



Todd Peterson

#17 ▶ Wide Receiver

Grand Island, Neb. (Central Catholic)

R Fr. | 6-4 | 205

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

2005 Outlook

Wide receiver Todd Peterson looks to enter the battle for playing time as a redshirt freshman this fall. A walk-on from Grand Island Central Catholic, Peterson redshirted in his first season in the program and was a valuable member of Nebraska's scout team. Peterson had an outstanding first year of school, posting a 3.756 grade-point average in two semesters.

2004 (Redshirt)

A walk-on, Peterson redshirted in his first year at Nebraska.

Before Nebraska (Grand Island Central Catholic HS)

Peterson was an outstanding three-sport athlete in high school, lettering four times in football, basketball and track. He earned Class C-1 all-state honors in football, and was also a second-team All-Nebraska selection, while claiming all-conference and all-district accolades. He was a three-time member of the Grand Island Independent's Heartland Super Squad. He set Grand Island Central Catholic records for career receptions and receiving yards, while also setting the single-season receiving yardage mark as a senior. He also tied the school mark for career interceptions with 10 and was a key special teams player.

In basketball, Peterson finished as the second-leading scorer in school history. He also qualified in four events at the state track meet his senior year. He set the school record with a high jump of 6-8 1/2, while adding a school-best mark in the 55-meter intermediate hurdles. He was a member of a school-record 4x100-meter relay squad, and set the school mark for career points scored on the track. Grand Island Central Catholic won the Class C-1 state title in 2004. Peterson also excelled in the classroom, earning academic all-state honors in all three sports. He finished his senior year with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and ranked first in his class.

Personal

The son of Ron and Becky Peterson, Todd was born Oct. 26, 1985, in Grand Island, Neb. He is majoring in pre-physical therapy at Nebraska and was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first two semesters.



J.B. Phillips

#85 ▶ Tight End

Colleyville, Texas (Heritage)

Soph. | 6-3 | 255 | One Letter

- ▶ 2004 First-Team Academic All-Big 12
- ▶ Nebraska's Most Improved Offensive Player (Spring, 2005)
- ▶ Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2003, 2004)
- ▶ Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2005)

2005 Outlook

Sophomore J.B. Phillips was an important situational player at tight end for the Huskers last season, but figures to play a more prominent role in 2005. The 6-3, 255-pound Phillips provides a physical blocking presence at the point of attack and was used as a lead blocker in many of the Huskers' rushing packages in 2004. Phillips' role grew late last season when Matt Herian was sidelined with a broken leg and Herian's absence in the spring resulted in more repetitions for Phillips, who made the most of the opportunity. Phillips' strong play was evident in the fact that he earned Nebraska's Most Improved Offensive Player Award for the spring.

Phillips played in all 11 games and had his first career start in the regular-season finale against Colorado. A standout in the classroom, Phillips carries a 3.686 cumulative grade-point average in marketing. Phillips redshirted in 2003.

2004 (Redshirt Freshman)

Phillips played in all 11 games as a reserve tight end behind junior Matt Herian and senior Dusty Keiser. Phillips had his first career start against Colorado and was a key lead blocker in Nebraska's rushing attack. He did not have a reception.

2003 (Redshirt)

Phillips suited up for several games, but redshirted in his first year at Nebraska.

Before Nebraska (Colleyville Heritage HS)

Phillips caught about 20 passes in 2002 for Colleyville Heritage High School, which featured a run-based offense. He was also dominant as a blocker, helping his team to a 9-2 record and a state playoff appearance in the Texas 5-A ranks. Phillips started on both sides of the ball for Coach Chris Cunningham in 2002, lining up at defensive end and recording eight sacks.

Phillips earned second-team 5-A all-state honors from the Texas Sportswriters Association as a tight end. He was a first-team all-district pick on both sides of the ball as a senior, earning first-team Northeast Tarrant County honors and second-team all-area honors as a tight end. The Dallas Morning News ranked him as the No. 40 player on its list of top 100 area players. As a junior, Phillips played offensive guard and defensive end and earned all-district honors for his play on offense, helping his team to a 10-2 record and a state playoff appearance.

Phillips lettered in track as a junior and senior and also earned a letter in powerlifting. He was a member of the school's National Honor Society, was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and completed high school with better than a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average. He chose Nebraska over Big 12 schools Kansas State, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M.

Personal

Phillips' full name is James Brian Phillips II. The son of Jim and Kyle Phillips, J.B. was born on May 23, 1985. He is majoring in marketing and owns a 3.686 cumulative GPA. Phillips has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll each of his first four semesters. Phillips has volunteered his time with the Ventures in Partnership Program and on local hospital visits.



Gary Pike

#56 ▶ Offensive Line

Pueblo, Colo. (Centennial)

Senior | 6-4 | 330 | One Letter

- ▶ Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2001, 2002)
- ▶ Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2002, 2003)

2005 Outlook

Senior offensive lineman Gary Pike is coming off a strong performance in spring practice and is hopeful of earning playing time this fall. A year ago, Pike served as the top backup to Kurt Mann at center, but he spent most of the spring at guard and enters fall camp as a reserve at that position. He is capable of playing all the offensive line spots. Pike played in 10 contests last season, his first action as a Husker. The Pueblo, Colo., native is scheduled to complete his undergraduate work in physics and math this December.

2004 (Junior)

Pike played in 10 games as a backup to Kurt Mann at center, and also on NU's PAT and field goal units. The only game Pike did not play came vs. Southern Miss.

2003 (Sophomore)

Pike was a reserve offensive lineman, but did not see game action.

2002 (Redshirt Freshman)

Pike was a reserve offensive tackle, but did not appear in any games.

2001 (Redshirt)

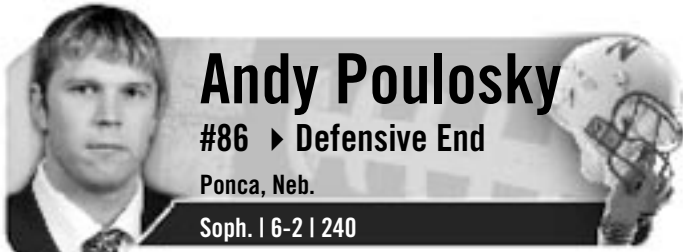
A scholarship recruit, Pike sat out as a redshirt in his first season.

Before Nebraska (Centennial HS)

Pike started on both sides of the ball for three seasons at Centennial High School in Pueblo, Colo. Pike earned first-team all-state honors as a senior from the *Rocky Mountain News* and the *Denver Post* for Coach Troy Niccoli. Pike averaged 11 pancakes per game as a senior in 2000, and also starred on defense with 38 tackles and four sacks. He made 87 tackles in his junior season. Pike attended Big Red Football School and committed to the Huskers in the summer of 2000. He was also recruited by Stanford, Colorado, Colorado State and Notre Dame. Pike was an honor roll student at Centennial and started for the basketball team as a junior.

Personal

The son of Gary Sr. and Leslie Pike, Gary Jr. was born on Nov. 15, 1982. He owns a 3.069 cumulative grade-point average and will graduate with a degree in physics and math this December.



Andy Poulosky

#86 ▶ Defensive End

Ponca, Neb.

Soph. | 6-2 | 240

2005 Outlook

Sophomore Andy Poulosky adds depth to a solid group of Husker defensive ends and hopes to push for playing time in 2005. Poulosky enters fall camp listed as a reserve behind Jay Moore at the Huskers' open end position. A native of Ponca, Neb., Poulosky saw action in the season opener last season, after redshirting in 2003.

2004 (Redshirt Freshman)

Poulosky played against Western Illinois, but did not have a tackle.

2003 (Redshirt)

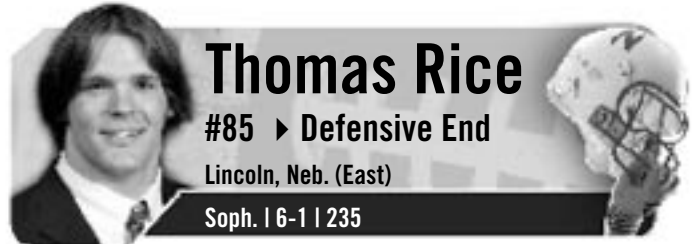
A walk-on, Poulosky redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

Before Nebraska (Ponca HS)

Poulosky attended Ponca High School, and finished second in team tackles and first in receiving as a senior for Coach Mitch Elbert. Poulosky was a four-year letterwinner, and qualified for the state football playoffs in his freshman and senior years. On the basketball floor, Poulosky was part of a state runner-up team his freshman year, and qualified for the state tournament again as a senior. He also qualified for the state track meet in the shot put and discus as a senior.

Personal

Andy is the son of Mark and Fran Poulosky, and was born on May 14, 1984 in Sioux City, Iowa. He is majoring in psychology and has been active in the community, volunteering with School is Cool Week, the Dads of Kids with Disabilities Program, local hospital visits and as a speaker at Lincoln's Elliott Elementary School.



Thomas Rice

#85 ▶ Defensive End

Lincoln, Neb. (East)

Soph. | 6-1 | 235

▶ 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

2005 Outlook

Sophomore defensive end Thomas Rice adds depth to one of Nebraska's strongest positions. The Lincoln native enters fall camp listed as a backup behind junior Jay Moore at the open end position. Rice did not play in a game last season, after redshirting in 2003.

2004 (Redshirt Freshman)

Rice was a reserve defensive end, but did not play in a game.

2003 (Redshirt)

Rice walked on and redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

Before Nebraska (Lincoln East HS)

Rice earned all-conference, academic all-conference and academic all-state honors as a two-sport star at Lincoln East High School. He played offensive lineman and defensive end on the football field, and was a part of two state championship wrestling teams on the mat. Rice was named an All-American in wrestling following a sixth-place finish at the Greco Roman National Championships. He was a three-year letter winner in football, wrestling and track, and also lettered twice in music, and was a National Honor Society Member.

Personal

Rice is the son of Donlynn and Patrick Rice, and was born on Jan. 15, 1985. He is majoring in civil engineering at Nebraska, and was a member of the 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll. He has volunteered his time at Lincoln's Belmont Elementary School and with local hospital visits.



Brandon Rigoni

#24 ▶ Strong Safety

Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)

Junior | 5-6 | 180 | One Letter

▶ 2004 First-Team Academic All-Big 12

▶ 2004 Nebraska Special Teams Most Valuable Player

▶ Nebraska's Most Improved Special Teams Player (Spring, 2004)

▶ Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2003, 2004, 2005)

▶ Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2002, 2003, 2004)

2005 Outlook

Junior Brandon Rigoni (pronounced Rih-GO-nee) was the epitome of a special teams player as a sophomore last fall. Rigoni was often the first man on the scene on Nebraska's coverage units and for his efforts was honored as Nebraska's 2004 Special Teams MVP. He will once again be called on to play a key role on Nebraska's specialty units and enters the fall listed as the No. 3 strong safety behind seniors Daniel Bullocks and Shane Siegel.

Rigoni played in nine games and finished the year with seven special teams tackles. He first made an impression on the NU coaching staff during spring ball, when he was named the Most Improved Special Teams Player. Rigoni played in one game in 2003, after redshirting the previous year.

Rigoni has established himself as a standout in the classroom, being named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll each of his first six college semesters. Rigoni carries a 3.753 cumulative grade-point average and earned a perfect 4.0 in both the 2004 spring and fall semesters.