

# 22 recruits sign Nebraska letters of intent

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Nebraska coach Tom Osborne accepted the signatures of 22 scholarship recipients while emphasizing that the recruiting season was not over during national letter of intent day Wednesday.

Osborne said he was pleased with this season's recruiting class. But he said Nebraska needs a good crop of walkons because of the NCAA rules that restrict the size of the Cornhusker's freshman team.

"A lot of people think today means we're done recruiting, but we're actually only about two-thirds of the way through," Osborne said. "We still need the commitments of some fine walkons. We'll visit kids this weekend looking for quality walkons. Since we must have fewer numbers we'll need to get better quality."

Over the years, Nebraska's freshman roster included more than 100 players, Osborne said. In recent years, the freshman team has been cut to less than 70 members, he said.

Osborne said this year's recruiting class is good because 12 of the 22 scholarship players were rated at the top of their respective positions on the Nebraska coaching staff's 'A List.' In a normal year, between five and seven of the Huskers' top selections accept scholarships, he said.

Nebraska's recruiting success meant that none of the scholarship players came from the 'B List,' he

said. This list is made up of players that Nebraska could have fallen back on if some of the 'A List' players didn't sign with the Huskers, he said.

The 1989-90 Husker recruits include:

• Trev Alberts, a 6-foot-4, 210-pound fullback-linebacker from Cedar Falls, Iowa. Alberts was a two-time all-state linebacker for Class IA Northern University High School.

• Mike Anderson, a 6-1, 208-pound linebacker from Grand Island. Anderson was the offensive captain of the all-class, all-state team as a tight end.

• Byron Bennett, a 5-11, 175-pound place kicker-punter from Rowlett, Texas. Bennett made seven of 10 field goals that measured 40 yards or more while averaging 43 yards per punt.

• Troy Branch, a 6-2, 230-pound linebacker from Camden, N.J. Branch made 70 unassisted tackles, including nine sacks, as a senior.

• Lorenzo Brinkley, a 6-0, 185-pound running back from St. Louis, Mo. Brinkley was an All-Suburban North Conference quarterback as a sophomore and junior.

• Derek Brown, a 5-10, 175-pound running back from La Habra, Calif. Brown was a Parade All-American and first-team USA Today All-America selection. He gained more than 4,800 yards in his three-year career.

• Marvin Callies, a 6-0, 192-pound quarterback from East Bernard, Texas. Callies rushed for more

than 1,500 yards while throwing for more than 1,150 last season.

• Howard Carter, a 6-4, 205-pound linebacker from Dodge City, Kan. Carter was an all-class, all-state selection. He recorded 64 tackles, including seven for losses, and had two interceptions as a senior.

• Bart Furrow, a 6-4, 225-pound offensive/defensive lineman from Fort Collins, Colo. Furrow led his team in tackles as a senior by recording 122.

• Daryl Green, a 5-10, 170-pound cornerback from West Covina, Calif. He was a second-team all-league defensive back as a senior.

• Chad Hunter, a 6-1, 170-pound safety from Garland, Texas. Hunter made a team-leading seven interceptions as a senior.

• Jerry Irons, a 6-4, 260-pound middle guard from The Woodlands, Texas. Irons was a two-time all-greater Houston defensive tackle.

• Mike Jefferson, a 6-2, 258-pound middle guard from Rowlett, Texas. Jefferson was a three-year starter at offensive tackle, but also played defensive tackle.

• Lance Larson, a 6-6, 219-pound offensive lineman from Moorhead, Minn. Larson was a Parade All-American defensive tackle.

• Lance Lundberg, a 6-4, 245-pound offensive lineman from Wausa, Neb. Lundberg was an All-class, all-state lineman. As a senior, he made a team-leading 160 tackles.

• David Noonan, a 6-3, 236-pound middle guard from Lincoln.



Nebraska coach Tom Osborne answers questions.

Noonan earned all-city and second-team all-state honors at Northeast High School.

• Vernon Powell, a 5-10, 160-pound wingback from East St. Louis, Ill. Powell quarterbacked his team to consecutive 13-1 records in 1987 and 1988.

• John Reece, a 6-0, 190-pound safety from Houston, Texas. Reece is the Huskers' fastest recruit with a 4.4 clocking in the 40-yard dash.

• Will Shields, a 6-2, 243-pound offensive lineman from Lawton, Okla. Shields was named the Okla-

homa lineman-of-the-year following his senior season.

• Omar Soto, a 5-11, 225-pound fullback from Miami, Fla., is the Huskers' only junior college transfer. He rushed for nearly 600 yards in eight games as a sophomore for Western Arizona College.

• Billy Wade, a 6-5, 215-pound, tight end from Houston, Texas.

• Darren Williams, a 6-2, 215-pound linebacker from Chicago, Ill. Williams made 110 tackles en route to earning All-State honors as a senior.

# Calvin: Cornhuskers unofficially won doubles tournament

By Paul Domeier  
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Two doubles teams highlighted the Nebraska women's tennis team's participation in the Notre Dame Doubles Tournament by winning their respective divisions.

Nebraska women's tennis coach Gregg Calvin said he was happy with Nebraska's performance in the tournament last weekend in South Bend, Ind.

Calvin said the Cornhuskers unofficially won more matches than any

other squad in the 11 team tournament. Official results were not kept, so the three-day meet counted as one day against the 30 date maximum allowed by the NCAA.

Nebraska's No. 1 doubles team of Doneta Holmen and Nancy Tyggum lost to eventual champions C.C. Kahill and Tracy Barton of Notre Dame in the semifinals, 3-6, 1-6. Holmen and Tyggum then rallied to defeat Kristen Mill and Amy Boyle of Miami University in Ohio, 6-2, 6-4 for 3rd place.

Ildiko Guba and Kathrin Edelkot-

ter, the Huskers' No. 2 team, were undefeated en route to winning their division. They defeated Rice's Shelly Mack and Michelle Bramblett in their final match, 6-3, 6-2.

Calvin said Nebraska's No. 3 team of Rachel Collins and Leslie Sue Jones played its best match of the year when it defeated Cindy Galloy and Suyong Lee of Northwestern, 6-4, 7-5. Collins and Jones ended their weekend by beating Natalie Illeg and Kim Pacella of Notre Dame for 1st place in their division, 6-5, 7-5.

Meghan Quinn and Claudia Gandini, Nebraska's No. 4 team, beat Andrea Miller and Maura Weidner of Notre Dame, 7-6, 6-3, to finish fifth in their division.

Calvin said he was impressed by Nebraska's performance.

"The strides our young people have made have been impressive," he said.

Calvin said he could see definite benefits from competing in the Notre Dame Tournament. He said the tournament was similar to the Minnesota Doubles, which the Huskers com-

peted in Jan. 22-23 in Minneapolis.

"What we joked about (the Notre Dame) tournament was we got a second tournament of doubles to make a whole month of doubles," he said. "Now we are taking some things from practice onto the court."

Nebraska now has a month before it begins official doubles competition. Calvin said he will wait to set the line-up for Big Eight competition, but he feels the success at doubles shows that the team will be ready.

"I think we'll compete real well," Calvin said.

# Loss drops NU to bottom position in the Big Eight

By Nick Hodge  
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The Nebraska men's basketball team couldn't overcome a cold spell during the final minutes of the first half en route to dropping an 83-80 decision to Colorado Wednesday night at the Events/Conference Center in Boulder, Colo.

Colorado outscored Nebraska 20-2 in the last 5:30 of the first half to take a 47-36 halftime lead. The Cornhuskers battled back in the second half, but could not overcome a 13-point Buffalo advantage.

The loss left the Huskers in last place in the Big Eight with a 13-10 record overall and a 1-6 mark in the Big Eight. Colorado improved to 7-13 and 2-5.

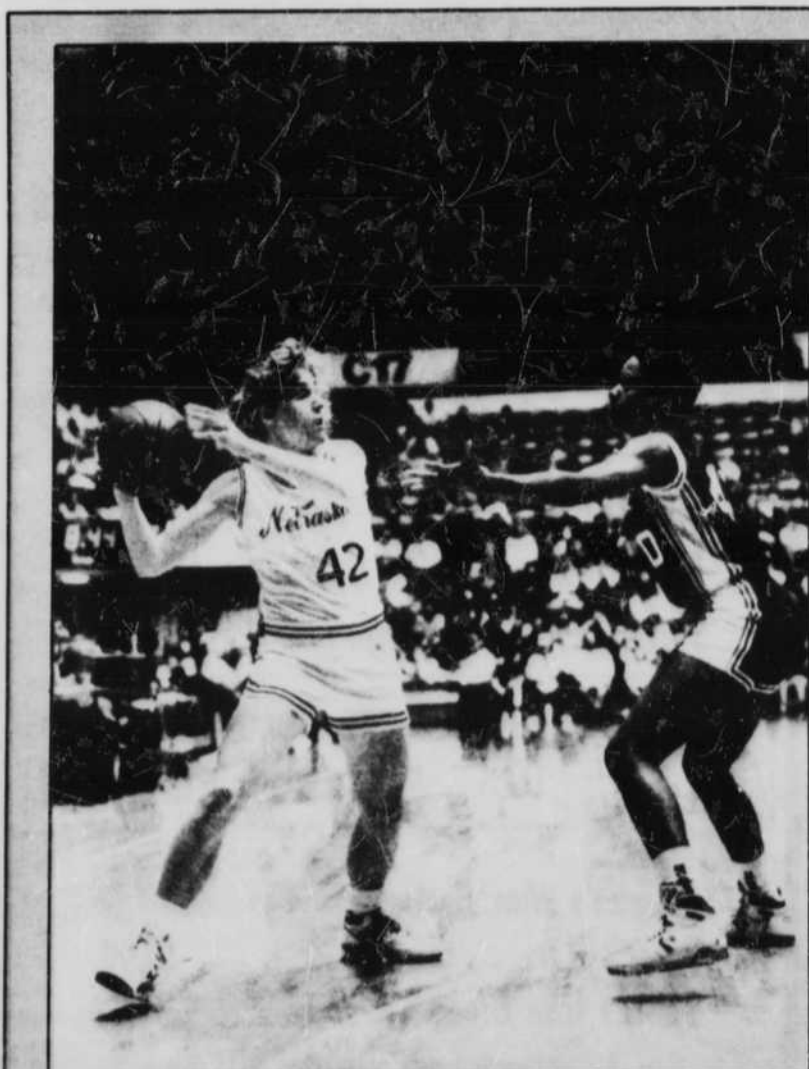
Early in the game, the Huskers hot shooting and aggressive play enabled them to jump out to a 21-11 lead with 12:20 left in the half.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee said his team did a good job early in the game, but lost its poise during the scoring drought.

"We really got off to a great start, then we hit the end of the first half," Nee said on his post-game radio show. "We just don't have consistency. We have to work through that."

"Colorado has won two straight and we're in the basement."

The Buffalos defeated Oklahoma



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Leatha Dudeck of Nebraska looks for someone to pass to as she is guarded by Oklahoma's Kelli Epps.

# Stephens propels Huskers to victory over Sooners

By Mike Andreasen  
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A record-setting performance by guard Amy Stephens propelled the Nebraska women's basketball team to an 85-76 victory against Oklahoma Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Stephens, a 5-foot-8 senior from Alliance, set a new Sports Center individual scoring record by tallying 40 points against the Sooners. That mark shattered Stephens' previous record of 35, which she had shared with former Cornhusker Maurice Ivy.

Stephens said she credits her record to her teammates. She said post players Ann Halsne, Kelly Hubert, Shawn Taylor and Kim Harris all did a nice job of setting screens.

Stephens said the screens -- plus inside baskets by Harris and Halsne -- drew the opposition away from her. She connected on nine-of-14 shots from the field in the first half en route to finishing with 21 points, then added 19 in the second half.

"I just happened to have the hot hand," Stephens said.

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said she was not surprised by Stephens' per-

formance. She said Stephens was the beneficiary of an Oklahoma defense that refused to make adjustments to try and stop the pre-season All-America selection.

Beck said she did not know if changing defenses would have slowed Stephens.

"I don't think it's possible to shut her down," Beck said.

Oklahoma women's basketball coach Valerie Goodwin-Colbert said she was impressed by Stephens.

"I've always thought she was the best player in the conference," Goodwin-Colbert said. "You always like to see a kid like her, who is a class act, do well."

Nebraska overcame a 14-6 deficit early in the first half when Stephens tallied 19 points to give the Huskers a 41-33 lead at halftime. Nebraska, which raised its record to 12-10 overall and 3-6 in the Big Eight, then used 19 points by Stephens -- two of which came on a record-setting layup with 7:31 remaining -- to post the victory.

Beck said she was pleased with the win. The win snapped Nebraska's four-game Big Eight losing streak.

"I'm very happy," Beck said. "These kids deserve a win."