



Jon Clanton

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POS.	Nose Tackle/Defensive Tackle
HT./WT.	6-2 / 285
YEAR	Senior
LETTERS	Four Letters
HOME	Glendale, Ariz.
H.S.	Centennial

Senior defensive lineman Jon Clanton showed his versatility this season by playing both positions on the interior defensive line. Clanton started the first five games at defensive tackle, then shifted to nose tackle where he shared time with Ryon Bingham. Clanton earned the start at defensive tackle in the 2002 Independence Bowl, his final game as a Husker.

The agile Clanton finished the season with seven starts and made 45 total tackles, including five tackles for loss. He is to start the bowl game at defensive tackle, but could also see action at nose tackle. Clanton played the bowl game as a graduate after earning his degree in special education last semester.

2002: A fifth-year senior, Clanton finished the season with 45 tackles, including 15 solo stops. His total was the third-most among NU defensive linemen, trailing Bingham and junior defensive tackle Patrick Kabongo. Clanton shifted to nose tackle after the first five games and played his best football of the season after the move.

He had 13 tackles in the first six games, but responded to the position switch with 29 tackles in NU's final seven regular-season contests. He had five or more tackles three times this season, including a career-high eight stops, and a tackle for loss in his final game at Memorial Stadium against Colorado, when he started at defensive tackle. Clanton had a stretch of three straight games with a tackle for loss that included an eight-yard sack against Texas. He also forced a pair of fumbles this season (Troy State, Kansas) and had nine quarterback hurries.

Career: Clanton finished the 2001 regular season with 24 tackles, including 2.5 sacks for 30 yards lost and eight quarterback hurries. Clanton played in all 12 games and moved into the starting lineup for the final nine games after Jason Lohr suffered a season-ending knee injury. In the 2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami, Clanton started and had one solo tackle. Clanton played in 10 games at nose tackle in 2000 and recorded five tackles and four quarterback hurries. Clanton recorded a five-yard sack against Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl. Clanton played in seven games as a redshirt freshman in 1999, with one tackle, a solo. A scholarship athlete, Clanton redshirted his first year at NU.

For more information on Jon Clanton, please see page 120 of the 2002 Nebraska Football Media Guide.

Clanton's Career Statistics

Year	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Int.
1998												
Redshirted												
1999	7/0	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	10/0	1	4	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	4	0
2001	12/9	8	16	24	6-37	2.5-30	0-1	0	0	0	8	0
2002	14/7	15	30	45	5-14	1-8	2-0	0	0	0	9	0
Totals	43/16	25	50	75	11-51	3.5-38	2-1	0	0	0	21	0

2000 Fiesta Bowl vs. Tennessee: Did not play

2000 Alamo Bowl vs. Northwestern: Tackles 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT; 1-5 TFL, 1-5 sack

2002 Rose Bowl vs. Miami: Tackles, 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT

2002 Independence Bowl vs. Mississippi: Tackles, 1 UT, 2 AT, 3 TT; 1-0 TFL



Senior defensive tackle Jon Clanton has started 16 games in the past two seasons, including six games in 2002. Clanton had 42 tackles this season and finished the year with a career-high eight stops vs. Colorado.