

Missouri defeats NU, 107-85

# Nee's emotions mixed after loss

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Nebraska men's basketball coach Danny Nee was full of criticism and praise after his team's game against Missouri.

Nee said after Nebraska's 107-85 loss to the Tigers on Saturday at the Hearnes Center that he was upset because the Cornhuskers were given a rude reception by the Antlers. The Antlers, Missouri's official support group, greeted Nebraska by dropping their pants at the Columbia, Mo., airport.

"They mooned us," Nee said during his postgame radio show. "They were showing their better side."

Nee said the Antlers' shenanigans continued when Nebraska boarded its team bus, as the group surrounded the Huskers' vehicle and forced it to drive excessively slow.

Nee said the Antlers then invaded Nebraska's hotel and made so much noise that security had to be called. The group then used an abundance of profanity towards the Huskers through-

out the game.

"They acted like complete jackasses," Nee said. "They were a very abusive, foul group of people. They lived up to their reputation that represents Missouri very well."

Nee said Missouri forward Doug Smith also lived up to his reputation of being a dominate player, as the 6-foot-10 forward tallied 44 points. That total was two points short of the Missouri single-game scoring record that was set by Joe Scott in 1961.

Nee said Smith got stronger as the game progressed. Smith scored 26 points in the second half.

"In the second half, I really thought Smith picked it up a notch," Nee said. "We were focusing on him, but he's a great player."

Smith said he was happy with his performance even though he missed two easy shots that would have given him the record.

"The record, it really doesn't matter," Smith said after Raycom's telecast of the contest. "I had a chance at it, and it didn't work out."

Missouri coach Norm Stewart said

Smith tallied his points by taking advantage of the Tigers' gameplan. He said Missouri wanted to work the ball inside against Nebraska, which dropped to 9-12 overall and 2-6 in the Big Eight.

Stewart said he was not surprised by Smith's performance.

"He's a great player," Stewart said. "It was a great game for him."

Smith didn't waste any time working on his scoring total, as he scored six of Missouri's first 10 points. He then scored 12 points to give the Tigers' a 46-39 halftime lead.

Nee said he was proud of Nebraska's showing in the first half.

"We went head-to-head with them," he said.

Missouri pulled away in the second half behind the scoring of Smith and guard Anthony Peeler. Peeler finished with 16 points, while forward Nathan Buntin added 12 and guard John McIntyre scored 10.

Nebraska's scoring attack was led by center Rich King, who scored 25 points. Forwards Ray Richardson and DaPreis Owens joined King in double

figures with 16 and 10 points, respectively.

Smith said the win was a big one. He said the Tigers, now 8-1 in the Big Eight and 22-2 overall, entered the contest still reeling from their loss to Kansas State on Thursday.

That loss, coupled with No. 2-ranked Kansas' victory against Iowa State on Saturday, will likely cost Missouri its No. 1 ranking.

"It feels good to win," Smith said. "It's just nice to win the ball game."

Nee said the Huskers never gave up.

"We answered the bell and competed," he said. "I thought the whole game we were competing. That's very important for us."

Nee said Nebraska will need that same type of competitive attitude when it faces Oklahoma State on Wednesday. The game begins at 7:35 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nee called Oklahoma State a "dangerous" team.

"They've got a good basketball team," he said. "We have to be ready. We have to have a good game."

## Coach: Nebraska's defeat by Tigers caused by little things, not structure

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Somewhere, someplace, something went wrong for the Nebraska women's basketball team Saturday.

Whatever it was, Nebraska's late rally could not spring the Cornhuskers past the Tigers, and Missouri took a 64-60 win Saturday before 2,719 spectators at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"We controlled the game in a lot

of ways," Nebraska coach Angela Beck said. "It was the little tid-bitty things that ate at us."

Beck gave more time to her veterans, hoping to gain better results for the Huskers, 10-13 and 2-8 in the Big Eight.

"I wanted to win a game at this point," she said.

Some of her players responded. Ann Halsne had 16 points and eight rebounds. Sarah Muller, running the baseline on offense for the first time, scored 13 points and Karen Jennings added 11.

Nebraska's ability to go inside and put Lisa Sandbothe, Missouri's leading scorer, on the sidelines for half of the game impressed Missouri coach Joann Rutherford.

"Nebraska did a great job of going to Lisa and getting her in foul trouble early and keeping her on the bench a good part of the game," she said. "But our other players picked it up and kept it going. That's what it's all about."

Some negatives of past games were ironed out for Nebraska, which has lost three-straight games. As a team, the Huskers hit 18 of 20 free throws and had only 10 turnovers in the second half.

But the Huskers' last lead was 17-15. Nebraska was never behind by more than seven, but the Huskers only tied the game once in the second half, at 58-58 with 1:51 left.

"We had plenty of chances to get this game in hand, but we couldn't get any runs," Beck said.

Sandbothe led the Tigers, 17-7 and 8-2, in the first half before her foul trouble. Marcia Brooks keyed Missouri during the second half. Sharon Bax hit four free throws to ice the game in the final 22 seconds.

That's two seniors and one junior combining for 37 points and leading the opposition to another win, highlighting the problems the young Huskers have had with veteran squads.

The game was another example of missed opportunities, Beck said. Nebraska has only four more opportunities to get a win before the Big Eight tournament.

"It's not our offensive structure or defensive structure. It's the little things that surround it," Beck said.

### Jelks

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Robert said he wasn't surprised by his son's performance.

"This is something that might sound crazy, but when he was about 8 years old, I could look at him, and I told him, 'You're going to be a great runner,'" the senior Jelks said. "I could just tell he was going to be something special."

Wanda said her family doesn't mind traveling so far to support their son.

"We've always supported him 100 percent," she said. "With the distance now it makes a difference, but we're real proud of him."

Jelks said he will need more than parental support to continue having a successful track career.

"If I decide to quit, it will end there," he said. "If I decide to continue, which I will, I don't know how far it'll take me. It depends on what the Man upstairs has in store for me. If He gives me my help and my strength, I'll be all right."

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