

# Christiansen takes a chance

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By David Diehl

Staff writer

The roller-coaster ride Coach Tim Neumann has endured for his heavy-weight wrestling class will take yet another turn this weekend.

Andy Christiansen chose a prime weekend to return to the mat for the No. 7 Cornhuskers when they square off against No. 4 Oklahoma tonight and fifth-ranked Oklahoma State on Sunday.

Christiansen is coming off a long hiatus from wrestling after competing for Nebraska his redshirt freshman year. He compiled a 7-7 record at 190-pounds. He then left the team in his sophomore year.

The junior decided to come back after Neumann contacted him about the problems the team has had at

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**Andy Christiansen**  
heavyweight wrestler

heavyweight. NU's original starter, Pat Miron, is out for the year with a knee injury, and NU hasn't won a heavy-weight match since he went down.

Christiansen then chose to test the wrestling waters again.

"It is one of those things if you look back and you didn't try it, you can't go back and do it," Christiansen said. "I looked at it and thought I should try it out."

"They just said they were hurting for a heavyweight. I decided to try it out because it was better than what I was doing."

When he talked to Neumann, Christiansen said his old coach made the opportunity tough to turn down.

"That's why he is such a good recruiter," Christiansen said. "He made it sound so good."

There were no issues surrounding Christiansen leaving the team in his sophomore year. He was just feeling burnt out, he said.

"I'd been doing it since I was in the second grade," Christiansen said. "I decided it was time to take a little time off from it."

Neumann called Christiansen "a

# NFL star Lewis unaware of murder at club, lawyer says

■ Ravens' linebacker claims he didn't hear of deaths until 'hours later.'

ATLANTA (AP) — Pro Bowl linebacker Ray Lewis was unaware two men had been killed in a brawl when he and others left a Super Bowl party in a limousine, his lawyer said.

The Baltimore Ravens star didn't know about the stabbings until he heard news reports hours later, lawyer Ed Garland said Thursday.

"He did not have a knife, he did not use a knife, he did not engage in a fight, he did not promote in any way a fight," Garland said.

Lewis is charged with two counts of murder in the slayings early Monday of Richard Lollar, 24, and Jacinth "Shorty" Baker, 21, outside a lounge in Atlanta's Buckhead entertainment district. The linebacker is being held until a Feb. 14 bond hearing.

Police said Thursday they were looking for two men they believe were riding in the 40-foot-long limousine rented by Lewis.

Atlanta police spokesman John Quigley said A.J. Johnson and Kwame King are wanted for questioning but are not necessarily suspects. Johnson is a former Maryland player who had a tryout with the Miami Dolphins, and King grew up in Lewis' hometown of Lakeland, Fla.

"We believe they were present in the limousine, and we're interested in anybody that was with the limousine at that time," Quigley said.

Asked if Lewis knows who killed the men, Garland said: "His vision, his location, what he saw, I will go into at a future time. But he does have some limited knowledge."

Garland said he will interview all of the people who were with Lewis

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**Ed Garland**  
Ray Lewis' lawyer

when he got into the limousine rented in Maryland. He said there were at least eight people who joined Lewis' party, but declined to identify any of them.

He said four or five shots were fired at the limousine as it drove away, but he was unaware of any shots fired from inside the car, as witnesses had reported. Lewis knows of no one inside the limousine who had a gun, Lewis' attorney said.

So far, only Lewis has been charged in the killings. Garland said "overaggressive" police arrested Lewis in haste before the linebacker could get on a plane to go to Hawaii, where he was scheduled to play in the Pro Bowl on Sunday.

"We have confidence that the police and the prosecution, when presented with evidence they did not have, will realize that Ray had nothing to do with causing the unfortunate deaths that occurred in this case," Garland said.

Quigley said a judge signed an arrest warrant only after he determined there was sufficient probable cause that Lewis was involved in the crime.

In the motion for bond, Garland told the court that Lewis had no prior record for any violent offenses and had never been convicted of a felony.

The Miami Herald reported Thursday that Lewis has been investigated twice, but never charged, on allegations that he beat up two preg-

nant girlfriends while at the University of Miami.

In the first case in 1994, Lewis was accused of assaulting Tatyana McCall while she was pregnant, but she refused to press charges. In the second case in 1995, the state's attorney in Dade County dropped the charges for insufficient proof of a crime.

The 24-year-old Lewis also faces charges he hit a woman at a Baltimore-area bar on Nov. 30. But Howard Merker, deputy state's attorney for Baltimore County, said the case will not go to trial if the charge cannot be substantiated.

Even if Lewis didn't wield a knife, he can be tried for murder if he helped the killer or was involved in the fight that preceded the slayings. Garland said his client had nothing to do with the crime or the altercation.

"Mere presence where a crime takes place is not a crime under American law, nor in the state of Georgia," Garland said.

One of the men Atlanta police are looking for, Johnson, told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that, despite a police statement Thursday, he was not in Lewis' limousine after the Super Bowl.

Johnson told the newspaper he knew Lewis through another friend on the Ravens, but watched the game on television with his girlfriend and three friends at his Maryland apartment. He said he had not heard from Atlanta police as of Thursday morning.

# Bradford's boards might key upset bid

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By Matthew Hansen

Staff writer

The names Tajudeen Soyoye and Jeff Hafer, both Missouri post players, fail to strike fear in the heart of NU's Steffon Bradford.

He respects them. He says that while they are the weaker part of the Tiger lineup, they are capable players.

He just isn't scared. He said he plans to go over, around and occasionally through the Mizzou duo for multiple offensive rebounds and putbacks.

Just like every other game.

Bradford, at times during the season, has made the Nebraska backboard his own private property. He has refused to let opponents or teammates do so much as sniff the basketball while he adds another offensive rebound and two more

points to his ever-increasing totals.

By the numbers, the junior college transfer has had little trouble adjusting to Big 12 basketball. Bradford has produced better point and rebound totals during the conference schedule than he did in the non-conference portion.

Bradford is averaging 12.8 points per game, but has scored at a 15.1 clip in NU's last 10 contests. His rebounding numbers have gone up similarly. He is currently ranked sixth in the conference with 8.7 rebounds per game.

These totals are largely due to his ability to get to the offensive glass. Bradford leads the Big 12 with 5.1 offensive boards per game. It's his calling card, and he doesn't mind admitting it.

"I feel like I can get to the boards against anybody," Bradford said. "I have been blessed with the physical ability to do so, and I enjoy it. A lot of basketball players can't

# Soccer team signs seven new recruits

From Staff Reports

The recruiting classes just keep getting faster for the Nebraska women's soccer team.

NU Coach John Walker signed seven more speedsters to the 2000 Cornhusker roster Thursday, calling the signees the fastest group he's ever recruited.

Headlining the recruits is Christy Harms, a 5-foot-5 defender from Blue Springs, Mo. who chose UNL over defending national champion North Carolina.

Also included in the class is Erin Miller, a 5-11 defender/midfielder from Sioux Falls, S.D., Lindsey Greenwood, a 5-8 forward from Bettendorf, Iowa, Lacey Woolf, a 5-4 midfielder from Urbandale, Iowa, Marie-Claude Henry, a 5-6 all-purpose player from St. Hyacinthe, Quebec and two players from Calgary, Alberta: 5-9 forward Kelly Haxton and 5-6 forward/midfielder Serena Kerekes.

Walker said Henry and Haxton might be two of the fastest players in the program next season.

NU will need the speed. The Huskers, who were one penalty kick

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**Coach John Walker**  
NU Women's Soccer

away from reaching the College Cup, lost some of the best players in Nebraska soccer history: Lindsay Eddleman, Amy Walsh, Isabelle Morneau and Big 12 Player of the Year Sharolta Nonen.

All but one of the current recruiting class committed after Sept. 1999 — Kerekes, who is attending the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology.

"That is a very good sign about the direction of our program and the perception of our program on the national level," Walker said. "It's the first time we've had that happen, and to have those six players commit early to our program really helps us get ahead in recruiting for next year."

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