

#6 Darin ERSTAD

Darin Erstad had numbers and awards that few Nebraska baseball players could ever live up to. Especially since one of his awards came in the national championship with the Nebraska football team.

But first... baseball.

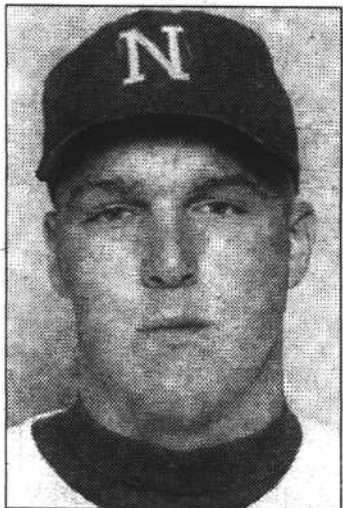
Erstad has already been to one Major League Baseball All-Star game and has the all-around skills to go to many more. The No. 1 pick in the 1995 major league baseball draft to the Anaheim Angels had a storied career as No. 17 at Nebraska.

In his career for the Cornhuskers, Erstad, the No. 6 male athlete on the Daily Nebraskan Sports Century list, had a .356 average overall. He had 41 home runs and 182 runs batted in. He did that over 182 games, just 20 more than a major league regular season.

Erstad's best year was in 1995 when he hit .410 overall with 19 homers and 76 RBIs. One of those home runs made bloop history when it smashed the window of a car driving by just outside Buck Beltzer Stadium. He held six school records after that season, which included 84 runs scored.

Once in the major leagues, Erstad fought for time in a crowded Angels outfield before finding a niche at first base. There, Erstad hit .299 in 1997 with 16 home runs and 77 RBI. In 1998, Erstad's All-Star season, he hit .296 with 19 homers and 82 RBI. He clocked in with 39 doubles, as well.

But Erstad has another distinction he can claim: He was part of Nebraska's 1994 national championship team that went 13-0. He was a kicker on that team, designated to boot the long field-goal tries for the Huskers. As a result, Erstad was only 3-for-8 that season, but did boot a 46-yarder. Erstad also made 10 points after touchdowns.



#7 Phil CAHOY

"My height always made me feel a little different because the guys who were my buddies were six inches shorter than me," Cahoy said.

"As time went on, I appreciated my height a lot more."

Cahoy, the No. 7 athlete on the Daily Nebraskan Sports Century list, won plenty for his time and was part of the 1980 Olympic team that boycotted the Olympics in Moscow. And he would have won more if it had not been for his NU teammate Jim Hartung.

Hartung, the No. 3 athlete on the list, won seven national titles from 1980-82. Best friends with Hartung since the age of five, Cahoy said the two pushed each other to perform.

"It got very competitive between us but it was a good competition," Cahoy said. "We always wanted to set the bar and then try and outperform each other."

"Jim Hartung needs to be on the list more so than I do."

Cahoy trained under his father, Phil Cahoy Sr., at the acclaimed Cahoy School of Gymnastics as a child through high school. He looked at other colleges, but never seriously considered anywhere other than Nebraska.

"It helps to have your fans behind you and crowds we used to get back then were phenomenal," Cahoy said. "It was great to be in your home state and get that kind of support."

#8 Turner GILL

Sit back and think about it and Turner Gill is a name that just sounds like it could run the option.

And run it he could. Gill, the No. 8 athlete on the Daily Nebraskan Sports Century list, could throw with the best of them, as well.

If nothing else, Gill will always take pride in the fact that he beat Oklahoma three straight seasons at a time when the Cornhuskers didn't always march into Norman, Okla., as favorites.

In eight seasons prior to 1981, then-Nebraska coach Tom Osborne had defeated OU just once. Gill, too, had extra incentive after choosing to play at Nebraska over Oklahoma.

"Looking back, that was probably the thing that sticks out in my mind," said Gill, who earned letters at quarterback from 1980-83. "Beating Oklahoma was big."

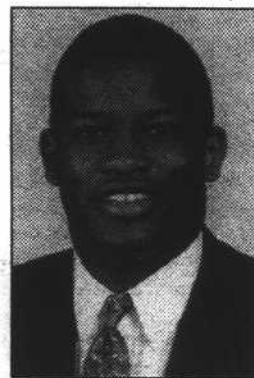
Though he never won a national title, Gill helped the Huskers to three

Big Eight Championships. He did, however, come within a two-point conversion of a national championship in 1983.

Nebraska, ranked first in The Associated Press poll all season, fell to No. 5 Miami 31-30 in the Orange Bowl Jan. 2, 1984. It was loss for NU, but one of the greatest games ever played out on a college football stage.

"Going into that ball game, we felt like we were the best team in the country," said Gill, who ranks 32nd on the Huskers all-time rushing chart with 1,593 yards. "We felt that way after the game, too. We got behind and we came up short on that two-point play. But I had a great opportunity. It was a growing experience."

Gill, who also ranks fourth on NU's all-time passing chart with 3,521 yards, said he also learned a lot from Osborne through his career. Osborne



hired Gill after the 1991 season to coach the quarterbacks, a position he still holds today.

"It's been excellent to be able to play and coach with Tom Osborne," Gill said. "I've learned an awful lot from him about life. I knew every day when I woke up in the morning that I would be excited to go to work. It's been a great experience all around."

Drafted by the Chicago White Sox out of high school and again by the New York Mets following his junior year at Nebraska, Gill tried his hand at professional baseball from 1986-89.

Though he only played one season of baseball for the Huskers, Gill said the national pastime had been where his heart originally lay.

"If you're not talking about specific numbers," Gill said. "I think overall, I didn't even dream of the success I would have in football. I felt baseball was my sport. Everything that I accomplished in football was more than I could dream of. From that standpoint, I had a very, very successful career."

Dave RIMINGTON #9

Think of offensive linemen in Nebraska football history. It doesn't take long to get to Dave Rimington.

He ruled the trenches for NU in 1980-1982, reaching the pinnacle of his success in his final season, when he won both the Outland and Lombardi trophies.

Rimington, the No. 9 male athlete on the Daily Nebraskan Sports Century list, was a

throwback in many a sense. He perfected the run block. He played on creaky knees. He played without sleeves in cold weather. He, almost as much as any other Husker player, personified Nebraska's switch to an option offense by then-coach Tom Osborne.

"Dave was an outstanding lineman, there's no question about that," Osborne said. "He's one of the two or three best offensive linemen I've coached."

Maybe of the most amazing thing is that Rimington never really played 100 percent. He hurt his knee severely in the



Shrine Bowl after his high school career. He played on it through college, garnering All-American honors two times and adding a 1981 Outland Award to his 1982 sweep along the way. He helped pave the way for Nebraska to finish 11-1 in 1982 and finish No. 3 in the nation behind Penn State and Southern Methodist.

What did Rimington possess that made him so good? Size, for one. But even more so, he had quickness that startled defenders time and time again.

"The first five yards, Dave was outstanding," Osborne said. "He had scramble ability that made him better than most we've had. He was strong, too. Very strong."

Rimington's knee injury prevented him from having the kind of professional career he could have had, Osborne said. But it doesn't take away from his legacy of being one of the most dominating linemen in Nebraska, and college football history.

#10 Rich GLOVER

Of the numbers that Rich Glover compiled in his three seasons at middle guard for Nebraska, there is one that sounds out loud and clear above the rest - 22 tackles ... in one game ... against Oklahoma.

In what was advertised as the Game of the Century on Nov. 25, 1971, Glover amassed the 22 takedowns which still stand as an NU school record. The No. 1 Huskers went on to

win over the 2nd ranked Sooners, 35-31 and eventually took their second consecutive national championship.

Glover saw the lion's share of his individual achievements the next year, however, when he won both the Lombardi Award and the Outland Trophy as the nation's best defensive



lineman. He became the first Cornhusker to win the double honor. Dave Rimington did it in 1982 and Dean Steinkuhler did it in 1983.

Well on his way to the awards, Glover racked up 100 tackles in 1972 to finish his college career with 211 total tackles. Glover is 15th on the all-time tackles list at Nebraska.

Glover was named an All-American in 1971 and 1972, joining fellow Huskers Jeff Kinney, Larry Jacobson, Jerry Tagge, Willie Harper, Daryl White and Johnny Rodgers, who were also named on either the 1971 or 1972 teams. Rodgers, Harper and Glover were the only Huskers on both the 1971 and 1972 All-American squads.

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