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BRANDON UBEL

FRESHMAN | FORWARD | 6-10 | 220 | OVERLAND PARK, KAN. | BLUE VALLEY WEST

OVERVIEW

Brandon Ubel (pronounced YOU-bell) was an early signee for the Cornhuskers in the fall of 2008. At 6-10, 220 pounds, Ubel possesses a strong work ethic and has coupled that with a high basketball IQ to continually improved his stock on the court.

Ubel is a skilled forward with a nice touch from outside who also possesses the ability to score off a number of post moves and mid-range jumpers. Ubel's strong interior passing skills and his ability to knock down the outside shot will be valuable to the Huskers. He also will provide athleticism in the paint as he gains experience.

Ubel likely would have seen playing time as a freshman, but his minutes may be higher than previously anticipated with the preseason injury to center Christopher Niemann that will sideline him for the season. Ubel will be the second-tallest active player for the Huskers entering the 2009-10 campaign.

BEFORE NEBRASKA

Ubel joined the Huskers after a great senior season on the court. He was rewarded by being named one of five players on the Class 6A (largest classification) all-state first team by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association. Under coach Donnie Campbell, Ubel earned the accolade after averaging 17.7 points and 7.6 rebounds per game, both team highs and among the conference leaders.

As a senior, Ubel was impressive from the floor, hitting 51 percent inside the arc and an outstanding 80 percent (109-of-136) at the charity stripe.

Ranked among the top 80 high school forwards in the country by Scout.com, Ubel also has shown range that extends out to the 3-point line, where he hit 21-of-64 (33 percent) as a senior. He also added 1.5 blocked shots, 1.5 steals and 1.3 assists per contest to show a well-rounded game. In fact, he had more than half of the team's blocked shots (33 of 62) and more than a quarter of the team's steals (32 of 116).

As a junior, he helped Blue Valley West to the first round of the state tournament and a 15-8 record while posting nearly 16 points and six rebounds per game. He hit 55 percent from the floor and 88 percent at the charity line. His team also won the Class 6A state title during his sophomore season, posting an 18-7 record.

During the 2008 summer AAU circuit, Ubel began to come into his own, averaging close to 20 points and eight rebounds per game for the Wedman Pumas.

Ubel drew interest from Marquette and Stanford and was offered scholarships from Drake, Illinois State and Utah State before choosing the Huskers. Entering his senior year, he owned a 4.1 grade-point average in high school and already had a connection to Nebraska before signing with the Huskers, as his sister, Kayla Ubel, runs middle distance on the Husker track team.

PERSONAL

Brandon is the son of Doug and Lynette Ubel and has one sister, Kayla.

Brandon was born on Aug. 29, 1991. He was the third-youngest player on a Big 12 Conference roster entering the 2009-10 season, only older than Jaye Crockett of Texas Tech (Oct. 16, 1991) and Tyler Stone of Missouri (Sept. 8, 1991).

Ubel is planning to major in broadcasting at Nebraska. During high school at Blue Valley West, he was an honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society.

