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lineup early in the season and has started 35 games, the most of any first-year player.

"It took a little while, but I've gotten comfortable," Dalton said. "I was kind of slumping in the beginning, but I just got up there and got really relaxed. It just kind of falls into place when you relax."

Dalton said he learned a lot from his older brother, Jed, a former Husker who was drafted in the 19th round of the amateur draft last June by the California Angels.

"Ever since we were little kids, we'd go out and hit the ball, take some grounders and stuff like that," Dalton said. "He's helped me a lot."

Jed Dalton, who spent much of this winter working with his younger brother, hit .262 in Boise, Idaho, of the Northwest League last summer. This season, Dalton is hitting above .300 playing in Class A full-season Lake Elsinore, Calif.

Josh Dalton, who has hit safely in 10 of Nebraska's last 12 games, said the adjustment to Division-I baseball did not come as a shock to him.

"It wasn't so much of a physical adjustment as it was mental adjustment," Dalton said. "It's the same game from high school to college; the mental aspect is just different."

Dalton said the Huskers, who have won seven of their last 10 games, seemed to be coming together.

"Pitching is coming around really good, and our bats are pretty consistent," Dalton said. "So they've gelled pretty good. We just need to relax and play the way we can. We have the talent; we just get in our own way sometimes."

Junior Jonas Armenta will start Friday against the Jayhawks. Armenta, who earned his first win of the year in his last start against Kansas State last Saturday, leads Nebraska with 50 strikeouts this season.

The Huskers will finish their season playing eight of their last 14 games against conference opponents. The Big Eight Tournament will be played in Oklahoma City, Okla., May 16-19.

"The standings are so bunched, if a team or two gets hot here at the end, they can make a serious move," Sanders said. "We'd like to be that team."

Sanders said he was unsure who would take the mound for Nebraska in Saturday's game, which begins at 4 p.m., or Sunday's 1 p.m. game. But Sanders said he was considering using Pat Driscoll or Steve Fish — both of whom threw against Kansas this week — on three days' rest.

Olympic shot takes Malesev home

By Michaela Pieler
Staff Reporter

Petar Malesev worries about going back to his home country.

But returning to the former Yugoslavia is Malesev's only chance to fulfill his lifelong dream — participating in the Olympic Games.

Malesev, a former Cornhusker high jumper whose NCAA eligibility expired last spring, returns to his Serbian hometown of Novi Sad, five miles north of Belgrade, in May.

There, Malesev, the 1995 indoor national champion, will practice to represent the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in this summer's Olympics in Atlanta.

"I'm not too excited about going back," he said. "It's been too long. Back home, everything is just a mess."

Because his family moved to the United States last June, nothing binds him to Yugoslavia anymore, Malesev said.

"I dedicated myself to life in Lincoln, Neb., from the first day on," he said.

Malesev arrived in Lincoln in August 1991. He joined the Nebraska track and field team and now owns four of the top five jumps in school history, with his best a 7-foot-3 1/4-inch leap on May 26, 1993. He finished among the top 10 at the NCAA Championships four times.

"I was lucky to escape the war years at home," he said.

But even now, Malesev said he wanted to go back only for two months to try for the Olympics.

One jump separates him from Atlanta. According to his country's requirements, Malesev must repeat his personal-best jump of 2.28 meters last year. The deadline is July 1, he said.

"There's not too much time left," he said. "I'll have to leave Lincoln right after graduation in May."

So far this year, Malesev said he had jumped 2.24 meters. The world record is 2.45 meters, or 8 feet, 1/2 inch.

Nebraska coach Gary Pepin said he was certain Malesev could make

the Olympics if given the opportunity. The 6-foot-7 Malesev made great contributions to Nebraska's team during his four years as a Husker, Pepin said.

"His height helps him to high speed and a high jump," Pepin said. "He is a very fine all-around athlete and certainly capable to qualify."

After the Summer Olympics, Malesev would like to stay in the United States, he said. He plans to pursue either graduate studies or a full-time job and said he wanted to become a U.S. citizen.

"I see my future in the United States," he said. "Yugoslavia, at its present state, is not what I seek. I would like to believe that peace is there to stay. Time will show."

Spring game

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like any other. The offense will rack up a lot of yardage, and the defense will make its share of great plays, he said.

At last year's spring game, that was the case.

The offense shattered seven spring game records. Included in those were Reggie Baul's 184 yards receiving, Tommie Frazier's 228 yards passing and Todd Uhler's 89-yard touchdown run. The offense totaled 74 points and 1,055 total yards, 558 of which came through the air.

One player who showed his talent was Stanford transfer quarterback Scott Frost. Although he had to sit out the fall, Frost completed 10 of 17 passes for 158 yards and three touchdowns.

Frost, a 6-3, 215-pound junior, said he was nervous playing in front of the Nebraska crowd last spring.

"I don't think I'll be nervous for this one," said Frost, now the top candidate to be the starting quarterback in the fall. "Last year, I was nervous because I wasn't comfortable with the offense yet. I was just going out there and actually guessing quite a bit."

This spring, though, Frost has displayed his experience. After the first two scrimmages, Osborne said Frost had taken the lead over Matt Turman in the race for the starting quarterback spot.

At last Saturday's scrimmage, Frost rushed for 101 yards on 10 carries. He has completed 13 of 31 passes in the three major scrimmages this spring for 235 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

A good showing in the spring game will prove to a lot of people he is

worthy of starting in the fall, Frost said.

"I feel like it has always been within my grasp," Frost said. "I didn't need convincing. I think everybody else did. I felt confident in myself."

"I'm not saying I knew I was going to win it, but I just felt confident. I think what it took was gaining the respect and confidence of the coaches and the other players."

Peter said Frost had proved himself to the team.

"Scott Frost is a hell of a football player," Peter said. "He will be fine in the fall. He's got the ability alone, and that makes him a great quarterback."

"A lot of people question whether he'll be able to handle it or not, but he's already played Division-I competition."

In 1994 as a freshman, Frost completed 33 of 77 passes with two touchdowns and five interceptions while filling in for injured Steve Stenstrom at Stanford. Frost also rushed for 143 yards on 38 carries.

He started the second half of the Cardinal's 46-28 win over Washington and the final two games of the season.

Both Peter and Frost said they looked forward to playing in front of a big crowd this weekend.

"It's definitely a workout," Peter said, "because we want to get some things accomplished and find out where we are coming out of spring ball. I think it's also kind of a reward."

Said Frost, "I want to have a good spring game. I did well in last year's spring game. Hopefully I can do well again this year, and that can be a trampoline for the season."

NOTES:

- Before the game, former Ne-

Spring Game Starters

Saturday, 1 p.m.
Memorial Stadium

Red Team			Red Team		
Offense			Defense		
SE	5	Brendan Holbein, Sr. 5-9 190	LRUSH	57	Chad Kelsay, So. 6-2 260
LT	77	Adam Treu, Sr. 6-6 300	DT	99	Jason Wiltz, So. 6-3 295
LG	75	Chris Dishman, Sr. 6-3 310	DT	72	Tom Millus, Fr. 6-3 270
C	67	Aaron Taylor, Jr. 6-1 305	RRUSH	84	Mike Rucker, So. 6-6 250
RG	64	Jon Zatechka, Jr. 6-2 290	SAM	46	Brian Shaw, Fr. 6-1 215
RT	70	Eric Anderson, Jr. 6-4 300	MIKE	56	Jay Foreman, So. 6-1 225
TE	88	Sheldon Jackson, So. 6-4 250	WILL	49	Quint Hogrefe, So. 5-11 210
QB	7	Scott Frost, Jr. 6-3 215	LCB	48	Dave Alderman, Sr. 5-10 190
FB	45	Joel Makovicka, So. 5-11 230	RCB	26	Jerome Peterson, Fr. 5-7 185
IB	30	Ahman Green, So. 6-0 210	ROV	4	Octavious McFarlin, Jr. 5-11 190
WB	25	Jon Vedral, Sr. 5-11 205	FS	3	Eric Warfield, Jr. 6-1 195
PK	35	Kris Brown, So. 5-10 200	P	19	Jesse Kosch, Jr. 6-0 185

White Team			White Team		
Offense			Defense		
SE	82	Ryan Held, Jr. 6-2 185	LRUSH	93	Jared Tomich, Sr. 6-2 260
LT	73	Fred Pollack, Jr. 6-4 305	DT	97	Jeff Ogard, Sr. 6-6 300
LG	68	James Sherman, Fr. 6-2 305	DT	95	Jason Peter, Jr. 6-4 285
C	59	Josh Heskey, Jr. 6-3 280	RRUSH	98	Grant Wistrom, Jr. 6-5 250
RG	62	Matt Hoskinson, So. 6-1 280	SAM	28	Jamel Williams, Sr. 6-2 205
RT	72	Ben Gessford, So. 6-2 280	MIKE	44	Jon Hesse, Sr. 6-4 250
TE	81	T.J. DeBates, Fr. 6-3 235	WILL	91	Ryan Terwilliger, Sr. 6-5 255
QB	18	Jeff Perino, Fr. 6-2 195	LCB	20	Michael Booker, Sr. 6-2 205
FB	42	Josh Cobb, So. 5-11 240	RCB	12	Mike Fullman, Sr. 5-7 170
IB	31	James Sims, Jr. 6-1 215	ROV	10	Mike Minter, Sr. 5-10 190
WB	33	Sean Wieting, Jr. 5-9 190	FS	16	Eric Stokes, Sr. 5-11 185
PK	13	Ted Retzlaff, Jr. 6-0 190	P	23	Bill Lafleur, Fr. 5-11 200

braska quarterback Tommie Frazier will have his jersey retired.

● No. 1 tight end Tim Carpenter will miss the spring game after having surgery Tuesday to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

● Twelve other Huskers will be kept out with injuries or because of the coaches' decision. Split end Riley Washington, Will linebacker Terrell Farley, right cornerback Leslie Dennis, fullback Billy Legate, split end

Kenny Cheatham, wingback Lance Brown, quarterback Frankie London, defensive Scott Saltsman, left rush end Bryce Miller, I-back Jason Olmes, defensive tackle Larry Townsend and tight end Aaron Wills will not play.

● No. 1 fullback Brian Schuster, who returned to practice during the spring's final workout Wednesday at Memorial Stadium, is doubtful after being hampered by a hamstring injury most of the spring.



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