

# Sports

## New KU Coach Brown hits hard times

By Bob Asmussen

At the beginning of the 1983-84 basketball season prospects looked bright for the Kansas Jayhawks.

They had new Coach Larry Brown, who four seasons before had taken an unheralded UCLA team to the NCAA finals. They welcomed back a strong group of returning players, including Carl Henry and Kerry Boagni who averaged 15.7 and 14.1 points, respectively. They welcomed several promising newcomers including Wichita State transfer Greg Dreiling and Omaha South product Cedric Hunter.

But the prospects for the Kansas Jayhawks have dimmed considerably. The team many picked to win the Big Eight conference has not played to expectations.

The problems for the Jayhawks began even before the season started. Brown discovered the players on hand weren't the type of players he was used to as a coach.

"I didn't know what to expect of the kids. I didn't know what they were capable of," Brown said. "I knew what I wanted them to do but they couldn't do it. The worst mistake a coach can make coming into a program is to try and change the players that are already here."

"I told all these kids when I got here that if I didn't think they could play for me, I'd tell them. I hope in the long run that they will appreciate my honesty."

One player who couldn't deal with the changes Brown made in the Kansas program was Boagni. The sophomore forward from Los Angeles quit the team Dec. 30. He has since transferred to Cal State-Fullerton and will be eligible to play next season for the Titans.

"I just had a problem adjusting to Coach Brown's style," Boagni said. "Coach Brown is a helluva coach, it's just that not every player can play for him."

Boagni said he never felt comfortable in the Kansas program under Brown. He said he felt pressure to always perform well in practice.

"When you have a new coach it's natural to try and impress him," Boagni said. "You're always looking over your shoulder. That was my biggest problem. I was worried about not making mistakes rather than going out and playing basketball like I can."

Brown said Boagni's main problem adjusting to his coaching style was an inability to be the type of team player he wanted him to be.

"I want kids that make the other players play better," Brown said. "One of our recruits is Danny Manning. He's a great scorer but last Friday he had 16 assists in a (high school) game. That's unselfishness."

"Teams that are successful are the ones that are unselfish."

While Brown wouldn't label Boagni a selfish player, he said Boagni had goals that weren't necessarily the team's goals.

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## Beating the odds routine for Miller

By Scott Ahlstrand

Angie Miller is a longshot who makes a habit of beating the odds.

As a senior on the Wilber basketball team, Miller led her team to the Class C state championship then beat the odds by being selected as a first-team Super State performer.

Miller continued to defy the odds not only by adjusting to major college basketball and making Nebraska's roster, but by starting every game this season for the Cornhuskers and leading the team in rebounding.

At 5-11, Miller is not a typical center. Not particularly quick, or a great leaper, Miller gets the job done with solid fundamentals and intense dedication.

"Nothing Angie does surprises me," said Miller's high school coach, Gene Steinmeyer. "Angie is the best girl that's ever played for me. She's the most dedicated worker I've ever seen."

Miller started for Steinmeyer for four years and never missed a practice or a game. Kelly Hill, coach

of Nebraska's women's basketball team, thinks much of Miller's success can be attributed to her hard work.

"Angie's progressed faster than I expected," Hill said. "She's an excellent practice player, she's always very eager and she's got a very optimistic attitude."

For Miller, the hard work started when she was in junior high school. With her parents' permission, she decided to try out for the basketball team. Miller's father Oren was a member of a Wilber state basketball championship team in high school and was happy with her daughter's decision.

"Both my wife and I played sports when we were in high school and we tried to be very supportive of Angie's choice," Oren said. "I try to help both of our kids out with fundamentals (son Mike is a high school basketball player)."

Miller enjoyed a great deal of success at Wilber and led her team to a 27-0 record and the championship her senior year. In that season, Miller averaged 23 points and 14 rebounds while breaking the state's single season scoring record.

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## Nebraska Basketball Tonight

Nebraska (11-4, 1-1) at Kansas (10-5, 2-1)

### THE STARTERS:

P	Nebraska	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Reb.
F	Stan Cloudy	Sr.	6-4	13.3	6.5
F	John Matzke	So.	6-6	4.4	2.4
C	Dave Hoppen	So.	6-11	19.3	7.1
G	David Ponce	Sr.	5-10	8.4	1.7
G	Eric Williams	Sr.	6-2	7.1	2.3

P	Kansas	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Reb.
F	Carl Henry	Sr.	6-5	14.7	5.3
F	Kelly Knight	Sr.	6-8	9.7	6.7
C	Greg Dreiling	So.	7-1	10.0	5.7
G	Mark Turgeon	Fr.	5-10	4.0	1.0
G	Calvin Thompson	So.	6-6	8.6	2.3

**The Series:** Kansas leads the series 119-60. Nebraska swept the two games against Jayhawks last season winning 68-61 in Lincoln and 60-58 in Lawrence. Nebraska has won 11 of the last 17 games. They are 6-23 at Allen Field House.

**The Game:** Nebraska center Dave Hoppen's status for the game is questionable although Coach Moe Iba said it appears he will be able to start. Hoppen is bothered by a throat infection that may keep the number of minutes he plays below his 33.1 average. Iba said Monday Ronnie Smith would start the game if Hoppen was unable to play.

The Jayhawks are coming off of a 61-56 loss to Iowa State at Ames Saturday. They defeated Missouri last Wednesday in Lawrence 73-56. Missouri defeated Nebraska 50-48 Saturday night.

Kansas Coach Larry Brown has had a tough time so far at the Kansas helm. One of last season's starting forwards, Kerry Boagni, has quit the team and assist leader Cedric Hunter was ruled academically ineligible.

"I didn't expect us to be real good," Brown said. "I can see that we're making progress though."



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Nebraska Coach Kelly Hill announced Tuesday that the team's second leading scorer, Crystal Coleman (above), will not play with the team the rest of the season because of academic reasons.

Kansas was frequently mentioned in the pre-season as a possible conference champion.

"I don't think we're good enough to win the conference," Brown said. "But we're capable of giving anybody trouble on a given night."

"Missouri and Oklahoma are in the driver's seat right now because of their schedules," Brown said. "If Nebraska can win one or two on the road they'll have a good chance."

### The Women:

#### THE STARTERS:

P	Nebraska	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Reb.
F	Debra Powell	Jr.	5-10	18.9	6.8
F	Terri Parriott	Jr.	5-11	5.6	2.4
C	Angie Miller	Fr.	5-10	13.6	7.7
G	Kelli Benson	Sr.	5-7	8.8	3.1
G	Cathy Owen	Jr.	5-6	9.3	4.5

P	Kansas	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Reb.
F	Barbara Adkins	Jr.	6-0	11.1	6.7
F	Angie Snider	Sr.	5-10	24.0	7.9
C	Vickie Adkins	So.	6-1	13.8	8.1
G	Cindy Platt	Sr.	5-8	3.1	3.4
G	Toni Webb	Fr.	5-8	4.8	1.6

**The Game:** Nebraska enters the game with a 10-4 overall record and a 1-1 conference record. Kansas is 5-9 overall and 1-1 in conference. Both teams defeated Iowa State at Ames. Both teams have also lost to the 11th-ranked Missouri Tigers at home. Snider is the Big Eight's leading scorer.

Nebraska received bad news Saturday when Crystal Coleman was declared academically ineligible. Nebraska Coach Kelli Hill said she wasn't sure whether or not Coleman would be back with the team next season. Another player who won't see action for awhile is sophomore guard Jacquie Shackelford. The Inglewood, Calif., native has an injury to her left knee that required arthroscopic surgery.

