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OSU guard Faggins confident in ability

By Mike Beecham
 Staff Reporter

With forward Muhammad Akbar and guard Nolan Richardson out for the season, Oklahoma State will look to senior guard Terry Faggins to push the Cowboys to victory Wednesday night against Nebraska.

Faggins, a 6-5 senior, said he knows what he must do if he is going to replace the output of Akbar and Richardson, who were declared academically ineligible before the start of second semester.

Faggins said he feels he can successfully replace the two, even though Akbar was the Cowboys' leading scorer throughout the school's non-conference season.

Faggins, a junior-college transfer from Carl Albert Junior College in Poteau, Okla., said he had a hard adjustment to the slower-paced game at Oklahoma State.

"I had to get away from the run-and-

gun and slow things down a little bit," he said. "It took a little time."

Faggins started the first part of last season slowly but exploded for 23 points and seven rebounds against Oklahoma.

From there, Faggins said, he worked on all aspects of his game trying to display the potential the Oklahoma State coaching staff had seen while he was at Carl Albert.

Faggins had arthroscopic knee surgery late in September, but said the knee has been giving him no problems.

"I twisted it a little bit today in practice and it's a little sore," he said. "But I'll be ready for the game."

Faggins said the Cowboys are going to have to play a hard game against Nebraska if they plan to win.

Stopping center Dave Hoppen will be the Cowboy's main concern, Faggins said, although he is confident that 7-4 freshman Alan Bannister will be able to do the job.

"I've seen a big improvement (in



Faggins

Bannister)," Faggins said. "I think he can stop him (Hoppen). He just has to learn not to let anyone push him around."

Faggins has averaged 12.9 points and 3.2 rebounds a game this season. He is hitting 79 percent of his free throws.

Although he has hopes of playing in the National Basketball Association, Faggins said he will use his physical education major if that chance doesn't come.

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DN sports editor captures trivia crown

By Geoff Goodwin
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Bob Asmussen will not win the UNL sports trivia contest next year. That's because he's graduating. (Probably. We hope so anyway. We like Bob a lot and we'll really miss him but we know he's wasting his immense talents by working at the DN. Oops, sorry folks. That's Daily Nebraskan on first reference.) He did, however, win this year as he has the last three years.

Yeah, he's pretty good. He knows his sports trivia like Jimmy Carter knows peanuts. That's why he's sports editor of this paper.

But it wasn't a cakewalk for Asmussen. After a first round bye Asmussen met Brent Skeeter in the semifinals. Asmussen trailed most of the match but rallied on the last question to take an 80-70 lead. Skeeter still had a chance to win but didn't know that the New York Knickerbockers in 1852 were the first team to wear uniforms. Don't feel bad, Brent. Nobody else did either.

Then it was on to the finals where Asmussen met Bruce Sharp. Bruce was very "sharp" indeed in his semifinal win over Kurt Meyer as he defeated Meyer 100-20.

But, after answering his first question

(What college did Oscar Robertson attend? Cincinnati, sports fans!) Sharp was steamrollered by the Asmussen juggernaut as the defending champion answered seven questions in a row enroute to an easy 110-20 victory.

Asmussen was modest in victory. "I was pretty lucky," he said. "When he (Skeeter) missed that last question I snuck in. That was the first time I hadn't had the last question. I just got hot in the final. The whole thing is largely a matter of luck... what questions you get."

For his victory Asmussen received a T-shirt to go along with the other three he's won over the years.

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Big Eight Standings

Team	Conf. games	Overall
Oklahoma	2-0	17-0
Kansas	2-0	16-2
Missouri	2-1	15-5
Iowa State	2-1	11-5
Kansas State	1-1	13-4
Nebraska	0-2	10-5
Oklahoma State	0-2	9-6
Colorado	0-2	8-7

Scoring leaders	
Hoppen, NU	22.0
Kennedy, OU	21.8
Grayer, ISU	21.4
Coleman, KSU	21.2
McCalister, OU	19.8
Chievous, MU	18.2
Wright, KSU	17.6
Bingenheimer, MU	17.2
Kellogg, KU	15.8
Strong, MU	15.7

Field goal percentage	
Bullard, CU	.658
Thompson, KU	.645
Hoppen, NU	.629
Dreiling, KU	.628
Manning, KU	.600

Rebounding per game	
Kennedy, OU	8.1
Coleman, KSU	8.0
Chievous, MU	7.4
Hoppen, NU	7.3
Bullard, CU	7.2

Steals per game	
McCalister, OU	3.3
Hardy, MU	2.7
Hornacek, ISU	2.5
Grayer, ISU	2.3
Bowie, OU	2.2

Free throw percentage	
Hornacek, ISU	.887
Davis, OU	.865
Kellogg, KU	.852
Roberts, OU	.852
Wright, KSU	.852

Assists per game	
Carr, NU	7.5
Hunter, KU	7.2
Reid, CU	6.9
Hornacek, ISU	6.6
Davis, OU	5.2

Blocked shots per game	
Bannister, OSU	2.0
King, OU	1.9
Bingenheimer, MU	1.7
Dreiling, KU	1.4
Hill, ISU	1.3