

Transfer spends summer preparing for next season

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Although it's more than three months until the first basketball game, Nebraska junior transfer Tony Farmer is spending the summer working on his game and raising a few eyebrows in the process.

Much of Farmer's summer has been spent in Omaha competing in a summer basketball league with some of the state's best players. He was reported as leading everyone in scoring, with more than 29 points a game, in the league that features many current and former Nebraska, Creighton and University of Nebraska at Omaha players.

On Sunday, he brought his act to Lincoln Southeast High School for the finals of the Cornhusker State Games college/university division. He played for the Oden Enterprise team, made up of several former Cornhusker players.

The Oden team lost in overtime 78-75 to a team of former UNO and Creighton players. Some of Farmer's teammates included former Huskers Henry T. Buchanan (1987-88), Bernard Day (1986-87), Andre Smith (1978-81), Jerry Shoecraft (1979-82) and Derrick Vick (1987-88).

In the game, Farmer, a 6-foot-9 transfer from San Jose State who had to sit out last season, showed he has the ability to start--and finish--the fast break. He ended one break with a jam, catching the ball and taking flight from just inside the free-throw line.

Another time, Farmer made a move on a defender from just outside the lane and then split the defense, driving inside for a layup. His shots from three-point land were off in this game. He finished with 15 points--two dunks--and six rebounds.

Farmer had time for only a brief

interview after the game because he had to rush to Omaha for another game that evening. He said the officials for the game hurt his style of play.

"Our opponents were good, but I think the refs weren't ready for the college level," he said. "They weren't used to the physical play like you have in the Big Eight."

Farmer said other Huskers also are putting extra time in this summer to avoid another season like last year. Nebraska finished 10-18, seventh in the Big Eight.

"Everyone's making sacrifices," he said. "Everybody's working for the same thing."

What the Huskers are working for, he said, is to finish among the top three in the Big Eight.

Farmer could be a good leader if Buchanan knows talent when he sees it. In a story in the Lincoln Star last week, Buchanan was quoted as saying that Farmer was at the same stage as Missouri's Doug Smith before his junior season. Smith was the Big Eight Player-of-the-Year last season.

Andre Smith, a two-time All-Big Eight selection at center, said Buchanan's comments may be a bit premature.

"It's hard to compare an unproven player with a proven player like Doug Smith," he said. "Smith was the Big Eight player of the year last year, so you really can't compare a player like Farmer to him."

But as Farmer develops, his potential is limitless, Smith said.

"It's quite apparent from this competition and these games that Tony Farmer has the tools to be a real good player," he said. "His development as a man on and off the court will determine what he'll do."

"Tony Farmer will be as good as Tony Farmer wants to be."



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Tony Farmer of Oden Enterprise goes over the heads of two Idelman Telemarketing players for the shot during the Cornhusker State Games' basketball finals Sunday. Idelman Telemarketing won 78-75 in overtime.

Coach Sanders announces NU baseball recruits

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The Nebraska baseball coaching staff again found recruiting success in California.

Nebraska coach John Sanders announced his 1990 recruiting class last week, and five of the 10 recruits hail from California.

"It's just worked out well, as we have good contacts there (in California)," Sanders said. "And the guys seem to like it here, after they overcome the weather problems."

Those five Californians came via junior colleges. Last year's roster consisted of eight players with California ties, six of those having played previously at the collegiate level.

"We look at the junior colleges simply because the recruit is ready to play right away," Sanders said. "That gives us a chance to develop some of the freshmen."

The recruiting list includes seven pitchers,

"All the pitchers will have varying roles," Sanders said. "We just go by the philosophy that you can't get enough good pitchers."

And Nebraska lost two of last year's pitchers, Doug Tegmeier and Dale Kistaitis. Both went onto the pros, but Kistaitis was one of two seniors on the team. Tegmeier, who had another year left, signed as a free agent.

Nebraska also lost junior infielders Bobby Benjamin and Kevin Jordan, who signed contracts.

"I think we filled the positions we needed to fill," Sanders said.

Filling Benjamin's spot at first base will be a tough task for junior college recruits Jim Short and Malcom Jordan, Sanders said. Benjamin left the program as the school career leader in home runs and walks.

Short, who was drafted out of high school (1988 draft) by Philadelphia, hit .333 with 13 doubles and 14 home runs at Fullerton College in Yorba Linda, Calif., last season.

Jordan, drafted out of high school by Baltimore in 1988 and drafted

again in 1989 by the New York Yankees, hit .260 last year with five home runs for Santa Rosa (Calif.) Junior College.

"Bobby Benjamin accomplished a lot here," Sanders said. "It's hard to say until they get here, about how they're going to perform. Short certainly has outstanding power potential."

Two other recruits also were drafted. Chris Eckley, a right-handed pitcher from Omaha Burke, was picked by the New York Mets in this year's draft. Jeff Rhein, an outfielder from Sacramento (Calif.) Community College, was picked by California in 1989.

Jordan's teammate at Santa Rosa, Dean Wilkinson, a left-handed pitcher, also signed. He posted a 9-1 record with two saves and an ERA of 3.09 this year.

Nebraska's other pitching recruits are right-handers, including Jason Pflughaupt, of Lincoln Northeast; Trey Rutledge, of Olathe, Kans.; Jeff Hunter, of Los Angeles Harbor Junior Col-

lege; Jeff Nollette, of Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College; and Scott Wade, of Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College.

First game planned for baseball alumni

From staff reports

Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders announced Monday that the first alumni game will be held after the Nebraska homecoming football game against Missouri on Oct. 13.

A lot of the details surrounding the game have not been finalized, he said, but it will include an alumni banquet Oct. 12.

Sanders credits assistant sports information director Chris Anderson for the idea.

Sanders said he already has received feedback from some former players and expects more.

It has not been decided if there will be a charge for admittance to the game, he said.

NU announces season schedule

From staff reports

The Nebraska men's basketball schedule for next season was announced last week.

Nebraska will have 17 home games. University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will be able to purchase season tickets for 14 of those games for \$35. The three games excluded are during the between-semesters break. Applications for tickets will be taken Sept. 24 to 28.

Of the 14 games in the student-ticket package, five--Michigan State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Kansas State--are against teams that played in last year's NCAA tournament. Two--Creighton and Oklahoma State--were invited to the NIT post-season tournament.

The three games over break are against Miami of Ohio, Idaho and Iowa State. Idaho played in the NCAA tournament last season. UNL students will be able to purchase tickets for those games for \$7.50.

Men's Basketball

Schedule

- Nov. 9 High Five America *
 - 14 Czechoslovakia Nationals *
 - 23-25 San Juan Shootout (regular season)
 - 28 Michigan State
- Dec. 3 Eastern Illinois
- 6 Creighton
- 8 Toledo
- 11 Wisconsin
- 14-15 Ameritas Classic
- 22 Miami (Ohio)
- 28 Idaho
- 30 The Citadel
- Jan. 2 Wisconsin-Green Bay
- 5 Kansas State
- 9 Missouri-Kansas City
- 12 Iowa State
- 22 Colorado
- 26 Oklahoma
- 30 Missouri
- Feb. 2 Oklahoma State
- 6 Kansas
- 9 Colorado
- 13 Iowa State
- 16 Kansas State
- 18 Northern Illinois
- 20 Missouri
- 23 Oklahoma
- 27 Oklahoma State
- Mar. 3 Kansas
- 8-10 Big 8 Tournament

Home Games in bold

* exhibition game