



#50 Mark O'Shea

Linebacker

5-11 ▶ 235

Dallas, Texas (Jesuit College Prep/Iona)

- ▶ Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2005, 2006)

Mark O'Shea served as a reserve in the Nebraska linebacking corps and as a member of the Husker scout team during his Husker career. O'Shea did not see game action as a senior in 2006, after redshirting during the 2005 as a transfer from Iona College. O'Shea spent two seasons at Iona, where he played middle linebacker and served on special teams. O'Shea finished his career at Nebraska a year after his older brother, Matt, was a senior defensive lineman for the Huskers. A finance major, O'Shea was a two-time Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll pick.



#45 Will Otto

Fullback

5-11 ▶ 235

Fullerton, Calif. (Troy/Fullerton College)

- ▶ 2006 Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll
- ▶ 2005 Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll

Fullback Will Otto joined the Nebraska program in the spring of 2005 after previously playing at Fullerton College in California. Otto supplied depth at fullback in both 2005 and 2006, but did not see game action. Otto spent two seasons at Fullerton College in California before coming to Nebraska. He majored in sociology and was one of 13 Huskers who completed their degree work prior to Nebraska's appearance in the Cotton Bowl.



#24 Brandon Rigoni

Safety

5-6 ▶ 185 ▶ Three Letters

Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)

- ▶ Team Captain
- ▶ 2006 Nebraska Lifter of the Year
- ▶ 2006 CoSIDA Academic All-District VII Second Team

- ▶ 2004 Nebraska Special Teams Most Valuable Player
- ▶ Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2004, 2005, 2006)
- ▶ Five-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)
- ▶ Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)

Brandon Rigoni continued his career as a special teams standout in 2006. One of the Huskers' leaders on the field, he was voted one of three captains prior to the season by his teammates. Rigoni played in every game for the second straight season in 2006 and ranked among the special teams' tackling leaders. A walk-on, Rigoni was awarded a scholarship prior to the start of his senior season.

Rigoni made six tackles in 2006 while appearing on several of NU's special teams units, including kickoff coverage, PAT/field goal block and punt team. The 5-6, 185-pound Rigoni was often the first Husker down the field while serving as a gunner on punt coverage. A Lincoln native, Rigoni had single tackles in four games in 2006 before adding a pair of stops at Texas A&M. He also recovered his first career fumble against Troy.

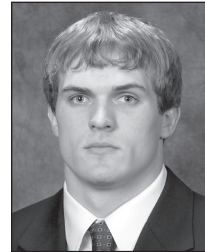
Rigoni made a name for himself playing special teams during his sophomore and junior seasons. He played in all 12 games as a junior and led Nebraska's special teams units with 15 tackles, including seven solos, while also forcing a pair of fumbles. He set a single-game high in 2005 with four tackles against Oklahoma.

Rigoni played in nine games in 2004, finishing the year with seven stops on special teams, but was hampered by injury late in the season and missed a pair of contests. His play earned him Nebraska Special Teams MVP honors. Rigoni redshirted in 2002, then served as a reserve safety during his first season of action in 2003.

Along with his contributions on the field, Rigoni was one of the Huskers' most well-rounded student-athletes. He earned his third first-team academic All-Big 12 honor earlier in 2006 and was named to nine straight Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll lists. Rigoni earned his degree in psychology in December and was one of 13 Huskers who played against Auburn as a college graduate.

Rigoni's Career Statistics

Year	Defense (-----Tackles-----)					Fum.					QB
	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2002	Redshirted										
2003	1/0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2004	9/0	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2005	11/0	7	7	14	1-18	0-0	2-0	0	0	0	0
2006	14/0	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Totals	35/0	15	12	27	1-18	0-0	2-1	0	0	0	0



#8 Andrew Shanle

Safety

6-1 ▶ 210 ▶ Four Letters

St. Edward, Neb.

- ▶ Three-Time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2004, 2005, 2006)

- ▶ Three-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll (2003, 2005, 2006)

- ▶ Four-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Honor Roll (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)

Andrew Shanle was a reliable player in Nebraska's defensive backfield during his first season as a starter at free safety in 2006. One of the fastest Huskers, Shanle made several big plays in 2006 on NU's path to the Big 12 North Division title, culminating an extremely productive Nebraska career.

The St. Edward, Neb., native started 13 games and finished the year with 57 tackles, including 41 solo stops. Shanle led Nebraska with four interceptions, including two in a victory against Kansas, and he also added seven breakups to help Nebraska rank among the Big 12's leaders in pass efficiency defense. Shanle's four interceptions were the fourth-best total in the conference.

Often featured in the blitz game, Shanle was also one of only six Huskers with at least four quarterback hurries. In addition to his two interceptions against Kansas, Shanle had a pick against Troy and set up Nebraska's lone touchdown with an interception against Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game.

Shanle led the squad in tackles once in 2006 with a career-high nine stops against Oklahoma State. He was one of only six Huskers to register at least one tackle in every game, and piled up at least four stops in eight games, including six contests with five or more.

Before his time as a starter, Shanle was a reliable reserve and a special teams standout for much of his career. He appeared in 35 games before his senior season, while serving as a backup to Blake Tiedtke and Daniel Bullocks in 2005 and Josh Bullocks in 2004.

Shanle played in all 12 games as a junior and finished with 10 tackles. He posted five stops in NU's first three games, while his performance on NU's punt coverage team helped the Huskers rank second nationally in net punting.

Shanle finished his sophomore year with 19 tackles, including 16 solo stops. He also had two tackles for loss and recorded his second career sack against Kansas State, when he played the majority of the contest for an injured Josh Bullocks. Shanle also recorded a pair of fumbles and blocked a punt during the year.

While he did not play in the 2003 season opener, he saw action on kick coverage for the remainder of the season as a redshirt freshman. Shanle finished the year with nine stops, six of which were solo. He had three tackles each against Texas A&M and Iowa State, including his first career sack versus the Cyclones.

A strong performer in the classroom, Shanle was one of 15 Huskers named a first-team academic All-Big 12 pick this season, the third straight year Shanle earned the honor. Shanle played the entire 2006 season as a graduate after earning his degree in May.

Shanle's Career Statistics

Year	Defense (-----Tackles-----)					Fum.					QB
	G/S	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	C-R	BK	PBU	PI	Hry.
2002	Redshirted										
2003	12/0	6	3	9	1-14	1-14	0-0	0	0	0	0
2004	11/0	16	3	19	2-11	1-10	0-2	1	0	0	0
2005	12/0	5	5	10	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
2006	14/13	41	16	57	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	7	4	4
Totals	49/13	68	27	95	3-25	2-24	0-3	1	8	4	4

Single-Game Highs

- Tackles—9 vs. Oklahoma State, 2006
- Interceptions—2 vs. Kansas, 2006
- Pass Breakups—2 vs. Oklahoma, 2006
- Quarterback Hurries—2 vs. Iowa State, 2006