

# Cornhuskers warm up, fry Jayhawks



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By David Moyer  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska volleyball team started as cold as the fall Nebraska wind Tuesday night, but managed to warm up and defeat the Kansas Jayhawks 15-7, 15-8, 15-5 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"I thought we were a little bit flat tonight," Nebraska Coach Terry Pettit said. "I think travel (is a reason for the slow start), we had a big match this last weekend."

Nebraska appeared sluggish at first, falling behind 4-0 in the first set, but soon righted itself, winning 10 of the next 11 points before closing out the game.

Stephanie Thater also felt the Huskers didn't come out mentally strong early against Kansas after winning a big road game against Colorado last Saturday.

"We had the intention of coming out after Colorado and play just as hard as we did there," Thater said. "We found out we were a little flat at the beginning, but after awhile we played not quite up to our potential, but we played better."

Two reasons the Huskers were able to turn things around were a strong hitting attack led by Janet Kruse and an improved serving performance.

Kruse led Nebraska with 21 kills, including a .548 hitting percentage. The kill total was four off the Husker

record for a three-set game of 25 set by Eileen Shannon in 1989 against Pittsburgh.

"She's playing real well," Pettit said. "You can tell she's playing with a lot of confidence. All her movements are strong, very assertive."

Kruse said Nebraska has been working on getting her the ball at practice, which helps to keep Thater and Kim Tonniges in the middle where they are strongest.

The Huskers also compiled 12 service aces on the evening, which was also four off the record. Nebraska had trouble in recent games with the serve and Thater said the work they have done in practice because of it paid off against Kansas.

In the second game the Huskers once again began to struggle. The two teams traded points — Nebraska led by Kruse, Kansas by Kris Kleinschmidt, who led the Jayhawks with nine kills on the night.

After Kansas took an 8-6 lead, the Huskers once again went on a hot streak, warming up its frozen game. Nebraska went on a nine-point run, taking the lead for good at 9-8 after a Kleinschmidt miss.

The Huskers continued their dominance in the third game, putting away the Jayhawks early in the final set.

Kansas Coach Frankie Albitz said

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Nebraska's Laura Luther spikes the ball as her teammates look on during the Cornhuskers' 15-7, 15-8, 15-5 win over Kansas. Nebraska raised its record to 17-3, 9-0 in the Big Eight, while Kansas fell to 21-5 and 4-4.

## Missouri coach predicts great NU-CU toss-up

By Chuck Green  
Senior Editor

Missouri Coach Bob Stull wasn't sure who to pick to win the Colorado-Nebraska football game this weekend, but he did know one thing for sure.

"It's going to be one great game," he said.

Stull has played Colorado and Nebraska the past two weeks, losing to the Buffaloes 55-7 and Nebraska 63-6.

"Those were two long afternoons," Stull said. "We've got to be able to compete against those teams, but we've got to do a lot better against them in the future."

Stull said he thinks the team

that makes the fewest errors in the game will be the winner.

"They both match up pretty well with good offensive speed and strong defenses," he said. "I think I would give the offensive edge to Nebraska, but Colorado has a little stronger defense."

Missouri cornerback Jason Oliver agreed.

"Nebraska's offense is just so quick, and they've got so many weapons," Oliver said. "I can't really speak about the defenses because I didn't play against either of them, but there probably will be some points put up on the scoreboard."

"It will be a fun one to watch."

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## Football game battle of brothers

By Jeff Singer  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska vs. Colorado. As of late, the match-up has had conference as well as national-championship implications. This year, it also means bragging rights for one quarterbacking family.

Nebraska's Mickey Joseph and Colorado's Vance Joseph will be opposing each other Saturday as their teams do battle for sole possession of first place in the Big Eight.

Vance said a victory over the Cornhuskers this weekend at Folsom Field in Boulder, Colo., would be a

stepping stone for the Buffaloes.

"We came into this year with one main goal — to win the Big Eight," Vance said. "A win this weekend would help us accomplish that."

The Colorado offense, led by starting quarterback Darian Hagan, will play typical Buffalo football, Vance said.

"We're going to stick to our game plan and not do anything too different for Nebraska," Vance said. "As long as we have ball control and can execute well, we'll have a good chance of winning."

Vance said, though, that it will not be the big-name offenses that decide who wins the game.

He referred to the Buffaloes' 10-0 shutout of Kansas State last weekend as evidence of the maturing of Colorado's defense.

"The best defense will win the

game," Vance said. "Our defense has really come on and has looked really good."

Vance said he will be standing on the opposite sideline from his brother this weekend for many reasons.

"I chose Colorado because I knew I'd play here two years after I got here and also because they win," Vance said. "I decided against Nebraska because I didn't want to just follow in Mickey's footsteps."

Vance also said he didn't want to come to Lincoln because of Coach Tom Osborne's doubts in his ability.

"Coach Osborne questioned my speed and whether I was fast enough to play at Nebraska," Vance said. "Since Colorado seemed satisfied with my speed, I decided to go there."

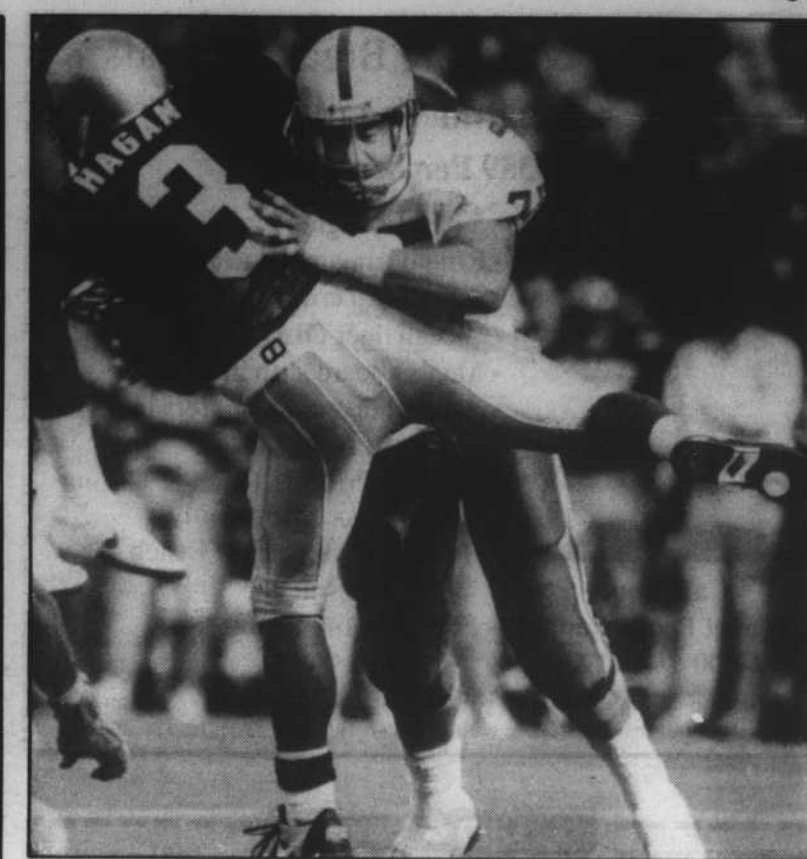
Both Josephs are 5-foot-10 backup

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Nebraska quarterback Keithen McCant outruns Oklahoma State's Clarence Nobles (44) and Jason Gildon (83) during Nebraska's 49-15 win over the Cowboys this season. McCant enters Saturday's game against Colorado ranked 11th in the NCAA in passing efficiency at 150.2.



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Colorado quarterback Darian Hagan gets pressured by former Cornhusker defensive tackle Ray Valladao in 1989. Hagan is second in the Big Eight in passing efficiency at 147.4.

# Colorado 'like any other,' McCant says

## Keithen McCant vs. Darian Hagan The Numbers

By Todd Cooper  
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Nebraska quarterback Keithen McCant just can't figure out what all the commotion is about this week.

McCant, who leads the Big Eight and is ranked 11th nationally in passing efficiency, enters his first game against two-year nemesis and defending Big Eight champion Colorado.

And Saturday's game in Boulder, Colo., is his first opposite the Buffaloes' highly-touted quarterback Darian Hagan.

"But I'm treating it just like any other game," McCant said. "I'll play this game just like I've been playing the last two games."

"I've had thoughts about it. (But) it won't affect me much."

Even though "any other game" doesn't have quarterback Darian Hagan on the opposing side, McCant said he doesn't envision a quarterback match-up Saturday.

"There are 11 guys out on the field," McCant said. "So I don't view it that way."

But after viewing Big Eight statistics, McCant and Hagan have been similar in their production this year. McCant and Hagan rank third and fourth, respectively, in Big Eight total offense.

Hagan is second in the Big Eight and 15th nationally in passing efficiency. McCant is fifth in the conference in rushing, averaging 70 yards a

game, while Hagan is eighth with 45 yards a game. McCant has completed 60 percent of his passes, Hagan 56 percent. Both totaled more than 200 yards total offense against Missouri. Although Hagan leads in experi-

As do McCant's teammates.

"He knows we have a lot of confidence in him," split end Tyrone Hughes said. "As long as he comes into the game relaxed and does what he's been doing, we'll come out on top."

Nebraska has been winning because of McCant's passing and poise, Hughes said.

"We know we're going to have to pass more," Hughes said. "But Keithen has come along with the attitude that as long as he does what he's been doing, we'll be fine."

Recently McCant has had outbursts of 231 yards against Oklahoma State and 144 yards against Missouri. In his past three games, McCant is 34-for-45 with two interceptions. He's added 279 yards rushing in his last three games. Meanwhile, Hagan is 31-for-57 passing, averaging 130 yards in his past three games.

McCant said he'll have no problem staying relaxed in the presence of Hagan or against Colorado's defense — ranked second in the conference and 11th in the nation against the pass.

"It is a big game and I know that," McCant said. "I'm always nervous before until that first initial hit and then I'm pretty much calm."

"Then, I just try to focus on what I need to do to keep this team winning."

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ence, having started 29 games to McCant's six, Osborne said he's comfortable with McCant's poise.

"I'm not sure you can label Keithen McCant as inexperienced," Osborne said. "We've played some good people and we've played in some tough situations. So I'm pretty confident in what he's going to do. I think he's going to play very well."

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