

Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas

#79 ▶ Offensive Line

Honolulu, Hawaii (Farrington/Coll. of San Francisco)

Senior | 6-5 | 315

2005 Outlook

One of the largest members of the Husker football team, senior offensive tackle Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas looks to earn a starting position in his second season at Nebraska. The 6-5, 315-pound Hawaii native enters fall camp listed atop the depth chart at right tackle. Thomas joined the Husker program from the junior college ranks shortly after the start of fall camp. He played just a handful of snaps in the season opener against Western Illinois and did not see additional action. He has spent the off-season working hard to get to a more manageable playing weight.

2004 (Junior)

Thomas played against Western Illinois, but missed the rest of the year with an injury.

Before Nebraska (Farrington HS/College of San Francisco)

Thomas came to Lincoln from the City College of San Francisco, where he started every game at offensive tackle in 2003 to help the Rams to a perfect 12-0 record and the California junior college state championship. The Rams outscored their opponents 520-81 in 2003. Thomas and his Rams teammates defeated Grossmont College, quarterbacked by Jordan Adams, 38-35 in the state championship game.

Thomas helped the Rams and Coach George Rush put up prolific offensive numbers. Thomas played guard as a freshman and helped City College of San Francisco to a 10-2 record and an appearance in the Hawaiian Punch Bowl. Thomas earned All-NorCal honors as a sophomore and was voted the most improved offensive lineman on the team.

Before his career at the City College of San Francisco, Thomas played two years of high school ball at Farrington High School in Honolulu. He started on the offensive line for Coach Harold Tanaka and helped Farrington reach the state playoffs. Thomas chose Nebraska over Oregon State, Oregon and Utah.

Personal

Thomas is the son of Seraphine Fuamatu and was born on Feb. 4, 1983. He is majoring in sociology.



Adam Furtwengler

#57 ▶ Linebacker

Corpus Christi, Texas (W.B. Ray)

R Fr. | 6-1 | 225

- ▶ 2005 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- ▶ 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

2005 Outlook

Linebacker Adam Furtwengler joined the Nebraska program last fall after going through a walk-on tryout. Furtwengler redshirted in his first year in the program and this fall will provide depth at the Sam linebacker position behind junior Stewart Bradley and senior Adam Ickes. Furtwengler carries a 3.158 grade-point average in pre-medicine and has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll twice.

2004 (Redshirt)

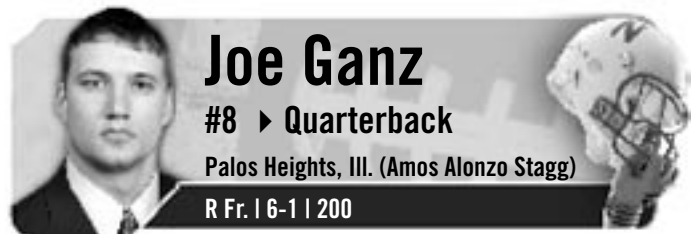
Furtwengler earned a spot on the roster through a walk-on tryout and redshirted in his first season.

Before Nebraska (W.B. Ray HS)

Furtwengler played both linebacker and fullback at W.B. Ray High School in Corpus Christi, Texas. Furtwengler was an academic all-state selection and was also named the All-South Texas Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore, in addition to All-District, All-Bay Area and All-Metro honors during his sophomore and senior seasons. Furtwengler lettered three years each in football, basketball and track.

Personal

Furtwengler is the son of Dell Furtwengler and Louanne Tilton, and was born on Sept. 18, 1985. Adam is majoring in pre-medicine and has twice been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. Furtwengler has volunteered his time with local school and hospital visits and with the Chalk Talk Youth Football Program.



Joe Ganz

#8 ▶ Quarterback

Palos Heights, Ill. (Amos Alonzo Stagg)

R Fr. | 6-1 | 200

- ▶ 2004 Nebraska Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year
- ▶ 2005 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- ▶ 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

2005 Outlook

Redshirt freshman Joe Ganz stood out as Nebraska's scout team quarterback in 2004, and this fall looks to contribute for the Huskers. Ganz's efforts in simulating the opposing quarterback earned him Offensive Scout Team Player-of-the-Year honors last season. He continued his strong play in the spring and will enter fall camp looking to push for the No. 2 quarterback position.

Ganz is off to a strong start in the classroom, earning recognition on the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.

2004 (Redshirt)

Ganz redshirted in his first season and was NU's Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year.

Before Nebraska (Amos Alonzo Stagg HS)

Ganz was a dual threat as a three-year starter at quarterback for Amos Alonzo Stagg High School in Palos Hills, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. Ganz threw for 3,428 yards in his career and rushed for another 1,328 yards.

As a senior, Ganz completed 60 percent of his passes for about 1,250 yards and 10 touchdowns, while adding 600 yards and 11 touchdowns on the ground. He guided Stagg to a 6-4 record and a second consecutive state playoff appearance. During his junior campaign, Ganz completed better than 60 percent of his passes for 1,400 yards, leading his team to a 10-3 record and a state semifinal appearance. Ganz also started three seasons at safety for Stagg.

Ganz earned Class 7A all-state honors from the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association, was a first-team all-conference (SICA Gray) and all-area pick. As a junior, he earned second-team all-state, all-conference and all-area recognition and was a two-time team MVP. Ganz chose Nebraska over Eastern Michigan and Northwestern. In addition to football, Ganz also lettered three times in baseball at Stagg. In 2003, he batted .480 with seven homers and 38 RBIs from his shortstop position. He hit .420 with eight homers and 45 RBIs to earn all-state honors as a senior.

Personal

The son of Mike and Debbie Ganz, Joe was born in Palos Heights, Ill., on Dec. 6, 1985. He has not declared a major, but was a Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll selection each of his first two semesters and carries a 3.052 grade-point average.