

Sports

NU gridder hopes to start in new spot

By Mike Reilley
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Nebraska football player Danny Noonan could be a starter on the defensive line next fall, but it may not be at the same position he played last year.

Noonan entered spring drills as the second-string defensive left tackle behind Chris Spachman. Noonan could start at noseguard next fall if Ken Shead, who was held out of spring drills because of academic problems, can't improve his grades.

"I might end up at noseguard," Noonan said. "It just depends on whether or not Ken comes back."

Although he has played most of the spring at tackle with the second-string defense, Noonan has "worked a little bit at noseguard during scrimmages."

"I haven't had to make many adjustments," Noonan said of the noseguard position. "There are a few differences with reads, but basically it's the same as playing guard."

Even if Shead returns, Noonan said he will be happy to return to his old position.

"It would be nice to start," Noonan said. "But I'm still getting a lot of playing time."

While Spachman started last year, Noonan saw just as much playing time, coming off the bench on rushing downs.

"We usually alternated every two downs," Noonan said. "He (Spachman) was quicker so they used him on passing downs."

Noonan gained five pounds during winter conditioning and increased his performance on both the hip sled and bench press. He also lowered his time in the 40-yard dash. He ran an electronically timed 4.92 in the 40 this spring.

"I gained quite a lot on my speed," Noonan said. "I really needed to work on that."

Noonan has worked on more than just speed since his high school days, when he led Lincoln Northeast to the finals of the Class A state championship his senior year.

"Back in high school I worked mainly on technique," Noonan said. "But when you get here they expect you to know technique. You work on finesse and repetition — getting everything down right."

Noonan played both noseguard and tackle at Northeast.

As a freshman at Nebraska, Noonan registered 20 tackles, 10 unassisted, and three sacks for the junior varsity team which finished undefeated that year.

Instead of red-shirting during his sophomore year like most Huskers, Noonan was promoted to varsity in 1984 along with fellow sophomores Kevin Parsons, Steve Porch and Marc Munford.



Danny Noonan, 96, rushes quarterback Travis Turner as he releases the ball during a red-white scrimmage at Memorial Stadium Saturday.

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Errors plague Huskers in loss to Wichita State

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After splitting a pair of games with the Minnesota Golden Gophers Tuesday, Nebraska's baseball team traveled to Wichita, Kan., Wednesday to play Wichita State.

Nebraska lost the opening game of its double-header with the Wichita Shockers, 8-4.

The Huskers' bats apparently cooled off after scoring 18 runs in their win over Minnesota. Nebraska was held scoreless for the first five innings by the third-ranked Shockers.

Meanwhile, Wichita State scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a lead it never relinquished. The Shockers added another run in the second inning and five more in the third.

The Shockers had only five hits, but capitalized on three Husker errors and Wichita Mark Standiford's 10th home run of the season.

The Huskers, who had seven hits and left seven runners on base, finally broke its scoring drought in the sixth inning.

Nebraska scored three more runs in the seventh inning when Jeff Carter, a senior from Evanston, Ill. smacked a three-run homer. It was his fourth home run of the season.

Senior pitcher Mark Davis, now 2-4, picked up the loss for the Huskers while Shocker pitcher Greg Lafever raised his record to 7-2. Both pitchers finished the game.

Errors continued to plague the Huskers in the nightcap. Nebraska jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Shockers responded with four runs, two unearned, in the bottom of the first. The Huskers committed five errors in that inning.

At press time, Nebraska was clinging to a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the second inning. Nebraska's Bill McGuire replaced starting pitcher Jeff Mays in the second inning.

Huskers split doubleheader with Lady Jays in Omaha

Nebraska's winning streak over in-state rival Creighton reached nine before the Lady Jays used a four-run inning to power themselves past the Huskers 5-3 in the second game of a doubleheader Wednesday in Omaha.

The Huskers had won eight straight over Creighton going into the game and made it nine straight with a 7-0 victory in game one. Pitcher Lori Sippel went the distance for Nebraska and got offensive help from sophomore Stacy Sunny, who doubled, tripled and homered. Denise Eckert also homered

and tripled for Nebraska, who scored two runs in the first and four in the second to put the game out of reach early.

The Huskers fell behind by one run in the first, then saw Creighton score four in the second. Nebraska scored one run in each of the next three innings but couldn't reach Creighton pitcher Kandy Faust for the winning runs.

The Huskers' record is now 24-7 while Creighton is 32-10. Nebraska travels to Ames, Iowa for Big Eight play this weekend.

Rec Scoreboard

SOFTBALL

Kangaroo Rats 13, Abel Twelve 11
Burr Two West, East 21, Schramm Four and Nine 10
Abel Three 16, Trangle 9
Schramm Two 21, Abel Thirteen 9
Fun Bunch 14, Catch Twenty-Two 12
M.A.G.S. 24, Raymond Two 6
Alpha Gamma Sigma 25, Sarmies 12
BIW et al. 14, Heppner Two and Three 11
LXIXERS 22, Boozebusters 7

HUSKER

Wendy Turner • Ankeny, Iowa

WENDY TURNER

"My role on this year's team is to try and pick everybody up when they're down," Nebraska softball player Wendy Turner said. "I just try to keep them going when it's tough."

Collegiate: Turner, a senior outfielder from Ankeny, Iowa, earned All-Big Eight honors last season. She batted .301 and led the Huskers in walks with 25 and committed only five errors in 80 attempts for a .694 fielding percentage.

This fall Turner turned in another strong performance as she hit .331 and committed no errors while playing in all 24 of the Huskers' games.

High School: Turner, who is described by Coach Wayne Daulton as "one of the top all-around athletes on the squad," led Ankeny High to the Iowa state championship six times during a split fall and spring schedule.

Besides softball, Turner also lettered in track at Ankeny, where she competed in the discus, hurdles and softball throw. She also played basketball.

Personal: Turner is the second of four children. Her youngest sister, Mitzi, is a graduate of Ankeny High.

Wendy was recruited by Creighton, UNO, New Mexico and Nebraska.

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Netters to rebound against K-State team

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After a disappointing weekend in Oklahoma, the Nebraska men's tennis team returns to Lincoln Friday and Saturday for its last home meet of the year.

The Huskers lost 3-0 to Oklahoma State and 8-1 to Oklahoma last weekend.

"We were just not up to par at all last weekend," Coach Kerry McDermott said. "We knew Oklahoma State had a better team but we wanted to score at least two points."

The Huskers also were blown away in the doubles competition, McDermott said.

"We did not have enough communication on the courts," he said. "The partners wouldn't talk to each other once they got down, and to be a good doubles team they must be able to reassemble and regroup when they are down."

Nebraska's Friday opponent, Kansas State, should help the team's confidence.

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