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Yvonne TURNER

5-8 • Sophomore • Guard • Omaha • Nebraska
(Bellevue East)



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returning players

NEBRASKA

OUTLOOK

One of the top prep players in Nebraska history, WBCA High School All-American Yvonne Turner was a major contributor off the bench for the Huskers as a freshman in 2006-07.

The 5-8 guard from Omaha appeared in 28 games for the Huskers and averaged 2.3 points and 1.6 rebounds in 12 minutes per contest. She has the ability to play all three guard positions but played primarily point guard in her first season at Nebraska.

Turner continued to improve as the season progressed and appeared in all 16 games off the bench for the Huskers in Big 12 action. She hit five of her seven three-pointers on the year during Big 12 action, and scored a season-high eight points in a career-high 26 minutes against Texas Tech on Feb. 14.

Nebraska's most experienced returning backcourt player, Turner will be a leading contender for a starting spot in the Huskers' wide open backcourt rotation. Overall, NU must replace four seniors who started all 32 games in 2006-07, including all three players in the backcourt.

Nebraska Coach Connie Yori said Turner's style of play and defensive abilities fit in well with the Huskers.

"Vonnie works hard on both ends of the court," Yori said. "She enjoys playing tenacious defense and is extremely good guarding the ball in the open court. Our style of play fits hand-in-hand with Vonnie's strengths. We are hoping she can make a major step in her second season in our program."

FRESHMAN (2006-07)

Turner made major contributions to the Husker lineup throughout her first season at Nebraska. Turner appeared in 28 games, including all 16 Big 12 Conference contests, the Big 12 Tournament and the NCAA Tournament.

Turner closed the year averaging 2.3 points, 1.6 rebounds, 0.7 assists and 0.6 steals in 12 minutes per

contest, despite being slowed early in her freshman season by a stress fracture that limited her preseason workouts. After struggling early in non-conference play, Turner began to adjust to Division I basketball and hit her stride during the heart of the Big 12 season.

She scored a career-high eight points, including a pair of three-pointers, to go along with four rebounds, an assist and a career-best three steals in a career-high 26 minutes against Texas Tech on Feb. 14. Six days later, she added seven points on a 3-for-3 shooting performance, to go along with three rebounds at Iowa State on Feb. 20.

She scored six points, grabbed four rebounds and snagged one steal to help the Huskers to a 90-70 Senior Night win over Colorado in Lincoln on Feb. 27.

Early in the season, she scored six points and tied her career highs with five rebounds and three steals in a win over Texas-Pan American on Nov. 28, after setting career highs with six assists and five rebounds in a win over Florida Atlantic on Nov. 12.

During Turner's first six games she committed 18 or her 38 turnovers on the season. As the season progressed, Turner committed just 20 turnovers in her final 22 games, committing more than one turnover in only three contests.

HIGH SCHOOL

A WBCA High School All-American, Turner led Bellevue East to the 2006 Class A state title after averaging 15.4 points, 4.4 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 3.7 steals per game for Coach Scott Jensen and the Chieftains.

She shot 51 percent from the field as a senior, including 34 percent from three-point range. Turner led Bellevue East to three consecutive Class A state title games, winning her first state championship as a senior.

Turner was one of 20 high school players to compete in the WBCA High School All-America Game

HONORS AND AWARDS

- WBCA High School All-American (2006)
- No. 46 Point Guard Prospect in the Nation (All-Star Girls Report)
- No. 184 Player in the Nation (All-Star Girls Report)
- MVP of Westcoast Showcase (2005)
- Two-Time First-Team All-Nebraska (Omaha World-Herald, 2005, 2006)
- Two-Time First-Team Super-State (Lincoln Journal Star, 2005, 2006)
- First-Team Class A All-State (2005, 2006)
- First-Team All-Metro Conference (2005, 2006)

TURNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	-- REBOUNDS --		PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
									Off-Def	Tot-Avg.						
2006-07	28-0	336	20-59	.339	7-27	.259	18-30	.600	14-30	44-1.6	36-0	19	38	2	18	65-2.3
Career	28-0	336	20-59	.339	7-27	.259	18-30	.600	14-30	44-1.6	36-0	19	38	2	18	65-2.3

at the NCAA Women's Final Four in Boston in 2006. She was the first player from the state of Nebraska selected to play in the game since 2001.

Turner was named the honorary captain of the Lincoln Journal Star's Super-State squad. She was a two-time first-team All-Nebraska and Super-State performer, and a two-time first-team Class A all-state selection at Bellevue East. She was also selected as a two-time first-team All-Metro Conference pick.

As a junior, Turner averaged 13.7 points, 5.7 assists and 4.9 steals per game for the Chieftains in 2004-05. She shot 57 percent from the field, including 33 percent from beyond the arc.

Turner was ranked as the No. 46 point guard prospect in the nation and the No. 184 overall prospect by the All-Star Girls Report.

She moved to the point guard spot from shooting guard during her junior season after the team's point guard suffered a season-ending injury. Turner helped the Chieftains finish as the Class A runner-up while ending the year with a 24-3 record.

Turner expanded her national experience by playing for the Daubert-Pinnacle All-Star team that won the Junior National Tournament in Washington, D.C., during the summer of 2005. She was also named the MVP of the Westcoast Showcase.

Turner played for the Daubert-Pinnacle All-Star team in 2003, 2004 and 2005, and gained more experience with the Omaha Crusaders in 2005.

She began her high school career at Millard South, where she scored 21 points in her varsity debut as a freshman. She averaged 14.3 points per game as a freshman for the Patriots to earn honorable-mention All-Nebraska accolades.

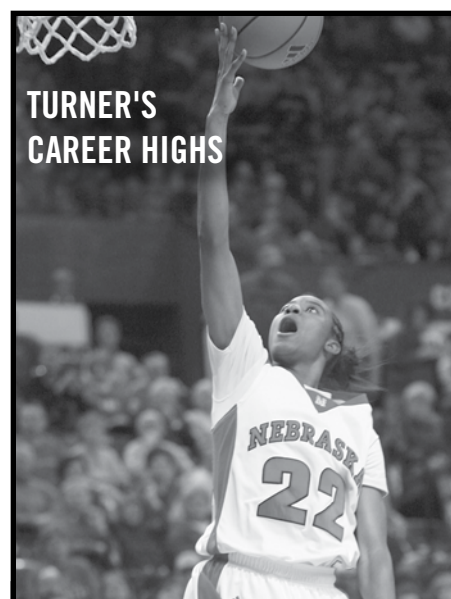
As a sophomore at Bellevue East, she earned second-team All-Metro honors by averaging 11.2 points per game to help the Chieftains reach the Class A state championship game.

PERSONAL

The daughter of Evvon Turner and Vanessa Johnson and stepfather Jay Johnson, Yvonne was born Oct. 13, 1987, in Omaha, Neb. She has three brothers, Anthony Canion, 26, Robert Canion, 25, and Evvon Turner, 21, and one sister, Alishya Turner, 11.

Yvonne is majoring in education at Nebraska.

Turner chose Nebraska over Creighton, Illinois, Iowa State, Iowa, Missouri, Vanderbilt and Wake Forest, after receiving offers from more than 20 Division I schools.



TURNER'S CAREER HIGHS

Category	Total	Game
Points	8	Texas Tech (2/14/07)
Rebounds	5	Texas-Pan American (11/28/06) Florida Atlantic (11/12/06)
Assists	6	Florida Atlantic (11/12/06)
Steals	3	Texas Tech (2/14/07) Texas-Pan American (11/28/06)
Blocks	1	Michigan (12/9/06) Florida Atlantic (11/12/06)
FGA	6	Texas Tech (2/14/07)
FGM	3	Colorado (2/27/07) Texas Tech (2/14/07)
FTA	4	Three Times, most recently Texas A&M (1/24/07)
FTM	3	Texas A&M (1/24/07)
3-PT FGA	3	Nicholls State (12/21/06) Michigan (12/9/06)
3-PT FGM	2	Texas Tech (2/14/07)

44 ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS

TURNER'S BIG 12 STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	-- REBOUNDS --		PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
									Off-Def	Tot-Avg.						
2006-07	16-0	197	15-56	.417	5-17	.294	9-15	.600	10-15	25-1.6	24-0	7	14	0	10	44-2.8
Career	16-0	197	15-56	.417	5-17	.294	9-15	.600	10-15	25-1.6	24-0	7	14	0	10	44-2.8