



5-6 • Senior • Guard
Kansas City • Missouri
(O'Hara)

Honors and Awards

- Preseason Honorable-Mentional All-American (Street & Smith's, 2006)
- Two-Time First-Team All-Big 12 (Coaches, 2005, 2006)
- USA Basketball Women's National Team Trials Participant (2005)
- Nebraska Career Three-Point Leader (196 3FG/91 Games)
- No. 10 on Nebraska Career Scoring List (1,416 Points)
- Big 12 Player of the Week (Feb. 20, 2006; Nov. 28, 2005; Jan. 17, 2005)
- Miami Thanksgiving Classic All-Tournament Team (2005)
- Paradise Jam All-Tournament Team (2004)
- Big 12 Rookie of the Week (Jan. 26, 2004)
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll (Fall, 2003)

basketball player during her career," Nebraska Coach Connie Yori said. "From the start of her career to the end, she has made some of the most dramatic improvements of any player I have ever coached. We hope that continues this season."

Junior (2005-06)

Hardy became a more solid all-around backcourt player and decision-maker as a junior, while continuing to pour in points. She led Nebraska with 17.5 points per game, despite taking nearly two fewer shots per game than her breakout sophomore season and playing nearly three fewer minutes per game.

Hardy continued to rewrite the Nebraska record book as a junior, shattering the Huskers' career three-point record. She hit 81 threes on the season, the third-highest total in school history, to finish the year with 196 career three-pointers, well ahead of Nebraska's previous career mark of 155 set by current WNBA All-Star Anna DeForge (1995-98).

Along with shooting a career-best 36.2 percent

from three-point range on the season, Hardy dished out nearly 50 percent more assists than her sophomore season, while cutting her turnover total down by nearly one third.

She finished second on the team with 101 total assists, while committing just 66 turnovers, to rank among the Big 12 leaders with a 1.53-assist-to-turnover ratio.

Hardy dished out a career-high nine assists in a win over Colorado on Jan. 28, nearly doubling her previous career best entering the season. She added eight assists at Northwestern and a pair of six-assist efforts against Texas Southern and Minnesota.

She also grabbed a career-high 59 steals on the season, including a 10-game stretch during the non-conference season where she recorded multiple steals in every game.

Hardy scored a season-high 32 points on 13-of-23 shooting from the field in a win over Northern Arizona on Dec. 31. She added a season-high five steals against the Lumberjacks.

She scored 20 or more points on 12 occasions, including a 29-point effort against Texas that included a season-high six three-pointers. She had 28 points and six rebounds against No. 22 Texas A&M in the Big 12 Tournament on March 8, after closing the regular season with 28 points and five assists at Missouri on March 1.

She added 26 points at Texas Tech, before scoring 23 points, including the game-winning shot with two seconds left in overtime against Kansas State on Feb. 18.

Hardy struck for 26 points against No. 3 LSU on Nov. 25, on her way to Big 12 Player-of-the-Week and Miami Thanksgiving Classic All-Tournament honors. She added 26 points on 9-of-14 shooting from the field in the Huskers' win over Kansas on Jan. 7.

Sophomore (2004-05)

Hardy thrived during a breakout sophomore campaign, leading the Big 12 in conference play with 20.9 points per game on her way to first-team All-Big 12 honors.

She finished second overall in the league in scoring by averaging 19.0 points per game on the year, trailing only Big 12 Player-of-the-Year Kendra Wecker from Kansas State.



Outlook

One of the most prolific scorers and the best three-point shooter in Nebraska history, Kiera Hardy (pronounced kee-AIR-uh) hopes to lead the Huskers back to the NCAA Tournament in 2007.

A two-time first-team All-Big 12 Conference selection, Hardy has rewritten the Nebraska three-point record book with 196 threes through her first three seasons. She has also climbed into the top 10 on Nebraska's career scoring list with 1,416 points, and has a chance to become just the third Husker in history to reach the 2,000-point plateau, joining All-American Karen Jennings and Big Eight Player of the Year Maurice Ivy.

After a breakout sophomore season when she established herself as one of the most explosive and creative offensive players in the nation, Hardy focused on becoming a better all-around player as a junior.

She continued to lead the Huskers in scoring at 17.5 points per game, while dishing out 34 more total assists and committing 24 fewer turnovers. She also notched eight more steals than her sophomore year.

"Kiera has worked hard to make herself a better

Hardy's Career Statistics

Year	G-GS	Min	FG-FGA	Pct.	3P-3PA	Pct.	FT-FTA	Pct.	-- Rebounds --		PF-D	A	TO	Blk	ST	Pts-Avg.
									Off-Def	Tot-Avg.						
2003-04	27-0	566	88-227	.388	30-97	.309	41-49	.837	21-58	79-2.9	69-2	44	52	1	45	247-9.1
2004-05	32-32	1,038	226-560	.404	85-238	.357	72-89	.809	26-91	117-3.7	67-1	67	90	1	51	609-19.0
2005-06	32-32	959	201-509	.395	81-224	.362	77-98	.786	14-85	99-3.1	70-1	101	66	0	59	560-17.5
Career	91-64	2,563	515-1,296	.397	196-559	.351	190-236	.805	61-234	295-3.3	206-4	212	208	2	155	1,416-15.6

Hardy also became one of the Big 12's most dangerous long-range threats. She finished second in the league with 85 three-pointers on the year, tying the Nebraska single-season record held by Amy Stephens. In her final game as a sophomore, Hardy also tied the school single-game record by burying 7-of-11 three-pointers against Iowa on March 21.

Hardy became just the eighth player and third sophomore in Nebraska history to earn first-team all-conference honors. She was just the third NU player to earn first-team All-Big 12 accolades.

She also set the Nebraska sophomore single-season scoring record by finishing the year with 609 points to smash two-time All-American Karen Jennings' previous mark of 574 points in 1990-91.

Hardy's 19.0 points per game ranked as the third-best scoring average by a sophomore at NU, trailing only Jennings' 20.5 points in 1990-91, and Maurice Ivy's 19.7 points per game in 1985-86. Hardy joined Jennings and Ivy as the only sophomores in school history to earn first-team all-conference honors.

Nebraska's sparkplug showed her explosiveness throughout the season and was chosen the Big 12's "Most Likely Player to Go Off for 40 Points" by the Dallas Morning News.

In the Huskers' 103-99 triple overtime victory over No. 2 Baylor on Jan. 12, Hardy exploded for a career-high 37 points to power the Huskers to their first-ever win over a top-five opponent.

Hardy played 52 minutes against the Bears, which ranks as the second-highest total in Big 12 history, trailing only teammate Jina Johansen's 55 minutes in the marathon victory. Hardy knocked down six three-pointers against BU, which tied for the second-highest total in school history. She also set career bests by hitting 11-of-13 free throws.

Her 37 points against the eventual national champion Bears ranked as the second-highest total by a sophomore in school history, trailing only Crystal Coleman's 41 points against Oklahoma State on Feb. 19, 1983. Overall, Hardy's effort against BU tied for the seventh-highest output by an individual in school history.

Hardy's performance against BU was her second 30-point scoring effort of the season, joining her 31 points in a win over Hampton in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, on Nov. 27. Her eruption against the Lady Pirates earned her a spot on the Paradise Jam All-Tournament team.

She followed her performance against Baylor with 29 points and five three-pointers in a loss at No. 23 Kansas State on Jan. 15. Hardy earned Big 12 Player-of-the-Week honors on Jan. 17, after averaging 33 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

She also scored 29 points in a loss at Creighton on Dec. 18, after opening the season with 28 points in NU's first-round Preseason WNIT victory over Western Illinois on Nov. 12.

In the Huskers' meeting with Oklahoma State on Feb. 1, Hardy hit six three-pointers on her way to 28

points. She also hit the first buzzer-beating, game-winning shot of her career to allow the Huskers to escape with a 73-71 win.

In Nebraska's 11 games against top-25 opponents, Hardy averaged 18.3 points and hit nearly three three-pointers per game.

Hardy, showed her consistency as a sophomore by scoring in double figures in 28 of 32 games, including 15 games with 20 or more points.

2003-04 (Freshman)

Hardy made the greatest impact of Nebraska's newcomers by averaging 9.1 points, 2.9 rebounds and a team-leading 1.7 steals per game. She also tied for the team lead with 30 three-pointers, which ranked second on NU's freshman single-season list.

After showing her explosiveness off the bench in NU's first two games with nine points in a win over Wofford and 12 points in a victory over Princeton, Hardy continued to improve throughout the year.

Hardy played her best basketball in the postseason, averaging 19 points, six boards, three assists and two steals in NU's two games in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

She scored 20 points and grabbed five rebounds against Oregon State in the season finale on March 22, after scoring 18 points, pulling down seven boards and dishing out a season-high four assists in a win over Drake on March 18.

A true game-changer, Hardy scored 18 of her 20 points against OSU in the second half, including nine straight points in a 13-2 NU run to turn a 50-42 deficit into a 55-52 Husker lead.

Hardy hit for a season-high 21 points against Missouri on Feb. 25, which included a 10-for-10 effort at the free throw line. She added 17 points in NU's win over the Tigers in Columbia on Jan. 14.

She earned Big 12 Rookie-of-the-Week honors on Jan. 26, after producing 11 points, three rebounds and three steals in NU's win over No. 9 Kansas State.

Hardy scored in double figures in 11 of her 27 games on the season.

High School

Hardy revitalized O'Hara's program, helping the team improve from a 4-21 record as a freshman to a 19-10 record and a trip to the Class 4A (largest) state quarterfinals as a senior. She scored 27 points in O'Hara's 72-71 overtime win over Center in the Class 4 District 14 championship game. For her postseason performances, Hardy was named the Kansas City Star Prep Athlete of the Week on March 7, 2003.

A three-time all-state selection and a four-time first-team all-conference pick, Hardy averaged 18 points, six assists, five steals and five rebounds per game during her career for Coach Mary Haggerty. Hardy scored nearly 2,000 points in her prep career.

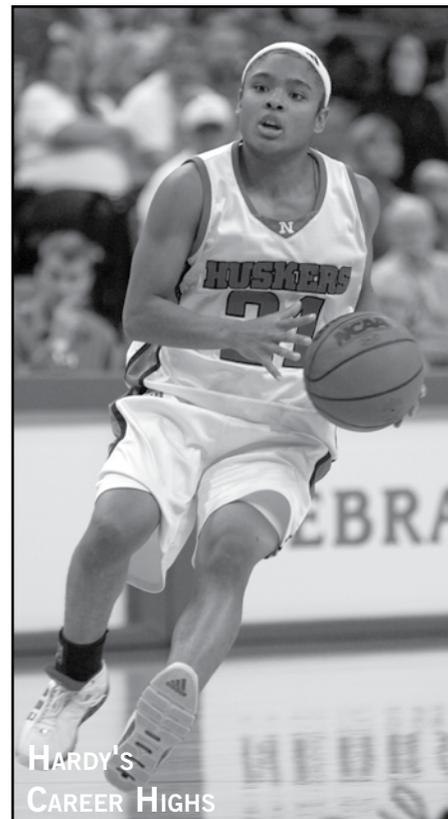
Hardy scored a game-high 24 points, including the game-winning three-pointer with 3.8 seconds left in the Greater Kansas City Basketball Coaches

Association All-Star game held April 12, 2003, in Overland Park, Kan. Hardy helped the Missouri squad overcome an 18-point second-half deficit to defeat the Kansas All-Stars, 92-89.

Personal

The daughter of Karen Hardy, Kiera has an older brother, Cameron, 24, and two sisters, La'Cletia, 23, and Kristen, 19. Kiera was born on June 22, 1985, in Kansas City, Mo. Hardy is majoring in family and consumer science.

Hardy chose Nebraska over UMKC and Wichita State.



HARDY'S CAREER HIGHS

Category	Total	Game
Points	37	Baylor (1/12/05)
Rebounds	9	Kansas (2/7/04)
Assists	9	Colorado (1/28/06)
Steals	6	Missouri (1/14/04)
Blocks	1	Creighton (12/18/04) Princeton (11/23/03)
FGA	27	Missouri (2/26/05)
FGM	13	Northern Arizona (12/31/05)
FTA	13	Baylor (1/12/05)
FTM	11	Baylor (1/12/05)
3-PT FGA	19	Missouri (2/26/05)
3-PT FGM	7	Iowa (3/21/05)

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2004-05	16-16	541	127-314	.404	49-137	.358	31-36	.861	11-47	58-3.6	42-0	26	47	0	23	334-20.9
2005-06	16-16	488	94-237	.397	39-110	.355	45-56	.804	6-44	50-3.1	32-0	48	34	0	20	272-17.0
Career	48-32	1,365	268-684	.392	101-304	.332	101-121	.835	28-121	149-3.1	118-2	95	112	0	70	738-15.4