

# Huskers alert for tougher Jayhawk team

By Todd Cooper  
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Nebraska's football team will be entertaining more than visions of Oklahoma Sooners dressed in crimson when they travel to Lawrence, Kan., for a 1 p.m. game against Kansas on Saturday.

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Nebraska linebacker

With the Jayhawks 5-3 and hungry for success, and Nebraska in command of the Big Eight race for the first time in two years, the Cornhuskers can't afford to overlook Kansas, according to wingback Nate Turner.

“They've got guys talking in the papers that they can beat us,” he said. “So they'll be ready. We expect them to play tough.”

Linebacker Mike Petko agreed. “In all sincerity, Kansas is a tough team,” Petko said. “They're going to come out and they're going to do

what they can to beat us. They don't expect to lose to us anymore.”

And that improves both sides' outlook from a year ago, Petko said.

“It was easy in the past years to just run a couple of defenses or go 75 percent and win in glorious fashion,” he said. “But with this year's Kansas team, and even last year's, you can't do that.”

Kansas returns 10 starters from an offensive unit that racked up 420 yards against Nebraska last year. The Jayhawks average 7.6 yards per play in the 41-9 Nebraska win.

“All we have to do to get ready for this week is look at last year,” Petko said. “We came out flat and we could have gotten beat last year, if we didn't wake up.”

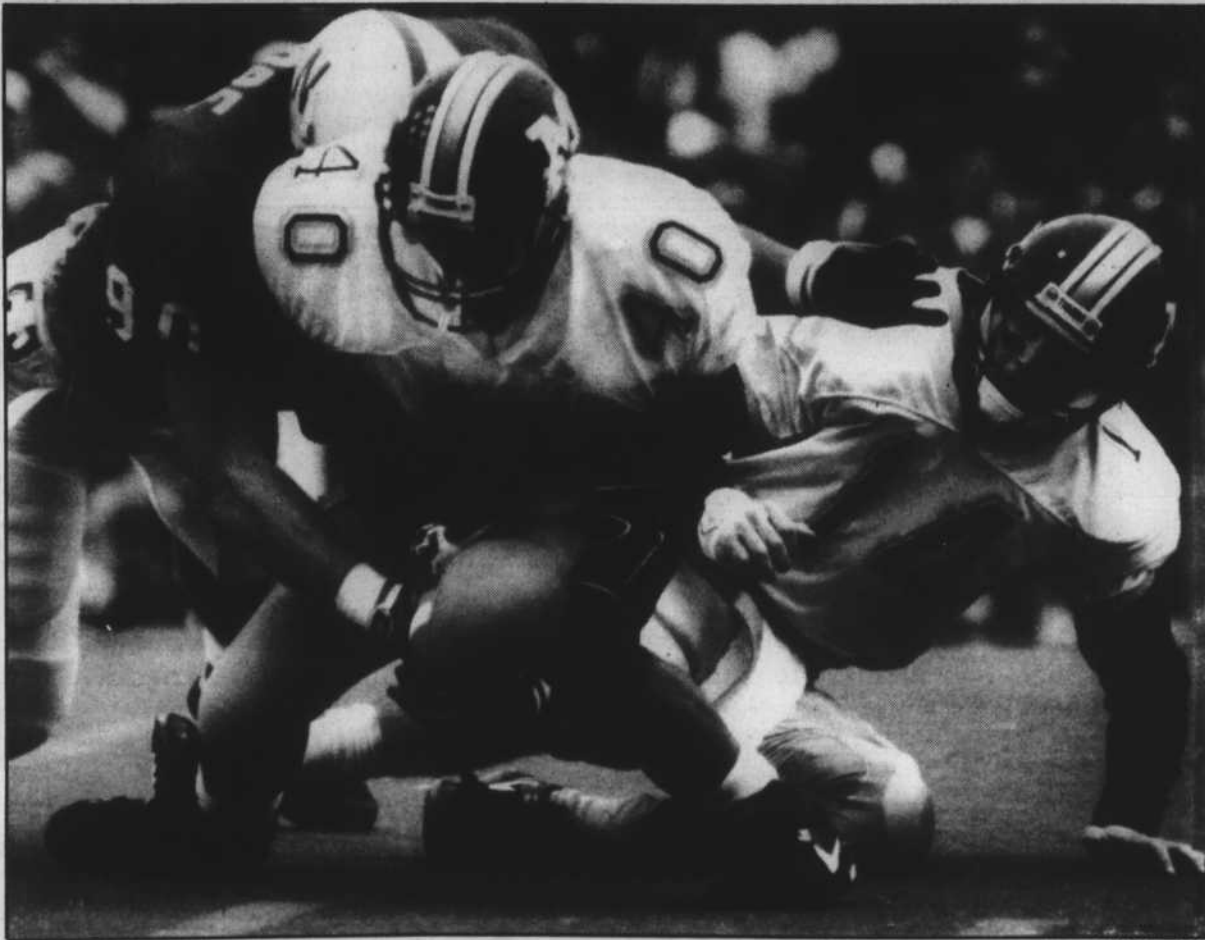
But, Petko said, the Huskers are alert this season as they attempt to win the Big Eight title for the first time in three years.

“We just have to go out and play now,” he said. “It's either win three games or we don't go (to the Orange Bowl).”

Petko said the Huskers feel “a lot better” about their defense heading into the final stretch this year. Nebraska gave up three touchdowns to Colorado last week, compared to the four they gave up in the fourth quarter of last year's 27-12 loss to the Buffaloes.

In addition, defensive linemen Kevin Ramaekers and John Parrella,

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Nebraska defensive tackle Bruce Moore smothers Missouri's Jerome Madison (40) as he recovers quarterback Phil Johnson's third-quarter fumble during the Oct. 26 Cornhusker win over the Tigers.

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## STARTERS

### Kansas (5-3)

Jim New	WR	6-0	188	Sr.
Dwayne Chandler	TE	6-2	230	So.
Chris Perez	LT	6-5	280	Sr.
Hessley Hempstead	LG	6-1	290	Fr.
Dan Schmidt	C	6-1	260	So.
Scott Imwalle	RG	6-2	265	Jr.
Keith Loneker	RT	6-3	305	Jr.
Kenny Drayton	WR	6-0	175	Sr.
Roger Robinson	FB	6-0	215	Sr.
Chip Hilleary	QB	6-1	185	Jr.
Tony Sands	TB	5-6	170	Sr.
Dan Eichloff	P	6-1	215	So.

Don Davis	OLB	6-2	200	Fr.
Kyle Moore	LE	6-3	250	Jr.
Gilbert Brown	LT	6-2	305	Jr.
Dana Stubblefield	RT	6-4	285	Jr.
Brian Christian	RE	6-4	260	So.
Hassan Bailey	OLB	5-11	200	Jr.
Steve Harvey	ILB	6-4	230	Fr.
Robert Vaughn	CB	5-11	190	So.
Doug Terry	FS	5-11	185	Sr.
Paul Friday	SS	6-3	190	Sr.
Tim Hill	CB	5-8	170	Sr.
Dan Eichloff	PK	6-1	215	So.

### Nebraska (6-1-1)

Jon Bostick	SE	6-2	190	Sr.
Lance Lundberg	LT	6-4	305	So.
Erik Wiegert	LG	6-5	300	Sr.
Bill Ziegelbein	C	6-4	275	Sr.
Will Shields	RG	6-1	295	Jr.
Brian Boerboom	RT	6-7	310	Jr.
Wm. Washington	TE	6-2	260	Sr.
Keithen McCant	QB	6-2	200	Sr.
Lance Lewis	FB	6-0	225	Jr.
Derek Brown	IB	5-9	180	So.
Nate Turner	WB	6-2	220	Sr.
Mike Stigge	P	6-2	190	Jr.

Travis Hill	LOL	6-2	235	Jr.
Jamie Liewer	LT	6-4	270	Jr.
Pat Engelbert	MG	6-2	265	Sr.
John Parrella	RT	6-5	290	Jr.
David White	ROL	6-2	240	Jr.
Mike Petko	SSL	6-3	230	Sr.
Mike Anderson	WSL	6-2	230	So.
Curtis Cotton	LC	6-1	210	Sr.
Tyrone Legette	RC	5-10	180	Sr.
Steve Carmer	SS	6-2	210	Jr.
Tyrone Byrd	FS	6-0	175	Jr.
Byron Bennett	PK	6-1	185	So.

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## Kansas coach optimistic about clash with Huskers

By Chuck Green  
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Glen Mason likes to dream big. Mason, in his third year as Kansas' football coach, is off to a 5-3 start — his best as a coach — and is trying to give the Jayhawks' program its first winning season in 10 years.

Mason thinks his team has what it takes.

“We have a team of mature young men here this year,” he said. “They know what it takes to be winners, and they've liked the taste of winning they've had so far this season.”

“They want to keep it going.” But Mason will be the first to admit that this weekend's game against 11th-ranked Nebraska doesn't make it any easier on the Kansas players or coaches. Neither will the game next weekend at Boulder, Colo., against No. 14 Colorado.

“These will be two tough weeks for us,” Mason said. “But Kansas State almost beat Nebraska, and we had them and let them off the ropes. Anything can happen in this day and age.”

Most of Mason's optimism centers on the Jayhawks' defense, which has allowed fewer total yards during

its first eight games than any Kansas team since 1981. That season, Kansas defenders gave up 282.9 yards per game.

This year, that average is 284.1. On the other side of the ball, Kansas' offense is led by tailback Tony Sands, who has rushed for more than 100 yards in six games this season. Sands' 886 yards this season has made him the Kansas career rusher leader.

In last week's 31-0 Kansas win against Oklahoma State, Sands carried 30 times for 102 yards and a touchdown.

“His leadership and dependability is important for our offensive success,” Mason said. “His running sets up our passing, and vice versa.”

Mason said he knows the Huskers will be ready for the game, especially given the Jayhawks quick start this season.

“This is a typical Nebraska team: big, strong, fast and able to kill you a dozen different ways,” he said. “We have to play our best game of the year to stay with them through four quarters.”

But Mason remains optimistic. “If we can still be in it in the end, look out,” he said. “Our kids have grown to like winning.”

## Pettit: Cyclone incentive means danger

By John Adkisson  
Staff Reporter

When Iowa State's volleyball team comes to Lincoln Saturday, the Cyclones will be trying to take a big step to prolong their season.

For Nebraska, postseason play is not a matter of “if,” but rather “for how long.”

The Cornhuskers, 19-3 and ranked in the top 10 of all three major volleyball polls, will try to win their 13th consecutive match when they host 13-9 Iowa State on Saturday in a 7:30 p.m. match at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

With a conference record of 5-4, Iowa State is battling with Oklahoma and Kansas for the last two spots in the four-team conference tournament. Nebraska and Colorado have all but clinched the top two spots.

Nebraska Coach Terry Pettit said the incentive for postseason play makes Iowa State dangerous.

“They're a good team,” Pettit said. “Since they're in a race to get into the Big Eight tournament, I'm sure that every match, every game will be important for them.”

Earlier this season, Nebraska beat Iowa State in Ames, Iowa, 15-6, 15-6, 15-9. The win was the Huskers' 37th straight over the Cyclones in a series which dates back to 1975.

Since that matchup, Iowa State is 4-3, including home wins last weekend over both Kansas and Kansas State.

The Cyclones are led by outside hitter Tracy Graham, who has 236 kills on the year and a 3 kill-per-game average. Senior setter Lisa Burke is fourth on the team in hitting and is also averaging nine set assists per game.

Nebraska is in its best groove of the season following a straight-game shellacking of eighth-ranked Texas last weekend in Austin. Since a loss to New Mexico on Sept. 28, the Huskers have dropped only two games in 12 matches.

Now Pettit and the Huskers are looking toward the Big Eight Tournament and a two-match series with national power Pacific in two weeks.

Pettit said that in the month remaining until the NCAA Tournament, the Huskers will be looking for a stable effort in every match.

“What we're working toward is consistency,” Pettit said. “We're going to try and not concern ourselves with the other side of the net as much as we are making our own adjustments.”

Some of those adjustments, Pettit said, will include grooming players for specific roles.

“In some situations, we might put in a player to prepare her for a similar role in a critical match,” he said.

And Nebraska's next three matches — the Iowa State match and two at home next weekend against 6-18 Missouri and 13-13 Oklahoma — may allow Pettit to experiment with using particular players in particular roles.

## Swim teams to compete

By Thomas Clouse  
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The Nebraska men's and women's swimming and diving teams will travel to Lawrence, Kan., today to face Kansas in dual competition.

Men's coach Cal Bentz said Nebraska, 1-1, should match up well against the Jayhawks, who finished second to the Cornhuskers in the Big Eight last season.

“We can't get a feel for what Kansas will do. We need to make things happen,” he said. “If we don't, then we'll have to make late adjustments to win the meet.”

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