# **2016 Nebraska Football Recruiting Class**

## **Alphabetical Listing:**

<u>Name</u>	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School			
Quayshon Alexander	LB	6-3	235	Prospect Park, N.J.	De Paul Catholic HS			
Dicaprio Bootle	DB	5-10	180	Miami, Fla.	Southridge HS			
Bryan Brokop	OL	6-5	275	New Lenox, III.	Lincoln Way West HS			
Tre Bryant	RB	5-11	200	St. Louis, Mo.	Christian Brothers HS			
Tony Butler	DB	6-2	195	Cleveland Heights, Ohio	St. Edward HS			
Marquel Dismuke	DB	6-2	180	Calabasas, Calif.	Calabasas HS			
JoJo Domann	DB	6-1	205	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Pine Creek HS			
David Engelhaupt	TE	6-3	230	Norfolk, Neb.	Norfolk Catholic HS			
Matt Farniok	OL	6-6	300	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Washington HS			
Derrion Grim*	WR	6-0	190	Stockton, Calif.	Ronald E. McNair HS			
Lamar Jackson	DB	6-3	195	Elk Grove, Calif.	Franklin HS			
Pernell Jefferson	LB	6-2	225	New Orleans, La.	Warren Easton HS			
Caleb Lightbourn	PK/P	6-3	220	Washougal, Wash.	Camas HS			
Collin Miller	DL	6-3	235	Fishers, Ind.	Hamilton Southeastern HS			
Patrick O'Brien*	QB	6-4	230	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.	San Juan Hills HS			
John Raridon	OL	6-4	275	West Des Moines, Iowa	Valley HS			
Greg Simmons	LB	6-2	240	Fort Pierce, Fla.	Fort Pierce Central HS			
JD Spielman	WR	5-9	180	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Eden Prairie HS			
Ben Stille	DL	6-5	240	Ashland, Neb.	Ashland-Greenwood HS			
Jack Stoll	TE	6-4	235	Lone Tree, Colo.	Regis Jesuit HS			
Boe Wilson	OL	6-3	295	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit West HS			
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### The Class Breakdown:

By State: California (4): Dismuke (Calabasas), Grim (Stockton), Jackson (Elk Grove), O'Brien (San Juan Capistrano); Nebraska (2): Stille (Ashland), Engelhaupt (Norfolk); Colorado (2): Domann (Colorado Springs), Stoll (Lone Tree); Florida (2): Bootle (Miami), Simmons (Fort Pierce); Missouri (2): Bryant (St. Louis), Wilson (Lee's Summit); Illinois (1): Brokop (New Lenox); Indiana (1): Miller (Fishers); Iowa (1): Raridon (West Des Moines); Louisiana (1): Jefferson (New Orleans); Minnesota (1): Spielman (Eden Prairie); New Jersey (1): Alexander (Prospect Park); Ohio (1): Butler (Cleveland Heights); South Dakota (1): Farniok (Sioux Falls); Washington (1): Lightbourn (Washougal).

By Position (First Position Listed):

**Offense (10):** QB-O'Brien; RB-Bryant; WR-Grim, Spielman; TE-Engelhaupt, Stoll; OL-Brokop, Farniok, Raridon, Wilson. **Defense (10):** DL-Miller, Stille; LB—Alexander, Jefferson, Simmons; DB—Bootle, Butler, Dismuke, Domann, Jackson.

**Specialist (1):** PK/P-Lightbourn.

#### Walk-Ons

Nebraska has secured commitments from nine prospects who plan to join the program as walk-ons for the 2016 season.

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
Ty Chaffin	WR	6-5	200	Burwell, Neb.	Burwell HS
Creighton Hamik	LB	6-3	210	Kearney, Neb.	Kearney Catholic HS
Tanner Hass	ATH	6-0	195	West Point, Neb.	Guardian Angels HS
Branden Hohenstein	TE	6-4	205	Sioux City, Iowa	Bishop Heelan HS
Todd Honas	WR	5-11	200	Aurora, Neb.	Aurora HS
Tavlin Hunt	LB	6-0	215	Lincoln, Neb.	North Star HS
Grant Jordan	FB	6-1	205	Omaha, Neb.	Westside HS
Spencer Jordan	LB	6-2	215	Omaha, Neb.	Westside HS
Eli Sullivan	DB	6-2	190	Longmont, Colo.	Longmont HS

# Quayshon Alexander LB, 6-3, 235, Prospect Park, N.J. (De Paul Catholic HS)

Quayshon Alexander joins Nebraska after being regarded as one of the top defensive prospects on the East Coast. Alexander was a standout defender and tight end for Coach John McKenna at De Paul Catholic High in Wayne, N.J., and will play linebacker for the Huskers.

Alexander helped De Paul Catholic to a championship in the Non-Public Group 3 division of the NJSIAA playoffs in 2015. The 6-3, 235-pound Alexander made 45 tackles, including nine tackles for loss and five sacks in his senior season. He also added five hurries. For his effort as a senior, Alexander was a third-team All-Non-Public selection.

During his junior season, Alexander helped De Paul Catholic to an 8-4 record. He had an impressive 19.5 sacks for 119 yards, while adding an additional 17 tackles for loss. Alexander had 75 tackles, including 49 solo, and added nine quarterback hurries. On offense, Alexander averaged nearly 30 yards on eight receptions. He earned first-team all-state honors from NJ.com for his work in 2014, and was also on the outlet's All-Non-Public Team.

Alexander first made an impact as a sophomore, helping his team to a 10-2 record. Alexander totaled 33 tackles, including nine sacks and six tackles for loss

Alexander is ranked among the top 300 overall prospects in the nation and top 10 players in New Jersey by both ESPN and 247 Sports. Scout. com lists Alexander as the top outside linebacker in New Jersey.

Alexander also visited Indiana, Michigan, Pittsburgh and Rutgers, and had offers from Notre Dame, Iowa and Wisconsin among others. He was born on March 15, 1998, and is the son of Carla Alexander.

## **Dicaprio Bootle**

## DB, 5-10, 180, Miami, Fla. (Southridge HS)

Dicaprio Bootle joins the Husker program from the Florida high school ranks, where he was a standout for Coach Billy Rolle at Miami's Southridge High School.

As a senior, Bootle helped Southridge to an 8-5 record and a trip to the second round of the Florida Class 8A playoffs. Bootle totaled 64 tackles and two interceptions from his cornerback position, while also causing three fumbles and recovering two others.

Bootle also was a standout at Killian High School in 2014, helping the team to a 14-1 record and a trip to the state semifinals. In addition to his football talents, Bootle is a track standout, and posted top times of 10.64 in the hundred meters and 21.36 in the 200 during his junior year at Killian High. He finished third in the 200 at the state track meet.

Bootle attended a Nebraska satellite camp in the South Florida area in the summer of 2015. Bootle is ranked among the top 60 cornerbacks in the country by ESPN, and was listed among the top 25 cornerbacks in Florida by Scout.com. He was also listed among the top 200 prospects in the state by 247Sports. Bootle was named one of the top five cornerbacks in Miami-Dade County in 2015 by the Miami Herald.

Bootle only visited Nebraska, but had numerous offers including Illinois, Temple and UCF. He was born on Sept. 17, 1997, and is the son of Dwight Bootle and Caliope Bootle.

# Bryan Brokop OL, 6-5, 275, New Lenox, III. (Lincoln-Way West HS)

Bryan Brokop is part of a strong group of offensive linemen in the 2016 recruiting class. The 6-5, 275-pound Brokop comes to Nebraska from Lincoln-Way West High School in Illinois. Brokop was among NU's first two commitments in the class, pledging to the Huskers in September of 2014.

Brokop has been a key force for Coach Dave Ernst's team each of the past three seasons. A powerful blocker on the offensive line, Brokop helped the Warriors to an 11-3 record in 2015, capped by a trip to the Illinois Class 5A state championship game. For his play as a senior, Brokop was a 5A all-state pick by the Illinois Football Coaches Association, and was also named to the USA Today Illinois all-state team.

Brokop's also helped Lincoln-Way West to playoff runs in both 2013 and 2014. As a junior, Brokop helped his team to a 9-2 record, while the Warriors finished 10-2 and reached the state quarterfinals in 2013. Brokop was a first-team all-state selection by the Champaign-Urbana News Gazette in 2014, and is a three-time all-conference choice.

Brokop is a consensus choice as one of the top 10 prospects in Ilinois. He is ranked among the top 25 offensive guards in the country by both Scout. com and Rivals.com, while 247Sports ranks him among the nation's top 400 overall prospects. He was named to the 2015 high honor roll.

Brokop chose NU over numerous offers, including Arizona State, Auburn, Cal, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina State and Syracuse. Brokop was born on April 26, 1998, and he is the son of Sam and Jennifer Brokop.

## **Tre Bryant**

# RB, 5-11, 200, St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers College HS)

Tre Bryant joins the Nebraska program and is regarded as one of the top running backs in the Midwest in the 2016 recruiting class. Bryant has been a standout at Christian Brothers College High in Missouri since his freshman year, helping his team rank among the state's best.

As a senior, Bryant rushed for 1,331 yards and 30 touchdowns, while averaging 10.4 yards per carry. He also had 287 receiving yards and two receiving touchdowns, and scored on a 98-yard kickoff return. Bryant's play helped Coach Scott Pingel's team to a 13-1 record and a runner-up finish in the Missouri Class 6 playoffs. Bryant rushed for 186 yards and three touchdowns against Blue Springs South in the state title game.

Bryant was an AP first-team all-state selection in Missouri and also named to the USA Today Missouri all-state team. He was the Class 6 Offensive Player of the Year and was the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Offensive Player of the Year in the metro area.

During his junior season, Bryant helped the Cadets to a perfect 15-0 record and Class 6 state title. Bryant rushed for 1,072 yards, while averaging 9.9 yards per carry and scoring 21 rushing touchdowns. He was a second-team all-metro selection by the Post-Dispatch as a utility player during his junior season. Bryant also saw significant action for Christian Brothers as both a sophomore and freshman.

Bryant is the No. 2 player in Missouri and the nation's No. 256 overall prospect and No. 7 running back by 247Sports. He is also ranked among the top 10 players in the state by ESPN and is listed as the top running back in Missouri by Scout.com. Bryant also competed in track and field at Christian Brothers.

Bryant also visited Kansas State and Minnesota, and had numerous other offers including Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Northwestern, Syracuse and Vanderbilt. Bryant was born on Oct. 6, 1997, and is the son of Laondria Crawford and Tracey Bryant.

## **Tony Butler**

## DB, 6-2, 195, Lakewood, Ohio (St. Edward HS)

Tony Butler joins the Nebraska secondary after being a standout performer at St. Edward High School in Ohio, one of the nation's top prep programs.

The 6-2, 195-pound Butler helped Coach Tom Lomardo's team to a 14-1 record and a Division I state title in 2015. St. Edward finished No. 6 in the final USA Today national prep rankings. Butler recorded 42 tackles as a senior, along with four interceptions and more than 20 PBU. Butler also had an interception in the state championship game. Butler was a first-team Associated Press All-Ohio Division I choice and was also named to the USA Today Ohio all-state team.

Butler also made strong contributions to a state title run in 2014, helping St. Edward to a 13-2 record. Butler recorded 27 tackles, had three interceptions and broke up another 10 passes. Butler sealed a win in the state title game with a fumble recovery. Butler was also a member of the St. Edward varsity team in 2013, when the school finished with an 11-2 record and reached the state semifinals.

Butler was ranked as the No. 1 safety in Ohio by Scout.com, while both ESPN and 247Sports ranked him among the top 40 cornerback prospects in the country. Both ESPN and 247 Sports also listed him among the top 20 overall prospects in Ohio, while 247 ranked him among the nation's top 400 prospects.

Butler chose Nebraska over West Virginia and Arizona State and also visited Rutgers. He had numerous other offers including Big Ten schools Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Purdue. Butler also competed in track and field and made the honor roll as a junior.

Butler was born on Oct. 17, 1997, and is the son of Angel Butler.

## **Marquel Dismuke**

## DB, 6-2, 180, Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas HS)

Marquel Dismuke joins the Nebraska program after a standout prep career at Calabasas High School in California. Dismuke is regarded as one of the top defensive back prospects in the state after his play for Coach Casey Clausen.

Dismuke was a dominant defensive presence for Calabasas High in 2015, registering 66 tackles, including two tackles for loss and a sack. He also had four interceptions, returning one of the picks for 67 yards, while posting a team-high 11 pass breakups.

The outstanding play of Dismuke helped the Coyotes to a 13-2 record. Calabasas won the Southern Section Canyon Division and was the CIF Southern Section West Division playoff winner. Calabasas eventually lost in the Division II-A state title game.

Dismuke starred for Compton Dominguez High School as a junior in 2014, helping Coach Keith Donerson's team to a 7-4 record and a trip to the CIF Southern Section playoffs. Dismuke was one of the top defenders for Dominguez High and also played a key role in the return game.

Dismuke is ranked as the No. 4 safety in the country by ESPN, the 14th-best prospect in California and the No. 133 overall prospect in the ESPN300. He is also ranked among the top 20 safeties in the country by Rivals.com, Scout.com and 247Sports, who ranks him as the No. 247 overall prospect in the United States, while Scout.com has him No. 254 overall.

Dismuke only visited Nebraska, but had dozens of offers including Arizona State, California, LSU, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Utah and Washington State.

Dismuke is the son of Nicole Samuel, and he was born on March 10, 1998.

#### JoJo Domann

# DB, 6-1, 205, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek HS)

JoJo Domann is regarded as one of the top prospects in Colorado, marking the second consecutive year Nebraska has signed one of the state's top players. Domann was a versatile performer at Pine Creek High in Colorado Springs and has the ability to play on either side of the ball.

Domann's play helped Coach Todd Miller's Pine Creek team to a 38-3 record during his final three seasons at the school, including two state titles in the Class 4 ranks. Domann was a teammate of Nebraska redshirt freshman defensive back Avery Anderson in 2013 and 2014.

In 2015, Domann helped Pine Creek to a 12-1 record before a loss in the state semifinals. Domann rushed 37 times for 404 yards, an average of nearly 11 yards per carry and scored 11 rushing touchdowns. He also caught 33 passes for 674 yards and nine receiving touchdowns. Defensively, Domann was a dominant presence racking up 34 tackles, including 4.5 tackles for loss.

He also contributed on Pine Creek's special teams, averaging 43 yards per punt, while connecting on 34-of-37 extra-point attempts and making three field goals. Domann was selected as the Prep Colorado Player of the Year in 2015, and was also an all-state defensive pick by Prep Colorado. He was also a first-team USA Today all-Colorado selection.

During his junior season, Domann helped Pine Creek to a Class 4A state title and a 14-0 record. Domann had 49 receptions for 797 yards and 10 touchdowns, while also rushing for 205 yards and a touchdown. On defense, Domann recorded 61 tackles, while adding seven tackles for loss and seven interceptions. He made 59-of-60 PAT attempts and connected on 7-of-8 field goals. He earned All-Colorado honors for his play in 2014.

As a sophomore, Domann had 44 tackles, while also seeing action on special teams and offense. He earned first-team all-area honors as a sophomore.

Domann is ranked as the top player in Colorado and among the top 350 players nationally by 247Sports, while Rivals.com lists him as the No. 2 prospect in the state. Both Scout.com and 247Sports rank Domann among the top 40 "athlete" prospects in the nation, while Rivals.com and ESPN list him among the top 60 outside linebackers. Domann was also named to the Colorado academic all-state team in 2013 and 2014.

Domann also visited Colorado and had numerous offers including Arizona State, California, Colorado, Illinois, North Carolina and Virginia. He was selected to play in the Semper Fi all-star game, but did not play because of injury. Domann was born on July 28, 1997, and is the son of Craig and Teddi Domann.

## **David Engelhaupt**

## TE, 6-3, 230, Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic HS)

David Engelhaupt is one of two in-state players in Nebraska's 2016 recruiting class, joining the Huskers after a standout career at Norfolk Catholic High School.

Engelhaupt starred on both sides of the ball for Coach Jeff Bellar's team which is annually among the top prep programs in the state. As a senior, Engelhaupt played a key role on offense and defense. He rushed 177 times for 1,465 yards and 30 rushing touchdowns, while adding 20 catches for 308 yards and four touchdowns. On defense, Engelhaupt recorded 89 tackles, five sacks, and interception and three fumble recoveries. He also averaged 39.5 yards per punt to help the Knights to a 12-1 record and a Class C-1 state runner-up finish.

Engelhaupt was a second-team All-Nebraska choice as a linebacker by the Omaha World-Herald and second-team Super State choice by the Lincoln Journal Star. He was also a first-team Class C-1 pick by both papers and was the honorary captain of the World-Herald's Class C-1 team.

Engelhaupt led Norfolk Catholic to a 9-2 record and a state playoff berth as a junior in 2014. In addition to his outstanding play on offense and defense, Engelhaupt was a standout punter for the Knights. He was a first-team Class C-1 all-state pick as a punter by both newspapers, and was the Journal Star's second-team Super State punter.

Engelhaupt was also on the Norfolk Catholic varsity in 2013, when the school went 8-3 and reached the state quarterfinals. Engelhaupt has also played on the varsity basketball team for three years, averaging better than eight points per game for his career. He is also a member of the Norfolk Catholic track and field team.

Engelhaupt is ranked among the top six players in Nebraska by both Rivals.com and 247Sports and is listed among the top 100 defensive ends in the nation by 247Sports.

He chose Nebraska over Wyoming and New Mexico. Engelhaupt was born on April 27, 1997, and is the son of Dave and Lu Engelhaupt.

### **Matt Farniok**

## 6-6, 300, OL, Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington HS)

Matt Farniok is part of an impressive group of offensive line recruits in the Huskers' 2016 recruiting class. The 6-6, 300-pound Farniok comes to Nebraska after helping Washington High School in Sioux Falls, S.D. to a state title in 2015.

Farniok was a dominant blocker for Coach Chad Stadem's team as a senior, helping the offense produce better than 4,500 yards of total offense, including 230 rushing yards per game. His play helped the Warriors to an 11-1 record and the Class 11AAA state championship.

Farniok was the South Dakota Gatorade Player of the Year and the USA Today South Dakota Player of the Year. He was a first-team all-state pick from the South Dakota Coaches Association and also a member of the Sioux Falls Argus Leader's Elite 45 Football team.

He also earned Class 11AAA all-state honors and Elite 45 selection as a junior despite Washington having a 3-6 record. He was also a key member of Washington's varsity squad a sophomore in 2013.

Farniok played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio in January. A consensus choice as the top overall prospect in the state of South Dakota, Farniok is ranked as the No. 129 overall prospect by 247Sports and checks in at No. 257 in the ESPN300. Farniok is a consensus pick as one of the top 25 offensive tackles in the country.

Farniok also visited Michigan State and Iowa and had numerous offers including Iowa State, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Penn State, Stanford and Wisconsin.

The Farniok family has a history of offensive line success. Matt's older brother, Tom, played at lowa State from 2010 to 2014, starting for two seasons at center, while his brother, Derek, finished his career at Oklahoma in 2015, serving as a part-time starter at tackle for the Sooners. In addition to the Farniok brothers, Washington High also produced Nebraska senior safety Nate Gerry.

Farniok also played basketball at Washington High, and has been on the honor roll all four years.

Farniok was born on Sept. 26, 1997, and he is the son of Brad Farniok and Christine and Rich Jones. His father played collegiately at St. Cloud State.

## **Derrion Grim**

# 6-0, 190, WR, Stockton, Calif.

## (Ronald E. McNair HS)

Wide receiver Derrion Grim was one of two members of the Huskers' 2016 recruiting class to join the Nebraska program in January. The 6-0, 190-pound Grim joined the Huskers after a record-setting senior season at Ronald E. McNair High School in Stockton, Calif.

As a senior, Grim caught 96 passes for 1,928 yards and 34 touchdowns in 10 games, setting a state record for receiving yards in a season. Overall, Grim totaled 37 touchdowns, helping Coach Terrence Hampton's team to an 8-3 record.

Grim totaled more than 200 receiving yards four times as a senior, and caught at least eight passes in eight of the 10 games he played. He had a season-high six touchdown receptions in a season-opening 74-26 win over Calaveras High, and had two additional games with four touchdown receptions.

The record-breaking 2015 season netted Grim numerous postseason awards. He was the San Juaquin Athletic Association (SJAA) Offensive Player of the Year, and also the Stockton Record All-Area Player of the Year. He was also the SJAA Athlete of the Month in September and won the Frank Alustiza Memorial Award.

As a junior, Grim was a first-team all-area selection when he caught 35 passes for 637 yards and 10 touchdowns, despite missing several games. Grim also competed in track at McNair High. Off the field, Grim was honored for achieving a 4.0 grade-point average for two consecutive semesters.

Grim was ranked as the No. 37 athlete in the country by Rivals.com and as one of the top 55 players in the state of California. Grim was also ranked among the top 100 prospects in California by 247 Sports and was listed as the No. 64 receiver in the country by Scout.com. Grim chose Nebraska over offers from Boise State, Fresno State and UNLV, and also attracted interest from Washington and Washington State.

Grim is the son of LaTef and Flandra Grim, and he was born on Aug. 31, 1998.

### **Lamar Jackson**

## 6-3, 195, DB, Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin HS)

Versatile California standout Lamar Jackson joins the Huskers' 2016 recruiting class and is regarded as one of the nation's top defensive backs.

The 6-3, 195-pound Jackson was a standout on both sides of the ball for Coach Mike Johnson at Franklin High School in Elk Grove, Calif. As a senior, Jackson helped the Wildcats to a 7-5 record and a trip to the second round of the Sac-Joaquin Section Football playoffs.

Jackson saw action at quarterback, throwing for 544 yards and four touchdowns, while also rushing for 664 yards and nine touchdowns, including a 97-yard scoring scamper. On defense, Jackson made 28 tackles and had a pass breakup as teams often avoided him in the passing game.

Jackson was a first-team all-state pick in California by USA Today, and was a first-team Sacramento All-Metro by the Sacramento Bee.

Jackson was also a dual threat as a junior, helping Franklin High to a 7-5 record. Jackson threw for 221 yards and rushed for 577 yards and nine touchdowns. He also caught seven passes, including a touchdown. On defense, Jackson had two interceptions, while making 15 tackles.

Jackson helped his team to an 8-4 record as a sophomore in 2013. He was the team's starting quarterback, throwing for 1,428 yards and 17 touchdowns, while running for 565 yards and five touchdowns. He also saw limited action on defense.

Jackson is ranked among the top 10 safeties in the country by Rivals. com, ESPN, 247 Sports and Scout.com, including being the top-ranked safety by Rivals.com. He ranks among the top 150 overall prospects in the country by all four services, including No. 71 in the ESPN300 and No. 76 by Rivals.com. He is also a consensus choice as one of the top 20 players in the state of California. Jackson also played basketball at Franklin High.

Jackson participated in the Under Armour All-American game following his senior season. He chose Nebraska over dozens of offers including USC, UCLA, Oregon, Arizona State and Michigan. Jackson was born on April 13, 1998, and is the son of Catherine Horton.

# Pernell Jefferson 6-2, 225, LB, New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton HS)

Pernell Jefferson joins the Nebraska program after an excellent career at Warren Easton High School in New Orleans, one of the state's top Class 4A programs. Jefferson totaled more than 400 tackles in four seasons on the varsity squad.

As a senior, Jefferson helped Coach Antonio Hull's team to a 12-2 record and a trip to the semifinals of the Class 4A playoffs. The Eagles limited the opposition to 14 points or fewer in nine games. Jefferson recorded 108 total tackles, including 14 tackles for loss, while adding four fumbles caused, two fumble recoveries and an interception. For his play as a senior, Jefferson was a Louisiana all-state selection by USA Today and earned honorable-mention All-New Orleans Metro selection.

In 2014, Jefferson was also a strong defensive presence, recording 115 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, an interception, five fumbles caused and two fumble recoveries. His play helped Easton High School to a 12-3 record and a trip to the 4A state championship game, where the Eagles fell by a single point. Jefferson earned honorable-mention all-state and all-district accolades for his performance in 2014.

Jefferson helped Easton High to a 10-4 record as a sophomore when he had 93 tackles and 10 tackles for loss to earn all-district honors. Jefferson added four fumbles caused, two fumble recoveries and an interception. He also made 87 tackles, including seven tackles for loss as a freshman. Jefferson is ranked among the top 50 prospects in Louisiana by both 247Sports and Rivals.com. He is also listed among the nation's top 65 outside linebackers by both of those media outlets. Jefferson was originally committed to Oklahoma and also visited Indiana. His other offers included Arizona State, Kansas, Miami, Mississippi State, Missouri, TCU and Texas Tech. He also competed in track and basketball at Easton High School

Jefferson was born on Sept. 5, 1996, and is the son of Tracy and Percy Jefferson.

## **Caleb Lightbourn**

# PK/P, 6-3, 220, Washougal, Wash. (Camas HS)

Caleb Lightbourn joins the Nebraska program regarded as one of the top specialists in the nation in the 2016 recruiting class. Lightbourn has excelled as both a punter and place-kicker for Coach Jon Eagle at Camas High School in Washington.

Lightbourn missed a good portion of the 2015 season recovering from a knee injury, but did contribute to a Camas team that finished with an 11-1 record and reached the quarterfinals of the WIAA Class 4A playoffs. He averaged 45 yards on four punts in 2015.

In 2014, Lightbourn connected on 97 percent of his extra-point attempts and made 4-of-5 field goals. The Papermakers' high-powered offense rarely punted, but Lightbourn averaged better than 45 yards on his limited attempts and produced touchbacks on better than 90 percent of his kickoffs. Lightbourn's special teams' efforts helped Camas to a 10-1

record and a trip to the WIAA playoffs, and he earned all-league honors for his performance.

Lightbourn was also a member of the varsity as a sophomore in 2013, when Camas went 13-1, before losing in the state championship game.

Lightbourn is ranked as the No. 7 punter in the nation by 247Sports and the 11th-best punter in the country by Scout.com He is also listed among the top 20 prospects in Washington by 247 Sports, ESPN and Scout.com. He also competes in soccer and track for Camas High.

Lightbourn chose Nebraska over Washington. He was born on Nov. 12, 1997, and is the son of Edgar Lightbourn and Marjie Van Der Laan.

# Collin Miller 6-3, 235, DE, Fishers, Ind. (Hamilton Southeastern HS)

Collin Miller will join the Nebraska program as a defensive end prospect. The 6-3, 235-pound Miller has been a disruptive force at Hamilton Southeastern High School for the past three seasons.

In 2015, Miller dominated as a pass rusher, helping Coach Scott May's team to an 8-2 record and a trip to the Class 6A state playoffs. Miller recorded 110 total tackles, including 68 unassisted stops. He had 25 tackles for loss, including 11 sacks for 62 yards in losses, while adding 23 quarterback hurries. Miller has a nose for the football, adding four fumbles caused, two fumble recoveries and four breakups.

Miller was a first-team Associated Press Class 6A all-state selection in Indiana, and was also named to the USA Today Indiana all-state team. He was also an HCC all-conference pick.

During his junior season, Miller posted similar numbers, helping the Royals to a state playoff berth. He totaled 66 tackles, including 10 tackles for loss and five sacks. He added 22 quarterback hurries, four pass breakups, caused three fumbles and blocked a punt.

Miller first made an impact as a sophomore, contributing to a 7-3 season for Hamilton Southeastern. He had 59 tackles, including 12 tackles for loss, six sacks and a fumble caused.

Miller is ranked among the top 10 players in Indiana by Rivals.com, which also lists Miller as the No. 34 outside linebacker in the nation. Miller also visited Purdue and Indiana, and had offers from numerous schools including Arizona State, Duke, Georgia Tech, North Carolina State, Pitt, Syracuse, Illinois, Louisville and West Virginia. Miller also played baseball at Hamilton Southeastern.

Miller was born on July 1, 1997, and is the son of Kim Miller.

# Patrick O'Brien 6-4, 230, QB, San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (San Juan Hills HS)

Quarterback Patrick O'Brien was one of two members of the 2016 recruiting class to join the Nebraska program in January. The 6-4, 230-pound O'Brien comes to the Huskers from California and is regarded as one of the nation's top 10 quarterbacks by multiple recruiting services.

O'Brien led San Juan Hills High School to an 8-3 record and a berth in the 2015 CIF Southern Section playoffs. O'Brien threw for 2,895 yards and 32 touchdowns for Coach Aaron Flowers' team, while also completing an impressive 74.3 percent of his attempts. O'Brien also showed outstanding ability as a runner, picking up 626 yards on 110 carries, with eight rushing touchdowns.

O'Brien threw for better than 300 yards four times as a senior and had a pair of games with five touchdown passes. He topped 70 rushing

yards four times, with a single-game high of 118 rushing yards. O'Brien engineered a Stallion offense that posted 50 or more points five times in the 2015 season. O'Brien was rewarded for his outstanding senior season, being chosen as a first-team All-South Coast league quarterback. He was also named to the second-team all-state team in California by USA Today.

A finalist at the Elite 11 quarterback competition in the summer of 2015, O'Brien also competed in Nike's The Opening football showcase. O'Brien had a strong junior season at San Juan Hills. In his first year as a starter, O'Brien completed nearly 66 percent of his passes for 2,093 yards and 12 touchdowns, while throwing for at least 200 yards six times. He also ran for 640 yards and 13 touchdowns.

O'Brien is ranked among the nation's top 10 quarterbacks by both 247Sports and Rivals.com. He is also listed among the top 300 overall prospects in the country by 247Sports, Rivals.com and Scout.com, while ranking among the top 35 overall players in California.

O'Brien committed to Nebraska last summer and did not take any other visits. He had numerous offers including Colorado, Colorado State, Texas Tech and UNLV. O'Brien was born on July 18, 1997, and is the son of Paul and Anna O'Brien.

### John Raridon

# OL, 6-4, 275, West Des Moines, Iowa (Valley HS)

John Raridon was one of the first commits to Nebraska's 2016 recruiting class, pledging his intent to be a Cornhusker in September of 2014. The 6-4, 275-pound Raridon is regarded as one of the top nation's top offensive line prospects and the top overall recruit in Iowa.

Raridon will become a second-generation Cornhusker, joining his father, Scott, who played offensive line for the Huskers. The older Raridon was a three-year letterwinner from 1981 to 1983, helping Nebraska to three Big Eight titles, three Orange Bowl appearances and two NCAA rushing titles.

John Raridon helped Valley High School in West Des Moines rank as one of the top prep programs in Iowa over the past several years. As a senior, Raridon's dominant blocking helped Coach Gary Swenson's team to a 10-3 record and a trip to the Class 4A state semifinals. The Tigers had a powerful offense, scoring better than 40 points seven times during the 2015 season. Raridon stacked up at least five pancakes in every game, with several double-figure pancake efforts.

Raridon was named to the Elite Team on the Des Moines Register's 2015 all-state football team, marking his third straight year with that recognition. He was also a first-team all-state selection by the Iowa Newspaper Association, and made USA Today's Iowa all-state team.

During his junior season, Raridon helped Valley High to a 10-2 record and a trip to the state quarterfinals. For his work, he was a first-team all-state pick. Raridon first earned all-state accolades during his sophomore season, when his play helped Valley High to a 10-3 record and a berth in the state semifinals.

Raridon participated in the Army All-American Game in San Antonio in January. He is a consensus choice as the top overall player in Iowa by Rivals.com, Scout.com, ESPN and 247Sports. He is a consensus choice as one of the top 10 offensive guards in the nation, including No. 2 by Scout. com. Raridon is also a two-time academic all-conference choice off the field. He also participated in basketball at Valley High.

Raridon only visited Nebraska but had numerous offers including Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Iowa State, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, Stanford and Wisconsin. Raridon is the son of Scott and Traci Raridon, and he was born on Feb. 28, 1998.

## **Greg Simmons**

# LB, 6-2, 240, Fort Pierce, Fla. (Fort Pierce Central HS)

Greg Simmons joins the Nebraska program after a standout career at Fort Pierce Central High School in Florida. The 6-2, 225-pound Simmons was a three-time all-area pick, and helped Coach Josh Shaffer's team to a strong 2015 season behind his standout defensive play.

Simmons was a defensive leader for the Cobras in 2015, registering 139 tackles, 26 tackles for loss, 10 sacks, and interception and five caused fumbles. His play helped Fort Pierce Central to a 6-3 record in Class 8A, the largest class in Florida. Simmons was No. 4 on the 2015 Treasure Coast Palm Super 11.

During his junior season, Simmons recorded 90 tackles and registered 10 sacks and an interception. His play helped Central to a berth in the Class 8A playoffs. Pierce was also a member of the varsity team in 2013, when Central posted an 11-2 record and reached the regional finals of the Class 8A playoffs before losing.

Simmons is ranked as the No. 14 inside linebacker in the country by ESPN, and among the top 35 inside linebackers by both Rivals.com and 247 Sports. He is also listed as the No. 81 overall prospect in Florida by ESPN. Off the field, Simmons is a nine-time honor roll student in high school.

Simmons did not take any other visits, but had numerous offers including Cincinnati, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisville, Maryland, Miami and North Carolina State. Simmons was born on Sept. 30, 1996, and is the son of Greg Simmons Sr.

## JD Spielman

# WR, 5-9, 180, Eden Prairie, Minn.

## (Eden Prairie HS)

JD Spielman joins the Nebraska program after a career as an electrifying playmaker at Eden Prairie High School in the Minneapolis area. The 5-9, 180-pound Spielman has the ability to make an impact not only as a skill player on offense, but also in the return game.

As a senior, Spielman helped Coach Mike Grant's Eden Prairie team to an 11-1 record and a trip to the quarterfinals of the Class AAAAAA playoffs. Spielman rushed for 1,259 yards on just 102 carries for an average of better than 12 yards per rush, while scoring 19 rushing touchdowns. He also had 151 receiving yards and two touchdown receptions.

Spielman had 234 kickoff return yards and also totaled 241 yards on 12 punt returns. Defensively, Spielman had more than 100 tackles, and a pair of interception returns for touchdowns. His play in 2015 earned Spielman recognition as the Minnesota Gatorade Player of the Year, the Minnesota 6A Player of the Year and the USA Today Minnesota Offensive Player of the Year. He also earned first-team AP all-state honors and first-team USA Today Minnesota all-state accolades as a running back.

Spielman's game-breaking ability helped Eden Prairie to a perfect 13-0 record and Class AAAAAA state title in 2014. Spielman was a difference-maker on offense and in the return game, and earned AP all-state honors as an all-purpose performer. Spielman was also on the Eden Prairie varsity squad in 2013 when the team went 12-0 and captured a state title.

In addition to his football skills, Spielman was also a standout lacrosse player at Eden Prairie. He has helped the school to a pair of state championships and originally committed to play lacrosse at Ohio State.

Spielman is ranked among the top three prospects in Minnesota by Rivals. com, ESPN and 247 Sports. Each of the three services rank him among the top 50 athlete prospects in the country. Spielman chose Nebraska over offers from Iowa, Iowa State, Michigan and Minnesota. He participated in the Semper Fi All-American Game.

He was born on Dec. 4, 1997. Spielman is the adopted son of Minnesota Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman and his wife, Michele. JD Spielman's uncle is former Ohio State All-America linebacker and NFL standout Chris Spielman, who now serves as a college football analyst for ESPN.

### **Ben Stille**

# DL, 6-5, 240, Ashland, Neb (Ashland-Greenwood HS)

Ben Stille is one of two in-state products in Nebraska's 2016 recruiting class. The 6-5, 240-pound Stille joins the Husker program after starring on both sides of the ball at Ashland-Greenwood High School.

Stille helped Coach Ryan Thompson's Bluejay team to an 8-3 record and a trip to the Class C-1 state quarterfinals in 2015. Stille caught 26 passes for 415 yards and five touchdowns from his tight end position. He was a dominant force as a defensive end, recording 79 tackles, including 46 solo stops, while adding 17 tackles for loss and nine sacks. Stille also handled kicking and punting chores for Ashland-Greenwood, making 46-of-49 PATs and three field goals.

For his play as a senior, Stille was a first-team Super State choice by the Lincoln Journal Star and a first-team All-Nebraska pick by the Omaha World-Herald. He was also an honorary captain of the Class C-1 all-state teams by both newspapers. He was also the USA Today Nebraska Defensive Player of the Year, and made the publications Nebraska all-state team.

In 2014, Stille caught 16 passes for 538 yards, an average of nearly 34 yards per reception with 10 of the catches ending in touchdowns. He also had 63 tackles, including 19 tackles for loss and 10 sacks, while connecting on all four of his field goal attempts. His effort helped Ashland-Greenwood to a 12-1 record and a runner-up finish in the Class C-1 playoffs.

Stille earned first-team Class C-1 all-state honors as a tight end from the Omaha World-Herald and was an honorable-mention all-state choice by the Lincoln Journal Star.

Stille made his first big impact as a sophomore, helping the Bluejays to an 11-2 record and a trip to the state championship game. He had 41 tackles and four interceptions on defense, while adding 10 receptions for 199 yards and three touchdowns. He also made 7-of-12 field goals. Stille was on the varsity as a freshman helping the school to a 7-3 record and state playoff appearance.

Stille is also a standout wrester for the Bluejays. He posted a 34-0 record and won the Class B state title at 220 pounds in 2015, after posting a 35-5 record and finishing third in the state at 182 pounds in 2014. Stille is currently ranked first at 220 pounds in Class B. Off the field, Stille is an honor student who has earned academic all-state honors five times.

Stille is ranked among the top three players in Nebraska, and is listed as the No. 33 strongside defensive end in the country by 247 Sports. Stille only visited Nebraska but had offers from Army, Iowa, Iowa State, Ohio, Vanderbilt and Wyoming. Stille was born on Nov. 12, 1997, and is the son of Kevin and Karen Stille.

#### **Jack Stoll**

## TE, 6-4, 235, Lone Tree, Colo. (Regis Jesuit HS)

Jack Stoll is one of two Colorado prep standouts in the Huskers' 2016 recruiting class, joining JoJo Domann of Colorado Springs. The 6-4, 235-pound Stoll excelled as a tight end during his prep career at Regis Jesuit High in Aurora, Colo.

During his senior season, Stoll caught 32 passes for 434 yards and six touchdowns for Coach Danny Filleman's team. Stoll's play helped Regis Jesuit to a 9-3 record and a trip to the quarterfinals of the Colorado 5A state playoffs. Stoll earned second-team all-state honors from the Colorado High School Athletic Association in 2015.

Stoll also helped Regis to a state quarterfinal appearance and an overall 10-2 record during his junior season. From his tight end position, Stoll caught 19 passes for 176 yards and four touchdowns. Stoll was also a factor in the passing game as a sophomore, helping his team to a 9-2 record and a state playoff appearance en route to all-conference honors.

Stoll was named a Blue-Grey All-American. He was ranked as the No. 3 prospect in Colorado by both Rivals.com and ESPN, while 247 Sports ranked him as the fourth-best prospect in the state. ESPN ranked Stoll as the nation's No. 9 tight end, while Rivals.com, Scout.com and 247 all listed him among the top 40 players at the position.

Stoll only visited Nebraska, but had numerous offers including Air Force, Colorado, Colorado State, New Mexico, Texas and Wyoming. Stoll was a second-team academic all-state selection, and has also competed in basketball and track and field for Regis Jesuit High.

Stoll was born on Jan. 28, 1998, and is the son of Chris and Mary Grace Stoll.

## **Boe Wilson**

# OL, 6-3, 295, Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West HS)

Boe Wilson joined the Nebraska recruiting class from Lee's Summit West High School, continuing a trend of Nebraska recruiting success in the Kansas City area. The 6-3, 295-pound Wilson is regarded as one of the top offensive linemen in the Midwest region.

Wilson was a three-year standout for Lee's Summit West and Coach Royce Boehm. As a senior, Wilson's play helped Lee's Summit West to a trip to the second round of the Class 6 state playoffs. Wilson's blocking helped the offense top 30 points in six games during the 2015 season. Wilson was named to the USA Today Missouri all-state team.

Wilson also helped his school to a state playoff appearance in 2014, when Lee's Summit West posted a 6-4 overall mark. Lee's Summit had a powerful offense in 2014, averaging nearly 375 yards of total offense per game. His play as a junior earned Wilson fisrt-team all-conference honors.

Wilson was a second-team all-state selection as a sophomore in 2013 when Lee's Summit West posted a 13-1 record and captured the Class 5 state title.

Wilson participated in the Under Armour All-American game in January. He is ranked among the top 10 offensive guards in the country by both Scout.com and ESPN. He is also listed as a top 10 prospect in the state of Missouri by both ESPN and 247Sports. Wilson also throws the shot put and discus on the Lee's Summit West track and field team.

Wilson did not take any other visits, but had a strong group of offers including Indiana, Kansas, Louisville and Purdue. Wilson is the son of Gina Vatz and Harry Wilson, and he was born on Aug. 23, 1997.

#### 2016 Walk-on Commitments

## Ty Chaffin

## WR, 6-5, 200, Burwell, Neb. (Burwell HS)

Ty Chaffin played in 12 games as a senior at Burwell and caught 48 passes for 870 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also had five carries for 39 yards. After the season, Chaffin was named an all-state wide receiver. On defense, Chaffin recorded 49 tackles, 27 of which were solo stops. As a junior in 2014, Chaffin had 34 receptions for 840 yards and 15 touchdowns in nine games. On defense, he tallied 12 unassisted tackles and 34 total tackles. As a sophomore in 2013, he caught 17 passes for 219 yards and one touchdown in seven games. On defense, he had 16 tackles. Chaffin's play helped Burwell finished as the state runner-up in 2015, its best finish in school history. Burwell also advanced to the second round of the state tournament in both 2013 and 2014. Chaffin was also a standout on the basketball court, earning honorable-mention all-state honors.

## **Creighton Hamik**

## LB, 6-3, 210, Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic HS)

Creighton Hamik had 160 tackles and four interceptions during his career as a linebacker at Kearney Catholic. A knee injury kept him on the sidelines for several games during his senior season, but he was still able to catch eight passes for 106 yards and one touchdown on offense. As a junior in 2014, he caught eight passes for 139 yards and three touchdowns to help Kearney Catholic advance to the state playoffs. Hamik also played in the state playoffs as a sophomore in 2013 for the Stars.

#### **Tanner Hass**

## ATH, 6-0, 195, West Point, Neb. (Guardian Angels HS)

Tanner Hass was a running back and linebacker for Guardian Angels Central Catholic, where he helped the Bluejays to Class D-1 state playoff appearances in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Hass collected all-state honors as a senior after running for 1,778 yards and 35 touchdowns. He also had 13 receptions for 124 yards during his senior campaign. Defensively, Hass recorded 60 tackles, 40 of which were solo stops, including 10 tackles for loss. Hass also played basketball for Guardian Angels Central.

#### **Branden Hohenstein**

## TE, 6-4, 205, Sioux City, Iowa (Bishop Heelan HS)

Branden Hohenstein earned Class 3A first-team all-state honors as a defensive lineman in 2015. The 6-4, 205-pound Iowa product also played tight end for Bishop Heelan Catholic in Sioux City. Hohenstein helped lead the Crusaders to a state playoff berth in 2015 under Coach Roger Jansen. In 2014, Bishop Heelan finished as the Class 3A state runner-up.

#### **Todd Honas**

#### WR, 5-11, 200, Aurora, Neb. (Aurora HS)

Todd Honas was a wide receiver and cornerback for Aurora High School, where he helped the Huskies to a Class B state runner-up finish in 2015. Honas holds the Class B state records for career receiving yards (2,353), single-season receiving yards (1,180), career receptions (144) and single-season receptions (73). He set both single-season records during his senior campaign in 2015. Honas earned second-team Super-State honors on two occasions, while also garnering a spot on the Class B all-state team twice. As a junior in 2014, Honas caught 71 passes for 1,173 yards to help Aurora to a state playoff berth. Honas also played basketball for the Huskies.

#### **Tavlin Hunt**

#### LB, 6-0, 215, Lincoln, Neb. (North Star HS)

Tavlin Hunt helped Lincoln North Star to a berth in the 2015 state playoffs as a running back and middle linebacker for the Gators under Coach Mark Waller. As a senior, Hunt earned honorable-mention all-state honors after rushing 101 times for 454 yards and four touchdowns. He also returned kickoffs and tallied 56 tackles defensively, 26 of which were unassisted stops. As a junior in 2014, Hunt had 60 carries for 319 yards and five touchdowns.

#### **Grant Jordan**

#### FB, 6-1, 205, Omaha, Neb. (Westside HS)

Grant Jordan was an outside linebacker and tight end for Omaha Westside, where he helped the Warriors to a quarterfinal appearance in the state playoffs. As a junior in 2014, Jordan played 10 games and recorded 31 solo tackles and 13 assisted tackles. He added six tackles for loss and four sacks. Jordan also returned an interception 85 yards for a touchdown. Westside qualified for the state playoffs in 2015 as well.

#### **Spencer Jordan**

## LB, 6-2, 215, Omaha, Neb. (Westside HS)

Spencer Jordan was an outside linebacker and fullback for Omaha Westside, where he helped the Warriors to a quarterfinal appearance in the state playoffs. As a junior in 2014, Jordan played in 10 games, running once for three yards and catching two passes for 10 yards. He recorded 63 tackles, 35 of which were solo stops, and two sacks. Westside also qualified for the state playoffs in 2015.

#### Eli Sullivan

## DB, 6-2, 190, Longmont, Colo. (Longmont HS)

A four-year starter at Longmont High School in Colorado, Eli Sullivan totaled 32 touchdowns during his career. As a senior in 2015, Sullivan caught 12 passes for 296 yards and three touchdowns, while rushing 60 times for 524 yards and seven touchdowns. Defensively, he had 32 tackles, 21 of which were solo stops, and added four interceptions. As a junior in 2014, he tallied 50 receptions for 661 yards and four touchdowns and also had 62 carries for 249 yards and four touchdowns. Sullivan also returned kickoffs and punted for Longmont. As a sophomore in 2013, Sullivan recorded 89 carries for 878 yards and seven touchdowns, while catching 27 passes for 500 yards and three TDs through the air. Sullivan also ran track and played basketball for Longmont.