



## **LANCE THORELL – LOOMIS HIGH SCHOOL**

Lance was an outstanding all-around athlete in football, basketball, and track and had one of the most decorated careers in the history of Nebraska prep sports. However, it is his exploits as an explosive “do-it-all” player on both sides of the ball for legendary Coach Denis Reese that led him to the 8-Man Hall of Fame. From 2003 to 2006, Lance led the Wolves to 4 straight playoff appearances (including the 2004 semifinals) and was honored as a 3-time 1<sup>st</sup> Team All- District and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State selection- at three different positions (wide receiver, defensive back, and athlete). He set school records for yards (913) & receptions in a season (49), and receiving touchdowns in a season (14) & career (19). Lance also accounted for over 440 tackles, 15 Interceptions, and 59 touchdowns in his career and was named the Kearney Hub Athlete of the Year. In 2007, he was selected to play in both the Nebraska Shrine Bowl and the Eight-Man All-Star Game- where he was named as the Most Valuable Offensive Player. After high school, Lance became a scholarship player for the University of Nebraska, where he played in 52 games, was a 4-year letter-winner, and a member of the Cornhusker’s famed “Blackshirt” Defense. The NEMFCA is honored to now welcome him into the Eight Man Football Hall of Fame Class of 2026.