



CORBY JONES is one of many talented quarterbacks who will have to be replaced this season by respective football teams. MU SPORTS INFORMATION

## Who be the QB?

*Replacing solid starters could prove to be difficult*

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Four things shared by Dusty Bonner, Drew Bennett and Austin Moherman:

- Few know who they are.
- That's because they played quarterback behind Kentucky's Tim Couch, UCLA's Cade McNown and Ohio State's Joe Germaine, respectively, last year.
- Which means they hardly ever played.
- But now they're in quarterback battles to fill some of the largest shoes left open for college football in 1999.

Much ado has been made (we've yet to see if it's about something or nothing) about the quarterback class currently entering the NFL Draft. There could be four quarterbacks taken in the first 10 picks. There could be seven taken in the first round alone.

But what might be the NFL's gain was college football's loss. The result: plenty of teams, both strong and weak, ranked and unranked, forced to replace the most visible, and sometimes most important, position on the team with players who have little to zero experi-

ence in games. Not exactly a walk in the park.

"You hate to do it," said Missouri Coach Larry Smith, who has to replace three-year starter Corby Jones. "I remember having to do it at USC with Rodney Peete. You have to go through it several times. You just hope that everyone else has to do it at the same time."

In fact, most of the Big 12 North Division is doing it. Nebraska and Colorado are the only two teams that return extensive quarterbacking experience. Kansas State has to replace Michael Bishop. Iowa State reloads without Todd Bandhauer. Kansas' Zac Wegner will sit out because of recurring concussions.

And many of the top teams nationally are replacing quarterbacks, too.

Oregon must replace Akili Smith. Washington must replace Brock Huard. Miami (the South Florida version) must replace Scott Convington. Tulane replaces Shaun King.

Hardest hit will probably be Syracuse and UCLA, which must replace first-round picks Donovan McNabb and McNown, respectively. Both ranked in the top 10 in NCAA

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## NU's Frisch on roll for women's tennis

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With only seven players on the Nebraska women's tennis team's roster and one out for the season after knee surgery, it was obvious the remaining six would have to step up.

But how to step up wasn't so obvious for freshman Amy Frisch.

"I didn't know what it was going to be like competing at a collegiate level," Frisch said. "You just watch the older players and see how they relate to situations."

Frisch did step up. The Nebraska women's tennis team, No. 6 singles, is 16-5 with four matches left in the season. Prior to losing at Kansas on April 3, the freshman hadn't lost in 11 matches.

"Once I started winning, I gained confidence," Frisch said. "And the more I gained confidence, the easier it was to win."

Frisch is probably one of the most outwardly positive players on the team.

"For me, I just have to stay positive. I need to be jumping and moving around," Frisch said.

Coach Scott Jacobson said he has watched Frisch improve tremendously since she arrived at NU.

"She gets better and better after every match," Jacobson said.

Frisch said the influence of Nebraska's coaches has helped her improve throughout the year.

"I think I've improved a lot because of help from them," Frisch said. "I like it when they

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NU tennis player

come over to my court. They're really upbeat and positive."

Frisch, of course, wasn't a complete newcomer to the sport. The 19-year-old said she's been playing since she was 11. While at Notre Dame Academy in Crescent Springs, Ky., Frisch was part of two state championship teams, was an all-state selection three times and named player of the year as a senior.

Frisch said her father, Jeff, had a major influence on her success in tennis. A player and former coach, Jeff Frisch has already visited and watched four matches this year.

"He just knows so much about the game, and he's so into it," Frisch said.

Nebraska may need more than parental support this week. Playing host to three matches this weekend, Nebraska will face major regional and conference rivals in Iowa, Baylor and Colorado. Wins this weekend would help NU win a postseason seed in the NCAA tournament. And making the tourney is a goal of Frisch's - if not this year, then next.

"We're going to have everyone back next year, and I think we're going to get a couple more," Frisch said.

## Taylor helps out Nebraska

■ Without a scholarship, the junior factors heavily in the Huskers' offensive attack.

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For someone who is on her third softball program in four years, wasn't recruited by Nebraska and isn't on an athletic scholarship, Ginger Taylor plays a crucial role for the NU softball team.

As a starter at the designated hitter position, through 26 games she has compiled a .308 batting average, third on the team, and is second on the team with 13 runs. All while redefining the DH role.

She doesn't exactly fit the traditional mold of most players at her position or her predecessors, Ali Viola and Christie McCoy, who were known for their power. In fact, not one of her 24 hits this season has gone for extra bases. She also hits near the bottom of the lineup, though few DH's can boast of a team-high eight-game hitting streak.

"I see her role as always being ready to start a rally or continue one," Coach Rhonda Revelle said of her designated hitter. "By using her speed and her ability to put the ball in play, once she's on base she's going to be a threat."

While the 5-foot-3 Taylor doesn't strike fear into opposing pitchers, she may frustrate them with her ability to slap the ball to either field.

"When people think of designated hitters, they think of Mark McGwire," Taylor said. "I'm going to move the runners and make the defense make mistakes. I find a way to get on and making things happen."

Though the road to Nebraska may have been long with stops at Texas-San Antonio and Alabama, nothing can compare to her high school days in

Texas.

During her senior year every Sunday, she had to drive seven hours both ways from her home in Iowa Park, Texas to Houston for a three hour practice. This led her dad to build her a softball field, her own "field of dreams."

Taylor came to NU after a phone call to Revelle, who hadn't even heard of her but had a "gut feeling." "I don't know what made me say yes," Revelle said. "We didn't have any scholarship money or know anything about her, and we didn't need anymore outfielders. We got a quick, fiery, competitive player."

From day one Taylor won over her new teammates with her leadership, good-natured attitude and exuberance for the game.

Never were her leadership abilities more evident than this past Sunday. With the possibility of NU's postseason hopes fading, and in a tied game with OSU in the bottom of the seventh, she stepped confidently up to the plate, and drove in the game-winning RBI.

"The first time I saw her was a week before school started, when we started fall practice," friend and roommate Jenny Voss said. "She came running out onto the field with energy and asked who wanted to play catch before she introduced herself. I knew then we would eventually be good friends." "Undaunted by the lack of a scholarship, Taylor had trouble getting through the year she had to sit out because she was a transfer, the year NU went to the College World Series. Through these tumultuous times she bonded with Voss.

They became roommates and friends but got even closer when they were involved in an accident over Holiday Break in which their car flipped 1 1/2 times.

"It taught me that life is precious," Taylor said. "You never know what is going to happen next, to treat life as a gift."