



# CHRISTIAN STANDHARDINGER

**FRESHMAN | FORWARD | 6-8 | 210 | MUNICH, GERMANY | ERDGAS EHINGEN/URSPRINGSCHULE**

## OVERVIEW

Christian Standhardinger was the last player to get to campus and join the Husker roster in late August, despite signing with the Huskers in the fall of 2008. He finally made his way from Germany after the NCAA Eligibility Center cleared him for competition and following a special waiver being granted to Nebraska for a 14th scholarship for this season.

Now that Standhardinger joined the squad, the Huskers will be eager to have his offensive production on the court, although they will have to wait until the second semester. Part of Standhardinger being cleared to play this season was a provision by the NCAA that he sit out the first 15 games of the year. The first regular-season game he is eligible to play in is the Huskers' Big 12 opener at Texas A&M on Jan. 9.

On the court, the 6-8, 210-pounder will provide a unique offensive weapon.

With a strong will to get to the basket, Standhardinger has proven his scoring ability at several levels in his native Germany, and hopes to see that translate in NCAA competition. He has a knack for getting to the basket and drawing fouls with his lanky frame, and he is a strong finisher from the free throw line. His range extends out to the 3-point line, although with his height, Standhardinger may be asked to play more on the interior this season.

## BEFORE NEBRASKA

Standhardinger is relatively unknown to college basketball fans in the United States but has earned a reputation of being a tough-nosed competitor with an ability to score from anywhere on the court in Germany. He has good size to play small forward and possesses a solid basketball IQ. He comes from the same school in Germany as current Husker center Christopher Niemann.

In 2009, Standhardinger averaged a stellar 22.2 points, 8.5 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.6 steals over 26 games for Ehingen. He hit 54.7 percent (151-of-276) from the floor, including 40.6 percent (43-of-106) from beyond the arc. At the charity stripe, he knocked down 146-of-202 attempts for a solid 72.3-percent accuracy.

In possibly his most impressive game of the year, Standhardinger posted a season-best 41 points against Speyer when he hit 11-of-19 from the field with five 3-pointers while draining 14-of-16 attempts at the charity stripe. He also added 13 rebounds in the contest.

Standhardinger also had game highs of 16 rebounds, eight assists and six steals during the campaign. His 16 boards and eight assists came in the same game against Freiburg, when he hit 8-of-17 from the floor to post 22 points. He tied his season best with two blocks in the contest.

On the year, Standhardinger topped 25 points seven times while posting at least 20 points in 21-of-26 games played. He nailed at least 10 field goals in six contests, including hitting at least two 3-point shots in nine of his last 12 games. At the foul line, he had double-figure attempts eight times with a season-high 18 attempts (11 made) in the third game of the season. During his strong start to the season, he was named the league's Youngster of the Month on two occasions and once was the Player of the Month.

The previous year, Standhardinger averaged 17.1 points and 7.4 rebounds per game for Ehingen while hitting 47.3 percent from the floor. He has made tremendous improvements from long range, as he hit just 18.9 percent (10-of-53) from beyond the arc in 2007-08. In the 2-point area, he hit 115-of-211 (54.5 percent) that season.

Standhardinger came to the United States with the same Urspringschule squad as Niemann that played in the Arby's Classic in Bristol, Tenn., in the winter of 2007-08. Standhardinger led the team to a fourth-place finish in the tournament and was the only player from his team named to the all-tournament squad. In the final of the 2008 U19 German Championship, the 6-8, 210-pounder scored 37 points and posted 12 rebounds. He also earned top scorer honors at the Europe's Best Junior Tournament in 2007 and was the MVP of the German Top 4 in 2007.

A year earlier while playing for Urspringschule, the talented wing/forward scored a career-best 52 points in a contest against Ulm as he hit 19-of-21 shots in the game. Later that season, he posted a career-high 22 rebounds against Mittlehessen. He averaged 7.1 points and 2.5 rebounds per game in his first year at Urspringschule while hitting 53.9 percent from the field and 66.2 percent at the line.

Standhardinger has also been a member of the German Junior National Team, where he averaged 8.0 points and 2.0 rebounds per game at the 2007 U18 European Championships. He posted his best games with 16 points on 6-of-8 shooting against Israel and added 15 points with five rebounds (four offensive) against Russia in back-to-back games.

Standhardinger is one of four international players to sign with the Huskers since coach Doc Sadler took over the program before the 2006-07 campaign.

## PERSONAL

Christian is the son of Elizabeth and Gunter Standhardinger and was born on July 4, 1989. He has twin sisters, Kristin and Kathrin. Christian is planning to major in business management at Nebraska.

While Christian was born and raised in Germany, his mother is originally from the Philippines, making him one of only a handful of Division I basketball players of Filipino heritage this season.

Both Kristin and Kathrin Standhardinger also compete in collegiate athletics, as they are freshmen on the volleyball team at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga. The Standhardinger sisters led AASU to an 11-4 start to the season, with Kathrin starting at outside hitter and Kristin guiding the offense as the starting setter. Each was named the league player of the week on at least one occasion in the first month of the season.

