

**Brandon Keith**  
**2008 Arizona Cardinals Draft Selection**  
**Round 7, Selection 18 – 225th overall**  
**T – Northern Iowa – 6-5, 343**

**OVERVIEW:**

Playing in the shadows of All-American offensive tackle Chad Rinehart, Keith actually developed into a better athlete than his more heralded teammate. The massive drive blocker with an incredibly long wing span and hands the size of baseball mitts has excellent quickness for a player his size.

Blessed with natural strength, he produced one of the better performances in the weight room at the NFL Combine, putting up 225 pounds 31 times. In a recent workout for NFL teams on campus, he clocked 4.98 seconds in the 40-yard dash and produced a 32-inch vertical jump with a 9'5" broad jump. That is impressive for any athlete, much less one of his size.

At McAlester High School, Keith was rated the second-best player in the state of Oklahoma by Rivals.com in 2002, who also rated him the 20th-best offensive tackle in the country. He earned first-team All-State honors from the Daily Oklahoman and the Tulsa World in 2002.

That year, Keith tallied more than 70 pancake blocks, helping the team compile an 11-1 record on the way to playing in the state semifinals. The team also went 8-4 and reached the second round of the playoffs during his junior campaign.

Recruited by Texas A&M, Florida and Nebraska, Keith enrolled at Oklahoma University in 2003, but left the left before the season. He enrolled at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College that year, spending two seasons at the school, playing for the football team in 2004. That season, he garnered NJCAA All-American second-team honors.

Left Oklahoma without ever suiting up for the university in 2005.

Keith transferred to Northern Iowa, where he was eligible to play in 2006. He played in a total of seven games, starting at right tackle in two contests, but a right knee bone bruise would sideline him for the rest of the year.

As a senior, Keith earned All-Gateway Conference first-team and Associated Press third-team All-American honors. He started 11 of 13 games at right tackle, grading 81.8 percent for blocking consistency, as he registered 71 knockdowns with 11 touchdown-resulting blocks.

After a stellar performance at the NFL Combine in February, followed by an early March Pro Day workout that was just short of sensational, Keith's draft stock continued to soar.

**2007 SEASON:**

Started 11 games at right tackle ... named to the Associated Press All-America third team ... named an honorable mention All-American by The Sports Network ... helped guide the Panthers to a perfect 11-0 regular season and a No. 1 national ranking for six weeks ... the Panthers' rush offense (227.38 yards/game) ranked No. 2 in the Gateway and No. 15 in the nation, the Panthers' pass offense (229.92 yards/game) ranked No. 2 in the Gateway and the Panthers' total offense ranked No. 7 in the nation (457.31 yards/game) ... was a member of the Texas squad in the Texas vs. The Nation all-star game on Feb. 2 in El Paso, Texas ... selected to take part in the NFL Combine.

**2006 SEASON:**

Saw action in seven games ... started games against South Dakota State (9/16) and at Iowa State (9/30) ... missed four games with a bone bruise in his right knee ... assisted the Panther offense in ranking No. 4 in the nation and No. 1 in the Gateway in total offense ... opened holes for a UNI running game that finished ranked No. 10 in the nation at 219.3 yards per game ... helped UNI offense rank No. 11 in the nation in scoring offense (31.0 points/game).

**CAREER NOTES:**

Keith was the biggest player to compete for Northern Iowa...In his first nine starting assignments during the 2007 season, he registered at least six knockdown blocks in each contest.

**JUNIOR COLLEGE:**

Attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College in 2004 ... Second-team NJCAA All-American in 2004 ... First-team all-Southwest League honors in 2004 ... Coached by Steve Patterson at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

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