

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

1 Brooks, Chris	WR	6-2	210	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)	45 Makovicka, Justin	FB	6-1	240	So.	Ulysses, Neb. (East Butler)
1 Dennard, Alfonso	DB	5-10	190	Fr.	Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)	45 Whaley, Alonzo	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	Madisonville, Texas
2 Culbert, Major	S	6-0	205	Jr.	Harbor City, Calif. (Narbonne)	46 Dixon, Taylor	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	Wauneta, Neb. (Wauneta-Palisade)
2 Witt, Patrick	QB	6-4	225	RFr.	Wylie, Texas (Wylie)	47 Hetzer, Tyson	TE	6-6	250	Jr.	Redding, Calif. (Citrus College) (Anderson)
3 Lee, Zac	QB	6-2	210	So.	San Francisco, Calif. (San Francisco City College)	47 Yancy, William	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	Glendale, Ariz. (Ironwood)
3 Thenarse, Rickey	S	6-0	195	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Jordan)	48 Legate, Tyler	FB	5-10	220	So.	Neligh, Neb. (Neligh-Oakdale)
4 Asante, Larry	S	6-1	210	Jr.	Alexandria, Va. (Coffeyville Community College)	48 Smith, Marcus	LB	6-1	195	Fr.	Crete, Neb.
5 Lucky, Marlon	IB	6-0	215	Sr.	North Hollywood, Calif. (North Hollywood)	49 Foxhoven, Tanner	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Crofton, Neb.
5 West, Anthony	CB	6-0	200	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Point Loma)	49 Young, Dreu	TE	6-4	245	So.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)
6 Cooper, Khiry	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	Shreveport, La. (Calvary Baptist Academy)	50 Toailoa, Quentin	DL	6-4	300	Fr.	Highland, Calif. (Redlands East Valley)
6 Murrillo, Armando	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	Tampa, Fla. (Eastern Arizona Community College)	51 Compton, Will	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Boone Terre, Mo. (North County)
7 Spano, Kody	QB	6-2	210	Fr.	Stephenville, Texas (Stephenville)	52 Dillard, Phillip	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	Tulsa, Okla. (Jenks)
7 Washington, Latravis	LB	6-3	225	So.	Bradenton, Fla. (Baysshore)	53 Wortman, Tyler	LB	6-3	235	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)
8 Cassidy, Austin	S	6-1	205	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)	54 Koehler, Colton	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	Harvard, Neb. (Nebraska Wesleyan) (Harvard)
8 Henry, Will	WR	6-5	220	So.	El Paso, Texas (J.M. Hanks)	54 McShane, Max	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb.
9 Lester, Ben	WR	5-10	170	Fr.	Tecumseh, Neb. (Tecumseh)	55 Steinkuhler, Baker	DL	6-6	290	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
9 Stafford, Austin	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Hayward, Calif. (Hayward)	56 Barfield, Shukree	DT	6-4	290	Sr.	Camden, N.J. (Garden City Community College)
10 Helu Jr., Roy	IB	6-0	215	So.	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley)	56 Baumgartner, Justin	LS	6-2	245	Sr.	Cheneyne, Wyo. (Chadron State/Laramie County CC)
11 Gilleylen, Curenski	WR	6-0	210	Fr.	Leander, Texas (Leander)	58 Caputo, Mike	OL	6-1	275	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)
12 Ganz, Joe	QB	6-1	210	Sr.	Palos Heights, Ill. (Amos Alonzo Stagg)	58 Jackson, Justin	DL	6-3	255	Fr.	Roca, Neb. (Norris)
12 Osborne, Courtney	DB	6-3	175	Fr.	Garland, Texas (South Garland)	59 Thorson, Brian	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)
13 Smith, P.J.	DB	6-2	205	Fr.	River Ridge, La. (John Curtis)	61 Huff, Mike	OL	6-4	300	Sr.	Ralston, Neb. (Ralston)
14 Blue, Anthony	CB	5-10	180	So.	Cedar Hill, Texas, (Cedar Hill)	61 Manninger, Matt	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
14 Ward, Lester	IB	6-3	215	Fr.	Brenham, Texas	62 McClure, Mychael	LB	6-5	210	Fr.	Wisner, Neb. (Wisner-Pilger)
15 Davis, Beau	QB	6-4	180	Sr.	Venice, Calif. (Venice)	63 Martin, Ben	DT	6-4	275	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
16 Ebke, Jim	QB	6-0	210	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (South Dakota State) (East)	63 Meyer, Derek	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Campbell, Neb. (Kansas State) (Silver Lake)
16 Levorson, John	DB	6-3	190	Fr.	Crete, Neb.	65 McDermott, Colin	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
17 Peterson, Todd	WR	6-4	215	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)	65 Smith, Mike	OL	6-6	285	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Palo Verde)
17 Williams, Josh	DE	6-4	225	Fr.	Denton, Texas (Ryan)	66 Barrett, Cruz	OL	6-4	310	So.	Daytona Beach, Fla. (Mainland)
18 Holt, Menelik	WR	6-4	220	Jr.	San Diego, Calif. (St. Augustine)	66 McDermott, Conor	DE	6-2	230	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
18 Ruiz, Zach	QB	6-3	210	Fr.	Beatrice, Neb.	67 Hickman, Jacob	OL	6-4	290	Jr.	Bakersfield, Calif. (Centennial)
18 Sullivan, Shawn	CB	5-10	190	Fr.	Brenham, Texas (Brenham)	67 Meginnis, Sam	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
19 Castille, Quentin	IB	6-1	245	So.	La Porte, Texas (La Porte)	68 Molek, Josh	DL	6-3	235	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Skutt Catholic)
20 Dean, Jase	DB	6-0	180	Fr.	Bridgeport, Neb.	68 Williams, Keith	OL	6-5	305	So.	Florissant, Mo. (McClure North)
20 Kunalic, Adi	PK	6-0	185	So.	Fort Worth, Texas (North Crowley)	69 Iske, Cory	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard West)
21 Amukamara, Prince	CB	6-1	195	So.	Glendale, Ariz. (Apollo)	70 Anderson, Kenny	DE	6-2	235	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard West)
21 Marlowe, Tim	WR	5-10	160	Fr.	Youngstown, Ohio (Cardinal Mooney)	70 Slauson, Matt	OL	6-5	320	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Air Force Prep)
22 Wald, Mason	DB	5-11	205	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Vestavia Hills)	71 Stoddard, Graham	LB	6-2	215	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
23 Donahue, Matt	WR	6-2	180	So.	Fremont, Neb. (Fremont)	72 Burkes, Jaivorio	OL	6-5	325	So.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Moon Valley)
23 Thorell, Lance	CB	6-1	190	RFr.	Loomis, Neb. (Loomis)	73 Burke, Keifer	DT	6-3	220	Fr.	Maxwell, Neb.
24 Paul, Niles	WR	6-1	210	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Omaha North)	73 Jones, D.J.	OL	6-5	305	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Central)
24 Watson, Adam	S	6-0	190	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Niwot (Colo.))	74 Henry, Ricky	OL	6-4	305	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (North Dakota State College of Science)
25 Reed, Kyler	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	Shawnee, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas)	75 Lingenfelter, Luke	DE	6-4	255	Fr.	Plainview, Neb. (Plainview)
25 Wallace, Jeremy	RB	6-1	220	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Bryan)	76 Murtha, Lydon	OL	6-7	315	Sr.	Hutchinson, Minn. (Hutchinson)
26 Osborne, Steven	WR	6-4	185	Fr.	Garland, Texas (South Garland)	78 Jones, Marcel	OL	6-7	310	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Trevor Browne)
28 Hagg, Eric	CB	6-1	200	So.	Peoria, Ariz. (Ironwood)	79 Thompson, Brandon	OL	6-6	295	Fr.	The Woodlands, Texas
28 Jones, Austin	IB	5-10	205	RFr.	Centennial, Colo. (Smokey Hill)	80 Harvey, David	DE	6-4	265	Jr.	La Plata, Md. (McDonough)
29 Okafor, Collins	IB	6-1	195	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	80 Hill, Ryan	TE	6-3	245	Fr.	Arvada, Colo. (Arvada West)
30 Hays, Mike	FB	6-1	230	Fr.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-LaVista)	81 Cotton, Ben	TE	6-6	230	Fr.	Ames, Iowa
31 Covey, Nick	DE	6-2	250	Jr.	Glendale, Ariz. (Mountain Ridge)	82 Cammack, Wes	WR	5-11	195	Jr.	DeWitt, Neb. (Tri County)
32 Mendoza, Marcus	IB	5-10	185	Fr.	Houston, Texas (Spring Woods)	82 O'Leary, T.J.	LS	6-1	235	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (New Mexico State)
33 O'Hanlon, Matt	S	5-11	195	Sr.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)	83 Bechtold, Damon	TE	6-4	215	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)
33 Pillen, David	LS	5-11	230	Fr.	Sugar Land, Texas (Stephen F. Austin)	84 Spratte, Steve	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
34 Glenn, Cody	LB	6-0	235	Sr.	Rusk, Texas (Rusk)	85 Hyland, KC	WR	6-6	195	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)
34 Meredith, Cameron	DE	6-4	225	Fr.	Santa Ana, Calif. (Mater Dei)	85 Klingelhoef, Faron	DE	6-2	255	Fr.	Amherst, Neb.
35 Holt, Matt	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. (West)	87 Swift, Nate	WR	6-2	200	Sr.	Hutchinson, Minn. (Hutchinson)
35 Makovicka, Jordan	RB	5-10	170	Fr.	Ulysses, Neb. (East Butler)	88 Martin, Jay	TE	6-2	215	RFr.	Waverly, Neb. (Waverly)
36 Lawson, Thomas	FB	6-0	250	Sr.	Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)	88 Sievers, Clayton	DE	6-4	255	Sr.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn)
36 May, Mathew	S	6-1	195	Fr.	Imperial, Neb. (Chase County)	89 Santin, Jonathon	DE	6-3	225	Fr.	Fullerton, Neb. (Fullerton)
37 Thomsen, Kevin	FB	6-2	240	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn)	89 Teafatiller, Hunter	TE	6-3	240	Sr.	Kingsburg, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial)
37 Wesch, Jake	PK	6-1	205	Sr.	North Bend, Neb. (North Bend Central)	90 Henery, Alex	PK	6-2	175	So.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
40 Lawrence, Blake	LB	6-2	225	So.	Shawnee Mission, Kan. (Shawnee Mission West)	90 Moore, Terrence	DT	6-3	275	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (McDonough 35)
41 Gillaspie, Aaron	FB	6-2	240	So.	Littleton, Colo. (Littleton)	92 Fahie, Tyrone	DE	6-3	255	So.	Virginia Beach, Va. (U.S. Navy)
41 Grove, Thomas	LB	6-2	225	So.	Arlington, Neb. (Arlington)	93 Suh, Ndamukong	DT	6-4	300	Jr.	Portland, Ore. (Grant)
42 Camarata, Joseph	LB	5-10	225	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.	94 Crick, Jared	DT	6-6	280	Fr.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)
42 Fisher, Sean	LB	6-6	225	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Millard North)	95 Allen, Pierre	DE	6-5	265	So.	Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson)
43 Moravec, Brent	FS	6-0	180	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)	96 Maher, Brett	P/PK	6-0	160	Fr.	Kearney, Neb.
43 Steinkuhler, Ty	DT	6-3	280	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)	97 Titchener, Dan	P	6-0	200	Sr.	Cheneyne, Wyo. (East)
44 Kreikemeier, Micah	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	West Point, Neb. (Central Catholic)	98 Potter, Zach	DE	6-7	280	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
44 McNeill, Mike	TE	6-4	240	So.	Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood)	99 Turner, Barry	DE	6-3	265	Sr.	Antioch, Tenn. (Brentwood Academy)

Three things to watch

1 They've been working together every day in practice, but Jacob Hickman and Joe Ganz still haven't had the chance to execute the perfect center-to-quarterback snap in a live game setting. — **Jon Nyatawa**

2 Let's go out on a limb and say the full-back gets the football. Going off the last four years, any Thomas Lawson carry at least would have the element of surprise. — **Rich Kaipust**

3 Keep an eye on Mike Ekeler, the Huskers' excitable, 36-year-old linebackers coach who may require restraints to stay in place on the sideline in his first game as a full-time college assistant. — **Mitch Sherman**

WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

1	Biggers, E.J.	CB	6-0	180	Sr.	North Miami Beach, FL (North Miami Beach High School)	46	Lefere, Patrick	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Jackson, MI (Jackson Lumen Christi High School)
1	Wiggins, Doug	S	5-11	197	So.	North Miami Beach, FL (North Miami Beach High School)	46	Stephen, Desman	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	Flint, MI (Central High School)
2	West, Brandon	RB	5-10	188	Jr.	Brunswick, GA (Camden County High School)	47	Zajac, Mitch	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	Holt, MI (Holt High School)
3	Hiller, Tim	QB	6-5	228	Jr.	Orrville, OH (Orrville High School)	48	Braska, Justin	DE	6-4	234	Jr.	DeWitt, MI (DeWitt High School)
4	Murray, Jamelle	WR	5-8	167	So.	Delray, FL (Atlantic High School)	50	Lackner, Kyle	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	Naperville, IL (Naperville North High School)
5	Lawrence, Deshon	WR	6-0	175	RFr.	College Park, GA (Westlake High School)	51	Porter, Harrison	LB	6-0	200	So.	Fort Lauderdale, FL (Dillard High School)
6	Fryar, Londen	CB	5-11	192	Sr.	Jobstown, NJ (Holy Cross High School)	52	Smith, Joe	LB	5-10	230	Fr.	Three Rivers, MI (Mendon High School)
7	Simpson, Jamie	RB	6-1	237	Fr.	Dowagiac, MI (Dowagiac Union High School)	53	Pickens, Matt	LB	6-0	215	So.	Woodstock, GA (Etowah High School)
8	Dawsey, Kelly	CB	6-0	177	Fr.	Valdosta, GA (Lowndes High School)	54	Marshall, Greg	DE	6-0	245	Sr.	Portage, MI (Northern High School)
9	Delmas, Louis	FS	5-11	196	Sr.	North Miami Beach, FL (North Miami Beach High School)	55	Scott, Doug	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic High School)
10	Reedy, Dennis	QB	6-2	199	Sr.	South Lyon, MI (South Lyon High School)	57	Byrne, Ryan	DT	6-0	275	Fr.	Woodstock, GA (Etowah High School)
11	Julien, Schneider	WR	5-10	175	Sr.	Miami, FL (Foothill College)	58	Pethan, Lee	OL	6-4	285	RFr.	Hilbert, WI (Hilbert High School)
12	Arnheim, Robert	QB	6-2	195	RFr.	Orlando, FL (Edgewater High School)	59	Duclo, Dustin	LB	5-10	225	Sr.	Southgate, MI (Anderson High School)
14	Carder, Alex	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	Shawnee, KS (Shawnee Mission NW High School)	60	Mitchell, Nick	OL	6-1	290	So.	Palatine, IL (William Friend High School)
15	Dorcely, Andy	FS	6-0	194	Jr.	Miami, FL (North Miami Beach High School)	61	Clemens, Nick	OL	6-4	307	So.	Waukegan, WI (Waukegan High School)
16	Williams, Anthony	TE	6-2	230	So.	Miami, FL (Miami Edison High School)	62	Galeher, Kevin	OT	6-5	295	Fr.	Evergreen Park, IL (St. Rita High School)
17	Potter, John	K	6-2	195	Fr.	Grand Haven, MI (Grand Haven High School)	63	Wasikowski, Paul	OG	6-3	291	Jr.	Cudahy, WI (Cudahy High School)
18	Burdi, Drew	QB	6-1	198	So.	Downers Grove, IL (Downers Grove High School)	64	Jaeger, Sam	OL	6-5	321	Fr.	Westville, IN (Chesterton High School)
19	Price, Josh	CB	6-0	195	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL (Terry Parker High School)	65	Swanson, Phillip	OL	6-4	307	So.	Grand Haven, MI (Grand Haven High School)
20	Clark, Caleb	WR	6-2	212	Jr.	Calgary, AB (Bow Valley High School)	66	Kelly, Chris	K	5-10	210	Jr.	Walled Lake, MI (Walled Lake High School)
21	Simpson, Ravelle	CB	5-10	175	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH (Colerain High School)	67	Johnson, Rob	OT	6-4	338	Sr.	Grand Blanc, MI (Grand Blanc High School)
22	Thompson, Glenis	RB	5-8	210	Jr.	West Palm Beach, FL (Palm Beach Lake High School)	68	Cielenski, Cody	DT	6-2	280	Jr.	Downers Grove, IL (North High School)
23	Winchester, Aaron	RB	5-9	190	Fr.	North Miami Beach, FL (North Miami Beach High School)	69	Harrington, Tom	LS	6-0	223	Jr.	Chicago, IL (St. Rita High School)
25	Jagels, Alex	QB	6-3	210	So.	Rochester, MI (Rochester High School)	71	Hamilton, Howard	OL	6-5	270	Fr.	Southfield, MI (Southfield High School)
25	Lewis, David	CB	5-10	170	So.	Deerfield Beach, FL (Deerfield Beach High School)	72	Parker, Anthony	OL	6-5	305	RFr.	Miami, FL (North Miami Beach High School)
26	Morris, Caleb	K	6-0	210	So.	Coudersport, PA (Maryland) (Coudersport High School)	73	Fretz, Kevin	OL	6-3	233	Fr.	Kalamazoo, MI (Kalamazoo Central High School)
26	Wilson, C.J.	FS	6-2	206	Sr.	Chicago, IL (North Chicago High School)	75	Starley, Alex	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Winter Park, FL (Lake Howell High School)
27	Simmons, Jamarko	WR	6-2	234	Sr.	Flint, MI (Central High School)	76	Ellingsen, Steve	OT	6-4	307	Sr.	Crown Point, IN (Crown Point High School)
27	Stewart, Vernon	SS	5-11	190	RFr.	Canton, MI (Plymouth High School)	77	Lochmann, Matt	OT	6-4	299	Jr.	Hartland, WI (Arrowhead High School)
28	Dixon, Keith	CB	6-1	185	RFr.	Flint, MI (Harmony Prep School)	79	Jack, Jonathan	OL	6-6	340	RFr.	Matteson, IL (Marian Catholic High School)
29	Gajos, Scott	LB	6-0	223	Sr.	Warren, MI (Fitzgerald High School)	80	Kashama, Fernand	DE	6-3	221	Sr.	Toronto, Ontario (Notre Dame Secondary School)
30	Wallace, Dervon	SS	6-0	180	RFr.	Stone Mountain, GA (Tower High School)	80	Riley, E.J.	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Portage, MI (Portage Central High School)
31	Dreher, Paul	TE	6-5	260	Fr.	Buchanan, MI (Niles High School)	81	Nunez, Juan	WR	6-0	172	So.	Miami, FL (Miami Carol City High School)
32	O'Neill, James	TE	6-5	234	So.	Grand Haven, MI (Grand Haven High School)	82	Ledbetter, Branden	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL (Saint Thomas Aquinas High School)
33	Armstrong, Mario	SS	6-0	188	So.	Warner Robbins, GA (Northside High School)	83	White, Jordan	WR	6-0	206	So.	North Ridgeville, OH (North Ridgeville High School)
34	Berry, Jamail	SS	6-0	190	So.	New Castle, DE (Coffeyville Community College)	84	Stevens, Matt	TE	6-4	243	Jr.	Wheaton, IL (Warrenville South High School)
34	Monette, Eric	WR	6-5	180	Fr.	Portage, MI (Portage Central High School)	85	Hammond, Blake	TE	6-5	236	Fr.	Mokena, IL (Lincoln Way East High School)
35	Pritchard, Austin	LB	6-4	233	Jr.	Lebanon, OH (Lebanon High School)	86	Hinds, Scott	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Fort Myers, FL (Fort Myers Highland High School)
36	Balice, Tim	P	5-11	195	So.	Ionia, MI (Ionia High School)	87	Zipfel, Jeff	TE	6-6	215	Fr.	Ixon, WI (Kettle Moraine High School)
36	Deshazor, Jaron	RB	5-8	190	RFr.	Portage, MI (Central High School)	89	Patterson, Seth	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	Round Rock, TX (Stony Point High School)
37	Armer, Ben	P	5-10	201	RFr.	Janesville, WI (Parker High School)	90	Davidson, Zach	DE	6-2	257	Sr.	Racine, WI (Washington Park High School)
37	Bunbury, Brooks	K	5-8	188	So.	Leland, MI (Central High School)	91	Nemeth, Grant	DT	6-2	270	Sr.	Wheaton, IL (Warrenville South High School)
38	Prom, Chris	LB	6-4	220	Fr.	Saukville, WI (Port Washington High School)	92	Nowak, Drew	DT	6-4	250	Fr.	Green Bay, WI (De Pere High School)
39	Ross, Waymon	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	Marathon, FL (Marathon High School)	93	Russell, John	DT	6-3	269	Sr.	Loganville, GA (The Hun School)
40	Elsworth, Kirk	RB	6-0	225	Sr.	Goodrich, MI (Goodrich High School)	94	Lегrier, Deauntay	DE	6-1	240	Fr.	Rochelle, GA (Wilcox County High School)
40	Murphy, Matt	LB	6-1	217	So.	Palos Heights, IL (Drake) (St. Rita High School)	95	Pyant, Chris	DT	6-3	269	So.	Farmington Hills, MI (Harrison High School)
41	Krasinski, Dan	LB	6-0	212	Jr.	Mattawan, MI (Mattawan High School)	96	Beiffer, Weston	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	Chaska, MN (Chaska High School)
42	Baliko, Chad	TE	6-3	239	Jr.	Fenton, MI (Brighton High School)	97	Bishop, Freddie	DE	6-4	247	Fr.	Inkster, MI (Carleton Airport High School)
42	Polmanteer, Jason	LB	6-4	235	Fr.	Battle Creek, MI (Gull Lake High School)	98	Flom, Cory	DT	6-4	276	Sr.	Prior Lake, MN (Academy of Holy Angels)
43	McCornell, Boston	LB	6-1	233	Sr.	Macon, GA (Georgia Military College)	99	Varcadipane, Nick	DT	6-2	285	Sr.	Totowa, NJ (Passaic Valley High School)
45	Vernon, Shaun	LB	5-11	220	RFr.	Lake Orion, MI (Lake Orion High School)							

NU-WMU matchups

NU RUSH OFFENSE VS. WESTERN MICHIGAN RUSH DEFENSE

There's little doubt the Huskers intend to run the football. Nebraska's offensive line is its top strength. Next on that list? Probably the running backs, headed by senior Marlon Lucky. The improvement of Quentin Castille and ability of Roy Helu rank as two of the most exciting offensive elements for NU. The Broncos are strong up front, but Nebraska, if the gameplan works, will impose its will in the second half.

Advantage: Nebraska

NU PASS OFFENSE VS. WESTERN MICHIGAN PASS DEFENSE

With his knowledge of the offense and brimming confidence as a fifth-year senior, returning starter Joe Ganz is fully capable of an aerial attack. In this season opener, though, NU is out to make a statement. And it's doubtful that much of it involves an assault on the passing records that Ganz rewrote late last year. Questions about depth and experience surround the NU receivers, and the WMU secondary is stocked with solid seniors.

Advantage: Western Michigan

WESTERN MICHIGAN RUSH OFFENSE VS. NU RUSH DEFENSE

To be sure, Brandon West, the Broncos' junior running back, can move the ball against Nebraska. West runs behind a suspect line, but the threat of Tim Hiller's strong arm should help. Nebraska is experienced up front on defense, with four returning starters, and should be much improved. And as you may remember, the key to a Bo Pelini-directed defense are the linebackers, where NU appears inexperienced but hungry.

Advantage: Nebraska

WESTERN MICHIGAN PASS OFFENSE VS. NU PASS DEFENSE

Hiller, Western Michigan's junior quarterback, enjoyed a strong preseason camp. Apparently, he has cut down on the errant throws that led to 15 interceptions last season. This side of Missouri, NU won't face a better tight end-wide receiver combo than Branden Ledbetter and Jamarko Simmons. The Huskers need to generate a pass rush up front and hope safeties Larry Asante, Rickey Thenarse and Matt O'Hanlon can cause a turnover or two.

Advantage: Western Michigan

SPECIAL TEAMS

More often than not, refinement in the kicking game slips through the cracks under a first-year coaching staff overwhelmed with implementing other schemes. Not likely for the Huskers, who didn't miss a field goal last year and return a senior punter. There are questions about the return specialists but also many good athletes from which to choose. The Broncos arrive in Lincoln with a pair of strong legs, but punter Ben Armer and place-kicker John Potter have never kicked in a college game.

Advantage: Nebraska



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Our take Under a microscope, this game appears much more even than at surface level. Western Michigan, position by position, can match the Huskers. In fact, it beats Nebraska at several spots. But the timing here is unfortunate for the Broncos, who have played in many hostile environments, but probably nothing — on an emotional level — that can match the setting for Pelini's debut. Expect the Broncos to withstand the initial NU surge but fail in the second half to match Nebraska's intensity.