



Colorado players Sherrice King (44) and Mindy Henry (25) try to stop Nebraska's Karen Jennings from shooting in the January 15th game.

Jennings' explosion lifts NU to victory

By Pat Obley
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MANHATTAN, Kan., — It was all Karen Jennings Tuesday night as the Nebraska women's basketball team beat Kansas State 87-82.

The junior from Persia, Iowa, set a new Nebraska single-game scoring record with 48 points on 22-of-26 shooting from the field. Jennings' previous best was 31 and she broke Maurice Ivy's record of 46 points set in 1986.

"That was more than great, that was phenomenal," Nebraska Coach Angela Beck said. "It almost brings tears to my eyes to see that type of performance."

"She just did a great job."

Jennings was a little surprised to learn of her record-setting performance.

"I'm really shocked," Jennings said. "I'm the type of player who's always hungry. I love to score. Things were just falling my way."

Kansas State Coach Susan Yow also took a turn at heaping the praise on Jennings as well as her teammates.

"They did a very nice job in their offense getting the ball to her," Yow said. "She was awesome tonight."

The victory didn't come easy for the Cornhuskers, 12-4, 3-0 in the Big Eight.

Nebraska opened up a 35-22 lead midway through the first half, but a Wildcat run cut that lead to 35-33. Jennings then scored the next eight Husker points and Nebraska led 45-38 at halftime.

In the second half Nebraska opened up with a 15-3 run to increase its lead to 60-43.

Kansas State would not give up, however.

After trailing 77-59, the Wildcats went on a 17-3 run to close the gap to 80-76. But that was close as they would get, as the Huskers hit seven free throws, including four by Jennings, in the final minute to hold on to the win.

Jennings' final two record-breaking points came on free throws with six seconds left to ensure the Husker win.

Jennings' 48 points is the third-highest output in Big Eight history, trailing the record of 51 by Oklahoma State's Donna Riddling in 1977.

Beck said the most important thing about the win was that it came away from home.

"This was a great road victory," Beck said. "K-State is a very tough team at home. We're just going to have to regroup and be ready for our next game."

Nebraska 45 42 — 87

At Kansas State . . 38 44 — 82

Nebraska — Taylor 4-5 2-4 10, Hesch 3-7 1-1 7, Jennings 22-26 4-8 48, Yedsena 4-10 2-2 12, Yancey 2-7 1-2 5, Russell 2-2 0-0 4, Collains 0-1 1-2 1, Offringa 0-2 0-0 0, Witherspoon 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-61 11-19 87.

Kansas State — Honeycutt 7-16 1-3 15, Holzman 2-11 2-2 6, Grebing 4-6 1-1 9, Miller 7-19 9-9 25, Bertrand 0-3 2-2 2, Moylan 4-7 4-4 15, Stoltz 3-4 4-4 10, Grattan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-66 23-25 82.

Three-point goals — Nebraska 2-4 (Yedsena 2-4), Kansas State 5-13 (Miller 2-6, Bertrand 0-1, Moylan 3-6). Rebounds — Nebraska 38 (Jennings 16), Kansas State 32 (Honeycutt, Miller 6). Assists — Nebraska 18 (Yedsena 9), Kansas State 16 (Miller 8). Total fouls (dq) — Nebraska 20 (Taylor), Kansas State 18 (Grebing). Turnovers — Nebraska 20 (Russell 5), Kansas State 13 (Moylan 5). A — 556.

Husker runner getting set for Olympic track

By Jason Dyer
Staff Reporter

It took only five seconds for Nebraska men's track coaches Dave Harris and Glenn Stone to decide they wanted Mark Jackson to run for the Cornhuskers.

The two were in Toronto on a recruiting trip at the World Junior Championships in 1988 when they unintentionally captured Jackson on a five-second clip of film.

Later in their trip, they reviewed the tape to find Jackson's running so impressive, they said, that they eventually asked him to come to Nebraska.

"At the time when I was running," Jackson said, "I wasn't aware that the finish of that race (the 1600 meter relay) was going to mean so much in my future."

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In that particular race, Jackson was anchoring the Canadian national junior team.

"All I can remember of that race," Jackson said, "was the Nigerian team was up ahead of us, and this was in the finals, and I just refused to give up. I guess it was my intensity at the end of race that impressed the coaches."

Jackson might run with intensity, but adrenaline is not all that motivates him, he said.

"I like to sing to myself right before I get into the blocks," he said. "It calms me down and psyches me up."

But, Jackson hasn't always had something to sing about.

When he first came to Nebraska in

See JACKSON on 8

Commentator's reasoning, broadcast tone Madden-ing

In case you missed it Saturday afternoon, CBS football analyst John Madden named his annual All-Madden Team.

The All-Madden Team is made up of NFL players, coaches and any other idiot Madden seems to think exemplifies professional football, according to his own twisted standards.

Madden goes nuts over football players covered with mud, those who lose a limb but continue to play on, coaches who rant and rave, and fans who are nothing short of insane.

And, as Madden will repeat over and over again, this is the way football should be. To bring his point home, Madden supplies his own sound effects.

"Here's Thurman Thomas carrying the ball down the sideline and BOOM! BAP! He's hit out of bounds by Lawrence Taylor. WOW! Now

that was a hit."

But most of you who tuned in to the All-Madden presentations probably missed the half-hour show that preceded it — the Un-Madden Team.

In this little-known awards presentation, Madden picked players he



Nick Hytrek

thought should be banned from the NFL because they lacked the qualities Madden deems important.

But because I was fortunate enough to tape the show, I can give you some of the members of the Un-Madden

See MADDEN on 8

Coach optimistic after first win

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

Youth and experience are two aspects of a team that rarely go together, but Nebraska women's gymnastics Coach Rick Walton has the luxury of both this season.

"This season, we've got a more focused group of kids," Walton said. "We've got some street fighters on the team. These kids don't like to lose."

The Huskers proved that in their first meet of the season Sunday in a dual against Southeast Missouri State. Sophomore Robin Richter, who is recovering from a ruptured Achilles' tendon she suffered last spring, captured the all-around title and led Nebraska to a 185.70-184.55 win.

Half of Nebraska's 10-woman roster is made up of freshmen. No seniors are on the team.

Walton said he was especially pleased with the freshmen Huskers who competed in the meet.

"We had four freshmen on the floor in our first meet and they all did well," he said. "To have them perform in front of that many people for the first time and do as well as they did, I'm pretty happy."

But Walton's optimism has diminished slightly with the injuries that have struck his team in recent weeks.

Sophomore Lori Phillips and redshirt freshman Natalie Bachmeier did not compete in the meet because of injuries, and junior Karla Cash tore ligaments in her knee during vault warm-ups before the meet.

Also, sophomore Cindy Carvajal is still slowed by an ankle that underwent reconstructive surgery, Walton said.

"It's one of those things that's like a faucet you can't turn off," Walton said of the injuries. "People

Women's gymnastics

ROSTER		
Name	Yr. Ht.	Hometown (High School)
Natalie Bachmeier	Fr. 5'1"	Minot, N.D. (Fargo North)
Kristi Camp	Fr. 4'11"	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead)
Cindy Carvajal	Sr. 5'3"	San Antonio, Tex. (Winston Churchill)
Karla Cash	Jr. 5'1"	Willmar, Minn. (Willmar Senior)
Nicole Duval	Fr. 5'8"	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Christian)
Jenny Hawkinson	Fr. 5'3"	Boise, Idaho (Capital)
Martha Jenkins	Fr. 4'11"	Kingwood, Tex. (Kingwood)
CeCe Ocel	Jr. 5'6"	Apple Valley, Minn. (Apple Valley)
Lori Phillips	Sr. 5'1"	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Okla. Christian)
Robin Richter	Sr. 5'2"	Lincoln, Neb. (Pius X)

SCHEDULE		
Date	Meet	Site
Jan. 25	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Feb. 1	MISSOURI	Columbia, Mo.
Feb. 7	OKLAHOMA	Norman, Okla.
Feb. 16	Master's Classic (Alabama, Arizona, Oregon St.)	Lincoln, Neb.
Feb. 21	IOWA STATE	Ames, Iowa
Mar. 1	Illinois	Lincoln, Neb.
Mar. 8	Auburn	Lincoln, Neb.
Mar. 16	Utah State	Logan, Utah
Mar. 22	IOWA STATE	Lincoln, Neb.
Mar. 28	BIG EIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS	Ames, Iowa
April 11	NCAA Regionals	Salt Lake City, Utah
April 24	NCAA Championships	Minneapolis, Minn.

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who say that gymnastics isn't a contact sport should come out and see it more often."

Walton said the good showing in the season's first meet was important because of the level of competition the Huskers will face later in the season.

"Women's gymnastics is a very, very competitive sport at the collegiate level," he said. "Anymore, most of the kids coming into college and competing in Division I are on U.S. national teams, so you can't just go out and compete anymore. Everybody is good."

"Consistency is what matters nowadays."

This season's schedule won't allow the Huskers much room for inconsistency, either, the coach said.

Nebraska will face defending national champion Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Saturday, and will compete against the Crimson Tide again at the Masters Classic Feb. 16 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Oregon State, which finished fourth at last year's NCAA championships, and eighth-place finisher Arizona will also compete in the home tournament.

Walton is reluctant to compare this year's team with recent Nebraska teams, but he is optimistic.

"I think this team compares well with the team that got us to the NCAA championships for the first time (in 1987)," he said. "But there's a whole season ahead of us. We can't afford to make any mistakes."