

# Seven high school standouts give NU early commitments

**OPTION QUARTERBACKS**  
Newcombe and Crouch are among list of those expected to sign.

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Still 12 days away from the first game of the season, the Nebraska football team already has received seven verbal commitments from high school seniors.

But Steve Pederson, Nebraska's associate athletic director for football operations, said the coaching staff had not decided how many scholarships would be offered this fall, or what positions were most in need of help.

The recruits — two quarterbacks, two wide receivers, an offensive lineman, a linebacker and a tight end — cannot sign letters of intent until February.

Football teams are allowed to reward 25 scholarships each year, but because of NCAA cutbacks in recent years, Nebraska most likely will not sign 25 players.

"I wanted to go there first of all," said quarterback Bobby Newcombe,

from Albuquerque, N.M., "and when they offered me a scholarship, I couldn't refuse."

Newcombe, who said he was offered a scholarship after attending the Husker football camp in early June, was the third high school senior to make a verbal commitment.

"I liked the atmosphere," Newcombe said. "The players work hard to develop the winning attitude. I felt I could fit in really well. I want to continue to win as a Cornhusker."

The 6-foot, 185-pound option-style signal caller led Highland High School to a 10-3 record last season, throwing for 606 yards and rushing for 1,309.

Eric Crouch, a senior at Millard North High School in Omaha, became the second quarterback to commit in late July.

"I wanted to get it done early," Crouch said. "I felt most comfortable in Lincoln. I made the decision so I could concentrate on my senior year."

Crouch, who also said he was offered a scholarship after the Nebraska football camp in early June, rushed for 1,960 yards and threw for 785 last season, contributing to 38 Mustang touchdowns.

"He's really productive and really disciplined," Millard North Coach Fred Petit said. "He knows what he

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prospective-NU recruit

needs to accomplish, and he goes out and does it."

Mark Vedral, a tight end from Gregory, S.D., will become the third member of his family to play football at Nebraska. His brother, Mike, played tight end for the Huskers from 1990 through 1992, and his brother Jon is a senior wingback this season. Mark is the first Vedral to be offered a scholarship while in high school.

Kyle Vanden Bosch, a linebacker from Inwood, Iowa, NU's first commitment, is the only defensive recruit.

Other commitments include: Kyle Kollmorgen, an offensive lineman from Lincoln Southeast, Erwin Swiney, a wide receiver from Lincoln Northeast with a 4.3-second 40-yard-dash time, and Matt Davison a record-setting wide receiver from Tecumseh.

## 1996 Nebraska Football Verbal Commitments

The several players listed below have verbally committed to attend NU next year.

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
Kyle Vanden Bosch	LB	6-4	235	Inwood, Iowa West Lyon
Kyle Kollmorgen	OL	6-4	270	Lincoln Southeast
Bobby Newcombe	QB	6-0	185	Albuquerque, N.M. Highland
Erwin Swiney	WR	6-0	175	Lincoln Northeast
Eric Crouch	QB	6-1	190	Millard North
Mark Vedral	TE	6-1	200	Gregory, S.D.
Matt Davison	WR	6-1	175	Tecumseh



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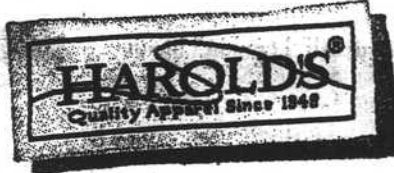
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