

Kenny Iwebema
2008 Arizona Cardinals Draft Selection
Round 4, Selection 17 – 116th overall
DE – University of Iowa – 6-4, 274

OVERVIEW:

Kenny Iwebema (ee-WEB-uh-muh) has proven to be a capable big play specialist. He is more effective containing the run than rushing the passer, but has been known to deliver bone-jarring hits on ball carriers. He also uses his long arm length, reach and leaping ability to excel on special teams, having blocked four kicks during his career.

Iwebema was rated the 35th-best defensive end in the country by Rivals.com as a senior at James Bowie High School. He was a first-team All-Conference and honorable mention All-State that year and a second team All-Conference pick as a junior. The team captain made 89 tackles and 15 sacks during his career. He posted 48 tackles, 10 sacks and 18 stops for loss as a senior, adding 30 tackles and four sacks as a junior. A three-year letter winner in football, he also lettered twice in track, performing in the discus.

Iwebema spent the 2003 season on Iowa's scout team. He backed up Derreck Robinson at right defensive end in 2004, appearing in twelve games. With Robinson having graduated, the sophomore took over right end duties in 2005. He produced 48 tackles (32 solos) with seven sacks and ten stops for losses. He also caused two fumbles and blocked a pair of kicks, receiving first-team All-Big Ten Conference honors from the media.

In 2006, Iwebema made 27 tackles (17 solos) with three sacks and three pressures and he also caused one fumble and deflected a pair of passes.

In eleven starts at right end in 2007, he posted 28 tackles (11 solos), 3.5 sacks, five stops behind the line of scrimmage and three pressures. He blocked two kicks and caused a fumble while also knocking down two tosses, picking up All-Big Ten honorable mention.

CAREER NOTES:

In 43 games at Iowa, Iwebema started 30 contests. He registered 106 tackles (62 solos) with 13.5 sacks for minus 71 yards, 19.5 stops for losses of 92 yards and eight quarterback pressures. He caused three fumbles, broke up four passes and blocked four kicks.

2007 SEASON:

All-Big Ten Conference honorable mention by the league's coaches...Named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Syracuse...Started eleven games at right defensive end ...Finished with 28 tackles (11 solos), 3.5 sacks for minus 18 yards, five stops for losses of 23 yards and three quarterback pressures...Deflected two passes, caused one fumble and blocked two kicks.

2006 SEASON:

Played in eight games, starting seven contests at right defensive end...Finished with 27 tackles (17 solos), three sacks for minus 15 yards and 4.5 stops for losses of 18 yards...Added three pressures and had a forced fumble...Also broke up two passes.

2005 SEASON:

All-Big Ten Conference first-team choice by the league's media...Started twelve games at right defensive end, missing most of the season opener vs. Ball State with a concussion...Recorded a career-high 48 tackles (32 solos) with a team-high seven sacks for minus 38 yards...Added ten stops for losses of 51 yards and two pressures...Caused a fumble and blocked two kicks.

2004 SEASON:

Played in twelve games.

2003 SEASON:

Redshirted as a freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL:

Attended James Bowie (Arlington, Tex.) High School, playing football for head coach Anthony Criss...Rated the 35th-best defensive end in the country by Rivals.com as a senior...First-team All-Conference and honorable mention All-State that year and a second team All-Conference pick as a junior...The team captain made 89 tackles and 15 sacks during his career...Posted 48 tackles, 10 sacks and 18 stops for loss as a senior, adding 30 tackles and four sacks as a junior...A three-year letter winner in football, he also lettered twice in track, performing in the discus.

PERSONAL:

Health and Sports Studies major...Son of Veronica and Ken Iwebema, Sr...Born 2/06/85... Resides in Arlington, Texas.

PLAYER STATISTICS:

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS												
STATS	GP	GS	TK	SO	AS	FR	FC	INT	TFL	PBU	SACK	PRES
2004	12	00	3	2	1	0	0	0-0	0.0- 0	0	0.0- 0	0
2005	12	12	48	32	16	0	1	0-0	10.0-51	0	7.0-38	2
2006	08	07	27	17	10	0	1	0-0	4.5-18	2	3.0-15	3
2007	11	11	28	11	17	0	1	0-0	5.0-23	2	3.5-18	3
TOTAL	43	30	106	62	44	0	3	0-0	19.5-92	4	13.5-71	8

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS-Blocked two field goals vs. Illinois in 2005...Blocked two field goals vs. Syracuse in 2007.