



## **JUSTIN SWEDBURG – AXTELL HIGH SCHOOL**

In the mid-2000's, Justin was a standout running back and linebacker while leading the Wildcats to 4 consecutive playoff appearances and a trip to the 2005 Class D1 State Finals (where they finished as the state runner-up.) He dominated both sides of the ball for Axtell- totaling over 3,000 rushing yards, scoring 60 touchdowns, and tallying a school record 430 tackles. In the course of his prep career, Justin received multiple accolades including being named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-District four times, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State two times, and he was selected as the Kearney Hub's Defensive Player of the year in 2007. Then in the summer of 2008, he was honored as the Most Valuable Defensive Player for both the 8-Man All-Star and the Nebraska vs. Kansas All-Star games. Justin then moved on to the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where he would become a 4-year starter and team captain while also leading the Lopers to two Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Titles and two National Playoff appearances. He was later honored as a member of Huskerland Prep Report's All-Decade Team for the 2000's and after college, he returned to his home town of Axtell, where he works as a teacher and coaches both football and wrestling. Justin is most proud of the opportunity to work with great teammates and coaches along the way and positively representing his alma mater throughout the journey. The NEMFCA is honored to now welcome him into the Eight-Man Hall Football of Fame Class of 2026.