

## Denver lineman gives commitment to NU

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The Nebraska football team received its 14th verbal commitment Wednesday from Denver's Jake Andersen, who became fifth offensive lineman to give his word to the Cornhuskers.

His commitment, according to the National Recruiting Advisor, could possibly give NU the best incoming offensive line class in the country next fall.

NU received another commitment from an offensive lineman earlier this week. Nick Povendo, a senior from Keller, Texas, stands at 6-foot-5 and weighs 285 pounds. He runs the 40-yard dash in 4.9 seconds.

Keller High School Coach Ken Mizell said the Huskers are getting a top-notch player in Povendo. "I would say he is one of the top two

linemen in the state of Texas," Mizell said.

Along with Andersen and Povendo, offensive linemen Josh Plisch of Rothschild, Wis., Mike Erickson of Papillion-La Vista, and Martin Flaum of Northglenn, Colo., have committed to play for NU next fall.

According to the National Recruiting Advisor, the Huskers are also after offensive lineman Andy Christophel of Cincinnati.

## Benson's recovery helps Husker attack

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It was Sept. 12, and the sixth-ranked Nebraska soccer team had been sent to overtime by a late goal from No. 19 Portland for the second year in a row.

Cornhusker outside midfielder Jenny Benson erased any doubt that the game would end in a tie, as the match did last year, when she delivered a perfect cross from her left foot to the head of Lindsay Eddleman for the game-winning goal.

Benson's play did more than win the game for NU. It also eradicated any doubt that Benson's knee had recovered from a torn anterior cruciate ligament that kept her out the line-up all of last season. Her recovery has been crucial to the success of the No. 4 Husker offensive attack.

Coach John Walker is happy to have her back. He said her speed, her ability to read the game and her ability to pinpoint teammates on crosses create chances each game for the Huskers.

"The thing she brings to our team is explosiveness on the flank (outside) and ability to serve the ball," Walker said. "She is one of the few flank players who can dominate the game from her position."

When it comes to distributing the ball, it's easy to see that she has few peers.

Benson, a fourth-year junior, has recorded 12 assists so far this season—one shy of the school record she set in 1996 as a freshman. She ranks first in assists for both Nebraska and the Big 12 Conference and her 12 assists place her among the top 10 nationally.

Eddleman, a benefactor on several of Benson's crosses, doesn't dispute

Benson's effectiveness.

"She's so reliable (on crosses)," Eddleman said. "She's the only person who you can rely on to get crosses to you. It's the biggest part of her game."

As a native of Huntington Beach, Calif., Benson came to Nebraska to strike out on her own. Rather than go to UCLA, which was less than an hour from her home, she decided to come to Lincoln—a foreign place to her at the time. In fact, one of her brothers thought she "lived in a cornfield."

With the help of the coaching staff and the rest of the 1996 freshman class—which included Eddleman, Amy Walsh, Sharolta Nonen and Isabelle Moreau—the transition was easy. Benson thrived her first season contributing 35 points on 11 goals and 13 assists on her way to being named to the all-conference team. She received All-Big 12 Conference honors in 1997 and was named the team's MVP and most creative player.

Then came 1998 and the injury, which gave her an extra year but won't allow her to go out with her class.

"They're my class, and they'll always be my class," Benson said. "Those are the girls I came in with and started everything with."

The injury did more than give her an extra year of eligibility; it also taught her about herself.

"It helped me out in every aspect," Benson said. "You tend to take things for granted when they are there for you every day."

"I came here and played soccer every day for two years, but I don't think I appreciated it. Now every time I'm on the field, I'm so happy and enjoy every minute of it. Before I took (soccer) for granted, and now I love it. I hate missing practice."

# N Sport Clubs

## At Home this Weekend

**W. RUGBY** - The NU Women take on the University of Missouri Sat. the 23rd at Noon. Whittier Field (22nd & W Streets).

## On the Road

**M. RUGBY** - Traveling to Ft. Worth, TX, select team members will be competing in the Western Collegiate Tournament Sat. & Sun.

## Upcoming Meetings

**CLIMBING** - 8:00 p.m. Wed., Oct. 27th Campus Recreation Outdoor Adventure Conference Room. New members welcome.

For more information regarding any of the UNL Sport Clubs events - Please contact the Office of Campus Recreation 472-3467

### Club Results

**CREW** - A 2nd overall finish this past weekend in the American Royal Fall Rowing Classic -

Mens Open	4+	Bronze	17:21:00
Womens Open	4+	Silver	21:40:00
Womens Novice	8+	Gold	19:34:00
Mens Novice	4+	Gold	18:57:00
Womens Novice	4+	Gold	21:54:00
		Bronze	24:05:00
Womens Open	8+	Gold	17:39:00
Mens Open	8+	Silver	15:45:00
Mixed	8+	Bronze	21:15:00

**W. RUGBY** - NU split games this past weekend in Ames, IA. They crushed Iowa State 56-0 and lost to the University of Northern Iowa 5-15.

**WATER POLO** - An outstanding performance by goalie Kevin O'Neal lead the club to a 2-1 record in the Great Plains Championship. NU beat UI 13-4 and NIU 18-11. Their only loss was to WIU 14-13 in overtime.

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## Comeback fails for youthful MU

By JOHN GASKINS  
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For a glimpse in the second game, a young Missouri team got a taste of what it was like to rally and take a lead over Nebraska at the unruly Coliseum.

But it was only that—a mere taste. The heavy underdog Tigers reeled off eight straight points against the No. 12 Cornhuskers after getting rocked in the first game and falling behind 8-1 in the second. But the excitement didn't last long for MU. NU quickly called time-out and regrouped to outscore MU 7-2 and finish off the game 15-11.

The comeback was furious enough to rattle Mizzou—a team comprised of no seniors and seven freshmen and sophomores—in the third game, as the Huskers used five-straight blocks early en route to a 15-1 beating.

"In college volleyball, it's not about the level you play at but how long you can play at that level," NU Coach Terry Pettit said. "They did a good job for awhile, but they weren't able to sustain it in the third game."

Johnson played three freshmen and three sophomores for most of the match. The sixth-year MU coach also benched veteran setter Heather Garber to give sophomore Rachel Taylor the first start of her career, a move she didn't regret despite the daunting task of debuting against NU.

"I thought Rachel did a good job," said MU Coach Disa Johnson. "Nebraska could've exploited her a lot better than they did. It was a good choice for her to be in there."

MU's fifth loss in seven matches left it 2-7 in the league.

"We just made them look good," Johnson said. "To open up the third game with five-straight stuffed blocks is completely inexcusable for any team. We were just bad in the third game."