KU Outshoots Huskers, 100-87

Lawrence, Kan. — Kansas moved into second place in the Big Eight Conference standings with a 100-87 win over Nebraska here Tuesday night.

The Jayhawks, who received a 32-point effort from 6-9 Dave Robisch and a career high 25 points from forward Pierre Russell, assumed second place with a 5-4 conference mark behind frontrunning Kansas State's 8-2 record.

The loss dropped the Cornhuskers from a tie for second place to a deadlock for fourth place with Oklahoma. Both teams own a 4-5 league record.

THE HUSKERS, who put together their best balanced scoring effort of the season, suffered from a pair of cold-spells late in the first half to trail 54-43 at halftime.

Nebraska, which went from an 11-6 deficit early in the game to a 20-11 lead, cooled quickly when Kansas' 6-10 forward Roger Brown came off the bench to fuel the Jayhawks in scoring and in rebounding early in the first half.

Brown, who finished with 15 points, inflicted the most damage with four field goals off rebounds and 12 retrieves before intermission.

Nebraska, which had beaten the 'Hawks in two previous confrontations this season, could not manufacture a third despite outshooting Kansas, 54 per cent to 50 per cent.

Nebraska's first drought came after Ken Cauble's jumper gave the Huskers a 37-36 advantage. Then Kansas reeled off nine straight points for a 45-37 cushion.

Sam Martin and Dale Von Seggern narrowed the gap to 45-41 before KU accounted for the next nine points again, taking a 54-41 margin.

Nebraska's efforts were hurt early in the second half when two charging fouls were assessed against Tom Scantlebury 30 seconds apart.

Scantz, who shared NU scoring honors with Leroy Chalk with 17 points apiece, was benched with just over 16 minutes left when he collected his fourth foul.

SCANTLEBURY had kept Nebraska in first half contention with 15 points, but missed eight minutes in the second half when he encountered the foul trouble.

Brown's presence noticeably gave KU its first half impetus. Nebraska grabbed eight of the game's first 11 rebounds, but after Brown came into the game, KU snagged 18 of the first half's next 23 rebounds.

Nebraska received outstanding outside shooting performances from Scantlebury, Martin and Bob Gratopp, but KU clearly dominated the inside traffic.

Gratopp produced his best g a m e of the season with 6-7 field goals and 4-5 free throws for 16 points,

most of which came in the second half.

Nebraska's biggest second half challenge came when Chalk deposited a jump shot to close KU's advantage to 75-69.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS — (1) Kansas State, 8-2; (2) Kansas, 5-4; (3) Missouri, 5-5; (4-5) tie between Oklahoma and Nebraska, 4-5; (6) Iowa State, 5-6; (7-8) tie between Oklahoma State and Colorado, 4-6.



