

Terrilyn Johnson of Kansas grabs a rebound from Nebraska's Carol Russell during the first half of Wednesday's contest.

eserve heroine Beck, "I'm going to come off the bench and score 20 points."

By Jeff Singer

When a team is looking for inspiration to carry it to victory in a close contest, the typical player to look for is the team's leader.

But every once in a while, a littleknown reserve can become an instant heroine by putting her team over the hump in the closing minutes for a big

On Wednesday night, that player was Carol Russell.

The sparingly used guard scored eight of the Cornhuskers' last 10 points late in the second half to help give Nebraska a one-point win against

Russell, a junior from Manhattan, Kan., ended the game with 10 points,

well above her 2.7 per game average.
"This was one of my best games at Nebraska," Russell said. "The adrenaline was really running tonight."

After a Jayhawk basket put Kansas ahead 57-47 with nine minutes remaining, Coach Angela Beck called time out and made what turned out to be her best decision of the night.

Russell entered the game, substituting for Sue Hesch, and sparked the Huskers like a blast of dynamite.

After assisting on the next two Nebraska baskets, Russell said, she thought it was time to start draining

"After my first basket, everything started clicking," Russell said. She added two more baskets on the

Huskers' next two possessions to give Nebraska a two-point lead with 2:14

The Jayhawks tied the score at 65 the next time down the floor.

The 5-11 guard got the ball with 27 seconds remaining and immediately was fouled.

"I was nervous, but I've been working a lot on my free throws," Russell said. "Meggan (Yedsena) just reminded me that it was all mental."

Russell capped her heroic performance with two free throws, putting Nebraska in the lead for good.

After the first one, the second one

She didn't score 20, but her 10 was just what the Huskers needed to keep

their Big Eight championship hopes

Russell doesn't expect to be the star of every game, but she said that

when one player is on a roll, the rest of the team gets going as well.

"Karen (Jennings) usually sparks us, but if she isn't having a great game, someone coming off the bench will hopefully get us going."

There was a gap in the middle the whole night, but everyone was afraid to take it," Beck said. "She read the gap and finally felt comfortable (taking it).'

"I felt she was a big key," Beck

said. After tying her season-high of 10 points, which she also accomplished in a December loss at Iowa, Russell said she just wanted to see the team

was easy," Russell said.

Russell proved to be a prophet.

Before the game she jokingly told "I just want to go out there and contribute," Russell said. "It worked out well for me tonight."

Kiam joke targets woman sportswriter

NEW YORK (AP) — New Eng- Association in Connecticut, told the type of joke."

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Sam Jankovich, the chief execuland Patriots owner victor Klam told a joke that involved Lisa Olson, the Boston Herald sportswriter harassed in the locker room last season, and the Persian Gulf war, according to published reports.

USA Today, in today's editions,

reported that people at a male-or'y sports banquet where Kiam spoke quoted the owner as asking what the Iraqis "have in common with Lisa Olson? They've both seen Patriot missiles up close."

Herb Kohn, master of ceremonies of the Stamford Old-Timers Athletic

something along those lines." Kohn did not tape the speech by Kiam, which was given Monday at an association awards banquet in Stamford, where Kiam lives.

Robert Sales, Boston Herald sports editor, told The Advocate of Stamford that he was disappointed in Kiam.

I thought he had apologized and I thought the apology was sincere," Sales said. "I also thought he understood the type of pain this gave Lisa and that he would refrain from this

tive officer of the Patriots, was unable to reach Kiam on Tuesday night.

"Until we are able to speak with him, it would be inappropriate to comment," he said in the report.

In September, Olson was harassed in New England's locker room while covering the Patriots. The NFL investigated the incident and fined Zeke Mowatt, Michael Timpson and former Patriot Robert Perryman for verbal abuse and physical action against the reporter.

Kansas.

Continued from Page 15 point range put the Lady Jayhawks up by seven, 35-28, at halftime.

Hart, who led the Lady Jayhawks with 18 points, hit her only three-pointer in the second half to tie the

Bob Devaney Sports Center record. Nebraska was leading by one, 47-48, when the Lady Jayhawks went on

an 11-point tear.
With 8 1/2 minutes remaining, the Huskers began to claw their way back. Hubert hit the front end of a one-andone, but missed the second.

Jennings and Hubert collected offensive boards on the next two trips down the court and cut the lead to

Kansas scored the next four points, but Dahn ended the run with the Huskers' only three-pointer.

Kelly Hubert cut the lead to four as she hit a two-foot jumper from the lane. After trading a basket with the Lady Jayhawks, junior Carol Russell caught fire.

Russell scored three straight bas-kets to give the Huskers a 65-63 lead with 2:22 remaining.

A Kansas basket evened the score at 65, before Russell and Jennings hit their pairs of free throws.

Beck said the five players on the court at the end of the game - Russell, Hubert, Dain, Jennings and Meggan Yedsena — were the key to the win.

Kansas 35 33 — 68 At Nebraska 28 41 — 69 Kansas—Johnson 6-10 1-2 13, Shareef 1-6 0-0 2, McCloud 2-4 0-0 4, Hart 6-8 0-0 18, Truitt 3-12 0-0 7, Tate 4-7 1-3 9, Wither-spoon 0-0 2-2 2, Chennault 2-5 0-2 5, Bonham 4-100-08, Kite 0-10-00. Totals 28-63 4-9 68.

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Nebraska—Halsne 3-7 1-2 7, Jennings
8-14 7-7 23, Hubert 8-10 2-3 18, Dahn 2-7 2-2 7, Yedsena 1-7 0-0 2, Hesch 1-5 0-0 2, Russell 3-4 4-4 10, Offringa 0-2 0-0 0, Yancey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-56 16-18 69.

3-point goals—Kansas 8-10 (Hart 6-6, Truitt 1-2, Chennault 1-2), Nebraska 1-3 (Jennings 0-1, Yedsena 0-1, Dahn 1-1). Rebounds—Kansas 31 (Johnson 11), Nebraska 41 (Jennings 13). Assists—Kansas 18 (Witherspoon 5), Nebraska 8 (Jennings, Dahn, Yedsena 5). Turnovers—Kansas 24 (Hart, Truitt 4), Nebraska 28 (Yedsena 9).

Total fouls (dq)—Kansas 18, Nebraska 14. A—1,011.



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