

# Jayhawks' combination too tough for NU

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas just had too many Jayhawks for the Nebraska men's basketball team Wednesday night.

On the court, 10 Jayhawks scored four or more points as Kansas methodically picked apart the Cornhuskers.

Surrounding the court, 15,800 Jayhawks cheered the players to an 85-77 victory.

That's a tough combination. "Allen Fieldhouse is one of the toughest places to play in the conference," Nebraska coach Danny Nee said. "Right now, Kansas is playing the best basketball of any team in the conference."

Nebraska lost despite 25 points

from Rich King. The 25 points are the most for any Husker this season, but came in the absence of Nebraska's usual scoring balance. Only three Huskers reached double figures, and Beau Reid Clifford Scales and leading scorer Carl Hayes combined for 16 points.

Three Jayhawks in particular hurt Nebraska: Terry Brown, with a great first half; Mark Randall, with a great second half; and back, back, backup freshman forward Richard Scott with the game of his career.

The loss dropped No. 15 Nebraska's record to 18-4 overall and 4-3 in the Big Eight. Kansas, ranked 18th, improved to 16-4 and 5-2.

King scored the game's first three points. Brown countered with a three-point goal.

The Huskers seemed on the verge

of taking control, jumping to a 12-6 lead, and after momentarily losing the lead midway through the half, going up 31-24.

But, Nee said, he wasn't too confident at that point.

"I knew it was a long, long way to go," he said.

Brown turned the game around with his long, long shots. In the closing minutes of the first half, he hit three more three-pointers, his standard fade-away variety.

Reid said couldn't believe Brown was taking those shots, let alone making them.

"Our coach would kill us if we took those kind of shots," he said.

Kansas jumped to a 45-39 lead at halftime.

Randall, who had 11 points and five rebounds in the second half, took

control when play resumed, hitting a free throw and scoring three of Kansas' first four second-period baskets.

The Jayhawks extended their lead to eight points, 56-48; the Huskers scored the next seven points.

Then Scott returned to the Kansas lineup.

Scott had scored four points in the first half. He came in and scored two more baskets against King so King couldn't sag back and block shots.

Scott was fouled twice while shooting. A 39-percent free-throw shooter coming into the game, Scott made all four of his foul shots — two bouncing high off the back rim before going in and one clanging off the backboard.

Scott scored 14 points, one short of his career best posted against Hawaii-Loa.

"He's not the guy I've been hear-

ing about or reading about all year," King said.

Scott's second pair of free throws made the score 70-59. The lead reached as many as 14, at 75-61 and at 77-63, but the Huskers rallied to cut the lead to nine. But Nebraska started to crack.

Reid took the ball downcourt and shot a three-point airball, and Tony Farmer got the long rebound and missed a three-pointer of his own. Kansas scored to put the lead back to 11.

The Jayhawks began to run down the shot clock each possession. Nebraska tried fouling, but the closest the Huskers could get was six points down with 14 seconds remaining.

Despite the loss, the first time Nebraska has suffered consecutive losses this season, Nee was upbeat

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# Huskers hang on to beat Jayhawks

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Angela Beck, Nebraska women's basketball coach, was on her knees for the last second of Wednesday night's game against Kansas.

Her Cornhuskers, leading by four with 15 seconds left in the game, almost ended up on their backs.

Trailing by 10 midway through the period, Nebraska battled back to take its biggest lead of the second half, 69-65, on two Karen Jennings' free throws.

On their next possession, the Lady Jayhawks' Stacy Truitt hit a three-pointer that cut Nebraska's lead to one.

Then, it happened.

Kelly Hubert took the ball away from the referee for the inbounds pass and rifled it in the direction of Kristi Dahn. Beck said she could feel her heart in her throat as the ball sailed over Dahn, wide open at midcourt, and bounced out of bounds before she could chase it down.

"I had just screwed up at the other end," Dahn said, "so I thought I had better get it."

"By the end I was just hoping to touch it before it went out of bounds." Since no Husker touched the ball before it crossed the opposite endline, the Lady Jayhawks were given the ball under their own basket with a one and one-tenth seconds left.

"I felt a lot of hard work come to an end," Beck said. "That one pass and it's over. And we're not going to call for the foul in a situation like that. We're going to give them a shot."

"And they took a shot. They had a shot to win the game."

Kansas passed the ball inbounds to Terrilyn Johnson, but her four-foot jumper rattled off the rim as the clock ran out.

After the game Beck was jubilant. "This is the best win we've had in two years," she said. "Last year, I was always on the other side of this kind of win."

The Huskers, who trailed by seven at the half, outscored the Jayhawks by eight in the second half to win, 69-68 in front of 1,011 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. It was the first time this year that Nebraska had battled back from a halftime deficit to win.

"I'm ecstatic," Beck said. "I'm not ecstatic about being down at half, but I'm glad we won."

The win pushed the Huskers to 15-7 overall and 6-3 in the Big Eight. Kansas fell to 13-8 and 4-5.

Nebraska was led by Karen Jennings' game-high 23 points and 13 rebounds.

Kansas jumped out to a 10-point lead early in the game, but Kay Kay Hart's 5 of 5 shooting from three-

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# Osborne happy with recruiting class despite cutbacks

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Despite the number of cutbacks in grants this year and the poor season-ending performance by the Nebraska football team last season, Coach Tom Osborne said he is very pleased with the quality of the recruiting class of 1991.

Osborne said the number of scholarships that can be given each year has been reduced to 25. Nebraska has recruited 23 thus far.

With the new policy, each team can designate only six recruiters to go on the road, compared with up to 14 in the past. These recruiters now can pay only three visits to each player, compared with 10 or 12 before, Osborne said.

"Recruiting has become a little bit of a guessing game," Osborne said. "The numbers are getting smaller every year, making it difficult to make several contacts with players."

## 1991 Cornhusker recruits:

- Ernie Beler, SS, 6-0, 220, Bayonne, N.J.: Beler is a transfer from Ellsworth Community College in Iowa. He originally signed a letter of intent with Nebraska in 1988, but didn't qualify under the NCAA's Proposition 48 standards. Osborne said he has grown from 190 pounds in high school to 220, so he may be

moved to linebacker.

- Trumane Bell, SE, 6-4, 205, Chicago, Ill.: Bell's strengths are his size and good hands. He was high school teammates with tight end Johnny Mitchell at Chicago Simeon High School. Bell will be a junior this fall.

- Ken Bello, OLB, 6-2, 220, North Bergen, N.J.: Recruiting analyst Tom Lemming calls Bello one of the top 100 defensive players in the country coming out of high school. He was an honorable mention Parade Magazine All-American last year.

- Brook Berringer, QB, 6-3, 190, Goodland, Kan.: Osborne said Berringer attended camp last year, but wasn't heavily publicized. Berringer has good speed and can throw well, he said.

- Anthony Cole, CB, 5-11, 160, Torrance, Calif.: Cole is a transfer from El Camino Junior College in Torrance. Osborne said he was in great need of two or three cornerbacks, and Cole was the best junior college corner he could find. He is a very good cover man and weighs closer to 170, Osborne said.

- Doug Coleman, ILB, 6-2, 220, Ocean City, N.J.: Recruiting Analyst Max Emfinger calls Coleman the fifth-best linebacker in the country. Coleman was the 1990 Philadelphia Inquirer Defensive Player of the Year.

- Troy Dumas, SS, 6-3, 185, Cheyenne, Wyo.: Osborne said Dumas has good speed and

admitted early to liking Nebraska.

- Phil Ellis, ILB, 6-1, 215, Grand Island: An All-State linebacker selection by The Omaha World-Herald, Osborne said Ellis is a very good athlete and "runs quite well."

- Mark Gilman, TE, 6-5, 220, Kalispell, Mont.: Osborne said Gilman was probably the best all-around athlete recruited by Husker coaches. He played wide receiver and quarterback in high school.

- Aaron Graham, OL, 6-4, 255, Denton, Texas: Graham was an All-State center in Texas and also threw the shot and discus for his high school's track and field team.

- Charles Green, FS, 6-3, 185, Ruston, La.: Osborne said Green is a big safety with good speed. He has been timed at 4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

- Luther Hardin, DL, 6-3, 230, Belleville, Ill.: Osborne said Hardin doesn't have an ounce of fat on him right now. He originally weighed 300 pounds and has gotten all the way down to 230.

"We're hoping he doesn't play at 207," Osborne said.

- DeWayne Harris, OLB, 6-3, 220, Bessemer, Ala.: Osborne said Harris was the most heavily recruited player. He was a USA Today high school All-American.

- Clester Johnson, QB, 5-11, 180, Bellevue: Johnson was an All-State quarterback at Bellevue

West High School. Osborne said he is a very good runner and throws well enough to be a quarterback.

- Ralph Lott, CB, 5-10, 160, Live Oak, Fla.: Lott, an All-State cornerback in Florida, was very heavily recruited in the South. Osborne said Nebraska was very lucky to get him.

- Dennis Martin, DL, 6-3, 240, Pittsburgh, Pa.: Osborne said he can play both offensive and defensive lineman. Martin moved from Denmark when he was 12 so he could play football.

- Abdul Muhammad, WB, 5-11, 175, Carson, Calif.: Nicknamed the "Little Rocket," Muhammad, who runs the 40 in 4.4, was All-City in Los Angeles. He picked Nebraska over Miami, UCLA, USC, Oregon and Texas-El Paso.

- Steve Ott, OL, 6-4, 210, Henderson: Ott was a two-time All-State lineman at Henderson. Osborne said at 210 pounds, Ott possesses great speed, "but needs to get bigger."

- Christian Peter, DL, 6-2, 265, Middletown, N.J.: Peter, now at 300 pounds, runs the 40 in 4.8. Osborne said the only thing he had to go on was a reel of a scrimmage. But that's all he needed.

"That was probably the best reel I've ever seen," Osborne said. "He has amazing quick-

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