

Huskers DE Gangwish Goes From Walk-On To Team Captain

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Jack Gangwish never got into a game his first three years at Nebraska, and it wasn't unusual for friends and acquaintances to ask him if he was still on the team.

"People don't ask me that anymore," he said.

Ol' No. 95 is about as well-known as any of the Cornhuskers players now, and not just because of his emergence at defensive end last season. He represents the quintessential Nebraska walk-on, the kid who grows up in the state dreaming of playing for the Big Red and making the folks back home proud.

A year ago at this time, Gangwish was still paying his own way to school and dreaming the dream. But he won the confidence of the former coaching staff when circumstances dictated that he play, and play a lot,

and he was awarded a scholarship the week before the opener.

Gangwish enters this season as a starter on what may be the best defensive line in the Big Ten West, and he's one of the Huskers' six team captains. The honor illustrates the respect he's earned from teammates for the sweat he's poured on and off the field. Symbolic of his dedication is the team's prestigious Lifter of the Year award he won in 2014.

"He's a self-made man," defensive line coach Hank Hughes said. "I don't want to take anything away from his athletic ability, but there's a guy who has worked. He's passionate, and it means a lot to him. That's probably every avenue of his life, that work ethic. He's a guy who grew up on a farm, and he has great work ethic."

Gangwish went to high school in Wood River and was a three-year starter. A good but not great athlete, he never received more than honorable mention for the all-state team in the second-smallest division of 11-man football. Division II Chadron State, in the state's panhandle, offered him half a football scholarship, and he also considered walking on at Kansas State.

But like his dad, Paul, who walked on at Nebraska as a defensive end and played just enough to letter in 1985, Jack didn't want to look back and wonder what could have happened if he had given it a shot with the Huskers.

"I was a fan," Jack said, "long before I was a football player."

Gangwish showed up on campus in 2011, moved from linebacker to defensive end in 2013 and finally got on the field last season because of a

shortage of players at his position. He started three games and appeared in 12.

Gangwish will play this season with returning starters in end Greg McMullen and tackles Maliek Collins and Vincent Valentine. Gangwish said new defensive coordinator Mark Banker's system allows him more freedom to make plays.

"The No. 1 focus now is always to be playing fast, playing hard, hitting hard," he said. "Your steps may not be perfect, your hand placement may not be perfect, but even if it's not, we want you in there hard."

Wood River also produced Nebraska's 1997 national championship quarterback Scott Frost, who's now the Oregon offensive coordinator. Frost was one of the most highly recruited high school quarterbacks in the country in the

early 1990s, and he went to Stanford for two years before transferring to Nebraska.

Now the town of 1,300 has a new hometown hero on the Nebraska roster. No one is relishing his success more than Paul Gangwish, who appeared in a handful of games on the same field 30 years ago but only after they had turned into second-half blowouts.

The father watches his son live the dream that for him went largely unfulfilled.

"To know what kind of commitment these walk-ons make when they go home... they have a lot of hope something will pan out for their hard work," Paul said. "The fact is, it doesn't always pay off. That's what makes me so proud, that I understand that so intimately."

SCOREBOARD

TRAP SHOOTING					
JIM RIVER TRAP RANGE					
Final Standings					
A DIVISION: City Busters 1297, Rock Crushers 1284, Eco Water 1248					
B DIVISION: Dakota Archery 1209, Cedar Grove Farms 1198, ABC 1197					
C DIVISION: 4-H 1087, Kap's Traps 1046, Oh Shoot 984					

BASEBALL

S.D. CLASS B AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

Aug. 5-16 at Mitchell

Quarterfinals

Thursday, Aug. 13

Akron 7, Canova-Howard 6, 16 innings

Alexandria 3, Platte 0

Friday, Aug. 14

Parkston Mudcats 3, Plankinton 0

Madison vs. Larchwood, 8 p.m.

SEMIFINALS

Saturday, Aug. 15

Akron vs. Alexandria, 1 p.m.

Parkston Mudcats vs. Madison-Larchwood winner, 7:30 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, Aug. 16

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

S.D. CLASS A AMATEURS

Aug. 7-9 at Yankton; Aug. 14-16 at Mitchell

Friday, Aug. 14

Aberdeen 8, Yankton 1, Yankton eliminated

Renner 9, S.F. Brewers 6

Castletown 13, S.F. Squirrels 4, S.F. Squirrels eliminated

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

GAME 32: Aberdeen vs. Castletown, 11 a.m.

GAME 34: Game 32 winner vs. S.F. Brewers, 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 16

CHAMPIONSHIP: Renner vs. Game 34 winner, noon

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	63	51	.553	—
Toronto	64	53	.547	1/2
Tampa Bay	58	56	.509	5
Baltimore	57	56	.504	5 1/2

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, August 15

BASEBALL, AMATEUR State Tour. at Mitchell

GOLF, DAKOTAS TOUR Pro-Am Jam at CC of Sioux Falls

Sunday, August 16

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Tour. at Mitchell

San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Washington at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Arizona (Corbin 2-3) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 4-3), 6:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Arieta 13-6) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 6-9), 6:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (J. Williams 4-8) at Milwaukee (Nelson 9-9), 6:10 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Morton 7-4) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 7-9), 6:10 p.m.

Monday's Games

Arizona at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

Washington at San Francisco, 10:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 8-5) at Toronto (Estrada 10-6), 12:07 p.m.

Seattle (Fierman 14-6) at Boston (Miley 8-9), 12:35 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Oakland (Bassitt 1-4) at Baltimore (M. Gonzalez 9-8), 6:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Arieta 13-6) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 6-9), 6:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cleveland (Tomlin 0-0) at Minnesota (Duffey 0-1), 6:10 p.m.

Detroit (Verlander 1-5) at Houston (McHugh 13-6), 6:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 5-8) at Kansas City (Cuello 1-1), 6:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Archer 10-8) at Texas (Lewys 1-9), 7:05 p.m.

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Kansas City at Arizona, 8 p.m.

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Indianapolis at Philadelphia, noon

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SPORTS DIGEST

Iowa Prep Standout Commits To USD

HARLAN, Iowa — Taylor Frederick, a 6-foot-1 senior from Harlan (Iowa) Community High School, announced Friday that she has verbally committed to play basketball at the University of South Dakota.

Frederick, also a volleyball standout, has guided Harlan to back-to-back state Class 4-A basketball championships. Harlan, undefeated last season, boasts a winning streak of 52 games. Frederick has also led Harlan to consecutive state volleyball titles.

Coyotes Announce 2015-16 Men's Basketball Schedule

VERMILLION—Two games against the Big Ten, one against Kansas State and a trip to Las Vegas highlight the 2015-16 South Dakota men's basketball schedule released Friday.

The schedule includes 14 non-conference games before the Coyotes host IUPUI in a Summit League opener on New Year's Day. Three of those non-conference games are home and another will take place in Sioux Falls on Dec. 28 when South Dakota takes on Florida Gulf Coast inside the Pentagon.

"We have put together another challenging slate of non-conference games," said South Dakota Head Coach Craig Smith. "It will be the second year in a row that we play seven of our first eight away from the Dakotadome."

South Dakota will face Wright State, Northern Illinois and Cal State Northridge on consecutive days at a season-opening tournament in DeKalb, Ill., Nov. 13-15. The Coyotes take on Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan., on Nov. 20.

The home opener is Nov. 24 against South Dakota Mines. Two games in Sacramento, Calif., against Sacramento State and Eastern Washington will be held Nov. 28-29. Eastern Washington won the Big Sky Tournament a year ago and competed in the NCAA Tournament. The Coyotes take on Minnesota in Minneapolis on Dec. 5.

Home games against Kansas City and CSU Bakersfield will be held Dec. 8 and Dec. 12, respectively. Those are followed by road trips to Milwaukee (Dec. 17), Illinois (Dec. 19) and UNLV (Dec. 22). The game in Sioux Falls wraps up 2015. Jan. 1 marks the start of a 16-game Summit League slate. The Coyotes take on Summit League Tournament Champion North Dakota State in Fargo, N.D., Jan. 13 and host South Dakota State on Jan. 23.

The return trip to SDSU is Feb. 13. The Coyotes host Denver on Senior Night Feb. 21. That will mark the team's final game played inside the Dakotadome. South Dakota wraps up the regular season on the road against IUPUI (Feb. 25) and Western Illinois (Feb. 27).

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