

# Nebraska knocks off No. 3 Jayhawks

## Coach says NCAA berth still possible

By Jeff Singer  
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Nebraska produced another storybook ending against Kansas at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Sunday afternoon.

And the Cornhuskers added another miracle chapter to the saga.

Nebraska used a bit of déjà vu and upset the No. 3 Jayhawks 68-64 in front of 14,679 fans.

Just like last year, a Jamar Johnson three-pointer near the end of the game sank the Jayhawks, who lead the Big Eight conference.

Johnson's bomb this year gave the Huskers a 64-62 lead with one minute left in the game, and heroics by center Derrick Chandler and forward Terrance Badgett sealed the Nebraska win.

After the Jayhawks' Steve Woodberry hit a jump shot to tie the score with 44 seconds left, two free throws by Chandler and a steal and dunk by Badgett as time expired preserved the upset.

Nebraska coach Danny Nee said he was proud that his team never gave up, especially when the Huskers were down 40-31 at halftime.

"I just feel they came out and gave a superhuman effort in the second half and just never quit and never got down," said Nee, whose team improved to 3-4 in conference play. "I really felt Nebraska earned it the hard way."

After being down by nine points at the half, the Huskers' defense stepped up and limited the Jayhawks to 28 percent shooting from the field, as Nebraska outscored Kansas 37-24 in the final 20 minutes.

Johnson said the Huskers' 13-3 spurt to open the second half was key for the win that improved Nebraska's overall record to 15-7.

"I think what really helped us was the way we came out in the second half," Johnson said. "The first five minutes, we wanted to take control of the game."

Kansas coach Roy Williams, whose team dropped to 5-1 in Big Eight play

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Nebraska's Jamar Johnson drives past Kansas' Adonis Jordan in the Cornhuskers' 68-64 victory at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Sunday.

Robin Trimarchi/DN

## Badgett jam erases missed free throws

By Susie Arth  
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It took only 13 seconds for Terrance Badgett to elevate himself after feeling like the lowest man in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

With 16 seconds remaining in Nebraska's game with Kansas Sunday and the Cornhuskers leading 66-64, Badgett missed two free throws.

The Jayhawks rebounded his miss and ran down the floor to go for a tie or win.

"After I missed the free throws, it kind of got to me," he said.

So Badgett vowed to make it up to his team.

With seven seconds remaining, Badgett stole the ball from Jayhawk guard Rex Walters and raced to the Huskers' basket.

"I saw Rex Walters penetrating, and the ball just popped into my hand," he said. "So I went hard toward the other basket."

Badgett said his biggest fear as he dribbled the ball down the court was getting fouled.

But with three seconds remaining, Badgett jammed the ball through the hoop and gave the Huskers a 68-64 victory over the No. 3 Jayhawks.

As Badgett stood under the basket with his arms extended, all he could think about was that he was finally able to make a difference in a game, he said.

"I was one of the contributors to the game," he said. "I helped out."

But Badgett, who went five for six from the field and scored 11 points in the Husker victory, contributed in more ways than just making the final shot.

At the beginning of the second half, Badgett scored four points to help the Huskers dig into a nine-point deficit.

Badgett, a redshirt freshman, said he was uncertain if the time would ever come when he would have the opportunity to be the team hero.

But Husker coach Danny Nee told Badgett to take it day by day, and his chance would come, Badgett said.

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## NU wrestler remains unbeaten; Huskers thrash Golden Gophers

From Staff Reports

Matt Lindland's streak is still alive. Lindland, a 158-pound wrestler from UNL, kept his unbeaten season alive by winning a 4-3 decision Friday over Minnesota's Michael Marzetta.

Lindland, one of seven Nebraska wrestlers to win, helped the Cornhuskers to a 22-9 dual victory over the Golden Gophers at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Marzetta was ranked second in the country behind Lindland entering the match. With the win, Lindland improved to 31-0 on the year.

## Gymnasts win dual against Air Force

From Staff Reports

Nebraska's women's gymnastics team continued its roll Friday, beating Air Force in a dual at the Bob Devaney Sports Center by a score of 190.95 to 169.1.

The Cornhuskers, ranked No. 6 in the country, upped their dual record to 3-1 on the season.

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Nebraska coach Tim Neumann said he expected the dual to be much closer.

"We were on tonight," Neumann said. "If we wouldn't have been sharp tonight, Minnesota would have beaten

us." The Huskers were propelled by a win at 142 pounds by sophomore Mike Eierman. Eierman scored a 10-6 decision over the Gophers' Damon Johnson, who was No. 4 in the country.

"Eierman's win was a great match," Neumann said. "He stayed tough and kept a lot of pressure on Johnson. He's lost a lot of matches in the third period. It was nice to see him wrestle a full seven minutes."

Other winners for Nebraska included Tony Purler at 126, John Buxton at 134, Tommy Robbins at 167, Corey Olson at 177 and Ovanes Oganisian at 190.

the floor exercise and won the event. The score was the highest score in any event by a Cornhusker gymnast this season.

Other event winners for Nebraska included Jenkins, who won the vault with a score of 9.7 and the uneven bars with a score of 9.85. Camp won the balance beam with a score of 9.8.

## Huskers edged out by second-half rally

By Beau Finley  
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Just when it looked like destiny was on Nebraska's side Sunday, Oklahoma State slapped a huge victory away from the Cornhuskers.

The No. 22 Nebraska women's basketball team lost a 15-point second-half lead and lost 64-58 to the Cowgirls at Gallagher-Iba arena in Stillwater, Okla.

Nebraska's loss came just two days after the Huskers beat Oklahoma on the road.

The Huskers were in control for most of the game, gaining a 32-25 lead at halftime and jumping out early in the second half.

But behind a 15-point second-half performance from senior Lisa McGill, Oklahoma State rallied to take a 46-45 lead with seven minutes to play.

The Cowgirls then used aggressive offensive rebounding and hot free-throw shooting to ice the victory before 1,564 fans.

Junior Nafeesah Brown and se-

nior Karen Jennings had 23 and 16 points respectively for the Huskers.

Nebraska coach Angela Beck said the loss to the Cowgirls was tough to take.

"This is the one that got away," Beck said. "We could have won this game, but we didn't execute when we had to. . . . Their run (in the second half) broke our backs."

The loss dropped Nebraska to 16-5 overall and 6-3 in the Big Eight. Oklahoma State improved to 20-3 overall and 8-1 in the conference.

On Friday, the Huskers were able to defeat the Sooners 97-83 behind the 35-point performance by Jennings. Brown and Sara Offringa chipped in 13 apiece for the Huskers.

Beck said the Oklahoma win was satisfying.

"To win by 14 points on the road is a great tribute to this team," Beck said. "We could have folded, but we kept our composure."