTSBLUFF HS)**

Garrett Nelson is one of five in-state scholarship signees in the Huskers' 2019 class. Nelson joins the program after being a dominant defensive force at Scottsbluff High School for each of the past three seasons. Nelson received national recognition for his performance, being named a semifinalist for the 2018 high school Butkus Award.

Over the past three seasons, Nelson has totaled 150 tackles, 26 tackles for loss and 18 sacks, while also playing offense for Coach Joe Benson's Bearcats. In 2018, Nelson led Scottsbluff to a 12-1 record and a runner-up finish in the Class B state playoffs. Nelson finished his senior year with 39 tackles, including seven tackles for loss and four sacks for 34 yards. Nelson was named an Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska selection and was a member of the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State team as a defensive lineman. He was also an honorary captain of the Lincoln Journal Star's Class B all-state team.

During his junior season, Nelson helped Scottsbluff to a 9-2 record. He recorded 44 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, nine sacks and recovered a fumble. He added 133 rushing yards and caught four passes. His play earned him All-Nebraska and Super State honors from the World-Herald and Journal Star, respectively. Nelson made his first impact on the varsity squad as a sophomore, racking up 67 tackles, eight tackles for loss and five sacks to help his team to a 9-2 record.

Nelson was the first commitment to Nebraska's 2019 class, pledging to the Cornhuskers in the summer of 2017. He was ranked as the No. 3 player in Nebraska by Rivals and among the top 40 defensive ends in the country, while 247Sports also listed him among the nation's top 50 weakside defensive ends.

Garrett Nelson's father, Chris, was an All-American wrestler for Nebraska in the early 1990s. The younger Nelson captured the Class B heavyweight wrestling title as a junior, and was a state qualifier at 220 pounds in 2017.

## **MOSAI NEWSOM • DL** **WAVERLY, IOWA (WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK HS)**

Defensive end prospect Mosai Newsom joins the Nebraska program after helping Waverly-Shell Rock High School to three consecutive state playoff appearances. Newsom is just the second Nebraska scholarship signee from the state of Iowa since 2008.

In his senior season, Newsome was an all-state selection after totaling 18 tackles, including 10 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks to help his team to an 8-2 record and a state playoff appearance. On offense, Newsom had five receptions for 86 yards and a touchdown. Newsom also starred on both sides of the ball for Coach Mark Hubbard in 2017, helping Waverly-Shell Rock to an 8-2 record. Newsom played offensive line to help power an explosive offense, while making 38.5 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and three sacks on defense. Newsom first saw varsity action as a sophomore, helping his team to a state playoff appearance.

Newsom also helped the Waverly-Shell Rock basketball team to the state tournament each of the past two seasons, and earned honorable-mention all-conference recognition as a junior. In track, he has qualified for the state meet in the discus the past two years, finishing seventh in 2018. He had a school-record throw of 169-1 to qualify for the Drake Relays.

Newsom was ranked among the top five players in Iowa by both Rivals and 247Sports. He was also ranked among the top 40 strongside defensive ends by 247Sports. Newsom had numerous offers, including Iowa, Michigan State, Minnesota and Northwestern.

## **QUINTON NEWSOME • DB** **SUWANEE, GA. (NORTH GWINNETT HS)**

Quinton Newsome is one of two talented safety prospects from the Atlanta area to sign with the Huskers during the early period. Newsome played in Georgia's largest class for North Gwinnett High School, the 2017 Class 7A state champions.

In partial statistics from his senior season, when he was a first-team all-region pick, Newsome totaled 39 tackles with six passes defended, one interception and one forced fumble. He had 49 tackles, one tackle for loss, 10 passes defended and one interception as a junior for the state champion Bulldogs. Newsome registered 12 tackles, one interception and one fumble recovery as a sophomore.

A three-star recruit, Newsome was ranked among the top 40 safety prospects nationally by Rivals. He only visited Nebraska but had offers from nearly two dozen schools, including Alabama, Auburn, Georgia, Penn State and Stanford.

## **ETHAN PIPER • ATH** **NORFOLK, NEB. (NORFOLK CATHOLIC HS)**

Ethan Piper is part of Nebraska's largest class of in-state signees since 2008. The two-way standout lineman joins the Huskers after being a dominant presence for Norfolk Catholic and Coach Jeff Bellar for the past three seasons.

As a senior, Piper's blocking paved the way for a powerful Norfolk Catholic offense and record-setting rushing attack. Defensively, he recorded 120 tackles, including 14 sacks. His play helped the Knights to an 11-2 record and a runner-up finish in the Class C-2 playoffs. Piper earned All-Nebraska honors as a defensive lineman from the Omaha World-Herald and was a Lincoln Journal Star Super State pick as an offensive lineman. He was also an honorary captain of the Class C-2 all-state team by both publications.

Piper's excellent play in 2017 helped Norfolk Catholic to a perfect 13-0 record and a Class C-1 state title. Piper was an All-Nebraska (OWH) and Super State (LJS) selection as an offensive lineman during his junior season. As a sophomore, Piper helped the Knights to a state playoff appearance and earned first-team Class C-1 all-state honors as an offensive lineman from the Omaha World-Herald.

Piper has also excelled on the hardwood and track. He captured the Class C state shot put title in 2018 with a throw of 57-8 3/4, while finishing second in the state in the discus. He is a four-year member of the varsity basketball team and a two-time honorable-mention all-state choice. Piper averaged 13.5 points and 7.6 rebounds per game as a junior.

Piper was a three-star prospect regarded among the top five players in Nebraska by both Rivals and 247Sports, which also ranked him among the top 90 defensive line prospects in the nation. Piper chose Nebraska over offers from Iowa and Ohio.

## **NOA POLA-GATES • DB** **GILBERT, ARIZ. (WILLIAMS FIELD HS)**

Nebraska strengthened its secondary with the signing of Noa Pola-gates, who was regarded as one of the nation's best safeties and top overall players in the 2019 recruiting class. Pola-Gates starred for Williams Field High School in Arizona, where he was selected for the 2019 Army All-American Bowl and the Polynesian Bowl.

As a senior in 2018, Pola-Gates was an All-Arizona selection after helping the Black Hawks to an 11-2 record and a trip to the Arizona 5A semifinals. He recorded 57 tackles with one tackle for loss and had five interceptions and seven pass breakups on defense and had 743 all-purpose yards, including three receptions for 200 yards and three touchdowns and 15 carries for 139 yards.

Pola-Gates also helped Williams Field to the state playoffs as a junior in 2017, when he was an honorable-mention all-state pick after registering 46 tackles, three pass breakups and three interceptions, returning those three picks for 145 yards. He had 199 rushing yards and three touchdowns on offense as a junior, while also catching nine passes for 230 yards and three touchdowns and totaling more than 800 all-purpose yards. Pola-Gates was a key member of the Black Hawks' 14-0 state championship team in 2016, when he totaled 62 tackles, two interceptions and three breakups as a sophomore.

Pola-Gates was a consensus four-star recruit who was ranked as the No. 3 player in the state of Arizona by 247Sports and was regarded as the No. 11 safety in the country. Overall, Pola-Gates was ranked among the top 150 recruits in the nation by 247Sports, the 247Sports Composite rankings and by Rivals, which listed Pola-Gates as the No. 116 overall player in the nation. Pola-Gates had offers from several of the top programs, but chose Nebraska after also visiting Alabama, Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon and Penn State.

Pola-Gates is the second member of his family to sign with the Huskers in the past four months, as his cousin, Keana Pola, signed with the Nebraska softball program in November of 2018. Pola-Gates is also the nephew of former Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu.

## **TY ROBINSON • DL** **GILBERT, ARIZ. (HIGLEY HS)**

Ty Robinson was one of the most coveted defensive linemen recruits in the country. He comes to Lincoln after earning high school All-America honors at Higley High School in Arizona, where he was one of four finalists for National Defensive Player of the Year at the Army All-American Bowl.

As a senior, Robinson slid inside to play defensive tackle for the first time in his career and earned All-Arizona honors at the position. He registered 74 tackles, including 34 tackles for loss and seven sacks in 2018 while helping Higley to a 9-4 record and an appearance in the Arizona 5A semifinals. Robinson spent his junior season at his more natural position of defensive end, where he totaled 56 tackles, 30 TFLs, 13 sacks, five forced fumbles and three quarterback hurries for an 11-2 Higley team that advanced to the 4A state semifinals. Robinson earned first-team All-Arizona accolades in the big schools classification as a junior. As a sophomore, Robinson had 16 tackles, five tackles for loss and three sacks for an 11-2 Higley squad that made the 4A state semifinals.

A consensus four-star recruit, Robinson was ranked as the No. 91 player the country by Rivals – and the No. 7 strongside defensive end – and was among the top 180 players nationally in the 247Sports Composite rankings. He was also a consensus pick as one of the top five players in Arizona. Robinson had offers from many of the top programs and chose Nebraska after also visiting Alabama, Oregon and USC.

## **WANDALE ROBINSON • ATH** **FRANKFORT, KY. (WESTERN HILLS HS)**

Wandale Robinson was the top player in Kentucky as a senior at Western Hills High School in Frankfort, winning the Paul Hornung Award in addition to being named Kentucky's Mr. Football and the Gatorade Kentucky Player of the Year. A standout all-purpose back, Robinson looks to become Nebraska's first-ever letterwinner from Kentucky. In addition to his state honors, Robinson played in the Army All-American Bowl, and he was one of the organization's five finalists for National Player of the Year.

In his illustrious career, Robinson totaled 8,582 yards from scrimmage with 118 offensive touchdowns. On the ground, he gained 6,795 yards, averaging more than 11 yards per carry while scoring 97 rushing touchdowns. He was also a threat in the receiving game, catching 102 passes in his career for 1,787 yards and 21 touchdowns. Robinson totaled 781 career points which ranks No. 2 all-time in Kentucky history.

As a senior in 2018, Robinson rushed for 1,973 yards and 30 touchdowns while catching 31 passes for 725 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also returned a pair of punts, one interception and one fumble for a touchdown, accounting for 45 touchdowns in 11 games. Robinson also threw a pair of touchdown passes. Defensively, Robinson had 113 tackles, including 12 TFLs and one sack. He also had three interceptions, broke up five passes, forced six fumbles and had one fumble recovery. Robinson was also a threat in the return game, returning five kickoffs for 111 yards and six punts for 170 yards and two touchdowns.

Robinson rushed for 2,330 yards and 33 touchdowns as a junior in 2017, when he also caught 25 passes for 343 yards and six scores. He also rushed for 2,000 yards as a sophomore, gaining 2,014 yards with 28 scores and adding 22 receptions for 434 yards and three touchdowns. Robinson also contributed as a freshman, rushing for 478 yards and six touchdowns while catching 24 passes for 285 yards and one score.

A consensus four-star recruit, Robinson was regarded as the nation's No. 1 all-purpose back in the 247Sports Composite rankings and as the sixth-best athlete prospect in the country by Rivals. Overall, Robinson was tabbed as the No. 40 recruit in the country by 247Sports and No. 61 by Rivals. Robinson chose Nebraska over Kentucky, and he also visited Alabama, Michigan, Ohio State and Purdue.

## **GARRETT SNODGRASS • LB** **YORK, NEB. (YORK HS)**

Garrett Snodgrass joins four other in-state prospects in the 2019 signing class, giving Nebraska its largest group of homegrown signees since 2008. Snodgrass starred as a versatile performer at York High School, making the Dukes one of the state's top Class B programs over the past several seasons. Snodgrass played for this father, Glen, at York and lined up at as many as seven positions. His outstanding defensive play earned Snodgrass selection as a semifinalist for the high school version of the Butkus Award as a senior.

As a senior in 2018, Snodgrass helped the Dukes to a 9-3 record and an appearance in the Class B state semifinals. On offense, Snodgrass completed 98-of-167 passes for 1,780 yards and 17 touchdowns, against just five interceptions, while rushing for 1,008 yards and 23 touchdowns. Defensively, he had 47 tackles, five tackles for loss and a sack. Snodgrass was a first-team All-Nebraska pick as a linebacker by the Omaha World-Herald and a member of the Lincoln Journal Star's Super State team.

Snodgrass keyed York's run to the Class B state championship and a 12-1 record in 2017. On offense, Snodgrass rushed for 1,542 yards, threw for 692 yards and had 426 receiving yards. He paced the York defense with 86 tackles from his linebacker position. Snodgrass was the honorary captain of the World-Herald's Class B offensive all-state team and a member of the paper's All-Nebraska offense. The Lincoln Journal Star named him to its Super State team as an all-purpose player. Snodgrass earned honorable-mention all-state honors as a sophomore, while helping York to a 7-3 record and a state playoff appearance.

A multi-sport talent, Snodgrass was an honorable-mention all-state basketball player as a sophomore and junior and was a state qualifier in the discus in 2018.

Snodgrass committed to Nebraska in November of 2017, and only visited the Huskers, but did have offers from Iowa State and Kansas State. A three-star recruit, he was ranked among the top four players in the state by both Rivals and 247Sports and was listed among the top 55 athlete prospects in the nation by both outlets.

## **RONALD THOMPKINS • RB** **LOGANVILLE, GA. (GRAYSON HS)**

Ronald Thompkins joins the Huskers from Grayson High School, the same school as Husker linebackers Mohamed Barry and Breon Dixon. Thompkins is regarded as one of the nation's top running backs.

Thompkins had five carries for 51 yards in the first half of Grayson's 2018 season opener before he suffered a season-ending injury. Injuries also slowed Thompkins' junior season, when he averaged 6.6 yards per carry while running for 414 yards and four touchdowns despite only playing in six games. Thompkins also caught nine passes for 201 yards as a junior.

Prior to the 2018 season, Grayson recruiting coordinator Kenyatta Watson Sr. called Thompkins the best player on the Grayson team, effusive praise considering the Rams boast two of the top 15 players in the 2019 class, according to the 247Sports Composite rankings.

Thompkins was regarded as a three-star prospect by 247Sports and the No. 5 all-purpose back in the country. He had offers from numerous schools including Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Florida State, Oregon, Penn State and USC, and he also visited LSU, Minnesota and Tennessee.

## **JAVIN WRIGHT • DB** **CHANDLER, ARIZ. (HAMILTON HS)**

Defensive back prospect Javin Wright is a versatile performer who has the ability to play multiple positions for the Nebraska defense. Wright is a second-generation Cornhusker, following his father, Toby, who played safety at Nebraska in the early 1990s.

Javin Wright starred for Coach Mike Zdebski at Hamilton High School in Arizona. As a senior, Wright made 18 tackles, had an interception and a pair of pass breakups before his season was cut short by injury. During his junior season, Wright helped Hamilton to an 8-4 record and a trip to the 6A playoffs. Wright made 41 tackles from his defensive back spot, while adding an interception, seven pass breakups and two tackles for loss. Wright first made an impact on defense as a sophomore, when he had 52 tackles, 12 breakups and an interception, helping his team to a 7-4 record.

Wright was ranked among the top 15 prospects in the state of Arizona and among the top 70 cornerbacks in the nation in the 247Sports Composite rankings. Wright also visited UCLA before choosing Nebraska, and had offers from Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon, Syracuse and Washington among others.

# WALK-ON BIOS

## **JOHN BULLOCK • LB**

### **OMAHA, NEB. (CREIGHTON PREP HS)**

John Bullock was a defensive standout for Omaha Creighton Prep High School, earning honorable-mention all-state honors from both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald for his play. Bullock was also a first-team All-Metro choice by the World-Herald, helping the Junior Jays and Coach Andy Yost to a Class A state playoff appearance in 2018. Bullock was also a key part of Creighton Prep's success as a junior, helping the team to a 9-3 record and a trip to the Class A state semifinals. Bullock had scholarship offers from Augustana and Lindenwood and interest from several other schools.

## **GRANT DETLEFSEN • P**

### **LINCOLN, NEB. (SOUTHEAST HS)**

Grant Detlefsen has been one of the top specialists in Nebraska for the past three seasons, providing Lincoln Southeast with a punting weapon. Detlefsen earned first-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star as a senior, as he helped Coach Todd Gottula's team to a 7-4 record and a trip to the quarterfinals of the Class A playoffs. Detlefsen averaged 39.5 yards per punt with a long punt of 58 yards. He also had 10 receptions on offense and saw action on defense. Detlefsen earned honorable-mention all-state accolades in 2017, when he averaged 42.9 yards on his punts, while adding 23 catches for 266 yards for the Knights offense. Detlefsen averaged 42.4 yards per punt as a sophomore.

## **JOHN GOODWIN • TE**

### **LINCOLN, NEB. (LINCOLN HS)**

John Goodwin was a part of one of the state's most high-powered offenses over the past three seasons, helping Lincoln High to three consecutive Class A playoff appearances. As a senior, Goodwin helped Coach Mark Macke's team to a 7-3 record by making seven receptions. As a junior, Goodwin ran for 203 yards and six touchdowns, while adding four receptions to help the Links to an 8-2 record. Goodwin had eight catches as a sophomore in 2016.

## **TYSON GUZMAN • DB**

### **OMAHA, NEB. (WESTSIDE HS)**

Guzman excelled as a defensive back for Coach Brett Froendt at Omaha Westside High School. Guzman helped the Warriors to a 9-2 record and a trip to the Class A state quarterfinals in 2018. Guzman earned honorable-mention all-state recognition by both the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star as both a junior and senior. His play as a junior helped Westside to an 8-3 record, and he was also named to the second-team All-Metro team by the Omaha World-Herald. Guzman, who also plays baseball, chose Nebraska over several Division II scholarship offers.

## **GABE HEINS • PK**

### **KEARNEY, NEB. (KEARNEY HS)**

Gabe Heins joins the Nebraska program as a walk-on after being one of the top kickers in the state the past two seasons at Kearney High School. Heins earned honorable-mention all-state accolades as a senior from both the Omaha World-Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star. Heins connected on 5-of-8 field goals in 2018, including a 44-yarder, while also making 32-of-34 extra-point tries. During his junior season, Heins helped Coach Brandon Cool's team to a 12-1 record and a trip to the Class A state finals. Heins made 8-of-11 field goals as a junior, while connecting on 46-of-52 PATs. Heins also saw action on defense his final two years.

## **JACOB HERBEK • DL**

### **GRAND ISLAND, NEB. (CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS)**

Jacob Herbek joins the Huskers after being a two-way standout at Grand Island Central Catholic High School. Herbek had 72 tackles as a senior, including 51 solo stops and 23 tackles for loss for Coach Timothy Dvorak's team. Herbek added five sacks and two fumble recoveries and had 24 receptions for 436 yards and two touchdowns on offense. Herbek earned Class C-2 first-team all-state honors from both the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. He was an honorable-mention all-state selection in 2017, when he was among Central Catholic's top defenders and was also a key factor on offense.

## **MATT HUSER • DL**

### **OMAHA, NEB. (MILLAR WEST HS)**

Matt Huser was a strong presence on the defensive line for Millard West High School the past two seasons, helping the Wildcats rank among the top teams in the Class A ranks. As a senior, Huser was an honorable-mention all-state choice by the Omaha World-Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star, as he helped Coach Kirk Peterson's team to a 9-3 record and a trip to the state semifinals. Huser was also a key player in 2017, helping Millard West to a 9-2 record and a Class A state quarterfinal appearance.

## **GARRETT HUSTEDT • LB**

### **OMAHA, NEB. (MOUNT MICHAEL BENEDICTINE HS)**

Garrett Hustedt joins the Nebraska program as a linebacker after a standout prep career at Mount Michael Benedictine High School. Hustedt ranked among the Class B tackle leaders in 2018, racking up 101 stops, including 44 unassisted tackles. He totaled 8.5 sacks for Coach Greg Wunderlich's team, helping the Knights to a 6-4 record. He added 30 receptions for 401 yards and two touchdowns on offense. Hustedt was an honorable-mention Class B all-state choice by the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star, and was a member of the OWH's All-Area team. In 2017, Hustedt had 95 tackles and three sacks, while adding 114 rushing yards, 436 receiving yards and two touchdowns on offense to earn honorable-mention all-state recognition. Hustedt, who also saw varsity action as a sophomore, turned down scholarship offers from Augustana, Truman State, Washburn and Minnesota State-Moorhead.

## **AUSTIN JABLONSKI • ATH**

### **LINCOLN, NEB. (PIUS X HS)**

Lincoln native Austin Jablonski is a versatile athlete who could play multiple offensive positions. Jablonski starred as a quarterback for Lincoln Pius X High School the past two seasons. As a senior, he completed nearly 57 percent of his passes for 1,807 yards and 20 touchdowns. He also rushed for 592 yards and nine touchdowns for Coach Ryan Kearney's team, helping the Thunderbolts to the Class A state playoffs. Jablonski earned honorable-mention all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald and was a member of the Journal Star's all-city team as an athlete. As a junior in 2017, Jablonski earned honorable-mention all-state honors by passing for 773 yards and nine touchdowns, while rushing for 669 yards and seven touchdowns. As a sophomore, Jablonski helped Pius to a 6-5 record, by rushing for 171 yards and adding 198 passing yards.

## **COOPER JEWETT • RB**

### **OMAHA, NEB. (ELKHORN SOUTH HS)**

A talented two-way player, Cooper Jewett joins the Husker program from Elkhorn South High School. Jewett earned Class A all-state honors from both the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star as a senior, and was a second-team Super-State choice by the Journal Star. He helped Elkhorn South to a 7-4 record and a trip to the Class A quarterfinals. Jewett rushed for 1,074 yards and 16 touchdowns, while adding 365 receiving yards. On defense, he had 55 tackles and two interceptions for Coach Guy Rosenberg's team. Jewett was an honorable-mention all-metro choice as a junior when Elkhorn South posted a 10-2 record and reached the Class B semifinals. Jewett had 417 rushing yards and added 39 tackles and four interceptions on defense.

## **DYLAN JORGENSEN • PK**

### **LINCOLN, NEB. (SOUTHWEST HS)**

Dylan Jorgensen provided Lincoln Southwest High School with a dependable kicking threat each of the past two seasons. Jorgensen earned first-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and second-team All-Nebraska accolades from the Omaha World-Herald for his performance in 2018. Jorgensen connected on 7-of-11 field goals and all 29 of his PAT attempts to help Coach Andrew Sherman's Silverhawks to a 7-3 record and state playoff appearance. Jorgensen also averaged better than 36 yards per punt and booted 36 of his 48 kickoffs for touchbacks. As a junior, Jorgensen made 7-of-10 field goals with a long field goal of 44 yards. He also made all 36 extra-point tries, averaged better than 36 yards per punt and had 19 touchbacks.

## **RILEY KINNEY • ATH**

### **LOVELAND, COLO. (LOVELAND HS)**

Riley Kinney joins the Nebraska program from Loveland (Colo.) High School, where he was part of one of the top prep programs in Colorado. Kinney guided Loveland High to a 14-0 record and a Class 4A state title in 2018. He passed for 1,082 yards and six touchdowns and rushed 143 times for 944 yards and 20 touchdowns, including three games with more than 100 yards for Coach Wayne McGinn's team. Kinney was a first-team Class 4A all-state choice as voted by the state's coaches. Kinney helped Loveland to an 11-1 record and a state playoff appearance as a junior in 2017. He rushed for 433 yards and four touchdowns, while throwing for 1,063 yards and 17 touchdowns, against just two interceptions. As a sophomore, Kinney threw for 385 yards and five touchdowns and rushed for a pair of touchdowns. Kinney is the grandson of Nebraska All-America running back Jeff Kinney. At Loveland, Kinney was teammates with fellow 2019 walk-on Zach Weinmaster.

## **CAM KLEINSCHMIDT • DB**

### **LINCOLN, NEB. (LINCOLN HS)**

Defensive standout Cam Kleinschmidt joins the Husker program as a walk-on after a strong senior season at Lincoln High School. Kleinschmidt helped Coach Mark Macke's team to a 7-3 record and a trip to the Class A state playoffs. From his cornerback spot, Kleinschmidt made 46 tackles to earn honorable-mention all-city honors. Kleinschmidt played the 2017 season at Sutton High School and had 16 receptions and 39 tackles to earn honorable-mention all-state recognition.

## **NICK LEADER • LB**

### **LINCOLN, NEB. (SOUTHWEST HS)**

One of the top defensive players in Lincoln as a senior, Nick Leader joins the Huskers as a walk-on after a standout career at Lincoln Southwest. Leader helped Coach Andrew Sherman's team to a 7-3 record in 2018, posting 76 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, nine sacks for 59 yards and three fumble recoveries. His play earned Leader honorable-mention all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald. He also earned all-city accolades from the Journal Star. As a junior, Leader had 43 tackles, three sacks, an interception and two tackles for loss, while adding six receptions. He had 19 tackles and two sacks as a sophomore defender for the Silverhawks. Leader is the son of David Leader, a two-year letterwinner at linebacker for Nebraska in 1991 and 1992.

## **CADEN McCORMACK • LB**

### **LINCOLN, NEB. (SOUTHWEST HS)**

A talented two-way standout at Lincoln Southwest High School, Caden McCormack joins the Nebraska program as a walk-on. McCormack was among the state's leading tacklers in 2018, racking up 149 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and four sacks for a 7-3 Silverhawk team. He added an interception, fumble caused and fumble recovery on defense, while also rushing 72 times for 456 yards and four touchdowns for Coach Andrew Sherman's team. McCormack was a member of the Lincoln Journal Star's Super-State team and earned honorable-mention all-state accolades from the Omaha World-Herald. As a junior, McCormack helped his team to a 6-4 record and earned honorable-mention all-state recognition. On defense, he had 43 tackles and a tackle for loss, rushed for 231 yards and three scores and posted more than 400 all-purpose yards. McCormack made 69 tackles, including three tackles for loss, during his sophomore season. He chose Nebraska over a scholarship offer from South Dakota State.

## **BRAYDEN MILLER • QB**

### **KEARNEY, NEB. (KEARNEY HS)**

One of the state's top quarterbacks as a senior, Brayden Miller joins the Huskers after an outstanding prep career at Kearney High School. Miller earned honorable-mention all-state honors as a senior, when he passed for 1,371 yards and 15 touchdowns, helping Kearney to the Class A playoffs. Miller also added 596 rushing yards and had 21 tackles and an interception for Coach Brandon Cool's team. Miller was part of a 12-1 team in 2017 that reached the Class A state finals. Miller was the backup quarterback and also saw action on defense, making 18 tackles and two tackles for loss. Miller had scholarship offers from Nebraska-Kearney and Pittsburg State.

## **RILEY MOSES • OL**

### **FAIRMONT, NEB. (FILLMORE CENTRAL HS)**

A dominant two-way lineman, Riley Moses joins the Husker program after a strong career at Fillmore Central High School. Moses earned first-team Class C-1 all-state honors as an offensive lineman by both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. As a senior, Moses had 67 pancake blocks as an offensive lineman, while adding 67 tackles, 14 tackles for loss, three sacks and two blocked field goals for Coach Mitchell Lockhart's team. As a junior, he earned honorable-mention all-state recognition. He had 71 pancake blocks with 60 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, three sacks and two blocked field goals. A four-year varsity performer, Moses had 39 tackles and six tackles for loss as a sophomore and made 50 tackles and added four tackles for loss as a freshman.

## **LUKE REIMER • ATH**

### **LINCOLN, NEB. (NORTH STAR HS)**

Luke Reimer was a talented two-way performer at Lincoln North Star, starting for coaches Tony Kobza and Mark Waller over the past two seasons. As a senior, Reimer earned Lincoln Journal Star Super-State honors for his work at linebacker, as he posted 74 tackles, 14 tackles for loss and a sack. The captain of the Journal Star's all-city team, Reimer also added 328 rushing yards and nearly 500 all-purpose yards. Reimer earned honorable-mention all-state honors for the Navigators as a junior, as he had 397 rushing yards and nine touchdowns on the ground, while posting 838 all-purpose yards. He added 40 tackles, six tackles for loss and an interception. Reimer had scholarship offers from Buffalo, South Dakota State, South Dakota, Northern Iowa and North Dakota.

## **ELI RICHTER • OL**

### **KEARNEY, NEB. (KEARNEY CATHOLIC HS)**

Eli Richter was a powerful force on the offensive line for Kearney Catholic High School each of the past three seasons. As a senior, Richter paved the way for Coach Rashawn Harvey's offense from his tackle spot, while also adding 81 tackles, including 48 solo stops, along with nine sacks, six hurries and three fumbles caused. Richter earned first-team Class C-1 all-state honors from the Lincoln Journal Star for the second straight year and earned honorable-mention all-state from the Omaha World-Herald for the third straight season. As a junior, Richter helped his team to a 7-3 record and a state playoff appearance. In addition to his strong play on the offensive line, Richter had 79 tackles and 3.5 sacks on defense.

## **BRADEN SELLON • LB**

### **LINCOLN, NEB. (EAST HS)**

One of the state's top defenders as a senior, Braden Sellon joins the Husker program after a standout career at Lincoln East High School. As a senior, Sellon helped Coach John Gingery's team to a Class A state playoff appearance. Sellon earned second-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and was a Class A first-team all-state choice by both the Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. An all-city pick by the Journal Star, Sellon tallied 98 tackles, including 71 solo stops, and added an interception. Sellon was an honorable-mention all-state pick in 2017, when he had 94 tackles, six tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks, while also rushing for 162 yards. As a sophomore, Sellon had 16 tackles helping the Spartans reach the Class A semifinals.

## **SAM SHURTLEFF • LB**

### **WATKINSVILLE, GA. (OCONEE COUNTY HS)**

Sam Shurtleff joins the Nebraska program as a walk-on linebacker prospect from Oconee County High School in Watkinsville, Ga. Shurtleff helped the Warriors to a 6-5 record and a state playoff appearance in 2018. He made 30 tackles, including five tackles for loss and three sacks during his senior season. Shurtleff was also a strong defensive presence as a junior, recording 18 tackles and three sacks for nine yards in losses.

## **NOAH STAFURSKY • OL**

### **YORK, NEB. (YORK HS)**

Noah Stafursky joins the Nebraska program as a walk-on after earning recognition as one of the state's top offensive linemen in 2018. Stafursky helped York High School to a 9-3 record in 2018, and his blocking helped fellow Husker signee Garrett Snodgrass pass for more than 1,700 yards, while rushing for better than 1,000 yards. Stafursky earned first-team Super-State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska accolades for his performance. In 2017, Stafursky was a first-team Class B all-state choice by the Lincoln Journal Star. His blocking helped Coach Glenn Snodgrass' team to a 12-1 record and the Class B state championship.

## **ZACH WEINMASTER • RB**

### **LOVELAND, COLO. (LOVELAND HS)**

Zach Weinmaster joins the Nebraska program after a prep career as one of the top offensive players in Colorado rushing for nearly 5,000 yards in his final three seasons. Weinmaster helped Loveland High School to a perfect 14-0 record and a Class 4A state championship in 2018. He rushed 250 times for 2,004 yards and 30 touchdowns and was one of only seven players in Colorado to rush for 2,000 yards. He added 117 receiving yards, along with 38 tackles, five interceptions and three fumbles caused from his defensive back spot. As a junior, Weinmaster helped Coach Wayne McGinn's team to an 11-1 record and a trip to the state playoffs. Weinmaster rushed for 1,546 yards and 26 touchdowns, while adding a receiving touchdown and earned first-team Class 4A all-state honors. Weinmaster earned honorable-mention all-state honors as a sophomore when he rushed for 1,274 yards and nine touchdowns to help his team to a 9-4 record. Weinmaster is the younger brother of Jacob Weinmaster, who also was a walk-on for the Huskers, playing linebacker from 2015 to 2018.