Taylor anchors NU line

By Sam McKewon Staff Reporter

The Nebraska's offensive linemen expect to be among the best in the nation - again.

Led by three-year starter Aaron Taylor, one of three returning starters, Nebraska has 63 games of starting experience on the line and 14 letters between

"We've been playing together a long time," senior right tackle Eric Anderson said. "We're pretty much ready to go."

Last year, NU was forced to move players around due to injuries and graduation. Instead of playing in his normal left guard position, Taylor played at center most of the season. Also, Jon Zatechka needed to settle into his position at right guard.

This spring, NU was faced with adversity again as starting center Josh Heskew went down with a broken foot, and Anderson missed the last two weeks of spring practice with a sore shoulder.

Hebraska Preview Offensive Lineman

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Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Position
Fred Pollack	6-4	305	Sr.	Left Tackle
Aaron Taylor	6-1	305	Sr.	Left Guard
Josh Heskew	6-3	280	Jr.	Center
Jon Zatechka	6-2	290	Sr.	Right Guard
Eric Anderson	6-4	305	Sr.	Right Tackle



problems that befell them early in 1996.

"We've worked so much getting everything together and getting our line calls down," Taylor said. "The two-aday practices in the fall have made up for what we lost in the spring as far as injuries."

The only offensive lineman who will be starting his first game will be fifth-year senior Fred Pollack at left tackle. Pollack played in every game last Now with the injuries fully healed, play- year for the Huskers, totaling 25 paners think they can avoid the adjustment cake blocks. He was a 1996 finalist for

lifter of the year at NU and is again up for the award this year.

Heskew, a junior, broke into the starting lineup in Nebraska's 41-21 victory over Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl. Heskew said despite the broken foot in the spring, he will feel no ill effects during the season.

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Frost aims to join Husker greats

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But the biggest confidence boost. Frost said, came in last year's Orange Bowl win over Virginia Tech. Frost completed 11 of 22 passes for 136 yards and rushed nine times for 62 yards and two touchdowns.

"Personally, I feel a lot less pressure," Frost said. "I performed well the second half of the season, but it's still not as good as I can play. I learned from the Orange Bowl that I just need to go out and relax and play and things are going to come. That's the way I expect things to happen this year."

At Wood River High School, Frost learned to deal with the media, but not the criticism. Over the course of his high school career, Frost rushed for 4,278 yards and threw for 6,859. As a senior in 1992, Frost rushed for 1,585 yards while passing for 2,142 and was named a Parade All-

A highly touted quarterback out of high school, Frost narrowed his college choices to Nebraska and Stanford before eventually deciding to play for former San Francisco 49ers Coach Bill Walsh at Stanford.

"I guess if you're an 18-year-old kid and the most famous coach - as far as developing pro quarterbacks goes - tells you he wanted you, you would be swayed," Larry Frost said. "Bill Walsh told him that, and he went out there with the idea that Bill Walsh would help him become what he wanted to in life. It wasn't anything bad here at all. He loves Coach Osborne and the program, but most of us would have a little trouble turning something like that down."

dreams became blurred a bit at and I think everybody has more char-Stanford. As a freshman in 1993, Frost completed 2 of 9 passes as a backup to starter Steve Stenstrom. In 1994, Frost also saw time in the Cardinal secondary. Frost started five games at free safety while serving as the No. 2 quarterback.

"At the time I played safety, I really wasn't nuts about it," Frost said. "I wasn't sure I wanted to do it. But looking back on it now, I really value that, and I wish I'd have been a little more serious about it."

In practice, Frost would practice at quarterback until Thursday, when he would participate in the walkthrough as a safety. Trying to learn both positions was not easy on Frost, his father said.

"It's hard enough learning the ropes about what your doing in a complicated program just playing one position," Larry Frost said. "I don't think Steve Young or any of those guys would be as proficient at quarterback if they spent half their practice time playing on defense."

When Walsh left Stanford after the 1994 season, Scott Frost transferred to Nebraska.

"As far as maturity goes," Larry Frost said, "he's really learned to deal with a lot of things - both good and bad. I think he's grown emotionally as much as anything."

put last season behind and start this fall with a clear mind.

"Looking back on it," Frost said, play this year. We're a tougher team show them that they're wrong."

But Scott Frost's quarterback because of what happened last year, acter and more heart. That's going to help us out."

Though team goals come first, Frost said, he will enter his senior season looking to be remembered as one of the top Husker quarterbacks of all-

"I hope they compare me to Frazier this year," Frost said. "I expect to be as good as anybody that has played here at Nebraska at quarterback. That's the goal that I have for myself. The way I expect to play this year. I won't mind whoever they compare me to."

NU Quarterbacks Coach Turner Gill said he has worked with Frost's on his throwing motion and has seen improvement in Frost's mechanics.

He's a lot more consistent with his passing," Gill said, "and he has improved running-wise also.'

Frost said it is important for Nebraska to have a solid start to the season, unlike last year when the Huskers lost to Arizona State in their second game of the season.

Frost said he hopes to put up good enough numbers to be selected in the NFL draft next year and live a dream he has carried since high school. Frost said he would put his NFL goals aside in order to win a national champi-

"This would be - I wouldn't want Scott Frost said he is looking to to say sweet revenge - but after everything that's gone wrong, this would really be a great way to end it," Frost said. "There's a lot of people out there "everybody learned a lot. We lost two that probably still doubt my ability games, but that's the breaks. You have and probably doubt the team in generto say, 'The hell with it,' and go on and al. It would be great to go out and



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