



Scott Shanle

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POS.	Sam Linebacker
HT./WT.	6-2 / 240
YEAR	Senior
LETTERS	Four Letters
HOME	St. Edward, Neb.
H.S.	St. Edward

- 2002 Butkus Award Watch List
- 2002 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- 2001 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP, Coaches)
- 2001 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week vs. Missouri (9/29)
- 2000 Successful Farming All-America Team
- Tied NU Linebacker Season Record with Eight Pass Breakups (2001)
- NU Linebacker Game Record with Four Pass Breakups vs. Missouri

Fifth-year senior Scott Shanle (pronounced SHAN-lee) completed an outstanding Nebraska career with a strong 2002 season. The former walk-on played in every game over the past four seasons before missing the 2002 Independence Bowl because of the flu. He was Nebraska's starter at the Sam linebacker position for each of the last three seasons. Shanle was a Butkus Award watch list member and finished fourth on the team in tackles in 2002 with 71 stops.

Shanle was one of three regular senior starters on the Blackshirt defense and ranks among the top 30 in career tackles at Nebraska with 183 total stops. Shanle earned honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the league coaches this fall, the second straight year he has been an honorable-mention selection. Shanle graduated last week with a bachelor's degree in family and consumer science.

2002: Shanle finished his senior season with 71 tackles to rank fourth on the team. It marked the third straight season he had been among Nebraska's top five tacklers. Shanle added five tackles for loss and two sacks and hurried opposing quarterbacks six times.

Shanle recorded five games this fall with seven or more tackles, with a season-high 10 stops against McNeese State, including a 10-yard sack. He had eight stops at Oklahoma State and posted seven tackles each against Utah State, Texas A&M and Kansas State. Shanle added a five-yard sack and caused a fumble against the Wildcats. Shanle also contributed on Nebraska's punt return unit. He reached the end zone for the first time



Scott Shanle finished fifth on the team with 71 tackles this season. A three-year starter, Shanle ranks among the top 30 all-time tacklers at Nebraska.

as a Husker in the season opener against Arizona State, when he returned a blocked punt six yards for a score in NU's 48-10 victory.

Career: Shanle started for the second straight year at Sam linebacker in 2001 and was fifth on the team in tackles with 56. He added eight pass breakups on the year to tie the linebacker record. He had a position record four breakups at Missouri to go along with a season-high eight tackles and was named Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week. He added eight tackles for loss and three sacks on the year. Shanle had four tackles, including three solo stops in the 2002 Rose Bowl. He also had one forced fumble and one quarterback hurry.

Shanle played in all 12 games with 10 starts in 2000, and was fifth on the team with 55 tackles, including 30 solos. He recorded four tackles for loss and a sack, with a career-best 11 tackles at Kansas State. Shanle had his only career interception against Iowa State. He started the 2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern and had four assisted tackles.

Shanle was a backup Sam linebacker in 1999 and played in every game, primarily on special teams. He saw action in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee. A walk-on athlete, Shanle redshirted his first season.

For more information on Scott Shanle, please see pages 114-115 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Shanle's Career Statistics

Defense (-----Tackles-----)										Fum.		QB Int.	
Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BKPB	PI	Hrv.	Csd.		
1998												Redshirted	
1999	12/0	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
2000	11/9	30	25	55	4-7	1-4	1-0	0	2	1	4	2	
2001	12/9	26	30	56	8-36	3-25	0-1	0	8	0	0	0	
<u>2002</u>	<u>13/10</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>5-19</u>	<u>2-15</u>	<u>1-0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	
Totals	48/28	87	96	183	17-62	6-44	2-1	0	11	1	10	2	

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: Tackles, none

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Tackles, 0 UT, 4 AT, 4 TT

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, 3 UT, 1 AT, 4 TT; FF 1; QBH 1

2002 Independence Bowl vs. Ole Miss: Did not play, illness