

Defensive Line

Returnees

*Caleb Blakesley (Sr., 3L)
Patrick Dorsey (So., SQ)
*Jamal Greene (Jr., 1L)
Richard Johnson (So., 1L)
*Jake Laptad (Jr., 2L)
DJ Marshall (Fr., RS)
Max Onyegbule (Sr., 2L)
Darius Parish (So., 1L)
Dustin Spears (Jr., RS)
Jeff Wheeler (Sr., 3L)
Duane Zlatnik (Fr., RS)

Letterwinners Lost

Richard Alspaugh (Sr., 1L)
*Russell Brorsen (Sr., 4L)
John Larson (Sr., 3L)

2009 Newcomers

Randall Dent, Jr. (Fr., HS)
Tyrone Sellers, Jr., (Fr., HS),
Travis Stephens (Jr., JC)
Quintin Woods (Fr., HS),
#Kevin Young (Fr., HS)

* - Indicates 2008 starter

- On Spring roster

Seven lettermen from a year ago return up front, including five players who started at least three games in 2008. DT Caleb Blakesley anchors the front line after earning All-Big 12 honorable mention honors last season. He had 22 tackles with four for loss. He is joined in the middle by Jamal Greene, who had 21 tackles while starting the final seven games and eight total last year and Richard Johnson, who started the first eight games of the year before suffering an injury. Johnson had 14 tackles and earned Freshman All-America honors. Darius Parish saw time in the interior as a true freshman a year ago and should contribute in 2009. On the ends, Jake Laptad was another All-Big 12 honorable mention selection in 2008. He registered 38 tackles, tops among the KU defensive linemen, while finishing second on the team in tackles for loss (8.5) and sacks (seven). Three year starter Russell Brorsen is gone from the other side. Look for veterans Max Onyegbule (17 tackles) and Jeff Wheeler (five tackles in three starts in 2008) to compete for that spot. Dustin Spears was the KU Scout Team Defensive Player of the Year in 2008.