

# Sports

## Husker basketball team signs junior college power forward

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The Nebraska basketball team has signed a 6-foot-7, 190-pound power forward from Seminole (Okla.) Junior College.

Seminole Coach Riley Wallace confirmed Wednesday that Peter Manning has signed a letter of intent to play for Nebraska Coach Danny Nee next season. Wallace said Manning averaged 14 points and 11 rebounds last season at Seminole. Manning will be a junior in eligibility.

"He's a real active player, very coachable," Wallace said of Manning. "He's one of those guys that just seems to have a smell for the basketball."

Wallace said Nee beat out Memphis State, Providence and Villanova for Manning's signature. He said Western Kentucky tried to sign Manning during the early signing period in November.

"Providence was after him until the very end," Wallace said. "He

didn't want to go to Villanova because they don't have a physical education department and they weren't going to count some of his hours.

"But he really liked Coach Nee. He came down here and saw him play three times — once before they played Oklahoma. He also has friends at Nebraska."

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Wallace said Manning has good quickness — and should fit in well with Nee's up-tempo style.

"He really runs the follow well," he said. Manning, of Trenton, N.J., was recruited to Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College by Gary Bargaen, now an assistant at UNL. At Hutchinson, Manning teamed with Nebraska players Derrick Vick and Henry

Buchanan.

After playing his freshman season at Hutchinson, Manning red-shirted his sophomore season because of a back injury. When Bargaen left to coach at Nebraska, Wallace said, Manning decided to transfer to Seminole.

And, he said, he's glad he did.

"I've been here for three seasons and he's the best rebounder I've coached," Wallace said. "And I've had some pretty good players, like Sylvester Kincheon, now up at OSU (Oklahoma State) and Archie Marshall at Kansas."

"When the ball goes up, Pete goes at it."

Tyrone Jones, a 6-6 forward from Hutchinson who Nebraska was known to be recruiting heavily, reportedly will sign with Purdue.

Nebraska apparently has two scholarships left to give out this year. Another player Nee was recruiting heavily, Melvin Branch, a 6-10 center from Barton County (Kan.) Junior College, signed with Pittsburgh last week.

## Scheidegger wins title

*Sjoholm, Jung win doubles at Big 8s*

By Steve Sipple  
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Brad Scheidegger was given the nickname "Black Cat" by his teammates earlier this season, but a new name may be in order.

Scheidegger came back from first-set losses in the semifinals and finals to win the No. 5 singles title at the Big Eight Conference Men's Tennis Championships last Saturday and Sunday in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Scheidegger, whose nickname came from a shirt he often wore to practice advertising Black Cat firecrackers, defeated Oklahoma State's Jack Salerno in the semifinals in a three-set thriller.

The junior transfer from Oklahoma then captured the title when he defeated Kansas's Larry Pascal 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Cornhusker coach Kerry McDermott said he wasn't surprised by Scheidegger's ability to respond after the first-set losses.

"He has played so many three-set matches this year," he said. "I think in both matches (semis and finals) I came up after the first set and asked him how he was doing."

"He said, 'Aw, I lost the first set,' and I just told him, 'you know you can beat him, you beat him last week and you

have won so many three-set matches.' "It just came down to him believing he could do it, and he did."

Scheidegger finished the season 19-6, including a 6-4, 6-2 victory against Pascal in a dual a week before the conference meet. He said that victory gave him confidence heading into Sunday's finals.

But he had to defeat Salerno, a left-hander with a strong serve, to even face Pascal. After losing the first set, Scheidegger broke Salerno's serve in the first game of the second set and coasted to victory.

Then came top-seeded Pascal, and Scheidegger again lost the opening set. "No problem," he said.

"I knew I still had a good shot because he doesn't have a hard serve like Salerno," Scheidegger said.

Scheidegger won the second set easily and said he felt he had momentum going into the final set.

But Pascal held service in the first game and broke Scheidegger's serve to take a 2-0 lead.

Scheidegger eventually evened the set at 3-3 but suddenly Pascal regained command, holding serve in the seventh game and then breaking Scheidegger's serve to go up 5-3.

"I was worried," he said. "He was serving for the match. He has been pressuring me the whole time and was getting everything back and making me beat him."

Pascal quickly took a 3-2 lead on points (in collegiate tennis, the first player to score four points wins the game). But Scheidegger hit a passing shot to even the score and then broke Pascal with a lunge shot.

He lost only two points in winning the last three games for the title.

"The win says a lot for his personality," McDermott said. "He's a good team player and just a real good kid to have around."

Had it not been for some regrettable circumstances at Oklahoma, Scheidegger might not be around.

After finishing his freshman season with a 13-15 record in singles play and second place in doubles at last year's conference tournament, he wasn't offered a scholarship as a sophomore. So he became a Husker.

After sitting out last year, Scheidegger came back this year and flashed the form that helped him win the title in last summer's Nebraska State Closed Tournament. There he beat six-time champ Bill Roach, then ranked No. 1 in the state, in the finals.

Now Scheidegger has McDermott thinking big for next year.

"The thing about Brad is I don't know if he realized that if he worked harder he could get even better," he said. "He could really become a good player."

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## Nebraska crew gets second, third in Midwest meet

Nebraska's crew club came away with two top-three finishes last weekend at the Midwest Rowing Championships in Madison, Wis.

Nebraska's lightweight four-man team — Cox Dena Cacioppo, Jeff Harr, Morton Lollant, Jim Mason and Mark Pitzer — finished second. The team was coached by Jim Steve Morin.

In the mens open-pair competition, Nebraska's Paul Larson and Steve Knapp finished third.

The lightweight four-man team will compete against Club Espanol in Mexico City's 75th Anniversary Rowing Regatta on May 17, and the open-pair team will compete in the Dad Vails in Philadelphia.

Mason said air fares alone to Mexico City are about \$200 each, and the team is searching for contributions.