

Emfinger: Cornhusker recruiting class solid

By Mark Derowitsch
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A recruiting class that includes one of the top running backs in the country and a wealth of additional talent has impressed analyst Max Emfinger.

Emfinger, a self-appointed high school football scout from Houston, said Nebraska has received non-binding commitments from some of the top blue-chip prospects in the country. The 22 prospects that have committed are expected to sign binding national letters of intent on Feb. 8.

Emfinger said the top recruit Nebraska has received a commitment from is running back Derek Brown. He said Brown was one of 20 high school seniors that earned a five-point rating from his service. Emfinger rates recruits on a one to five-point scale, with five being the best.

"He's one of the top speed backs in the country," Emfinger said.

Emfinger said Brown's 5-foot-10, 175-pound frame should not be a factor in playing college football. He said Brown's build will put him in the same physical class with Mike Rozier and Barry Sanders -- a pair of Heisman Trophy winners.

"It won't effect him as an I-back," Emfinger said. "He'll probably play at 190. I think shorter guys make better I-backs anyway."

Emfinger said the rest of Nebraska's recruiting class is also strong. He said he gave three Husker

recruits a four-point rating. Howard Carter, a linebacker from Dodge City, Kan., Marvin Callies, a quarterback from Boling, Texas, and John Reece, a wide receiver from Houston, all received four-point ratings.

Emfinger said Callies is one of the best option-type quarterbacks in the nation.

"He has the athletic ability to be awesome," Emfinger said. "His best asset is his quickness."

Emfinger said there are definite similarities between Callies and Nebraska quarterback Mickey Joseph, a redshirt freshman from Marero, La.

"Mickey had the same success in high school as Callies did," Emfinger said. "They were both the top-rated run quarterbacks. They both can run the option well."

Emfinger said the only question mark regarding Callies is his throwing ability.

Emfinger said Mike Jefferson of Garland, Texas, Gerry Irons of McCullough, Texas, Lance Larson, of Moorhead, Minn., and Bart Furrow of Fort Collins, Colo., are the Huskers best linemen prospects.

"All four are probably not ready to play yet," Emfinger said. "But they have great potential. Jefferson and Irons have to get a little stronger, and Larson and Furrow have to beef up, but they have great speed."

"They will probably play fresh-

men ball and redshirt. So by the time they need them, they'll be in their third year already."

Nebraska has also received commitments from linemen Will Shields of Lawton, Okla., Troy Branch of Camden, N.J., Lance Lundberg of Wausa, and David Noonan of Lincoln.

Emfinger said Noonan, the younger brother of former Husker All-America and current Dallas Cowboy middle guard Danny Noonan, could be a top lineman down the road.

"He's going to be a great prospect," he said. "He's probably farther along than his brother was in high school. He's got good speed and he's real strong already."

Emfinger said Nebraska has also landed one of the top tight ends in the nation. He said Billy Wade, a 6-5, 215-pound tight end from Houston, was not heavily recruited, but could be one of the best this year.

"Nebraska did a heck of a job getting him," Emfinger said. "They only had to compete with Texas A&M, but he's an awesome prospect. He had a knee injury midway through the season, but when you watch him, you'll love him. I think he's one of the top five tight ends in the country."

The remaining players who have committed to Nebraska include Mike Anderson, a linebacker from Grand Island, Abe Hoskins, a split-end/de-

Nebraska football oral commitments

	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
IN-STATE	Mike Anderson	LB-TE	6-2	215	Grand Island
	Abe Hoskins	DB-SE	6-0	180	Omaha Central
	Lance Lundberg	MG-TE	6-3	263	Wausa
	David Noonan	OT-DT	6-3	245	Lincoln (Northeast)
JUNIOR COLLEGE	Will Shields	OG-DT	6-4	281	Lawton, Okla.
	Trev Alberts	FB-LB	6-4	210	Cedar Falls, Iowa
	Byron Bennett	P	6-1	175	Garland, Texas
	Troy Branch	OG-LB	6-1	230	Camden, N.J.
	Derek Brown	IB	5-10	175	Anaheim, Calif.
	Marvin Callies	QB	6-0	190	Boling, Texas
	Howard Carter	OLB	6-4	215	Dodge City, Kan.
	Bart Furrow	OL-DL	6-4	240	Fort Collins, Colo.
	Daryl Green	RB-DB	5-10	170	La Puente, Calif.
	Chad Hunter	DB	6-0	175	Garland, Texas
	Gerry Irons	NG	6-3	265	McCullough, Tex.
OUT-OF-STATE	Mike Jefferson	OL-DT	6-2	265	Garland, Texas
	Lance Larson	OT-DT	6-6	235	Moorhead, Minn.
	Vernon Powell	QB-DB	5-11	160	East St. Louis, Ill.
	John Reece	WR-FS	6-1	195	Houston, Texas
	Billy Wade	TE	6-5	215	Houston, Texas
	Darin Williams	OLB-ILB	6-2	235	Chicago (St. Martin)
	Omar Soto	FB	5-11	225	Arizona Western

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fensive back from Omaha Central, Trev Alberts, a fullback/linebacker from Cedar Falls, Iowa, Byron Bennett, a punter from Garland, Texas, Daryl Green, a running back/defensive back from La Puente, Calif., Chad Hunter, defensive back from Garland, Texas, Vernon Powell, a quarterback/defensive back from East St. Louis, Ill., Darin Williams, a linebacker from Chicago, and Omar Soto, a junior college transfer from

Arizona Western. Emfinger said he has been impressed by Hoskins.

"I like Abe," Emfinger said. "I think he can play either side of the ball for them."

Emfinger said Bennett is a top-notch punter.

"He's a great punter," Emfinger said. "There's not a better punter in the country. He can turn a game around with one punt."

Brinson, Pete to play on fraternity team

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Former Nebraska wingback Dana Brinson was surprised Wednesday to learn that he had been named as the



Brinson **Pete**
punt and kick returner on the All-Fraternity, All-America team. Brinson joined former Cornhusker

middle guard Lawrence Pete on the team, which was announced by Campus Commentary of Indianapolis. Brinson and Pete are members of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Brinson said it is always an honor to be tabbed an All-America selection. He said post-season honors are nice because they give players needed publicity.

"I'll take anything that gives me an edge," Brinson said.

Brinson said he was surprised to be included on the team. He finished the 1988-89 season with 11 receptions for 148 yards, and rushed 20 times for 84 yards. Brinson returned 23 kicks for 510 yards, and also gained 196 yards on 21 punt returns.

Pete, a senior from Wichita, Kan., finished 4th on the team in tackles

with 55, 33 of which were unassisted. He also caused two fumbles and had seven hurries.

Joining Brinson on the All-Fraternity, All-America squad's first-team offense was Washington State quarterback Timm Rosenbach of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Southern Illinois running back Charlie Harmke of Alpha Tau Omega, Cornell running back Scott Malaga of Chi Psi, Duke tight end Dave Colonna of Phi Delta Theta, Oregon State wide receiver Robb Thomas of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Washington wide receiver Brian Slater of Lambda Chi Alpha.

The additional members of the first-team's offense include Duke tackle Chris Port of Alpha Tau Omega, Illinois tackle Mark McGowan of Sigma Nu, UCLA

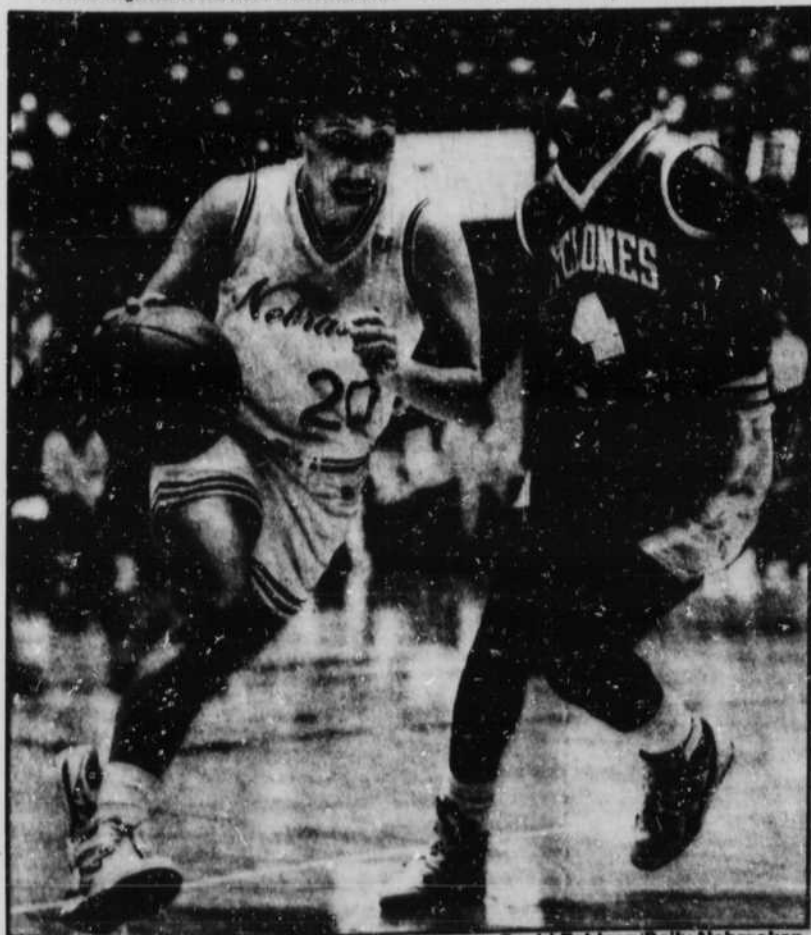
guard Rick Meyer of Sigma Nu, Marshall guard John Halford of Pi Kappa Alpha, Stanford center Andy Sinclair of Delta Tau Delta and Louisiana State kicker David Brownlyke of Sigma Chi.

Joining Pete on the first-team's defense were Arizona lineman Dana Wells of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Florida lineman Trace Armstrong of Phi Delta Theta, Washington lineman Dennis Brown of Theta Chi, Stanford linebacker Rob Hinckley of Delta Tau Delta, Colorado linebacker Michael Jones of Kappa Alpha Psi, and Cornell linebacker Mitch Lee of Chi Psi.

Virginia defensive back Keith McMeans of Sigma Chi, Michigan State defensive back Derrick Reed of

Kappa Alpha Psi, California State-Fullerton defensive back Mike Schaffel of Tau Kappa Epsilon, USC defensive back Ernest Spears of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Texas punter Bobby Lilljedahl of Delta Tau Delta were also included on the first-team's defense.

Five Colorado players earned honorable mention honors, including tight end John Perak of Phi Gamma Delta, lineman Bill Coleman of Pi Kappa Alpha and Erik Norgard of Beta Theta Pi, linebacker Don DeLuzio of Delta Tau Delta and defensive back Dave McCloughan of Pi Kappa Alpha. Kansas quarterback Kelly Donohoe, who is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, also earned honorable-mention All-America honors.



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Nebraska Freshman Kim Yancey drives down the court while Leslie Maple of Iowa State sticks along with her during the Huskers 70-64 home loss on Wednesday.

Nebraska women's basketball team ends home winning streak with Iowa State loss

By Mike Andreasen
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A 29-game home winning streak came to an abrupt end during the Nebraska women's basketball team's 70-64 loss to Iowa State Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said she was disappointed by the loss. The loss, which dropped Nebraska to 11-9 overall and 2-5 in the Big Eight, extended the Cornhuskers' conference losing streak to four games.

"It's unfortunate but we deserved it," Beck said. "We are not a good basketball team right now."

Beck said Nebraska blew an early 11-point lead by playing poor defense and not taking care of the basketball. The Huskers were outscored by Iowa State 34-24 in the second half, and also committed 25 turnovers compared to the Cyclones 21.

"Nebraska is struggling," Beck said. "We just did not have continuity."

Beck said Nebraska was hurt by a late Iowa State run that enabled the Cyclones to pull within four points at halftime. She said Nebraska did not

have the desire to maintain its early lead.

Iowa State pulled to within 40-36 at halftime by using 10 points from forward Shelly Coyle and six from forward Lynne Lorenzen.

The Cyclones cut Nebraska's lead to 21-12 with 12:37 remaining in the first half when Lorenzen fed Iowa State guard Tracy Horvath, who promptly hit a 12-foot jump shot. Coyle added a layup and a four-foot jump shot, and Lorenzen followed with a 13-foot shot that cut Nebraska's lead to 23-18.

Coyle then countered a basket by Nebraska center Kim Harris by sinking two free throws. Iowa State used a three-point shot and a layup by guard Laurie Decker, a shot by Coyle, a basket and a three-point goal by Horvath, and a shot and a layup by forward Lisa Greiner at halftime.

Lorenzen said the key to Iowa State's scoring run was a controlled offense.

"It was very important because Nebraska threw a lot of defenses at us," Lorenzen said.

Nebraska expanded its lead to 42-36 early in the second half, but Iowa State tied the score with 11:45 remaining when Lorenzen scored on a

layup. The Cyclones took a 49-48 lead when Horvath hit a jump shot, and expanded their lead to 58-52 on a bank shot by Lorenzen.

The Huskers cut Iowa State's lead to 58-56 when forward Kelly Hubert hit two free throws and guard Sabrina Brooks scored on a layup but the Cyclones used two layups and a jump shot by Horvath and a shot by Lorenzen to take a 66-58 lead. Iowa State then posted the victory by using free throws by Horvath and Coyle to counter three-point shots by Nebraska guards Amy Stephens and Brooks.

"Overall it was a great win," Lorenzen said. "There was a lot of good team play."

Lorenzen led Iowa State with 18 points, 12 of which came in the second half. Coyle and Horvath added 17 and 15 points respectively.

Harris led Nebraska with a game and career-high 28 points, 24 of which came in the first half. Stephens added 15 points for the Huskers.

Nebraska's next game is on Saturday, when the Huskers travel to Lawrence, Kan., to face the Kansas Jayhawks. The game begins at 1 p.m. at Allen Field House.