

# Collier signs junior college guards for NU

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Nebraska Basketball Coach Barry Collier has one remaining scholarship left to give after signing two junior college prospects from Kansas.

The Cornhuskers will be getting two guards to help fill their roster, which will now consist of five seniors, five juniors and two freshman.

Danai Young from Cowley County (Kan.) Community College and Kedrick Ford of Neosho County (Kan.) Community College signed with NU on Tuesday after taking a visit to Lincoln this past weekend.

Young is a 6-foot-4 forward who averaged 12.5 points and 5.3 rebounds with 61 steals on the season. His coach, Mark Nelson, said he will fit in well with Collier's style.

"He is a slasher that is also a good defender," said Nelson, who said Young had drawn attention from schools like Wyoming, Idaho, Tulsa and Centenary before choosing NU. "He is a good kid and works hard."

Young said Nebraska fit him well, and he came away from Lincoln impressed with the people

around the campus. As for the court, he said he sees himself fitting in well with the Huskers next season.

"I play both ends of the court and get my teammates involved," said Young, who also was recruited by Kansas State, Massachusetts, Centenary, Marquette and Pepperdine, among others.

Ford, along with Young, was a third-team All Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference after averaging 10.4 points while shooting more than 40 percent from the three-point range.

All this despite not having any experience on the high school level.

"He did not play high school basketball," Neosho Coach Jeff Guiot said, "so he is still developing his basketball skills. If he continues on his current pace, he is on track to be a real good player in the Big 12 Conference."

But the 6-foot-2 guard will make his biggest impact, Husker Assistant Coach George Rankin said, with his winning mentality.

"He comes from a program that's very successful and won more than 20 games a year," Rankin said. "He's used to winning."

Collier said Ford will contribute immediately because of his attitude and ability.

# Diehl: Coach loved the sport, team

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the NCAA championships.

It was hard on Neumann because he wanted Snyder to get that national title. He wanted it for Bryan Snyder.

After Vering won his national title he sprinted over and embraced Neumann in a hug that would have crushed a bear.

When Paul Gomez collapsed to the mat with joy after earning All-American honors, he then got up and ran into Neumann's arms the way a three-year-old sprints to his dad when he arrives home from work.

What didn't make the headlines is how Neumann and his wrestlers would visit schools, hold camps and enjoy every minute of spreading the word about the sport they loved.

What didn't make the headlines is how Neumann made everyone around him feel honored that they knew him.

Now the entire wrestling community is left wondering. They're hoping and praying for the best for a truly great man.

What's on our mind, Tim? Just you.

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