# **NEBRASKA FOOTBALL**

# **2022 RECRUITING CLASS**

# **SCHOLARSHIP ADDITIONS (13)**

NAME	POS.	<u>HT.</u>	WT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/LAST SCHOOL)
Chase Androff	TE	6-6	230	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
Jake Appleget	OLB	6-4	210	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
Justin Evans-Jenkins	OL	6-2	280	East Orange, N.J. (Irvington)
Jaeden Gould	СВ	6-2	190	Somerset, N.J. (Bergen Catholic)
Malcolm Hartzog	СВ	5-10	175	Silver Creek, Miss. (Jefferson Davis County)
Ernest Hausmann	ILB	6-3	205	Columbus, Neb. (Columbus)
Emmett Johnson	RB	6-0	185	Minneapolis, Minn. (Academy of Holy Angels)
Victor Jones Jr.	WR	6-2	190	Orlando, Fla. (Olympia)
Jalil Martin	S	6-3	190	Chicago, Ill. (Kenwood Academy)
DeShon Singleton	S	6-3	205	Amite, La. (St. Helena/Hutchinson [Kan.] CC)
Gage Stenger	ATH	6-2	200	Omaha, Neb. (Millard South)
Brodie Tagaloa	DL	6-4	260	Pittsburg, Calif. (De La Salle)
Richard Torres	QB	6-5	210	San Antonio, Texas (Southside)

#### **STATE BREAKDOWN**

- Nebraska (3)
- Minnesota (2)
- New Jersey (2)
- California (1)
- Florida (1)
- Illinois (1)
- Louisiana (1)
- Mississippi (1)
- Texas (1)

#### **POSITION BREAKDOWN**

- Defensive Backs (4)
- Linebackers (2)
- Defensive Line (1)
- Athlete (1)
- Offensive Line (1)
- Quarterback (1)
- Running Back (1)
- Tight Ends (1)
- Wide Receivers (1)

# **WALK-ON COMMITMENTS (4)**

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/LAST SCHOOL)
Cooper Hausmann	DB	5-11	185	Roca, Neb. (Norris)
Luke Lindenmeyer	TE	6-4	250	La Vista, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista)
Brady Weas	LS	6-2	265	Whitefish Bay, Wis. (Whitefish Bay/Georgetown)
Charlie Weinrich	PK	5-11	185	Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley)

The walk-ons listed above have been admitted to UNL and paid their enrollment deposit

#### STATE BREAKDOWN

- Nebraska (2)
- Kansas (1)
- Wisconsin (1)

#### **POSITION BREAKDOWN**

- Defensive Back (1)
- Long Snapper (1)
- Place-Kicker (1)
- Tight End (1)

# **SCHOLARSHIP BIOS**

## CHASE ANDROFF

TIGHT END | 6-6 | 230 LAKEVILLE, MINN. | SOUTH HS

Chase Androff is the lone tight end in Nebraska's early signing class. He comes to Nebraska after a standout career at Minnesota powerhouse Lakeville South High School.

Androff helped Lakeville South to a 13-0 record and a Class AAAAA state championship in Minnesota's largest class as a senior. He had 10 receptions for 171 yards with two touchdown catches in a primarily ground-based Cougar offense that had only 32 completions on the season. Androff also helped Lakeville South to an undefeated season as a junior – when there was no state tournament due to the pandemic – and to a state semifinal appearance as a sophomore.

A three-star recruit, Androff was ranked among the top 50 tight ends nationally. He only visited Nebraska but had more than a dozen scholarship offers.

# **JAKE APPLEGET**

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER | 6-4 | 210 LINCOLN, NEB. | SOUTHEAST HS

Jake Appleget is the lone Lincoln native in the Huskers' early signing class. One of three standout in-state defenders in the class, Appleget was a two-way starter for Lincoln Southeast High School.

Appleget was an Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska second-team selection as a defensive back and first-team all-state pick as a senior. On defense, Appleget totaled more than 70 tackles with one interception and two pass breakups while helping the Knights to the state playoffs. Offensively, he had 30 catches for 427 yards and eight touchdowns with 19 carries for 109 yards and one score. As a junior, Appleget was named a first-team Super-State selection by the Lincoln Journal Star and was a second-team All-Nebraska honoree.

A three-star recruit, Appleget was ranked as the No. 6 player in the state in the 247Sports Composite rankings. He chose Nebraska over several other scholarship offers, including Minnesota.

# **JUSTIN EVANS-JENKINS**

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-2 | 280 EAST ORANGE, N.J. | IRVINGTON HS

Justin Evans-Jenkins is the lone offensive line recruit in Nebraska's early signing class. He was a starter on the offensive and defensive lines for Irvington High School in New Jersey.

Evans-Jenkins helped Irvington to a 12-2 record and a state championship as a senior in 2021. He was named an all-state selection for his efforts on the offensive line. Evans-Jenkins was also an all-state offensive lineman as a junior, when he helped the Blue Knights rush for more than 2,000 yards. As a defensive lineman, Evans-Jenkins recorded 52 tackles and five sacks as a junior. Evans-Jenkins also wrestles for Irvington.

A three-star prospect, Evans-Jenkins is ranked among the top 20 players in New Jersey by Rivals. He had interest from more than a dozen schools, including offers from Alabama, Cincinnati, Kentucky, Pittsburgh and Texas A&M.

#### JAEDEN GOULD

CORNERBACK | 6-2 | 190 SOMERSET, N.J. | BERGEN CATHOLIC HS

Jaeden Gould comes to Nebraska after being recognized as the top player in New Jersey. One of the top recruits in the nation, Gould played both cornerback and safety for powerhouse Bergen Catholic High School, and he was named the 2021 New Jersey High School Player of the Year by MaxPreps.

As the top player in the state in 2021, Gould helped Bergen Catholic to its 15th state championship, a 12-0 record and a No. 4 national ranking. Gould was a big part of a Crusader defense that allowed 7.8 points per game. He led the team with four interceptions and recorded 27 tackles and two pass breakups en route to all-state accolades. In an abbreviated junior season shortened to six games due to COVID, Gould had 13 tackles and four pass breakups.

Gould is ranked as one of the top 25 cornerback prospects and one of the top 200 overall players in the country in the 247Sports Composite rankings, which also rank him as the No. 2 recruit in New Jersey. Originally a USC commit until the Trojans made a coaching change, Gould chose Nebraska over Penn State, and he had scholarship offers from dozens of schools including Alabama, Clemson, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas A&M.

### MALCOLM HARTZOG

CORNERBACK | 5-10 | 175

SILVER CREEK, MISS. | JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY HS

Malcolm Hartzog is the first Mississippi native to sign with Nebraska since Byerson Cockrell in 2014 and is the Huskers' first scholarship recruit from the Mississippi high school ranks since Brandon Jackson in 2004. Hartzog was a standout on offense, defense and special teams for Jefferson Davis County High School.

Hartzog helped the Jaguars to a state championship as a senior, when he was named Class 3A Mr. Football. A cornerback, running back and returner, he rushed for 131 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the state final and also had an interception and a pass breakup. On the season, Hartzog had more than 10 passes defended from his cornerback position. He also rushed for more than 1,200 yards and accounted for 44 total touchdowns, including 30 rushing touchdowns, three rushing scores and 11 combined kickoff and punt return touchdowns.

Hartzog is regarded as a three-star recruit by Rivals and 247Sports, and he was the MVP of the Mississippi/Alabama All-Star game after recording nine tackles and an interception. He chose Nebraska after also considering Ole Miss, South Alabama and Southern Miss.

#### **ERNEST HAUSMANN**

INSIDE LINEBACKER | 6-3 | 205 COLUMBUS, NEB. | COLUMBUS HS

Ernest Hausmann is one of three Nebraska natives in the Huskers' early signing class. Hausmann was a two-way standout for Columbus High School.

Hausmann helped the Discoverers to a state playoff appearance as a senior. An Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska first-team selection, Hausmann made 77 tackles with eight tackles for loss, two sacks, two fumble recoveries and four pass breakups in his final season. Offensively, he caught 37 passes for 600 yards and eight touchdowns while rushing six times for 108 yards, including a 57-yard touchdown run.

Hausmann is regarded as a three-star prospect, and he was rated as the No. 5 player in the state of Nebraska and among the top 50 linebackers in the country by Rivals. He chose Nebraska after also considering offers from Arizona State, Iowa, Kansas State, Michigan, Michigan State and Minnesota, among others.

### **EMMETT JOHNSON**

RUNNING BACK | 6-0 | 185 MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. | ACADEMY OF HOLY ANGELS

Emmett Johnson comes to Nebraska as the top high school player in Minnesota. As a star running back and two-way player for the Academy of Holy Angels, Johnson was named Mr. Football by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association in 2021.

Honored as the top player in the state, Johnson rushed for more than 2,500 yards and scored 42 touchdowns in his senior season. He had at least 100 rushing yards in all 11 games as a senior, including seven 200-yard rushing efforts. Johnson also had eight four-touchdown games and accounted for more than 2,800 all-purpose yards. He also played safety for Holy Angels, recording 85 tackles and 13 tackles for loss in 2021. As a junior, Johnson carried the ball 174 times for 1,521 yards and 12 touchdowns.

In his prep career, Johnson ran for nearly 5,000 yards and had nearly 6,000 all-purpose yards with more than 130 tackles. He was a two-time District MVP, three-time all-district selection, two-time all-metro pick and an all-state honoree. Johnson was named the Offensive MVP for the South team in the Minnesota High School All-Star Game following his senior season. Johnson also plays basketball and competes in track and field for Holy Angels.

The top running back in Minnesota, Johnson is ranked among the top 10 overall players in the state. The three-star prospect chose Nebraska over scholarship offers from numerous FCS programs and interest from several Big Ten schools.

# VICTOR JONES JR.

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-2 | 190 ORLANDO, FLA. | OLYMPIA HS

Victor Jones Jr. is the lone signee from Florida in Nebraska's early signing class. He was one of the top players in Orlando as a star wideout for Olympia High School.

Jones had 53 catches for 847 yards and seven receiving touchdowns as a senior. He also averaged 30.3 yards per return on six kickoff returns. He ranked among the receiving leaders in the Orlando area and was named an all-metro selection for his performance. As a junior, Jones caught 43 passes for 718 yards and 10 touchdowns in only seven games. He also added two rushing touchdowns and had two kickoff return touchdowns.

A three-star recruit, Jones is ranked among the nation's top 75 receivers by Rivals. He chose Nebraska after also considering Arkansas, Cincinnati and Kentucky, among others.

#### **JALIL MARTIN**

SAFETY | 6-3 | 190 CHICAGO, ILL. | KENWOOD ACADEMY

Jalil Martin is a tall and lengthy defensive back who comes to Nebraska from Chicago's Kenwood Academy. Martin was a twoway player for Kenwood Academy.

As a senior, Martin was named a Class 6A all-state selection by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association. He helped the Broncos to a city title and playoff appearance in his final season. Martin finished with 27 tackles, one interception and six passes defended. Offensively, Martin caught 12 passes for 263 yards and four touchdowns in 2021. Illinois did not play high school football in the fall of 2020, and Martin played in only three games during the abbreviated spring season. He was also a key contributor as a sophomore when Kenwood Academy made another playoff appearance.

Martin had offers from a dozen Power Five schools. The three-star prospect chose Nebraska after also considering Boston College, Colorado and Illinois, among others.

# **DESHON SINGLETON**

SAFETY | 6-3 | 205 AMITE, LA. | ST. HELENA COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY HUTCHINSON (KAN.) CC

DeShon Singleton is the lone junior college recruit to sign with Nebraska in the early period. The Louisiana native comes to Lincoln after spending the 2021 season at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas. He will have three seasons of eligibility at Nebraska with the ability to use a redshirt year.

Singleton helped Hutchinson to a 9-2 record, a top-10 ranking and a victory in the Salt City Bowl in his lone season as a Blue Dragon. He recorded 21 tackles on the season with 2.5 tackles for loss, a pair of interceptions and two pass breakups. Singleton joined Hutchinson after a versatile prep career at St. Helena College and Career Academy in Louisiana, where he played quarterback and safety.

A three-star recruit, Singleton is rated among the top 20 prospects in the 247Sports Composite junior college rankings. The No. 4 junior college safety, Singleton chose Nebraska after also considering Kansas and Kansas State, among others.

### **GAGE STENGER**

ATHLETE | 6-2 | 200 OMAHA, NEB. | MILLARD SOUTH HS

Gage Stenger was one of the most versatile players in the state for Millard South High School. He played quarterback and defensive back for the Patriots and is the only Omaha native in Nebraska's early signing class.

As a senior, Stenger was an honorary captain of the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska team, making the squad as a defensive back. He also quarterbacked Millard South to an undefeated season and the No. 1 seed in the state playoffs. He threw for nearly 1,400 yards and 19 touchdowns and did not have an interception all season, while setting a Class A state record with six touchdown passes in a first-round playoff matchup with Omaha North. He also rushed for more than 500 yards and 11 touchdowns. Stenger was also an honorary captain of the World-Herald's All-Metro team. Patriots' head coach Andy Means, who coached Millard South for 36 years, told the World-Herald that Stenger was arguably the best football player he coached in his tenure at Millard South.

A three-star recruit, Stenger is rated as the No. 5 player in the state of Nebraska by 247Sports. He chose Nebraska over Kansas State.

# **BRODIE TAGALOA**

DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 260 PITTSBURG, CALIF. | DE LA SALLE HS

Brodie Tagaloa is the lone defensive linemen in Nebraska's early signing class. He comes to Lincoln from California, where he starred for prep powerhouse De La Salle High School. Tagaloa was selected to participate in the 2022 Polynesian Bowl.

Tagaloa did not play football his freshman season, but he still earned a starting role as a sophomore in 2019. His junior season was disrupted by the pandemic, as De La Salle played a six-game spring schedule. As a senior, he helped De La Salle to a 10-3 record and a trip to the state playoffs. In addition to playing on the defensive line, Tagaloa was also a tight end for the Spartans.

A consensus three-star prospect, Tagaloa had offers from several Power Five programs. He chose Nebraska over fellow finalists California and Washington State, while he also considered Arizona State, Oregon and Oregon State, among others. His brother Boss played football at UCLA from 2016 to 2019, while his brother Beaux is a junior fullback at California.

#### RICHARD TORRES

QUARTERBACK | 6-5 | 210 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS | SOUTHSIDE HS

Richard Torres is the lone Texan and the only quarterback recruit in Nebraska's early signing class. He starred at Southside High School in San Antonio.

Torres suffered a knee injury that cut his senior season short. He threw for 912 yards and 12 touchdowns in four games, while rushing 14 times for 76 yards and one touchdown. As a junior, he passed for 1,149 yards and 18 touchdowns, while rushing for 276 yards. Torres also played basketball for Southside.

Torres is a three-star recruit, and 247Sports ranks him among the nation's top 40 quarterback prospects. He chose Nebraska after also visiting Kansas State.

# **WALK-ON BIOS**

#### COOPER HAUSMANN

DEFENSIVE BACK | 5-11 | 185 ROCA, NEB. | NORRIS HS

Cooper Hausmann was a two-way standout for Norris High School, excelling as a quarterback and a safety. Hausmann threw for 1,612 yards and 20 touchdowns in 2021, while rushing for 497 yards and another seven touchdowns. Hausmann also saw action on defense for the Titans, recording 12 tackles and two interceptions. Hausmann was an honorable-mention Class B all-state pick by the Omaha World-Herald. Hausmann led Coach Ty Twarling's squad to an 8-3 record as a junior in 2020, when he threw for 1,835 yards and 27 touchdowns.

A three-sport athlete at Norris, Hausmann plays on the basketball team and is a standout on the track. As a junior, Hausmann finished second in Class B in the 100 meters, was fourth in the 200 and placed seventh in the high jump. Hausmann is the younger brother of Nebraska redshirt freshman defensive back Ashton Hausmann.

#### LUKE LINDENMEYER

TIGHT END | 6-4 | 250 LA VISTA, NEB. | PAPILLION-LA VISTA HS

Luke Lindenmeyer joins Nebraska as a walk-on tight end from Papillion-La Vista High School. Lindenmeyer has played on both sides of the ball for the Monarchs the past two seasons and been one of the state's top tight ends. Lindenmeyer helped Coach Tim Williams' team to a Class A playoff berth in 2021, catching 29 passes for 424 yards and six touchdowns. He added 24 tackles on defense and earned second-team all-metro and honorablemention all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald.

During his junior season, Lindenmeyer caught 35 passes for 444 yards and three touchdowns, while adding three sacks on defense. He earned honorable-mention all-metro honors in 2020. Lindenmeyer also saw action at tight end as a sophomore in 2019. Lindenmeyer also received interest from Columbia, Army, Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois.

#### **BRADY WEAS**

LONG SNAPPER | 6-2 | 265 WHITEFISH BAY, WIS. | WHITEFISH BAY HS GEORGETOWN

Brady Weas joins Nebraska as a long snapper after playing the past three seasons at Georgetown. Weas played in 31 games at Georgetown, including nine in 2021 when the Hoyas had a 38.8-yard net punting average. During his three seasons at Georgetown he recorded a total of nine tackles on punt coverage. He also earned a spot on the Patriot League Honor Roll in July of 2021.

Weas was previously a three-year starter and two-year captain at Whitefish Bay High School in Wisconsin, where he helped the school to the state playoffs as a junior and the state semifinals as a senior. Weas was a three-time all-conference pick and two-time all-suburban choice at defensive end and a two-time all-conference selection at offensive line and utility. He was also a member of the basketball, baseball and rugby teams.

#### CHARLIE WEINRICH

PLACE-KICKER | 5-11 | 185 LEAWOOD, KAN. | BLUE VALLEY HS

Charlie Weinrich has been one of the nation's top place-kickers the past two seasons. The Blue Valley (Kan.) High School product connected on 40-of-41 PATs as a senior and made seven field goals, with a long of 57 yards. Weinrich recorded touchbacks on 44 of 64 kickoffs and handled the punting chores for Blue Valley, helping his team to an 8-2 record and a trip to the second round of the state playoffs. As a junior, Weinrich connected on 7-of-11 field goals, including a 51-yarder and made all 29 of his PAT attempts in helping Blue Valley to a 6-2 record. Weinrich was a second-team selection to the prestigious All-Simone team in 2020, honoring the top players in the Kansas City Metro area.

Weinrich has attended the Kohl's National Scholarship Camp in 2020 and 2021 and was among the leaders in kicking competitions at the camp. He also had interest from Iowa State and Kansas.