

#1 ESHAUNTE JONES

FRESHMAN | GUARD | 6-4 | 180 | FORT WAYNE, IND. | NORTH SIDE HS | HARGRAVE MILITARY ACADEMY

BEFORE NEBRASKA

Eshaunte "Bear" Jones (pronounced E-shawn-tay) was a highly touted scoring guard who signed with Nebraska in June of 2008. He originally inked with Oregon State in the 2007 early signing period but then was released from his commitment following a coaching change, giving the Huskers a chance to sign one of the top playmakers in the prep school ranks last year.

The 6-4, 180-pound Jones attended Hargrave Military Academy (Va.) for one season following high school. He played only a

partial season because of injury but quickly made a name for himself. Jones averaged about 16 points and five rebounds per contest over the first 12 games of the 2007-08 season. His efforts helped Hargrave to a 12-0 start before the team continued on to an undefeated season with a 29-0 record, including winning the National Prep Invitational title.

Jones joined the Hargrave squad after a stellar high school career at Fort Wayne (Ind.) North Side High School. He is the first player to sign with Nebraska from the state of Indiana since Brennon Clemmons before the 2001-02 season.

The Cornhuskers have traditionally had good luck with players from the Hoosier state. Six of Nebraska's 24 1,000-point scorers have come from Indiana, including Carl McPipe (Hammond), Tom Baack (Fort Wayne), Jack Moore (Muncie), Brian Carr (Muncie), Brian Banks (Hammond) and Herschell Turner (Indianapolis).

During his senior year, Jones averaged 28 points per game for North Side while adding six rebounds, five assists

and three steals per contest. His scoring average ranked third in the state and helped him earn a spot on the prestigious Indiana All-Stars team as one of the top 12 players in the state. A year earlier he had earned a spot on the Indiana Junior All-Stars squad.

A three-time, first-team all-conference selection, Jones finished his career as the school's all-time scoring leader with 1,759 points. He was named the area player of the year by the Fort Wayne News Sentinel and the Journal Gazette and was a McDonald's All-America nominee as a senior.

In addition to his high school honors, Jones was ranked as the No. 31 shooting guard in the country by Rivals.com and was a four-star recruit by both Rivals.com and Scout.com. Entering his prep school season, Jones was No. 10 on the fifth-year seniors listing by HoopScoopMagazine.com.

PERSONAL

Eshaunte is the son of Tornette Jones, and was born on March 9, 1988. He has two brothers, Juwan and Devin, and a sister, LaKia.

Jones chose to sign with the Cornhuskers after being recruited by a number of BCS schools including Kentucky, Cincinnati, West Virginia and Memphis.



QUOTING ESHAUNTE

ON WHAT DREW HIM TO JOIN THE NEBRASKA PROGRAM...

"Coach Sadler. He works so hard and he just said that he's going to get me to play to the best of my ability. That's what I wanted. I wanted to play for a coach who will push me to be as good as I can be every day. He was the one coach who stood out for that."



COACH SADLER ON JONES

"Eshaunte can score and he really understands the different speeds of the game. He also has a high basketball IQ."