



ASHLEY FORD

Nebraska Assistant Coach First Season Nebraska (2009)

CREDENTIALS

- Assistant Coach, Nebraska (2015-present)
- Assistant Coach, San Diego (2010-15)
- Graduate Assistant Manager, Nebraska (2008-10)
- Nebraska Starting Point Guard (2007)

Former Husker starting point guard Ashley Ford returns to Nebraska as an assistant coach for the 2015-16 season. Ford, a graduate of Lincoln Northeast High School who has spent the past five seasons as an assistant coach at the University of San Diego, also returns to her hometown to coach the Huskers.

"It is great to be back in Nebraska," Ford said. "I am so excited to have this great opportunity to be back with Coach Yori and the Husker program. I have spent five great years in San Diego, but I'm thrilled at the opportunity to come back and continue building our program at Nebraska. This has been a dream of mine for a long time."

As a player, Ford helped lay the foundation of Nebraska's string of NCAA Tournament success over the last decade.

"It is really gratifying as a coach to see the progress that Ashley has made in her career," Yori said. "Ashley always has been willing to do the right thing, be patient, work hard and trust the process. I'm confident that she is the right addition to our staff at the right time."

As a senior in 2006-07, Ford provided excellent leadership and engineered Nebraska's drive to its first NCAA Tournament appearance under Coach Yori. Ford started all 32 games as a senior, averaging 3.0 points, 1.6 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game. Her efforts included a career-high 13 points on 5-of-5 shooting from the field in NU's Senior Night win over Colorado on Feb. 27, 2007. She was a perfect 3-for-3 from three-point range and dished out a career-high seven assists in her final game at the Devaney Center.

She joined fellow seniors Kiera Hardy, Chelsea Aubry and Jelena Spiric, and then-sophomore Kelsey Griffin in NU's lineup for all 32 games in 2006-07.

Ford earned her bachelor's degree in communications from Nebraska in 2008, before spending the 2008-09 and 2009-10 seasons as Nebraska's graduate assistant manager. In 2009-10, Yori's Huskers produced the best season in school history, racing to a 32-2 overall record after going a perfect 29-0 in the regular season. The Big Red went 16-0 in Big 12 play to capture the conference regular-season title, before advancing to the

school's first NCAA Sweet 16 as the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Region.

Following her two-year graduate assistant stint with the Huskers, Ford joined former Nebraska Associate Head Coach Cindy Fisher's staff at the University of San Diego. In five seasons on Fisher's staff, Ford helped the Toreros to four consecutive 20-win seasons, including a 25-7 overall mark in 2014-15. USD went 14-4 to finish second in the West Coast Conference in 2014-15, advancing to its fourth straight WNIT, losing to eventual champion UCLA in the second round. San Diego went 97-25 in Ford's final four years with the program.

In 2013-14, Ford helped the Toreros to a 24-9 record and a trip to the WNIT Sweet 16. USD opened the season 15-0 and earned the school's first-ever top-25 national ranking. San Diego went 22-10 and reached the WNIT second round in 2012-13 after advancing to the championship game of the WCC Tournament.

In Ford's second season in 2011-12, the Toreros produced the best season in school history with a 26-9 record to finish second in the WCC. San Diego notched the school's first-ever postseason win before advancing to the WNIT semifinals, where the Toreros fell to eventual champion Oklahoma State.

Ford played in all 32 games for the Huskers in her first year at NU in 2005-06. She made her first career start against Texas A&M on Feb. 11, 2006. The only Nebraska native on NU's 2005-06 roster, Ford averaged 0.9 points, 1.1 rebounds and 1.1 assists per game, while holding a solid 1.7-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio on the year.

Ford came back to Nebraska after spending her first two collegiate seasons at Cloud County (Kan.) Community College. She averaged 14.0 points, 4.6

rebounds, 4.1 assists and 3.3 steals per game as a sophomore at Cloud County in 2004-05. She led the T-Birds in scoring, assists and steals, while ranking third on the club in rebounding.

For her efforts, she earned second-team all-conference honors and was an NJCAA Region VI honorable-mention selection. She also shot a solid 34.8 percent from three-point range by knocking down 49-of-141 shots from beyond the arc.

In her junior college career, Ford led Cloud County to a 40-23 record. She started all 63 games at Cloud County for Coach Brett Erkenbrack. Ford was one of only two players in Cloud County history to score more than 725 points, grab more than 250 rebounds, dish out more than 250 assists and record more than 150 steals.

Ford led Cloud County to an impressive 25-7 record as a freshman in 2003-04 by averaging 9.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game. She claimed second-team All-Jayhawk West Conference accolades and was also an honorable-mention NJCAA Region VI pick.

Ford was a third-team Super-State selection as a senior guard at Lincoln Northeast in 2002-03. She enjoyed a strong senior season despite recovering from a torn ACL suffered the summer before her senior year of high school. In her final year as a Rocket, Ford averaged 15.3 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.4 assists and 2.2 steals per game. She earned second-team Class A all-state honors as a junior and senior.

Ford was born Sept. 3, 1985, in Fort Rucker, Ala. She earned her bachelor's degree in communication studies in May of 2008. She claimed a spot on the Big 12 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll in the fall of 2007.

