

# Teamwork key to win, NU coach says

## NU men's probable starters

NU vs. Kansas State Sat. Feb. 8, 1:00 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum, Manhattan, Kan.



Nebraska (15-4 3-3)		PPG	RPG
F	00 Daprais Owens	6-8 Sr.	11.7 7.1
F	21 Carl Hayes	6-9 Sr.	11.4 5.1
C	34 Derrick Chandler	6-10 Jr.	12.6 8.1
G	12 Jamar Johnson	5-11 So.	11.3 3.8
G	52 Eric Piatkowski	6-6 So.	14.6 7.0

Kansas (11-7 1-4)		PPG	RPG
F	24 Askia Jones	6-5 So.	14.9 3.7
F	52 Aaron Collier	6-6 Jr.	5.3 4.5
C	22 Wylie Howard	6-8 Sr.	10.6 7.1
G	05 Marcus Zeigler	5-11 Sr.	5.0 1.5
G	23 Gaylon Nickerson	6-3 Jr.	11.1 4.0

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By Jeff Singer  
Staff Reporter

After using a David-like performance to beat Big Eight leader Oklahoma State on Wednesday, the Nebraska men's basketball team will try to avoid looking like Goliath when it battles last-place Kansas State Saturday.

The game will be televised live by Raycom at 1 p.m. from Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kan.

The Cornhuskers are coming off an 85-69 pounding of previously-undefeated Oklahoma State, and are hoping that the Wildcats don't turn the tables on 15-4 Nebraska, Husker assistant coach Gary Bargen said.

"K-State's a team that really wants to win a game," Bargen said. "They're the kind of team that can go off and hit the threes and play hard pressure. These are the areas that have hurt us, and we'll need to combat these to win the game."

Kansas State is 1-4 in Big Eight play and 11-7 overall, including last Monday's loss to conference leader Kansas.

The Wildcats are led by sophomore forward Askia Jones, who is leading the Kansas State team with a 14.9 points-per-game average. Guard

Gaylon Nickerson and center Wylie Howard also average in double figures.

But, according to Bargen, the main player to focus on will be point guard Marcus Zeigler, who leads the Wildcats with 64 assists.

"Zeigler is the glue that holds them together," Bargen said. "He's got such a low turnover-to-assist ratio, that when he's out there, they're going to be a factor."

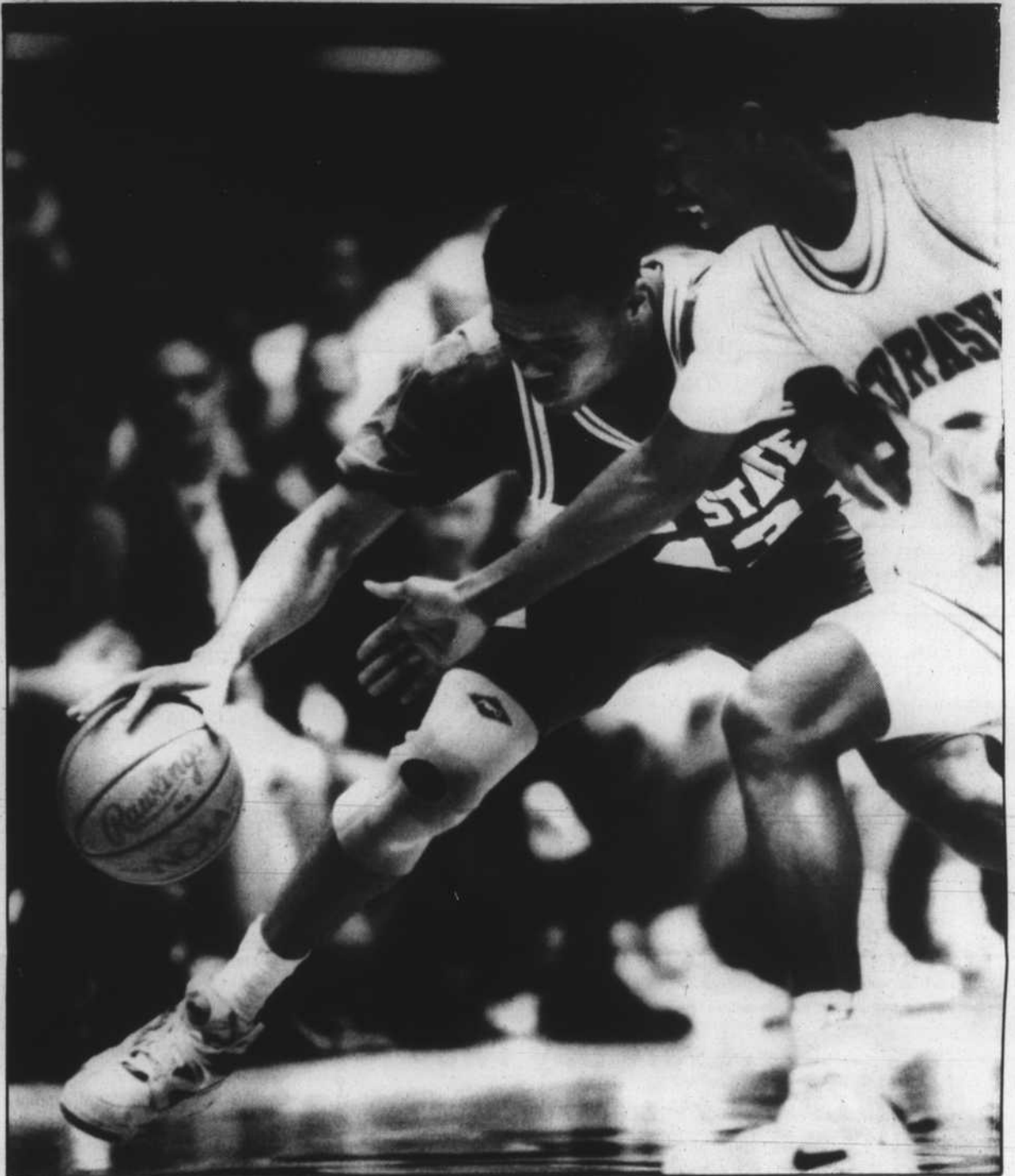
As for Nebraska, a Husker win would allow the team to end the first half of conference play with a 4-3 record.

Bargen said if the Huskers were to win this weekend, they would need to continue their team-oriented play.

The Huskers divided the wealth in Wednesday night's win with four starters scoring in double figures, and will need a similar type of distribution against the Wildcats, the assistant coach said.

"It's got to continue to be a team effort out there," Bargen said. "Our team has to play hard together on both sides of the court."

After Saturday's game, the Huskers will take an eight-day break from conference play before traveling to Missouri to play the Tigers on Feb. 17 on ESPN's "Big Monday."



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Nebraska's Carl Hayes goes for a steal against Iowa State's Howard Eaton in last Saturday's Cornhusker win. The Huskers will try to maintain the momentum from Wednesday's upset of Oklahoma State when they play Kansas State Saturday in Manhattan, Kan.

## Osborne pleased with recruits

New NCAA rules cause no problems

By Chuck Green  
Senior Reporter

When this year's football recruiting season began, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne was apprehensive about his chances to net what he considered some of the country's top high school seniors.

Now, after the results are in from Wednesday's national letter-of-intent signing day, Osborne is breathing a lot easier.

"With the new (NCAA) rules and everything involved, I'd say this year ranks as a nine on a scale of 10," Osborne said Thursday. "When you look at our geographical situation, weather, distance factor and the new rules, our success far exceeds what I thought would happen."

Changes in NCAA rules governing Division I football recruiting include the following:

- Coaches can only see prospective recruits a total of three times off campus.

- Recruiters are restricted to contacting the recruits one time per week on the telephone.

- Only seven coaches are allowed on the road at one time, down from 10 last year.

The rules were implemented to

## 1992 NU football recruiting class

PLAYER	POSITION	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN (High School)
Larry Arnold	OLB	6-5	215	Copley, Ohio
Damon Benning	RB	5-10	175	Omaha, Neb. (Northwest)
Willis Brown	WB	5-8	165	Edmond, Okla.
Clinton Childs	RB	6-0	200	Omaha, Neb. (North)
Chris Dishman	OL	6-4	275	Cozad, Neb.
Tommie Frazier	QB	6-1	190	Brandenton, Fla. (Manatee)
Jon Hesse	LB	6-4	210	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
Mike Minter	DB-RB	5-11	175	Lawton, Okla.
Ed Morrow	LB	6-5	225	St. Louis, Mo. (McCluer)
Kareem Moss	CB	5-10	182	Spartanburg, S.C.
Jeff Ogard	OL	6-6	275	St. Paul, Neb.
Ben Rutz	QB	6-1	180	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Putnam City)
Scott Saltsman	MG	6-2	255	Wichita Falls, Texas (Rider)
T.J. Scribner	TE-LB	6-3	220	Omaha, Neb. (Brownell-Talbot)
Marvin Sims	RB	5-9	175	Apple Valley, Minn.
Jim Stiebel	OG	6-4	255	Bellefonte, Ill. (Althoff)
Eric Stokes	DB	5-10	175	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
Ryan Terwilliger	OLB-TE	6-5	205	Grant, Neb. (Perkins County)
Larry Townsend	DT	6-5	265	San Jose, Calif. (Yerba Buena)
Leonard Washington	DT	6-4	275	Omaha, Neb. (North)
Riley Washington	WB-DB	5-9	160	Sand Diego, Calif. (Southwest)
Toby Wright	S	6-1	205	Phoenix, Ariz. (Dobson)

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save schools money while they were recruiting. Osborne said he didn't know how much Nebraska saved by following the new guidelines.

Osborne said Nebraska signed every one of the in-state players it recruited, and got most of the players Husker coaches considered as top recruiting targets.

The 22 recruits and junior college transfers who signed with the Huskers will likely be underrated by recruiting analysts, Osborne said, but that shouldn't detract from the success the Huskers have had this season.

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## Husker track invitational to test individual athletes

By John Gardner  
Staff Reporter

In a track and field meet designed to bring out the best in individual talent, the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational is annually one of the top ones in the country.

This season is no exception. The meet, consisting of more than 500 athletes from all over the country, will take place Friday and Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Preliminary races are set to begin at 6 tonight, with field events beginning at 5 p.m. The meet will resume Saturday morning at 11, with a two-hour break in the afternoon. Finals will begin at 5 p.m.

Assistant coach Jay Dirksen, who also is the meet co-director, said the Husker Invite is a big, high-quality meet for individuals.

"This type of meet brings out the best in these athletes," Dirksen said. "Everyone will really go for it, giving them a good chance to qualify for nationals."

In 1991, there were 23 automatic qualifying marks, 78 provisional qualifying marks, while five meet records and four Devaney Sports Center records fell.

This season, Dirksen said, the qualifying marks have gotten

tougher, so there may not be as many qualifiers. But, he looks for a lot of fine performances and personal-bests from many Huskers.

"We have a few people right now who are capable of qualifying who haven't yet," Dirksen said. "This is a good time for them get in there and qualify."

Since the first Husker Invite in 1975, 43 Olympians have competed in this meet. Since this is an Olympic year, several Olympic-caliber performers may be competing this weekend. However, Dirksen said, this has been blown out of proportion.

"Typically, very few collegians make the Olympics," he said. "Also, out of the thousands of athletes who compete, only three Americans go in each event. I think the foreign athletes at this meet have more of a shot of going to the Olympics."

But, this doesn't mean the level of competition won't be high, Dirksen said.

For instance, in the women's 3,000-meter run, Nebraska's Fran ten Benschel will be battling it out with three other All-Americans.

"That will probably be the best race of the meet," Dirksen said.

Other events worth watching,

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