

# Nonen leads with composure

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This flexibility is the main reason she was named Big 12 Player of the Year this season and received All-Big 12 recognition the past three years. She also is likely to be named an All-American for the third consecutive season.

Her roommate, fellow defender Christine Gluck, said Nonen is such a complete player that she could have been an offensive standout elsewhere.

"If she would have gone to another school," Gluck said, "she could have been a striker and set all sorts of records."

"But her standards are much higher than that to be completely satisfied."

But Nonen's standards have always been high, and her family has played a big part in her life.

That's why it was tough for the native of Vancouver, British Columbia, to return to school after her mother Ola died last summer.

"I didn't want to leave home," Nonen said. "But I knew I had to; my mom really wanted me to graduate. She always has been an inspiration to me. She was the strong one and took care of business. She did what had to be done. She said: 'If something's worth doing, it's worth doing right.'"

Her sister, Misha, has always been one of Nonen's role models and her best friend. They talk about living together in California when Nonen graduates from college. She remembers how she used to hate playing

against her sister, who was five years her senior and went on to play soccer at Massachusetts.

With her family's involvement in athletics, it's not surprising the path Nonen has taken.

"Sports have always been such a huge part of my life and my family's life," Nonen said. "I always knew I wanted to come to the states and play soccer."

Her decision to come to Nebraska was based on NU Coach John Walker's dedication. He made the trip to her home and said that Nebraska would be one of the 30 best teams in the nation her freshman year. Comfortable with Walker and the rest of the NU program, Nonen found it easy to come to Lincoln, a place where she didn't know anyone.

She didn't miss a beat, though, as she scored 11 points off the bench as a freshman in 1996 and garnered freshman All-American honors. Because of the rest of the stellar freshman class, Nebraska wound up in the top 10 at the end of the season.

Just as Nebraska's success her first year exceeded Walker's prediction, Nonen's expectations about Nebraska were exceeded. Her career here has been everything she hoped it would be and more.

"I've gotten a lot out of this," Nonen said. "Everything has been a good experience as far as soccer and school and the people I have met that I will always remember and stay in contact. I've gotten more out of this than I could have imagined four years ago."

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**SHAROLTA NONEN**  
Big 12 Player of the Year

Though her eligibility is up after this fall, Nonen won't be going to far. She will return next year as an assistant coach while she works on her degree. Nebraska Coach John Walker said she should make as good a coach as she is a player.

"I'm impressed with her interests in the tactical aspects of the game," Walker said. "She is the player who asks the most questions, and I think that makes her a better player. She wants to figure out what the other team is doing. She has a good mind for the sport."

But for now, Nonen is all business with only the goal of a national title in mind. But as usual, she doesn't feel any pressure.

"I would be so happy if we could make it to the Final Four and do well," Nonen said. "That would be the ultimate ending to my career here at Nebraska, and I think we can do it."

"But, if we don't win, I'll always know that I was one of the first people to come in and be on the team that made this team a top 10 team."

# NU seventh in tourney

From staff reports

The Nebraska women's golf team finished an enviable two-day tournament in Oahu, Hawaii, in seventh place out of 14 teams at the Rainbow Wahine Fall Golf Classic.

Sophomore Sarah Sasse's 231 shots over three rounds tied her for eighth individually in the tournament. Sasse was only five back of individual champion Laura Moffit of UCLA.

Moffit helped lead the Bruins to

the team title with a three-round team score of 923.

NU finished 26 shots back with a score of 949, five strokes behind sixth place Hawaii.

Nebraska's Elizabeth Bahensky also was a presence, shooting a 235 over three rounds to tie for 16th place.

Sophomores Catha Fogelberg and Amanda Sutcliffe rounded out the scoring for the Huskers with final shot tallies of 240 and 243 respectively.

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# Porter leads All-America list

■ The former JUCO star is joined by two Big Ten guards and sophomore Quentin Richardson.

Chris Porter spent the off-season away from the basket. Not away from basketball, just the basket.

Auburn's 6-foot-7 senior forward shot hundreds of 3-pointers every day during the summer in an attempt to complement the spectacular inside game that helped him become the

leading vote-getter Wednesday on The Associated Press' preseason All-America team.

"We know he can dunk, we know he can play within 8, 10 feet, we know his game is strong around the rim," Tigers Coach Cliff Ellis said of Porter, the Southeastern Conference player of the year last season. "But we want to stretch out his range."

Porter averaged 16.0 points, 8.6 rebounds and a highlight-reel dunk a game as Auburn got as high as No. 2 in the rankings in a 29-4 season in which he was a second-team All-

American. The Tigers lost in the third round of the NCAA tournament to Ohio State.

Porter was listed on 53 of 65 ballots from a 65-member media panel. DePaul sophomore swingman Quentin Richardson was next with 46 votes. Next were two senior guards from the Big 10 who led their teams to the Final Four last season - Scoonie Penn of Ohio State and Mateen Cleaves of Michigan State. Each received 44 votes. Maryland junior forward Terence Morris was fifth in the voting with 35.

# NU's Ffriend battles opening game jitters

BY MATTHEW HANSEN  
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As the Nebraska basketball team left the court Wednesday night, the look of excitement on Kimani Ffriend's face said it all. The junior college transfer, one of five players seeing his first action in a Husker uniform, had just completed, by his own admission, an up-and-down performance.

But the sheer fun of donning the Nebraska uniform and running onto the Devaney Center floor for the first time overrode concerns about an inconsistent performance.

Ffriend said the jitters got to him, especially in the opening moments.

"I was a little nervous to run out there in front of the crowd," he said. "It's my first time playing in a big, open arena. I'm not used to the size of the crowd, either."

Ffriend's game against the California South All-Stars was one with several peaks and valleys.

A goaltending violation was the center's first act as a Husker. After knocking down a short bank shot for his first points, Ffriend proceeded to miss on the next trip down the court. He then chased the ball into the stands, bowling over All-Star Head

Coach Pete Cassidy in the process.

Four rejections, six turnovers, two air-balls, multiple dunks, 14 rebounds and 17 points later, Ffriend fouled out and exited the court to cheers from the Devaney Center crowd.

Head Coach Danny Nee said it's all part of the process for Ffriend.

"It's just a big, big learning curve for Kimani," Nee said. "Every minute he and the other (new) guys can get on the floor is a minute of experience. Ffriend will learn and adjust. He'll have good nights and bad nights for us, and he'll learn how to handle himself out there. ... It seemed like he was always around the action, though."

In the thick of things is right where Ffriend was for most of his time on the court. Whether playing to the crowd, jumping into the stands or blocking an opponent's shot into the band, he said he was just playing his role on the team.

"In the second half, I got more poised and helped the team by bringing defense, rebounding and intensity," he said. "That's my role on the team, to block shots and play good defense and bring energy to the court."

"I stepped up and helped the team, and everybody else played their role in the second half, too. That was the difference for us."

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