

WNBA EXPERIENCE



Nebraska players have made an impact in recent years in the WNBA.

In 2010, All-American Kelsey Griffin (top 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.

Fellow Husker forward Cory Montgomery was also chosen in the third round of the 2010 WNBA Draft by the New York Liberty. She continued her professional career in Spain in 2010.

In 2008, another Nebraska forward earned a WNBA spot, as Danielle Page (bottom right) claimed a spot with the Connecticut Sun as a free agent. Page spent the entire 2008 season with the Sun before heading overseas to continue her professional career.

In 2007, three-time first-team All-Big 12 guard Kiera Hardy (bottom left) was drafted in the third round by the Connecticut Sun. Hardy did not earn a final roster spot with the Sun, but spent the 2007-08 season playing professionally in Iceland. She also played professionally in Europe in 2008-09, along with Page and former Husker Chelsea Aubry.

Aubry has also enjoyed success at the national level, helping the Canadian National Team to trips to the World Championships in 2006 and 2010. A team captain, Aubry has been a National Team member since 2005.

Anna DeForge (top right) enjoyed a long professional career after earning All-America honors at Nebraska in 1998. DeForge spent the 2009 season with the Detroit Shock after playing for the Minnesota Lynx in 2008. DeForge was an all-star for Indiana in 2007, after earning her first all-star nod with the Phoenix Mercury in 2004.

The Huskers' first-ever WNBA player was Nebraska native Nicole Kubik. The 5-10 guard from Cambridge was Nebraska's first WNBA first-round pick in 2000, before making her professional debut later that season for the Phoenix Mercury.





HUSKERS IN THE WNBA

Kelsey Griffin (Eagle River, Alaska, 2010)

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

Cory Montgomery (Cannon Falls, Minn., 2010)

- Third-round selection of New York Liberty

Anna DeForge (Niagara, Wis., 2000-09)

- 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)

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

ANNA DEFORGE, TWO-TIME WNBA ALL-STAR

Former Husker Anna DeForge enjoyed a long and impressive pro career after her playing days at Nebraska. An honorable-mention All-American and first-team All-Big 12 pick in 1998, DeForge is a two-time WNBA All-Star.

DeForge spent the 2009 season with the Detroit Shock after earning an All-Star appearance in her second season with the Indiana Fever in 2007. She also helped the Fever to the second round of the 2007 WNBA Playoffs.

In the first round of the 2007 playoffs, DeForge tied her career high with 31 points in a loss to Connecticut, before pumping in 26 points in a Game 2 win over the Sun.

Nebraska's most successful professional player, DeForge began her career as a first-round pick of the American Basketball Association San Jose Lasers in 1999. In 2000, she became the first Husker to earn a WNBA roster spot with the Detroit Shock.

DeForge spent 2001 and 2002 away from the league before regaining 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.

