

Sports

Recruits should be 'fastest ever'

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Sports Editor

Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said Tuesday the 1985 recruiting class is one of the "finest group of athletes we've ever signed" at Nebraska.

Osborne held a news conference at the South Stadium lounge late Wednesday afternoon as his assistant coaches gathered the signatures of 25 recruits. The recruits represented 10 states, range in height from 6-9 to 5-8, in weight from 290 pounds to 170, and should be the fastest group ever recruited here, Osborne said.

None of them appear on the first team All-American squad USA Today listed Wednesday. But Osborne said Nebraska got more players rated among the top three at their positions than ever before.

"We think they're all fine players," Osborne said. "I would hesitate to name individuals, but three or four could make a significant contribution next season."

Osborne said he was "very gratified" with the way things worked out particularly considering his recent hospitalization for heart surgery.

"(Recruiting coordinator) Steve Pedersen and (assistant coach) Dan Young really did a fine job, and the whole staff

did it without my being much help," he said. "It would have been nice if I could have been to (recruiting loss) Aaron Emanuel's house one more time. There were a few times when I felt I could have been some help, but I couldn't make any last minute moves."

Osborne said the Huskers had been weak on recruiting linemen recently, and thus this class has ten. It includes California teammates Ray Valladao (6-4, 240) and Tim Moore (6-5, 290), New Jersey's Greg Hinson (6-4, 260), John Roschal (6-3, 265) of Houston, Bill Bobbora (6-4, 248) of Amarillo, Texas and Chris O'Gara (6-5, 240) of Madison, Wis., on offense, and Greg Ching (6-9, 250) of Castlewood, S.D., Cleo Rice (6-3, 240) of Leavenworth, Kan., Houston's Broderick Thomas (6-3, 235) and Omaha North's Trenton Flowers (6-4, 200) on defense.

"If anything, we've got a lot of quality linemen," Osborne said. "We've got people who already have college size and strength. Of course, we hope to improve that."

Another defensive lineman, Kent Wells, of Lincoln East will be given a scholarship, despite earlier reports he would walk on.

The Huskers also recruited a kicker, 5-8 Chris Drennan of Cypress, Calif.

Other recruits:

Receivers:
● Tony Avant, 6-1, 176 Omaha Central

● Richard Bell, 6-1, 190 Altadena, Calif.

Running Backs:

● Ken Clark, 5-10, 190 Omaha Bryan
● Bryan Carpenter, 5-10, 195 Olathe, Kan.

● Kris Lamb, 6-1, 200 Waxahachie, Texas

● Sam Schmidt, 6-0, 210 Wood River

Linebackers:

● Steve DeShazer, 6-3, 230 Kansas City, Mo.

● LeRoy Etienne, 6-2, 225 New Iberia, La.

Defensive Backs:

● Chad Murrell, 6-4, 180 Grand Island

● Brian Davis, 6-2, 185 Glendale Community College

● Marvin Sanders, 6-1, 175 Markham, Ill.

Quarterback:

● Steven Taylor, 6-0, 180 San Diego, Calif.

Osborne said the Husker recruiting was "two-thirds or three-fourths" done. The next two weeks will be spent on walk-ons.

"When we sat here four or five years ago, we weren't talking about Ken Greaber, Mark Daum or Scott Strasburger" Osborne said. "To make our recruiting complete, we also need a good crop of walk-ons."

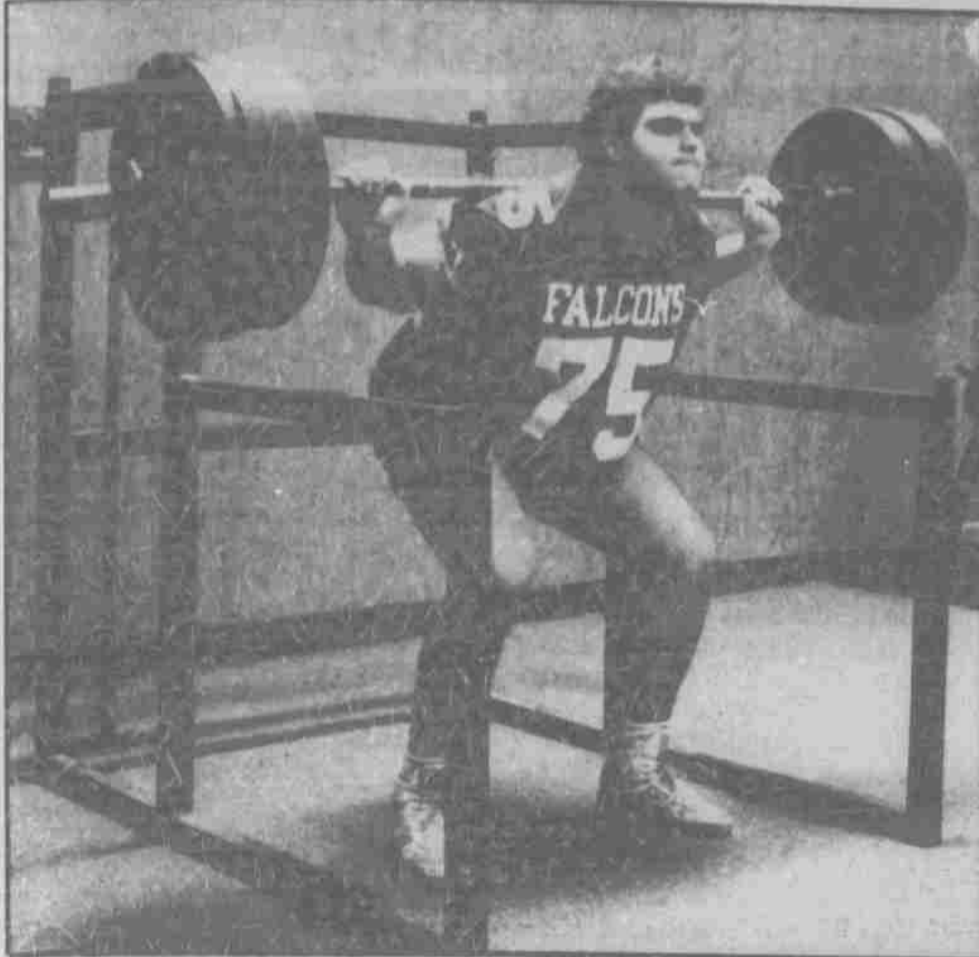


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Tim Moore, a 6-5, 290-pound tackle from Atwater, Calif., works out in his high schools weightroom. Moore and Atwater Falcon teammate Ray Valladao signed with Nebraska Wednesday.

Colorado's Stivrins scores 17 as Buffaloes stampede NU rally

Nebraska's men's basketball team needed a win Wednesday night to keep pace with Missouri for third place in the Big Eight standings. It was not to be.

Colorado defeated Nebraska 64-61 in the game at Boulder. The win dropped Nebraska's conference mark to 4-5 and overall mark to 14-8. The loss puts Nebraska in a tie for fourth place with Iowa State, which lost Wednesday against conference leader Oklahoma. The win put Colorado's conference mark at 3-6 and back in the hunt for an upper division finish and the home court berth in the Big Eight post-season tourney that goes with it.

Nebraska rallied back from a 20 point first half deficit and actually led by five, 49-44, midway through the second half.

But the Buffaloes, who had lost to Nebraska 85-67 in Lincoln, refused to wilt. Led by Lincoln native Alex Stivrins, Colorado took a 54-33 lead with 3:45 to play in the game. Stivrins scored 10 points in the last 10 minutes of the game.

Colorado tried desperately to grab defeat from the clutches of victory in the game's last two minutes. The Buffaloes missed three consecutive one and one opportunities that would have built their lead to five. But for every Colorado missed free throw came a turnover or missed shot by Nebraska.

The high altitude seemed to get to the Cornhuskers as they trailed 20-6 after the first 10 minutes of the game. Nebraska's leading scorer Dave Hoppen was held to zero points in the first ten minutes of the game and finished the half with four. He picked up his third foul with 4:04 to go in the half.

Nebraska trailed 32-30 at the half. Leading the way for the Buffaloes in the first half was Randy Downs who had 10 points.

Nebraska was led in the game by Curtis Moore's 14 points. Hoppen and Carr scored 12 each and Harvey Marshall added 10. Colorado was led in scoring by Stivrins 17. Tony Pruitt scored 14 and Downs added 13.

The Nebraska women's basketball team snapped a four game losing streak with a 85-60 victory against Colorado Wednesday night.

The win improved Nebraska's record to 3-6 in conference and 8-14 overall. Maurice Ivy led the way for Nebraska with a game high of 23 points.

Rec Scoreboard

<p>WATER POLO Titanic Reaction 11 (4), Schramm Four 3 (4.3) INDOOR SOCCER It 5 (4.6), Beta Theta Pi 3 (4.6) HOMA 11 (4.6), Phi Gamma Delta 2 (4.6) Phi Delta Theta 6 (3.6), Beta Sigma Psi 4 (4) Graduate Geriatrics 4 (2.9), Theta Xi 3 (3.8) VOLLEYBALL Greatest Hits def. Abel Thirteen 15-5, 15-17, 15-6 PS and T def. Awesome Acers 15-10, 15-3 Harper Seven/Smith Four def. Phi Delta Phi 11-15, 15-7, 15-8 Lefover def. Sellock Mudpuppies 15-9, 15-4 Just Drinking Around def. Second Chance 14-9, 13-0 Abel Seven def. Raiders 15-5, 9-15, 15-11 A Bad Team def. Computing Services 15-3, 15-6 AFB/OTC def. Delta Upsilon 15-7, 15-10 Acacia/Chi Omega def. 8361 15-3, 15-7</p>	<p>Classic def. Excalibur 15-8, 15-1 BASKETBALL Wood Whackers 45 (3.6), Los Cajones Grandes 18 (3.7) Lou's Leepers 54 (2.6), Dream Team 23 (1.6) High Five 51 (3), Paper Chasers 21 (3.3) Mutants 46 (3.6), Cadaver Patch Kids 42 (3) Savage Dogs 65 (3.6), Dunka Unlimited 43 (4) Tasteless 57 (3), Shemps 63 (3.2) Dead Doggies 50 (3.7), B-B-Bones 41 (3.7) Dribbling Drunks 57 (4), Burt's Basketeers 29 (4) Bucket Brigade 52 (3), Prosecutors 46 (2.7) A Sigma Nu 44 (4.3), Pi Kappa Phi 14 (4.2) Alpha Tau Omega 58 (3), Sigma Alpha Epsilon 56 (3.5) Beta Theta Pi 61 (3.5), Beta Sigma Psi 31 (3.5) Phi Kappa Psi 42 (2.7), Phi Gamma Delta Two 34 (2.7)</p>	<p>Triangle 49 (3.5), Theta Xi 41 (3.2) Hoopsters 60 (3.2), Highland Grocery Collegiates 57 (3.5) Chi Phi 48 (3.5), Phi Gamma Delta 38 (3.3) Return of the Schrooms 76 (4), Gay Nazi Punks 67 (1.2) Freeballers 53 (4), Sandbaggers 27 (4) Kappa Sigma 67 (4), Ag Men 36 (1.6) The Beast 46 (3.3), Ballers 36 (3.8) Women's Chi Omega 31 (4), Ramblers 26 (3.6) Delta Gamma 40 (4.2), Smith Six 30 (4.5) Basket Cases 44 (4), Smith Eight 21 (3.5) B Triangle 36 (3.3), Beta Sigma Psi Two 14 (2.3) Sigma Chi Two 44 (4.3), Phi Delta Theta 14 (4.3) Farralhouse 60 (4.5), Sigma Nu 30 (2.2) Delta Upsilon 52 (3.7), Phi Kappa Psi 35 (4.2) Beta Sigma Psi 59 (4), Acacia 54 (4)</p>
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