



## **MICHAEL BAYER – HOWELLS HIGH SCHOOL**

Michael was one of the most fearsome defenders to ever play for the Bobcats and legendary Coach Mike Speirs. From 2000 to 2003, he roamed the line of scrimmage and terrorized opposing offenses while also playing a pivotal role in the construction of a program that began the 2000's winning 4 consecutive State Titles. During his storied prep career, Michael was honored by the Nebraska sports media and coaches on multiple occasions including: being named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District 3 times, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State on 2 occasions, as well as being named the Class D-1 Defensive Player of the Year for 2003. After graduation, Michael was selected to play in the Nebraska Shrine Bowl and was named the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the 2004 Eight Man All-Star Game. Hall of Famer Bob Jensen of Huskerland Prep Report would also name him to the Class D1 All-Decade Team of the 2000's. Michael finished his football career at Midland University, but his proudest moments as a player will always include having the opportunity to play for Coach Speirs and helping develop an attitude and work ethic that were the key building blocks in the decade-long Howells Football Dynasty. The NEMFCA is honored to now welcome him into the Hall of Fame Class of 2022.