

# Toe Topples Huskers Once Again; Missed Kick Spells Heartbreaker

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An estimated 35,000 fans watched a disappointing Homecoming game last Saturday as the Scarlet of Nebraska bowed to the Kansas Jayhawks 14-12 in another game decided, against the Huskers, by extra points.

The toe was the destructive weapon in the tilt and the Cornhuskers could not maneuver the ball skillfully enough to gather the needed extra points to overcome a fired-up Jayhawk eleven.

Last Saturday's game, as most of the Husker's games, started off with a quick touchdown by the foe.

Kansas kicked off to the Scarlet and Naviaux snared the ball on the 5 yard line and ran the skin back to the 25 before being halted.

From there the Huskers were stymied by the massive forward wall the Jayhawks presented. The average weight of the Kansas team was second only to the Syracuse forward line that the Huskers have encountered this season. The Huskers were halted before gaining a first down and had to punt on the fourth down. Stinnett booted the ball to the Kansas seven and it was run back to the 14 yard stripe.

At this stage, with less than four minutes gone in the contest, Wally Strauch smoothly guided the Jayhawks 76 yards down the field for the first counter of the afternoon.

The able Kansas quarterback threw none of his expected passes, instead he called play after play up the middle of the unsuspecting Scarlet team. From the three yard line of Nebraska Strauch called for himself to carry the ball and crossed the goal line without a red-shirted player laying a hand on him. Wally then converted to put the visiting crew ahead 7-0 with 10 minutes gone in the first chapter of the fray. After the kick-off the two clubs exchanged punts and the quarter ended with Breda and Peterson throwing Strauch for a 10 yard loss on a fourth down and the Huskers taking over on their own 42 yard marker.

The second quarter proved to be a more lucrative period in touchdown fashion for the Scarlet and they pushed across the goal line for their first TD of the afternoon.

The Huskers touchdown was set up by a Naviaux punt to the Kansas 20 and a Zentic tackle which caused the opposing runner to bobble the ball and a red shirt to fall on the loose pigskin on the Kansas 20 yard line.

The first two downs from scrimmage proved futile to the Huskers but on the third down Stinnett took the ball on the snap and lateraled to Naviaux running to his left. Larry took the ball on the run and pitched a perfect strike to Thomas on the five yard marker. Doug was stopped on the four and the Huskers had a first and goal.

The next play netted one yard on a quarterback sneak by Stinnett and the ensuing play gained nothing for the Jennings crew. Naviaux lugged on the next play and plunged to the 6 inch line and Stinnett moved it the rest of the way behind a wall of Nebraska linemen on the fourth down.

Prussia's kick was blocked by Letcavits of Kansas to put the home team one point behind the KU men with five minutes gone in the second period.

After two punt exchanges Nebraska finally put the ball on the move again just before the half ended but the Huskers could not capitalize.

The Huskers were rolling beautifully inspired by a tremendous pass play from Stinnett to Naviaux on the Kansas 17 yard line. Stinnett took the ball on the snap and rolled out to his right and fired to Naviaux who was turning into the flat. Larry snared the ball over his shoulder going at top speed and tumbled to the ground on the seventeen after being hit. On the next play, however, a mix-up caused Stinnett to fumble the ball on the Kansas 13 yard line and blue-shirted Taylor pounced on the error to stifle the Husker drive.

With only a few minutes left, Kansas' Strauch ran out the clock to end the half.

The third period started by giving the Huskers a break which realized a touchdown.

Prussia's kick-off was taken by Jayhawk Homer Floyd on the 13 and ran back to the 41. The Kansas team then proceeded to smash through to the Nebraska 42 where alert Mike Lee, playing one of his best games of the season, fell on a Kansas fumble to thwart the Kansas bid.

On the next play of the contest Nebraska repeated the Naviaux to Thomas aerial which was good to the 27 of Kansas. Stinnett finally sneaked for the first down to the 14 to give the Huskers the final burst they needed for the TD. On the third down of the next series of plays Zaruba plunged for the first end goal on the Kansas three yard line. Sandage lugged to the two, Zaruba smashed to the one, Brown pummeled the line and fought for a precious 6 inches.

Then on a next play from center Stinnett took two steps to the left and dived over the massive forward wall straining to hold him out of the end zone. He lit in the striped zone for the counter and gave the Huskers the lead for the first time in the ball game.

Prussia's conversion was blocked by Floyd and the Huskers led 12-7 with nine minutes gone in the third quarter.

After Kansas had been halted on downs the Cornhuskers took over again but before they could get rolling a Stinnett pass was intercepted and ran back to the 49 yard line of Kansas. The Jayhawks, again under the sterling performance of Wally Strauch, scooted to the 26 yard line of the Huskers to pose a threat. It was fourth and one to go for the Mather mentored men. The Huskers made their one yard but an off-side penalty set them back with a fourth and six status to end the third chapter.

With fourth down and six to go Strauch called on Homer Floyd who had been bothering the home team all afternoon with his line crashes. Floyd gathered in the pigskin and rolled to the 19 to give Kansas a first down. The Jayhawks kept rolling and caught a first down on the six yard line of Nebraska but here the defense held—for three downs anyway. On the fourth down Strauch faded back to pass and his aerial found Letcavits in the endzone for the marker and the margin to give Kansas the victory.

Strauch's kick for the point-after-touchdown was good to put the Jayhawks in front 14-12, a lead which they never relinquished.

The game was far from over for the Huskers, however, and they came rolling back. Naviaux completed a pass to Max Martz which was deflected by a Kansas defender but a beautiful diving catch by Martz set the ball on the Kansas 30. The Huskers finally made it down to the 13 yard marker to give them a first down and an excellent chance for the game winning touchdown but the Jayhawk forward wall proved too much for the Scarlet. After Naviaux had run to the seven, Zaruba had plunged to the four and Naviaux had pushed to the three for the first and goal. The Jayhawks displayed a memorable, even if disappointing, goal line stand.

The Huskers gained a total of one yard on the next three tries and the fourth down found them on the Kansas two. This set the scene for the play that all Nebraskans is still talking about.

Jennings decided to gamble and let Cifra try a field goal. A penalty put the Huskers back to the seven where the play commenced. Cifra kicked and the ball squirmed off the side of his foot and the ball game was over for Nebraska. For a moment no one realized what had happened except for two men—a Kansas boy and Stinnett who knew the ball was live. The

Jayhawk scooped up the ball and headed down the side line with the Huskers steaming in close pursuit but Stinnett had figured it out and headed him out of bounds on the 30 of Kansas. From here Strauch simply ran out the clock to give the Homecoming game a sad ending. The players

had played with all they had but their luck had run out in the last two minutes and they were charged with another loss for the campaign.

Next Saturday the Huskers will travel to Ames, Iowa to pit their strength against the bottom riding Cyclones of Iowa State.

## Courtney Quips

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"Spirits" evident at KU game . . .

Saturday's tilt may have been frustrating to the 30,000 fans who tried to dismantle the goal posts at the North end of the stadium.

After the Jayhawks hand nudged the Cornhuskers in the fray, about 15 loyal Kansans tumbled out of the stands to partake of the posts as souvenirs. Heavily laden with spirit . . . or spirits, which ever the case, the rooters latched onto the posts and started tugging with all the power their wobbling bodies would offer. Finding out the posts were constructed of steel seem to make no difference to the fans and just as they were rooting the poles out of the ground they were accosted by the local police. Begging and pleading seemed to make no difference to the men in blue and they would not relent to the age-old tradition. Brandishing clubs the police finally had to remove the men bodily. As they were helping them off the field one policeman happened to tap a rooter in the vicinity of his overcoat pocket and was rewarded with the sound of smashed glass. Broken bottles, but not in spirits, the man and his companion who failed to relieve the stadium of the goal posts, were taken to the police station and booked.

Frisby takes hold . . .

The small plastic disk has stroved over the campus and caught hold overnight. As I walked along the sidewalk I noticed a representation from every fraternity I passed, with the exception of one, playing this "gem" of a game.

Matches were held last Saturday and two champs were named. "Weiner" Brown and Larry Carney were named as University champions of the Frisby game and now unofficially represent the campus on that sport. Both are members of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Maybe if anyone is interested in learning how to catch on to the game could contact these two for lessons.

Incidentally the fraternity that was not playing frisby was throwing around that fast becoming "passe" object, the football. It was the Sig Ep's that were playing the obsolete game. I guess that is probably why they are last years intramural-touch-football champs and my guess to win the same title this year.

Don Olson goes route . . .

Husker stalwart Don Olson was the only man of either team last Saturday to play the entire contest without relief. Olson is a sophomore from Grand Island who earned all-state laurels in 1955 before coming to the University. He was the outstanding lineman for the freshman squad last year and is expected to win many grid laurels at the University before he graduates.

## Final 'Do Or Die' Week Slated For Intramural Football Heads

'Do or die' for nine touch football teams as the intramural football playoffs begin the second round this week for the all university championship.

The first round was completed last week as 20 teams tangled in 10 games to determine teams for the second round. One second round game was played Friday as Burr B defeated Burr D 14-0 for the Burr Hall Championship. This narrowed the remaining number of teams eligible for the all university championship to only nine.

Yesterday, three second round games were played. Canfield met Gus II for the Selbeck Quad championship and in the other two games Sigma Phi Epsilon played Cornhusker Co-op and Phi Kappa Psi played Alpha Gamma Rho.

Today, one game will be played as Newman Club battles the Dents for the Independent championship. Wednesday, the Selbeck cham-

pions play Burr B and the winners of the Sigma Phi Epsilon-Cornhusker Co-op and Alpha Gamma Rho-Phi Kappa Psi game meet to determine the fraternity champions.

In Friday's games the fraternity champions play the resident hall champions and Burr B plays Alpha Gamma Rho for the Ag championship. The finals for the all university championship will be played Monday, November 11, between the Independent champions and the winner of the fraternity and resident hall game.

All of the games in the playoffs will be played on the Ag College fields.

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## KU Jayhawks Solid Pick For Second Hoop Title

The Kansas Jayhawks are solid pre-season favorites to repeat as Big Eight basketball champions in 1957-58. Although Kansas has lost nine lettermen by the graduation route, the return of All American

and Loneski give the Jayhawks terrific offensive and rebounding strength. Billings looked very good against Nebraska last season and could be one of the key men in Harp's plan. A very good ball handler and playmaker, the bespectacled guard should give Kansas a very capable court general.

The only other club in the Big Eight seemingly capable of overthrowing the Jayhawks is Tex Winter's Kansas State five.

The return of Bob Boozer and Jack Paar give the Wildcats the best one-two scoring and rebounding punch in the conference.

Parr, 6-9, averaged 20.6 points per game in 23 contests, while Boozer, 6-7, cut the cards for 19.6 points a contest in last year's competition. Both men were All Conference selections.

Roy DeWitz, the number three scorer last season as a forward, will probably move to guard to fill the vacancy created by the graduation of Eddie Wallace. DeWitz, 6-3, played guard in 1955-56.

Sophomore Wally Frank, 6-8, will probably team with Boozer at forward to give the Wildcats some fabulous backboard strength. Letterman Don Matusak is scheduled to move into the other guard spot to complete the Kansas State starting lineup.

Only Parr and Boozer are sure starters as five outstanding rookies are pressing for the stint berths of Frank, Matusak and DeWitz. They are Steve Douglas, 6-4, Sanny Ballard, 6-0, Glen Long, 6-4, Bob Graham, 6-4, and Carroll Stephens, 6-2.

Returning squad members include Hayden Abbott, 6-3, Larry Fischer, 6-4, Dean Plage, 6-3, Bob Merten, 6-3, Don Richards, 6-1 and Jim Holwerda, 6-0.

If the Wildcats get the opportunity to play Kansas in the Christmas Tournament in Kansas City, they could drop the Jayhawks much easier than if they have to wait to play them in regular Big Eight play. Once Witt and the boys get warmed up it will take an assist from heaven to slow them up.

Wednesday: Iowa State, Colorado and Missouri.

This Saturday's Nebraska-Iowa State game will be televised over a 16-station network in five states.

Fans in the Lincoln area will be able to view the telecast on Channel 3, KMTV in Omaha.

The Huskers will be seeking their second victory of the campaign, winning only against Kansas State earlier in the year.



Courtesy Lincoln Star Chamberlain-Lorraine KU.

Wilt Chamberlain gives coach Dick Harp a good nucleus from which to work.

Among the absentees this season are starters Maurice King, Gene Elston and John Parker. King is receiving a tryout with the NBA champion Boston Celtic quintet.

In addition to Chamberlain, the other returning starter is 6-5 forward Ron Loneski. Loneski ranked fourth in scoring last season and should develop into one of the bigger stars in Big Eight play this season.

Sophomore Al Donaghue, 6-4, will probably team with Loneski at the forward slots, while Bob Billings and Lynn Kindred should start at the guards. Both Billings, 6-0, and Kindred, 6-2, saw considerable action last season and should perform capably.

Other returning lettermen are John Cleland, 6-3, Monte Johnson, 6-5, and Gary Thompson, 6-5. Outstanding members of last year's freshman squad are Bob Hickman, 6-2, Jim Hoffman, 6-3, and Phil Raisor, 5-11.

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