



Returning Husker letterman, Mike Naderer. photo by Bob Pearson

Huskers look at 'young' season

To say that the Nebraska men's basketball team this year will be young, would be a definite understatement. Last year's team that finished 14-18 overall and 7-7 in the Big Eight (fifth place) lost four senior starters. They are the same starters that in 1978 as juniors led the Huskers to a 22-8 overall record and to the quarterfinals of the National Invitational Tournament.

This year, the Huskers will return two starters, both juniors, 6-7 center/forward Andre Smith and 6-0 guard Mike Naderer. They will be assisted by lettermen, 6-6 senior forward Mark McVicker and sophomore lettermen, guards, 6-3 Ray Collins and 5-9 Jack Moore.

Smith, who could be one of the country's best forwards this year might have to play center this season according to Head Coach Joe Cipriano.

Last year Smith earned second team UPI and All Big Eight honors and led the team scoring and was No. 2 in rebounding.

Cipriano said that because of last year's player loss, Smith might have to be moved.

Although small for a center, Smith's agility underneath the basket ranks him with the best of the big men particularly against a zone defense, Cipriano said.

Naderer, in 1977-78, was a part-time starter who attained full-time status last season. Last year Naderer averaged 6.0 points and 1.6 rebounds a game.

The two starters, with the help of the five lettermen and two squadmen, must fill the shoes of 6-8 center Carl McPipe, 6-0 guard Brian Banks, 6-3 forward/guard Bob Moore and 6-8 forward Curt Hedberg.

McPipe and Banks were three-year starters and Banks earned first team All Big Eight honors in 1978. Moore was a two-year starter, and Hedberg was a full-time starter last year.

Nebraska will also take a strong look at its recruits from this season, according to Cipriano.

UNL has signed its first seven-foot player Dave MacFarlane from Plattsmouth. Also signing were: 6-10 center Lance Berwald from Minneapolis, Minn., 6-4 forward Tim West from State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo.;

6-4 guard Chuck Anderson from North Platte and two 6-2 guards, Eric Williams from South Bend, Ind. and Greg Downing, from Duluth, Minn.

UNL coaches happy with track recruits

Everyone is smiling around UNL's track office these days.

With letters of intent signed, those smiles can also relax a bit — for a while.

The Huskers have added to their roster two Californians: Phil Shirley, a high school All-American distance runner with a 4:12.5 mile, and Mark Newton, California state junior college pole vault champion — his best 16-6.

Assistant Track Coach Dick Railsback, also a native Californian who has coached at Nebraska for one year, said he was excited about the season's recruits.

And Head Coach Frank Sevigne also said he was pleased.

Monte Callendar from Detroit, Mich. has run 220 yards in :21.4 and 440 yards in :47.0. And Paul Blanchard, from Scituate, Mass., had the fourth best prep time in the country this season for 600 yards at 1:12.1.

In addition, UNL has signed three Jamaicans, two Iowans and Nebraska athletes Mike Cielocha and Rich Schumacher of Columbus Scotus, Rex Rexroad of Lincoln East and high jumper Chris Hove, from Minden.

Also Dan Gushard, a two-time state Class B shot putter will be eligible after transferring from Doane College and sitting out last season.

The recruits are:

- Shirley, Hollywood, Calif. — 4:12.5 (mile), 3:54.3 (1,500 meters) 1:55.5 (880), :50.8 (440).
- Newton, Canoga Park, Calif. — 16-6 (pole vault).
- Callendar, Detroit, Mich. — :21.4 (220), :47.0 (440) attended Fullerton (Calif.) Junior College.
- Cielocha, Columbus — :48.2 (440), :21.5 (220), :09.6 (100).
- Jon Jones, Clarendon, Jamaica — 24-1 (long jump), 49-8 (triple jump).
- Norman Mills, Clarendon, Jamaica — :20.7 (220), :47.3 (440).
- Charles Lawrence, Kingston, Jamaica — :21.3 (220), :47.5 (440).
- Blanchard, Scituate, Mass. — 1:12.1 (600), :48.8 (440), 1:54.0 (880).
- Wade Harrington, Davenport, Iowa — 24.0 (long jump).
- Ned Tucker, Winterset, Iowa — 58-0 (shot put).
- Rexroad, Lincoln — :49.2 (440), :22.6 (220).
- Hove, Minden — 6-8 (high jump).
- Schumacher, Columbus — 46-6 (triple jump).

Burns still in third spot

Vero Beach, Fla. (AP)—Ed Burns says being a third-string quarterback is not a bad job, when the alternative is finding another line of work.

Burns was to start for the New Orleans Saints Saturday when rookies and under-experienced veterans met their counterparts on the Miami Dolphins' preseason training camp outside Miami.

Burns, challenged by rookie free-agents David Spriggs and Tom Rozantz, knows that his chance for another year in the National Football League may depend on whether he's impressive Saturday.

"All three quarterbacks will play," said Coach Dick Nolan. "We just want each of them to get enough to show what they can do."

He said as many as 15 players could be sent home after he and his staff review

films of the scrimmage.

"I have to do enough to show them that I didn't just stand still last year," Burns said. "I've been here a year, so I should be ahead of the rookies."

He was third-string quarterback through his career at Nebraska, but his strong arm won him an invitation to the Saints training camp last year. His raw ability impressed the coaches, so they kept him on the squad as a backup to Archie Manning and Bobby Scott.

He said he's confident that he'll be a starter in the NFL some day, either with the Saints or another team. "I don't know that I'll ever get in the position where I say, 'Play me or trade me,' but I guess I'll think of that on down the line. I have confidence that I can be a professional quarterback and I think the coaches do, too."

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NU's Clark earns praise

Fort Collins, Colo. (AP) — Top draft choice Kelvin Clark from Nebraska earned Denver Bronco coach Red Miller's praise during Sunday's heavy hitting in Oklahoma drills at the club training camp here.

Miller said the rookie offensive guard was impressive in the hitting contest.

"We had two good practices today and we put our field goal unit into play in addition to the live hitting. We want to judge as much of our kicking game in live situations as is possible," Miller said.

He said heavy workouts will continue all week.

Meanwhile, veterans Rob Lytle, Otis Armstrong and Richard Keys were back in pads Sunday while Paul Howard, Gerald Goren and Dave Lawson remained out of pads.

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