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Evans says Solich changed his mind

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Following statements made by Nebraska Coach Frank Solich at Tuesday's press conference, former NU I-back DeAngelo Evans shot back Tuesday night, elaborating on the numerous problems that led to his departure from the team.

Solich had said on Tuesday that the final decision had been "mine," although Solich had consulted with the team and other coaches before making the decision.

That final decision, Evans said, was "pretty clear" Friday. Monday morn-

ing's meeting with Solich had been set for Evans to pick up his scholarship release and for his parents, Eric and Earnestine, to voice their discontent with the coach.

"I knew the door was closed last Friday all the way," Evans said.

But was it always closed? Evans said it was not.

On Sept. 14, two days after he said he was going to quit the team, Evans made a call to NU Team Psychologist Jack Stark and said he had made a mistake and wanted to get back on the team. Stark said he would talk to Coach Solich, Evans said.

When Evans got in contact with Solich, things seemed to be in motion

to get him back on the team.

"His exact words to me were: 'I want you back, but I have to talk to the coaches and the players.'" Evans said. "So it was my feeling that everything was going to be OK."

Solich, Evans said, apparently changed his mind. The junior said he often did.

"He never said flat-out 'we don't want you back,' but it was written on the wall," Evans said. "It just sums up how he's done things in the last two years. Nothing's ever definite. He's fickle. I don't know what he's thinking."

That indecision carried over to other parts of the field, too, which

"When Coach Osborne called a play, he was playing chess. When Coach Solich calls plays, he's playing checkers."

DEANGELO EVANS
Former NU I-back

added to Evans' frustration, he said.

The quarterback controversy consumed the offensive game plan, he said. Players got shoved aside to make way for Eric Crouch and Bobby Newcombe to get the ball. No one on the team knew his role. When NU got ahead 28-

0 against Cal, Evans questioned why he was not put into the game so Nebraska could work on the running game.

"Nobody knows what they are sup-

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ALTHOUGH MEGHAN ANDERSON grew up in Nebraska, the highly-touted high school player did not plan to play soccer for Nebraska. She visited the campus only as a favor to her parents. But she was impressed with the program and, since then, has become quite comfortable as a Husker.

Anderson steps up to new soccer roles

The Omaha native adjusts to a position change and the college game in her home state

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Looking out her window as a child, Meghan Anderson had a clear view of the Tranquility Park soccer complex in Omaha.

Like an irresistible force, the soccer complex seemed to draw Anderson toward it.

She would walk across the street to Tranquility Park by herself or with one of her parents and attend nearly every Creighton men's and women's soccer game. Later, she would play many of her club games at the complex. She'd become a star at Omaha Burke High School and one of the most sought-after recruits

in the nation.

Through it all, Anderson was always a soccer rat. She still is as a sophomore midfielder at Nebraska.

"She was a kid whom you could tell soccer was a true love of hers," said NU Assistant Coach Megan Bechtold, a player at Creighton at the time Anderson was an avid attendee. "We didn't get many fans to our games, but she would always be there. She was a real follower of women's soccer way back then."

One player Anderson particularly followed was Bechtold.

"She was a little blonde-haired sweeper," Anderson recalled.

Bechtold also remembered Anderson from

"I feel a responsibility to show the rest of the country that we can play soccer in Nebraska."

MEGHAN ANDERSON
NU midfielder

the Creighton games and soccer camps, which Anderson attended from the time she was 10.

Anderson would surprise the older athletes and counselors in camps, Bechtold said.

"When we looked for the best jugglers, we would normally look at the older kids, and then

you would see this skinny girl come up and she would juggle the ball like 400 times," Bechtold said. "I remember she was always the best juggler. She was always the kid who won all the

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