



# Daniel Bullocks

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**Strong Safety | Senior | 6-2 | 210 | Three Letters | Chattanooga, Tenn. (Hixson) | All-America Candidate**

- ▶ 2005 Preseason All-Big 12 (Conference Call Magazine, Athlon Sports)
- ▶ Preseason No. 12 Safety in the Nation (Sporting News)
- ▶ 2004 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Dallas Morning News)
- ▶ 2004 Second-Team All-Big 12 (Dallas Morning News)
- ▶ 2004 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP, Coaches)
- ▶ 12th Nationally in Interceptions in 2004 (0.45 pg)
- ▶ 2003 Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (Coaches)
- ▶ 2003 Special Teams Captain (Kansas)

## 2005 Outlook

Strong safety Daniel Bullocks returns for his senior season as the veteran leader of a youthful Nebraska secondary. Bullocks is entering his third year as a starter in the Nebraska secondary, and is blessed with prototypical size (6-2, 210) and speed for the position. He is a physical defender who is poised to make a push for conference and national honors this fall.

Bullocks is the lone returning starter in the secondary, following the graduation of Lornell McPherson and the early departures to the NFL of Fabian Washington and Bullocks' twin brother, Josh. Washington was a first-round selection, while Josh Bullocks was taken early in the draft's second round.

The older of the twins by one minute, Daniel Bullocks was a force in the NU secondary last fall, leading the Huskers in interceptions and providing numerous big plays for the Blackshirts. Despite being the lesser-known of the Bullocks brothers entering 2004, Daniel was chosen as a second-team All-Big 12 pick by the Dallas Morning News and was an honorable-mention all-league pick by the Big 12 Coaches and the Associated Press.

Bullocks has shown an instinct for finding the football throughout his Husker career, most notably last fall. He led Nebraska with five interceptions last season, and returned the interceptions a total of 187 yards, a single-season Husker record for interception return yards. Bullocks also scooped up a fumble against Kansas State and returned it for a touchdown. He enters his senior season poised to make a move into the top five in school history in interceptions.

Bullocks is also strong in run support and has racked up 143 tackles entering his final season, including 69 and 58 stops in the last two seasons, respectively. With 57 tackles in his senior season, Bullocks would become just the third Husker defensive back to reach 200 career tackles.

Bullocks played in all 13 games in 2003, and started the final nine contests while leading NU defensive backs in tackles. His efforts earned him honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors. He played in 12 games in 2002 with a start against McNeese State and made 16 tackles. Bullocks redshirted in his first season at Nebraska. He and his brother were the first set of twins ever to sign with the Husker football program.

Daniel Bullocks will play his senior season as a graduate student, as he is scheduled to earn his degree in sociology in August.

## 2004 (Junior)

Daniel Bullocks stepped out of the shadow of his twin brother, Josh, leading Nebraska and ranking second in the conference and 12th nationally (0.45 per game) in interceptions. Bullocks picked off five passes and averaged an impressive 37.4 yards per return, including a 58-yard return against Western Illinois.

Bullocks had an interception in each of Nebraska's first two games against Western Illinois and Southern Miss and also recorded picks against Texas Tech,

Baylor and Iowa State. He returned all of his interceptions deep into opposing territory, with each of his five picks setting up Nebraska inside the opponent's 30-yard line. The Huskers converted his five interceptions into three touchdowns and a field goal, and had a field goal blocked following the fifth pick.

Bullocks accounted for seven points on his own at Kansas State when he recovered a fumbled snap of a Wildcat punt and returned it 10 yards for his first career touchdown. The third-quarter score pulled the Huskers within three points in the contest.

In addition to his five interceptions, Bullocks also broke up nine passes to rank third on the team. He had a career-high four pass breakups against Kansas, helping Nebraska secure a 14-8 victory in the defensive struggle.

Bullocks ranked among Nebraska's tackle leaders with 58 total stops, fourth on the team and second to his brother among defensive backs. Bullocks made a season-high eight tackles in each of the final three games of the season, had four tackles for loss totaling 19 yards, including a 12-yard sack against Pittsburgh. Bullocks made seven tackles, including a pair of TFL's in the Blackshirts' 24-3 domination of Missouri.



## Career Statistics and Personal Bests

Year	Defense (-----Tackles-----)					Fum.					QB Int.	
	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hrv.	Csd.
2001	Redshirted											
2002	12/1	5	11	16	0-0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	1	0
2003	13/9	44	25	69	4-5	0-0	1-1	0	3	2	3	0
2004	11/11	38	20	58	4-19	1-12	1-1	0	9	5	5	0
<b>Totals</b>	36/21	87	56	143	8-24	1-12	3-2	0	12	7	9	0

2002 Independence Bowl vs. Ole Miss: Tackles, 0 UT, 1 AT, 1 TT, 1 QB Hurry

2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Michigan State: Tackles, 1 UT, 0 AT, 1 TT, 1 INT, 1 PBU

### Single-Game Bests:

Tackles—15 at Texas, 2003

Solo Tackles—10, at Texas, 2003

Interceptions—1, seven times

Pass Breakups—4, vs. Kansas, 2004

Interception Returns—7-198 total; 2-11 in 2003; 5-187 in 2004

Long Interception Return—58 yards vs. Western Illinois, 2004

Touchdown—10 yard fumble return at Kansas State, 2004

## 2003 (Sophomore)

Bullocks played in all 13 games, with nine starts and took over the starting strong safety job in late September after an injury to Philip Bland. Bullocks finished fourth on the team in tackles with 69, tops among Husker defensive backs. Bullocks' 44 solo stops were third most on the team and tied for the third most by an NU defensive back since 1965.

Bullocks' four tackles for loss led the defensive backs, and he added three quarterback hurries, three breakups, a fumble recovery and a fumble caused. He registered a career-high 15 tackles at Texas, tying the most by a Husker defensive back since 1999. In addition to his 15-tackle effort at Texas, Bullocks had nine tackles, including a tackle for loss at Missouri, and seven tackles against Troy State and Kansas State. He had a career-high two tackles for loss in a 30-0 shutout of Troy State.

Bullocks played a key role in Nebraska leading the nation in interceptions (32) and pass efficiency defense in 2003. He had two interceptions, one each against Kansas and Michigan State. His first career interception at Kansas came on a day when his brother had one of his school-record 10 picks, making the Bullocks brothers the first siblings to ever intercept passes in the same game for Nebraska.

The interception at KU came on the goal line, ending a scoring threat as the Jayhawks were poised to tie the contest midway through the third quarter. His second interception came early in the second quarter of the Alamo Bowl with the game tied at 3. The Huskers scored a touchdown three plays later and went on to a 17-3 win over Michigan State.

Bullocks had a hand in Nebraska's school-record eight takeaways against Texas A&M, as he ended an Aggie third-quarter scoring threat by forcing and recovering a fumble inside the Husker 20.

Bullocks also played a key role on Nebraska's coverage units and was the Huskers' special teams captain against Kansas. His efforts as a sophomore earned him honorable-mention all-conference honors from the Big 12 coaches.

## 2002 (Redshirt Freshman)

Bullocks began the season as a reserve, but ascended to the top of the depth chart at rover by midseason and earned his first career start against McNeese State. He moved back to a reserve role after Bland shifted to rover from free safety midway through the season.

Bullocks played in 12 games and made 16 tackles. After Bullocks' start against McNeese State, he missed the following week's game against Missouri with an ankle injury, and NU shuffled its secondary with Bland moving to rover and Josh Bullocks starting at free safety. Daniel had a season-high three tackles at Texas A&M and two stops in five other games. He forced a fumble at Oklahoma State that was recovered by Fabian Washington.

## 2001 (Redshirt)

Bullocks redshirted in his first season at Nebraska.

## Before Nebraska (Hixson HS)

Bullocks played quarterback for Hixson High School and Coach Dan Duff in Chattanooga, teaming in the backfield with his brother, Josh. Daniel helped Hixson to four Class 4A playoff appearances. Bullocks took over the starting quarterback duties as a sophomore, without previously playing the position, and totaled more than 50 touchdowns in his career.

As a senior, Bullocks was the player of the year in Chattanooga by the *Times Free Press* and was Mr. Tennessee for football in class 4A. In 2000, Bullocks rushed for 1,432 yards with 21 touchdowns and passed for 309 yards and five TDs. He also caught 10 passes and had 43 tackles as a free safety with four interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

Bullocks earned class 4A first-team all-state honors, and both he and Josh were named to the AP Tennessee All-Star Team. The twins both played in the Tennessee vs. Kentucky All-Star Game, and Daniel earned MVP honors after returning an interception 104 yards for a touchdown in Tennessee's 30-20 victory. Daniel and Josh visited Nebraska and Auburn together before selecting the Huskers.

## Bullocks' Game by Game

### 2001 \*games started

#### Redshirt

### 2002

Game	Tackles			TFL	Fumbles		
	UT	AT	TI		FF-FR	PBU	INT
ASU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
TSU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0
USU	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0
PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
ISU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
MSU*	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0
MU				Did Not Play			
OSU	1	1	2	0-0	1-0	0	0
A&M	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0
UT	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
KU	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0
KSU				Did Not Play			
CU	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>2002 Independence Bowl vs. Mississippi</b>							
UM	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

### 2003

Game	Tackles			TFL	Fumbles		
	UT	AT	TI		FF-FR	PBU	INT
OSU	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0
USU	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0
PSU	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0
USM	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	1	0
TSU*	3	4	7	2-2	0-0	0	0
MU*	7	2	9	1-2	0-0	0	0
A&M*	4	2	6	1-1	1-1	0	0
ISU*	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0
UT*	10	5	15	0-0	0-0	1	0
KU*	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	1-11
KSU*	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0
CU*	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0
<b>2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Michigan State</b>							
MSU*	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	1-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4-5</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2-11</b>

### 2004

Game	Tackles			TFL	Fumbles		
	UT	AT	TI		FF-FR	PBU	INT
WIU*	1	1	2	1-4	0-0	0	1-58
USM*	6	0	6	0-0	0-0	0	1-16
PITT*	3	0	3	1-12	0-0	0	0
KU*	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	4	0
TT*	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	1	1-38
BU*	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	1	1-44
KSU*	0	1	1	0-0	0-1	0	0
MU*	4	3	7	2-3	0-0	1	0
ISU*	4	4	8	0-0	0-0	1	1-31
OU*	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	1	0
CU*	6	2	8	0-0	1-0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4-19</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5-187</b>

## Personal

The sons of William and Gerline Williams, Daniel and Josh were born on Feb. 28, 1983, in Chattanooga. The twins have two older sisters and are cousins of former U. S. Olympic gold medalist Evelyn Ashford. Daniel is a sociology major, and earned his degree in August of 2005.