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Huskers lose to Wildcats; host Kansas Saturday

By Ward W. Triplett III

Priscilla Gary scored 24 points and Angie Bonner added 21 as ninth-ranked Kansas State defeated Nebraska 100-79 in a Big Eight Conference game Thursday night.

The Wildcats, now 6-0 in the conference, held a 43-37 lead at halftime, but used a 21-9 scoring spree in the first eight minutes of the second to put the game away.

Nebraska's women's basketball team will host Kansas at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The game will follow the men's contest with the Jayhawks at 12:40 p.m.

Kansas is only 6-12 overall, but holds a 4-3 conference record after two straight

victories. The Jayhawks beat Missouri at Columbia, Mo., 118-111 in triple overtime Saturday, and edged Oklahoma 81-79 Wednesday in Lawrence, Kan.

Kansas lost its leading scorer and rebounder from last season when Tracy Claxton, a 5-11 sophomore, did not return to school. Claxton's departure, along with an injury to 6-1 redshirt freshman Vickie Adkins, left Kansas with a void at center that reflected in a 2-9 non-conference mark.

But Adkins has recovered from her knee injury, and 6-6 Philicia Allen became eligible in January.

"It's obvious they help this ballclub," Kansas Coach Marian Washington said. "We've had our ups and downs, and most

of the damage was coming from inside. To have someone with some size to be on the court for us gives us a lift."

Allen, who transferred from perennial power South Carolina last January, averages 13.5 points and 7.5 rebounds a game. Angie Snider, a 5-9 forward, is the Big Eight's second leading scorer at 19.4 points per game, while 5-7 guard Angela Taylor and 6-1 forward Barbara Adkins both average in double figures. Adkins and Snider both average seven rebounds a game.

The Jayhawks' fifth starter, sophomore Mary Myers, injured her leg during the Oklahoma game and won't play against Nebraska. She will be replaced by Cindy Platt, who averages 1.3 points a game. "Even though we were losing those

games early in the year, I told our players we were playing great, great teams," Washington said. "Our schedule was one of the most competitive around."

"We did learn a lot. Our intent was to have a young team with experience that a Philicia Allen and a Vickie Adkins could work into. We did not, and we will not expect any one player to make the difference, but having them on our bench has helped tremendously."

Washington said she hoped to learn about Nebraska's team during the Lincoln trip.

"We realize we're going to be playing a strong ballclub," she said. "They beat Texas and Oklahoma up there, and played Kansas State very close."

Huskers try to keep jinx on Jayhawks

By Kevin Warneke

Nebraska men's basketball team will try to extend a Kansas bad-luck streak when the two teams meet for the seventh time in Lincoln tomorrow at 12:40 p.m.

Since the Bob Devaney Sports Center opened in 1974, the Huskers have won all six games played between the two teams on the Sports Center court.

Although Kansas is at the bottom of the Big Eight Conference race, Nebraska cannot afford to take them lightly, Nebraska Coach Moe Iba said.

Kansas broke into the win column of the Big Eight standings for the first time Wednesday night, when they defeated Iowa State 75-69. Kansas had previously lost to Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Missouri and Kansas State.

But, according to Iba, records can be deceiving. "If you look at where they have played, at Oklahoma, at Oklahoma State and at Kansas State," Iba said. "It's a situation where if they can win on the road, they'll feel they can get in the first division of the conference."

"Record-wise our season is disappointing," Kansas Assistant Coach Bob Hill said. "Our win would have to be the poorest game we have played."

Hill said despite the team's youth Kansas has played well in their losses.

"We're having our growing pains," he said. "But they feel they're growing as a team."

Kansas starts three freshman in forwards Kerry Boagni and Calvin Thompson, and guard Jeff Guiot. Juniors Kelly Knight and Carl Henry fill the other two starting spots.

Henry leads the squad with a 17.1 scoring average, followed by Boagni who contributes more than 15 points a game. Knight is tops in the rebounding department averaging 7.2 a game.

Iba said Kansas will have a definite advantage in the size-department as they start four players over 6-4.

"They're awfully big," Iba said. "We don't match up with them."

"They're (Nebraska) going to exploit their quickness," Hill said. "Our advantage is our size."

Hill said Kansas will have to put a leash on Stan Cloudy and Dave Hoppen.

"They're the same quick, patient team as always," he said. "But now they've added a new dimension in Hoppen."

"We might have to slow him (Hopper) down and put a hand in Cloudy's face."

The game also marks the homecoming of Omaha Northwest graduate Ron Kellogg who has been averaging nine and a half minutes of playing time for Kansas.

Iba said Nebraska will go with the same starting lineup as they have in the past which means that Cloudy, Hoppen, Greg Downing, David Ponce and Claude Renfro will get the starting nod.



Staff photo by Craig Andressen

Nebraska's Terry Smith shoots over David Little in Nebraska's 60-59 victory over Oklahoma Wednesday. The Cornhuskers will play 8-9 Kansas Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Defending Big Eight champs to invade Husker track

By Jeff Korbek

The Nebraska men's track team will play host to one of the nations strongest teams this Saturday when the Kansas Jayhawks, defending Big Eight indoor and outdoor champions, invade the Bob Devaney Sports Center at 2:30.

"They have their usual good team and undoubtedly one of their better teams in my estimation and probably in any-

body's estimation," Nebraska Coach Frank Sevigne said.

"It should be a very competitive meet," Kansas Assistant Coach Ralph Bowen countered. "Nebraska is a fine, well-rounded team. They have a super facility and it should be one of the high meets of the year, and we hope to meet some national qualifying standards."

Kansas is coming into the meet fresh off a victory in a quadrangular meet last weekend over Kansas State, Missouri and

Oklahoma State. Bowen feels that he has a good team that is still making progress.

The Jayhawks will be led by returning indoor 600-yard run champion Rodney Bullock, Anthony Polk in the 60-yard dash, Sanya Owolabi in the triple jump, Tim Gundy, double winner in last weekend's meet in the mile and the two mile, and pole vaulter Jeff Buckingham.

Kansas has 21 seniors, including several fifth-year athletes. Seven Kansas athletes have won conference championships and

five others have finished second.

"They redshirted a lot of people last year, making them stronger this year than they were a year ago," Sevigne explained.

Kansas' 1982 redshirts include: Owolabi, the 1981 national indoor triple jump champion; Mark Hanson, the 1981 Big Eight indoor long jump champion; Deon Hogan, the 1981 Big Eight 440-yard champion and Mark Rau, the 1981 Big Eight 600-yard champion.

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'God-gifted athlete,' Kellogg, returns

By Barry Trevarrow

There will be a busload of Nebraskans rooting for Kansas Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center when the Cornhuskers take on the Jayhawks in a regionally televised Big Eight game at 12:30 p.m.

The game marks the homecoming of Kansas freshman Ron Kellogg, a graduate of Omaha Northwest High School. The Northwest faculty plans to bus a group of supporters to Lincoln to welcome Kellogg back.

Kellogg was recruited by more than 200 colleges across the nation last year, including Nebraska, before he settled on Kansas. He was a member of what is considered the best in-state class of high school car-gers Nebraska has ever seen.

"Ron is really excited about coming back to his home state," Kansas Assistant Coach Jo-Jo White said. White is the former Boston Celtic great who helped con-

vince Kellogg to play at Kansas.

Husker center Dave Hoppen, a graduate of Omaha Benson, and redshirts James Moore (from Omaha Burke) and Mike Martz (from Beatrice) are the only freshmen who chose to play for Nebraska. Kerry Trotter and Vic Lazzaretti, both from Omaha Creighton Prep, went to Marquette, while Grant's Bill Jackman headed east to Duke.

Although Kellogg's playing time is nine and a half minutes per game, he said he is happy at Kansas.

"I'm playing behind a great ballplayer who has college experience," Kellogg said. "Everything's going just about as I expected."

Kellogg's high school honors are numerous. He is the only player in Nebraska history to be named to the Omaha World-Herald's Super-State team three consecutive years. He was named a prep-American by Parade Magazine, Scholastic Coach Magazine, Basketball Court Times and

Basketball Weekly. He averaged 21.7 points and 10.9 rebounds his senior year at Northwest and shot an amazing 59 percent his first two years. He led Northwest to the state playoffs all three years while helping the team to an overall record of 57-17.

Kellogg said he is not having any problems adjusting to the demands of college.

"The coaches are very helpful in getting me to work hard," Kellogg said. "I just have taken whatever they give me."

Kellogg, a 6-5 southpaw, plays behind Carl Henry, a junior college transfer from Oklahoma City. Kellogg, who was a forward in high school, said he is trying to make the transition to guard. White said he is optimistic about Kellogg's chances.

"Ron's doing fine," White said. "He's a God-gifted athlete who plays at another level altogether. Sometimes I think he should be out there just on talent alone. There's no question he'll come through

this. He's an outstanding player."

Kellogg has not started any of Kansas' 16 games. Before Wednesday night's game against Iowa State, he was averaging 3.5 points and 1.5 rebounds a game. His high game was a 13-point performance against Bowling Green. He is shooting 84.6% from the line and 41.1% from the field.

Kellogg said he feels no additional pressure in college after having such a stellar high school career.

"Pressure is a part of life," Kellogg said. "When I came into college I knew what I was getting involved with. I am satisfied with Kansas and its programs."

White said that Kellogg needs to work on consistency and keeping his head in what he's doing.

"Ron's just going through some growing pains," White said. "Waiting is one of the toughest things for a player. He will learn a lot from sitting."