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Nebraska's remaining group of recruits include center Scott Bullock and guards Darren Brown and Milton Shobe.

Bullock, a 6-10 freshman from Fort Collins, Colo., is being projected as a redshirt this season, while Brown and Shobe will give the Huskers some much-needed depth at guard.

"We went into last season knowing we were thin at the guard position simply because we didn't have any returning experience there," Baack said. "We hoped we have solved that problem, though, with the addition of Shobe and Brown because we feel that both of them are very capable players."

Nebraska has seven players returning from last year's team, which finished in the three-way tie with Kansas State and Colorado for fifth place in the Big Eight conference.

An eighth player, senior Demetrius Buchanan, has been declared academically ineligible for the first semester of the 1985-86 season, while a ninth, sophomore Keith Nubert, is coming off a redshirt season.

"We feel very happy about the group of returning players we have coming back," Baack said. "We feel we have got a very good group."

If the Huskers were to play a game tomorrow, Nebraska basketball coach Moe Iba said, the tentative starting line up would be Brian Carr and Harvey Marshall at guards, Day and Chris Logan at forward and Dave Hoppen at center.

According to Iba, Hoppen is definitely the key to Nebraska's offense.

Opposing teams generally build their defense around Dave (Hoppen) simply because he is such a vital part of our offense," Iba said. "A lot of the success we have had in the past couple very fine group of players at all the of years here can be directly credited to him (Hoppen)."

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has turned into one of this year's stronger points of the team, Baack said, as Nebraska returns both Marshall and Carr at guard.

Last season, Marshall started all 30 games for the Huskers and averaged 10.7 points and 2.8 rebounds per game.

Carr, a junior from Munice, Ind., also started all 30 games for Nebraska and averaged 9.5 points and 1.9 rebounds per game.

"We feel that Harvey (Marshall) and Brian (Carr) work very well together in the backcourt," Baack said. "Both of them are vital parts of our offense."

At forward, Nebraska returns two part-time starters in Bill Jackman and John Matzke.

Although both Jackman and Matzke have been tentatively deviated to back up roles because of the rise of Logan and Day, Baack said they were fitting in well in their new roles.

"Jackman played very well at the end of last season so we will definitely be counting on him again this season while John Matzke has always been a vital contributer to our program," he said. "Both of those guys are super individuals who I never hear anything except positive things out of."

Nebraska's two tentatively proposed starting forwards, Day and Logan, are both in relatively new roles with the Nebraska basketball program, Baack said.

Logan transferred to Nebraska one year ago from Antelope Valley junior college in Lancaster, Calif., but was declared academically ineligible for the second semester of the 1984 season.

Day, meanwhile, a transfer from Moberly Junior College in Moberly, Mo., averaged 14 points per game before coming to Nebraska.

"Overall, we feel like we have got a positions," Baack said. "We're very optimistic about the upcoming sea-



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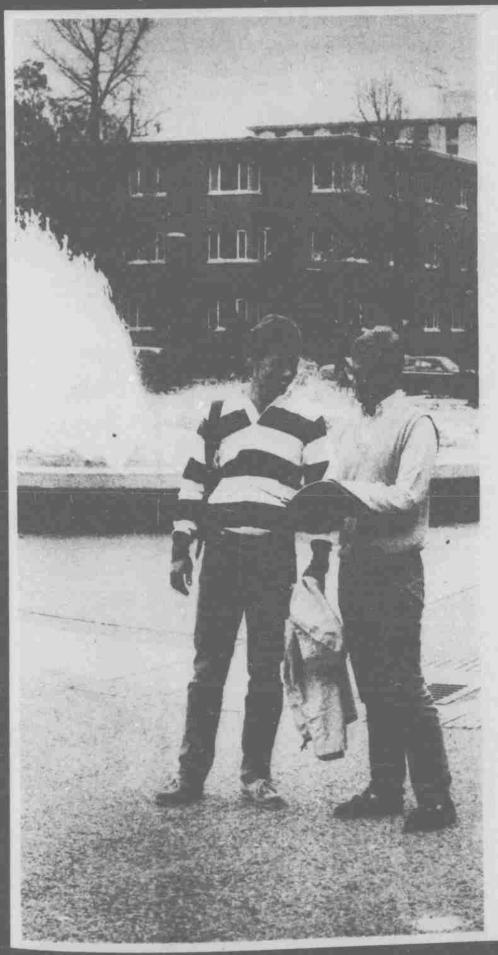
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