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Frost's transfer shocks former players, coach

By Trevor Parks
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The Stanford football team was shocked and surprised by quarterback Scott Frost's decision to transfer to Nebraska Wednesday.

Sophomore cornerback Eliel Swinton and sophomore running back Mike Mitchell, two players on the Cardinal football team, both expressed their surprise.

Swinton said he was surprised to see Frost leave.

"I found out last night, and it hit me like a bullet because I didn't find out from him," Swinton said. "We're pretty tight, and it kind of hurt my feelings a little bit, but I always told him no matter what, everybody has to take care of their business for themselves."

Mitchell told the Daily Nebraskan he found out the news from reading The Stanford Daily on Wednesday morning.

"I was pretty shocked, and it is just one of those kinds of things that I didn't expect," Mitchell said. "He never talked to me about it, but I guess it was on his mind for a long time. I think he just felt it was time to leave at the spur of the moment."

Mitchell said the news of Frost's departure rumbled through campus like a California earthquake.

"The whole team pretty much found out through the newspaper. That's all I heard 'Did you hear about Scott?' from the guys."

One of the biggest questions was whether or not Frost left because of the departure of Coach Bill Walsh, who resigned Nov. 28.

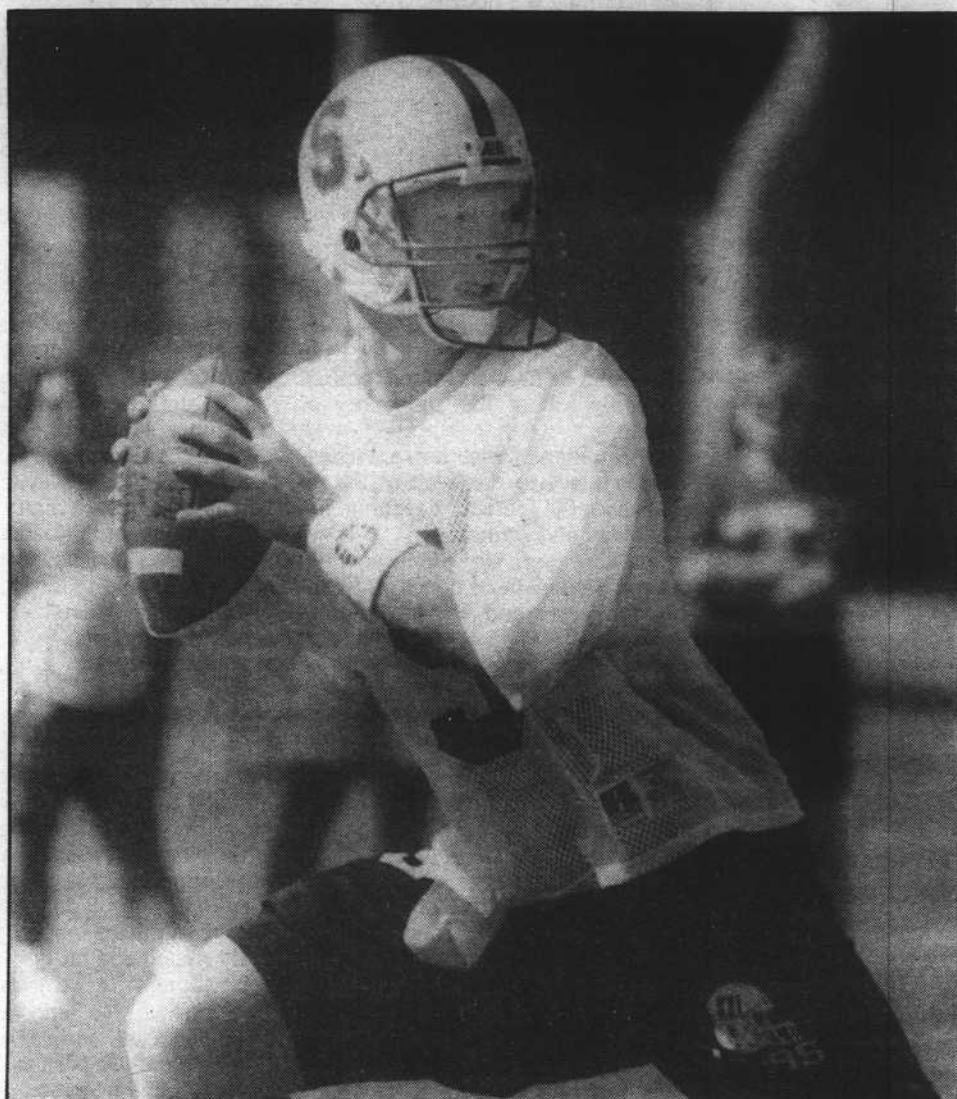
Both Swinton and Mitchell didn't have a decisive answer.

"You have to realize when a coach recruits you as one of the top players in the country, you have to favor that coach more than any coach you have," Swinton said.

"I really don't know if it's because of Coach Walsh," Mitchell said.

Although Frost leaves the quarterback situation at Stanford up in the air, his teammates and new coach Tyrone Willingham wished him nothing but the best.

"I am very disappointed to see Scott would decide to leave the Stanford family," Willingham said in a statement released Wednesday. "We are saddened by his loss and that of any player in our program. I hope that Scott reaches the goals that he and his



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Scott Frost, former Stanford University quarterback, practices with the Cardinal team in this Aug. 8 photo in Palo Alto, Calif. Frost left Stanford on Wednesday to come to the University of Nebraska.

family have set.

"I wish him well as we continue to build a strong Stanford program."

Swinton said Frost's decision was very unexpected.

"I told him this is your life not Coach Walsh's life, not Coach Willingham's life," he said. "I didn't think it would go this far, I just wish him the best of luck."

Swinton said Frost probably felt more comfortable in his home state of Nebraska.

"He just went back to vacation in Nebraska; they just won a national championship," Swinton said. "I think a lot of it was just being back home where he's Scott Frost. I don't blame him for going back."

After finishing 3-7-1, Mitchell said this put the cap on a dismal season for the Cardinal.

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ELIEL SWINTON

Stanford cornerback

the one-point losses, the players deciding to transfer, we've gotten used to dealing with adversity," Mitchell said.

"I don't know where it puts us, because I just found out a few hours ago. It really hasn't sunk in yet."

Staff reports from the Oakland (Calif.) Tribune contributed to this report.

Kansas State important game for Coach Nee

By Todd Walkenhorst
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The Nebraska basketball team believes that every home game is important this year, especially conference contests.

Tonight's game against conference foe Kansas State would be an advantageous victory for the Cornhuskers, Nebraska coach Dana Nee said.

"I think the game is very, very important," Nee said, "because it is a home game and a conference game."

The 12-3 Huskers may see a different Wildcat basketball team than they have seen in past years because of new head coach Tom Asbury. Asbury replaced Dana Altman at the end of the 1994 season when Altman resigned to accept the coaching job at Creighton.

"I think he's done a great job," Nee said. "He's made the transition to the Big Eight rapidly."

Asbury and the Wildcats have gotten off to a 10-3 start and may have already accomplished one of their major goals of the season when they defeated Oklahoma State 74-66 last Saturday.

One of the keys for the Huskers tonight is to try to get junior guard Jaron Boone out of his recent slump. Nee met with Boone yesterday to try to help his junior guard.

"I think he tries too hard," Nee said. "We spent 30-40 minutes trying to decide what to specifically tell Jaron to work on."

Boone scored 10 points against Long Beach State Monday. But he only made four of 14 shots. He only made one of five from 3-point range.

Boone said that he really was not too concerned about his recent play.

"I really try not to think about it," Boone said. "I just couldn't get into a rhythm. If we listen to the coaching staff, hopefully we can turn it around."

Nebraska is coming off an 82-71 victory over Long Beach State on Monday. Nebraska trailed 39-29 at halftime before pulling away from the 49ers.

The Huskers made 18 of 25 field goals in the second half after struggling from the field in the first half.

But Nebraska can do better, junior forward Terrance Badgett said.

Badgett believes the Huskers have to make sure they play a full 40 minutes in their next games.

"We only played 15 minutes of the second half (against Long Beach State)," Badgett said. "We've got to make sure that doesn't happen again."

Nebraska completes recruiting

By Mitch Sherman
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With three weeks remaining until football players can sign national letters of intent, Nebraska appears to be sitting pretty.

The addition of USA TODAY All-USA first team selection Ahman Green last week brings the Cornhuskers' number of verbal commitments to 24 high school seniors and one junior college player.

The NCAA allows schools to award no more than 25 scholarships each year. On top of the 25 commitments, Nebraska has also promised scholarships to two Proposition 48 casualties from a year ago: Eric Warfield, a defensive back from Texarkana, Ark., and Shevin Wiggins, a wingback from Palmetto, Fla.

Wiggins' and Warfield's scholarships bring Nebraska's total to 27, two over the limit, which means the Huskers are probably counting on two players from this year's class to fail to meet academic requirements. Chad Bell, a linebacker from Nor-

folk, has already said that he did not expect to make grades.

At least two additional Husker recruits are in danger of failing to qualify, said Bobby Burton, a recruiting analyst from National Recruiting Advisor in Austin, Texas.

He said Luis Almanzar, a tight end from Jersey City, N.J., and Kareem Sears, a linebacker from Enid, Okla., had not yet qualified academically.

If both Almanzar and Sears fail to qualify, Nebraska would have one more scholarship to offer. If one of the two players does not make grades, the Huskers' recruiting is probably finished for the year.

However, Burton said, Nebraska is still recruiting approximately five high school seniors, apparently as a safety measure in case a recruit backs out of his commitment.

"Right now," Burton said, "they stack up pretty well with about anybody in the country. It looks like they are the only team that is just about done."

He said it was extremely rare for a team to be this close to being finished with its recruiting at this point in the

season.

"They have achieved all of their objectives," Burton said. "They did well at all the skill positions, and they recruited a lot of speed on defense."

Among the Huskers' key objectives was recruiting a quarterback. Burton said Frankie London, a 6-foot-1, 175-pound signal-caller from Lake Charles, La., appeared to be a perfect fit for the Nebraska offense.

"He was the big grab at quarterback," Burton said. "He's a great athlete and he has a very good arm. He can run the option. He may be the best pure running quarterback I've seen."

Burton said London was comparable to Husker quarterback Tommie Frazier.

"They have physical similarities, and they both have the ability to control an offense," he said.

London and Green are not the only prize catches from this class, Burton said. He praised Tony Ortiz, a 6-2, 215-pound outside linebacker from Waterbury, Conn., and Sears, a linebacker who stands 6-4 and weighs 225 pounds.

Nebraska's Oral Commitments

	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Hometown
Derek Allen	6-6	280	DL	Russellville, Ark.
Luis Almanzar	6-4	220	TE	Jersey City, N.J.
Matt Baldwin	6-3	260	C	Lakewood, Colo.
Andy Bilanzich	6-2	180	P-PK	Salt Lake City, Utah
Chad Bell	6-2	205	FB-LB	Norfolk
Kris Brown	6-0	185	PK	Carroll, Tex.
Jeff Clausen	6-7	275	OL	Dixon, Ill.
T. J. DeBates	6-4	228	LB	Stewartville, Minn.
Brandon Drum	6-5	250	OL	Columbus (Scotus)
Terrell Farley*	6-1	205	LB	Independence, (Kan.) CC
Lonnie Fulton	6-5	240	OL	Grand Island
Ahman Green	6-1	205	RB	Omaha (Central)
Julius Jackson	6-2	210	LB	Gainesville, Tex.
Marcus Johnson	6-6	260	OL	Vista, Calif.
Adam Julch	6-5	300	OL	Omaha (Burke)
Chad Kelsay	6-4	220	LB	Auburn
Frankie London	6-1	175	QB	Lake Charles, La.
Karnell Matthews	5-11	180	DB	St. Charles, Mo.
Tony Ortiz	6-2	215	OLB	Waterbury, Conn.
Jeff Perino	6-2	200	QB	Durango, Colo.
Jerome Peterson	5-9	175	LB	Baton Rouge, La.
Chris Rainey	5-11	175	DB	Minneapolis, Minn.
Kareem Sears	6-4	225	LB	Enid, Okla.
James Sherman	6-4	290	OL-DL	Whittier, Calif.
Aaron Wills	6-3	225	TE	Omaha (Burke)

*junior college transfer (two years of eligibility)

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