

Lopsided score surprises Kansas coach

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Kansas football coach Glen Mason said during the week before his team played Nebraska that the Cornhuskers were one of the top teams in the nation.

He wasn't disappointed. The 13th-ranked Jayhawks came into Lincoln undefeated in Big Eight play, but left Memorial Stadium as 49-7 losers to No. 7 Nebraska.

Mason said that even though he thought Nebraska would be tough, he didn't expect the score to be that lopsided.

"Am I surprised that we got beat by the score we did? Yeah I'm surprised," Mason said. "I knew that we'd have to have a great, great effort to come in here and win this football game, because you can't count on those guys to make any mistakes and they didn't."

The mistakes were made by Kansas. The Jayhawks had the Big Eight's top-rated rushing defense entering the game by allowing an average of 113.8 yards per game, but let the Huskers roll up 351 yards on the ground.

The Jayhawk defense also led the conference in total defense by allowing 283.4 yards per game before Saturday's kickoff. But Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier and the Husker offense had 533 yards against Kansas.

Mason said Frazier deserved a lot of the credit for Nebraska's victory.

"He's got great speed and he doesn't make mistakes," Mason said. "I'm sure that after this year's done, everybody will start talking about the Heisman Trophy."

While Frazier completed six of 11 passes for 161 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions, Kansas quarterback Chip Hillery was 11 for 28 for 145 yards and two interceptions.

Mason said the discrepancy between the quarterbacks symbolized the difference between the two teams' play.

"We're very disappointed — not only because we lost, I don't think we



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Cornhusker quarterback Tommie Frazier runs the ball in Saturday's 49-7 Nebraska win over Kansas.

played very well," Mason said. "All the credit goes to Tom Osborne and his staff and his players; they're awesome."

Mason, Big Eight Coach of the Year last season, said it was hard to

find any positives from the loss that dropped the Jayhawks' record to 4-1 in Big Eight play and 7-2 overall.

"The No. 1 criterion that I use is how we played; if I would've thought that we played well and we lost, I'd be

in here with all smiles," Mason said.

Kansas entered Saturday's game ranked fourth in the nation in scoring offense with an average of 38.5 points per game. The Jayhawks' seven points was their lowest output since last

season's 41-3 loss at Oklahoma.

Mason said that having to suffer through lopsided losses was just part of football.

"That's what's great about this game — there's no place to hide out there," he said.

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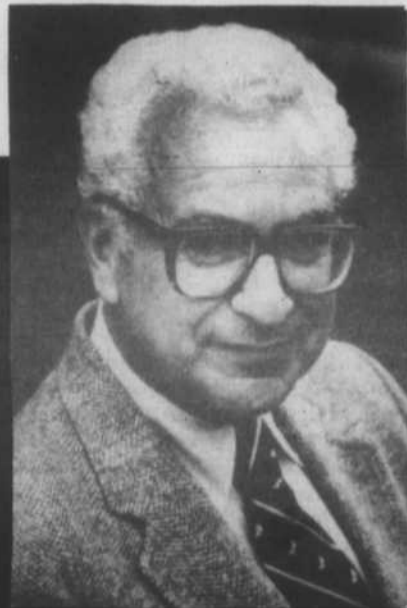
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Shannon nabs Big 8 honor

From Staff Reports

Nebraska senior outside hitter Eileen Shannon was named Big Eight Player of the Week for her performances last week in three Cornhusker volleyball victories over Top 20 teams.

Shannon totaled 15 kills last week in Nebraska's win over Colorado, which assured the Huskers of a share of their 17th consecutive conference title.

In the Arby's Classic in Lincoln last week-

end, Shannon passed former Husker Virginia Stahr and became the school's all-time kill leader with 1,413. She also was named the tournament's most valuable player for leading Nebraska to wins over Texas and Texas Tech.

It was the first conference honor for Shannon this season and the third of her career.

Nebraska maintained its No. 4 ranking in Volleyball Monthly in a poll released on Monday. The Huskers will face No. 1 UCLA and No. 10 Southern California Friday and Saturday in the Pac 10-Big Eight Challenge.

Huskers suffer injuries, flu

From Staff Reports

Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne better not fill out his starting offensive lineup for Saturday's game against Iowa State just yet.

Five Cornhusker offensive players either missed practice or were limited in what they could do Monday.

Heading the list of injured players were tight ends William Washington and Gerald Armstrong. Washington, who suffers from a sprained arch, has a chance to play, Osborne said. Armstrong, a junior who has caught six touchdown passes this season, is "very doubtful for this week," Osborne said.

Offensive tackle Zach Wiegert also missed practice with a sore knee, but should play against the Cyclones, Osborne said.

Split end Tyrone Hughes was sick, but did practice some and wingback Abdul Muhammed, who has a sprained ankle, also participated in part of the workout.

On the defensive side of the ball, only one player missed practice — outside linebacker Trev Alberts, because of the flu.

Other than the missing players, Osborne said practice went as usual for the first day of the week.

"It was a normal practice for a Monday," he said.

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Walden said he thought that one of the keys to the Huskers' domination of Colorado and Kansas had been freshman quarterback Tommie Frazier.

"They have 10 solid players around him, but he seems to be the glue they need to pull the whole thing together," Walden said. "I'd give up parts of my body to have someone like him here for four years."

While Walden said he feared a Husker performance similar to the Kansas and Colorado games, he saw one positive thing about playing at home.

"I'm just glad we're not a ranked team

playing Nebraska in Lincoln on ESPN because that seems like a bad formula," he said.

In other Big Eight news, Nebraska outside linebacker Trev Alberts was named Big Eight Defensive Player of the Week. The 6-4, 230-pound junior recorded eight tackles, two sacks and had four quarterback hurries.

Kansas State running back Eric Gallon was named Big Eight Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for 164 yards on 24 carries in the Wildcats' 22-13 win over Iowa State Thursday.

Gallon won the honor in a split vote over Husker tight end Gerald Armstrong, who caught two touchdown passes against Kansas.

Armstrong also tied an NCAA record for catching six consecutive touchdown passes. He tied the record previously set by Carlos Carson at Louisiana State.