

Sports Opinion



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## Peter makes most of his 2nd chance

Christian Peter is finally getting a fair shot at the NFL.

His past is finally being put behind him, and a precious future is in front of him.

However, Peter's future is a very delicate balance.

He's caught on with the New York Giants as a defensive tackle. He's close to his hometown of Locust, N.J., and far away from the problems he had at Nebraska.

His life is starting to settle down.

In Sunday's 40-13 loss to Jacksonville, the 6-foot-3, 300-pound Peter played about 20 plays. His younger brother Jason Peter said Christian was happy with the opportunities he's being given.

"They've done everything fairly," Jason said of his brother's second NFL team. "They laid down certain rules, and he's happy for that chance."

Christian's first chance in the NFL was supposed to come with Bill Parcells' New England Patriots a year ago. Because of their supposed lack of knowledge about Peter during the draft process, that didn't happen, and he ended up watching the NFL on TNT all season without practicing a down. Then, he was picked up by the Giants for this season. Now, he's making good on the rules the Giants set down for him.

Essentially, Christian is on a one-strike policy. That means one mistake can keep him from a prosperous NFL future.

Jason said his brother is taking that very seriously.

And he should. Christian had a lot of tough breaks in the last few years, not the least of which is New England telling him not to show up for camp. He deserves the chances he's now receiving.

And Jason is doing all he can to ensure that the Peter name is not remembered for Christian's off-the-field problems.

"I have to be aware of what I'm doing at all times," Jason said. "I have to stay out of those situations."

And so does Christian. He's living close to home and succeeding on a field where some never thought he would play — an NFL field. He's gotten a chance to go back to the sport he loves and straighten out his life.

Everyone should be so lucky. A second chance comes very rarely in life. If Christian makes the best of it, he could be an inspiration to those down on their luck. Everyone deserves a second chance, and maybe a third and fourth if they need it. I admire the Giants' front office for seeing Christian as a person who can overcome his past and help his team win.

I hope he makes the best of the chance he is given and watches pitch after pitch come his way without taking that last strike. I don't want to see him called out.

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## Korver aims to dominate in middle

BY SHANNON HEFFELFINGER  
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Every one of the Nebraska volleyball team's 1996 highlight films features Megan Korver's defining moment.

Three times during the Cornhuskers' NCAA Tournament East Regional final against Penn State last season, the middle blocker came up big for NU.

Three times, Nebraska fans watched Korver, building momentum as she slipped to the right of Husker setter Fiona Nepo for backslides that resulted in a thundering kills, including the last two of the fifth game, which sent NU to its second straight Final Four.

The match proved to be a glimpse of things to come.

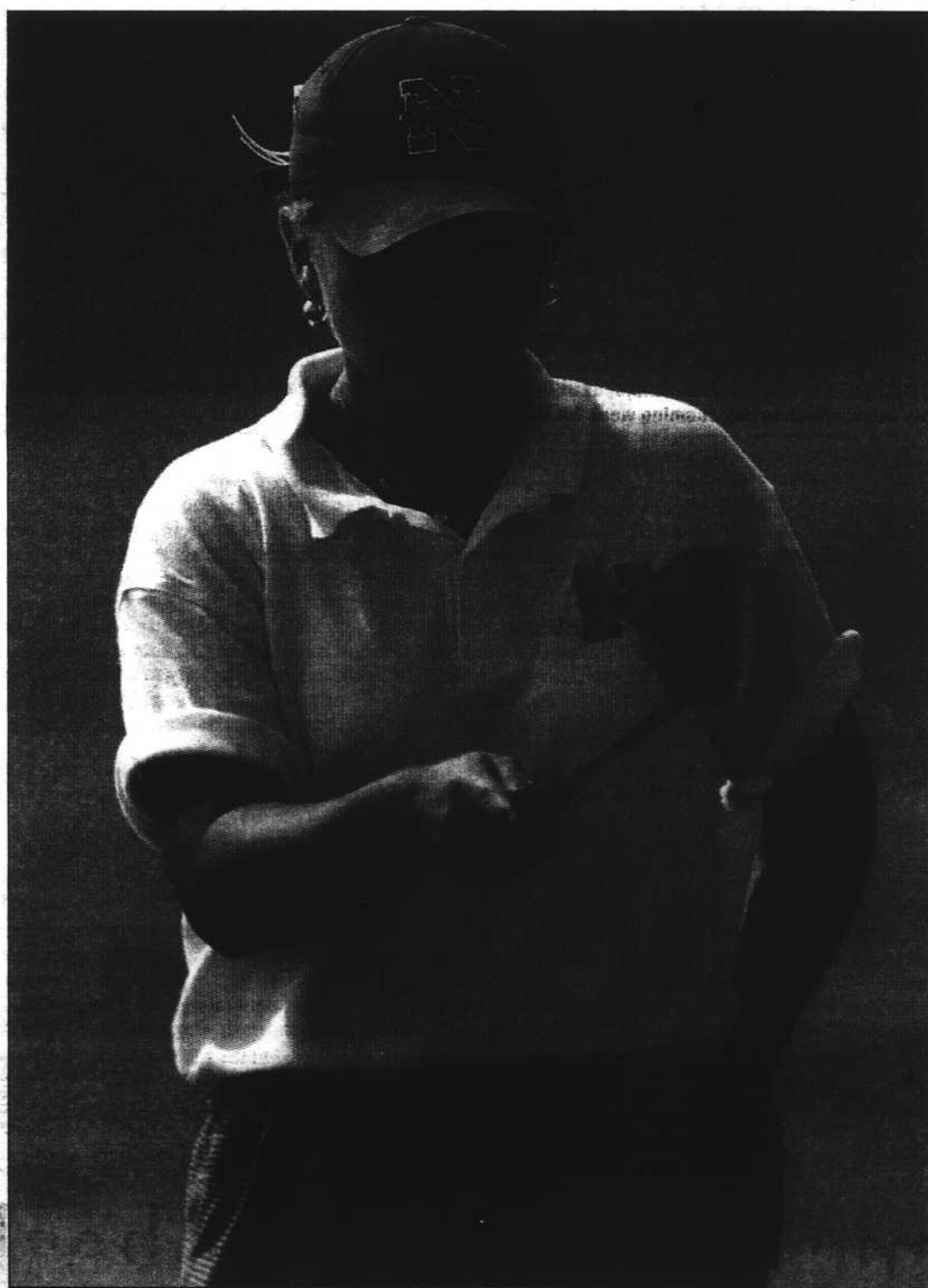
Two weeks into this new season, NU has begun to rely heavily on the 6-foot-1 junior in critical situations — rapidly expanding Korver's personal highlight film.

"Whenever people show highlight tapes, it's Megan Korver in the Penn State match," Korver said. "That's what people know me for. Sometimes I think I do play better under pressure. You can't have passive attacks or tips, because the other team will pick up the ball. You just have to pound it if you want to close it out. It's focus, and it's the will to win. You find a way, before that match



MATT MILLER/DN  
MEGAN KORVER (No. 5) celebrates with her NU teammates during last weekend's First Bank Invitational at the NU Coliseum.

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MATT MILLER/DN  
RACHELLE TACHA lines up a putt Tuesday during the final round of the Chip-N Club Invitational.

## NU golfers fall short of Missouri

BY SAM MCKEON  
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A slow start proved too much to overcome as the Nebraska women's golf team finished second to Missouri in the Chip-N Club Invitational Tuesday at HiMark Golf Course.

The Huskers finished with a 54-hole total of 909, while Missouri set a school record shooting 888. Kansas State finished in third place with a score of 926.

The first round was the most costly for the Huskers as they fell behind the Tigers by 12 strokes.

Nebraska coach Robin Krapfl said the Tigers played too well to be caught after the slow first round.

"They deserve all the credit for playing as well as they did," she said. "We didn't play too bad after the first round, but we saw that the wind was going to blow pretty hard today, so it was unlikely that we were going to score real well."

That wind also hurt the Huskers on Monday, especially on the par-3s. Accustomed to playing the par-3s with a south wind, NU played with a the breeze from the opposite direction both days. The wind wreaked havoc on the team's club selections on those holes.

"We were 17-over as a team on those-3s in the first round alone, so that really hurt us," Krapfl said. "We basically had bad club selection and then weren't able to get up and down from the positions we left ourselves in."

The short game also failed NU during the tournament. Despite what Krapfl described as relatively tame greens, she said, NU averaged four or five putts more than it would have wanted for the tournament.

"We had been good in practice with our short game, so I was a little surprised this happened."

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## Culpepper poses big threat for NU defense

BY ANTONE OSEKA  
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Rarely does a college quarterback invite comparisons to John Elway.

On Tuesday, Nebraska defensive coordinator Charlie McBride said Central Florida quarterback Daunte Culpepper reminds him of Elway, the hard-throwing Denver Broncos' star

quarterback.

"It's like tackling a telephone pole," McBride said of the UCF signal caller. "He's not easy to bring down."

McBride will find out if his defense can tackle Culpepper Saturday when the Huskers play the Golden Knights at 12:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

"You take teams like this for

granted, you get beat," McBride said.

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said he could think of three or four Big 12 teams he would rather face than Central Florida. He wouldn't specify the Big 12 teams, but added that Central Florida is more talented than those three or four teams, and on an even level with an additional three or four other teams in the Big 12.

"They would do well in the Big

12, and have better talent than some teams in the league" Osborne said of the Knights.

Most of that is because of the play of the 6-foot-4 junior quarterback from Ocala, Fla. In UCF's two games this season — a 24-23 loss to Mississippi and a 33-31 loss to South Carolina — Culpepper has thrown for

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