



CASEY BENDER – LINDSAY HOLY FAMILY HS

Casey was a stand-out player for Coach Rusty Rautenberg's legendary Holy Family teams of the early 2000's. From 2001 to 2004, he anchored both sides of the line of scrimmage for the Bulldogs, while taking the program to State Runner-Up finishes in both 2002 and 2003. He eventually led his team to the pinnacle during his senior season when they won the 2004 Class D-2 State Championship. During that span, Casey was selected to the All-District team 3-times and was named 1st Team All-State on two more occasions. After graduation, he was selected to play in the 2005 Shrine Bowl, the Nebraska. vs. Oklahoma All-Star Game, and the 8-Man All-Star game- where he was chosen the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the game. Casey went on to become a 3-year letter-winner as an offensive lineman for South Dakota State University. While there, he helped the Jackrabbits win their first conference title in 44 years and become Division 1-AA playoff eligible for the first time in school history. After college, Casey spent 2 seasons playing in the National Football League with the Cleveland Browns, Detroit Lions, and Indianapolis Colts. Huskerland Prep Report would later name Casey to the Class D2 All-Decade Team of the 2000's and the NEMFCA is honored to now welcome him to the Eight-Man Hall of Fame Class of 2022.