



# Titus Adams

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Defensive Tackle | Senior | 6-3 | 300 | Three Letters | Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)

- ▶ 2004 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team
- ▶ 2003 First-Team Academic All-Big 12

- ▶ 2003 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- ▶ 2002 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

## 2005 Outlook

Titus Adams enters his senior season as one of Nebraska's most battle-tested defensive players, having appeared in 37 games in his career. After two seasons as a key reserve, the Omaha native stepped into the starting lineup at defensive tackle last season, and teamed with Le Kevin Smith to give the Blackshirts a solid interior defense.

This fall Adams and Smith, two of three returning senior Blackshirts, are again expected to hold down the inside. Their presence makes the Nebraska front four, which returns three starters, one of the strengths of the Husker defense.

The 6-3, 300-pounder played in all 11 games last season, including 10 starting assignments. He finished the season with 37 tackles, including eight tackles for loss and added nine quarterback hurries. He was a key part of a defense that ranked 11th nationally against the rush, allowing 104.0 yards per game.

An extremely athletic player for his size, Adams split his sophomore campaign between defensive end and tackle, and excelled as a pass rusher. Adams played inside at tackle in 2002, and appeared in 13 games, finishing his redshirt freshman campaign with 21 tackles, including a pair of sacks. He redshirted in 2001.

Adams is an excellent representative of the Nebraska football program in the classroom and the community. He is a regular participant in the Huskers' extensive community outreach programs, and is on track to earn his degree in business administration this December. He was also a first-team academic All-Big 12 selection in 2003.

## 2004 (Junior)

Adams played in all 11 games, with 10 starts and his only non-start at Texas Tech against the Red Raiders' pass-happy offensive attack. He finished his junior season with 37 tackles, including 17 unassisted stops. He made eight tackles for loss, totaling nine yards. His eight TFLs ranked fifth on the team.

Adams opened the season with a career-high tying five tackles against Western Illinois, when he also racked up three tackles for loss. Adams also made five stops against Baylor, including two tackles for loss. The junior made four tackles each against Southern Miss and Pittsburgh, and made at least two tackles in all 11 games. He had nine quarterback hurries on the season to rank third on the team, including a career-high three at Pittsburgh.

## 2003 (Sophomore)

Adams played in all 13 games as a second-team defensive end, while moving inside to tackle in passing situations. He finished the year with 27 tackles, including 11 unassisted stops, led by a season-high five tackles at Texas. Adams showed a nose for the football with two interceptions and a pair of fumble recoveries. He returned an interception against Texas A&M three yards for a touchdown to give

### Adams' 2004 Game-by-Game

Game	UT	AT	TI	TFL
W. Illinois	2	3	5	3-3
Southern Miss	2	2	4	0-0
at Pittsburgh	1	3	4	0-0
Kansas	1	2	3	1-3
at Texas Tech	2	1	3	0-0
Baylor	2	3	5	2-2
at Kansas St.	0	2	2	0-0
Missouri	1	1	2	1-0
at Iowa State	3	0	3	0-0
at Oklahoma	2	1	3	1-1
Colorado	1	2	3	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8-9</b>

NU a 48-6 lead in the fourth quarter. Adams' pick capped a school-record tying eight-takeaway day for the Blackshirt defense. Adams added his second interception of the year at Texas.

Adams opened the year with four tackles in a 17-7 win over Oklahoma State, then made his only 2003 start against Utah State at defensive tackle in place of the injured Le Kevin Smith. He responded with three tackles, a quarterback hurry and recovered a fumble in NU's 31-7 win. Adams added his second fumble recovery of the season in the second quarter against Troy State. In addition to an interception at Texas, Adams tied his career high with five tackles, and had four tackles and a season-high two hurries a week later in a 24-3 win at Kansas.

Adams' athleticism prompted the Husker coaching staff to give him time on offense. The Omaha native lined up in a tight end spot in a power set, and was the intended receiver on a goal-line play at Colorado.

## 2002 (Redshirt Freshman)

Adams played in 13 games and made 21 tackles, with a season-high five stops vs. Utah State, and four each against Kansas and McNeese State. He had three tackles for loss for 18 yards, including two sacks for 17 yards, and six hurries. Adams had an eight-yard sack against Utah State and caused an interception. His second sack came against Kansas when he also had a quarterback hurry that caused an interception. He filled in at rush end against Kansas when the Huskers were hit hard by injury at the position.

## 2001 (Redshirt)

A highly touted in-state prospect, Adams redshirted in 2001.

## Before Nebraska (Creighton Prep HS)

Adams was a two-time All-Nebraska defensive lineman for Coach Tom Jaworski at Omaha Creighton Prep High School. He was a three-year starter and helped the Junior Jays to a Class A state title in 1999 and a runner-up finish in 2000.

Adams made 81 tackles as a senior, including 12 tackles for loss, seven sacks and 15 quarterback hurries. He was a two-year Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska selection and the honorary defensive captain in 2000. Adams was a two-time Lincoln Journal Star Super-State honoree and that publication's Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. He also earned All-America honors from Parade, PrepStar, Student Sports and Rivals.com. Adams attended Big Red Football School in 2000. He was also recruited by Tennessee and Iowa State, but only visited Nebraska.

## Personal

The son of Frances Adams and Jerry Johnson, Titus was born on Jan. 28, 1983. His stepmother is Diane Johnson. Adams is majoring in business administration and was a first-team academic All-Big 12 pick in 2003. He is expected to complete his undergraduate work in December of 2005. Adams has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll twice during his Nebraska career.

He was named to the 2004 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team for his work in the community. Adams has been involved in a number of community outreach activities, including American Education Week, School is Cool Week, and was a volunteer speaker at Omaha's St. James School and the Quality Living Program in Omaha.

## Career Statistics and Personal Bests

Defense Year	(-----Tackles-----)				Fum.				QB Int.			
	G/S	UT	AT	TI	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
2001												
	Redshirted											
2002	13/0	6	15	21	3-18	2-17	0-0	0	0	0	6	2
2003	13/1	11	16	27	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	1	2-6	3	0
2004	11/10	17	20	37	8-9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	9	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37/11</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>11-27</b>	<b>2-17</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>

2002 Independence Bowl vs. Ole Miss: Tackles, none

2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Michigan State: Tackles, 0 UT, 1 AT, 1 TT

### Single-Game Bests:

Tackles—5, four times most recently vs. Baylor, 2004

Solo Tackles—4 vs. Utah State, 2002

Sacks—1 vs. Utah State, 2002, vs. Kansas, 2002

Tackles for Loss—3 vs. Western Illinois, 2004

QB Hurries—3 at Pittsburgh, 2004

Interceptions—1, vs. Texas A&M, 2003, at Texas, 2003

Fumble Recoveries—1 vs. Utah State, 2003, vs. Troy State, 2003

Touchdowns—3-yard interception return vs. Texas A&M, 2003