

NU batting power becomes 2nd lefty in pitching rotation

Brohawn to also start at 1st base

By Jeff Griesch
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Last year, Troy Brohawn made an impact on the Nebraska baseball team with his bat.

Brohawn and the rest of the Cornhuskers are hoping he can provide an equally big impact this year with his left arm.

During fall practice, Nebraska coach John Sanders was aiming to bolster his inexperienced pitching staff, which had only one left-handed pitcher.

So Sanders turned to Brohawn, a sophomore lefty who had pitching experience.

"Troy was an outstanding high school pitcher, and we thought about playing him both ways when he originally came here," Sanders said. "It was kind of a mutual decision, and he was excited about doing it."

Brohawn began last season in the Husker outfield before moving to first base. He led the team in hitting during the Big Eight season with a .342 average and received votes for the Baseball America freshman All-American team.

His fastball has been clocked at 87-88 mph, and professional scouts have shown interest in him as both a pitcher and first baseman.

"The coaches and scouts think as a pitcher I would get drafted a lot sooner and a lot higher than I would at first base," Brohawn said.

The only other left-hander in the Husker rotation is Casey Deskins, a

junior from Yakima, Wash.

While the Huskers are short on left-handers, Sanders said he expected Brohawn and Deskins to be solid.

Sanders said he was still uncertain how Brohawn would fit into the pitching rotation, but he said Brohawn would definitely be the Huskers' starting first baseman.

Other newcomers to the Husker pitching staff include junior college transfers Chris Bauer and Tom Bergan and freshmen Josh Ophus and Alvie Shepherd.

"Our pitching staff is young, but we have a lot of talent," Sanders said. "Alvie Shephard has a chance to be outstanding, and Josh Ophus is big, strong, and he throws hard."

"What we lack in experience, we make up in velocity," Sanders said. "Velocity can make up for a lot of mistakes."

Lindland

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Lindland arrived in Lincoln with high expectations after spending two years at Clackamas Community College.

At Clackamas, Lindland's record was 84-7, and he won a national championship in 1991.

So before he came to Nebraska, Lindland knew what it was like to win a national championship. At Nebraska, he said, he wanted to experience the feeling once again.

Wrestling for Nebraska, Lindland said, has given him the chance to gain a national title again.

"I came here because I believed that this was the best place for me to become a national champ," he said. "Nebraska's one of the top programs in the country."

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—Neumann
NU wrestling coach

Last year Lindland finished No. 11 in the country at 158 pounds. He finished the season with a 24-14 record. All but one of his losses came against wrestlers who were ranked during the season.

Lindland finished third at last year's Big Eight Championships, and

he nearly pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the NCAA meet by almost defeating Iowa's Tom Ryan, who was ranked second nationally.

Neumann said he had seen a different Matt Lindland this year.

"Last year he was wrestling because he enjoyed wrestling," Neumann said. "This year he's wrestling for the national championship."

Lindland has been on a mission ever since losing at nationals last year, Neumann said.

"Matt, Corey Olson and Rulon Gardner put in the best summers of anyone here ever," Neumann said. "They worked their butts off to improve themselves as wrestlers."

Lindland said this year had been much better than last year, especially with the addition of his new son.

"I'm a lot happier this year," Lindland said. "This year's been a lot better than last year. I know what to expect now."

Sophomore gymnast hitting the marks with Cornhuskers

By Phil Carter
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Oklahoma's loss is Nebraska's gain in men's gymnastics.

Once bound for Oklahoma, Cornhusker sophomore Richard Grace is now a vital part of the Nebraska gymnastics program—a program he didn't think he would join.

"My goal and my dream as a gymnast was to come here," Grace said. "At first I wasn't offered a scholarship . . . so I was ready to sign with Oklahoma."

Grace, an all-around specialist from Omaha, was ready to sign a national letter of intent with the Sooners when he got a call from Nebraska coach Francis Allen, who had previously offered his two scholarships to brothers Rick and Robert Kieffer from Longview, Texas.

"He said Robert Kieffer turned down a scholarship and they wanted to offer it to me," Grace said. "At first, I wasn't going to sign because I felt like I was their second choice."

"But Coach Allen said he wanted me on the team and this was my first choice, so I signed with Nebraska."

Immediately, Grace made an impact. He was one of only two Husker gymnasts to compete in the all-around at every meet last season, and he scored a career-high 9.75 on floor exercise at the NCAA Regionals.

This year, Grace has stepped up his routines yet another notch.

Last Saturday, in a meet against No. 4 Minnesota, Grace came up one-tenth of a point short of winning the all-around title, which was won by two-time NCAA all-around champion John Roethlisberger.

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—Allen
NU gymnastics coach

"My strongest event is the floor (exercise)," he said. "My worst event is probably rings. I'm not that strong on rings."

However, Grace had one of his best performances on the rings in Saturday's meet.

"I think you're going to see Richard follow right in line with some of these other guys," Allen said. "You're going to see Richard Grace making a bid for the Olympic team."

Grace said making the Olympics is an important goal for him.

"My No. 1 long-term goal is the 1996 Olympics," Grace said. "This year, the goal is an NCAA championship for the team."

As for Nebraska's chances, Grace said the Huskers have progressed well and have improved their consistency level each meet.

"I think when NCAAAs roll around, we'll be great as a team," he said. "Our only competition is probably Stanford. Allen seems to think that we do have a shot at beating them, and so do I."

After a strong performance Saturday, Grace and his Husker teammates are still ranked No. 1, and Grace feels the team has nowhere to go but up.

"We're more focused, more consistent and our routines have gotten harder," he said. "We're just better as a team, all-around."

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Unexpected dismissal draws ire

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — For the first time in its 66-year history, the National Association of Basketball Coaches publicly condemned the firing of one of its members as it came to the support of Lou Campanelli on Tuesday.

The NABC accused the University of California of treating Campanelli unfairly and called his firing "a shock to the college basketball community."

"The NABC is not a judicial body, but the association must be concerned with the treatment of its members," the NABC said in a prepared statement.

"We can see no evidence of Coach

Campanelli being granted rights that everyone deserves. If his employer had concerns regarding his job performance, he was entitled by fair standards to be informed and notified of the seriousness of those concerns in a timely manner and provided an opportunity to respond."

Campanelli unexpectedly was fired Feb. 8. His young team, led by freshman Jason Kidd, was 10-7 and had beaten several highly regarded teams, including UCLA and Louisville.

The NABC's 16-member board of directors met for almost 1 1/2 hours by conference call Monday to discuss Campanelli and what they view as a trend toward midseason dismissals.

HUSKER RED'S POLL

Men's Basketball

1. TDQ 4-0
2. Delta Tau Delta A 4-0
3. Alpha Tau Omega A1 3-0
4. Abel 6 5-0
5. Underground Kings 3-0
6. Cheetah's Chiggers 3-0
7. Penetrators 5-0
8. Sigma Alpha Epsilon A 4-0
9. Burnt Toast 3-0
10. Theta Chi B 4-0
11. Nappy Dugout 3-0
12. FTF 3-0
13. Alpha Gamma Sigma B 4-0
14. St. Andrew's Slicers 3-0
15. Alpha Tau Omega B1 4-0
16. SK Dream Team 3-0
17. McLane Stevenson 3-0
18. Farmhouse B2 4-0
19. Harper 9 (Big Country) 4-0
20. The Players 3-0

Women's Basketball

1. Alpha Omicron Pi 3-0
2. TFD's 3-0
3. The Blaze 3-0

4. Magic 3-0
5. Caddyshack 3-0
6. Rebels 3-0
7. Weebles 3-0
8. CPR 4-0
9. Brick It 2-1
10. Sandoz 6 3-1

Co-Rec Volleyball

1. Attitude Adjusters 4-0
2. Phi Delta Theta/Alpha Omicron Pi 3-0
3. Theta Xi 3-0
4. One More Time 4-0
5. Triangle 4-0
6. Schlongs 4-0
7. Clueless Too 5-0
8. UNL Men & Women 3-1
9. We Dig 4 Play 3-1
10. Sigma Nu 3-1

Indoor Soccer

1. Lambda Chi Alpha 5-0
2. Beta Theta Pi 4-1
3. Alpha Tau Omega A 4-1
4. Roscoe Pounders 3-1
5. WLATOPA II 3-1
6. Sigma Phi Epsilon 3-1
7. Phi Gamma Delta B2 4-0
8. Triangle B 5-0
9. I.H.O.P. 3-1
10. Powell's Army 5-0

Teams to Watch: Delta Upsilon B2 (3-0), Delta Tau Delta B3 (3-0), Sigma Alpha Epsilon B1 (3-0), Skwack's Buddies (3-0), Beaver's Too (3-0), Misfits (3-0), B.C. Boys (3-0).