

No limelight no big deal for Glock

By Derek Samson
Senior Reporter

Jason Glock has always been realistic.

Glock knew he had a reasonable chance to play major college basketball after leading Wahoo to four consecutive Class B state championships.

Now that he's played in college for two years, the 6-foot-5-inch sophomore guard is still just as realistic about his college career.

After playing in 20 games — 10 in which he played more than 10 minutes — as a true freshman, Glock decided last season to redshirt.

And Glock said he had benefited from that decision.

"I figured I would have to do it one year and that last year would be the easiest," he said. "Last year I was able to sit back and look at the game and see what I needed to do to be competitive this year. I think it helped me with parts of my game, like shooting."

Glock almost didn't make it to the point of redshirting last season.

After his freshman season, Glock said he had thoughts about transferring, but he wanted to prove he could play for Nebraska.

"I think that goes through almost everyone's mind after their first year," he said. "You don't see a lot of action, and you're not sure where you fit in. I wanted to stay, and I'm really glad I did."

"I came in here intimidated at first, but after my first year I realized I could play at this level."

Glock said he had to improve his ball-handling skills to perform at this level.

"The biggest obstacle for me was my ball handling," he said. "I had to go from high school, where I never dribbled the ball, to having to bring it up the court against pressure. That was just another challenge for me."

This season, Glock is averaging 5.2 points, 2.1 rebounds and 16 minutes a game.

Glock said the lack of action did not bother him.

"That's all the playing time I deserve," he said. "I haven't been playing well. Hopefully, I'll start playing better and shooting better and then I'll see more playing time, but I've been struggling."

"The last couple games I was barely hitting the rim, so when I start shooting better I'll see more playing time. If we're winning, I'm not concerned

See GLOCK on 8



Michelle Paulman/DN

Nebraska's Eric Piatkowski (middle) and the Huskers will try to break a three-game losing streak when they travel to Kansas Sunday.

NU taking 'stale' act on the road

By Tim Pearson
Senior Reporter

In the last 10 years, Kansas has been 147-15 at home in Allen Fieldhouse.

Nebraska basketball coach Danny Nee said playing at Kansas might provide a cure for his team's three-game losing streak.

"At this time the road might help us," Nee said. "The monkey's off our back on the road, and most people don't expect you to win."

Nebraska will play third-ranked Kansas Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in Lawrence. The game will be televised by ABC.

Cornhusker guard Jaron Boone said Nebraska had to go into the game with the attitude that they could defeat the 19-3 Jayhawks.

"When you're at home, there are so many distractions," he said. "On the road, you're strictly down there to win the game."

Nee said the Huskers, 12-5 overall and 2-3 in the conference, needed to shoot well and keep Kansas from get-

ting too many fast breaks.

"We can't shoot the three-pointer in transition," he said. "We have to try and make them play defense."

"We want to try and take the higher percentage shot."

The Jayhawks' guard combination of freshman Jacque Vaughn and senior Steve Woodberry will be tough to stop, Nee said.

"We really respect their transition game," he said. "We have to have two guys back on defense."

"With the ball going foul line to foul line, I don't think there are two quicker players in the country."

Woodberry, a second-team All-Big Eight performer last season, leads the Jayhawks in scoring with 15.2 points per game, and Vaughn leads the team in assists with almost five per game.

Nee said not only was Kansas tough outside, but the team was also tough inside with 6-foot-7-inch Richard Scott and 7-foot-2-inch Greg Ostertag in the middle.

"I like Kansas," he said. "They are a smart, tough basketball team. They

are one of the more talented teams in the country, and they've beaten some quality teams."

"I like everything about Kansas. Generally speaking, Kansas basketball is alive and healthy."

The Jayhawks are alive and healthy despite two losses in their last five games—including a 68-64 home loss to Kansas State on Jan. 17.

The Huskers haven't played in seven days, and they have played only four games in the last month.

That will change starting with the Kansas game, which kicks off a stretch of four games in the span of eight days.

Nee said the schedule had not helped his team.

"We've become very stale, but that's not an excuse," he said. "The breaks have been hard for us to get momentum, and that hurt us."

Boone said if the Huskers could pull off the upset, they would be able to use the momentum.

"If we can get one victory, we can pick it up and keep progressing."

Probable Starters

Nebraska
vs.
Kansas
Sunday, 12:36 P.M.
Lawrence, Kansas

Nebraska (12-4/2-2)

Pos.	Player	Ht.	ppg	rpg
F	Bruce Chubick	6-7	11.0	6.4
F	Tom Best	6-9	4.8	4.8
G	Eric Piatkowski	6-7	19.6	6.1
G	Jaron Boone	6-1	10.8	2.5
G	Jamar Johnson	5-11	10.3	2.7

Kansas (19-3/4-2)

Pos.	Player	Ht.	ppg	rpg
F	Patrick Richey	6-7	7.6	4.3
F	Richard Scott	6-6	14.0	5.0
C	Greg Ostertag	7-1	9.3	8.6
G	Jacque Vaughn	6-0	7.2	2.3
G	Steve Woodberry	6-3	15.2	4.4

NU wrestlers lose dual to Minnesota

From Staff Reports

The fifth-ranked Minnesota wrestling team beat No. 6 Nebraska 34-7 in a dual at Worthington, Minn., on Thursday night.

The loss dropped Nebraska to 9-5 in dual competition, while Minnesota improved to 14-1.

Nebraska's Scott Gonyo, ranked No. 7 at 118 pounds, and Justin Ware, at 142 pounds, were the only individual winners for the Huskers.

Those Cornhuskers won two of the three matches, but went on to lose six straight to close out the match.

Assistant coach Mark Cody said the Huskers wrestled better than the final score indicated.

"We could have wrestled better, but we didn't wrestle as bad as the score indicates," he said.

Sixth-ranked Huskers to face Cyclones challenge

By Tim Pearson
Senior Reporter

Almost two-thirds of the way through the season, the Nebraska wrestling team has met coach Tim Neumann's expectations.

Now they're trying to exceed them starting with Sunday's dual against Iowa State at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa.

"At the beginning of the year, we said we wanted to be in the top 10," he said. "We met that goal, and now want to challenge Oklahoma State in the Big Eight and finish in the top five at Nationals."

The Huskers are now 9-5 and ranked No. 6 in the country. The Cyclones are ranked 10th with a 5-5 dual record.

Nebraska earned Iowa State earlier this year at the National Duals, but Neumann said wrestling on the Cyclones' home floor was no easy task.

"It's hard to win at Hilton," he said. "We've won only one time there, and that was the year we were 21-2 and had maybe our best team."

“ “
If we're healthy we'd expect to win, but they have three or four real tough kids and a bunch of guys who are really young.
— Neumann
NU Wrestling coach

“They get great crowds. They're not used to having less than 500 people.”

Neumann said the Cyclones could shuffle their lineup, which could make the dual closer.

“They have a lineup that if they move people down, then it could be close,” he said. “But it depends on how important the dual is to them.”

“If we're healthy we'd expect to win, but they have three or four real tough kids and a bunch of guys who are really young.”

One of those tough kids is Eric Akin, who has wrestled at both 118 and 126 pounds this season.

Akin was named the outstanding wrestler at the National Duals, and Neumann said the honor was deserved.

“At 118, he's definitely a contender for national honors,” he said. “And at 126 he's still great, probably in the top five.”

Neumann said Steve Baer, the Huskers' 126-pounder, should be able to give Akin a test.

Akin barely beat Baer 4-3 at the National Duals. Baer is 20-12 and ranked 10th in the nation.

“Steve Baer is a kid now that I'll never bet against after his performance against Oklahoma,” Neumann said. “His self-image has gotten a lot better.”

Baer was originally going to sit out the match against the Sooners because of back spasms, but at the last minute, he decided to wrestle. He responded with a pin, which made the difference in the dual.