2011 Nebraska Football Recruiting Class

Alphabetical Listing:

<u>Name</u>	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School/Junior College		
Ameer Abdullah	RB	5-9	180	Homewood, Ala.	Homewood HS		
Taariq Allen	WR	6-3	190	Weston, Mass.	The Rivers School		
Mauro Bondi	PK	6-0	190	Boca Raton, Fla.	West Boca Raton HS		
Joseph Carter	DE	6-5	250	Jackson, S.C.	Silver Bluff HS/Chaffey College		
Daniel Davie	WR	6-1	185	Beatrice, Neb.	Beatrice HS		
Aaron Green	RB	5-11	190	San Antonio, Texas	Madison HS		
Charles Jackson	DB	5-11	180	Spring, Texas	Klein Collins HS		
Ryan Klachko	OL	6-4	285	Springfield, III.	Sacred Heart-Griffin HS		
Tyler Moore*	OL	6-6	300	Clearwater, Fla.	Countryside HS		
Todd Peat Jr.	DT	6-3	295	Tempe, Ariz.	Corona Del Sol HS		
Max Pirman	LB	6-5	220	Orrville, Ohio	Orrville HS		
Givens Price	OL	6-4	275	Houston, Texas	Alief Taylor HS		
Ryne Reeves	OL	6-3	295	Crete, Neb.	Crete HS		
David Santos	LB	6-0	200	Spring, Texas	Klein Collins HS		
David Sutton	TE	6-3	250	Lincoln, Neb.	Southeast HS		
Daimion Stafford	DB	6-1	210	Norco, Calif.	Norco HS/Chaffey College		
Bubba Starling	QB	6-5	195	Gardner, Kan.	Gardner Edgerton HS		
Zach Sterup	OL	6-8	265	Hastings, Neb.	Hastings St. Cecilia HS		
Jamal Turner*	QB	6-1	175	Arlington, Texas	Sam Houston HS		
Kevin Williams*	DT	6-2	275	Holland, Ohio	Springfield HS		
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The Class Breakdown:

Total: 20; Freshmen: 18; Junior College Transfers: 2

By State: Texas (5): Green (San Antonio); Jackson (Spring); Price (Houston); Santos (Spring); Turner (Arlington); Nebraska (4): Davie (Beatrice); Reeves (Crete); Sterup (Hastings); Sutton (Lincoln); Florida (2): Bondi (Boca Raton); Moore (Clearwater); Ohio (2): Pirman (Orrville); Williams (Holland); Alabama (1): Abdullah (Homewood); Arizona (1): Peat Jr. (Tempe); California (1): Stafford (Norco); Illinois (1): Klachko (Springfield); Kansas (1): Starling (Gardner); Massachusetts (1): Allen (Weston); South Carolina (1): Carter (Jackson).

By Position (First Position Listed):

Offense (12): QB-Starling, Turner; RB-Abdullah, Green; WR-Allen, Davie; TE-Sutton; OL-Klachko, Moore, Price, Reeves, Sterup

Defense (7): DL-Carter, Peat Jr., Pirman, Williams; LB-Santos; DB-Jackson, Stafford

Kicker (1): Bondi

Walk-On Student-Athletes

Nebraska has secured commitments from 15 prospects who plan to join the program as walk-ons for the 2011 season. Per NCAA rules, Nebraska is able to announce 11 of those individuals as of Feb. 2.

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
Tyson Broekemeier	QB	6-1	180	Aurora, Neb.	Aurora HS
Sam Burtch	WR	6-3	175	Elmwood, Neb.	Elmwood-Murdock HS
Jack Gangwish	LB	6-2	215	Wood River, Neb.	Wood River HS
Aaron Hayes	OL	6-3	265	Elkhorn, Neb.	Elkhorn HS
Adam Kucera	OL	6-6	285	Litchfield, Neb.	Litchfield HS
Murat Kuzu	RB	5-11	190	Plano, Texas	Plano Senior HS
Anthony Ridder	LB	6-2	195	West Point, Neb.	West Point Central Catholic HS
Eddie Ridder	TE/DE	6-6	225	Elkhorn, Neb.	Mount Michael Benedictine HS
Will Sailors	OL	6-3	260	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Northeast HS
Derek Slaughter	LB	5-11	200	Pelham, Ala.	Pelham HS
Richard Wynne Jr.	RB	5-9	175	Omaha, Neb.	Creighton Prep HS

Ameer Abdullah

5-9, 180, RB, Homewood, Ala. (Homewood HS)

Ameer Abdullah is a versatile athlete from Alabama who is expected to join the Huskers as a running back. The 5-9, 180-pound Abdullah used his breakaway speed to be a running and receiving threat for Homewood High and Coach Dickey Wright. Abdullah rushed for 1,800 yards and 24 touchdowns and caught 33 passes for 515 yards during his senior season. He also scored four touchdowns as a punt return specialist. His play helped Homewood to a 6-4 record in the Alabama Class 6A ranks. Abdullah was named the south region player of the year by the Birmingham News and also scored the winning touchdown in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic in December. He also was selected to participate in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl, where he impressed with his ability as a defensive back. During his junior season, Abdullah rushed for better than 1,000 yards and had 24 receptions for more than 200 yards. Rivals.com ranks Abdullah as one of the top 20 "athlete" prospects in the country and one of the top 10 players in the state of Alabama. Scout.com also ranks him as one of the nation's top 60 running backs. Abdullah chose Nebraska after also visiting Tennessee and Vanderbilt, and he had a host of offers including USC, Texas A&M and South Carolina to name a few. Ameer is the son of Kareem and Aisha Abdullah, and he was born on June 13, 1993.

Taariq Allen

6-3, 190, WR, Weston, Mass. (Rivers School)

Taariq Allen is the one of two wide receivers in Nebraska's 2011 recruiting class. The 6-3, 190-pound Allen comes to Nebraska from Rivers School in Weston, Mass., and is the first Husker signee from Massachusetts since Grant Miller in 2002. Allen was a key factor in 2010 for Rivers School, which finished at 8-1. The school's only loss came in the Norm Walker Bowl, which determined the independent school state champion. Allen had 36 catches for 660 yards and eight touchdowns, and also had 69 carries for 706 yards and eight touchdowns. Allen also played defensive back and totaled 60 tackles, four interceptions, a sack and a fumble recovery. Allen earned first-team All-New England accolades and first-team all-league honors as a junior after recording more than 600 receiving yards and better than 500 yards on the ground, while combining for 15 touchdowns. He also had two interceptions and two fumbles caused on defense. Allen has also been a standout on the basketball court for The Rivers School. Allen is rated as the fifth-best prospect in the state of Massachusetts by Rivals.com, and is among the top 10 recruits in New England according to SuperPrep. Allen only visited Nebraska, but also had offers from Connecticut, Wisconsin and Tulane. Allen is the son of Fred and Christy Allen, and was born on July 26, 1992.

Mauro Bondi

6-0, 190, PK, Boca Raton, Fla. (West Boca Raton HS)

Mauro Bondi was one of the final pieces of the 2011 Nebraska recruiting class, committing to the Huskers in the final days leading up the Signing day. Bondi is a talented kicker who showcased his ability to handling place-kicking, punting and kickoff chores during his prep career at West Boca Raton (Fla.) High School. As a senior, Bondi connected on 7-of-11 field goals with a long of 44 yards for Coach Willie Dodaro. The 6-0, 190-pound Bondi showed his leg strength by booting 45 of his 55 kickoff attempts for touchbacks. He also punted for West Boca Raton and averaged 43.2 yards per attempt. During his junior season, Bondi hit on 13-of-19 field goals, with a long of 51 yards, drilled 47 kickoffs for touchbacks, and also averaged better than 43 yards per punt. Bondi finished fourth in the kickoff competition at the 2010 Kohl's Scholarship Camp. Bondi is ranked among the nation's top 10 place-kickers by ESPN. He also had a scholarship offer from Wake Forest. Bondi is the son of Bruno and Connie Bondi and was born on Dec. 18, 1992.

Joseph Carter

6-5, 250, DE, Jackson, S.C. (Chaffey College/Silver Bluff HS)

Defensive end prospect Joseph Carter is one of two signees joining the Nebraska program from Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. The 6-5, 250-pound Carter will have three years to complete two seasons of eligibility at Nebraska. Carter and teammate Daimion Stafford helped the Panthers to a 6-5 record and a berth in the Western State Bowl in 2010. Carter racked up 73 total tackles, including 17 tackles for loss, 7.5 sacks, six quarterback hurries and a fumble recovery for Coach Carl Beach. Carter first starred for Chaffey in 2009, when he recored 38 tackles and 10 tackles for loss from his defensive end position. Carter went to Chaffey CC from Silver Bluff High School in Aiken, S.C., where he was a defensive standout. Carter is ranked among the top 40 overall junior college prospects by both Rivals.com and SuperPrep Magazine. Carter was born on June 13, 1990, and is the son of Shiretta Carter. He chose Nebraska over offers from Arizona and Rutgers.

Daniel Davie

6-1, 185, WR, Beatrice, Neb. (Beatrice HS)

Versatile athlete Daniel Davie is one of four in-state products in Nebraska's 2011 recruiting class. The Beatrice High School star excelled as a running back, defensive back and a special teams standout in high school, and could play a number of positions at Nebraska. The 6-1, 185-pound Davie racked up big numbers at running back, rushing for 1,556 yards and 18 touchdowns while averaging 6.5 yards per attempt. Davie helped the Orangemen and coach Bob Sexton to a 6-5 record, and capped his senior season with a 265-yard rushing performance against Holdrege in the Class B playoffs. Davie also had more than 200 receiving yards, while adding 35 tackles and an interception on defense. He also averaged nearly 30 yards per kickoff return. Davie's play earned him numerous honors as a senior. Davie was selected to the offensive squad on the Lincoln Journal Star's Super State team (athlete) and the Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska squad (back). Davie earned first-team Class B honors from both newspapers as a running back. Davie is regarded as one of the top three prospects in the state of Nebraska by Rivals.com and among the top 35 prospects in the Midlands Region according to SuperPrep magazine. In addition to his football success, Davie made a huge impression in his first year on the track in 2010. Davie won the all-class gold in both the 100 and 200 meters at the Nebraska state track meet. Davie recorded a 10.73 time in the 100 and a 21.95 time in the 200 to win both events. Davie committed to Nebraska last June and only visited Lincoln, but he also received numerous offers including Kansas and Ohio. Davie is the son of Damon and Ruthanne Davie, and he was born on Aug. 4, 1992.

Aaron Green

5-11, 190, RB, San Antonio, Texas (Madison HS)

Running back Aaron Green joins the Nebraska program from Madison High School in Houston, and the 5-11, 190-pounder is regarded as one of the top running back prospects in the country. Green is the brother of Nebraska sophomore defensive back Andrew Green. Aaron Green is one of five signees from the state of Texas in the 2011 class, as Nebraska continues to have outstanding recruiting success in the Lone Star State. Over the past three seasons, Green has amassed nearly 5,000 rushing yards for Coach Jim Streety. As a senior, Green rushed for 1,717 yards and 19 touchdowns on 240 carries. His play helped Madison to a 7-4 record and a trip to the Class 5A state playoffs. Green was an honorable-mention all-state pick by the Associated Press for his efforts. Green also posted huge numbers during his sophomore and junior seasons. In 2009, he rushed for better than 1,100 yards and 11 touchdowns, while adding 151 receiving yards and three touchdown catches. His play as a junior earned Green honorable-mention all-state honors and helped his team to the state playoffs. Green first showed his explosiveness for Madison as a sophomore, when he rushed for 2,024 yards and 27 touchdowns and also caught 16 passes for better than 200 yards and two touchdowns. Green was one of several Nebraska recruits to take part in the U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio in January. Green is ranked as the No. 11 overall prospect in the country by ESPN, while Rivals.com ranks him among the top 70 players in the nation and both Rivals and Scout.com list him among the nation's top 10 running backs. He is also mentioned as one of the top 10 prospects in the state of Texas by Rivals. Green was offered by nearly every school in the country, but his only other official visit was to Florida State. Green is the son of Tony and Charlar Green and he was born on Oct. 15, 1992. Green's father played collegiately at Baylor from 1975 to 1978. His uncle, Gary, also played at Baylor and went on to nine seasons in the NFL as a cornerback, and was selected to four Pro Bowls.

Charles Jackson

5-11, 180, DB, Spring, Texas (Klein Collins HS)

Charles Jackson comes to Nebraska after establishing himself as one of the top secondary prospects in the state of Texas. The 5-11, 180-pound Jackson was a key performer for Coach Drew Svoboda at Collins High School in Klein, Texas. He is one of two NU signees from Collins High, joining linebacker David Santos, and one of five prospects from Texas in the 2011 class. Jackson's play helped the team to an 11-1 record and district championship, before a loss in the second round of the state playoffs. Jackson recorded 73 total tackles, including 50 solo stops in his senior season. The aggressive corner also had three interceptions and five pass breakups in 2010. Jackson earned firstteam all-district honors for his effort during his senior season. Jackson was also a key performer for the Tigers as a junior, racking up 75 tackles and five interceptions on his way to second-team all-district honors. Jackson was one of several Husker signees to participate in the U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio in January. Jackson is regarded as the second-best cornerback prospect in the country by Scout.com, while Rivals ranks him among the top 10 corners in the country, the 13th-best overall prospect in Texas and the No. 100 overall player in the country. He also ranks among SuperPrep's top 30 players in the state of Texas and is rated just outside of the top 100 prospects in the nation by ESPN. Jackson received dozens of offers, and also visited Arkansas and Oklahoma, before choosing Nebraska. He was born on Aug. 16, 1992, and is the son of Yolanda Jackson. His stepfater is Rick Parker.

Ryan Klachko

6-4, 285, OL, Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart-Griffin HS)

Illinois product Ryan Klachko is a key part of an impressive group of offensive linemen in Nebraska's 2011 recruiting class. The 6-4, 285-pound Klachko is one of five players in the group expected to begin their Nebraska career on the offensive line. Klachko was a standout for Coach Ken Leonard at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School in Springfield, Ill. As a senior, Klachko helped his team an 8-2 record and a trip to the Class 5A state playoffs. The tenacious blocking of Klachko helped a potent offense average 44.6 points per game. Klackhko was honored for his efforts being chosen to the Chicago Tribune's all-state team and earning All Central State Eight Conference honors. As a junior, Klachko's play helped Sacred Heart Griffin to a perfect regular season and an 11-1 overall record and a trip to the Class 5A quarterfinals. Klachko is ranked among the top 15 offensive guards in the country by Rivals.com and Scout.com. Rivals.com also lists him among the top 10 players in the state of Illinois and among the top 250 overall prospects in the nation. Klachko committed to Nebraska last April, and did not take any other visits, but had dozens of offers including Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Purdue and Arizona to name a few. Klachko is the son of Michael and Paula Klachko, and he was born on May 25, 1993. Klachko was born in Boston before his family moved to Illinois when he was 12 years old.

Tyler Moore

6-6, 300, OL, Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside HS)

Tyler Moore is a key part of a strong group of offensive line prospects in the Huskers' 2011 recruiting class. The 6-6, 300-pound Moore joins the Nebraska program from Countryside High School in Clearwater, Fla. Moore is one of two signees from Florida, giving Nebraska at least one signee from the Sunshine State in nine of the past 10 years. Moore enrolled at Nebraska in January, one of three members of the 2011 class to join the Huskers at semester. Moore is regarded as one of the top offensive line prospects in the country after helping his team to a 12-1 record in 2010, and a trip to the regional finals. The Cougar offense rushed for better than 2,900 yards and 45 rushing touchdowns behind Moore's powerful blocking. As a junior, Moore helped Countryside to an 11-2 record and the offense also produced strong rushing numbers with better than 225 yards per game on the ground. Moore was chosen as a Class 5A all-state pick during his junior season. Moore was a three-year starter at Countryside, first breaking into the lineup in the season opener of his sophomore year. Following his senior season, Moore played for the East team in the U.S. Army All-Star game in San Antonio. Moore is ranked among the top 100 overall prospects in the nation according to Rivals.com and among the top 15 players in Florida by both Rivals and Super Prep Magazine. Both of those services also rank Moore among the top 10 offensive linemen in the nation. Moore committed to the Huskers during his junior season and did not take any other visits, but did receive dozens of offers, including Florida, Ohio State and Stanford. Moore was born on Jan. 3, 1993, and is the son of Brian Moore and Kim Sorenson. Moore's father, Brian, played tight end for the Huskers in the 1980s, earning a letter in 1985. Tyler is the cousin of former NU defensive end Jay Moore (2002-06).

Todd Peat Jr.

6-3, 295, DT, Tempe, Ariz. (Corona Del Sol HS)

Todd Peat Jr. was one of the final pieces to Nebraska's 2011 recruiting class, committing to the Huskers in the final week leading up to Signing Day. The 6-3, 295-pound Peat is regarded as one of the nation's top defensive tackles, after a standout prep career at Corona Del Sol High School in Tempe, Ariz. Peat finished his senior season with more than 60 tackles while anchoring the team's defense. For his play, Peat was a first-team all-region selection and second-team Class 5A all-state pick. Peat first earned all-region and secondteam all-state accolades during his junior season when he recorded 31 total tackles and a pair of sacks. He was also a dominant performer in 2008 as a sophomore with better than 65 tackles, including 17 stops behind the line of scrimmage. Peat was one of several Nebraska signees to participate in the U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio in January. He is ranked among the top 10 players in the state of Arizona by both SuperPrep Magazine and Rivals.com. Rivals also lists him among the top 200 overall prospects in the nation and as one of the top 20 defensive tackles in the country. Peat also visited Arizona State and Oregon State and had offers from Alabama, Miami, Stanford and Arizona among others. Peat Jr. is the son of Todd Sr. and Jana Peat and he was born on Sept. 27, 1992. Peat's father played collegiately at Northern Illinois and went on to play six seasons in the National Football League as an offensive guard. He played three seasons with the Cardinals and three with the Raiders, making 36 career starts.

Max Pirman

6-5, 220, DE, Orrville, Ohio (Orrville HS)

Max Pirman is one of two Ohio standouts in the Huskers' 2011 signing class, joining defensive tackle Kevin Williams. The 6-5, 220-pound Pirman is a talented prospect who is expected to begin his NU career at defensive end. Despite battling injuries throughout his senior season, Pirman had seven sacks for Orrville High School and Coach Doug DaVault. Pirman's play helped his school to a 10-4 record and a trip to the Division IV state semifinals. During Pirman's junior season in 2009, Orrville posted a 9-4 record and advanced to the regional finals. Pirman also battled injuries during his junior season, but was among the team defensive leaders during the state playoffs. Pirman originally committed to Indiana, but switched to Nebraska in the fall after visiting for the Kansas game. In addition to the Hoosiers, Pirman also had

numerous other offers, including Kansas and Ohio. Pirman is regarded as one of the top 40 prospects in Ohio by Rivals.com, and among the top 60 outside linebacker prospects nationally by both Rivals and ESPN, while SuperPrep ranks him among the top 125 players in the Midwest region. Pirman was born on April 5, 1992, and is the son of Terry and Lynette Pirman.

Givens Price

6-4, 275, OL, Houston, Texas (Alief Taylor HS)

Houston product Givens Price is part of an impressive group of offensive line prospects in Nebraska's 2011 signing class. The 6-4, 275-pound Price is one of five signees on the offensive line and also one of five 2011 recruits from the state of Texas. Price helped Coach J.D. Jordan and Alief Taylor High to a 10-2 record and a trip to the second round of the Class 5A state playoffs this past season. Price's play was a key part of an explosive offense that averaged 39.6 points per game and topped the 40-point barrier seven times during the 2010 season. For his play, Price earned second-team Class 5A all-state honors. Price also stood out during his junior season, helping the team to a 9-4 record and a trip to the third round of the 5A playoffs. Price is regarded as one of the top 70 offensive guard prospects in the country by both Scout and ESPN. Price only visited Nebraska, but also had offers from Baylor, Rice and UTEP. Price is one of the youngest signees ever for Nebraska, as he will not celebrate his 17th birthday until Oct. 3, 2011. Price is the son of Edithmary Price.

Ryne Reeves

6-3, 295, OL, Crete, Neb. (Crete HS)

Ryne Reeves is one of four in-state prospects in Nebraska's 2011 recruiting class and part of an impressive group of offensive linemen set to join the Husker program. The 6-3, 295-pound Reeves was a key figure in a Class B state championship season for Crete High School in 2010. Reeves helped Coach Chuck McGinnis' team rack up more than 3,900 rushing yards en route to a perfect 13-0 record. In addition to his dominant lead blocking, Reeves was also a force on the defensive side, recording 73 tackles and two tackles for loss from his tackle spot. He also forced a fumble in the Class B state title game, a 34-0 victory over Elkhorn. Reeves was honored for his effort as a Super State selection by the Lincoln Journal Star, and a All-Nebraska pick by the Omaha World-Herald. Reeves was also named the honorary captain of the Class B all-state offensive unit by the Lincoln Journal Star. Reeves was also a first-team All-Nebraska pick as a junior in 2009. Reeves lined up at guard for the Cardinals, but was named to the Rivals.com All-America team as a center. He is regarded as one of the top five center prospects in the country by both Rivals and Scout.com, and Rivals lists him as the second-best prospect in the state of Nebraska. Super Prep Magazine also lists Reeves among the top five players in the Midlands region. Reeves was the first player to commit to the Huskers' 2011 class, doing so in the summer before his junior season. Despite his early pledge to NU, Reeves received an offer from Stanford and interest from several other schools including Miami, USC and UCLA. Reeves was born on July 14, 1992, and is the son of John and Mary Ellen Reeves.

David Santos

6-0, 200, LB, Spring, Texas (Klein Collins HS)

Linebacker David Santos is one of the top defensive prospects in the state of Texas and one of two players from Klein Collins High School in Nebraska's 2011 class. The 6-0, 200-pound Santos joins teammate Charles Jackson in the Huskers' signing class, and is one of five Texas natives to ink with Nebraska. Santos' play helped Collins High to an 11-1 record and district championship, before a loss in the second round of the Class 5A state playoffs. Santos' play was a key part of the success of Coach Drew Svoboda's team. Santos racked up 136 total tackles in 2010, including 86 solo stops. He also had 13 tackles for loss, six sacks and a pair of pass breakups. Santos earned District 13 Defensive MVP honors for his effort and was also the Houston Touchdown Club's Defensive Player of the Year. He was also a first-team Class 5A all-state selection according to OldCoach.com. He participated in the Offense-Defense All-America Game in South Carolina following his strong senior season. Santos' outstanding play was not limited to his senior season. In 2009, he made 107

total tackles, including 75 solo stops, 25 tackles for loss and had four sacks for a 12-1 team. Overall, Santos was a four-year letterwinner for the Tigers. Santos is ranked among the top 15 outside linebackers in the country by Rivals.com and among the top 40 linebackers by ESPN and Scout. Rivals.com also ranks him among the top 40 overall players in the state of Texas. Santos committed to Nebraska last summer and did not take any other visits, but had a host of offers, including Arkansas, Kansas and Utah to name a few. Santos was born on June 22, 1992, and is the son of Rosalind and David Santos Sr.

Daimion Stafford

6-1, 210, DB, Norco, Calif. (Chaffey College/Norco HS)

Defensive back Daimion Stafford comes to Nebraska as one of the most highly sought-after prospects in the junior-college ranks. The 6-1, 210-pound Stafford starred at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. His teammate Joseph Carter also signed with the Huskers. Stafford will have three years to use two seasons of eligibility at Nebraska. Stafford helped lead Chaffey and Coach Carl Beach to a strong 2010 campaign by recording 62 total tackles, including 35 solo stops. He added three tackles for loss, five interceptions and six pass breakups. Stafford was also a dangerous return threat, averaging nearly 28 yards per kickoff return, including a 100-yard touchdown, and more than 15 yards per punt return. Stafford made 85 tackles and had four interceptions during his first season with the Panthers in 2009. He also starrred as a return threat in 2009. Chaffey is ranked among the top 20 overall junior college prospects by both Rivals.com and Scout.com, and among the top three JC defensive backs by both services. Stafford played his high school football at Norco High in California, where he was a standout for Coach Todd Gerhart, the father of Minnesota Vikings running back Toby Gerhart. Stafford went to school early in high school with Nebraska quarterback Taylor Martinez, who spent his freshman and sophomore years at Norco High. Stafford was widely recruited, turning down offers from USC, Florida and Iowa State among others. Stafford was born on Feb. 18, 1991, and he is the son of La Tanya Henderson.

Bubba Starling

6-5, 195, QB, Gardner, Kan. (Gardner Edgerton HS)

Bubba Starling is regarded as one of the top multi-sport high school athletes in the country and is one of two quarterbacks in Nebraska's 2011 signing class. The 6-5, 195-pound Starling is one of the top quarterback prospects in the nation, and is also a standout in basketball and baseball at Gardner Edgerton High School in the Kansas City area. Starling is expected to play both football and baseball at Nebraska. Starling quarterbacked Coach Marvin Diener's team to a 33-4 record during his three seasons as a starter. Overall, Starling accounted for more than 8,100 yards of total offense and 97 touchdowns in three seasons. In 2010, he led Gardner-Edgerton to an 11-1 record before a loss in the Class 5A state semifinals. Starling posted amazing rushing stats during his senior campaign, racking up 2,377 yards on 180 carries (13.2 ypc), while scoring 31 rushing touchdowns. He also passed for 790 yards and eight touchdowns. During his junior season Starling led his team to the Class 5A state finals. Starling rushed for 1,381 yards and 19 touchdowns during his junior year, while passing for 1,433 yards and 18 touchdowns against just six interceptions. In his first season as a starter in 2008, Starling ran for 1,033 yards and 10 touchdowns and threw for more than 1,100 yards and another 11 touchdowns, helping Gardner-Edgerton to the state semifinals. Starling has racked up a host of honors over the past few years. As a senior, he was the Gatorade Kansas Player of the Year and the winner of the prestigious Simone Award for the top player in the Kansas City area. He was also the offensive captain of the Kansas City Star's All-Metro team, and a first-team Class 5A all-state pick. Starling was one of several Nebraska signees to participate in the U.S. Army All-America game in San Antonio in January. Starling was named as the Super Prep Magazine Midlands Region Offensive Player of the Year and that publication lists him as the No. 2 prospect in the Midlands Region. He is ranked as the No. 2 prospect in Kansas by Rivals.com, which also ranks him as the nation's No. 6 "athlete" and the No. 119 player overall in the country. Scout.com and ESPN also rank him among the nation's top 10 quarterback prospects. In baseball, Starling excels as a right-handed pitcher and outfielder and is currently Baseball America's No. 1 high school prospect. Starling has hit better than .500 with 17 home runs and 43 RBI the past two seasons. Playing for Team USA (U-18) last summer, Starling hit .339 with three home runs, while throwing three scoreless innings with seven strikeouts. For his effort he was named the Kansas City Metro Baseball Coaches Association small class Player of the Year. He is also a standout in basketball at Gardner-Edgerton. He helped the Blazers to a 20-5 record in 2009-10, and is again among the leading scorers and rebounders as a senior. Starling took his only visit to Nebraska and committed to the Huskers in June, but had offers from dozens of schools including Notre Dame, Alabama, Kansas and Kansas State. Starling is the son of Jim and Debbie Starling and was born on Aug. 3, 1992.

Zach Sterup

6-8, 265, OL, Hastings, Neb. (Hastings St. Cecilia HS)

Zach Sterup (pronounced Stair-up) is one of four players from the state of Nebraska in the Cornhuskers' 2011 recruiting class. Sterup is also a key part of an impressive group of offensive line prospects joining the NU program. Sterup has been a standout performer for Coach Carl Tesmer at Hastings St. Cecilia High School, helping the Bluehawks to back-to-back state championships in 2009 and 2010. This past season, Sterup led an offensive line that paved the way for better than 3,500 rushing yards en route to a second straight 13-0 season. In addition to his dominant play on the offensive line, Sterup also saw time on defense and racked up 58 tackles and four sacks. Sterup was a first-team All-Nebraska pick by the Omaha World-Herald and a Super State selection according to the Lincoln Journal Star. He was also the honorary captain of the C-2 all-state team by both newspapers. Sterup also earned first-team defensive all-state honors in Class C-1 as a junior, helping St. Cecilia to a perfect campaign before they moved classes in 2010. Sterup is regarded as one of the top 30 offensive tackle prospects in the country by Rivals.com, which also lists him as the top player in the state of Nebraska. He is also regarded as one of the top 25 overall players in the Midlands Region by SuperPrep Magazine. At 6-8, Sterup is among the tallest Husker recruits ever, with 6-8 offensive tackle Tom Punt (1988-90) the tallest known football letterwinner in school history. Sterup is an outstanding athlete and uses his skills on the hardwood, where he is among the team leaders in scoring and rebounding and has helped the Bluehawks to a 12-5 record through the end of January. St. Cecilia has captured three straight Class C-1 basketball titles from 2008 to 2010. Sterup only visited Nebraska but had numerous other offers, including Iowa, Wisconsin, Notre Dame, Minnesota, Stanford and UCLA. Sterup was born on May 14, 1992, and is the son of Doug Sterup and Mary Sterup-Walsh.

David Sutton

6-3, 250, TE, Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast HS)

Lincoln native David Sutton is one of four Nebraskans in the Huskers' 2011 recruiting class. The 6-3, 250-pound Sutton starred on both sides of the ball for Coach John Larsen at Lincoln Southeast High School, helping the Knights to a 10-2 record and a trip to the Class A state semifinals. From his defensive end spot, Sutton recorded 105 tackles during his senior season, including 12 sacks. On offense, he caught 16 passes for 311 yards and four touchdowns as a tight end. For his efforts, Sutton was a defensive first-team Super State pick by the Lincoln Journal Star and an All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald. During his junior season, Sutton racked up 75 tackles and earned honorable-mention all-city honors from the Lincoln Journal Star, helping the Knights to the state quarterfinals. Sutton also visited Ohio and had an offer from South Dakota State. Sutton is the son of Mark and Jayne Sutton, and he was born on Jan. 13, 1993.

Jamal Turner

6-1, 175, QB, Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston HS)

Jamal Turner comes to Nebraska after a prolific high school career at Sam Houston High School in Arlington, Texas. The 6-1, 175-pound Turner was one of the nation's top dual-threat quarterbacks for Coach Danny Edelman, racking up more than 10,000 yards of total offense in three years as a starter. Turner is one of three members of the 2011 class who began classes at Nebraska in January. Turner is also one of five signees from Texas, as the Huskers continue

to find talent in the Lone Star State. As a senior, Turner rushed for 1,888 yards on 267 carries and a remarkable 35 rushing touchdowns. Through the air, he completed better than 60 percent of his passes for 1,551 yards and eight touchdowns. His play as a senior earned Turner first-team All-DFW area selection by the Dallas Morning News as a utility player, and he was also an honorable-mention Class 5A all-state pick. Turner produced similar statistics during his junior season with 1,809 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns on the ground, while averaging better than eight yards per carry. He also threw for better than 1,800 yards and 13 touchdowns and earned second-team All-DFW area honors and second-team 5A all-state honors. Turner first stepped into the starting quarterback role as a sophomore and posted big passing numbers. He threw for 2,611 yards and 21 touchdowns, while also rushing for better than 400 yards and nine touchdowns. Turner was chosen to play in the Under Armour All-American game in Florida in January, and he showed his all-around ability by lining up at receiver in the game. ESPN ranks Turner among the top 50 overall prospects in the country and as the No. 6 "athlete" in the nation. Rivals.com ranks Turner among the top 140 players in the nation and the top 20 prospects in Texas, while placing him as the seventh-best dual-threat quarterback in the country. SuperPrep Magazine also ranks Turner among the top 20 prospects in Texas, while Scout.com lists him among the top 10 quarterback prospects. Turner only visited Nebraska, but had numerous offers including Missouri, Oklahoma, TCU, Texas A&M and USC. Turner is the son of the late Rusty Turner and Jeffery Turner and was born on Feb. 1, 1993.

Kevin Williams

6-2, 275, DL, Holland, Ohio (Springfield HS)

Kevin Williams is one of three members of Nebraska's 2011 recruiting class who joined the Husker program for the spring semester. A standout defensive line prospect from Holland, Ohio, the 6-2, 275-pound Williams posted big numbers for Coach Vince Marrow and Springfield High School the past two seasons. Williams racked up more than 260 total tackles and 25 sacks in the past two seasons. As a senior, Williams had 111 tackles, including 36 solo stops and 10 sacks. His play earned Williams Division II co-defensive player-of-the-year honors in Ohio, and first-team All-Ohio accolades. During his junior season, Williams earned honorable-mention Division II all-state honors as he recoreded better than 150 tackles including 15 sacks and 15 other stops behind the line of scrimmage. Williams is regarded as one of the top 20 defensive tackles in the nation according to ESPN, and among the top 40 interior defensive linemen by both Rivals and Scout. Rivals.com ranks him among the top 20 players in the talent-rich state of Ohio, while SuperPrep magazine includes him as one of the top 60 players in the Midwest region. Williams committed to Nebraska in April of 2010, and did not take any other visits, but had offers from Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Oregon, Illinois and Stanford to name a few. Williams is the son of Lisa and Mark Deel and he was born on May 8, 1993.

Walk-On Student-Athletes

Nebraska has secured commitments from 15 prospects who plan to join the program as walk-ons for the 2011 season. Per NCAA rules, Nebraska is able to announce 11 of those individuals as of Feb. 2.

Tyson Broekemeier

6-1, 180, QB, Aurora, Neb. (Aurora HS)

Tyson Broekemeier is regarded as one of the top prospects in the state of Nebraska after a prolific career at Aurora High School. Broekemeier guided Coach Randy Huebert's Aurora squad to an appearance in the Class B state semifinals by piling up huge numbers at quarterback. Broekemeier completed better than 70 percent of his passes for 2,047 yards and 31 touchdowns, while throwing just three interceptions. On the ground, he rushed for 630 yards and 12 touchdowns. As a senior, Broekemeier was named the Gatorade Nebraska Player of the Year and he was also the honorary captain of the Lincoln Journal Star Super State offense and the Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska team. Broekemeier also posted big numbers as a junior accounting for better than 2,400 yards of total offense and 32 touchdowns. Broekemeier had scholarship offers from FCS schools South Dakota and North Dakota. Broekemeier's older brother, Joe, was a senior receiver for the 2010 Huskers.

Sam Burtch

6-3, 175, WR, Elmwood, Neb. (Elmwood-Murdock HS)

Sam Burtch joins the Husker program as a receiver from Elmwood-Murdock High School, where he starred at receiver for Coach Leigh Schmale. Burtch earned first-team Class C-2 all-state honors from both the Lincoln Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald. Burtch caught 44 passes for 1,038 yards and eight touchdowns to help his team to a 9-2 record and a trip to the Class C2 quarterfinals. The 2010 season marked the fourth straight year the school reached at least the quarterfinals of the state playoffs. Burtch also caught eight touchdown passes as part of his 26 receptions as a junior. Burtch won the Class C 800 meters at the 2010 Nebraska state track meet and was second in the 400 meters. Burtch received recruiting interest from Northwest Missouri State and UNO.

Jack Gangwish

6-2, 215, LB, Wood River, Neb. (Wood River HS)

Jack Gangwish will walk on at Nebraska, following in the footsteps of his father, Paul, who lettered for the Huskers as a walk-on in the 1980s. The younger Gangwish was a three-year starter for Wood River High School and Coach Derek Garfield. As a senior, the 6-2, 215-pound Gangwish made 103 tackles, four quarterback sacks and had two forced fumbles while recovering another. Gangwish earned honorable-mention Class C1 all-state honors for his play. Gangwish is also among the top-ranked wrestlers in the Class C 215-pound weight class. Paul Gangwish was a letterwinner at defensive end for Tom Osborne in 1985. Gangwish had a scholarship offer from Chadron State.

Aaron Hayes

6-3, 265, OL, Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn HS)

Aaron Hayes will join the Nebraska program as an offensive line prospect after a productive prep career at Elkhorn High School. The 6-3, 265-pound Hayes was an honorable-mention all-state performer by both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. Hayes' play helped Coach Mark Wortman's Antlers post a 10-3 record and a Class B runner-up finish. Hayes was also a contributor as a junior when Elkhorn reached the Class A state semifinals. Hayes had interest from UNO and Augustana.

Adam Kucera

6-6, 285, OL, Litchfield, Neb. (Litchfield HS)

Adam Kucera is part of a strong group of offensive linemen who are set to join the Nebraska football program as walk-ons. The 6-6, 285-pound Kucera starred on both sides of the ball for Litchfield High and Coach Dan Boiling. Kucera lined up at center and nose guard, anchoring both of the team's lines. Kucera has been selected to play in two eight-man all-star games. He is also a basketball standout leading his team in rebounding with averages of about 15 points and 11 rebounds per game. Kucera turned down a Chadron State scholarship offer.

Murat Kuzu

5-11, 190, RB, Plano, Texas (Plano Senior HS)

Murat Kuzu will join the NU program as a walk-on after a strong prep career at Plano Senior High School, the same school that produced current NU running back Rex Burkhead. The 5-11, 190-pound Kuzu rushed for better than 600 yards and three touchdowns as a senior, and produced better than 400 receiving yards and five TD receptions, while also throwing for a touchdown. Kuzu was a second-team all-district selection for his efforts as a senior. Kuzu had a scholarship offer from Doane and interest from Southern Louisiana.

Anthony Ridder

6-2, 195, LB, West Point, Neb. (West Point Central Catholic HS)

Anthony Ridder will join the NU football program as a walk-on linebacker, following in the footsteps of his father Dave Ridder. Anthony starred on both sides of the ball for his father at West Point Central Catholic, helping his team to the Class D-1 state title in the school's first year of eight-man competition. As a quarterback, Ridder passed for more than 1,700 yards and 38 touchdowns, with just two interceptions. He also rushed for more than 800 yards and 20 touchdowns. Defensively, he led Central Catholic with 106 total tackles. He was the offensive honorary captain of the Class D-1 all-state team by both the Omaha World-Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star. Dave Ridder also joined the NU program as a walk-on from West Point CC, and went on to be a three-year letterwinner as a defensive end. Anthony Ridder is joined in the 2011 class by his cousin, Eddie Ridder, from Elkhorn Mount Michael. Ridder had scholarship offers from UNO, Augustana and Wayne State.

Eddie Ridder

6-6, 225, TE/DE, Elkhorn, Neb. (Mount Michael Benedictine)

Elkhorn Mount Michael product Eddie Ridder will continue a family tradition of being part of the Nebraska football program. The tight end-defensive end prospect is joined in the 2011 NU walk-on class by his cousin, Anthony, and Eddie's father, Tom, also played for the Huskers in the 1970s. Eddie Ridder earned honorable-mention all-state honors for Coach Dave Plendl and the Knights for his production on both sides of the ball. He caught 24 passes for 289 yards on the offensive end, while logging 69 tackles and three sacks on defense. During his junior season, Ridder had 22 catches, including four touchdown grabs and added 34 tackles and six tackles for loss on defense. Ridder turned down Colorado School of the Mines and Wayne State.

Will Sailors

6-3, 260, OL, Lincoln, Neb. (Northeast HS)

Lincoln Northeast produce Will Sailors will join the Nebraska program as a walk-on and is expected to begin his career on the offensive line. The 6-3, 260-pound Sailors helped Lincoln Northeast High School to a 7-4 record and a trip to the Class A state quarterfinals in 2010. Sailors lined up at offensive tackle for Coach Justin Smith and the Rockets. For his efforts, Sailors was a second-team Super State selection by the Lincoln Journal Star and a first-team Class A all-state pick by both the Journal Star and the Omaha World-Herald. Sailors had drawn interest from Northwest Missouri State and UNO.

Derek Slaughter

5-11, 200, LB, Pelham, Ala. (Pelham HS)

Derek Slaughter will join the Nebraska program as a walk-on linebacker. Slaughter was a standout at Pelham High School in Pelham, Ala., where he racked up more than 130 tackles during his senior season. The 5-11, 200-pound Slaughter also had two interceptions and the big hitter forced several fumbles. Slaughter had 128 tackles, five sacks and three interceptions in his junior season. He played cornerback as a sophomore. Slaughter grew up in David City until the fifth grade when his family moved to Alabama. Slaughter had interest from The Citadel and UAB.

Richard Wynne Jr.

5-9, 175, RB, Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep HS)

Richard Wynne Jr. had an outstanding career at Omaha Creighton Prep High School. Wynne racked up better than 1,600 rushing yards in 11 games for Coach Tom Jaworski, leading the Junior Jays to a 7-4 record and a Class A quarterfinal appearance. He is believed to be the first back from Creighton Prep to surpass 100 rushing yards in every game of a season. Wynne earned first-team Super State honors from the Lincoln Journal Star and first-team All-Nebraska accolades from the Omaha World-Herald for his efforts. Wynne had interest from Augustana, UNO and Northwest Missouri State.