

Nee: NU needs emotion to stop Kansas

Probable Starters:
Nebraska (10-8, 1-1)

Henry T. Buchanan	G
Eric Johnson	G
Pete Manning	C
Jeff Rekoweg	F
Derrick Vick	F

Kansas (12-5, 1-1)

Otis Livingston	G
Kevin Pritchard	G
Danny Manning	C
Milt Newton	F
Chris Piper	F

By Mark Derowitsch
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After seeing his squad defeat the University of Nebraska at Omaha Monday night, Nebraska basketball coach Danny Nee showed a film of the Cornhuskers' 78-76 victory over Kansas last season.

Nee said he showed the film because he hopes his squad can continue the same type of home-court magic that carried the Huskers to their victory over Kansas last season.

Nebraska defeated the Jayhawks in overtime last year when forward Derrick Vick scored on a layup as time expired.

Kansas will have an opportunity to avenge the loss when it faces Nebraska tonight at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The game, which will be televised by Raycom (Cablevision channel 42), begins at 8:08 p.m.

"For Nebraska to be successful, we have to play our best," Nee said. "Anything short of that won't be good enough. We have to play with tremendous emotion."

"I do think the advantage of playing at home is our sixth man — our fans, our alumni, our student body. They create a positive atmosphere for us that causes us to play at a higher level emotionally. I really believe with that state of mind, we have a chance."

Kansas coach Larry Brown said the game is a big one because the team

with the best road record will win the Big Eight this year.

"Every place in the conference is a tough place to play on the road," Brown said. "The fact that Nebraska defeated Missouri shows they are capable of beating anybody at home. And they beat us up there last year."

Nee said the Jayhawks are playing well this season. He said guards Otis Livingston and Kevin Pritchard and forwards Milt Newton and Chris Piper are helped by the presence of All-America center Danny Manning.

"Anyone who steps on the floor with Danny Manning becomes a better player," Nee said. "He has the ability to make other players look good."

Nee said Kansas is one of the best teams in the conference with Manning, a 6-foot-11 senior who's averaging 23.6 points and 8.4 rebounds per game.

"They're in the upper echelon in the Big Eight," Nee said. "They're a top-20 team. They're well-coached and they have very talented players. I think the ability to adjust and do anything to find a way to win."

Nee said Manning plays like a guard in a center's body.

"Danny Manning would be a good basketball player if he were 6-4," Nee said. "He does everything a 6-4 player does. I think the best quality about him is his unselfishness."

Nee said he would like to face the Jayhawks without Manning.

"I'll be kind of happy when he graduates," Nee said.

Brown said he thinks Manning is the best player in the country.

"There's no question in my mind," Brown said. "I see him every day and I know what he can do."

Brown said the Jayhawks stop Manning as often as opponents do.

"We have a tendency to stop Danny," Brown said. "Sometimes we forget he's on our team."

Kansas, which was predicted in most preseason polls as a strong contender for the national championship, has been besieged by injuries and

academic problems this season. Senior forward Archie Marshall, who spent last season as an academic redshirt, underwent major reconstructive surgery on his left knee earlier this season, and center Marvin Branch was declared academically ineligible.

Brown said Kansas must continue without Marshall and Branch.

"We lost some quality players this year," Brown said. "But there's nothing we can do about it."

Nebraska guard Henry T. Buchanan said it doesn't make too much difference who the Jayhawks have in their lineup.

"They have Danny Manning," Buchanan said. "That's enough, in my opinion."

During his press conference Tuesday, Nee said officials at the University of Missouri aren't doing enough to stop the Antlers, a student cheering section that is known for obscene gestures and remarks directed at opposing players and fans.

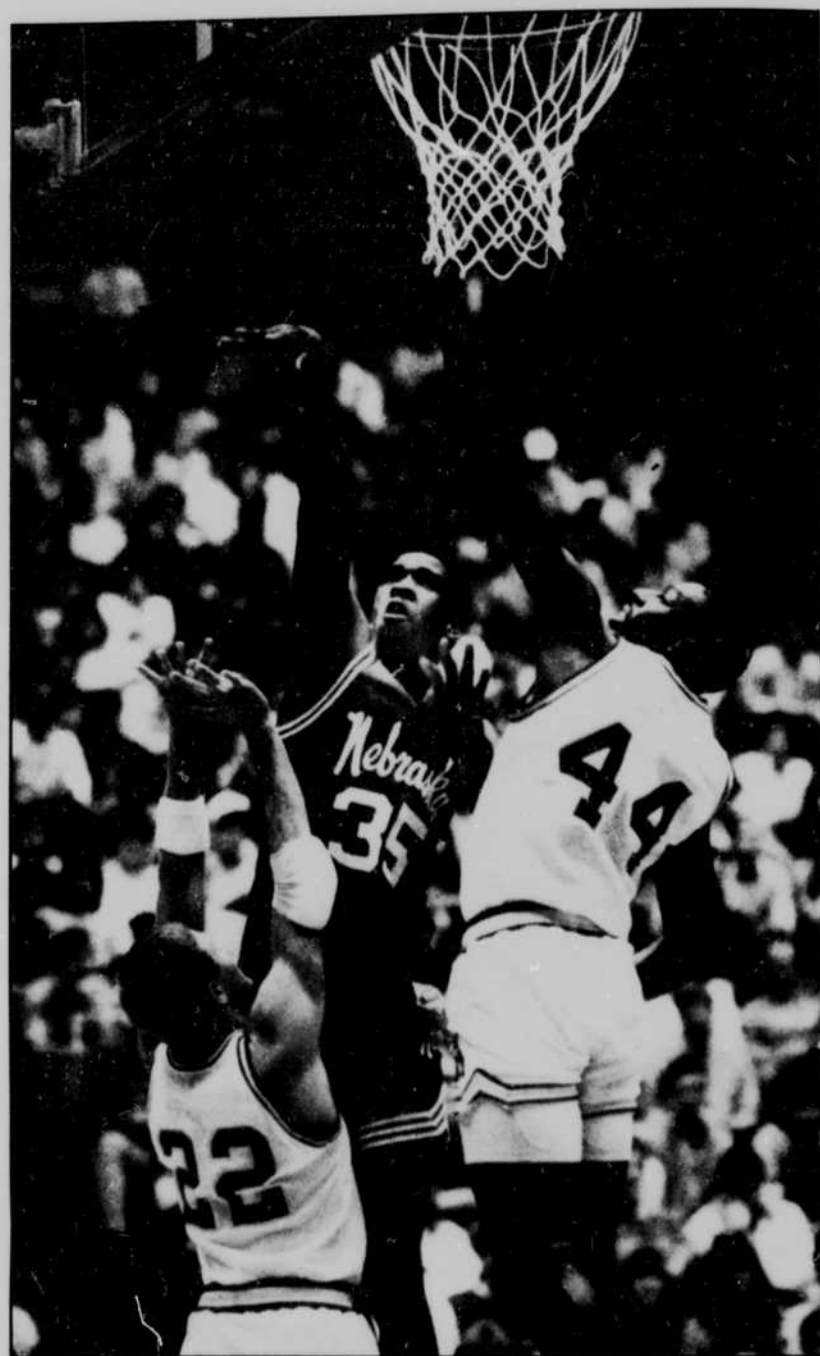
Nee said the Antlers go "over the line" of being enthusiastic students. He said it was their actions that prompted Iowa State forward Jeff Grayer to enter the stands before the Cyclones' 119-93 loss to Missouri in Columbia, Mo.

"I don't think there's trouble with fan control," Nee said. "But I do think there's a line that you draw where fan enthusiasm, emotion and respect for a player. But the Antlers go over that line."

Nee said Missouri officials should do something about the problem before it gets out of hand.

Nee said former Husker guard Brian Carr received the same type of abuse last season.

"I don't think we need that in college sports," Nee said. "We're not the NFL. We're college athletes that represent academic institutions. We have to set our own standards, and they should be high standards."



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Nebraska's Pete Manning shoots over Iowa State's Don Bourn (22) and Jeff Grayer.

Missouri rededicated to Big Eight season

Tigers hope to rebound from two losses

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Whether Missouri can rebound from conference losses to Kansas and Nebraska will determine how the



Tigers will finish in the Big Eight, assistant coach Bob Sundvold said.

"I think during those two road

games, we had some unfortunate circumstances," Sundvold said.

But Sundvold said Missouri was able to turn its hard luck around as All-America forward Derrick Chievous came off the bench to score 30 points and lead the Tigers to a 119-93 win against 10th-ranked Iowa State.

Sundvold said the Tigers, 1-2 in the conference and 11-4 overall, had to rededicate themselves for the Big Eight season.

"The things we did last year are different than this year," Sundvold said. "We're a different team and we

react differently to certain situations. We need to be ready and re-focus on our goals."

Sundvold said he's looking forward to the rest of the Big Eight season.

"I'm very optimistic about our chances," Sundvold said. "Anything can happen, even though we lost our first two games."

Sundvold said Chievous, who has come off the bench in four of the Tigers' 14 games, has to work harder for his points this season.

"He's a great player and has had some outstanding games for us,"

Sundvold said. "But he's becoming the focal point of other teams' defense. But he's doing a tremendous job for us."

Chievous, a senior from Jamaica, N.Y., is averaging 20.5 points per game this season. Last year, Chievous earned second-team All-America honors from United Press International and third-team honors from The Associated Press while averaging 25.9 points and 8.6 rebounds per contest.

Sundvold said Missouri has ample talent to surround Chievous despite the loss of starting guard Lynn Hardy.

Hardy, a 6-foot-2 senior, will miss the rest of the season because of back spasms and academic problems.

Sundvold said the Tigers can overcome the loss of Hardy.

"We have decent size and a pretty solid bench," Sundvold said.

Junior Byron Irvin is averaging 12 points per game while coming off the bench. Another reserve, freshman Doug Smith, is averaging eight points per game.

Sophomore Nathan Buntin has started all 14 games this year. He is averaging 11.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

NU will try to shed its 'tired image' against Arkansas

By Jeff Apel
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A season's worth of specific and competitive training will come to an end as the Nebraska women's swimming team prepares for Arkansas.

Nebraska women's swimming coach Ray Huppert said it's important the Cornhuskers end their six-month period of difficult training because they are beginning to show signs of fatigue. He said Nebraska showed soreness and a "lack of bounce" during its 71-41 victory over Iowa State last Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Huppert said Nebraska will try to

shed its "tired image" by entering a pre-taper training period Sunday. He said that period will consist of two weeks of "cut-back" training and three weeks where "the engines will really be shut down" in preparation for the Huskers' second taper of the season.

"We're real tired and real sore because the yardage is still up there," Huppert said. "But the athletes are beginning to see the end. It's like all of a sudden, the light at the end of the tunnel starts to get bigger."

Huppert said the remaining 5 1/2 weeks of training are critical because they will be climaxed by the 1988 Big Eight swimming and diving champi-

onships March 3-5 in Lincoln. He said it's essential the Huskers maintain a positive attitude throughout the final portion of their season because they will face a strong test from Kansas for this year's conference title.

Huppert said Nebraska will try to gain the momentum it needs to earn its fourth straight Big Eight championship when it faces Arkansas on Feb. 6 in Fayetteville, Ark. He said he expects a tough test from the Razorbacks because they have compiled a 2-1 record against Kansas this year.

"Arkansas looks a lot tougher than in the past," Huppert said, "and we aren't about to change our training schedule. It will be a good meet."

Nebraska men's swimming coach Cal Bentz said he is also wary of the Razorbacks. He said Arkansas has several outstanding individuals who scored at last year's NCAA Championship meet in Austin, Texas.

Bentz said Nebraska's 84-29 victory over Iowa State Saturday wasn't a fair assessment of either squad because both teams were suffering from illness and fatigue. He said he expects both teams to be back to full strength by the Big Eight championships.

"I think Iowa State is a much better team than they showed," Bentz said. "Some of our guys were tired, so we're also capable of being a better

team."

Bentz said Nebraska's fatigue is "consistent with where it needs to be at this time in the season." He said the Huskers will welcome the open week and much-needed rest before facing Arkansas.

Bentz said he would still like to see Nebraska qualify for the 1988 NCAA Championships in the backstroke and 1650-meter butterfly events. He said the Huskers will use the nine events that they have already qualified for the NCAA's as a base for the top-10 finish Nebraska hopes to earn this year.

"It's nice to have a bird in the hand," Bentz said.