





Head Coach:
Tony DeMeo

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Jake Hunter
Keita Malloy

Graduate Assistant:
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Student Assistants:
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Kris Stewart
Preston Taylor
Kyle Lovelady
Ben Weber

Breakdown By Class:
Seniors10
Juniors21
Sophomores20
Redshirt Freshmen17
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Breakdown By State:
Kansas42
Texas32
Missouri5
Oklahoma2
Arkansas1
Florida1
Indiana1
North Carolina1
Nebraska1
Minnesota1

Team Superlatives:
Tallest
Brian Wilson6-7
Derek Young6-6
Eight who are6-4

Shortest
Joshua Johnson5-8
Chris Huelsman5-8
Patrick Hayes5-9
Andre Zandevakili5-9
Darold Smith5-9
Avery Smith5-9

Heaviest
Brian Wilson315
Jarod Nightengale315
James Kent310
Anders Grove305
Nick Smith300

Lightest
Joe Corcoran165
Jordan Wrecke165
Darold Smith170
Shawn Ruff170

Biggest Shoe Size
Billy Wolff15
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Smallest Shoe Size
Albert DeLeon9
Joshua Johnson9
Mark Jackson9.5
Joey Todd9.5
David Tomassi9.5

Numerical Roster

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	CITY, STATE/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Corey Crain*	HB	6-0	185	JR	Irving, Texas/Nimitz HS
2	Ty Faith	DB	5-11	185	FR	Tulsa, Okla./Barry Hill HS
3	Andre Zandevakili	HB	5-9	185	FRRS	Garland, Texas/Berkner HS
4	Quentin Archie	WR	6-1	190	FRRS	Houston, Texas/North Shore HS
5	Darold Smith	DB	5-9	170	SO	Galveston, Texas/Ball HS
6	Colon McNeal***	WR	6-0	195	SR	Rosenberg, Texas/Lamar Consolidated
7	Cason Lehman	QB	6-1	195	FR	McPherson, Kan./McPherson HS
8	Avery Smith	DB	5-9	175	FR	Newton, Kan./Newton HS
9	Joshua Johnson	RB	5-8	185	SO	Madisonville, Texas/Madisonville HS
10	Jeff Wimpy	DB	6-1	190	JR	Tulsa, Okla./Bethany College
11	Joe Corcoran	DB	6-0	165	FRRS	Lecompton, Kan./Perry-Lecompton HS
12	Dustin Hickel	QB	6-1	205	FRRS	Claflin, Kan./Claflin HS
13	Joe Allison	FB	5-8	200	JR	Leavenworth, Kan./Benedictine College
14	Blake Meyer	DB	6-3	180	FRRS	Hoyt, Kan./Royal Valley HS
15	Garrett Wrecke**	DB	5-11	180	JR	Olathe, Kan./SM West HS
16	Tyler Schuerman*	QB	6-3	215	SO	Riverview, Fla./East Bay HS
17	Kyle Fowler*	DB	6-0	185	JR	Medicine Lodge, Kan./Medicine Lodge HS
18	Jason Bowers	K	6-3	190	FR	Lewisville, Texas/Lewisville HS
19	Jeremy Potts**	DB	6-0	190	SR	Independence, Mo./Truman HS
20	Dustin Cline*	DB	6-0	205	SO	LaCrosse, Kan./University of Wyoming
21	Mark Jackson	DB	6-0	185	FR	Houston, Texas/Stephen F. Austin HS
22	Darryl Humphrey	RB	5-10	205	SO	Needville, Texas/Needville HS
23	Cowan Hopson	DB	6-0	195	SO	Prescott, Ark./Marine Military Academy
24	Ryan Johnson	DB	6-1	180	FR	Richmond, Texas/Steven F. Austin HS
25	Patrick Hayes**	DB	5-9	185	JR	Winfield, Kan./Winfield HS
26	Joey Todd	K	5-11	190	SO	Peculiar, Mo./Raymore-Peculiar HS
27	David Tomassi	DB	5-11	175	JR	Mishawaka, Ind./Ottawa University
28	Al DeLeon	RB	5-10	185	FR	Damon, Texas/Needville HS
29	John Hoytal	LB	6-4	225	FRRS	Topeka, Kan./Hayden HS
30	Rawshawn Bland	FB	5-10	225	FR	Lewisville, Texas/Lewisville HS
33	Brian Peel*	LB	5-10	205	SO	Topeka, Kan./Shawnee Heights HS
34	Cody Snyder**	HB	5-11	205	JR	Auburn, Kan./Washburn Rural HS
35	Chris Simmons*	DB	6-3	205	SO	Lancaster, Texas/Lancaster HS
36	Kipp Connell*	DB	5-11	195	SO	Claflin, Kan./Claflin HS
37	Reggie Jones**	FB	5-11	225	JR	DeSoto, Texas/DeSoto HS
39	Matt Gant	WR	6-0	180	SR	Manhattan, Kan./Council Grove HS
40	Nick Labin	LB	6-1	185	FR	Topeka, Kan./Seaman HS
41	Ray Glaze	WR	5-10	195	FRRS	Topeka, Kan./Washburn Rural HS
42	Travis Smith*	FB	6-1	235	SO	Tivy, Texas./Tivy HS
43	Kip Kraisinger	FB	6-0	205	FRRS	Claflin, Kan./Claflin HS
44	Jonathan Mayes**	LB	5-11	230	JR	Carbondale, Kan./Santa Fe Trail HS
45	Chris Huelsman	HB/K	5-8	185	SO	Wichita, Kan./Western State (Colo.)
46	Dan Wilson***	LB	6-0	235	SR	Topeka, Kan./Hayden HS
47	Eric Roth*	P	6-3	200	JR	Paxico, Kan./Alma-Wabaunsee HS
48	Steven Terrell	LB	6-1	215	FR	Sugarland, Texas/Stephen F. Austin HS
49	Clayton Otwell*	LB	6-2	220	SO	Onaga, Kan./Onaga HS
50	Jason Ross*	LB	6-1	220	SO	Silver Lake, Kan./Silver Lake HS
51	Jacob Barth*	DE	6-2	225	FRRS	Manhattan, Kan./Manhattan HS
52	Kevin Pierce	OL	6-3	265	JR	Topeka, Kan./Butler County CC
53	Ryan Huske***	LB	5-11	230	SR	Silver Lake, Kan./Silver Lake HS
54	Tim Watts*	OL	6-4	285	SO	Topeka, Kan./Hayden HS
55	Matt Durler	DL	6-4	265	FRRS	Dodge City, Kan./Dodge City HS
56	Billy Wolff***	OL	6-0	265	SR	Manhattan, Kan./Manhattan HS
57	Ben Thurshy	OL/DL	6-1	270	FR	Auburn, Neb./Humboldt HS
58	Rayon Boyd	DE	6-1	250	JR	Topeka, Kan./Independence CC
59	Mike Schroeger	DE	6-2	230	FR	Shawnee, Kan./Shawnee Mission NW HS
60	Zeb Nelson*	LB	6-0	205	SR	Frankfort, Kan./Highland CC
62	Jermaine Smith**	OL	6-1	285	JR	Kansas City, Mo./Raytown South HS
63	Jarod Nightengale	OL	6-2	315	JR	Galva, Kan./Garden City CC
64	Kevin Coffman*	OL	5-10	300	JR	Richmond, Texas/Lamar HS
69	Chad Gordon**	DT	6-4	250	JR	Independence, Mo./Truman HS
70	Anders Grove***	OL	6-3	305	SR	Grand Prairie, Texas/S. Grand Prairie HS

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	CITY, STATE/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
71	Adam Toby	DT	6-1	255	FRRS	Centralia, Kan./Centralia HS
72	Nick Smith	OL	6-4	300	FRRS	Allen, Texas/Allen HS
73	Brian Wilson*	OL	6-7	315	SO	DeSoto, Texas/Desoto HS
74	James Kent	OL	6-0	310	FRRS	Topeka, Kan./Hayden HS
75	Blake Ray	OL	6-4	240	FR	Allen, Texas/Allen HS
76	Bret Taylor	DE	6-2	230	FR	Lewisville, Texas/Lewisville HS
77	Gerrad Hall	OL	6-4	285	FRRS	Topeka, Kan./Highland Park HS
78	Eric Tatum*	OL	6-0	285	SO	Lancaster, Texas/Lancaster HS
80	Zac Nally*	WR	6-2	190	JR	Parsons, Kan./Parsons HS
81	Jason Stanhope	DL	5-11	225	FRRS	Topeka, Kan./Hayden HS
82	Joshua Morgan	WR	6-1	175	SO	Ashville, N.C./A.C. Reynolds HS
84	DaWight Benning	WR	6-1	190	JR	Houston, Texas/University of Oklahoma
85	Jarod Easterberg	WR	6-2	185	FR	Plainville, Texas/Plainville HS
86	J.R. Phillips	DB	5-11	175	FR	Wichita, Kan./Wichita West HS
87	Jordan Wrecke	WR	6-0	165	FR	Olathe, Kan./Shawnee Mission West HS
88	Chris Whittle***	WR	6-1	200	SR	Garland, Texas/Berkner HS
89	Shawn Ruff	WR	5-11	170	FR	Derby, Kan./Derby HS
90	Derek Young**	DE	6-6	250	JR	Kansas City, Mo./Raytown HS
91	Bryce Kelly	DT	6-2	270	FRRS	Flowermound, Texas/University of Tulsa
93	Larry Schembri	LB	6-1	220	FRRS	Flower Mound, Texas/Marcus HS
94	Todd Harris***	TE	6-4	265	SR	Brooklyn Park, Minn./South Dakota St
95	Leonard Army	DT	6-2	280	FR	Houston, Texas/Eisenhowser HS
96	Eric Taylor*	DE	6-1	240	SO	Richardson, Texas/Berkner HS
98	Rolly Gonzales**	DT	6-2	270	JR	Harlingen, Texas/Harlingen HS
99	Michael Kitchner	DT	6-0	285	SO	Sugar Land, Texas/Stephen F. Austin HS

*= No. of letters earned

In-Season Birthdays:
September . .date/year
Andre Zandevakili . .2/81
Rayond Boyd5/78
Joshua Johnson7/80
Darryl Humphrey ..10/81
Reggie Jones17/79
Zac Nally18/79
Kipp Connell19/80
Cason Lehman19/82
Colon McNeal21/78
Kip Kraisinger22/81
Bret Taylor22/82
Jason Bowers23/82
Brian Peel25/80
Gerrad Hall25/81
Kyle Fowler29/79
October . . .date/year
Cowan Hopson1/78
Quentin Archie2/80
Joe Corcoran3/81
Dustin Hickel5/81
Ryan Huske7/78
John Hoytal8/81
Jordan Wrecke17/82
Jeremy Potts26/78
Adam Toby27/81
Dustin Cline29/80
November . .date/year
Anders Grove3/78

roster as of June 21

Alphabetical Roster

13 Joe Allison FB	98 Rolly Gonzales DT	6 Colon McNeal WR	62 Jermaine Smith. OL
4 Quentin Archie WR	70 Anders Grove OL	14 Blake Meyer..... DB	72 Nick Smith OL
95 Leonard Army..... DT	77 Gerrad Hall..... OL	82 Joshua Morgan WR	42 Travis Smith FB
51 Jacob Barth DE	94 Todd Harris..... TE	80 Zac Nally WR	81 Jason Stanhope DL
84 Dawight Benning .. WR	25 Patrick Hayes..... DB	60 Zeb Nelson LB	78 Eric Tatum..... OL
30 Rawshawn Bland ... FB	12 Dustin Hickel..... QB	63 Jarod Nightengale .. OL	76 Bret Taylor DE
18 Jason Bowers K	23 Cowan Hopson DB	49 Clayton Otwell LB	96 Eric Taylor..... DE
58 Rayon Boyd DE	29 John Hoytal LB	33 Brian Peel LB	48 Steven Terrell LB
64 Kevin Coffman OL	45 Chris Huelsman . HB/K	52 Kevin Pierce OL	57 Ben Thurshy. OL/DL
36 Kipp Connell DB	22 Darryl Humphrey ... RB	86 J.R. Phillips. DB	71 Adam Toby..... DT
11 Joe Corcoran DB	53 Ryan Huske..... LB	19 Jeremy Potts DB	26 Joey Todd K
20 Dustin Cline..... DB	21 Mark Jackson..... DB	75 Blake Ray OL	27 David Tomassi DB
1 Corey Crain HB	9 Joshua Johnson RB	50 Jason Ross..... LB	54 Tim Watts..... OL
28 Al DeLeon..... RB	24 Ryan Johnson DB	47 Eric Roth..... P	88 Chris Whittle WR
55 Matt Durler..... DL	37 Reggie Jones..... FB	89 Shawn Ruff..... WR	73 Brian Wilson..... OL
85 Jarod Easterberg... WR	91 Bryce Kelly DT	93 Larry Schembri LB	46 Dan Wilson LB
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39 Matt Gant..... WR	40 Nick Labin..... LB	34 Cody Snyder HB	87 Jordan Wrecke..... WR
41 Ray Glaze WR	7 Cason Lehman..... QB	8 Avery Smith DB	90 Derek Young..... DE
69 Chad Gordon DT	44 Jonathan Mayes LB	5 Darold Smith DB	3 Andre Zandevakili .. HB

Pronunciation Guide

Kipp Connell	CAH-Nell	Mike Schroeger	SCHRAY-ger
Joe Corcoran	CORK-or-an	David Tomassi	tow-MAS-i
Kip Kraisinger	KRAY-singer	Garrett Wrecke	WRECK-ee
Colon McNeal	Cologne	Andre Zandevakili	zan-DEV-a-key-lee
Larry Schembri	SKIM-bri		

Washburn Offense

Multi-bone

TIGHT END
#94 Todd Harris
6-4 • 255 • SR

RIGHT END
#6 Colon McNeal
6-0 • 165 • SR

HALFBACK
#9 Joshua Johnson
5-7 • 180 • SO

QUARTERBACK
#16 Tyler Schuerman
6-3 • 195 • SO

HALFBACK
#1 Corey Crain
6-0 • 185 • JR

HALFBACK
#34 Cody Snyder
5-11 • 195 • JR

RIGHT TACKLE
#54 Tim Watts
6-4 • 250 • SO

RIGHT GUARD
#70 Anders Grove
6-2 • 285 • SR

CENTER
#56 Billy Wolff
6-0 • 265 • SR

LEFT GUARD
#64 Kevin Coffman
5-10 • 280 • JR

LEFT TACKLE
#62 Jermaine Smith
6-1 • 250 • JR

LEFT END
#88 Chris Whittle
6-1 • 220 • SR

RIGHT TACKLE
#52 Kevin Pierce
6-3 • 265 • JR

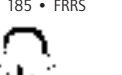
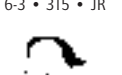
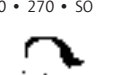
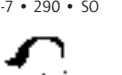
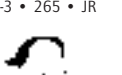
RIGHT GUARD
#73 Brian Wilson
6-7 • 290 • SO

CENTER
#77 Gerrad Hall
6-4 • 285 • FRRS

LEFT GUARD
#78 Eric Tatum
6-0 • 270 • SO

LEFT TACKLE
#63 Jarod Nightengale
6-3 • 315 • JR

LEFT END
#41 Ray Glaze
5-10 • 185 • FRRS



Washburn Defense

4-2

LEFT CORNERBACK
#25 Patrick Hayes
5-9 • 170 • JR

KALL
#69 Chad Gordon
6-4 • 280 • JR

TACKLE
#99 Michael Kitchner
6-0 • 255 • SO

NOSE GUARD
#98 Rolly Gonzales
6-2 • 260 • JR

RUSH END
#96 Eric Taylor
6-1 • 235 • SO

RIGHT CORNERBACK
15 Garrett Wrecke
5-11 • 175 • JR

BOD LINEBACKER
#20 Dustin Cline
6-0 • 180 • SO

MIKE LINEBACKER
#93 Larry Schembri
6-1 • 210 • FRRS

WILL LINEBACKER
#50 Jason Ross
6-1 • 220 • SO

ROVER
#35 Chris Simmons
6-3 • 190 • SO

SAFETY
#19 Jeremy Potts
5-11 • 190 • SR

LEFT CORNERBACK
#11 Joe Corcoran
6-0 • 165 • FRRS

KALL
#90 Derek Young
6-6 • 250 • JR

TACKLE
#55 Matt Durler
6-4 • 240 • FRRS

NOSE GUARD
#69 Chad Gordon
6-4 • 280 • JR

RUSH END
#51 Jacob Barth
6-2 • 225 • FRRS

RIGHT CORNERBACK
21 Darrold Smith
5-9 • 170 • SO

BOD LINEBACKER
#33 Brian Peel
5-10 • 200 • SO

MIKE LINEBACKER
#46 Dan Wilson
6-0 • 235 • SR

WILL LINEBACKER
#29 John Hoytal
6-3 • 215 • FRRS

ROVER
#14 Blake Meyer
6-3 • 180 • FRRS

SAFETY
#17 Kyle Fowler
6-0 • 170 • JR

Note: Two-deep as of June 21, 2001

SPECIALISTS

PLACEKICKER
#26 Joey Todd
5-11 • 190 • SO

PUNTER
#47 Eric Roth
6-3 • 200 • JR

DEEP SNAPPER
#93 Larry Schembri
6-1 • 210 • FRRS

HOLDER
#12 Dustin Hickel
6-0 • 180 • FRRS

PUNT RETURN
#22 Darryl Humphrey
5-10 • 190 • SO

KICKOFF RETURN
#22 Darryl Humphrey
5-10 • 190 • SO

PLACEKICKER
#18 Jason Bowers
6-3 • 190 • FR

PUNT RETURN
#25 Patrick Hayes
5-9 • 170 • JR

KICKOFF RETURN
#9 Joshua Johnson
5-7 • 185 • SO

DEEP SNAPPER
#6 Colon McNeal
6-0 • 165 • SR

HOLDER
#6 Colon McNeal
6-0 • 165 • SR

By Gene Cassell
Washburn Sports Information Director

TOPEKA - Coming off its first winning season since 1988 a year ago, things were supposed to go differently for the Ichabods building on the 2000 season. Unfortunately the ball bounced the other way and the Ichabods finished with a 5-6 mark and a 3-6 record in the MIAA and a seventh place finish.

Entering the 2001 season, change is in the air as a new defense has been installed. And the offense has been turned up a notch with the plethora of returning talent. The Ichabods are not only looking to regain the momentum following the 6-5 season from 2000, but surpass it vaulting themselves into the upper echelon of the rough-and-tumble MIAA.

"We've reached a plateau and we need to get off it and move up in the conference race," head coach Tony DeMeo said.

The Offense

The returning offense is stacked for the Ichabods. With returning seven starters from an attack that put up school records in rushing offense, total offense and first downs - the Ichabods are once again ready to light up the scoreboard in the air and on the ground.

Last season's offense recorded some hefty numbers which finished second in the MIAA in total offense tallying 416 yards per game, which ranked 19th in the nation.

"We're going to be very productive on offense this season, building on what we accomplished last year," DeMeo said.

Additionally, the Ichabods marked up 34 more first downs than the previous record set the year before and gained over 300 more yards on the ground. The offense is built and ready to continue tearing up the record book and the opposing defenses.

Quarterbacks

The future is bright for the Ichabods at quarterback and will only get brighter with age as sophomore Tyler Schuerman steps back under center after a stellar first season out of the blocks.

The 2000 MIAA Freshman of the Year will be looking at an expanded playbook as DeMeo's Multi-bone offense will expand to compliment his abilities.

"This is the first season since 1998 we have a returning starting quarterback," DeMeo said. "We are going to have a more wide-open offense with Tyler's experience. He has a good grasp of the offense and that will allow us to do more things."

If records were meant to be broken, then Schuerman has set a high standard for quarterbacks at Washburn. As a rookie, Schuerman set school bests for passing, rushing, scoring touchdowns and total offense yards - the latter three tops for anyone in an Ichabod uniform.

Schuerman finished fourth in the MIAA in total offense, fourth in passing yards per game and 10th in rushing scoring 26 total offensive touchdowns.

Backing up Schuerman will be redshirt freshman Dustin Hickel. Hickel know how to win playing on three state championship high school squads at Claflin (Kan.) High School as he rushed for 718 yards and 15 touchdowns and passed for 563 yards and seven touchdowns.

"Dustin is now bigger and stronger than last year and he looked awfully good in the spring," DeMeo said. "He gives us a very capable backup and we will get him on the field this season."

Receivers



The receiving corps is set with one returning starter and one Ichabod who saw plenty of duty as a backup.

Senior Colon McNeal was an honorable mention all-MIAA pick after finishing fourth in the MIAA in receiving yards per game with 75.4 and fifth in the conference in receptions with 4.64 per game. He enters the 2001 season sixth on the Washburn career charts with 70 receptions for 1,076 yards.

"Colon is a deep threat and has the experience to lead the receivers," DeMeo said. "He is one of the

top receivers in the MIAA returning.

On the other side of the field will be senior Chris Whittle. Whittle saw plenty of action last season and was a solid third down receiver. Whittle had 19 receptions for 238 yards and one touchdown.

"Chris runs very precise routes and is a great blocking receiver," DeMeo said. "Chris and Colon will compliment each other."

The backup spots are up for grabs with redshirt freshmen Quentin Archie, Ray Glaze and Oklahoma transfer DaWight Benning each looking to grab some time and some receptions.

For the third year, senior Todd Harris will return at tight end. Harris gathered in three receptions for 25 yards and was used primarily as a blocking end clearing the way for the Ichabod running backs.

Running Backs

The Ichabod running backs enter the season with experience and explosiveness and look to improve on the teams third place finish in the conference rushing stats.

At halfback, the Ichabods will feature four returners and a newcomer who will rack up the yards on the ground and with receptions out of the backfield.

"Our depth is great," DeMeo said. "We have experience with a lot of people back and we're going to have an expanded role in the offense based on that."

Junior Corey Crain returns to one halfback slot after rushing for 261 yards and a team-high 6.7 yards per carry. He will be flanked by sophomore Joshua Johnson, or Glycerin as he is also known as. Johnson recorded 44 carries for 269 yards averaging 6.1 per touch.

Coming back off an ACL injury is junior Cody Snyder. Snyder received a medical redshirt and will have two full seasons remaining. Snyder is a threat both on the ground and out of the backfield. As a sophomore, he recorded 432 rushing yards and 463 receiving yards, both second on the team while scoring eight touchdowns averaging 81.4 all-purpose yards.

"Snyder coming back is a big plus for us," DeMeo said. "He's a threat on the ground and receiving out of the backfield. He could also see time at wide receiver for us."

Joining them at halfback will be sophomore Darryl Humphrey and redshirt freshman Andre Zandevakili. Humphrey marked up 13 carries for 80 yards and had two receptions for 39 yards. Zandevakili was an honorable mention all-district choice in high school. DeMeo said both are solid backs and will see time at halfback adding depth to the backfield.

Also looking to gain some time will be sophomore transfer Chris Huelsman. Huelsman comes to Washburn from Western State in Colorado after he rushed for 265 yards and three touchdowns.

Junior Reggie Jones will be making the move full-time from halfback to fullback. Jones played both slots last season where he rushed for a combined 253 yards and four touchdowns.

"Reggie has been waiting for his turn and now it's his time to shine," DeMeo said. "He was a very capable back up last season and he had his best games at fullback."

Backing up Jones will be sophomore Travis Smith and redshirt freshman Kip Kraisinger. Smith is a powerful blocker who had nine carries for 30 yards and Kraisinger was an all-conference and all-district running back at Claflin High School.

Offensive Line

A wealth of experience returns to the Ichabod offensive line. The line that helped the Ichabods set numerous school marks on offense returns three starters and two others that saw a lot of action.

"We have an experienced line that will only add to our offensive output, DeMeo said. "We have also added to our depth up front as well."

The left side of the line is set with juniors - guard Kevin Coffman and tackle Jermaine Smith. Both are some of the best at their position in the conference according to DeMeo.



The other returning starter is senior Anders Grove. This is Grove's third season starting at right guard.

Joining the offensive line starters this season will be senior Billy Wolff at center and sophomore Tim Watts. Wolff did see some action last season at center. Watts saw action as well at the right tackle spot. Also battling for playing time in the trenches will be sophomores Brian Wilson, Eric Tatum and red-shirt freshman Gerrad Hall.

The offensive line improved its sacks allowed total from 55 in 2000 to 13 in the 2001 season.

The Defense

On defense, a theme song could be "Times, they are a changing." After last season's defense finished sixth in the MIAA allowing 351 yards per game and 28 points per game, the Ichabod defense is undergoing a face lift. The new-look defense will feature a 4-2 look with an aggressive attacking defense.

"This is where I expect to see the biggest changes on the team," DeMeo said. "The staff changes have been beneficial in the spring implementing the new defense and the team has really picked up the new schemes.

"This is going to be a more aggressive and attack-oriented defense and they need to improve for us to make a jump to the top of the MIAA standings. The saying is true that defense wins championships."

New defensive coordinator Mike Waldie led the Bethany defense to a second place NAIA ranking and a stingy scoring defense that allowed 8.4 points per game.

No stranger to the defense is linebackers and defensive line coach Jake Hunter who played for Waldie at Bethany.

The Ichabods did lose five starters in the defense and are young with only one senior starter. But the six returning players for the Ichabods did gain experience and playing time.

"We have better athletes on the field on defense at this time of the season than what we had at the same time last year," DeMeo said. "They may be younger, but they are more athletic."

Defensive Line

The Ichabod front four have three starters and a fourth who saw plenty of action on the line.

Leading the defensive attack up front is second team all-MIAA pick, sophomore Eric Taylor. Taylor heads back to the rush end position for the Ichabods. Taylor finished third in the conference with six sacks and second with three forced fumbles. He also led the Ichabods with 11 tackles for loss for 57 yards. DeMeo said Taylor is ready to be one of the best linemen in the MIAA.

Next to him is junior nose guard Rolly Gonzales. Gonzales recorded 14 tackles and three sacks clogging up the center of the line. At tackle will be sophomore Michael Kitchner. Kitchner recorded 28 tackles and two sacks.

"Rolly and Michael are two of the premier interior linemen in the conference," DeMeo said.

Moving from the inside of the defensive line to the left outside position is junior Chad Gordon. Gordon recorded 25 tackles and six for loss on the inside at nose guard.

"Gordon can play both inside and outside using his quickness and strength," DeMeo said.

Backing up the front four will be junior Derek Young and redshirt freshmen Matt Durler and Jacob Barth. Young started at left end last season and tallied 24 tackles including nine for 39 loss yards.

"Our depth at the defensive line will allow us to rotate players in and out," DeMeo said.

Linebackers

The Ichabods will have three new starters at linebacker. Sophomores Dustin Cline and Jason Ross will be starting at the outside spots while red-shirt freshman Larry Schembri will man the middle.

"Our linebackers have been shuffled with the introduction of the new position," DeMeo said. "We have runners and hitters at the linebacker positions with a nice mix of veterans and youth."



Cline is making a switch from defensive back to the new 'Bod Backer position on the strong side. Pushing for playing time in the middle will be senior Dan Wilson, who is coming off an ACL injury suffered against Truman in the 10th game of the season.

Also pushing for playing time at linebacker will be seniors Ryan Huske and Zeb Nelson, junior Jonathan Mayes, sophomore Brian Peel and redshirt freshman John Hoytal.

Huske recorded 52 tackles on the team at strong side linebacker and Nelson gained three tackles playing both linebacker and on special teams. Mayes gained some experience last season as well totaling seven tackles and Peel chalked up eight stops.

Secondary

The secondary returns two starters deep at the two safety positions in sophomore Chris Simmons and senior Jeremy Potts and two new starters on the corner in junior Patrick Hayes and Garrett Wrecke.

Potts and Simmons were second and third on the team in tackles respectively pulling down 65 and 63 stops a piece. Potts is the only senior starter in the lineup and has recorded 188 tackles in his career needing only four more to move into sixth on the all-time tackles chart.

"Potts is the quarterback on defense," DeMeo said. "This is his fourth season starting at safety and he wants to finish his career on a great note."

On the corners, both Hayes and Wrecke gained experience with Hayes pulling in an interception and 36 tackles tying the team high with five pass break-ups. Wrecke had 12 tackles and three pass break-ups. He also picked up a Pittsburg State fumble and returned it 51 yards for a touchdown.

Backing up the secondary will be junior safety Kyle Fowler, cornerbacks, sophomore Darrold Smith and redshirt freshmen Joe Corcoran and strong safety Blake Meyer.

Fowler recorded 22 tackles last season and Smith had five pass break-ups in his first season of action.



Special Teams

The Ichabods special teams units are undergoing not only a personnel change, but a philosophy change as Hunter takes over the reigns. For the first time in recent history, starters on offense and defense will have more opportunities to play on return and kickoff teams.

"Hunter has full reign on who he wants to use on special teams and that has improved our level of athlete on the field," DeMeo said.

The kicking duties are up for grabs and are wide open according to DeMeo with the graduation of Chad Todd. But there is still a Todd looking to continue the level of kicking - younger brother Joey, who is yet to kick for the Ichabods. However, he will be pushed by incoming freshman Jason Bowers and transfer Chris Huelsman.

Bowers was a first team all-district kicker and also handled the punting duties. He has a booming leg and kicked a 56-yard field goal twice setting a new school record.

Huelsman kicked for Western State and hit 4 of 6 field goal attempts and 24 of 26 point after touchdown attempts.

The punting chores will be manned by junior Eric Roth. Roth averaged 34.2 yards per punt as a sophomore.

The return teams look to be solid as last season with all the ball carriers back another season. The punt team finished 46th in the nation and the kick-off return team came in 41st in the country.

Hayes, Humphrey and Johnson will all see time returning in both situations and McNeal might see time as he did his freshman and sophomore seasons as well.

Final Thoughts

The Ichabods are a team that is young on defense and experienced on the offense. There are questions to be answered after the 2000 season fell short of expectations coming off their first winning season in 12 years.

A tough battle as always looms ahead with the MIAA slate. But the Ichabods are ready to get after it and improve and make an impact in the league.

4 QUENTIN ARCHIE

**6-1 • 175 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • WR
HOUSTON, TEXAS • NORTH SHORE HS**

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An excellent wideout with good hands and speed. A physical downfield blocker who had a good spring."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was named team MVP at North Shore High. Runs a 4.5-40.

Personal: Born Oct. 2, 1980. Son of Taylor and Bernadette Archie. Undecided on major.



51 JACOB BARTH

**6-2 • 225 • SOPHOMORE • DE
MANHATTAN, KAN. • MANHATTAN HS**

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a good spring. Will contribute on special teams and on the defensive line."

At Washburn: Will add depth to special teams and defensive line.

2000: Saw action in five games collecting four solo tackles and one assist. Also recorded a sack and two tackles for loss.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was captain of the Manhattan football team and a two-time letterman in football and basketball and earned a single letter in track. Was a member of the honor roll as well.

Personal: Born Feb. 16, 1980. Son of Tom and Sandy Barth. Majoring in history with a teaching emphasis.

• **Barth at Washburn •**

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	4	1	5	1	2/8	1/6	0	0	0
Totals	4	1	5	1	2/8	1/6	0	0	0

58 RAYON BOYD

**6-1 • 250 • JUNIOR • DL
TOPEKA, KAN. • INDEPENDENCE CC**

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has lots of potential with good speed and strength."

Background: Transferred to Washburn from Independence Community College after playing at Topeka West High School.

Personal: Born Sept. 5, 1978. Son of Melvin and Pamela Boyd. Majoring in criminal justice.



20 DUSTIN CLINE

**6-0 • 205 • SOPHOMORE • LB
LACROSSE, KAN. • WYOMING**

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a great spring moving from inside to outside linebacker. Has excelled with new defense."

At Washburn: Enters the fall as the No. 1 Bod Backer.

2000: Appeared in eight games recording six solo tackles and one assist. Also tallied a sack and a tackle for loss.



1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt at the University of Wyoming.

Background: Rushed for 1,400 yards his junior season at LaCrosse High and 1,300 in six games as a senior. Was named all-state after junior year and intercepted seven passes in six games receiving all-state honors as a defensive back his senior season. A Shrine Bowl participant.

Personal: Born Oct. 29, 1980. Son of Terry Cline and Belinda Blazing. Majoring in business management.

• **Cline at Washburn •**

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	6	1	7	0	1/12	1/12	0	0	0
Totals	6	1	7	0	1/12	1/12	0	0	0

64 KEVIN COFFMAN

**5-10 • 300 • JUNIOR • OL
RICHMOND, TEXAS
LAMAR CONSOLIDATED HS**

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a good spring. Gets off the ball real well. Powerful on the inside of the line who has improved his pass blocking."

At Washburn: Slated as the starter at left guard for the second straight season.

2000: Started all 11 games for the Ichabods anchoring the left side of the line that improved its sacks allowed from 55 to 13 from the previous season and set a new school record for total offense in a season.

1999: Appeared in three games.

1998: Sat out the year as a redshirt.

Background: Started his career at Tyler Junior College in Texas. A 1997 graduate at Lamar Consolidated High where he played guard and defensive tackle.

Personal: Born on April 9, 1979. Son of Willie Hayes and Betty Jean Coffman. Majoring in computer information systems.

11 JOE CORCORAN

**6-0 • 165 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • DB
LAWRENCE, KAN. • PERRY LECOMPTON HS**

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Made the switch to DB. A big hitter who will contribute in the defensive secondary and on special teams."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was a three-sport athlete in football, wrestling and track. An all-state class 4A selection as a defensive back. Finished third in state in wrestling. In football, was all-league three seasons. Rushed for 1,533 yards on 190 carries (8.1 avg) leading team with 67 solo stops. Was named all-state senior season and honorable mention after junior year.

Personal: Born Oct. 3, 1981. Son of Gary and Debbie Corcoran. Majoring in business.



36 KIPP CONNELL
5-11 • 195 • SOPHOMORE • DB
CLAFLIN, KAN. • CLAFLIN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Sat out the spring with injury. Will be back in the fall. An excellent special teams player and at the safety spot."

At Washburn: Will play in the defensive backfield and special teams.

2000: Appeared in nine games recording five solo and two assisted tackles, including one for a loss.

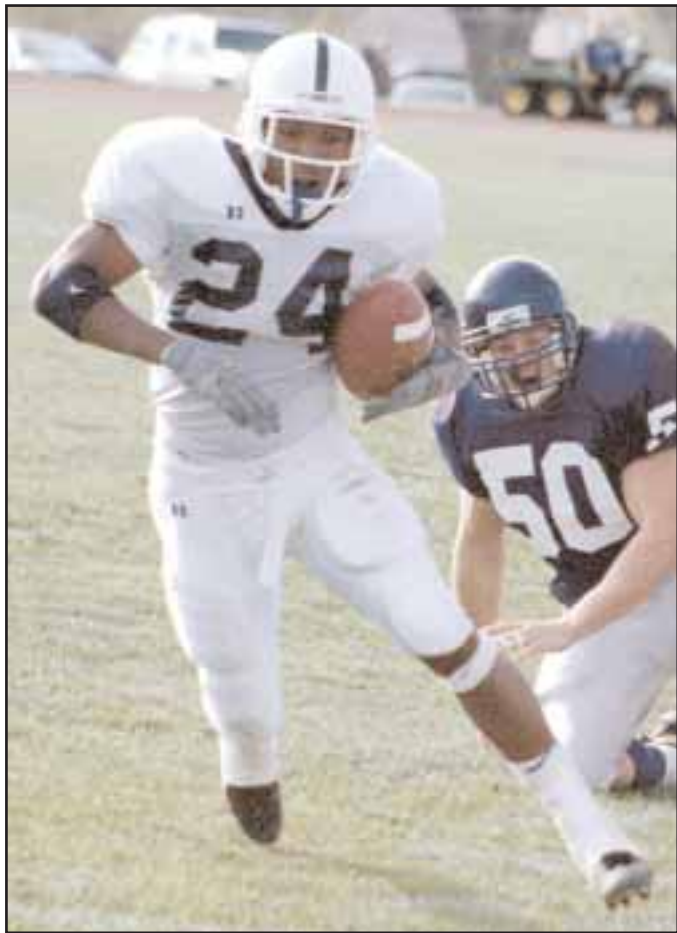
1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Named to all-league team all four years, earning Player of the Year honors in 1998. Most Valuable Offensive Player Class 2-1A. Named to the all-state team in both the *Topeka Capital Journal* and *Wichita Eagle*. Rated top 11 in state of Kansas. Team captain on state championship team. Holds Kansas single game (488 yards), single season rushing records (3,382 yards) and tied DeAngelo Evans' record with 50 touchdowns as a senior.

Personal: Born on Sept. 19, 1980. Son of Mark and Kim Connell. Undecided on major.

• *Connell at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	5	2	7	0	1	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	5	2	7	0	1	0/0	0	0	0



Junior Corey Crain steps around a Truman defender for extra yardage. Crain averaged a team-high 6.7 yards per carry in 2000.

1 COREY CRAIN
6-0 • 185 • JUNIOR • HB
IRVING, TEXAS • NIMITZ HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has blazing speed and has improved his pass catching and pass blocking. A big play guy."

At Washburn: An excellent returner, will see time with return units on special teams and at halfback.

2000: Finished fourth on the team with 261 yards rushing with three touchdowns on 39 carries averaging 6.7 per attempt starting all 11 games. Caught 11 passes out of the backfield for 114 yards and two touchdowns. On special teams he averaged 18.6 yards a kickoff return.

1999: Ichabods' fourth leading rusher with 234 yards on 24 carries averaging 9.8 per carry. Recorded a 66-yard touchdown run in season opener against Wisconsin-LaCrosse and returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown against Missouri Southern. It was the second longest return in school history. Also had three receptions for 37 yards.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: First team all-district tailback at Nimitz High under head coach Mike Farda. Rushed for 1,250 yards as a senior. Also was a second team all-district cornerback. Ran a 10.6 100-meter dash as a senior.

Personal: Born May 11, 1979. Son of Richard Crain and Marylyn Crain. Majoring in corrections.

• *Crain at Washburn* •

Rushing / Receiving

Rush	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
1999	24	235	9.8	2	66	3	37	3.7	0	25
2000	39	261	6.7	3	22	11	114	10.4	2	27
Totals	63	496	7.9	5	66	14	151	10.8	2	27

Kick-off / Punt Returns

	KOR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	PR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
1999	10	325	32.5	97	1	0	0	0	0	0
2000	10	186	18.6	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	511	25.6	97	1	0	0	0	0	0

55 MATT DURLER
6-4 • 265 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • DT
DODGE CITY, KAN. • DODGE CITY HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a great spring and has really come on at defensive tackle. Has gotten bigger and stronger since last fall."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Recorded 92 tackles including 49 solos and 22 for loss with 29 quarterback hits and six sacks en route to being named all-conference and honorable mention all-state.

Finished third in state wrestling as a senior and was named all conference.

Personal: Born on Jan. 5, 1982. Son of Dale and Barbra Duler. Majoring in business.

17 KYLE FOWLER
6-0 • 185 • JUNIOR • DB
MEDICINE LODGE, KAN.
MEDICINE LODGE HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Did well learning new defense. A great hitter with a solid nose for the ball."

At Washburn: Slated as the starting right cornerback entering the season.

2000: Recorded 22 tackles including 15 solo stops. Also named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

1999: Recorded five total tackles, with four solo stops.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: A two-time all-Central Plains League football performer at Medicine Lodge High under head coach Buddy Taylor. Also was a guard on the 1997 state championship basketball team. As a second baseman, helped the baseball team to a fourth place state finish.

Personal: Born Sept. 29, 1979. Son of Jeff and Nola Fowler. Majoring in history.

• *Fowler at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1999	4	1	5	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
2000	15	7	22	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	19	8	27	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0

39 MATT GANT
6-0 • 180 • SENIOR • WR
MANHATTAN, KAN. • COUNCIL GROVE HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A solid receiver that will add depth to our receivers."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was conference long jump champion and a first team all-conference defensive back at Council Grove High School. Also played in the Flint Hill Optimist Basketball all-star game.

Personal: Born Aug. 21, 1974. Son of Doug Gant and Nancy Carr. Majoring in communications.

Junior Chad Gordon wraps up a quarterback sack on homecoming last season. The Ichabods tied for the MIAA lead in sacks during the 2000 season.



41 RAY GLAZE
5-10 • 195 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • WR
TOPEKA, KAN. • WASHBURN RURAL HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An excellent pass route runner with sure hands. Will add depth to our wide receiver position."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Averaged 93 yards per game receiving to lead the city. Was named first team all-city, second team all-league and honorable mention all-state. He was honorable mention

all-city and league following his junior season. Had 75 receptions for 1,025 yards and seven touchdowns in prep career.

Personal: Born April 16, 1981. Son of Ray and Brenda Glaze. Undecided on major.

98 ROLLY GONZALES
6-2 • 270 • JUNIOR • NG
HARLINGEN, TEXAS • HARLINGEN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Emerged as a team leader in the spring on defense. Has improved his run defense and a strong pass rusher."

At Washburn: Starting his second season on the defensive line at nose guard.

2000: Played in all 11 games tallying 14 tackles with eight solo stops. Also recorded four tackles for 27 yards in loss and three sacks with a pass break-up.

1999: Appeared in 10 games with 10 tackles including one for a six-yard loss.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Named second team Associated Press and Sports Writers' all-state as a senior at Harlingen High under head coach Bret Boyd. Selected the district defensive most valuable player. Named all-Valley League.

Personal: Born on Dec. 2, 1979. Son of Paula and the late Alonzo Gonzales. Majoring in physical education.

• *Gonzales at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1999	4	6	10	0	1/6	0/0	0	0	0
2000	8	6	14	1	4/27	3/26	0	0	0
Totals	12	12	24	1	5/33	3/26	0	0	0

69 CHAD GORDON
6-4 • 250 • JUNIOR • DE
INDEPENDENCE, MO. • TRUMAN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Made switch to defensive end in spring and adjusted well. Has good quickness and strength. Could play inside defensive line too."

At Washburn: Is moving from the interior defensive line to the outside.

2000: Finished the season with 25 tackles with 13 solo stops. Tallied six tackles for loss

for 16 yards and one sack.

1999: Recorded 18 total tackles including five for loss of 15 yards.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.
Background: Named all-state as an defensive lineman for Truman High under head coach Tom Kivett. Also named all-metro, all-conference and all-area.
Personal: Born June 16, 1979. Son of Tod and Theresa Gordon. Majoring in law enforcement.
 • *Gordon at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1999	10	8	18	0	5/15	0/0	0	0	0
2000	11	12	25	0	6/16	1/5	0	0	0
Totals	21	20	43		011/31	1/5	0	0	0

70 ANDERS GROVE
 6-3 • 305 • SENIOR • OL
 GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS
 SOUTH GRAND PRAIRIE HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Emerged as a leader on the offensive line. An outstanding run and pass blocker. Returning for his third year as starter on the line."
At Washburn: A physically strong offensive lineman, who will start on the offensive line again this season.
2000: Started all 11 games for the Ichabods

anchoring the right side of the line that improved its sacks allowed from 55 to 13 from the previous season and set a new school record for total offense in a season.
1999: Started at right guard for an offensive line that was third in the MIAA in total offense and second in pass offense.
1998: Saw action on the offensive line and on special teams.
1997: Sat out the season as a redshirt.
Background: All-district offensive lineman from Grand Prairie High outside of Dallas. Three-time state wrestling qualifier and district champion. Member of the Honor Society and senior class



Junior Patrick Hayes goes up for a field goal block against Southwest Baptist on Homecoming. Hayes led the Ichabods in kick and punt returns and finished 30th in the nation in kick returns and 47th in punt returns.

president.
Personal: Born Nov. 3, 1978. Son of Robert Grove and Anna West. Majoring in finance.

77 GERRAD HALL
 6-4 • 285 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • OL
 TOPEKA, KAN. • HIGHLAND PARK HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A big strong lineman who can play center or guard. Has excellent quickness and a solid run and pass blocker."
Background: Received first and second team all-league, first team all-city and honorable mention all-state. A member of the academic honor roll.
Personal: Born on Sept. 25, 1981. Son of Steven and Natalie Hall. Majoring in business.

94 TODD HARRIS
 6-4 • 265 • SENIOR • TE
 BROOKLYN PARK, MINN.
 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An excellent run blocker and solid receiver. Gives us versatility at the tight end position."
At Washburn: Returns for his fourth season at tight end for the Ichabods.
2000: Played in all 11 games for the Ichabods collecting three receptions for 25 yards. Also had a two-point after touchdown catch.

1999: Grabbed two passes for 27 yards including a 25-yard reception against Missouri-Rolla.
1998: Caught one pass for seven yards.
Background: A transfer from South Dakota State University. Played tight end for the Jackrabbits. Lettered in three sports at Totino-Grace High in Brooklyn Park, Minn. Was an all-conference selection.
Personal: Born Dec. 21, 1978. Son of Melvin and Donna Harris. Majoring in mass media.
 • *Harris at Washburn* •

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
1998	1	8	8	0	8
1999	2	27	13.5	0	25
2000	3	25	8.3	0	11
Totals	6	60	10.0	0	25

25 PATRICK HAYES
 5-9 • 185 • JUNIOR • DB
 WINFIELD, KAN. • WINFIELD HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An outstanding defensive back and special teams member. Had a great spring at cornerback who will see time on special teams as well."
At Washburn: Slated as the starting left cornerback after switching from offense to defense before sophomore season.
2000: A team leader on special teams had 23 punt returns for 237 yards and 22 kick returns

for 545 yards. Also recorded an interception on defense. Second on the team in all-purpose yards with 71.2 per game. Recorded 36 tackles including 24 solo stops and one tackle for loss. Also named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.
1999: Made impact on special teams returning punts and kick-offs. Averaged 16.4 yards a kick return. Had 27 yards in seven carries and one reception for five yards.
1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.
Background: Named first team all-class 5A as a senior at Winfield High under head coach Don Deaton. Also named first team all-Ark Valley League after rushing for 1,319 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior. Was the state Class 5A wrestling champion.
Personal: Born Dec. 7, 1979. Son of Jim and Kris Hayes-York. Majoring in physical education.
 • *Hayes at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	24	12	36	5	1/8	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	24	12	36	5	1/8	0/0	0	0	0

Kickoff / Punt Returns

	KOR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	PR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
1999	5	82	16.4	21	0	2	3	1.5	7	0
2000	22	545	24.8	53	0	23	237	10.3	48	0
Totals	27	627	23.2	53	0	25	240	9.6	48	0

12 DUSTIN HICKEL
 6-1 • 205 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • QB
 CLAFLIN, KAN. • CLAFLIN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Really came on during spring learning the offense. Has a live arm giving us depth at quarterback. A tremendous amount of improvement in one year."
2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.
Background: Was on three state football championship teams at Claflin. Rushed 86 times for 718 yards and 15 touchdowns, threw for 563 yards and seven touchdowns. Also compiled 270 yards in punt returns and one touchdown. Picked off seven passes and recorded 83 career tackles. Was named all-league quarterback, defensive back and kick returner. Named all-area quarterback, all-state 2-1A honorable mention quarterback and defensive back. A member of the National Honor Society.
Personal: Born on Oct. 5, 1981. Son of Doug and Karen Hickel. Undecided on major.

29 JOHN HOYTAL
 6-4 • 225 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • LB
 TOPEKA, KAN. • HAYDEN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Switched to linebacker and looked very good. Has excellent speed and athletic ability. Will compete for playing time at linebacker and on special teams."
2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.
Background: Received all-city, all-league and honorable mention all-state honors and was named Hayden's special teams player of the

year.

Personal: Born Oct. 8, 1981. Son of Joe and Janice Hoytal. Majoring in mass media. Brother of former Ichabod Joey Hoytal.

22 DARRYL HUMPHREY
 5-10 • 205 • SOPHOMORE • HB
 NEEDVILLE, TEXAS • NEEDVILLE HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Nitro has blazing speed, good strength and power. A big-play back. Will contribute on special teams and in the offensive backfield."
At Washburn: Will see time at halfback position and on special teams as a returner.
2000: Recorded 80 yards in rushing on 13 carries averaging 6.2 per touch with two

touchdowns. Had two receptions for 39 yards. On special teams, had four punt returns for 33 yards and one kick return for 21 yards.
1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.
Background: Second team all-district running back. Returned a punt for a 92-yard touchdown his senior season. Was first in the district in punt return average (30.4) and kickoff return average (27.5). He had a 98-yard punt return. Rushed for more than 1,200 yards his senior season.

Personal: Born on Sept. 10, 1981. Son of Darryl and Angela Humphrey. Undecided on major.
 • *Humphrey at Washburn* •

Rushing / Receiving

Rush	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2000	13	80	6.2	2	34	2	39	19.5	0	21
Totals	13	80	6.2	2	34	2	39	19.5	0	21

Kickoff / Punt Returns

	KOR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	PR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
2000	22	545	24.8	53	0	23	237	10.3	48	0
Totals	27	627	23.2	53	0	25	240	9.6	48	0

53 RYAN HUSKE
 5-11 • 230 • SENIOR • LB
 SILVER LAKE, KAN. • SILVER LAKE HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An outstanding hitter with solid experience who will compete for the starting spot at inside linebacker. A strong special teams performer."
At Washburn: Started all 11 games as a junior at linebacker.
2000: Finished fourth on the team in tackles with 52 tallying 29 solo stops. Also recorded

eight tackles for loss for 23 yards and one sack with two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.
1999: Recorded 31 tackles including 16 solos. Made 4 tackles for loss and recovered a fumble.
1998: Made 14 tackles, contributing mostly on the special teams unit and saw some time at linebacker as a freshman.
1997: Sat out the season as a redshirt.
Background: Was an honorable mention 3A all-state performer for Silver Lake High. Was also a second team all-state selection for the Eagles' state champion baseball team at first base.
Personal: Born on Oct. 7, 1978. Son of Danny and Nancy Huske. Majoring in law enforcement.

• Huske at Washburn •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1998	8	6	14	0	1/1	0/0	0	0	0
1999	16	15	31	1	4/13	0/0	0	1	0
2000	29	23	52	2	8/23	1/7	2	1	0
Totals	53	44	97	313/37	1/7	2	2	2	0

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JOSHUA JOHNSON

5-8 • 185 • SOPHOMORE • HB

MADISONVILLE, TEXAS • MADISONVILLE HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Glycerin has great speed and hands out of the backfield. Had a great spring. He's an explosive big-play guy."

At Washburn: Left spring practice as one of the starting halfbacks. Could also see time on special teams as a returner.

2000: Finished third on the team in rushing with 269 yards on 44 carries and one touch-down. Had nine receptions out of the backfield for 96 yards. On special teams recorded six kick returns for 75 yards.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Garnered all-district and All-Brazon Valley honors at running back his last two seasons at Madisonville. Also ran track and participated in powerlifting.

Personal: Born Sept. 7, 1980. Son of David and Wilma Mitchell. Undecided on major.

• Johnson at Washburn •

Rushing / Receiving

Rush	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2000	44	269	6.1	1	26	9	96	10.7	0	18
Totals	44	269	6.1	1	26	9	96	10.7	0	18



Sophomore Joshua Johnson comes to a halt after scoring a touchdown against Southwest Baptist. As a red-shirt freshman, Johnson rushed for 269 yards and recorded 96 yards in receptions.

Kickoff / Punt Returns

	KOR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	PR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
2000	6	75	12.5	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	75	12.5	20	0	0	0	0	0	0

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REGGIE JONES

5-11 • 225 • JUNIOR • FB/HB

DESOTO, TEXAS • DESOTO HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a big spring. Improved as a blocker and receiver. After backing-up at fullback, he's primed for a big year."

At Washburn: Will see time mainly at full-back this season, but has played halfback as well.

2000: Rushed for 253 yards on 54 carries including a 120-yard output against Missouri-Rolla. Scored four rushing touchdowns.

1999: Played in all 11 games carrying the ball 31 times for 118 yards.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: An all-district performer at DeSoto High. Rushed for more than 1,000 yards as a senior.

Personal: Born Sept. 17, 1979. Son of Reginald Jones and Linda Sue Bultman. Majoring in marketing.

• Jones at Washburn •

Rushing No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
1999	31	118	3.8	0	22	0	0	0	0
2000	54	253	4.7	4	19	0	0	0	0
Totals	85	371	4.3	4	22	0	0	0	0

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JAMES KENT

6-0 • 310 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • OL

TOPEKA, KAN. • HAYDEN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A great run blocker coming off an excellent redshirt season who will add depth to our offensive line."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was named all-league first team after senior season and all-league second team after junior year. Named second team all-city last two seasons. Was also named all-city and league wrestling.

Personal: Born on Dec. 30, 1981. Son of Kevin and Patti Kent. Majoring in education.

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MICHAEL KITCHNER

6-0 • 285 • SOPHOMORE • DT

SUGAR LAND, TEXAS

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a tremendous spring and redshirt season. He's very strong and quick. We expect him to be an all-MIAA lineman."

At Washburn: Made an impact in his first year on the defensive line.

2000: Played in all 11 games recording 28 tackles including 18 solo stops and six for loss.

Also had two sacks for 12 yards and a forced fumble.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was a first team all-district pick at defensive tackle at Stephen F. Austin High.

Personal: Born on June 24, 1980. Son of Josenth Streefe. Majoring in art.

• Kitchner at Washburn •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	18	10	28	0	6/21	2/12	1	0	0
Totals	18	10	28	0	6/21	2/12	1	0	0

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KIP KRAISINGER

6-0 • 205 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • FB

CLAFLIN, KAN. • CLAFLIN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a solid spring. An excellent blocker and a strong runner inside the tackles."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was a three-year starter on offense and defense. Was on three state football championship teams at Claflin. Named *Great Bend Tribune* all-area first team at line-backer, all-league honorable mention running back and line-backer, *Hutchinson News* all-southwest honorable mention, *Wichita Eagle* Class 2-1A honorable mention linebacker, *Kansas Sports* 2-1A honorable mention linebacker and running back.

Personal: Born on Sept. 22, 1981. Son of Bruce and Kristi Kraisinger. Majoring in history.

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JONATHAN MAYES

5-11 • 230 • JUNIOR • LB

CARBONDALE, KAN. • SANTA FE TRAIL HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An excellent hitter with solid quickness and speed. Will compete for time at linebacker and on special teams."

At Washburn: Will see time on special teams and in the linebacking group.

2000: Played in eight games recording seven total tackles including six solo stops. Also recorded one forced fumble. Was named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.



Senior Colon McNeal dives into the endzone scoring one of his four receiving touchdowns. In 2000, McNeal finished

Background: Was an All-Kaw Valley League pick his junior and senior year at Santa Fe Trail High. Was an honorable mention 4A all-state pick his junior year.

Personal: Born on June 11, 1980. Son of Arlene Mayes and the late Carl Mayes. Majoring in physical education.

• Mayes at Washburn •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1999	0	1	1	0	1/1	0/0	0	0	0
2000	6	1	7	0	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
Totals	6	2	8	0	1/1	0/0	1	0	0

6

COLON MCNEAL

6-0 • 195 • SENIOR • WR

ROSENBERG, TEXAS • LAMAR CONSOLIDATED HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An explosive wide out who runs great routes. A solid downfield blocker who has become a team leader. A big-play threat."

At Washburn: One of the top receivers in Washburn history with his name sixth on the all-time reception list.

2000: Led the team with 51 receptions for 829 yards, the sixth highest single season yardage and fifth highest reception totals in school history. Had four touchdowns and averaged 75.4 per game in receptions. Was an MIAA Honorable Mention Selection after finishing fifth in the conference in receptions and fourth in receiving yards.

1999: Led the team in punt returns and second in kickoff returns. Returned 34 punts for 311 yards and 15 kickoffs for 287 yards. Also recorded six receptions for 70 yards. Was fourth in MIAA in punt returns and seventh in kickoff returns.

1998: Caught 13 passes for 177 yards as a backup at wide receiver. Returned 12 punts for 199 yards for a 15.3 yard return average, which was tops in the MIAA and set a Washburn record. Named honorable mention all-MIAA as a kick returner.

1997: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: First team all-district defensive back at Lamar Consolidated. Averaged 30 yards per kick return. Had a 90-yard kickoff and 68-yard punt return for touchdowns as a senior. Also played basketball and ran track. Was an all-district long jumper.

Personal: Born Sept. 21, 1978. Son of James and Lela Taylor. Majoring in history.

38th in the nation in receiving yards and 44th in the nation in receptions per game.

• *McNeal at Washburn* •

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
1998	13	177	13.6	1	47
1999	6	70	11.7	0	26
2000	51	829	16.3	4	64
Totals	70	1,076	15.4	5	64

Kick-off / Punt Returns

	KOR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	PR	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
1998	24	520	21.7	51	0	13	199	15.3	35	0
1999	15	287	19.1	36	0	34	311	9.1	48	0
2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	807	20.7	51	0	47	510	10.9	48	0

14 BLAKE MEYER

6-3 • 180 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • DB
HOYT, KAN. • ROYAL VALLEY HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Was the most improved player on defense after spring drills. Did a good job on special teams."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was named all-league defensive back and an honorable mention all-state selection. An academic all-America Scholar. Also named to Who's Who.

Personal: Born on July 20, 1982. Son of Darrel and Lindy Meyer. Majoring in business.

82 JOSHUA MORGAN

6-1 • 175 • SOPHOMORE • WR
ASHVILLE, N.C. • A.C. REYNOLDS HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has good speed and a solid receiver. Will add depth to our wide receivers."

At Washburn: Will add depth at the receiving corps.

2000: Practiced but did not appear in any games.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Three sport athlete in high school. Played receiver and defensive back. Also wrestled and ran track. A member of the honor roll.

Personal: Born April 21, 1979. Son of Bill Morgan and Laurel Jordan. Majoring in criminal justice.

80 ZAC NALLY

6-2 • 190 • JUNIOR • WR
PARSONS, KAN. • PARSONS HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Will sit out the season and rehab his knee after injuring it in the spring."

At Washburn: Will sit out the season after tearing ACL in spring game.

2000: Had one reception for 30 yards and one touchdown against Southwest Baptist on homecoming. Named to the MIAA

Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

1999: Practiced but did not appear in any games.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: A two-time honorable mention all-state selection at wide receiver for Parsons High under head coach and father Charlie Nally. Also a two-time first team all-conference selection. Holds several school records including most touchdown receptions. Also played baseball and track.

Personal: Born Sept. 18, 1979. Son of Charlie and Mickie Nally. Majoring in physical education.

• *Nally at Washburn* •

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2000	1	30	30.0	1	30
Totals	1	30	30.0	1	30

60 ZEB NELSON

6-0 • 205 • SENIOR • LB
FRANKFORT, KAN. • HIGHLAND CC



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A solid all-around player who will compete for time at linebacker and on special teams."

At Washburn: Will add depth and experience to linebacking corps and special teams.

2000: Played in seven games for the Ichabods collecting three tackles and a pass break-up.

Background: A transfer from Highland Community College where he earned second team all-conference defensive honors and was named an Academic All-American. At Frankfort High School, he was named all-league offense and defense and garnered honorable mention all-state defensive accolades.

Personal: Born July 25, 1979. Son of Linda Nelson. Majoring in general business.

• *Nelson at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	1	2	3	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	1	2	3	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0

49 CLAYTON OTWELL

6-2 • 220 • SOPHOMORE • DE
ONAGA, KAN. • ONAGA HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has done a good job learning the new defense and should see a lot of time on special teams."

At Washburn: Will see some time at linebacker and on special teams.

2000: Appeared in three games collecting five tackles including two solos. Also recorded one sack.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Named to the Twin Valley League team at both linebacker and offensive guard. Honorable mention all-state pick at linebacker.

Personal: Born on June 18, 1980. Son of James and Jana Otwell. Undecided on major.

• *Otwell at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	2	3	5	0	1/2	1/2	0	0	0
Totals	2	3	5	0	1/2	1/2	0	0	0

33 BRIAN PEEL

5-10 • 205 • SOPHOMORE • LB
TOPEKA, KAN. • SHAWNEE HEIGHTS HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has great quickness and speed who has taken to the new 'Bod Backer position. Will also be a standout on special teams."

At Washburn: A good hitter who is very aggressive. Will add speed to the linebackers and special teams.

2000: Recorded eight tackles including three solo stops. Also forced two fumbles playing on special teams.

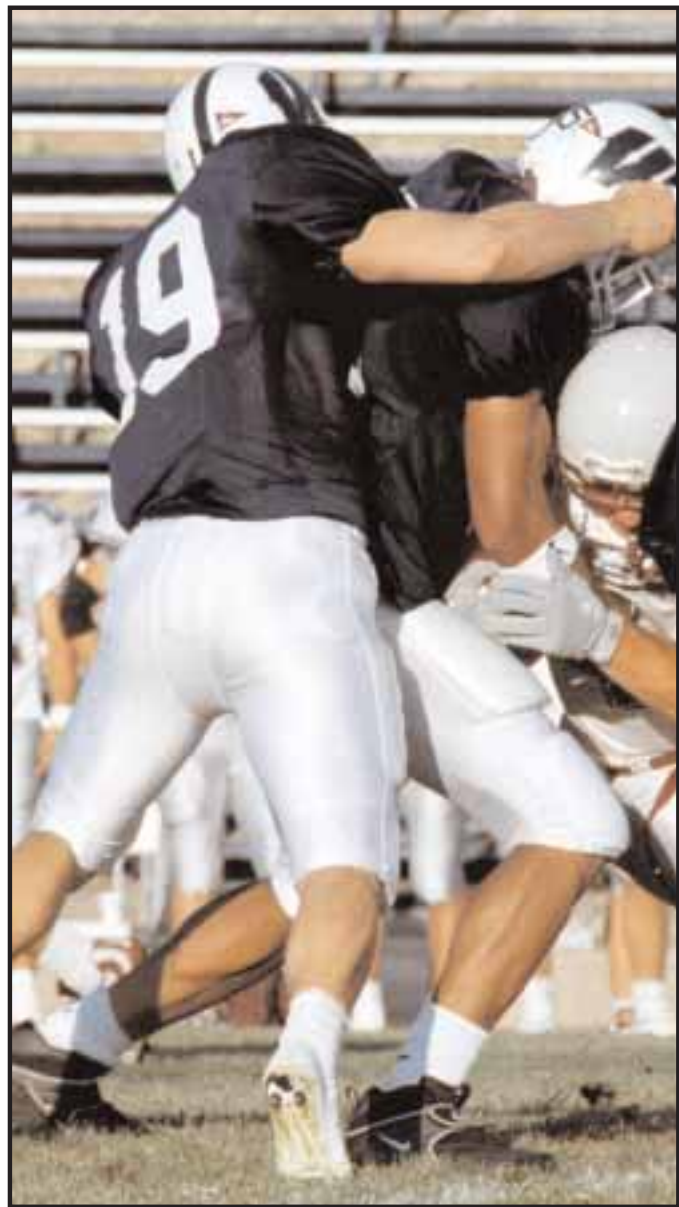
1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was team's defensive player of the year each of his last two seasons, earning first team All-Centennial League honors. Named all-city and honorable mention all-state in 1998.

Personal: Born on Sept. 25, 1980. Son of John Peel and Jan Edmonds. Undecided on major.

• *Peel at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	3	5	8	0	0/0	0/0	2	0	0
Totals	3	5	8	0	0/0	0/0	2	0	0



52 KEVIN PIERCE

6-3 • 265 • JUNIOR • OL
TOPEKA, KAN. • BUTLER COUNTY CC



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Can play center or tackle who is doing a good job of learning the offensive schemes. Will add depth to offensive line."

At Washburn: Transferred to Washburn from Butler County Community College.

Background: A member of Seaman's 1996 conference championship team and Butler's 1998 National Championship squad. A second team all-city selection as a Viking.

Personal: Born Jan. 27, 1980. Son of Roger and Lena Pierce. Majoring in business management.

19 JEREMY POTTS

6-0 • 190 • SENIOR • FS
INDEPENDENCE, MO. • TRUMAN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Coming off his best spring. An excellent hitter with great speed. A team leader on defense."

At Washburn: Returns to his starting free safety position for the third year. Enters the fall as the only starting senior on defense. Needs four total tackles to move into sixth on all-time tackles chart.

2000: Finished second on the team with 65 tackles and a team-high 38 solo tackles. Also had six tackles for loss and four pass break-ups starting all 11 games.

1999: Second on the team in tackles with 76 including 47 solo stops. Also recorded a sack and two pass breakups. Started all 11 games.

1998: Became the starter at free safety, making 47 tackles (27 unassisted) as a freshman. Broke up two passes and blocked a kick on special teams.

1997: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Two-time all-conference selection at Truman High under head coach Tom Kivett. Three-sport athlete who also lettered in baseball and basketball. Had 129 tackles in last two seasons.

Personal: Born Oct. 26, 1978. Son of Lance and Nancy Potts. Majoring in history.

• *Potts at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1998	27	20	47	2	2/3	0/0	0	0	0
1999	47	29	76	2	7/23	1/1	0	0	0
2000	38	27	65	4	6/12	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	112	76	188	8	15/38	1/1	0	0	0

Ichabod defenders; senior Jeremy Potts (19) and sophomore Chris Simmons put a stop to a Wisconsin-LaCrosse runner in the 2000 season opener. The Ichabods won 26-6. Potts, a three-year starter for the Ichabods needs only four tackles to move into sixth place on the career tackles chart.

50 JASON ROSS

6-1 • 220 • SOPHOMORE • LB
SILVER LAKE, KAN. • SILVER LAKE HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a very good spring who runs well. He will contribute on defense at inside linebacker and on special teams."

At Washburn: Enters the fall as the No. 1 WILL linebacker.

2000: Had five solo tackles including one for loss and one forced fumble seeing time on special teams.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: At Silver Lake, was a two-time all-state linebacker his senior season and an all-state tight end selection after his junior year. He recorded 15 tackles in the 1999 Shrine Bowl. He was also all-state in baseball his junior and senior years.

Personal: Born Feb. 22, 1981. Son of Chuck and Julie Ross. Undecided on major.

• *Ross at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	5	0	5	0	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
Totals	5	0	5	0	0/0	0/0	1	0	0



Sophomore quarterback Tyler Schuerman throws a pass downfield as former Ichabod Joe Camp provides protection. Schuerman was named the MIAA Freshman of the Year after breaking numerous school records including rushing and passing yards by a freshman and single season total offense yards.

47 ERIC ROTH

6-3 • 200 • JUNIOR • P
PAXICO, KAN. • ALMA-WABAUNSEE HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A solid punter coming off a good spring. We're looking for more consistency for his junior season."

At Washburn: Returns as Ichabods' punter for third year after handling duties as a true freshman.

2000: Had 48 punts for 1,644 yards for a 34.2 yard average including a 50 yarder against Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Landed 13 punts inside the 20.

1999: Handled all the punting duties for the Ichabods with 59 attempts for a 37.3 yard average. Placed 14 punts inside the 20. He nailed a career high 69-yard punt in the season-opener against Wisconsin-LaCrosse.

Background: All-league kicker his junior and senior seasons. Led team in scoring his junior year. Flint Hills first team kicker each of his last two seasons at Alma-Wabaunsee.

Personal: Born on March 6, 1981. Son of Dan and Ramona Roth. Undecided on major.

• *Roth at Washburn* •

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
1999	59	2,198	37.3	69	3	14	14	2
2000	48	1,644	34.2	50	1	7	13	0
Totals	107	3,842	35.9	69	4	21	27	2

93 LARRY SCHEMBRI

6-1 • 220 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • LB
FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS • MARCUS HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has made a major step forward this past spring. An excellent hitter with great speed. Will be a big-time contributor at Washburn."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Named 5A Defensive Player of the Year, first team all-district, first team all-conference, second team all-area *Dallas Morning News*. An all-state academic second team selection. Recorded 341 career tackles. Named first team all-district and conference following junior season. District champ in discus.

Personal: Born on July 13, 1981. Son of Christopher and Julia Schembri. Majoring in education.

16 TYLER SCHUERMAN

6-3 • 215 • SOPHOMORE • QB
RIVERVIEW, FLA. • EAST BAY HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Followed a great fall with a great spring who has really taken to the offense and improved decision making. He has a big future at Washburn."

At Washburn: Had a breakout first year at the helm of the Ichabod offense breaking school records for rushing and passing yards by a freshman, rushing touchdowns by a

freshman and single season, total offensive yards.

2000: Named the MIAA's Freshman of the Year after rushing for

708 yards, passing for 1,936 yards and collecting 2,644 yards in total offense - all Ichabod records for freshmen. Finished tenth in the MIAA in rushing, fourth in passing and fourth in total offense. His 16 rushing touchdowns set a school record as did his 26 total offensive touchdowns. The 96 points he scored was the second highest single-season mark in school history. Finished 22nd in NCAA in scoring per game, 38th in passing efficiency and 18th in total offense per game.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was team captain and offensive player of the year senior season at East Bay High. First team all-conference pick and honorable mention all-state pick at quarterback. Received *St. Petersburg Times* Extra-Ordinary Athlete Award. Received team's offensive player of the year and second team all-conference honors his junior season.

Personal: Born on Feb. 3, 1981. Son of Stan and Bonnie Schuerman. Undecided on major.

• *Schuerman at Washburn* •

Passing	C	A	Int.	Pct.	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/C	Avg/G
2000	134	245	13	.547	1,936	10	64	14.4	176.0
Totals	134	245	13	.547	1,936	10	64	14.4	176.0
Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long				
2000	189	708	3.7	16	33				
Totals	189	708	3.7	16	33				

35 CHRIS SIMMONS

6-3 • 205 • SOPHOMORE • ROVER
LANCASTER, TEXAS • LANCASTER HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a great spring. An excellent tackler and hitter. He has really picked up the new defense."

At Washburn: Returns to starting position in defensive backfield after solid rookie campaign.

2000: Finished third on the team in tackles with 63 including 32 solo stops. Also recorded three tackles for loss and picked off a pass in his first collegiate start against Wisconsin-LaCrosse. Had three pass break-ups and two fumble recoveries starting all 11 games.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Named first team all-district pick at strong safety. Named to All-Southwest Texas team.

Personal: Born on Dec. 12, 1980. Son of Nancy Simmons. Undecided on major.

• *Simmons at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	32	31	63	3	3/4	0/0	0	2	1
Totals	32	31	63	3	3/4	0/0	0	2	1

Junior left tackle Jermaine Smith celebrates after an Ichabod touchdown. This season Smith is starting at left tackle for the second straight season. The Washburn offensive line allowed only 13 sacks in 2000 after giving up 55 the season before.

5 DAROLD SMITH

5-9 • 170 • SOPHOMORE • DB
GALVESTON, TEXAS • BALL HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An explosive hitter with excellent speed. Can play cornerback and safety. Will play on special teams as well."

At Washburn: Will add depth to the defensive backfield.

2000: Played in 10 games collecting 12 solo tackles and nine assists. Also had two pass break-ups.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was a three-year starter at Ball High School where he recorded 122 tackles as a safety. A member of the National Honor Society and listed in Who's Who.

Personal: Born Jan. 4, 1980. Son of Charles and Dorthy Smith. Majoring in business administration.

• *Smith at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	12	9	21	2	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	12	9	21	2	0/0	0/0	0	0	0

62 JERMAINE SMITH

6-1 • 285 • JUNIOR • OL
KANSAS CITY, MO. • RAYTOWN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An outstanding pass and run blocker. A solid part of the offensive line. He has all-league potential."

At Washburn: Returns to the starting left tackle position for the second straight season.

2000: Started all 11 games for the Ichabods anchoring the left side of the line that improved its sacks allowed total from 55 to 13 from the previous season and set a new school record for total offense in a season.

1999: Played in six games for the Ichabods on the offensive line and special teams.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Named all-conference and all-area in football and track. Played guard in football and threw the discus in track. Set discus record with a throw of 181 feet, seven inches.

Personal: Born Aug. 19, 1980. Son of Jimmie Crawford and Lawonda Crawford-Lamar. Majoring in English.



72 NICK SMITH

6-4 • 300 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • OL
ALLEN, TEXAS • ALLEN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has made excellent improvement in last spring. A big, strong hard worker who will add depth to the offensive line."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was a two-year starter at Allen High where he earned 1998 Blockbuster all-area and 1999 all-district honors. Averaged 12 pancake blocks per game. Was a member of the National Honor Society and Who's Who.

Personal: Born on Nov. 11, 1981. Son of Russ and Judy Smith. Majoring in business or law.

42 TRAVIS SMITH

6-1 • 235 • SOPHOMORE • FB
TIVY, TEXAS • TIVY HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A powerful runner and strong run blocker. A good special teams performer who will contribute in the fall after having knee surgery."

At Washburn: Will add depth to the fullback position.

2000: Recorded six carries for 24 yards appearing in nine games.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was a first team all-district selection and team captain at Tivy High. Was also named academic all-district.

Personal: Born July 19, 1979. Son of Greg and Cindy Grafton. Majoring in nursing.

• *Smith at Washburn* •

Rushing No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
2000	6	24	4.0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	24	4.0	0	5	0	0	0	0

34 CODY SNYDER

5-11 • 205 • JUNIOR • HB
AUBURN, KAN. • WASHBURN RURAL HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has done a great job last fall and spring rehabilitating his knee. A very explosive player when healthy."

At Washburn: Returns to the field after recovering from ACL injury in third game of season against Central Missouri. He received a medical redshirt.

2000: Before suffering injury, rushed for 47 yards on nine carries and had two receptions for 29 yards.

1999: Finished second on the team in receiving with 463 yards and 34 catches and second in rushing with 432 yards on 64 attempts. Also second on the team in scoring with eight touchdowns and third in total offense with 39.3 yards per game. Had six receptions for 114 yards and two touchdowns against CMSU on Metro Sports Television.

1998: Rushed nine times for 30 yards and one touchdown. Also caught nine passes for 123 yards and one touchdown. Returned

10 kickoffs for 224 yards for a 22.4 average.

1997: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: First team All-Class 6A and second team all-state (all classes) at tailback as a senior. First team all-city and all-league. Also lettered in track and basketball.

Personal: Born Jan. 8, 1979. Son of Bruce and Ramona Snyder. Majoring in law enforcement.

• *Snyder at Washburn* •

Rushing No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
1998	9	30	3.3	1	10	9	123	13.7	1
1999	64	432	6.8	5	33	34	463	13.6	3
2000*	9	47	5.2	0	20	2	29	14.5	0
Totals	82	509	6.2	6	33	45	615	13.7	4

Kick-off / Punt Returns

KOR	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	PR	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
1998	10	224	22.4	0	36	3	24	8.0	0
1999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	224	22.4	0	36	3	24	8.0	0

*Received medical-redshirt

78 ERIC TATUM

6-0 • 285 • SOPHOMORE • OL
LANCASTER, TEXAS • LANCASTER HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a good spring. A very strong pass and run blocker. Will be in the mix on the offensive line coming off an excellent spring."

At Washburn: Will add depth and size to the offensive line.

2000: Appeared in seven games for the Ichabods on the offensive line.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: An all-district pick at offensive tackle. Named to All-Southwest Texas team.

Personal: Born on Dec. 31, 1980. Son of Billy and Deloris Tatum. Undecided on major.

96 ERIC TAYLOR

6-1 • 240 • SOPHOMORE • DE
RICHARDSON, TEXAS • BERKNER HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a great season and we have bigger expectations. He's tough against the run and a solid pass rusher. A potential all-league pick."

At Washburn: Returns to right end after stellar redshirt season.

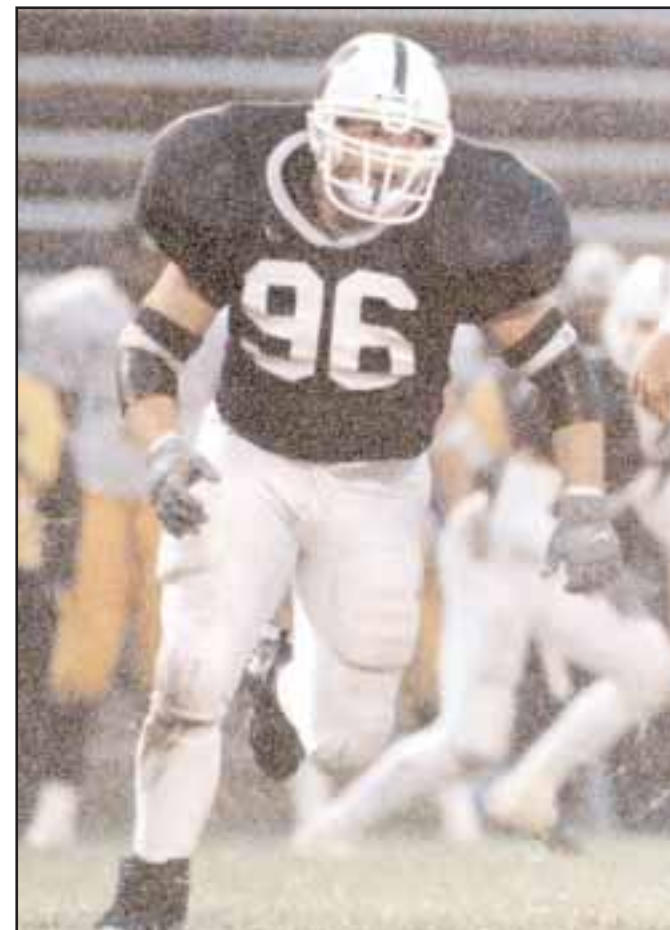
2000: Received second team all-MIAA honors after leading the Ichabods with six sacks

for 44 yards in loss - third best in conference. Also recorded team-high 11 tackles for loss. Overall had 29 tackles with 15 solo stops, three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries starting all 11 games.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Named to the all-city and all-district team each of the last two seasons at Berkner High. State champion wrestler in 1999. Named to all-district team.

Personal: Born June 1, 1980. Son of John and Janie Taylor.



Undecided on major.

• *Taylor at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
2000	15	14	29	0	11/57	6/44	3	3	0
Totals	15	14	29	0	11/57	6/44	3	3	0

26 JOEY TODD

5-11 • 190 • SOPHOMORE • K
PECULIAR, MO. • RAYMORE-PECULIAR HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Will compete for starting kicking spot. Coming off a good spring."

At Washburn: Will look to take over kicking duties after brother's graduation.

2000: Practiced, but did not play backing up his brother Chad.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Second team all-conference and honorable mention all-district pick at placekicker.

Personal: Born on July 20, 1980. Son of Larry and Barbara Todd. Brother of former Ichabod Chad Todd. Undecided on major.



Sophomore Eric Taylor was named to the all-conference second team after leading the Ichabods with six sacks and 11 tackles for loss. Taylor also finished third in the MIAA in sacks, while the Ichabods tied for the conference lead in sacks with 27.

27 DAVID TOMASSI

5-11 • 165 • JUNIOR • DB
MISHAWAKA, IND. • OTTAWA UNIV.



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A solid player who will add depth to the secondary and special teams."

At Washburn: Could see some time on special teams for the Ichabods.

2000: Recorded one solo tackle against Southwest Baptist on homecoming.

1999: Appeared in one game for the 'Bods.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Transfer from Ottawa University. Graduate of Penn High School in Mishawaka, Ind. Was on Penn's back-to-back state championship teams in 1995 and 1996.

Personal: Born on May 14, 1977. Son of David Tomassi. Majoring in history.

• *Tomassi at Washburn* •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1999	0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
2000	1	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0

71 ADAM TOBY

6-1 • 255 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • OL
CENTRALIA, KAN. • CENTRALIA HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Making a successful switch from defensive to offensive lines. Had a productive spring learning offense."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was named all-league offensive guard and honorable mention defensive end after senior season. Was also a member of the all-conference academic team.

Personal: Born on Oct. 27, 1981. Son of Bill and Brenda Toby. Majoring in business.

54 TIM WATTS

6-4 • 285 • SOPHOMORE • OL
TOPEKA, KAN. • HAYDEN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a outstanding spring. A solid pass protector and run blocker. Has good strength."

At Washburn: Broke spring practice as starting right tackle on offensive line.

2000: Appeared in eight games for the Ichabods backing up the starting offensive line.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Garnered all-league, all-city and Class 4A all-state honors at Hayden High. He was the starting center on basketball team.

Personal: Born Dec. 19, 1980. Son of David Watts and Sharon Lallman. Undecided on major.

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CHRIS WHITTLE

6-1 • 200 • SENIOR • WR

GARLAND, TEXAS • BERKNER HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a great spring. Has great hands and a big-play receiver. Runs good routes and solid on third down."

At Washburn: Moves into starting wideout position.

2000: Finished third on the team with 19 receptions for 238 yards and one touchdown. Also had a kickoff return for 12 yards.

1999: Was third on the team with 19 receptions for 266 yards. Also returned a kickoff 16 yards.

1998: Was third on the team, catching 14 passes for 159 yards while returning 10 kickoffs for 213.

1997: Sat out the 1997 season as a redshirt.

Background: First team all-metro (Dallas) as a senior at Berkner High under head coach Bob Dubey. Top receiver in Class 5A with 71 receptions for 982 yards. First team all-district.

Personal: Born on Aug. 28, 1978. Son of Richard Whittle and Karen Copeland. Majoring in history.

• *Whittle at Washburn •*

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
1998	14	159	11.4	0	23
1999	19	266	14.0	0	34
2000	19	238	12.5	1	33
Totals	52	663	12.8	1	34

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BRIAN WILSON

6-7 • 315 • SOPHOMORE • OL

DESOTO, TEXAS • DESOTO HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Made great strides in the spring. A solid pass protector. Will compete for time on offensive line and add depth."

At Washburn: Will see time on the offensive line at right guard.

2000: Appeared in 10 games for the Ichabods on the offensive line.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Was an honorable mention all-district pick as a senior.

Personal: Born Aug. 15, 1980. Son of Douglas and Deanna Wilson. Undecided on major.

Senior Dan Wilson goes in for a tackle against a Northwest Missouri ball carrier. Wilson suffered an ACL injury against Truman in the tenth game of the 2000 season, but has been rehabilitating and is ready to go this season.

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DAN WILSON

6-0 • 235 • SENIOR • LB

TOPEKA, KAN. • HAYDEN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Coming off an ACL injury. An outstanding team leader who is doing a good job rehabbing his knee. Will compete for starting spot at inside linebacker."

At Washburn: Returns to MIKE linebacker position after tearing ACL in 10th game of season against Truman.

2000: Played in 10 games recording 33 tackles including 16 solo stops. Also had three tackles for 21 yards in loss and two sacks for 17 yards. Had a fumble recovery and a pass break-up as well. Was also named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

1999: Played in nine games, making eight solo and eight assisted tackles. Also recorded a half sack, a pass breakup and a fumble recovery. Was also named to the MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll.

1998: Played mostly special teams, making 17 tackles, including nine unassisted. Made three tackles for losses, including two sacks and forced a fumble.

1997: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Three-year letterman at Hayden High under head coach Tom Stringer. First team Class 4A all-state as a senior for the Wildcats. First team all-city and all-league. Honorable mention all-city and all-Class 4A as a junior.

Personal: Born Feb. 15, 1979. Son of Paul Wilson and Ann Dickhoff. Majoring in mass media.

• *Wilson at Washburn •*

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1998	8	9	17	0	3/15	2/10	1	0	0
1999	8	8	16	1	2/6	1/3	0	1	0
2000	16	17	33	1	3/21	2/17	0	1	0
Totals	32	34	66	2	8/42	5/30	1	2	0



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BILLY WOLFF

6-0 • 265 • SENIOR • OL

MANHATTAN, KAN. • MANHATTAN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Coming off an excellent spring who has emerged as a leader on the offensive line. A great run and pass blocker."

At Washburn: Moves into the starting center position.

2000: Appeared in six games for Washburn.

1999: Appeared in six games for the Ichabods.

1998: Played sparingly on the Ichabods offensive line as a freshman.

1997: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: All-I-70 League performer at Manhattan High his junior and senior seasons under head coach Lew Lane. Also participated in track, throwing the shot put. Member of National Honor Society at Manhattan.

Personal: Born on Feb. 28, 1979. Son of William and Sharon Wolff. Majoring in history.



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GARRETT WRECKE

5-11 • 180 • JUNIOR • DB

OLATHE, KAN. SHAWNEE MISSION WEST HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Coming off his best spring. Has really adjusted to the new defense. Has become more physical at cornerback. Will also see time on special teams."

At Washburn: Left spring drills as the starting right cornerback.

2000: Played in all 11 games recording 12 tackles including eight solo stops. Recorded a 51-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown against Pittsburg State.

1999: Played in seven games, recording three solo tackles and two assisted stops. Also recovered a fumble and picked off a pass against Missouri-Rolla.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Named first team All-Sunflower League at wide receiver as a senior at Shawnee Mission West High under head coach Todd Dain. Also a second team all-league defensive back and all-county wideout. Played basketball as well.

Personal: Born Aug. 21, 1979. Son of Robert and Debbie Wrecke. His brothers Justin and Brennan also played for the Ichabods. Joined by younger brother Jordan on this year's squad. Undecided on major.

• *Wrecke at Washburn •*

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1999	3	2	5	0	0/0	0/0	0	1	1
2000	8	4	12	3	0/0	0/0	0	1	0
Totals	11	6	17	3	0/0	0/0	0	2	1

90 DEREK YOUNG

6-6 • 250 • JUNIOR • DE
KANSAS CITY, MO. • RAYTOWN HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Making a solid adjustment to the new defense. Will compete on special teams and on the defensive line."

At Washburn: Returns to the left end position after starting 11 games at end in 2000.

2000: Collected 24 tackles including 13 solo stops and was second on the team with nine tackles for 39 loss yards. Also had two sacks and two fumble recoveries.

1999: Played in 10 games, collecting 18 tackles, 10 solo. Also recorded two sacks, a pass break-up and recovered a fumble.

1998: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: A three-year starter who was named all-conference at Raytown High. Was a Kansas City all-metro selection. Handled the punting chores for the team. Also played basketball. Participated in the Metro Classic.

Personal: Born Aug. 5, 1979. Son of Michael and Joy Young. Majoring in general business.

• **Young at Washburn** •

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot	PBU	TFL	S/YL	FF	FR	INT
1999	10	8	18	1	4/20	2/14	0	1	0
2000	13	11	24	0	9/39	2/17	0	2	0
Totals	23	19	42	113/59	4/28	0	3	0	0

3 ANDRE ZANDEVAKILI

5-9 • 185 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • HB
GARLAND, TEXAS • BERKNER HS



DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Had a great spring. A solid blocker who will be a factor in the offensive backfield."

2000: Sat out the season as a redshirt.

Background: Named honorable mention all-district and an athletic scholarship winner from the U.S. Army.

Personal: Born on Sept. 2, 1981. Son of Amir and Ligia Zandevakili. Majoring in business.

ICHABOD FRESHMEN AND TRANSFERS

13 JOE ALLISON

5-8 • 200 • JUNIOR • FB
LEAVENWORTH, KAN. • BENEDICTINE

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A newcomer who will add depth to our full-backs."

Background: A transfer from Benedictine College where he played on the jayvee squad for two seasons. He also played baseball. At Leavenworth High School, he was a second team all-conference linebacker as a junior and honorable mention all-conference as a sophomore and senior. He was also an honorable mention all-conference fullback his final three seasons. He was also named honorable mention all-Metro as a junior and senior and

the team MVP for the 1998 and 1999 seasons.

Personal: Born Dec. 23, 1980. Son of Paul and Diane Amos. Majoring in physical education.

95 LEONARD ARMY

6-2 • 280 • FRESHMAN • DT
HOUSTON, TEXAS • EISENHOWER HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An outstanding defensive tackle who is very strong and quick from sideline to sideline."

Background: He was a first team all-district as a senior and second team all-greater Houston squad. As a junior he was second team all-district.

Personal: Born on May 24, 1983. Son of Sandy Army. Undecided on major.

84 DAWIGHT BENNING

6-1 • 210 • JUNIOR • WR
HOUSTON, TEXAS • OKLAHOMA

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A good-hands receiver with great speed."

At Washburn: Will add depth to the receiver corps.

1999: Sat out the season as a redshirt at the University of Oklahoma.

Background: Was a first team all-district wide receiver in 1995 and first team all-district quarterback at Mayde Creek HS.

Personal: Born Feb. 5, 1980. Son of Darla Benning-Johnson. Undecided on major.

30 RAWSHAWN BLAND

5-10 • 225 • FRESHMAN • FB
LEWISVILLE, TEXAS • LEWISVILLE HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A powerful runner inside the tackles who is excellent in short yardage situations."

Background: Was a first team all-district selection at fullback his junior and senior seasons.

Personal: Born June 12, 1983. Son of Victor and Barbara Bland. Majoring in business or computer programming.

18 JASON BOWERS

6-3 • 190 • FRESHMAN • K
LEWISVILLE, TEXAS • LEWISVILLE HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An outstanding kicker that has the ball exploding off his foot. His kickoffs sail into the endzone and is consistent on field goals."

Background: At Lewisville, was named second team all-district kicker and punter as a junior and first team all-district kicker honors as a senior, along with second team all-district awards as a punter. Was also named second team all-area kicker. As a senior was named special teams player of the week six times connecting on 7 of 9 field goal attempts including a school-record 56 yarder. Hit 39 of 41 point after touchdowns. Also handled punting duties averaging 37 yards per punt. Was also a second team all-district soccer selection.

Personal: Born Sept. 23, 1982. Son of Rusty and Kim Bowers. Majoring in business administration.

28 AL DELEON

5-10 • 185 • FRESHMAN • HB
DAMON, TEXAS • NEEDVILLE HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A good running back with speed and moves with good hands. Can play the slot back too."

Background: A four-sport star at Needville High in football, baseball, track and power lifting. As a sophomore, placed first in the regional lifting meet and seventh at the state meet. As a junior, was named outstanding lifter at three meets placing first at the regional meet and a state qualifier. As a senior was named first team all-district at running back.

Personal: Born Dec. 23, 1982. Son of Albert and Diana DeLeon. Undecided on major.

85 JAROD EASTERBERG

6-2 • 185 • FRESHMAN • WR
PLAINVILLE, TEXAS • PLAINVILLE HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Will add depth to our receiving corps."

Background: Was named first team split end pick and second team all-area selection his junior and senior seasons. Also handled kicking and punting duties.

Personal: Born Dec. 24, 1981. Son of Steve and Kathy Easterberg. Undecided on major.

2 TY FAITH

5-11 • 185 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • DB
TULSA, OKLA. • BARRY HILL HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Ty will add depth to our defensive backfield."

Background: Was a three-sport athlete at Barry Hill High where he was named all-district special teams and wide receiver. Was also named school's outstanding defensive back and participated in the Jim Thorpe all-star game. He led class 6A in punt returns and was an all-metro honorable mention.

Personal: Born Nov. 11, 1979. Son of Vicky and the late Brent Faith. Majoring in criminal justice.

23 COWIN HOPSON

6-0 • 195 • SOPHOMORE • DB
PRESCOTT, ARK.
MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Moved to the defensive backfield this season and will add depth to it."

Background: Sat out the 1998 season at Washburn as a red-shirt. Was an all-state performer in football and track at MMA. Played running back, quarterback and cornerback at MMA.

Personal: Born Oct. 1, 1978. Son of Ronnie Hooker and Hattie Young. Undecided on major.

45 CHRIS HUELSMAN

5-8 • 185 • SO • HB/K
WICHITA, KAN. • WESTERN STATE (COLO.)

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A solid kicker and all-around athlete who runs well. He will compete for time at kicker and at halfback."

At Washburn: Will add depth to the halfback position and could

see some time with special teams on kicking units.

2000: At Western State College in Gunnison, Colo., was an all-around athlete rushing for 265 yards and three touchdowns, 20 yards receiving and one touchdown. He recorded two kickoff returns for 72 yards and also handled the team's kicking duties connecting on 4 of 6 field goal attempts and 24 of 26 point after touchdown attempts, finishing second on the Mountaineers in scoring with 60 points.

Background: At Cappan Mt. Carmel High School, was an all-city selection at wide receiver and three-time all-star hockey selection.

Personal: Born April 4, 1981. Son of Ken and Lynda Huelsman. Majoring in business.

21 MARK JACKSON

6-0 • 185 • FRESHMAN • DB
HOUSTON, TEXAS • STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An excellent cornerback who is a good cover defender. A good tackler. He's as smooth as silk."

Background: Was a two-year lettermen on the football team playing defensive back and tailback and a three-year lettermen on the track squad. A member of Who's Who in American High School Students two years.

Personal: Born March 2, 1983. Son of Mark and Sandra Jackson. Majoring in Computer Science.

24 RYAN JOHNSON

6-1 • 180 • FRESHMAN • DB
RICHMOND, TEXAS • STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "He has excellent speed and is a good hitter with solid instincts. A good all-around player."

Background: Was an honorable mention all-district selection and named the team's Defensive Back of the Year. Also the fourth-ranked punter in the district.

Personal: Born April 1, 1982. Son of George and Susan Johnson. Majoring in law.

91 BRYCE KELLY

6-2 • 270 • REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • DT
FLOWERMOUND, TEXAS • TULSA

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A big strong player who is solid against the run."

Background: A transfer from Tulsa University where he redshirted as a freshman. Was a three-sport athlete at Marcus High School where he was named first team all-district his sophomore through senior seasons at defensive tackle. Was named first team all-area and second team all-state as a senior. Also a state qualifier in wrestling his senior season.

Personal: Born Nov. 26, 1980. Son of Valori Semones and David Kelley. Undecided on major.

40 NICK LABIN

6-1 • 185 • FRESHMAN • LB
TOPEKA, KAN. • SEAMAN HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An excellent all-around player who is a perfect fit for the 'Bod Backer position on defense."

Background: At Seaman High School was a unanimous all-Centennial League selection pick on offense and defense. Was a first team all-city running back by the *Topeka Capital Journal*. Named to the 5A all-state defensive team as a senior and teams' defensive MVP. Rushed for 910 yards and 14 touchdowns. Also played baseball for the Vikings.

Personal: Born Nov. 27, 1982. Son of Bill and Susan LaBin. Majoring in sports medicine.

7 CASON LEHMAN

6-1 • 195 • FRESHMAN • QB
MCPHERSON, KAN. • MCPHERSON HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An excellent all-around athlete who can play any offensive skill position and cornerback on defense."

Background: A three-sport athlete playing football, basketball and baseball. As a junior, he was an honorable mention 5A all-class quarterback. Threw for a combined 2,000 yards in high school. Played on state championship basketball team. Two-time second team all-conference third baseman.

Personal: Born Sept. 19, 1982. Son of Mike and Carla Lehman. Majoring in pre-dental.

63 JAROD NIGHTENGALE

6-2 • 315 • JUNIOR • OL
GALVA, KAN. • GARDEN CITY CC

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A big offensive lineman that will contribute on the offensive line."

Background: A transfer from Garden City where he started his sophomore season and where they won the Jayhawk Conference and played in the national championship game. At Canton Galva High School, was a four-year letterman, an all-league and all-state selection his senior year.

Personal: Born Aug. 15, 1980. Son of Russ and Kim Nightengale. Majoring in elementary education.

86 J.R. PHILLIPS

5-11 • 175 • FRESHMAN • DB
WICHITA, KAN. • WICHITA WEST HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has great speed. A very versatile player who can play wide receiver or cornerback. Has good speed and hands."

Background: Was an all-city running back and a member of the state champion 4x400 relay team. Also won the state wrestling championship at 145 pounds. In the classroom, he was a Kansas National Honors Scholar, class president and a member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Born Jan. 3, 1983. Son of Melvin and Yvette Phillips. Majoring in pre-law.

75 BLAKE RAY

6-4 • 240 • FRESHMAN • OL
ALLEN, TEXAS • ALLEN HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An outstanding offensive lineman who is an excellent pass and run blocker. He's the best lineman I saw on film."

Background: A two-year starter at left guard as he was named district lineman of the week five straight times. Named team's

Offensive Lineman of the Year. Recorded a 3.4 GPA in high school.

Personal: Born March 20, 1983. Son of Pete and Sally Ray. Undecided on major.

89 SHAWN RUFF

5-11 • 170 • FRESHMAN • WR
DERBY, KAN. • DERBY HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has good hands and runs great routes who plays hard."

Background: Was a three-sport athlete at Derby High School where he started at wide receiver his senior season. Also qualified for state in swimming three seasons and a first team all-conference selection and a three-year state qualifier in track on the 4x100 relay team.

Personal: Born Jan. 1, 1983. Son of Rick and Carol Ruff. Majoring in criminal justice.

59 MIKE SCHROEGER

6-2 • 230 • FRESHMAN • DE/LB
SHAWNEE, KAN.
SHAWNEE MISSION NORTHWEST HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A good, hard hitter who runs well. Will compete for time at defensive end or linebacker."

Background: A three-sport athlete at Shawnee Mission Northwest where he was fifth in the conference in tackles. Also played baseball and threw the shot put in track.

Personal: Born March 29, 1983. Son of Michael and Doris Schroeger. Majoring in business or computer science.

8 AVERY SMITH

5-9 • 175 • FRESHMAN • DB
NEWTON, KAN. • NEWTON HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An excellent defensive back with great speed. A good cover cornerback."

Background: At Newton High School, he was a member of the all-conference football, wrestling and baseball teams and an all-state wrestling and football selection. Was also team captain for football, wrestling and baseball.

Personal: Born Aug. 8, 1983. Son of Doug and Rosie Markus. Majoring in business.

76 BRET TAYLOR

6-2 • 230 • FRESHMAN • DL
LEWISVILLE, TEXAS • LEWISVILLE HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A solid pass rusher and a good athlete. He can make big plays."

Background: Was team captain at Lewisville High after being named Defensive Player of the Week six times. Was also named *Dallas Morning News* Honorable Mention Player of the Week. He was named to the *Dallas Morning News* all-district team following his junior and senior seasons and an all-area selection as well. As a two-year starter, he recorded 95 tackles, including 26 for loss, 3 pass break-ups, eight sacks, five forced fumbles and two interceptions.

Personal: Born Sept. 22, 1982. Son of Allan and Deborah Taylor. Majoring in finance.

48 STEVEN TERRELL

6-1 • 215 • FRESHMAN • LB
SUGARLAND, TEXAS
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "An excellent hitter who runs well from sideline to sideline with a good nose for the ball."

Background: Was a three-year letterman and an all-district line-backer and defensive MVP his senior season. Team qualified for the playoffs senior season. Recorded more than 100 tackles.

Personal: Born June 3, 1982. Son of Penny Juhl and Steven and Katherine Terrell. Majoring in business.

57 BEN THURSHY

6-1 • 270 • FRESHMAN • OL/DL
AUBURN, NEB. • HUMBOLDT HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "A big strong lineman who will play either side of the ball on the line."

Background: An honorable mention all-state selection following his junior and senior seasons. Also received all-conference honors and first team all-area defense accolades.

Personal: Born Feb. 19, 1983. Son of Don and Barbara Thurshy. Majoring in criminal justice.

87 JORDAN WRECKE

6-0 • 165 • FRESHMAN • WR
OLATHE, KAN.
SHAWNEE MISSION WEST HS

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Has excellent speed who runs good routes. An accomplished receiver in high school."

The Story Behind Mr. Ichabod

The name "Ichabod" was derived from the first name of Ichabod Washburn, an early benefactor of the university. Ichabod Washburn was born in Kingston, Mass., on Aug. 11, 1798.

In 1831, he began what was his life work - and the pride of Worchester, Mass., - when he essayed the drawing of wire. He was co-founder of Washburn and Moen Manufacturing (later American Steel and Wire).

His own lack of formal education made him acutely aware of its importance. When approached by the residents of Topeka to help save the ailing Lincoln College, Ichabod Washburn responded with a \$25,000 gift. In May, 1869, Lincoln College was renamed Washburn College in recognition of his outstanding contribution.

Until 1938, there was no

Background: At Shawnee Mission West High School was named second team all-Sunflower League at wide receiver after recording 18 catches for 361 yards and four touchdowns. An honorable mention selection at defensive back with four interceptions. Was selected to play in the Metro Classic football game and qualified for the state track meet in the long jump.

Personal: Born Oct. 17, 1982. Son of Robert and Debbie Wrecke. He is the fourth Wrecke to play for the Ichabods joining brother Garrett on this season's squad following older brothers Justin and Brennan. Undecided on major.

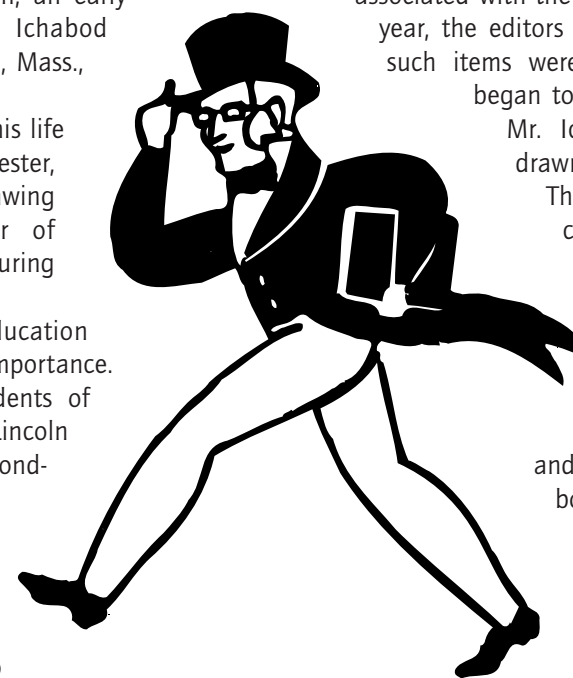
10 JEFF WIMPY

6-1 • 190 • JUNIOR • DB
TULSA, OKLA. • BETHANY

DeMeo's Viewpoint: "Will be a solid addition to our defensive backfield and he knows the defense playing under coach Waldie at Bethany."

Background: A transfer from Bethany College where he played under Waldie. He was a two-year letterman for the Swedes and started as a sophomore. He was an all-conference selection and he picked off four passes. He also played baseball. At Berryhill High School, he was a two-time all-conference member and played in the East vs. West all-star game. He was an all-state honorable mention selection. Also played baseball where he was an all-conference, all-Metro and team MVP as a senior. Was also a member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Born Jan. 7, 1981. Son of John and Martha Wimpy. Majoring in education.



graphic representation or any particular characteristics associated with the mascot. During the 1937-38 school year, the editors of the KAW yearbook decided that such items were important to the university and began to accept suggestions for a design of Mr. Ichabod. The adopted design was drawn by Bradbury Thompson (BA '34).

The following explanatory material accompanied the first representation of an Ichabod in the KAW: "He has courage and enthusiasm as shown by his brisk walk. He is democratic and courteous, for he tips his hat as he passes. Sincere in his search for truth and knowledge, he studiously carries a book under his arm. His friendly smile makes you like him. He is neatly dressed and he fits well into his generation ... but adopts himself with equal ease to any change in life."