

WNBA TALENT

Nebraska players have made an impact in recent years in the WNBA. In fact, over the last seven years four Huskers have been chosen in the WNBA Draft, including No. 13 overall pick and first-team All-American Jordan Hooper (opposite page, top) in 2014.

In 2010, first-team All-American Kelsey Griffin (bottom left) claimed the No. 3 overall pick in the WNBA Draft. In her first season with the Connecticut Sun, Griffin earned one of five spots on the 2010 WNBA All-Rookie Team. Griffin was No. 2 in rebounding among all rookies. Griffin completed her fifth WNBA season in 2014.

Point guard Lindsey Moore became Nebraska's third WNBA first-round draft pick in history in 2013, going to the Minnesota Lynx with the No. 12 pick. Moore helped the Lynx win the WNBA title in her rookie season.

Husker forward Cory Montgomery was a third-round WNBA pick of the New York Liberty in 2010. She continued her pro career in Europe and Australia.

In 2008, Husker forward Danielle Page earned a WNBA spot as a free agent with the Connecticut Sun. Page spent the entire 2008 season with the Sun before spending her past nine seasons as one of the top players in Europe. Page became the first Husker to win an Olympic medal when she captured bronze with Serbia in 2016.

In 2007, three-time first-team All-Big 12 guard Kiera Hardy was drafted in the third round by the Connecticut Sun. Hardy did not earn a final roster spot with the Sun, but spent two professional seasons overseas.

Chelsea Aubry enjoyed success at the international level. The 6-2 forward led Team Canada to the World Championships in 2006 and 2010, before becoming the first Husker to play in the Olympics in 2012. A Canadian captain, Aubry was a National Team member from 2005 to 2012, and played professionally in Australia with Kelsey Griffin for the WNBL champion Bendigo Spirit.

Anna DeForge (opposite page, bottom) enjoyed a long professional career after earning All-America honors at Nebraska in 1998. DeForge was an all-star for Indiana in 2007, after earning her first all-star nod with the Phoenix Mercury in 2004. DeForge also played professionally in Europe for 15 years.

The Huskers' first WNBA draft pick was Nebraskan Nicole Kubik. The 5-10 guard from Cambridge was NU's first WNBA first-round pick in 2000, and made her pro debut with the Phoenix Mercury in 2000.



PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS



HUSKERS IN THE WNBA

Jordan Hooper (Alliance, Neb., 2014-17)

- Chicago Sky, Atlanta Dream, Connecticut Sun, Dallas Wings (2017)
- No. 13 Overall Pick in WNBA Draft (Tulsa Shock)

Lindsey Moore (Covington, Wash., 2013-14)

- No. 12 Overall Pick in WNBA Draft (Minnesota Lynx)

Kelsey Griffin (Eagle River, Alaska, 2010-14)

- WNBA All-Rookie Team (2010, Connecticut Sun)
- No. 3 Overall Pick in WNBA Draft (Minnesota Lynx)

Yvonne Turner (Omaha, Neb., 2014-15-17)

- Phoenix Mercury (Rookie, 2017)
- Chicago Sky (Training Camp, 2015)
- San Antonio Silver Stars (Training Camp, 2014)

Cory Montgomery (Cannon Falls, Minn., 2010)

- Third-round selection of New York Liberty

Anna DeForge (Niagara, Wis., 2000-08)

- Two-Time WNBA All-Star
- Indiana Fever, Phoenix Mercury, Detroit Shock, Minnesota Lynx

Danielle Page (Monument, Colo., 2008)

- Connecticut Sun

Kiera Hardy (Kansas City, Mo., 2007)

- Third-round selection of the Connecticut Sun

Nicole Kubik (Cambridge, Neb., 2000)

- Played for Phoenix Mercury in 2000
- First-round pick of Los Angeles Sparks in 2000

ANNA DEFORGE, TWO-TIME WNBA ALL-STAR

Anna DeForge enjoyed a long pro career after her playing days at Nebraska. DeForge was a pro player for 16 years and was a two-time WNBA All-Star. An honorable-mention All-American and first-team All-Big 12 pick in 1998, DeForge made her last All-Star appearance with Indiana in 2007. She helped the Fever to the second round of the 2007 WNBA Playoffs. In the first round, she tied her career high with 31 points against Connecticut, before pumping in 26 points in a Game 2.

In 1999, DeForge was a first-round pick of the San Jose Lasers in the ABL. In 2000, she was the first Husker to earn a WNBA roster spot with the Detroit Shock. After being out of the league in 2001 and 2002, she regained a roster spot with the Phoenix Mercury in 2003. She earned her first WNBA All-Star appearance with the Mercury in 2004. She spent 2005 in Phoenix before joining the Indiana Fever in 2006. She played for the Minnesota Lynx in 2008.

Internationally, she played professionally in Poland, Spain, Turkey and the Czech Republic. She was a member of the Montenegro National Team from 2010 to 2012.