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Recruits sign this week; year of effort bears fruit

By Jeff Apel Senior Editor

A year-long wait for Nebraska men's basketball coach Danny Nee and women's coach Angela Beck will come to a decisive conclusion Wednesday when the early signing period for high-school and juniorcollege basketball players begins.

Nee and Beck said they are anxious almost a year recruiting potential athletes. Both coaches said the recruiting process begins with a phone he said. call or a questionnaire and climaxes on the first day recruits are allowed to sign national letters of intent.

'It's a long process," Nee said. "You see the kids, you make a home visit, you tell them about the program then hopefully they will sign.

'It makes me anxious - very much so."

Beck agreed.

"You work hard all summer and now you start to see results," Beck said. "It's exciting.

Beck said she is particularly pleased with her recruiting class because she has already received four verbal commitments. She said the players who plan to sign Wednesday include three post players and a guard. "We had a real good summer,"

Beck said. "Everything fell into place."

Beck said the Cornhuskers may add a fifth recruit if another commitment is made during the early signing all of its recruiting finished by Nov. Paseo coach Willie Bowie.

18. "We want to sign them early," Beck said. "That's our philosophy."

Nee said there is a trend developing among college recruits to sign early rather than wait until the next spring. He said about 60 to 70 percent of all athletes sign between Nov. 11 and 18.

That's in the last couple years,' Nee said.

Nee said he doesn't know how for the week-long signing period to many recruits he will sign during the begin because they both have spent early period. Nee couldn't comment on any of his potential recruits be-cause that would violate NCAA rules,

Two players Nee was recruiting -James Voskville from Calvin Christian High School in Grandville, Mich., and forward Michael Brown from James Madison High School in Houston, Texas - have indicated they are going elsewhere.

Tom Vanderlana, Voskville's high-school coach, said the 6-foot-7 forward will attend Michigan. He said although Voskville enjoyed his recruiting visit to Lincoln and was impressed by Nee, the Wolverines' engineering college and strong basketball tradition steered him away from Nebraska.

Walter Yates, Brown's highschool coach, said the 6-foot-6 for-ward will attend Wyoming. Brown attends the same high school that produced Nebraska defensive end Broderick Thomas.

Another player being recruited by Nee, 6-foot-5 Anthony Peeler of Paseo High School in Kansas City, period. She said Nebraska wants to get Mo., will wait until spring to sign, said

Deity's overcompensation condescends to simple folk

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Ohio high-school star

considering Nebraska

By Kent Endacott Staff Reporter

One of the top high-school basketball players in Ohio may sign with Nebraska, his coach said Monday.

Mansfield (Ohio) Senior High coach Joe Prats said DaPreis Owens, a 6-foot-9 center projected as a power forward in college, is deciding between Nebraska, Cleveland State and Tennessee. He said Owens will visit Tennessee this weekend before deciding

Prats said Owens will sign during the early signing period, which begins Wednesday.

Owens averaged 22 points and six rebounds a game as a junior. He also set a school record with 96 blocked shots.

"He runs the floor very well," Prats said. "He handles the ball well for his Size

He said Owens is a great jumper. "He touches 11-6 on the backboard." Prats said.

Owens attended the Kansas-Nebraska football game during his visit to Lincoln. Prats said Owens came back from his recruiting visit bragging about what he saw.

"It wasn't a very close game, but not many of them have been," he said. "But anyway, he was very impressed with the facilities. He really liked it."

Prats said 60 major colleges have offered Owens scholarships. He had been deciding between five schools, but recently eliminated Ohio State and DePaul from his list, Prats said.

Bears' coach displeased

By The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill.-Coach Mike Ditka has nothing against win- strike. "It defies exploration. ning, but he's not happy about the way his Chicago Bears are doing it these days

"That's not the way we've de-

signed it," Ditka said Monday of the three come-from-behind triumphs since the end of the NFL players'

What bothers Ditka most is that the Bears aren't playing "Bear Football," which is a combination of strong running attack along with defense.