

## Jordan Adams

#7 ▶ Quarterback

Santee, Calif. (West Hills/Grossmont College)

Soph. | 6-3 | 200

### 2005 Outlook

Quarterback Jordan Adams arrived at Nebraska in the summer of 2004 as a highly touted junior college prospect. Adams was expected to compete for playing time at quarterback last season, but was forced to redshirt after having his spleen removed during training camp.

During the spring Adams played with the reserve units, but enters the fall hopeful of moving up the depth chart and getting in the mix for playing time. The 6-3, 200-pound Adams spent time in a West Coast system at California's Grossmont College before coming to Nebraska after just one season at the school.

### 2004 (Redshirt)

Adams sat out the season as a redshirt after August surgery.

### Before Nebraska (West Hills HS/Grossmont College)

Adams was one of three quarterbacks in Coach Bill Callahan's first Nebraska recruiting class. Adams played at Grossmont Community College in El Cajon, Calif., in 2003, where he shared time at quarterback for Coach Dave Jordan.

Grossmont reached the California state championship game, where it lost 38-35 to the City College of San Francisco, its only loss in a 13-1 season. Adams enjoyed an outstanding effort in that contest, coming off the bench to throw for 347 yards and three touchdowns. Adams started just one game in 2003, but made the most of the appearance. He completed a school-record 30 passes (42 attempts) for a Grossmont single-game record 531 yards and four touchdowns in a victory over Antelope Valley (Calif.) College to close a perfect regular season. Adams finished the year with 1,347 yards and 13 touchdowns, while completing 67 percent of his passes.

As a high school senior, Adams led West Hill to a 9-1 record, and earned Grossmont North first-team all-league honors and second-team All-East County honors. He completed 65 percent of his passes for 2,164 yards and 22 touchdowns. He was also his team's place-kicker and punter as a senior, and hit 33-of-34 PATs and made eight field goals. He added a long punt of 63 yards. He also started four games at quarterback for Coach Steve Sutton as a junior.

Adams was the East County league's leading passer as a senior, was named his team's special teams MVP and was the San Diego Union-Tribune's September 2001 Athlete of the Month. Adams was on the San Diego Union-Tribune 2001-02 All-Academic Team.

### Personal

Adams is the son of John and Dawn Adams and was born in San Diego on June 7, 1984. He is majoring in communication studies. Adams is a regular volunteer at local hospitals and has devoted his time to the Scouts Under Lights Program.



## Greg Austin

#65 ▶ Offensive Line

Cypress, Texas (Cypress-Fairbanks)

Junior | 6-1 | 290 | Two Letters

- ▶ 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team
- ▶ 2004 Second-Team Academic All-Big 12
- ▶ 2005 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll
- ▶ Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2003, 2004)

### 2005 Outlook

Offensive lineman Greg Austin has battled injuries throughout his first two years at Nebraska, but his improved health has Austin poised to make an impact during his junior season. The Cypress, Texas native heads into fall camp listed No. 1 on the

depth chart at left guard and is hopeful of earning a starting job in 2005.

The 6-1, 290-pound Austin played in all 11 games last season as a backup offensive guard and a key member of the Huskers' PAT and field goal units. His return to the field came after major surgery on his right knee midway through the 2003 campaign.

Austin showed immediate promise in his freshman season at Nebraska, using his impressive combination of strength and mobility to work his way into the offensive line rotation. Austin has been a success in the classroom and community at Nebraska. A business administration major, Austin carries a 3.181 cumulative grade-point average and was a second-team Academic All-Big 12 pick in 2004. He is also a three-time Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll member and was named to the 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team for his community outreach involvement.

### 2004 (Sophomore)

Austin played in all 11 games last season as a backup offensive guard and also served on the Huskers' PAT and field-goal units. Austin was Nebraska's top reserve guard, rotating behind starters Brandon Koch and Jake Andersen.

### 2003 (Freshman)

Austin was in Nebraska's regular offensive guard rotation against Troy State, Texas A&M, Iowa State and Texas. He suffered a knee injury the week of the Kansas game and was lost for the season.

### Before Nebraska (Cypress-Fairbanks HS)

Austin was one of six Texans in the 2003 recruiting class, the most Nebraska had signed from the Lone Star State in 13 years. He starred for a Cy-Fair team that was 7-4 in 2002, earned the tri-district championship and qualified for the Class 5-A (largest) state playoffs. Austin played offensive guard for Coach Ronny Peacock's squad as a senior after lining up at tackle as a junior. He earned honorable-mention all-district honors in 2002, despite missing half of the season with an injury. Austin graded out at 90 percent in Cy-Fair's offensive line system.

SuperPrep ranked Austin as the No. 66 prospect in the state of Texas. Austin attended Big Red Football School in 2002, and only visited Nebraska.

### Personal

Austin was born on Nov. 19, 1984, and is the son of Greg Sr. and Jacqueline Austin. Greg is a business administration major, and was named to the second-team academic All-Big 12 squad last season. Austin is a Multi-Cultural Representative to the 2005-06 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and has volunteered his time with the Special Olympics and as a visitor to several local hospitals and elementary schools.



## Adam Blankenship

#48 ▶ Defensive End

Tulsa, Okla. (Union)

R Fr. | 6-2 | 245

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

### 2005 Outlook

Defensive end Adam Blankenship impressed the Nebraska coaching staff as a redshirt last fall, and had a strong showing on the practice field this spring. Blankenship enters the fall listed as a reserve behind junior Jay Moore at the Huskers' open end position, and hopes to push for playing time this fall.

The 6-2, 245-pound Blankenship is one of four Oklahoma natives to sign with Nebraska since Bill Callahan took over as NU's head coach. Blankenship joined the Nebraska program from prep powerhouse Tulsa Union High School.

Blankenship is off to a strong start in the classroom, carrying a 3.181 grade-point average after two semesters of college.

### 2004 (Redshirt)

Blankenship redshirted in his first season in the Nebraska program.

## Before Nebraska (Union HS)

Blankenship was Nebraska's first signee from Oklahoma since 1998. He starred at annual powerhouse Tulsa Union High for his father, Bill Blankenship. The younger Blankenship earned first-team all-state honors from the Tulsa World and the Oklahoma Coaches Association (OCA) as a senior, while picking up second-team all-state honors from the Daily Oklahoman. Blankenship was also named the OCA Region 7 Male Athlete of the Year.

Blankenship was a first-team all-district (6A-3) selection and was chosen to participate in the 67th Annual Oil Bowl, matching all-star teams from Texas and Oklahoma. As a senior, he helped Union to a 12-1 record and a state semifinal appearance in Class 6A (largest) where Union was defeated by rival Jenks High School. Blankenship made 85 tackles, had 10 sacks and recovered three fumbles as a senior from his defensive end position. On offense, he rotated in at the tight end spot.

Union was a perfect 14-0 and captured the 6A state title during his junior year. He totaled 86 tackles, including eight sacks, and recovered four fumbles in Union's championship season, earning second-team all-state honors along the way.

Blankenship has two older brothers who have played Division I-A football. Caleb was a senior tight end at Tulsa in 2004, and Josh completed his career as a quarterback at Eastern Washington in 2002, after playing for three seasons at Tulsa. Adam's father, Bill, played quarterback for Tulsa in the 1970s. Adam was also a four-year letterman in track and finished second in the state in the shot put and fourth in the discus in 2004. Blankenship chose Nebraska over Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas, among others.

## Personal

Blankenship is the son of Bill and Angela Blankenship and was born on June 17, 1985. He has not declared a major.



## Lance Brandenburg

#40 ▶ Linebacker

Overland Park, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Soph. | 6-1 | 230 | One Letter

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

## 2005 Outlook

Sophomore Lance Brandenburg is among the leading contenders to fill the large shoes left by departed middle linebacker Barrett Ruud. Brandenburg will enter fall camp prepared to battle fellow sophomore Corey McKeon, junior Dontrell Moore and incoming freshman Phillip Dillard for the starting position. All that will be asked of the new starting MIKE linebacker is replacing Ruud, who left as Nebraska's all-time leading tackler and the No. 2 tackler in Big 12 history.

Brandenburg saw action in 10 games as a freshman, primarily on Nebraska's special teams units. The 6-1, 230-pounder has spent this off-season adding the needed strength to play inside in the Big 12. Brandenburg has excelled in the classroom since his arrival in Lincoln, compiling a 3.590 grade-point average.

## 2004 (Freshman)

Brandenburg played in every game except the season opener, primarily on special teams. He made three tackles, one each against Kansas State, Iowa State and Colorado. Brandenburg was NU's Special Teams Player of the Week at Kansas State.

## Before Nebraska (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Brandenburg racked up nearly 500 tackles in his career at Overland Park's St. Thomas Aquinas High School. He was a three-year starter on both sides of the ball, leading the offense as the starting quarterback. As a senior, Brandenburg recorded 123 tackles, three sacks and an interception, and helped Coach Kevin Kopecky's team to a 9-2 record in 2003. Aquinas reached the state quarterfinals in Class 5A (second largest) and both of its losses were to eventual state champion Blue Valley.

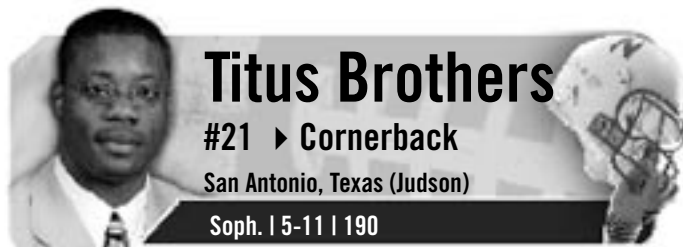
Brandenburg was twice named the Eastern Kansas League Defensive Player of the Year and twice earned first-team all-state honors from the Topeka Capital-Journal. He was also named to the Capital-Journal's all-state Super 11 and earned All-Metro honors from the Kansas City Star his last two years. Brandenburg broke

his own school record with 193 tackles, including seven sacks, as a junior. As Aquinas' quarterback he rushed for more than 800 yards and 11 touchdowns and threw for nearly 600 yards, leading Aquinas to the state semifinals. Brandenburg first established Aquinas' season tackle record as a sophomore, when he had 155 tackles to earn all-county honors. Following his senior season, Brandenburg was awarded the Ronald J. Warren Memorial Linebacker Award by the Greater Kansas City Coaches Association. He also participated in the Kansas-Missouri All-Star game.

Brandenburg played basketball for Aquinas his final three years of high school. He was also a standout in the classroom, producing a 97 percent average and earning recognition as a member of the National Honor Society. He picked Nebraska over Colorado, UCLA and Kansas.

## Personal

The son of Chuck and Barb Brandenburg, Lance was born on Aug. 4, 1985. He has not declared a major, but has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll in each of his first two semesters.



## Titus Brothers

#21 ▶ Cornerback

San Antonio, Texas (Judson)

Soph. | 5-11 | 190

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

## 2005 Outlook

Sophomore Titus Brothers saw limited action last season in the Nebraska secondary, but enters 2005 as a contender for a starting cornerback spot. Brothers played in Nebraska's first three games of the season, and made key plays in the Huskers' win at Pittsburgh. Brothers has good size at 5-11, 190 pounds and excellent speed, as evidenced by his off-season work with the Husker track team, running the 60 and 200 meters during the indoor season. Brothers redshirted in his first year in 2003.

## 2004 (Redshirt Freshman)

Brothers played in Nebraska's first three games of the season. At Pittsburgh, he was called on for significant action with both of NU's starting corners injured. Brothers responded with his only tackle of the year, and two pass breakups, including one on the game's final play that preserved a 24-17 road victory.

## 2003 (Redshirt)

Brothers redshirted during his first season at Nebraska.

## Before Nebraska (Judson HS)

Brothers played a key role in Judson High's 14-1 record and Class 5A (Texas' largest class) state championship in 2002. He intercepted two passes, had 18 pass breakups and recorded more than 30 tackles during Judson's title run. Brothers scored two touchdowns during his senior season, one on a fumble return and one on an interception return.

Brothers earned second-team all-district honors as a senior for Coach Jim Rackley. Brothers was a three-year letterman for Judson and started at cornerback as a junior. As a sophomore, he returned kickoffs and spent time at running back.

Brothers also racked up honors on the track for Judson. He was the district and regional champion in both the 100 and 200 meters and ran a leg on the school's district championship 4x100-meter relay team as a junior. He finished fifth in the state in the 100 meters and placed seventh in the 200. As a senior, Brothers was on the 4x200-meter relay squad that finished fifth at the Class 5A state meet, and ran a leg on the 4x100 squad that took eighth place at the state meet. He chose Nebraska over TCU and Arkansas, while he turned down an offer to run track at Texas A&M.

## Personal

Titus is the son of Sharon and Morris Brothers and was born on June 5, 1985. A psychology major, Brothers was named to the 2003 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll.