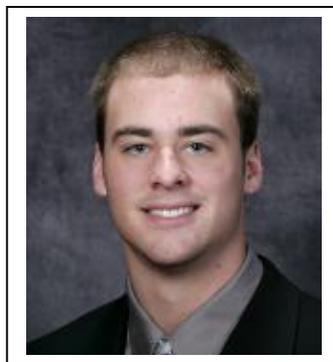


BO RUUD

Round 6, No. 197 overall

Linebacker
University of Nebraska
6-3 – 235 lbs
Lincoln, Nebraska
Southeast High School



OVERVIEW

Bo Ruud was the sixth member of the Ruud clan to play football for the Huskers. Along with his brother and father, the Ruud's hold the rare distinction of all ranking among the top 30 career tacklers in school history. Bo Ruud finished with 216 tackles, 22nd on the NU career list. Barrett Ruud is the all-time record holder with 432 stops (2001-04). Their father, Tom, is 26th all-time with 202 tackles (1972-74).

Bo Ruud started in each of his last three seasons at Nebraska, taking over at strong-side linebacker as a senior after playing on the weak side his first three seasons. His brother, Barrett, was an All-American and three-time All-Big Twelve Conference middle linebacker and is a starter for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Tom Ruud was an All-Big Eight linebacker for the Huskers and earned academic all-conference honors twice. He was a first-round draft pick in 1975 by Buffalo and played three years for the Bills (1975-77) and two years for the Cincinnati Bengals (1978-79).

Two of Bo Ruud's uncles -- Bob Martin, 1973-74-75; and John Ruud, 1978-79) -- and his great-grandfather Clarence Swanson (1918-19-20-21) all competed on the Husker gridiron.

Bo Ruud was a standout at Lincoln Southeast High School, and was Nebraska's earliest ever commitment, pledging his intention in June of 2001, 20 months before 2003 signing day. He helped the Knights to two Class A state titles. He was a two-way star, playing running back and linebacker. He rushed for 1,385 yards and 15 touchdowns and caught four passes for 125 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Ruud scored four touchdowns in a state semifinal win over Kearney and scored the Knights' only touchdown in a 7-6 title game victory over Millard North. He had 70 total tackles, including 51 solo stops, as a senior. He was named the honorary captain of the Lincoln Journal Star's Super-State team and was a first-team pick as a running back. The Omaha World-Herald named him to its All-Nebraska team as a linebacker and made him the honorary captain on the defense.

Ruud redshirted at Nebraska in 2003, but was a part of the travel squad. He played in 11 games as a reserve weak-side linebacker in 2004, posting 17 tackles (12 solo) with a pair of pressures.

As a sophomore, he started 10 of 11 games at weak-side linebacker, taking over that spot after Steve Octavien was injured in the season opener. Ruud finished the year with 80 tackles (41 solo), 2.5 sacks and 14 stops for losses. Ruud added 10 pressures, six pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble, earning All-Big Twelve Conference honorable mention.

Ruud was chosen All-Big Twelve first-team as a junior in 2006, starting 13 games. The weak-side linebacker delivered 65 tackles (36 solo), two sacks, seven stops for losses and four pressures. He picked off two passes, deflected four others and caused three fumbles, recovering two of them.

The team's Guy Chamberlain Award winner received All-Big Twelve honorable mention as a senior. He finished with 54 tackles (28 solo). Both of his interceptions were returned for touchdowns, as he also knocked down three other throws and caused a pair of fumbles.

In 46 games at Nebraska, Ruud started 33 contests. He registered 216 tackles (117 solo) with 4.5 sacks for minus-43 yards, 25 stops for losses of 84 yards and 16 quarterback pressures. He caused six fumbles and recovered two others, returning two for a total of 53 yards. He deflected 13 passes and intercepted five others for 208 yards in returns, including three touchdowns.

CAREER NOTES

Ruud closed out his career ranked 22nd on the Nebraska all-time list with 216 tackles...His brother, Barrett, is Nebraska's all-time tackle leader with 432 tackles (2001-04) and the brothers joined their father, Tom, on the school's leader board, as Tom Ruud's 202 tackles (1972-74) rank 26th all-time...Returned three interceptions for touchdowns, tying the school record that was first set by Dave Mason (1969-71) and matched by Joe Walker (1997-2000)...His 208 yards gained on interception returns are the most by a Husker in a career since Ralph Brown set the Nebraska record with 253 yards on 11 pass thefts (1996-99)...His 93-yard interception vs. Iowa State in 2007 was the third-longest return in school history, topped by the 95-yard runbacks by both Bill Kosch (vs. Texas A&M, 1971) and Willie Greenlaw (vs. Colorado, 1955).

- First-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, 2006)
- Three-Time Honorable-Mention All-Big 12 (AP, 2005, 2006; Coaches, 2007)
- Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (vs. Missouri, 2006; vs. Maine, 2005)
- Nebraska LB Record for Tackles for Loss in a Game (5 vs. KSU)
- Nebraska Guy Chamberlin Trophy (2007)
- Two-Time Second-Team Academic All-Big 12 (2004, 2007)
- Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Spring Academic Honor Roll (2004, 2006)
- Two-Time Big 12 Commissioner's Fall Academic Honor Roll (2003, 2006)

2007 (Senior)

Linebacker Bo Ruud finished an outstanding Nebraska career during the 2007 season, his third consecutive year as a starter. Ruud developed a knack for being around the football throughout his career.

Ruud's 216 career tackles rank 22nd on the Nebraska career chart, and he had 10 games with eight or more tackles. He finished with six career fumbles caused, four fumble recoveries and five interceptions. He returned three of his five interceptions for touchdowns, including two memorable touchdowns in back-to-back weeks in 2007.

A four-year letterman, Ruud lined up as the WILL linebacker for his first three years, before switching to the SAM spot as a senior. He played in and started 10 games, missing the Texas and Kansas games because of injury. He finished the year tied for fifth on the team with 54 tackles, including 28 solo stops. He also added four tackles for loss and caused a pair of fumbles.

Ruud had a tackle for loss in each of NU's first three games, then made six tackles, and returned an interception 34 yards for a touchdown to ignite the comeback win over Ball State. A week later, Ruud made 14 tackles in the win over Iowa State and gave Nebraska a comfortable lead with a 93-yard interception return for a touchdown in the third quarter. The return was the third-longest in school history and the longest ever by a Husker linebacker.

The Lincoln native capped his career with eight tackles at Colorado. Ruud was an honorable-mention All-Big 12 choice.

Ruud was also the recipient of Nebraska's Guy Chamberlin Trophy at the conclusion of the season, which is presented to the Husker senior who has shown by the play and contributions to the betterment of the University of Nebraska football squad that he has the qualities and dedication of Guy Chamberlin to the Cornhusker tradition. Bo's older brother, Barrett, also won the team award in 2004, while their uncle, Bob Martin, claimed the honor in 1975.

A business administration major, Ruud was a two-time second-team academic All-Big 12 selection and a four-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. He was one of 20 Huskers to graduate in December of 2007.

2006 (Junior)

Ruud was a key member of an impressive front seven that helped Nebraska rank among the Big 12 leaders in scoring defense and rushing defense. Ruud tied for fourth on the team with 65 tackles and was seventh on the team with seven tackles for loss. Ruud had two sacks and was one of only two Huskers with at least two interceptions. His three forced fumbles led the team, and he also recovered a pair of fumbles.

Ruud did not make a tackle in the opener, but collected at least one stop in each of the final 13 contests. He had seven efforts with at least five tackles, including a season-high nine in road matchups against USC and Iowa State. Each of his seven tackles for loss came in a six-week span between the Kansas and Missouri games.

Ruud totaled five tackles and forced a fumble in the victory over Nicholls State, as Nebraska held the Colonels without a pass completion. At fourth-ranked USC, Ruud made four solo stops among his nine tackles as the Husker linebackers combined for 28 stops.

The Blackshirts posted their first shutout in three seasons against Troy, with Ruud chipping in four tackles. Ruud's nine tackles at Iowa State, including a pair of tackles for loss, and the Huskers limited ISU to just 53 yards on the ground.

In Nebraska's narrow loss to No. 5 Texas, Ruud posted eight tackles, two tackles for loss and a sack. He also forced a fumble and added a pass breakup.

Ruud posted one of Nebraska's finest individual defensive efforts of the season in an important Big 12 North win over Missouri that garnered him a second career Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week award. He made seven tackles, including five solo stops, and a 13-yard sack. Additionally, Ruud recorded an interception that he returned 40 yards while later forcing and recovering a fumble to seal the Husker win in the game's final minutes.

Ruud had six tackles at Texas A&M to help the Huskers clinch the Big 12 North Division title. In the Big 12 title game against Oklahoma, Ruud had two tackles and a pass breakup. He also had a quarterback hurry in the second quarter that forced an interception and set up NU's lone score of the game.

In the Cotton Bowl against Auburn, Ruud made three tackles as Nebraska limited Auburn to just 178 total yards. He also recovered his second fumble of the season.

2005 (Sophomore)

Ruud began the year as the backup to Steve Octavien at WILL linebacker, but that changed in the season opener when Octavien was lost for the year with a broken leg. Ruud quickly made the adjustment to the

limelight, finishing the Maine contest with five tackles, a sack, a fumble recovery and a 27-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to seal the NU win. His performance earned him Big 12 Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors.

He went on to start the final 10 games of the regular season. Ruud finished the year with 80 total tackles to rank third on the team and was tied for third on the squad with 14 tackles for loss totaling 44 yards. He also led the team with two fumble recoveries, including a 46-yard fumble return against Texas Tech. He added 10 quarterback hurries and six pass breakups. Ruud's breakout performance earned him honorable-mention All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press.

Ruud had at least five tackles in 10 of 11 games, including a pair of double-figure tackle efforts. He made eight tackles in Nebraska's 31-3 win over Wake Forest, then had nine stops in the Huskers' double-overtime victory over Iowa State in Lincoln.

His first double-figure tackle performance came at Missouri, where he recorded 12 tackles, with seven solo stops and two tackles for loss. After five-tackle efforts against Oklahoma and Kansas, Ruud exploded for a career-best 15 tackles, including 10 solo stops, against Kansas State. Ruud also made a career-best five tackles for loss against the Wildcats, tying the Nebraska linebacker record. The 15 tackles were the most by a Husker since Barrett Ruud topped 15 tackles four times during his senior season.

In Nebraska's next game, Ruud continued his torrid play with six solo tackles, including three tackles for loss and an eight-yard sack, in the Huskers' 30-3 rout at Colorado.

2004 (Redshirt Freshman)

Ruud played in all 11 games and finished with 17 total tackles, including 12 solo stops, and added two quarterback pressures against Baylor. Ruud had three games with a season-high three tackles, including the season opener against Western Illinois, along with games vs. Texas Tech and Baylor.

2003 (Redshirt)

Ruud suited up for several games, but ultimately redshirted in his first year.

HIGH SCHOOL

Ruud was a standout at Lincoln Southeast, and was Nebraska's earliest ever commitment, pledging his intention in June of 2001, 20 months before 2003 signing day. He had a standout prep career, helping the Knights to two Class A state titles. He was a two-way star, playing running back and linebacker. Ruud rushed for 1,385 yards and 15 touchdowns and caught four passes for 125 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

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Ruud made 49 tackles as a junior, and rushed for nearly 450 yards and scored six touchdowns. Ruud also starred on Southeast's basketball team, which finished as the 2003 Class A state runner-up. He was a two-time honorable-mention all-state pick and earned academic all-state honors, and was a National Honor Society member.

PERSONAL

Bo is the son of Tom Ruud and the late Jaime Ruud and was born on Sept. 2, 1984. A business administration major, Ruud was a two-time second-team All-Big 12 selection and a four-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. He earned his bachelor's degree from Nebraska in December of 2007. He has volunteered with local hospital visits, American Education Week and the Lincoln Midget football league.

Ruud's family has a long history with the Husker football program. In addition to his brother Barrett's success as a Husker, Bo's father, Tom, played linebacker for the Huskers (1972-73-74), and earned All-Big Eight honors. Tom spent five seasons in the NFL with Buffalo and Cincinnati, while Barrett is entering his third season with Tampa Bay. Bo's uncles (Bob Martin, 1973-74-75; and John Ruud, 1978-79) and his great-grandfather Clarence Swanson (1918-19-20-21) also played for Nebraska. Bo's cousin, Jay Martin, will join the Huskers as a walk-on this fall.

Ruud's Career Statistics

Year	G/S	Tackles				TFL	Sacks	Fum.			QB	
		UT	AT	TT	C-R			BK	PBU	PI	Hry.	
2003	Redshirted											
2004	11/0	12	5	17	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	
2005	11/10	41	39	80	14-44	2.5-20	1-2	0	6	1	10	
2006	14/13	36	29	65	7-31	2.0-23	3-2	0	4	2	4	
2007	10/10	28	26	54	4-9	0.0-0	2-0	0	3	2	0	
Totals	46/33	117	99	216	25-84	4.5-43	6-4	0	13	5	16	

Interceptions - 5-208-3 TD total; 1-27 (TD) vs. Maine, 2006; 1-14 vs. Louisiana Tech, 1-40 vs. Missouri; 2006; 1-34 (TD) vs. Ball State, 2007; 1-93 (TD) vs. Iowa State, 2007

Single-Game Highs

Tackles-15 vs. Kansas State, 2005

Solo Tackles-10 vs. Kansas State, 2005

Tackles for Loss-5-10 vs. Kansas State, 2005 (tied NU linebacker record)

Sacks-1 four times, most recently vs. Missouri, 2006