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Nebraska I-back Tyreese Knox drags Louisiana State strong safety Greg Jackson to the LSU 1-yard line in the third quarter of the Sugar Bowl. Knox gained 34 yards and a first down on the play.

Osborne says he's unaware of steroid use

By The Associated Press

Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said Sunday he was not aware Dean Steinkuhler or any other former Cornhusker players were using steroids during their college football careers.

Steinkuhler admitted in the Jan. 5 issue of Sports Illustrated that he used steroids during his junior and senior seasons at Nebraska.

Steinkuhler, who now plays for the Houston Oilers of the National Football League, also was quoted in the article as saying that he thought Osborne knew some players were using steroids.

"I'd like to make it very clear that I was not aware that Dean Steinkuhler or any other players were using steroids," Osborne said Friday. "I was aware that there's always a possibility but I did not know of any specific players."

"I just want to make sure the people of the state understand our position," Osborne said. "We have not used them and we have not encouraged using

them. We're not turning our heads — we sure wouldn't do that."

Osborne said there were rumors of steroid use at Nebraska beginning in 1976 and 1977 and continuing into the early 1980s.

"All we had to go on was rumors," Osborne said. "I heard rumors about two or three players, and I took them aside and in every case they denied it. There was nothing I could do."

"We had no technology at the time and we had no proof," Osborne said. "In 1984 we started testing and we tested all the guys at the time we were suspicious of, and in 1985 we did the same thing. Neither time did we find any positive testing. Last year we had one positive test in August, a reserve redshirt offensive lineman."

In addition to drug testing, Osborne said, Nebraska athletic officials have counseled players about steroids and street drugs and have brought in medical experts to speak to the players about drugs.

Husker team rings in win in overtime

By Tim Hartmann
Senior Reporter

Members of Nebraska's women's basketball team wore homemade conference-championship rings Sunday morning to symbolize how they hope to fare in Big Eight Conference play this season. They took the first step toward achieving their goal of being Big Eight champs Sunday night by defeating Kansas 81-78 in overtime at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The game was a see-saw battle that included 17 lead changes and eight ties. The Cornhuskers were paced by the play of sophomore Amy Stephens, who has 23 points and 10 rebounds and junior Maurice Ivy, who had 20 points and 12 boards.

But it was the play of Stephanie Bolli, a 5-10 junior forward from Burwell, that pleased Nebraska coach Angela Beck. Bolli had 12 points, including two crucial three-point plays.

With 1:03 left in the game, Nebraska trailed the Lady Jayhawks 68-67. Bolli rebounded a missed shot by Ivy, hit a layup and was fouled by Lisa Braddy. Bolli made the free throw to give the Huskers a 70-68 lead.

Kansas was able to tie the game 70-70. With 36 seconds remaining on a basket by forward Sandy Shaw. Nebraska then attempted to stall for the last shot but lost the ball when it bounced off Stephen's leg and rolled out of bounds with nine seconds left. A last-second shot by Shaw bounced off the rim and the game went into overtime.

The Lady Jayhawks scored the first two points of the overtime period.

Beck said she was pleased with the play of the Nebraska bench, especially by Bolli.

"Bolli has got to be the best sixth man in the league," Beck said. "She is like the unsung hero of our team."

In the first half of the game Nebraska grabbed an early lead and held it until the 14:00 mark, when successive fast-break baskets by Braddy gave Kansas a 22-19 advantage.

Kansas increased its lead to nine points twice in the first half before Nebraska battled back and tied the game at 36 with 2:14 remaining.

Baskets by Stephens, Bolli and Ivy offset five Kansas points and gave the Huskers a 42-41 halftime lead.

In the second half Nebraska built up a seven-point lead with 7:45 left in the game, but the Lady Jayhawks cut into the lead, eventually tying the game 59-59 a minute later.

In the next five minutes Kansas gained a one-point advantage, 68-67, setting the stage for Bolli's three-point play and Shaw's basket that sent the game into overtime.

The victory raised Nebraska's record to 8-6 overall and 1-0 in the Big Eight. Kansas, led by Jackie Martin's 19 points, dropped to 7-8 overall and 0-1 in the Big Eight.

Nebraska's next game is Wednesday night at Kansas State.

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