

Boo the fans

By Vince Boucher

"At Nebraska's homecoming game, in their own stadium, when you can hear the Kansas fans and not Nebraskans, it's pretty disgusting. It's like being at a high school game."

UNL sophomore Dana Krause gave that assessment of fan support at the Nebraska-Kansas game when fan activity was marked by a lack of positive spirit and some booing.

Krause, who describes herself as "just a big-mouthed fan," said "a win is a win, no matter what the score."

Carolyn Grice, a member of Tassels, the UNL women's spirit group, agreed. "Some of the Nebraska fans are just not satisfied if we don't have a 35-7 score, like last year's average, for each game."

Grice said that the fans fail to look at the statistics and do not realize that Nebraska is still playing a fine game.

"We lead the nation in passing offense. We are second in overall defense in the conference and many of the players have great individual records," she explained.

At the time of the Kansas-Nebraska contest, Husker quarterback Dave Humm was rated first in total offense in the Big 8 conference. He had completed 67 out of 105 passes and thrown eight touchdown passes.

Nebraska I-back Tony Davis, split end Frosty Anderson, tight end Brent Longwell, wingback Ritch Bahe and kicker Rich Sanger also were rated high in Big 8 statistics following the Kansas game.

Team statistics also speak well for the Huskers. After the Kansas-Nebraska clash, Nebraska had 2,437 yards in total offense, averaging 406.2 yards a game. Defensively, the Cornhuskers had allowed

only 198.7 offensive yards a game.

Grice claimed enthusiastically, "People don't realize that the Big 8 is the most powerful conference."

She said, "Nebraska has not gone down any, the rest of the teams in the conference are improving and coming up."

Yet Nebraska fans did boo their players, both at the end of the first half and at the end of the game. Grice said that negative sentiment was aimed at the offense, rather than the defense, who received a standing ovation.

Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne said after the game he had never heard the Nebraska fans boo their team. Many of the Nebraska team members remarked that it was "pathetic," frustrating and discouraging to the team.

Tassels President Pam Dickey said, "I knew there was some. I didn't realize that

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Cornhusker spirit leaders from previous seasons grace the cover and above. See page 8 for one of the current cheerleaders.