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Former Husker arrested

STAFFORD, Texas (AP) Former Nebraska two-time All-American and current Minne-sota Viking defensive lineman Broderick Thomas was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of drunken driving and the unau-thorized use of a handgun near his Houston home.

Police in Stafford, just south-west of Houston in Fort Bend County, pulled the 28-year-old Thomas over about 12:30 a.m., Stafford police communications clerk Sandy Holloman said.

Police determined Thomas was under the influence of alcohol and found an unidentified handgun in the car. It is against the law to own a handgun without a concealed weapons permit. He was taken to the Fort Bend

County Jail.

The native of Houston has a home in Missouri City, which is just east of Stafford. Thomas played for Nebraska from 1985

Thomas was arrested July 21 at Houston Intercontinental Airport while trying to being an unloaded .40-caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic pistol through a metal detector.

Aarden

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real exciting profession to get in. I re-ally like the idea of making children's lives easier and healthier.'

But that plan is for the fall.

Now, Aarden is trying to make the lives of opposing Big Eight coaches harder while releasing misery on conference opponents.

The 6-foot, 4-inch center from Hudson, Wis., has been on a roll lately. After an ankle injury held her out of the Cornhuskers' 83-64 victory against South Alabama on Dec. 19, Aarden has come back to average 18.8 points and 7.4 rebounds in the past five games. During that time, the Huskers have gone 3-2.

On Friday, Aarden led the Huskers with 22 points as Nebraska opened its Big Eight season with a 79-58 win over Oklahoma. It was the first time since Aarden's freshmen year that the Huskers have won at Oklahoma and the first time in Aarden's career that Nebraska opened its Big Eight season with a win.

"We were really, really pleased with our win in Oklahoma," Aarden said. "However, we have an attitude now where we aren't surprised to win, but we expect to win. With that attitude we have a better advantage in all

with 18 points against Oklahoma State on Sunday, the Huskers (11-3, 1-1) lost to the Cowgirls 72-63.

Aarden said the Huskers gained character from their nine-point loss

after trailing by 23 points, but she couldn't explain why Nebraska dug themselves a hole in the first half.

Husker coach Angela Beck said she was pleased with Aarden's performance against both the Sooners and Cowgirls, but said Nebraska's guards needed to work on getting Aarden the ball more often.

Against the Sooners, Aarden connected on seven of 16 field goal attempts, but against Oklahoma State, she shot only 10 times, making eight.

"Aarden is playing great," Beck said. "She's looking like she's becoming a force in our league. Her freshmen year she was like a project. She wasn't highly recruited. She couldn't handle the ball very well, came from an OK program and wasn't a great

player.
"She's just come along. I referred to her as a bricklayer earlier because you never knew where her shot was going to go. But now she's connect-

"I'm really impressed with the way she's handling her shot selection in-side and what she's doing with it. When we went to OU, she played LaNae Jones and just showed her up."

Although Aarden said she hadn't specifically concentrated on her shooting this season, she had spent more time eliminating her weaknesses.

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She also spends much of her time evaluating the Huskers' opponents and looking for their weaknesses.

Finding the weaknesses of Colorado and Kansas is a little easier than going through medical school entrance exams and interviews.

Pederson

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controversy has had on recruiting has been difficult to determine, Pederson

Pederson said he hadn't received any direct notification from players who weren't coming to Nebraska because of the Phillips episode. But Pederson said many players didn't tell him the exact reason they chose one school over another.

"We've gotten good feedback from players who said, 'We really admire

the way Coach (Tom) Osborne stands by his players, gives people second chances and is not as judgmental as some people might be," Pederson said. "Then, I'm sure there have been some people who have felt the other way, but I can't really gauge what per-centage or number that might be."

Pederson, however, said the one constant in selling the Husker program over the years had been Osborne.

Pederson said he had heard from many recruits who chose Nebraska because they wanted to play for Osborne. The desire to play for Osborne starts on a recruit's visit,

when they meet with current players who talk to the prospects about playing for Osborne, he said.

Pederson and the rest of the athletic department personnel are not allowed to talk about recruits until after they sign letters of intent. Beginning Feb. 7, players can sign. Nebraska has received verbal commitments from at least 12 players this season.

"The players tell the recruits that not only does he (Osborne) have a great football mind and does the right thing, but that he will deal with you honestly and fairly," Pederson said.

Terry

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Lincoln. Terry loves the home advan-

"I like it because it's at home, we can get the crowd behind us. I just think it's fun." In 1993, Nebraska defeated Iowa

in the semifinals of the National Duals, but fell to Penn State in the finals. Terry sees this team going even far-

"It's a matter if everyone stays focused we can do it.'

For Terry, this season is just practice for his main goal of the year -

"I just want to go on and get better. "We have as good a shot as they I want to be ready when the summer did, maybe a little better," Terry said, comes, and for the Olympic trials."

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drilled a 3-pointer with 15 seconds

to play. Tuck, who was 2 of 6 behind the 3-point line, also grabbed six rebounds, but committed six turnovers.

After halftime, Colorado went on a 10-0 run and cut the Nebraska lead

to 38-37 on a basket by Tuck. In that span, the Huskers missed six straight shots and failed to score until Boone hit two free throws more than four minutes into the half.

To begin the game, Colorado built 7-4 lead, but Strickland scored 10 of Nebraska's next 17 points, leading the Huskers to a 21-13 lead.

The Buffaloes rallied and took a 24-23 lead when Greg Jensen made a layup. Nebraska eventually went on a 15-3 run to end the half and took a 38-27 lead, taking advantage of Colorado's 31 percent shooting in the first

"We have not panicked, but we haven't executed very well," Nee said.



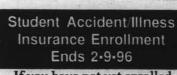
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