



Grant Mulkey

#84 ▶ Wide Receiver

Arlington, Texas

Junior | 5-11 | 180 | Two Letters



2005 Outlook

Junior Grant Mulkey became a key receiver last season in Nebraska's West Coast Offense and should be a major part of the receiving corps again in 2005. Mulkey finished last season as Nebraska's fourth-leading receiver with 19 receptions. He will enter fall camp as a contender for playing time at the "Z" receiver spot and is also a leading contender for significant action as the Huskers' No. 1 "E" or third receiver. The 5-11, 180-pound Mulkey showed his toughness on several occasions last season, going across the middle to make catches in traffic.

A native of Arlington, Texas, Mulkey played in four games as a redshirt freshman in 2003, but did not have a catch. He redshirted in 2002.

2004 (Sophomore)

Mulkey played in all 11 games and was in the starting 11 when Nebraska opened in three-receiver sets against Western Illinois and Iowa State. He was fourth on the team with 19 receptions for 244 yards, a total that was also fourth on the team.

Mulkey opened the year with his first two career catches against Western Illinois, then had a season-high four catches for 43 yards, including a 14-yard touchdown against Southern Miss. Mulkey grabbed his second touchdown of the year on a 38-yard catch and run against Baylor, on a day when he had a career-best 75 receiving yards on three receptions. His 38-yard reception was the play that allowed Nebraska to surpass 300 yards passing for the first time in school history. Mulkey tied his season-high with four catches for 52 yards in the season finale with Colorado.

2003 (Redshirt Freshman)

Mulkey played in four games as a reserve wideout, but did not have a reception. He saw action against Southern Miss, Troy State, Texas A&M and Iowa State.

2002 (Redshirt)

A walk-on athlete, Mulkey redshirted his first season at Nebraska.

Before Nebraska (Arlington HS)

Mulkey came to Nebraska from Arlington (Texas) High School, where he was a standout for Coach Mickey Finley, the father of former Husker Clint Finley. Mulkey saw most of his action as a free safety on defense, but also played receiver. He had more than 50 tackles each of his three seasons, including 93 as a junior and 88 as a senior. Mulkey also intercepted five passes and totaled 300 receiving yards as a senior. He earned first-team all-district honors each of his last two seasons, and was a first-team all-area and second-team Class 5A all-state pick as a senior. Mulkey also played baseball as a senior and batted .434 to earn all-district honors at third base.

Personal

The son of Ralph and Jana Mulkey, Grant was born on April 19, 1984. He is majoring in business administration. Grant has volunteered his time with the Special Olympics, the Behavioral Skills Program, School is Cool Week and as part of local hospital visits by the Huskers.

Career Statistics and Personal Bests

| Receiving | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|-----|------|------|------|---------------|-----|
| Year | G/S | No. | Yds. | Y/R | Y/G | Long | TDs |
| 2002 | | | | | | | |
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| 2003 | 4/0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2004 | 11/2 | 19 | 244 | 12.8 | 22.2 | 38 vs. Baylor | 2 |
| Totals | 15/2 | 19 | 244 | 12.8 | 16.3 | 38 vs. Baylor | 2 |

Single-Game Highs

Receptions—4 vs. Colorado, Southern Miss, 2004

Receiving Yards—75 vs. Baylor, 2004

Long Reception—38 vs. Baylor, 2004 (TD)



Lydon Murtha

#76 ▶ Offensive Line

Hutchinson, Minn.

R Fr. | 6-7 | 315



▶ 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll

2005 Outlook

Lydon Murtha came to Nebraska as one of the nation's top offensive line prospects in 2004, and Husker coaches and fans alike are eager to see him hit the field this fall. Murtha was viewed as a possible contributor last fall, but injuries ended his chances of skipping a redshirt season. Murtha also battled injury this spring, but should be at full strength heading into fall camp. He is expected to contend for a starting offensive tackle job and is listed No. 2 on the left side behind Seppo Ewvaraye entering the fall. The 6-7, 315-pound Murtha was a prep All-American at Hutchinson (Minn.) High School, before his arrival in Lincoln.

2004 (Redshirt)

Murtha redshirted after suffering a leg injury early in fall camp.

Before Nebraska (Hutchinson HS)

Murtha joined Hutchinson High School teammate Nathan Swift in becoming the first players from Minnesota to sign with Nebraska since 1995. In 2003, Murtha helped Hutchinson and Coach Andy Rostberg to a 9-4 record and a state runner-up finish in Class 4A (second-largest). Murtha helped pave the way for Swift to rush for more than 2,000 yards as a senior tailback. Murtha was a first-team all-state selection by several outlets, including The Associated Press. He also earned first-team All-Missota Conference honors for the second straight year. Murtha was an all-metro pick in the Minneapolis area each of his final two seasons and was named the Minnesota Gatorade Player of the Year in 2003. A three-year starter, he helped Hutchinson to the state semifinals as a junior in 2002, after making a trip to the playoffs as a sophomore in 2001.

Murtha was ranked as the nation's No. 1 offensive tackle prospect by ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Lemming. Murtha was one of three 2004 Husker recruits who participated in the U.S. Army All-American Game.

Murtha was also one of Minnesota's top shot putters. In his first year of track competition in 2003, Murtha finished third at the state meet with a throw of 57-6, before finishing fifth in 2004. Off the athletic fields, Murtha was an Honor Roll member his final two years and was a youth leader at his church.

Personal

The son of Bill and Kim Murtha, Lydon was born in Homestead, Fla., on Nov. 13, 1985. He has not declared a major, but was named to the 2004 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll. Murtha has volunteered his time with local hospital visits and at the Legacy Retirement Center.



Matt O'Hanlon

#33 ▶ Strong Safety

Bellevue, Neb. (East)

Fr. | 5-11 | 200



▶ 2005 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll

2005 Outlook

Freshman Matt O'Hanlon joined the Nebraska program in January and is expected to provide depth at the free safety position. O'Hanlon was a prep standout at Bellevue East High School and delayed his enrollment at UNL until mid-semester. O'Hanlon started his college studies on a strong note, as he was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll.