

NEBRASKA FOOTBALL

2023 RECRUITING CLASS

SCHOLARSHIP ADDITIONS (27)

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/LAST SCHOOL)
Tristan Alvano	PK	6-1	185	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
Dwight Bootle II	DB	5-10	170	Miami, Fla. (Palmetto)
Chief Borders	LB	6-4	240	Chicago, Ill. (Heard County [Ga.]/Florida)
Vincent Carroll-Jackson	DL	6-5	270	Harrisburg, Pa. (Central Dauphin East)
Malachi Coleman	WR	6-4	185	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln High)
Corey Collier	DB	6-1	180	Miami, Fla. (Palmetto/Florida)
Jaidyn Doss	WR	6-0	195	Raymore, Mo. (Raymore-Peculiar)
Eric Fields	LB	6-2	195	Ardmore, Okla. (Ardmore)
Joshua Fleeks	WR	5-10	190	Dallas, Texas (Cedar Hill/Baylor)
Mason Goldman	OL/DL	6-5	260	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
Gunnar Gottula	OL	6-5	300	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
Kwinten Ives	RB	6-2	185	Beverly, N.J. (Palmyra)
Elijah Jeudy	DL	6-3	300	Philadelphia, Pa. (Northeast/Texas A&M)
Brock Knutson	OL	6-7	300	Scottsbluff, Neb. (Scottsbluff)
Jaylen Lloyd	WR	5-11	160	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
Jason Maciejczak	OL/DL	6-3	320	Pierre, S.D. (T.F. Riggs)
Maverick Noonan	DL	6-3	245	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn South)
Marco Ortiz	LS	6-4	250	Richmond, Va. (Benedictine/Florida)
Dylan Rogers	LB	6-3	240	Cypress, Texas (Cypress Woods)
Syncere Safeeullah	DB	6-2	170	Nashville, Tenn. (IMG [Fla.] Academy)
Jeff Sims	QB	6-4	220	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood/Georgia Tech)
Sam Sledge	OL	6-3	285	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
Rahmir Stewart	DB	6-0	195	Philadelphia, Pa. (Imhotep Institute)
Brice Turner	WR	6-1	175	Bay City, Texas (Bay City)
Princewill Umanmielen	DL	6-4	230	Austin, Texas (Manor)
Riley Van Poppel	DL	6-5	275	Argyle, Texas (Argyle)
Kai Wallin	DL	6-5	235	Sacramento, Calif. (Jesuit HS/American River CC)

STATE BREAKDOWN

- Nebraska (8)
- Texas (5)
- Florida (3)
- Pennsylvania (3)
- California (1)
- Illinois (1)
- Missouri (1)
- New Jersey (1)
- Oklahoma (1)
- South Dakota (1)
- Tennessee (1)
- Virginia (1)

POSITION BREAKDOWN

- Defensive Line (6)
- Wide Receiver (5)
- Defensive Backs (4)
- Offensive Line (3)
- Off. Line/Def. Line (2)
- Linebacker (3)
- Long Snapper (1)
- Place-Kicker (1)
- Quarterback (1)
- Running Back (1)

WALK-ON COMMITMENTS (4)

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/LAST SCHOOL)
Cole Ballard	RB	6-0	190	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn South)
Korver Demma	LB	6-2	230	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
Cayden Echternach	TE	6-3	250	Bennington, Neb. (Bellevue West)
Grant Seagren	OL	6-6	250	Oakland, Neb. (Oakland-Craig)

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

STATE BREAKDOWN

- Nebraska (4)

POSITION BREAKDOWN

- Linebacker (1)
- Offensive Line (1)
- Running Back (1)
- Tight End (1)

SCHOLARSHIP FRESHMEN BIOS

TRISTAN ALVANO

PLACE-KICKER | 6-1 | 185
OMAHA, NEB. | WESTSIDE HS

Tristan Alvano was a record-breaking kicker for Omaha Westside High School. Alvano set state all-class records for most field goals in a game and in a season, while his 27 career field goals were the most in Class A history.

Alvano made 16 field goals as a senior, the most in a season in the history of Nebraska high school football, regardless of class. He kicked five field goals, including a 50-yarder and a 45-yard game-winner as time expired, in Westside's state championship victory over Gretna. His five field goals were the most in any state playoff game in Nebraska history and tied for the most field goals in any high school game in state history. Alvano scored 118 points in his senior season, the most points by a kicker in state history. As a junior, he was 11-of-14 on field goals, including a pair of 49-yarders in the state semifinals. Alvano was named a second-team junior All-American by MaxPreps.

According to MaxPreps, Alvano was also 119-of-120 in his career on extra points. He scored 200 points in his two seasons as the Warriors' kicker. He handled kickoff duties for Westside for three seasons, booting 141 touchbacks in 225 attempts, including 73 touchbacks as a senior. Alvano was named to the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska first team as both a junior and senior. He also earned a spot on the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State first team both seasons. Alvano also plays soccer at Westside, which finished as the Class A state runner-up in his junior season.

Alvano is rated as a five-star prospect by Kohl's Kicking, which ranks him as the No. 6 kicker in the country. He also had scholarship offers from Air Force, Army, Boston College and North Dakota State.

DWIGHT BOOTLE II

DEFENSIVE BACK | 5-10 | 170
MIAMI, FLA. | PALMETTO HS

Dwight Bootle II comes to Nebraska from Miami and is the second player in his family to sign with the Cornhuskers. Bootle played for two seasons at Palmetto High School and spent one season at Killian High School.

As a senior at Palmetto High School, Bootle recorded 32 tackles according to MaxPreps. In his junior season at Killian High School, Bootle was credited with 67 tackles, 22 pass breakups and one interception. He helped Palmetto to the state semifinals as a sophomore, the best playoff run in school history.

Bootle is ranked among the top 85 cornerbacks in the country by Rivals. The consensus three-star prospect also had scholarship offers from Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Ole Miss and Pittsburgh, among others.

Dwight is the younger brother of Dicaprio Bootle, a Husker cornerback from 2017 to 2020. Dicaprio played in 44 games and started 32 straight games over his final three seasons, while serving as a Nebraska team captain in 2020. He has spent the past two seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs.

VINCENT CARROLL-JACKSON

DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 270
HARRISBURG, PA. | CENTRAL DAUPHIN EAST HS

Vincent Carroll-Jackson was a versatile lineman for Central Dauphin East High School in Pennsylvania. He drew recruiting interest as both an offensive and defensive lineman despite playing only one season of high school football. Along with fellow signee Rahmir Stewart, Carroll-Jackson is the first Pennsylvania native to sign with Nebraska out of high school since 1999.

Carroll-Jackson did not play football until his senior year of high school. As a senior, Carroll-Jackson had more than 50 tackles and 20 tackles for loss with eight sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. He earned all-conference accolades in his lone season.

The highest rated recruit in Central Dauphin East history, Carroll-Jackson was a consensus three-star recruit ranked among the nation's top 60 defensive linemen by On3. Originally a Syracuse commit, he chose Nebraska over offers from Florida, Georgia, Pittsburgh and Rutgers, among others.

MALACHI COLEMAN

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-4 | 185
LINCOLN, NEB. | LINCOLN HIGH

Regarded as the No. 1 recruit in Nebraska and one of the top prospects in the country, Malachi Coleman was a standout on the football field and on the track for Lincoln High School. The athletic Coleman was selected to play in the 2023 Under Armour All-America Game.

Injuries limited Coleman's availability and productivity during his senior season, but he flashed his ability as a junior. During his junior season, Coleman caught 17 passes for 561 yards, averaging 33 yards per reception. Ten of his 17 catches went for touchdowns. On defense, Coleman had 57 tackles, 7.5 sacks and four forced fumbles. He was also a stellar returner for the Links.

On the track, Coleman finished second in both the 100 and 200 meters at the 2022 Class A Nebraska Track and Field Championships. His ability was not limited to his speed, as Coleman finished third in the triple jump at the state meet as a junior and fourth as a sophomore. Coleman also played basketball for Lincoln High.

Coleman was ranked as the No. 68 overall prospect in the country in the On3 Consensus rankings, while the 247Sports Composite rankings listed Coleman as the nation's No. 84 overall recruit. The four-star prospect was a consensus pick as one of the top five athletes nationally. Coleman chose Nebraska over Colorado after receiving scholarship offers from many of the nation's top programs.

JAIDYN DOSS

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-0 | 195

RAYMORE, MO. | RAYMORE-PECULIAR HS

Jaidyn Doss comes to Nebraska from Missouri, where he was one of the top receivers in the state for Raymore-Peculiar High School. Nebraska's first high school signee from Missouri since 2017, Doss totaled more than 2,000 career receiving yards and rushed for nearly 1,000 yards.

According to MaxPreps, Doss caught 121 passes for 2,212 yards in his Panther career. He averaged more than 60 receiving yards per game in his high school career with 21 touchdowns. Doss also had 94 carries for 922 yards and seven touchdowns, including three career 100-yard rushing games.

A first-team all-state selection in 2022, Doss caught 47 passes for 794 yards and nine touchdowns while rushing 22 times for 261 yards and one score as a senior. In his junior season, Doss was an all-state pick with 28 receptions, 442 receiving yards and five receiving touchdowns. He added 394 rushing yards on 43 carries with three scores. Doss burst onto the scene as a sophomore when he averaged more than 21 yards per reception, hauling in 46 passes for 976 yards and seven touchdowns. Doss also carried 29 times for 267 yards and three scores as a sophomore, finishing with 1,600 all-purpose yards en route to all-state accolades.

Doss is rated as a three-star prospect, and Rivals ranks him among the top 85 receivers in the country. He had an impressive offer list that included Colorado, Illinois, Kansas State, Michigan, Missouri, Oregon and TCU, among others.

ERIC FIELDS

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 195

ARDMORE, OKLA. | ARDMORE HS

Eric Fields was a tackling machine for Ardmore High School in Oklahoma. The standout linebacker recorded nearly 270 tackles over his final two high school seasons.

In his senior season, Fields recorded an impressive 180 tackles in only 10 games, including 120 solo stops. He recorded two sacks and forced a pair of fumbles. As a junior, Fields had 88 tackles before suffering a season-ending injury in the sixth game of the season. In addition to his role at linebacker for Ardmore, Fields also lined up at running back.

Fields was also a standout on the track for Ardmore. He was a member of Ardmore's 4x100-meter relay team that won the 2022 Oklahoma Class 5A state title and the 4x200-meter relay team that finished second.

Fields is ranked as a three-star recruit by 247Sports. Ranked among the top 100 linebackers in the country, he had offers from Texas Tech, Arkansas State, New Mexico State and North Texas.

MASON GOLDMAN

OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 260

GRETNA, NEB. | GRETNA HS

Mason Goldman starred on the offensive and defensive lines for Gretna High School. He was one of the top players in the state for the Dragons.

Goldman was an Omaha World-Herald first-team All-Nebraska selection as both a junior and senior, and he was also named to the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State first team both seasons. Goldman was a two-way starter as a senior when Gretna finished as the state runner-up with a 12-1 record. His play helped the offense average 42 points per game. On defense, Goldman recorded 55 tackles, three sacks and one fumble recovery. In his junior season, Goldman helped the Dragons to a state title that was later vacated. He posted 28 tackles with five tackles for loss and three sacks as a junior. Goldman recorded 34 tackles with seven TFLs and three sacks as a sophomore.

A three-star recruit, Goldman is ranked among the top 75 inside offensive linemen nationally by On3 and among the top 100 offensive tackles in the country by 247Sports. He chose Nebraska over offers from Arizona State, Kansas, Kansas State and Missouri, among others.

GUNNAR GOTTULA

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 300

LINCOLN, NEB. | SOUTHEAST HS

Gunnar Gottula was a standout offensive lineman for Lincoln Southeast High School. The Knights were coached by his father, Ryan.

Gunnar was a three-year starting lineman for Southeast. The Omaha World-Herald named him a first-team All-Nebraska selection as a senior, and he was a second-team All-Nebraska pick as a junior. Gottula was also chosen as a first-team Super-State honoree by the Lincoln Journal Star as a senior, and he was a second-team Super-State selection as a junior. He also earned honorable mention all-state accolades as a sophomore. Lincoln Southeast advanced to the playoffs in each of Gottula's three seasons as a starter, including a run to the Class A quarterfinals in 2020.

Gottula is ranked as a four-star recruit by Rivals, which ranks him among the top 35 offensive tackles in the country. He also visited Iowa State and had offers from Iowa and Kansas State, among others.

KWINTEN IVES

RUNNING BACK | 6-2 | 185
BEVERLY, N.J. | PALMYRA HS

Kwinten Ives was a standout for Palmyra High School in New Jersey, where he was one of the top running backs on the East Coast. Ives rushed for more than 3,000 yards over his final two prep seasons and had at least 100 rushing yards in each of his final 14 games.

As the Panthers' starting running back, Ives ran for 3,055 yards and scored 49 touchdowns in his junior and senior seasons combined, according to NJ.com. He averaged 10.1 yards per carry and 160.8 yards per game over his final two seasons.

As a senior, Ives ran for 1,617 yards and 26 touchdowns on 157 carries. He averaged 10.3 yards per carry and had at least 100 rushing yards in all nine games including three 200-yard efforts. Ives also caught 15 passes for 240 yards and three touchdowns and had a 79-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on his lone return of the season. He began his senior season with a 50-yard touchdown on his first carry and then had a 57-yard touchdown on his second carry of the season.

Ives carried 146 times for 1,438 yards and 16 touchdowns as a junior. He had seven 100-yard rushing games with three 200-yard rushing performances. Ives rushed for at least 148 yards in each of the season's final five games, and he averaged 9.8 yards per carry for the season. Ives also caught seven passes for 225 yards and three touchdowns – averaging 32.1 yards per reception – with a 28-yard punt return. Ives also played on the varsity team as a freshman and sophomore.

In addition to his production on the football field, Ives has also starred on the basketball court and as a standout in track and field. On the hardwood, Ives entered his senior season with 907 career points and 492 career rebounds, averaging 14.9 points and 8.1 rebounds per game. In track and field, Ives finished second at the county championships in the long jump as a junior and was fourth in the 100 meters. As a sophomore, he won the Burlington County Divisional Championship in the 100 meters, the 200 meters and the long jump while finishing second in the triple jump.

Ives is regarded as a three-star prospect by On3, which ranked him among the top 35 running backs in the country and the top 10 players in New Jersey. He also had scholarship offers from Temple and UConn, among others.

BROCK KNUTSON

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-7 | 300
SCOTTSBLUFF, NEB. | SCOTTSBLUFF HS

Brock Knutson was one of the top offensive linemen in Nebraska. He played three seasons for Mitchell High School before playing his final season at Scottsbluff High School.

As a senior, Knutson helped Scottsbluff to the semifinals of the Class B playoffs. He was chosen as a first-team Super-State offensive lineman by the Lincoln Journal Star and was recognized as a second-team All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald. Knutson was a Class C1 honorable-mention all-state pick as a sophomore at Mitchell. He also competed in wrestling and track and field.

Knutson is a consensus three-star prospect. He is ranked among the nation's top 50 offensive tackles by On3. Knutson had offers from several programs, including Arizona State, Iowa State, Kansas and Kansas State.

JAYLEN LLOYD

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-11 | 160
OMAHA, NEB. | WESTSIDE HS

Jaylen Lloyd was a two-sport star who played his final season at Omaha Westside High School after beginning his career at Omaha Central. He was one of the state's top wide receivers on the football field and was a national champion in track and field.

On the gridiron, Lloyd caught 44 passes for 784 yards and five touchdowns in his senior season at Westside, which was cut short due to injury. He averaged nearly 18 yards per reception, and his play helped the Warriors win the state title. Lloyd was named to the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska first team as a senior in addition to earning a spot on the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State first team. At Omaha Central, Lloyd was an all-metro selection as a junior when he caught 20 passes for 420 yards.

In track and field, Lloyd is a four-time state champion. As a junior Lloyd won Class A titles in the 100 meters, long jump and triple jump. He was also the Class A long jump champion as a sophomore. For his performance, Lloyd was named the 2021-22 Gatorade Nebraska Boys Track and Field Player of the Year.

On the national level, Lloyd won the 2022 National Junior Olympic Championships in the long jump while finishing third in the 100 meters. He also won the national title in the long jump and placed second in the triple jump at the 2022 Nike Outdoor Nationals. At the 2021 National Junior Olympic Championships, Lloyd finished second in the triple jump and third in the long jump.

A three-star recruit, Lloyd is ranked among the top 85 athletes in the nation by 247Sports and among the country's top 100 receivers by On3. He received scholarship offers in football from North Dakota, Northern Iowa and Texas Tech. Before deciding to compete in both sports at Nebraska, Lloyd nearly committed to focusing on track and field for Florida, the 2022 NCAA outdoor national champion.

Lloyd's mother, Dalhia (Ingram) Lloyd, was a standout jumper for the Nebraska track and field program. A nine-time All-American from 1998 to 2000, Dalhia was a three-time indoor All-American in the triple jump and was a three-time outdoor All-American in both the triple jump and long jump. She was also a seven-time Big 12 Conference champion, winning a total of five long jump titles and two triple jump crowns.

JASON MACIEJCZAK
OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-3 | 320
PIERRE, S.D. | T.F. RIGGS HS

Lineman Jason Maciejczak was one of the top players in South Dakota. He played his final season for T.F. Riggs High School after playing for his father, Dan, at Douglas High School for his first three seasons.

Maciejczak helped Riggs to a perfect 12-0 record and a state championship as a senior. The Governors averaged 48 points per game and scored at least 35 points in all 12 games, including five 50-point performances. Maciejczak was deemed the “best lineman” in the state by Riggs head coach Steve Steele. On defense, Maciejczak recorded 26 tackles with eight tackles for loss and three sacks as a senior.

At Douglas High School, Maciejczak was a three-time all-conference selection. He earned honorable-mention all-state accolades as a sophomore and was an all-state pick as a junior. In his senior season, Maciejczak was named a finalist for state player of the year by the Argus Leader.

In track and field, Maciejczak finished second at the Class AA state meet in the shot put and discus as a junior. In his sophomore season, Maciejczak was second at state in the discus and third in the shot put.

Maciejczak is regarded as a three-star prospect by 247Sports. Originally a North Dakota commit, he also had offers from Kent State, North Dakota State, South Dakota and South Dakota State.

In addition to coaching Jason in high school, Dan Maciejczak was a three-year starting offensive lineman at Chardon State. He earned All-America and Academic All-America accolades and is a member of the Chadron State Athletic Hall of Fame. Jason’s brother, Jared, also played football at Chadron State.

MAVERICK NOONAN
DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-3 | 245
OMAHA, NEB. | EKLHORN SOUTH HS

A second-generation Cornhusker, Maverick Noonan is following in his father’s footsteps by playing at Nebraska. The Omaha product was one of the state’s top defenders for Elkhorn South High School.

Noonan was named to the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska first team as both a junior and senior, as well as earning spots on the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State first team both seasons. In his final season, Noonan led Elkhorn South in tackles and added nine sacks and 17 tackles for loss. He was an honorable-mention all-state pick as a sophomore. Noonan was a two-way player for Elkhorn South, also lining up on the offensive line. He helped the Storm to a state runner-up finish as a sophomore and quarterfinal appearances as a junior and senior.

A three-star recruit, Noonan is ranked among the nation’s top 40 weakside defensive ends by Rivals and among the country’s top 55 edge rushers by On3. He held offers from numerous Power Five programs including Arizona State, Iowa, Michigan State and Stanford.

Maverick’s father Danny was three-year letterwinner for the Huskers. As a senior in 1986, Danny was a unanimous first-team All-American and the Big Eight Athlete of the Year. He recorded 140 tackles in his career – including bowl games – with 36 TFLs and 25 sacks. A first-round pick of the Dallas Cowboys in the 1987 NFL Draft, the elder Noonan went on to play in 73 games in his six-year NFL career.

DYLAN ROGERS
LINEBACKER | 6-3 | 240
CYPRESS, TEXAS | CYPRESS WOODS HS

Dylan Rogers is a versatile defender capable of playing on the defensive line, as an edge rusher or as a linebacker. Rogers was a tackling machine for Cypress Woods High School in Texas.

According to MaxPreps, Rogers recorded more than 230 tackles in his prep career with 16.0 tackles for loss, five sacks and five interceptions. He was a three-time all-district selection

As a senior, Rogers totaled 83 tackles, 8.5 TFLs, one sack, one interception, two passes defended, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble. He recorded 80 tackles with 3.5 tackles for loss, 2.0 sacks and four interceptions in his junior season. Rogers made a big impact as a sophomore, registering 70 tackles with 4.0 TFLs and 2.0 sacks.

Rogers is rated among the top 25 inside linebackers in the country by Rivals, the top 80 edge rushers in the 247Sports Composite rankings and the top 80 linebackers in the On3 Consensus rankings. A three-star recruit, Rogers had offers from schools in all five power conferences and chose Nebraska over Colorado, Houston, Kansas State, Missouri and Texas.

SYNCERE SAFEULLAH
DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-2 | 170
NASHVILLE, TENN. | IMG (FLA.) ACADEMY

Syncere Safeullah starred at Hillsboro High School in Nashville before transferring to the IMG Academy in Florida for the 2022 season. He helped IMG Academy win the 2022 National Post Grad Athletic Association national championship.

Safeullah was ranked as the No. 1 defensive back in Tennessee by Prep Redzone before deciding to play his final season for the IMG Academy Post Grad Team in 2022. In his lone season at IMG, Safeullah recorded 43 tackles, and he was a ballhawk with seven interceptions, 11 pass breakups, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one blocked punt. In the division championship game, Safeullah was targeted seven times and did not allow a completion while breaking up four passes with two interceptions.

Safeullah is a consensus three-star recruit. He had multiple scholarship offers and chose Nebraska over Boston College, Kentucky, Memphis and Ole Miss.

SAM SLEDGE

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-3 | 285
OMAHA, NEB. | CREIGHTON PREP

Sam Sledge starred on the offensive line for Creighton Prep in Omaha. He earned high praise from his head coach Tim Johnk, who said Sledge was “the best interior lineman I have coached in my 30 years of coaching.”

Sledge helped Creighton Prep to three state playoff appearances, including a semifinal berth as a senior in 2022. He was tabbed as a first-team All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald as both a junior and a senior. Sledge was also twice named to the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State first team. Sledge was first recognized as one of the top players in the state as a sophomore, when he was an honorable-mention all-state pick.

Sledge is regarded as a three-star recruit. Rivals ranks him among the best 35 offensive guard prospects in the country, while Sledge is listed among the top 75 inside offensive line recruits nationally in the 247Sports Composite rankings. He chose Nebraska over Kansas and Miami (Ohio), among others.

Sam’s father, Bob, is a member of the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame. Bob was a three-year letterwinner from 1986 to 1988 and earned All-Big Eight honors as a left tackle in 1988.

RAHMIR STEWART

DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-0 | 195
PHILADELPHIA, PA. | IMHOTEP INSTITUTE

Rahmir Stewart was a standout defensive back for Imhotep Institute in Philadelphia. Along with fellow signee Vincent Carroll-Jackson, Stewart is the first Pennsylvania native to sign with Nebraska out of high school since 1999.

Stewart was a two-way star for Imhotep, playing running back on offense in addition to being regarded as Pennsylvania’s top safety. As a senior, he totaled 31 tackles with three interceptions according to MaxPreps. Stewart was credited with 12 tackles and three interceptions as a junior and 14 tackles with three picks as a sophomore. On offense, Stewart rushed for 451 yards in his career with 10 touchdowns. His play helped the Panthers to a runner-up finish in the Pennsylvania 5A playoffs in both his junior and senior seasons.

Stewart is regarded as a three-star prospect and is ranked among the nation’s top 60 safeties by Rivals and in the 247Sports Composite and On3 Consensus rankings. He held an impressive list of scholarship offers and chose Nebraska over fellow finalists Georgia, Michigan, Oregon, Oklahoma, Penn State and Texas A&M.

BRICE TURNER

WIDE RECEIVER | 6-1 | 175
BAY CITY, TEXAS | BAY CITY HS

The first player to commit to Coach Matt Rhule at Nebraska, Brice Turner was a standout on the football field and on the track for Bay City High School in Texas. The wide receiver demonstrated big-play ability on the gridiron and is a multiple state champion as a sprinter.

As a senior, Turner caught 22 passes for 495 yards and six touchdowns according to MaxPreps, with 14 carries for 170 yards and two touchdowns. He averaged 22.5 yards per reception and 12.1 yards per carry en route to an average of 18.5 yards per play on offense. Turner also returned six kickoffs for 121 yards and one punt for 17 yards. In his junior season, Turner had seven receptions and rushed for 129 yards and two touchdowns. He also returned 17 kickoffs for 266 yards and recorded 19 tackles on defense with two passes defensed. Turner also saw action for the Blackcats as a sophomore.

On the track, Turner was the 2022 Texas Class 4A state champion in the 100 and 200 meters. His winning 100-meter time of 10.25 would have ranked as the fifth-fastest 100-meter time in Nebraska outdoor track and field history. Turner finished second in the 100 meters and third in the 200 meters as a sophomore in 2021. He was also a member of a 4x100 relay team that finished second at the 2021 AAU National Junior Olympic Games and was third in 2019.

A late riser in the recruiting rankings, Turner is regarded as a three-star prospect by On3 and 247Sports. He is ranked among the nation’s top 85 receivers in the On3 Consensus rankings.

PRINCEWILL UMANMIELEN

DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-4 | 230
AUSTIN, TEXAS | MANOR HS

Princewill Umanmielen was one of the nation’s top defensive line prospects while starring at Manor High School in Texas. The all-stater was a consensus pick as one of the top 300 recruits in the country.

Umanmielen had 130 tackles, 47.0 tackles for loss and 21.0 sacks over 23 games in his final two seasons at Manor. As a senior, Umanmielen recorded 65 tackles with 22.0 tackles for loss, 8.0 sacks and one forced fumble. He was chosen as the district defensive lineman of the year as a senior. In his junior season, he totaled 65 tackles with 25.0 TFLs, 13.0 sacks and three forced fumbles. For his efforts, Umanmielen was named a first-team all-state pick and was the district co-defensive lineman of the year.

Umanmielen was ranked among the nation’s top 300 prospects by ESPN, Rivals, 247Sports and On3. He was listed among the nation’s top 25 edge rushers by 247Sports and among the country’s top 20 strongside defensive ends by Rivals. Umanmielen had numerous scholarship offers, including Florida, Ole Miss, TCU, Utah and Washington.

Princewill has two older brothers playing college football. Princely is a sophomore defensive lineman at Florida and Prince is a junior defensive lineman at Tarleton State.

RILEY VAN POPPEL

DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 275

ARGYLE, TEXAS | ARGYLE HS

Riley Van Poppel was one of the most coveted defensive linemen in the nation after being a dominant force for Argyle High School in Texas. Van Poppel recorded 19 sacks and 37 tackles for loss with nearly 150 career tackles in his prep career.

As a senior, Van Poppel was a unanimous choice for district defensive player of the year after totaling 80 tackles with 10 sacks and 17 tackles for loss, according to MaxPreps. He helped the Eagles to a 14-1 record and a state runner-up finish in his final season. As a junior, Van Poppel recorded 38 tackles with seven sacks and 14 TFLs. He was also on the varsity as a sophomore, when Argyle finished 16-0 and won the 2020 Class 4A Division 1 state title.

Regarded as a four-star recruit in the On3 Consensus and 247Sports Composite rankings, On3 ranks him among the nation's top 260 players. He had offers from several top programs including Michigan, Florida State, TCU and Washington State.

Van Poppel is the son of Todd Van Poppel, who was a first-round pick in the 1990 Major League Baseball Draft. The elder Van Poppel pitched for 11 years in the majors, appearing in 359 games with 98 starts.

SCHOLARSHIP TRANSFER BIOS

CHIEF BORDERS

LINEBACKER | 6-4 | 240

CHICAGO, ILL. | HEARD COUNTY (GA.) HS
FLORIDA

Linebacker Chief Borders spent two seasons at the University of Florida before transferring to Nebraska. The Chicago native played in all 12 regular-season games for the Gators in 2022, primarily on special teams. He had an assisted tackle against South Carolina and an unassisted tackle against No. 1 Georgia. Borders appeared in four games and redshirted in 2021, making a tackle in the Gasparilla Bowl. He was named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll.

Borders played his high school football at Heard County High School in Georgia and was a four-star recruit. Borders was invited to the 2021 Under Armour All-America Game in Orlando. He also threw the shot put and discus in track and field. Borders chose Florida over Arkansas, Auburn, Michigan State and Stanford out of high school.

COREY COLLIER

DEFENSIVE BACK | 6-1 | 180

MIAMI, FLA. | PALMETTO HS
FLORIDA

Defensive back Corey Collier Jr. joined the Nebraska program as a transfer from the University of Florida. The Miami native played in three games as a redshirt freshman in 2022 and made his first career tackle against Eastern Washington. Collier played in two games and redshirted as a true freshman in 2021.

Collier Jr. was rated as one of the nation's top safety prospects after a standout career at Palmetto High School in Miami. He was a first-team Miami Herald All-Dade 8A-6A selection as a junior in 2019 when he had 52 tackles, 13 pass breakups and four interceptions, helping Palmetto to a 10-2 record and 8A district title. Collier was one of 100 invitees to the Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio in January of 2021. Out of high school, he chose Florida over Miami, LSU, Clemson, Georgia and Tennessee, among others.

JOSHUA FLEEKES

WIDE RECEIVER | 5-10 | 190

DALLAS, TEXAS | CEDAR HILL HS
BAYLOR

Josh Fleeks joins the Nebraska program as a wide receiver after playing four seasons at Baylor. Fleeks was recruited to the Bears' program by Coach Matt Rhule and his staff and was a versatile offensive playmaker.

The 5-10, 190-pound Fleeks played in nine games with one start in 2021, catching seven passes for 89 yards. He had a season-high 43 receiving yards against Texas Southern, and had a season-high three receptions in the Big 12 opener against Kansas. Fleeks was fourth on the team in receptions in 2020, with 21 catches for 181 yards and a touchdown. He also carried the ball five times. Fleeks had four catches in the opener against Kansas, and followed with 48 receiving yards and a 34-yard touchdown against West Virginia. He had a career-high six catches for a season-best 68 yards against Kansas State.

Fleeks played in all 14 games in 2019 in Rhule's final season at Baylor. Fleeks had 25 receptions for 262 yards and a touchdown and also rushed for 27 yards and a touchdown. In the return game, Fleeks returned 11 kicks for 242 yards. Fleeks tied his career-best with six receptions for 42 yards against TCU. He had a career-high 126 receiving yards on three catches at Oklahoma State, including a career-long 64-yard catch.

He appeared in 12 games as a true freshman in 2018 and had 14 catches for 126 yards, while rushing for 16 yards. On special teams he returned 21 kicks for 380 yards. In the Texas Bowl against Vanderbilt, Fleeks had four receptions for 34 yards. Fleeks had five catches for 65 yards and a touchdown against Kansas, and returned five kicks of 95 yards against Duke.

At Cedar Hill High School, Fleeks had 313 rushing yards and four touchdowns, and also had 32 catches for 363 yards and five scores. He had 663 yards and eight touchdowns as a junior and was a first-team All-District selection, helping his team to an 11-2 record. Fleeks was ranked as a four-star prospect, among the top 20 all-purpose players in the country and among the top 25 players in the DFW Metroplex. He was also a track standout at Cedar Hill, competing in the 100, 200 and high jump. He picked Baylor over Georgia, Arizona, Missouri and Texas A&M.

ELIJAH JEUDY

DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-3 | 300

PHILADELPHIA, PA. | NORTHEAST HS
TEXAS A&M

Defensive lineman Elijah Jeudy joined the Nebraska program after spending two seasons at Texas A&M. The Philadelphia native played in one game while redshirting in 2021 and made a tackle against Prairie View. As a redshirt freshman in 2022, Jeudy appeared in November games against Florida and LSU.

Jeudy was a standout performer at Northeast High School in Philadelphia, where he was coached by Chris Riley. Jeudy made 51 tackles and had six sacks as a senior and was regarded as one of the top 10 players in Pennsylvania and among the nation's top 15 edge players. A four-star prospect by all the major recruiting outlets, Jeudy also participated in track and field in high school.

MARCO ORTIZ

LONG SNAPPER | 6-4 | 250

RICHMOND, VA. | BENEDICTINE HS
FLORIDA

Marco Ortiz joins the Husker program as a graduate long snapper after competing for the past five seasons at Florida. Ortiz played in 16 games during his career with the Gators, including all 13 games in 2021, when he served as the starting snapper. During his time at Florida, Ortiz was a member of five bowl teams, including the 2020 team that won the SEC East Division. Ortiz was a three-time SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll selection and earned his degree in health education and behavior in the spring of 2022.

Originally from Richmond, Va., Ortiz was ranked as the No. 6 overall snapper out of high school by Rubio Long Snapping. He attended Benedictine College Preparatory and Catholic Military High School, helping his team to state championships in 2014 and 2015.

JEFF SIMS

QUARTERBACK | 6-4 | 220

**JACKSONVILLE, FLA. | SANDALWOOD HS
GEORGIA TECH**

Quarterback Jeff Sims joined the Nebraska program after spending the past three seasons at Georgia Tech. The 6-4, 220-pound Sims started 23 games for the Yellow Jackets over the past three seasons, accounting for more than 5,500 yards of total offense.

In 2022, Sims started seven games before being sidelined with an injury. He threw for 1,115 yards and five touchdowns, while rushing for 288 yards and a touchdown. His top game came against Duke, when he threw for 227 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 95 yards to lead Georgia Tech to a 23-20 win.

Sims played in seven games with six starts in 2021, passing for 1,468 yards and 12 touchdowns, while rushing for 372 yards and four touchdowns. Sims highlighted his season by coming off the bench against North Carolina to account for 240 yards and four touchdowns to lead Tech to a 45-22 win over the 20th-ranked Tar Heels. He threw for a career-high 359 yards against eventual ACC champion Pitt, the most by a Tech quarterback in 20 years. He added a 297-yard passing effort with three touchdowns at Duke a week later. Sims notched his second 300-yard passing game of the season with 300 yards and three touchdowns against Virginia, while also rushing for 65 yards in the game. He was named to the ACC All-Academic team for his work in the classroom.

Sims started 10 games as a true freshman in 2020, and was one of the top freshman quarterbacks in the country. He passed for 1,881 yards and 13 touchdowns, while rushing for 492 yards and six touchdowns. Sims was named ACC Rookie of the Week three times, becoming only the first Yellow Jacket since Calvin Johnson to earn the honor three times. Sims was the first true freshman to start a season opener for Tech since 2003, and he threw for at least 200 yards four times.

Sims made a quick impression with 277 yards passing and 64 rushing yards in his collegiate debut at Florida State. Sims was the only freshman and one of nine FBS players in 2020 to rush for 100 yards and throw three touchdowns passes in a game when he accomplished the feat against Duke.

Sims was ranked as a four-star prospect and one of the top dual-threat quarterbacks in the nation after a standout career at Sandalwood High School in Jacksonville, Fla. He earned recognition as one of the nation's "Elite 11" quarterbacks in the prestigious annual quarterback competition. In his career as a three-year starter at Sandalwood, Sims amassed more than 5,000 passing yards, 1,200 rushing yards and had 55 total touchdowns.

KAI WALLIN

DEFENSIVE LINE | 6-5 | 235

**SACRAMENTO, CALIF. | JESUIT HS
AMERICAN RIVER CC**

Kai Wallin joins Nebraska after spending one season at American River Community College in California. Wallin, who played his prep ball for Jesuit High School, will have three seasons of eligibility at Nebraska.

In his lone season at American River in 2022, Wallin posted 33 tackles, 7.5 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks in 10 games. He ranked fifth in the NorCal Conference in sacks and also forced one fumble and had two fumble recoveries. In his final season at Jesuit High School in 2021, Wallin made 35 tackles with 14.0 TFLs and 9.5 sacks, according to MaxPreps. He also played offense, catching 14 passes for 253 yards and two touchdowns to help Jesuit to a 10-2 record as a senior.

Wallin was ranked as one of the top 40 junior college prospects in the country by 247Sports. The three-star recruit also visited Kansas and Oregon State and had several other Power Five offers including Arizona State, Indiana, Louisville and Utah.

WALK-ON BIOS

COLE BALLARD

RUNNING BACK | 6-0 | 190
ELKHORN, NEB. | ELKHORN SOUTH HS

Cole Ballard joins the Nebraska football program as a walk-on out of Elkhorn South High School. Ballard was named to the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska first team and to the Lincoln Journal Star Super-State first team as a senior. He was also the honorary captain of the World-Herald's Class A all-state team.

Ballard helped Elkhorn South to a 10-1 record and a trip to the Class A quarterfinals as a senior. On offense, he rushed for 1,491 yards while adding 275 receiving yards. Ballard scored 38 total touchdowns - including tying the state record with seven touchdowns in a game - and was Class A's leading scorer in 2022. On defense, he had 23 tackles and one interception for Coach Guy Rosenberg's team.

Ballard was a second-team all-state selection as a junior when Elkhorn South posted an 8-2 record and reached the Class A quarterfinals. He had 1,208 rushing yards and 23 touchdowns and added 18 tackles on defense. Ballard was an honorable-mention all-state pick as a sophomore after rushing for 830 yards and 16 touchdowns while helping Elkhorn South to a state runner-up finish. Ballard was also a member of the basketball and track teams at Elkhorn South.

Cole's father, Chris, was a wide receiver at the Air Force Academy and Kansas. Cole's grandfather played college basketball and his great-grandfather, Frederick Hamilton, played football at Gettysburg College and was a Maxwell Award finalist in 1939.

KORVER DEMMA

LINEBACKER | 6-2 | 230
GRETNA, NEB. | GRETNA HS

Korver Demma was a productive player for Gretna High School, which was one of the state's top teams over his final two seasons. He helped the Dragons to a 12-1 record and a runner-up finish as a senior in 2022 after Gretna won the 2021 Class A state championship but later vacated the title.

During his high school career, Demma tallied 132 total tackles with 64 solo stops, 23 sacks and 44 tackles for loss. He added six pass breakups, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries, two blocked punts, two interceptions and two defensive touchdowns. As a senior in 2022, Demma earned first-team all-state honors from both the Omaha World-Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star.

Demma also competes in wrestling and track and field at Gretna. His mother, Megan (Korver), was a three-year letterwinner for the Nebraska volleyball team from 1996 to 1998, earning All-Big 12 accolades and Academic All-America honors as a senior. Korver Demma's great-grandfather, Perry Franks, played football for the Huskers in the 1930s and earned a letter in 1936.

CAYDEN ECHTERNACH

TIGHT END | 6-3 | 250
BENNINGTON, NEB. | BELLEVUE WEST HS

Cayden Echternach joins the Huskers as a promising tight end. Echternach played his final season for Bellevue West High School in 2022 after playing for Omaha Burke High School in his first three seasons.

In his high school career, Echternach had 27 catches and more than 420 receiving yards. As a senior for Bellevue West, Echternach caught 17 passes for more than 200 yards with two touchdowns. He earned honorable-mention All-Metro honors from the Omaha World-Herald. Echternach caught 10 passes for 190 yards as a junior at Omaha Burke. He also played on the baseball team for two years at Burke.

GRANT SEAGREN

OFFENSIVE LINE | 6-6 | 250
OAKLAND, NEB. | OAKLAND-CRAIG HS

Grant Seagren was a two-way standout for Oakland-Craig High School, excelling as a tight end and defensive lineman. In his high school career, Seagren helped the Knights to a 36-10 overall record, with Oakland-Craig winning the 2019 Class C2 state championship and claiming district titles in 2019 and 2022.

Seagren caught seven passes for 186 yards and four touchdowns as a senior in 2022. Defensively, Seagren had 27 tackles, including four tackles for loss and a sack.

A three-sport athlete with the Knights, Seagren also competes in basketball and track. As a junior, Seagren averaged 10.8 points and 7.5 rebounds per game in 24 games. In track and field, Seagren was a state qualifier in the shot put in 2022.

Grant has two older brothers, Garrett and Wyatt. Garrett played basketball at Chaminade for three seasons, before transferring to Concordia (Neb.) for his final two years. Wyatt was a member of the South Dakota State football team in 2020 and 2021 before switching his focus to compete for the SDSU track and field team.