

Walsh relearns position

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Sophomore soccer player Amy Walsh has come a long way since she first arrived in Nebraska, said her roommate Isabelle Morneau, also a sophomore.

When she came to Lincoln in the fall of 1997, Walsh had trouble doing her own laundry, paying bills on time and managing money.

But Morneau, a fellow Canadian, showed her the ropes.

"In the beginning I had to tell her what to do," Morneau said.

After eight months in the United States, Walsh now faces another adjustment — one that should be easier.

She is switching from striker to her natural position as a midfielder.

Although it's her natural position, Walsh said new teammates and better competition make it different.

"It's bizarre, because (midfield) is where I've played my whole life," Walsh said. "But I feel like I have to relearn the position."

Walsh moved to midfielder this spring to replace senior All-American Kari Uppinghouse.

As a striker in the fall, Walsh scored six goals and had two assists to place her fifth on the team in scoring.

But the sophomore from Saint

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ISABELLE MORNEAU
sophomore striker

Bruno, Quebec, admitted she wouldn't be at the same level this spring as Uppinghouse, a three-year starter who scored 16 goals and had seven assists last year, was during the regular season.

"Hopefully, (I can be there) by the fall," Walsh said. "I am working to improve my game — skill-wise — and get physically stronger."

NU Coach John Walker said Walsh had all the physical tools to play the position and the work ethic to improve her weaknesses.

One thing Walsh doesn't have to work on is her stamina and energy level, Morneau said.

"She can run forever," Morneau said. "She is never tired and always full of energy."

The former provincial teammates look forward to starting together again.

"The French connection," as the pair refer to themselves, first met in 1995 on the Quebec provincial team.

The two still joke about that team.

"We both hated our positions," Morneau said. "We were on the left side and the ball was always on the

right side."

As Cornhuskers, Morneau is now on the right side and Walsh is in the middle.

Morneau was one reason Walsh transferred to Nebraska from McGill University in Montreal last year.

During the summer before her freshman year at McGill, Walsh had her first stint on the under-20 Canadian National team. On that team, she played with Morneau and Heather Brown and first met Walker, who was the assistant coach of the under-20 team at the time.

Morneau had already committed to NU. Walker asked Walsh if she had any interest, but Walsh stuck with her commitment to play for McGill.

However, McGill wasn't what she had hoped for.

"As the fall ended, I realized the level wasn't going to help me improve," Walsh said. "So I looked for somewhere to go."

She remembered Walker and Morneau and chose Nebraska.

"I already had a friend here."

Finley fills safety void

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thing."

While the rest of the defensive backs will be improving on the field, Swiney likely will have to do it from the sidelines.

"It's tough," Swiney said. "I will try to soak things in mentally."

Swiney hasn't been able to do anything since the Orange Bowl. He is suffering from osteitis pubis, an injury that gradually got worse as 1997 progressed.

Swiney is not the first defensive back to suffer this injury. Darlington said former Huskers Mike Fullman and Tony Veland also had similar injuries. He said defensive backs are susceptible to the injury because of all the running they do.

"It's an overload situation," Darlington said. "They go so hard in practice and then go lift weights. It's almost a case of working too hard."

Darlington said the players now do more stomach-strengthening exercises in the offseason, but Swiney missed out on those before the season because he was

Returning players in the secondary

Players listed according to spring depth chart (statistics from 1997)

Position	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Games	Int.
Left cornerback					
Erwin Swiney	6-0	185	So.	12	2
Khari Reynolds	5-10	185	So.	6	0
Free safety					
Carl Finley	5-11	200	So.	5	0
Dion Booker					
Dion Booker	6-1	205	Fr.	N/A	N/A
Rover					
Mike Brown	5-10	205	Jr.	12	2
Joe Walker	5-10	200	So.	12	2
Strawson Quince					
Strawson Quince	6-0	200	So.	7	0
Gregg List	6-0	220	Jr.	7	0
Right cornerback					
Ralph Brown	5-9	190	Jr.	12	2
Jerome Peterson	5-7	185	Jr.	11	0
Josh Anderson	5-8	180	So.	8	0

Letterwinners lost: Brandon Harrison (LCB), Eric Warfield (FS), Jason Rices (RCB).

a freshman.

With Swiney already out, Darlington hopes the rest of the spring will be injury-free for the secondary.

Huskers' 1998 schedule:

- Sept. 5 Alabama-Birmingham
- Sept. 12 at California
- Sept. 26 Washington
- Oct. 3 at Oklahoma State#
- Oct. 10 at Texas A&M
- Oct. 17 Kansas
- Oct. 24 Missouri
- Oct. 31 Texas
- Nov. 7 at Iowa State
- Nov. 14 at Kansas State
- Nov. 27 Colorado

indicates game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

Nebraska wins third tournament

From Staff Reports

The 32nd-ranked Nebraska men's golf team won its third tournament of the spring Tuesday at the Arkansas State Indian Classic in Jonesboro, Ark.

The Cornhuskers finished the tournament with 897 strokes — ahead of Wichita State and Mississippi.

Junior Scott Gutschewski led NU with a career-high fourth-place

finish. Gutschewski tied a season-best with a 69 in the first round Monday, followed by scores of 73 and 76 to finish 2 over par at 218.

V.J. Trolio of Southern Mississippi and John Brackmann of Iowa State shot 216s to claim the tournament's individual title.

NU's Josh Madden finished 11th with rounds of 70, 73 and 81 for a 224.

Husker Jamie Rogers tied Madden with a 224. Rogers shot rounds of 70, 75 and 79.

NU's Steve Friesen finished 22nd with rounds of 69, 79 and 80 for a 228.

Husker Peter Smith posted rounds of 79, 78 and 80 for a 237.

Nebraska opened its season with a win at the UTSA Invitational and followed with wins at the Cleveland Golf Collegiate and the ASU Indian Classic.

The Huskers will play their season finale in Wichita, Kan., at the Shocker Classic April 13-14.

Big 12 title game to return to St. Louis

DALLAS (AP) — The Big 12 Football Championship will return this year to the site of the inaugural conference title game at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis.

"It's a great city, and the facilities are great," Big 12 Commissioner Steve J. Hatchell said Tuesday, adding that the supportive city and its hotels helped make the 1996 game a success.

The title game moved to San Antonio last season. This year's game is Dec. 5.

Texas defeated Nebraska 37-27 in the first Big 12 Championship at St. Louis. The game fell short of capacity attendance, although it produced \$500,000 in additional revenue for conference schools.

The winner of this year's game, to be televised by ABC Sports, will again represent the league in the Bowl Alliance.

"We had a really good experience in St. Louis in 1996," said Donnie Duncan, Big 12 senior associate commissioner.

"They have a tremendous facility there. It's A-plus, and all of the pieces fit. The rationale was solid and it all worked out in terms of the negotiations, the potential revenue strengths and ticket locations."

The Dome, home to the NFL's St. Louis Rams, has more than 65,000 fixed seats plus more than 6,000 club level seats, with 109 luxury suites.

In February, athletic directors reviewed operational results of the first

two Big 12 football championships in considering plans for future contests.

Directors reviewed financial packages, scheduling and choices of venues for this year's football championship.

Tom Stanton of Baylor, director of athletics chairman, commended Duncan for making arrangements for this year's championship.

"The football championship game is a rare opportunity for national championship quality football to be played in St. Louis," said Bob Bedell, president and chief executive of the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission.

In 1996, Dr Pepper/Cadbury North America signed a four-year agreement to become title sponsor of the Big 12 Football Championship.

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