

Sports

Omaha graduate aids Kansas victory

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — Last season, Omaha Northwest graduate and Kansas forward Ron Kellogg seemed to be on a personal crusade everytime the Jayhawks played Nebraska. Saturday, Omaha South graduate Cedric Hunter joined that crusade.

Hunter scored 17 points and Kellogg 15, including 13 in the second half, as the No. 3-ranked Jayhawks defeated Nebraska 79-61 at the Allen Fieldhouse. Kansas had defeated Nebraska 81-70 Jan. 15 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"He's just great," Kansas coach Larry Brown said of Hunter.

About the only regret Brown has about Hunter is that he is listed at 6-0. Brown said Hunter is probably closer to 5-9. Players under 6-0 are eligible to win the Francis Naismath Award. Jack Moore of Nebraska was a recipient of the award.

"It's a shame we list him at 6-feet, because he's probably the best player in America under 6-feet," Brown said. "I think the people are just starting to realize what he can do."

Hunter was six of eight from the field and had four assists. Hunter committed only one turnover in the game.

Nebraska was able to keep Saturday's game close in the first half thanks to the play of junior forward Bernard Day. Day hit six of 10 first half shots and had 12 first half points. He finished the game with 22 points.

The lead went back and forth the first 12:07 of the game. Nebraska led 22-21 at that point on two free throws by Brian Carr.

Kansas took the lead, 23-22, on a floor shot by Archie Marshall. Marshall came off the bench and contributed eight first half points.

Marshall's basket started a 9-0 Kansas run that was capped by Greg Dreiling's hook shot with 5:14 left in the half. Nebraska closed the margin to five points, 31-26, with 4:23 left in the half on a 20-foot jump shot by Harvey Marshall.

Kansas led 35-27 at intermission.

"We played well the first half," Nebraska coach Moe Iba said. "But, I thought their transition game really hurt us. We lost some of our patience on offense."

After Dreiling hit a shot to start the second half, Nebraska scored six consecutive points to cut the Kansas lead to four points, 37-33, with 17:45 to play.

Kansas then outscored Nebraska 11-3 to take a 50-36 lead with 14:13 left in the game. The exclamation point of the Kansas spurt was a devastating jam off the fast break by Calvin Thompson. Thompson pulled the ball behind his neck before slamming it through the basket.

Brown said he was impressed with the type of game Nebraska was able to play. He points out the height advantage his team had against Nebraska.

"They control the tempo so well," Brown said. "It's a good game for us. It's a good lesson. You've got to give them credit. The kind of quickness they showed gives us problems."

One player that didn't give the Jayhawk's problem was Dave Hoppen. Brown said Nebraska is not as good without the injured center in the lineup.

"They're not as effective without him," Brown said. "They work hard and move the ball well, but it's just not the same. Hoppen's going to get his 25 points every night. Give them credit, they try hard out there."

The loss drops Nebraska's record to 15-8 overall and 5-5 in Big Eight play. Nebraska still holds sole possession of fourth place in the conference. Nebraska was led by Day's 22 points and Brian Carr's 17 points. Marshall added 11 points.

Kansas, 24-3 and 10-1, was led by Hunter's 17 points and Thompson's and Kellogg's 15 points each. Dreiling had 12 points and Marshall added 10 points. No Kansas player took more than 10 shots in the game as the Jayhawks shot 66 percent. Kansas has not shot less than 61 percent in its last four games.



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Kansas forward Danny Manning goes in for a dunk Saturday at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. Nebraska's Anthony Bailous and Harvey Marshall look on.

Hill blames 'horrible' officiating for NU loss

By Kent Endacott
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LAWRENCE, Kan. — Nebraska women's basketball coach Kelly Hill didn't need a chalkboard to analyze the Cornhusker's 83-76 loss to Kansas at Allen Fieldhouse Saturday.

"It was the officials," Hill said. "The officials really hurt us. This is the only conference game this year where the officials have hurt us."

"Our girls were getting good position, and Kansas would jump over our backs. The officiating was horrible."

Even so, Kansas, led by Jackie Mar-

tin's 15 rebounds, outrebounded Nebraska 51-44, and shot only 44.6 percent 29 of 65, for the game. Nebraska also struggled from the field, hitting only 35 of 79 shots, 44.3 percent for the game.

"Rebounding was really the difference in the game," Hill said. "It goes back to the officiating."

With 14:06 remaining in the first half, Kelly Jennings, Kansas's 6-6 sophomore center, converted on a three-point play to give the Jayhawks a 21-18 lead.

Nebraska's Maurice Ivy, who led all scorers with 27 points, hit a 20-foot

jump shot with 3:03 remaining in the first half to tie the game 29-29. Kansas, however, outscored Nebraska 9-2 to take a 38-31 half time lead.

A basket by Kansas' Toni Webb with three minutes remaining in the game gave the Jayhawks a 15-point lead. Nebraska outscored the Jayhawks 11-2 in the final two minutes of the game.

"We faced a very inspired ball club tonight," said Marian Washington, the Kansas women's basketball coach. "When we let up our intensity, it's a sign of a young team, but they've got a good attitude and they've worked hard to meet the challenge all year."

The loss is the fourth straight on the road for Nebraska, and drops it to 4-6 in the Big Eight and 11-12 overall. Kansas moves to 6-4 in the Big Eight and 15-8 on the year.

Hill said the Huskers didn't handle Kansas' pressure well enough to win. Nebraska turned over 19 times, while Kansas had 13 turnovers.

"Our guards didn't handle the pressure very well, and gave up some transition buckets," Hill said.

Hill said the Huskers had difficulty matching up to the Jayhawk's size inside.

"We didn't try to do anything different to stop Jennings," Hill said. "But she definitely was a factor."

Jennings scored 17 points, most from within three feet of the basket, and grabbed 10 rebounds. Evette Ott led the Jayhawks, scoring 18 points.

"We're doing anything we can right now to keep the team going," Washington said. "We have a lot of sophomores who are getting stronger in every game."

Nebraska will meet Big Eight leader Oklahoma at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Husker track teams split; women win, men are second

By Jeff Korbek
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Nebraska's women's track team, without All-American Angela Thacker, won the women's triangular against Kansas and Colorado Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska's men's team, slowed by injuries and illness, finished second to the Kansas men.

The women scored 72 points, runner-up Kansas finished with 40½ and Colorado scored 37½. The Kansas' men's team won with 76½ points. Nebraska scored 60½ and Colorado scored 27.

Nebraska coach Gary Pepin said he was pleased with both teams' performances despite the men's second-place finish.

Thacker, the U.S. record holder in the 300-yard dash, elected to bypass the triangular to compete in the Milrose Games in New York Friday and the Bally Invitational in Chicago Sunday.

Thacker currently has the best team times in the 300- and 60-yard dashes. In Saturday's meet, Michelle Miller, a freshman from Altadena, Calif., filled in for Thacker nicely by winning both races.

Miller edged teammate Angela Jones in the 60 and later came back to edge teammate Vicky Johnson in the 300.

Other Nebraska women event winners included sophomore Tammy Thurman in the high jump, freshman Linetta Wilson in the 500-meter run, senior Sha-ri Pendelton in the triple jump, and

junior Karlene Erickson in the two-mile run. Wilson's time in the 500 meters was fast enough to qualify her for the national meet in March.

Outside of the shot put, Nebraska placed four with Mike Schebel winning, the field events caused the downfall of the men's team. The men did not have a competitor in the triple jump, and the highest finishers in other field events included: Todd Stanton, fourth in the long jump, Devin Kosmicki fourth in the pole vault and James Blackledge, third in the high jump.

Nebraska missed the performances of long jumpers Von Sheppard, Edrick Floreal and high jumper Jeff Loescher. Floreal, Nebraska's leading triple jumper, is out with a hamstring injury. Loescher, holder of the school record in the high jump, is sidelined with an ankle injury.

Pepin said he hopes to have all of them back for the Big Eight championships February 28 and March 1 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Pepin also said that Nebraska basketball player Anthony Bailous might compete in the long jump.

Nebraska junior Anthony Small was a double-winner in the men's competition. He won the 60- and the 300-yard dashes. He also joined John Hastings, Regis Humphrey and Karl Mouten in the winning mile relay.

Other men event winners included: senior Kurt Russell in the mile run, Hastings in the 440-yard dash, Mouten in the 880-yard run and junior Jean Verster in the 1,000-yard run.



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Nebraska high jumper Tammy Thurman tries to clear 5-9 1/4 Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center track.