



6-2 • Freshman • Forward
Cannon Falls • Minnesota
(Cannon Falls)

Honors and Awards

- No. 56 Center in the Nation (All-Star Girls Report, 2005)
- No. 221 Prospect in the Nation (All-Star Girls Report, 2005)
- Timberwolves Top 10 (2006)
- First-Team All-Minnesota (Associated Press, 2006)
- Three-Time Area Player of the Year (2004, 2005, 2006)
- Five-Time Cannon Falls MVP (2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006)
- Academic All-State (Basketball, Volleyball, 2005-06)

Outlook

After producing one of the top high school careers in the history of Minnesota basketball, freshman Cory Montgomery comes to Nebraska hoping to make an immediate impact on the Husker fortunes in 2006-07.

At 6-2, Montgomery appears to have both the size and athleticism to make the transition to the Big 12 Conference.

The numbers she put up in high school were nothing short of staggering. In five years as a varsity starter, Montgomery scored 2,238 points, grabbed 1,240 rebounds, notched 387 blocked shots and dished out 261 assists to establish Cannon Falls High School records in all four categories.

Montgomery is one of three 2,000-point prep scorers in Nebraska's freshman class, joining Kala Kuhlmann (2,337) and Nicole Neals (2,298).

As a senior, Montgomery led Cannon Falls to the Minnesota Class 2A state title at the Target Center in Minneapolis by averaging 19.7 points, 10.8 rebounds, 3.4 assists, 2.2 blocks and 2.1 steals per game. She earned first-team all-state honors from The Associated Press and was selected as one of the Timberwolves Ten, representing the top 10 girls high school players in the state of Minnesota.

During a dominant state tournament run, Montgomery was also named the Class 2A Tournament MVP.

Montgomery has shown the versatility to play the wing position at Cannon Falls and the low post in AAU competition, and could give Nebraska even more flexibility with its interior players, according to Nebraska Coach Connie Yori.

"Cory is a post player that runs the floor extremely hard, can score on the low block, shoot the three, block shots and rebound," Yori said. "She has a knack for out-working her opponents. She is going to be a pleasure to coach because of her willingness to work hard."

High School

Montgomery was not only a starter for the Cannon Falls High School varsity basketball team each year since eighth grade, she finished her career as a five-time team most valuable player.

As a senior, she capped a remarkable career by averaging 19.7 points and 10.8 rebounds per contest. She also contributed 3.4 assists, 2.2 blocks and 2.1 steals per game, while shooting 51.8 percent from the

field and 84.0 percent from the free throw line. She led the Bombers to a 28-6 record.

She guided Cannon Falls to a Minnesota Class 2A state title, earning Class 2A Tournament MVP honors and first-team all-tournament accolades for Coach Chuck Benda. In the state semifinal game, Montgomery scored 37 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to lead the Bombers past previously unbeaten Minnesota Valley Lutheran.

Montgomery was a four-time first-team all-conference and all-area selection and was a three-time area player of the year. As a senior, she was also chosen as the Cannon Falls Senior Female Athlete of the Year.

As a junior, Montgomery averaged 17.4 points, 9.5 rebounds, 3.4 assists, 3.0 blocks and 2.2 steals per game to earn honorable-mention All-Minnesota accolades. She helped Cannon Falls to a 21-9 record.

She averaged 14.6 points, 8.1 boards and 2.9 blocks per game as a sophomore in 2003-04.

Montgomery attended Nebraska Women's Basketball Summer Camps following her freshman, sophomore and junior years of high school.

An outstanding all-around athlete who also lettered four times in volleyball and once in softball, she played for the Minnesota Stars club team coached by Tim and Brad Hested that won the 2005 AAU state title. She also played for the Stars' Under-19 team coached by Willie Taylor.

Montgomery was ranked as the No. 56 high school center prospect and the No. 221 overall prospect in the nation by the All-Star Girls Report.

Along with her athletic success, Montgomery was also an exemplary student. She was ranked No. 1 academically in her high school class and was a member of the National Honor Society. She earned academic all-state honors in both basketball and volleyball as a senior.

Personal

Cory is the daughter of Mike and Jodi Montgomery, and has one brother, Zach, 21, and two sisters, Alexis, 17, and Jordan, 13. Cory was born Sept. 11, 1987, in Brooklyn Center, Minn.

Cory, who also enjoys playing the clarinet, piano, flute and saxophone, plans to major in accounting at Nebraska. She posted a 3.67 grade-point average while taking summer classes at Nebraska.

She chose Nebraska over Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Drake and Wisconsin-Green Bay.