



Yvonne TURNER

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

OUTLOOK (2008-09)

Yvonne Turner established herself as one of the best young point guards in the Big 12 with a breakout sophomore season in 2007-08.

A daunting defender, the 5-8 guard from Omaha earned one of five spots on the Big 12 All-Defensive Team while leading the Huskers with 81 steals, including a league-best 2.6 steals per game in Big 12 play.

During league play, she also blossomed into one of the top three-point shooting threats in the Big 12, ranking fourth by hitting 39.3 percent of her attempts.

For the season, Turner averaged 8.4 points per game, including 9.8 points per contest in Big 12 action.

Turner capped her sophomore season with a scintillating effort against All-America guard Kristi Tolliver from Maryland. Turner sizzled for a career-high 23 points and five three-pointers head-to-head against Tolliver, helping the Huskers take the top-seeded Terps to the limit in the NCAA Tournament second round.

"Vonnie is one of the top defensive guards in the Big 12 and she has continued to improve offensively throughout her career," Nebraska Coach Connie Yori said. "With a full year of starting experience and the confidence she gained last year against some of the nation's best guards, we are hoping to see continued improvements from Vonnie this year."

SOPHOMORE (2007-08)

Turner started all 33 games in her second season in Lincoln, ranking third on the team with 8.4 points per game, while leading Nebraska in steals (81) and three-pointers made (37).

After getting comfortable as a starter during non-conference play, Turner turned it up a notch during Big 12 Conference action, averaging 9.8 points, 3.4 rebounds, 2.3 assists and a Big 12-best 2.6 steals per game.

Turner earned one of five spots on the Big 12 All-Defensive Team, joining Courtney Paris and Danielle Robinson (Oklahoma), Rachel Allison (Baylor) and Dominic Seals (Texas Tech). While her defense earned rave reviews from conference coaches, it was Turner's offense that flourished throughout her second season.

Turner capped the year with her finest performance as a Husker by erupting for a career-high 23 points to go along with six assists and four rebounds in Nebraska's

second-round NCAA Tournament battle with top-seeded Maryland in College Park. Turner hit a career-best and NU NCAA Tournament record five three-pointers. She finished 8-of-16 from the field, including 5-of-9 from three-point range while knocking down 2-of-3 free throws.

Turner's brilliant finale was one of 12 double-digit scoring efforts on the year, with eight of those coming against Big 12 competition.

Turner put up the first double-figure scoring effort of her career with 11 points, five rebounds and three assists in 24 minutes in a win over Mississippi on Nov. 11.

In Nebraska's next showdown with an SEC power, Turner added four points, four rebounds, three assists and a career-high eight steals in 20 minutes to fuel the Huskers' 27-point romp past Florida on Nov. 17.

She added 10 points, four steals and three assists in a win at Long Beach State on Dec. 15, before producing 10 points, five rebounds, five assists and eight steals in a win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Jan. 2.

Turner opened Big 12 play with nine points, five rebounds and six steals in the Huskers' 56-45 win over No. 15 Texas on Jan. 9, before adding seven points and five more steals in a 20-point win over Kansas on Jan. 12.

After producing an amazing 19 steals in a three-game span, Turner erupted for a then-career-high 18 points on 5-of-7 shooting from the field in a setback at No. 11 Oklahoma on Jan. 16. Turner knocked down 3-of-5 three-pointers against the Sooners, after opening the season just 7-of-38 from long range.

Turner's torrid shooting continued the rest of the season, as she finished league play in a tie for fourth in Big 12 games-only at 39.3 percent from long range.

She helped the Huskers to their first win at Iowa State in a decade by connecting on 3-of-4 three-point attempts to finish with 10 points and a career-high seven rebounds, to go along with five assists and two steals on Jan. 19.

Turner added double figures for the third straight game with 11 points, four rebounds, three assists and six steals to carry the Huskers to a 73-60 win over No. 21 Texas A&M on Jan. 23. In NU's win over the eventual NCAA Elite Eight qualifiers, Turner held the Aggies' senior All-Big 12 point guard A'Quonesia Franklin to just four points and one assist, while forcing her into six turnovers.

In Nebraska's thrilling come-from-behind win at Missouri on Feb. 3, Turner scored eight of her nine points

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Big 12 All-Defensive Team (1 of 5, 2008)
- No. 1 in Big 12 Games Only with 2.6 Steals Per Game
- No. 2 on NU's Sophomore Steals List (81)
- No. 8 on NU's Single-Season Steals List (81)
- No. 4 on NU's Sophomore 3FG List (37)
- 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	SCORING				SHOOTING				REBOUNDS		OTHER					
	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Off-Def	Tot-Avg.	PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-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
2007-08	33-33	814	96-216	.444	37-114	.325	48-73	.658	35-75	110-3.3	74-0	77	87	9	81	277-8.4
Career	61-33	1,150	116-275	.422	44-141	.312	66-103	.641	49-105	154-2.5	110-0	96	125	11	99	342-5.6

in the final five minutes to lead the Huskers back from a 14-point deficit with eight minutes left to a 73-67 win.

She followed her effort at Missouri with a 14-point, four-steal performance in a win at Colorado on Feb. 6. The Huskers trailed CU until the final 4:30, before Turner sparked NU's surge to an 80-71 win by connecting on a game-tying three-pointer with 3:35 left. Turner then made the game's biggest defensive play by stealing the ball from CU's Whitney Houston at halfcourt and racing for an uncontested layup. Turner finished the night 3-for-4 from three-point range.

Turner added 18 points and snagged four steals in a head-to-head showdown with All-Big 12 point guard Andrea Riley from Oklahoma State on Feb. 10. Turner added 11 points on 4-of-6 shooting from the field in just 20 minutes at Kansas on Feb. 17, before adding nine points, six boards, two assists and two steals in NU's win over Missouri on Feb. 21.

At Kansas State on Feb. 27, Turner set a career high with nine assists while matching her career best with seven rebounds to go along with four points and two steals against the Wildcats. She added a team-high 11 points and two steals in the Huskers' victory over Iowa State to complete a season sweep of the Cyclones on March 5. Turner pitched in 14 points in NU's loss to Kansas at the Big 12 Tournament in Kansas City, Mo., on March 11.

FRESHMAN (2006-07)

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 season-high eight points, including two three-pointers, to go along with four rebounds, an assist and a season-best three steals in a season-high 26 minutes against Texas Tech on Feb. 14. Six days later, she added seven points on 3-for-3 shooting 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 NU to a 90-70 Senior Night win over Colorado in Lincoln on Feb. 27.

Early in the year, she scored six points and tied her season highs with five rebounds and three steals in a win over Texas-Pan American on Nov. 28, after setting season highs with six assists and five boards 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. She turned it over just 20 times in her final 22 games.

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. She led Bellevue East to three straight 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 at the NCAA Women's Final Four in Boston in 2006. She was the first player from Nebraska chosen 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 chosen 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. She 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 point guard 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 24-3.

Turner played for the Daubert-Pinnacle All-Star team that won the Junior National Tournament in Washington, D.C., during the summer of 2005. She was named the MVP of the Westcoast Showcase. She played for the Daubert-Pinnacle All-Star team in 2003, 2004 and 2005, and added experience with the Omaha Crusaders in 2005.

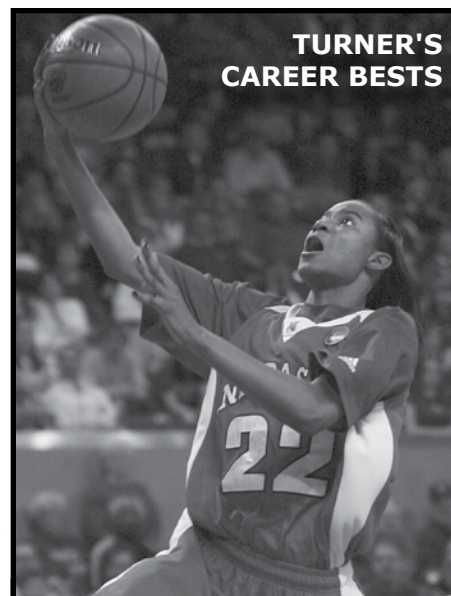
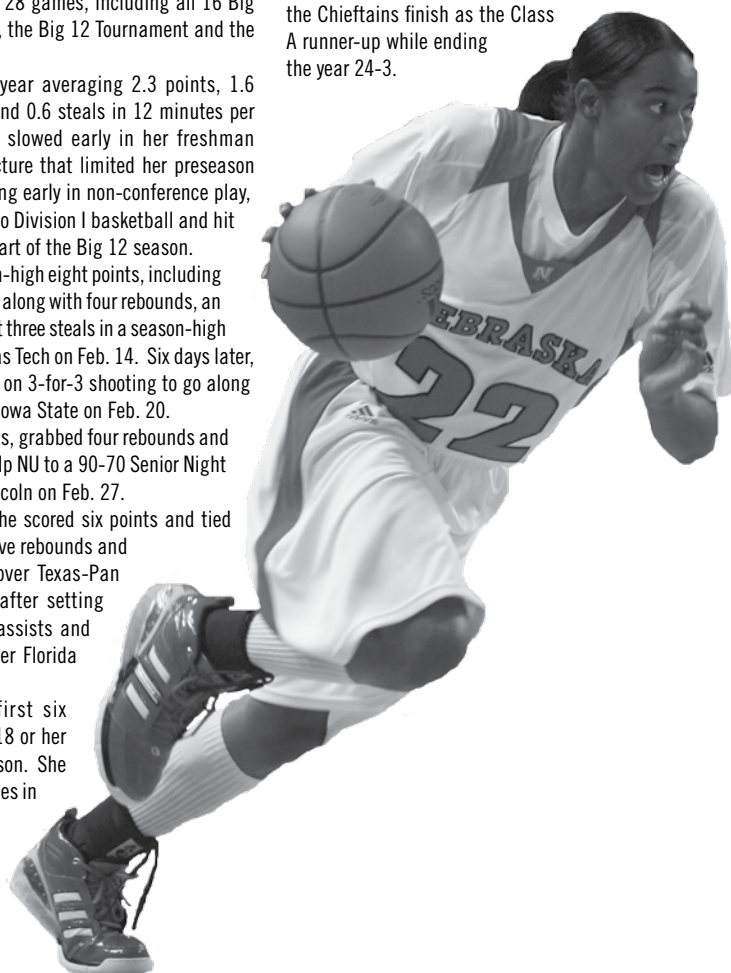
She began her high school career at Millard South, where she scored 21 points in her varsity debut as a freshman. She averaged 14.3 points as a freshman to earn honorable-mention All-Nebraska accolades.

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

PERSONAL

The daughter of Evon Turner and Vanessa Johnson and stepfather Jay Johnson, Yvonne was born Oct. 13, 1987, in Omaha, Neb. She has three brothers, Anthony Canion, 27, Robert Canion, 26, and Evon Turner, 23, and one sister, Alishya Turner, 12.

Yvonne is a child, youth and family studies major, and an education minor. Turner chose Nebraska after receiving offers from more than 20 Division I schools.



TURNER'S CAREER BESTS

Category	Total	Game
Points	23	Maryland (3/25/08)
Rebounds	7	Kansas State (2/27/08) Iowa State (1/19/08)
Assists	9	Kansas State (2/27/08)
Steals	8	Arkansas-Pine Bluff (1/2/08) Florida (11/17/07)
Blocks	2	Oklahoma State (2/10/08)
FGA	16	Maryland (3/25/08)
FGM	8	Maryland (3/25/08)
FTA	6	Oklahoma (1/16/08)
FTM	5	Oklahoma (1/16/08)
3-PT FGA	9	Maryland (3/25/08)
3-PT FGM	5	Maryland (3/25/08)

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2006-07	16-0	197	15-56	.417	5-17	.294	9-15	.600	10-15	25-16	24-0	7	14	0	10	44-2.8	
2007-08	16-16	400	52-110	.473	24-61	.393	29-44	.659	15-40	55-3.4	37-0	36	41	5	41	157-9.8	
Career	32-16	597	67-166	.404	29-78	.372	38-59	.644	25-55	80-2.5	61-0	43	55	5	51	201-6.3	