



Thomas Lawson

#36 ▶ I-Back

Parker, Colo. (Ponderosa)

R Fr. | 6-0 | 225

2005 Outlook

Thomas Lawson impressed Nebraska coaches last fall and again in the spring with his running ability, and will push for playing time in 2005. A physical back with excellent size (6-0, 225) Lawson could play either I-back or fullback, and is a candidate for duty in short-yardage situations. Lawson saw significant action at I-back during the spring, and capped the spring with nine carries for 28 yards in the Red-White Spring Game.

2004 (Redshirt)

Lawson was a walk-on and redshirted in his first season with the Huskers.

Before Nebraska (Ponderosa HS)

As a running back at Ponderosa High School in Colorado, Lawson helped his team to a state title as a senior in 2003. Lawson rushed for 1,800 yards for Coach James Woodruff and was named the MVP of the state championship game. Along with earning three letters in football, Lawson claimed three letters on the track, and also earned a spot on the principal's honor roll.

Personal

The son of Thomas and Paulinga Lawson, Thomas was born on April 14, 1986 in Evanston, Wyo. He has not declared a major.



Chris LeFlore

#35 ▶ Cornerback

Omaha, Neb. (Central)

Soph. | 5-10 | 210

2005 Outlook

Sophomore Chris LeFlore enters fall camp hoping to provide valuable depth at cornerback in a re-tooled Nebraska secondary. LeFlore, the younger brother of senior receiver Mark LeFlore, is listed as a reserve at the right corner position. The Huskers lost both 2004 starting corners, including senior Lornell McPherson and junior Fabian Washington who departed early for the NFL Draft. The LeFlore's are one of two brother combinations on the 2005 team, and part of a long-standing tradition of Omaha Central standouts in the Nebraska program.

2004 (Redshirt Freshman)

LeFlore was a reserve in the secondary, but did not see game action.

2003 (Redshirt)

A walk-on, LeFlore sat out as a redshirt in his first year at Nebraska.

Before Nebraska (Omaha Central HS)

LeFlore starred as a wide receiver and defensive back at Omaha Central High School for Coach Joe McMenamin. LeFlore earned honorable-mention all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald as a senior, when he had 307 yards receiving, including three touchdowns and made 34 tackles and three interceptions on defense. LeFlore helped the Eagles to the Class A state playoffs each of his three seasons. He also earned one letter in basketball and two in track, where he was part of one of the state's top 4x100-meter relay teams.

Personal

The son of Floretta and Mark LeFlore Sr., Chris was born on Aug. 23, 1985. He is majoring in communication studies and has volunteered his time with the Scouts Under Lights Program and in local hospital visits.



Newton Lingenfelter

#74 ▶ Offensive Line

Plainview, Neb.

Junior | 6-5 | 280

- ▶ Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2005)
- ▶ Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2002, 2004)

2005 Outlook

Junior Newton Lingenfelter has made steady progress throughout his Nebraska career and looks to earn playing time in 2005. A versatile player capable of playing several positions on the line, Lingenfelter is listed as a reserve at offensive tackle heading into fall camp. Lingenfelter has continued to add muscle to his 6-5 frame and now checks in at 280 pounds. His improvement was rewarded at the conclusion of spring practice when Head Coach Bill Callahan awarded the former walk-on a scholarship. Lingenfelter is strong in the classroom, carrying a 3.149 cumulative grade-point average.

Career

Lingenfelter was a backup on the line, but did not play in a game in 2004 or 2003. A former walk-on, Lingenfelter redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

Before Nebraska (Plainview HS)

Lingenfelter was a standout for co-coaches Dean Boyer and Bob Green at Plainview High School. Lingenfelter played offensive tackle and defensive end and earned honorable-mention all-state honors. His performance helped Plainview to the state playoffs in his freshman and sophomore seasons. Lingenfelter earned 11 total letters at Plainview, four each in football and track and three in basketball.

Personal

The son of Bob and Julie Lingenfelter, Newton was born on Sept. 8, 1983. Lingenfelter is majoring in mechanized systems management. He has been named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll four times in his career. His father, Bob, was an offensive lineman for the Huskers and lettered three seasons from 1974 to 1976.



Eric Lueshen

#91 ▶ Place-Kicker

Pierce, Neb.

Soph. | 6-2 | 190

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

2005 Outlook

Sophomore Eric Lueshen has served as a reserve place-kicker the past two seasons, but after a strong performance in spring practice finds himself in the mix for kicking duty this fall. Nebraska graduated senior Sandro DeAngelis in 2004, while David Dyches will return for his junior season after starting parts of the past two seasons. Lueshen is accomplished off the field, being named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll three times at Nebraska. He was also named to the 2005 Brook Berringer Citizenship Team for his community outreach work.

2004 (Redshirt Freshman)

Lueshen was a backup to Dyches and DeAngelis, but did not play in a game.

2004 (Redshirt)

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

Before Nebraska (Pierce HS)

Lueshen was a two-sport athlete at Pierce High School. In football, he served primarily as a place-kicker, but also contributed at tight end, split end and outside linebacker. He was a teammate of senior tight end Matt Herian, and helped Pierce to a pair of state runner-up finishes. Lueshen earned academic all-state honors his junior and senior years. He also lettered four times in track and field, and claimed a medal in the high jump at the 2003 Class B state track meet. He was an honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society.

Personal

The son of Kerwin and Beverley Lueshen, Eric was born on Aug. 1, 1984. Lueshen carries a 3.169 cumulative grade-point average in chemical engineering. Lueshen is extremely active in community outreach, volunteering his time with local hospital visits, Homestead Health Care and American Education Week.



Kevin Luhrs

#89 ▶ Defensive End

Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)

Soph. | 6-1 | 255

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

2005 Outlook

Defensive end Kevin Luhrs has yet to see action in a game with the Huskers, but enters his sophomore season with hopes of hitting the field. Luhrs enters fall camp as a reserve behind junior Adam Carriker at the base end position. Luhrs is a product of Nebraska high school powerhouse Omaha Creighton Prep, and has distinguished himself in the classroom at Nebraska, earning Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll selections in each of his first four semesters.

2004 (Redshirt Freshman)

Luhrs was a reserve at the defensive end position, but did not see game action.

2003 (Redshirt)

A walk-on, Luhrs redshirted in his first season with the Huskers.

Before Nebraska (Creighton Prep HS)

Luhrs was part of a strong football tradition at Omaha Creighton Prep High School. He was a member of four state qualifying teams, including the 2000 state runner-up squad. Luhrs played five different positions for Coach Tom Jaworski, and earned all-state and All-Metro honors from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star, and was voted Metro Coaches Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Luhrs' final high school game was at Memorial Stadium, when he served as the team captain for the North squad at the 2003 Shrine Bowl. He was also a team captain for the Bluejays in 2002, and went on to receive the U.S. Army Scholar-Athlete Award and Mid-City Bank Award. He was also named academic all-state and an academic All-Metro team captain as a senior. Luhrs is the fourth current Husker out of Creighton Prep High School, joining Titus Adams, Lane Kelly and Zach Potter.

Personal

The son of Robert and Susan Luhrs, Kevin was born on Sept. 29, 1984. Luhrs is majoring in nutritional science and dietetics and carries a 3.529 cumulative grade-point average. Luhrs has volunteered his time with hospital visits in the Lincoln and Omaha area and at Legacy Retirement Center.



Corey McKeon

#13 ▶ Linebacker

Naperville, Ill. (North)

Soph. | 6-1 | 225

2005 Outlook

Corey McKeon (pronounced Mc-CUE-in) made the most of his only game action in 2004, and this fall will be part of a spirited battle for the starting middle linebacker position. McKeon enters camp as one of the contenders for the starting MIKE linebacker job along with sophomore Lance Brandenburgh, junior Dontrell Moore and talented incoming freshman Phillip Dillard.

The 6-1, 225-pound McKeon played only in the season opener last year, but picked off a Western Illinois pass in the game. McKeon redshirted in 2003, after starring as a safety in the Illinois prep ranks.

2004 (Redshirt Freshman)

McKeon played late in the season opener against Western Illinois and intercepted a Leatherneck pass and returned it five yards for one of Nebraska's season-high five takeaways.

2003 (Redshirt)

McKeon redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

Before Nebraska (Naperville North HS)

McKeon starred at Naperville North High School, where he had 60 tackles and six interceptions as a safety in 2002. He returned two of the interceptions for touchdowns, including a 98-yarder. McKeon also played a key role on offense as a wide receiver and running back, totaling nearly 1,900 all-purpose yards and 22 touchdowns. Naperville North finished 2002 with a 9-2 record in Illinois' largest class.

McKeon played five positions overall for North in his three seasons. He earned first-team all-state honors from the IHSA, the Illinois High School Coaches Association and the Illinois Gazette. He was a two-time all-conference and all-area pick, and played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in January of 2003.

McKeon also played basketball for Naperville North, which finished with a 24-7 record. He averaged 21 points, eight rebounds and five assists, and earned all-area honors as a junior and all-conference accolades as a senior. McKeon chose Nebraska after visiting Purdue and Miami of Ohio.

Personal

Corey is the son of Larry and Sandy McKeon, and was born on Aug. 29, 1984. Larry, who is the head coach at Naperville North, played at Illinois, while three of Corey's uncles played Division I football. Corey is majoring in communication studies, and has volunteered time as a speaker for the Boy Scouts and during American Education Week.