



ESHAUNTE JONES

R-FRESHMAN | GUARD | 6-4 | 190 | FT. WAYNE, IND. | NORTH SIDE HS | HARGRAVE (VA.) MILITARY ACADEMY

OVERVIEW

After being ranked among the top 50 shooting guards in the country as a high school senior, Eshaunte "Bear" Jones (pronounced E-shawn-tay) enters the 2009-10 season healthy for the first time in two years.

Jones initially tried to play for the Huskers last season as a true freshman, but was forced to redshirt as a foot injury eventually became too painful to play on and required surgery. Following the repair of his foot and an off-season sports hernia, he returned to the court in the summer of 2009 and he looks to live up to the promise he showed in being named one of the top five high school players in the state of Indiana as a senior.

Jones brings good size to the wing and has shown a knack for scoring, collecting nearly 1,800 points in his high school career. He has the ability to put it on the floor and drive to the basket, and he could possibly be the Huskers' most consistent threat from long range this season. His ability to knock down shots from 3-point range will be key for the Huskers, who graduated 3-point specialist Paul Velander.

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Jones was the last newcomer to join the program in 2008 as he signed scholarship papers with Nebraska in June. Jones showed significant promise in his limited time on the floor before deciding to sit out the season to fix the foot injury. In his first career game in a Husker uniform, Jones came off the bench to post 16 points, three rebounds and three assists in 16 minutes in an exhibition against Chadron State. He hit 6-of-9 shots from the field, including 2-of-4 from beyond the arc, in the debut.

Despite the strong start, Jones' foot continued to get worse and he played just 46 minutes over the first four games of the season, including only four painful minutes against Saint Louis in his final game of the year. He scored seven points and hit just 2-of-7 from the floor, including 2-of-5 shots from 3-point range, over those four contests. Jones added five rebounds but had just one assist to four turnovers before deciding to sit out the remainder of the season.

BEFORE NEBRASKA

Jones originally signed an NLI 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 in 2006-07.

Before coming to Lincoln, Jones attended Hargrave Military Academy (Va.) for one season following high school. He played only a partial season because of a foot 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, although they are far from alone in representing the Hoosier state while wearing a Husker uniform. 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.

CAREER HIGHS

Points... 4 vs. San Jose State (11/16/08)

Rebounds... 4 vs. San Jose State (11/16/08)

Field Goals... 1 two times (last 11/22/08)

Free Throws... 1 vs. San Jose State (11/16/08)

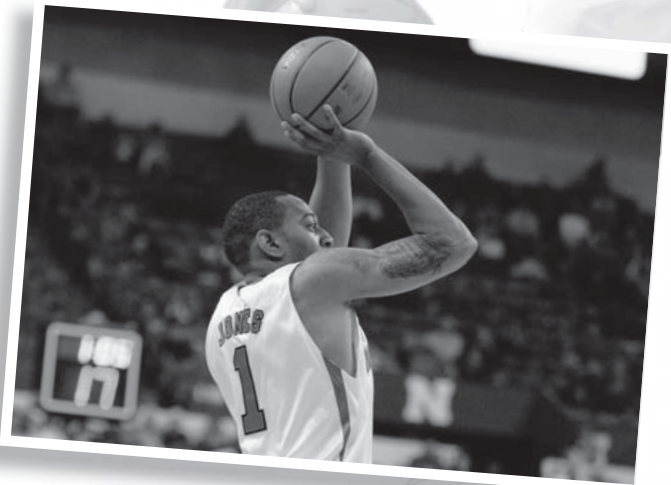
3-point Field Goals... 1 two times (last 11/22/08)

Assists... 1 at TCU (11/19/08)

Steals... None

Blocks... None

Minutes... 16 vs. San Jose State (11/16/08)



JONES' CAREER STATS

vs. All Opponents

Year	MP	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Rebounds		F	A	TO	B	S	TP-Avg.
									O-D	Tot.-Avg.						
2008-09*	46	4-0	2-7	.286	2-5	.400	1-1	1.000	1-4	5-1.3	0	1	4	0	0	7-1.8
Total	46	4-0	2-7	.286	2-5	.400	1-1	1.000	1-4	5-1.3	0	1	4	0	0	7-1.8

vs. Big 12 Opponents

Year	MP	G-GS	FG-FGA	Pct.	3FG-3FGA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	Rebounds		F	A	TO	B	S	TP-Avg.
									O-D	Tot.-Avg.						
2008-09*	--- Did not play (injured) ---															

* Jones only competed in four games to open the year before sitting out with an injury. He then was granted a medical hardship and has four years of eligibility remaining.