

# Giant NU blocks intimidate Jayhawks

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As far as Kansas volleyball coach Karen Schonewise is concerned, Nebraska had the Jolly Green Giant blocking on its side of the net Wednesday night.

Schonewise, a former Nebraska All-American, said the Jayhawks, 5-11 and 0-3 in the Big Eight, were scared of Nebraska's blockers, and the Cornhuskers took advantage by defeating Kansas 15-4, 15-6, 15-2 at the NU Coliseum.

"I think our players were intimidated a little early in the match by the size of their block," Schonewise said. "They weren't used to seeing a block that big."

In the match, Nebraska had 12 team blocks compared to the Jayhawks' five. The Huskers had 16 block assists, their third highest total of the season, and four solo blocks, also their third highest.

At one time, Nebraska had a front line of 6-foot Stacie Maser, 6-foot-2 Jen McFadden and 6-foot-4 Lisa Reitsma up to block Kansas, and Schonewise said that was difficult for any team to hit around.

The Jayhawks were held to a season-low .080 hitting percentage.

Despite Nebraska's dominance, Schonewise said she was pleased with her team's performance.

"I was fairly pleased with the way we played," Schonewise said. "I thought our defensive effort was much improved over what we've had before."

Kansas struggled throughout the match, hitting a negative percentage in all three matches. The Jayhawks hit -.111 in the first game, -.057 in the second and -.077 in the third game.

That again was because of the Nebraska defensive block.

"It's very difficult, not so much to hit over or around, but because Nebraska plays such good defense, so even if we hit over or around the block, someone is there to dig it."

With all the bad numbers, Schonewise said the reason her team lost was the strength of Nebraska and the inexperience of the Jayhawks. Kansas has only two seniors on the team and has seven sophomores.

"They just have a great team," Schonewise said. "Top to bottom, their offense, their defense, they just give a great team effort."

And that starts with Schonewise's former coach Terry Pettit. Schonewise played for the Huskers from 1983 to 1987, and she learned a lot from Pettit in her time at Nebraska.

"I respect Terry very much," Schonewise said. "We've known each other for a long time, and it's not so much me against him, it's our teams playing each other."

## Win

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may just have to play with that discomfort." McFadden's limited ability was not felt Wednesday against the Jayhawks. Nebraska was never challenged, gaining leads of 5-0, 4-0 and 7-0 in the three games before Kansas earned a point.

Kansas posed its biggest threat in the second game, cutting the Husker lead to 4-3 before Weston took over, leading Nebraska to eight straight points. Kansas hit .080 in the match, the second straight time a Husker opponent has been held to a negative hitting percentage. The Jayhawks never have beaten Nebraska in 55 tries.

"Most of their players are back from last year," Nebraska setter Christy Johnson said. "So we have seen them a lot. We knew that they couldn't really match up with us physically."

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## Beck calls for national crackdown

From the Associated Press

The University of Nebraska women's basketball coach says it is time for a nationwide crackdown on college athletes who commit violent crimes.

Angela Beck said an assault on one of her players by star football player Lawrence Phillips brought the issue into focus for her.

She said national criteria were needed for evaluating the behavioral records of recruits, and for observing and guiding some once they reach campus.

"I don't think that the standards for dealing with criminal acts, in-

cluding assaultive behavior, should necessarily be on a coach-by-coach, team-by-team, school-by-school basis," Beck said.

"There should be an institutional clearinghouse that would oversee any student athlete who has a record of criminal or assaultive behavior," she said. "A student athlete that breaks the law would have to abide by a departmental standard similar to the student code of conduct. It could be developed by an athletic committee."

Phillips, a junior running back from West Covina, Calif., was convicted of misdemeanor assault for hitting his ex-girlfriend Kate

McEwen, a 20-year-old basketball player.

Phillips awaits sentencing. He was suspended from the football team indefinitely, but head football coach Tom Osborne has said Phillips could play this season.

"I feel a responsibility to make sure that things like this don't happen again at the University of Nebraska or at any university," Beck said. "We need a national discussion of the issue."

Beck, who has declined many requests for interviews, said she hesitated to speak out for fear her comments would be interpreted as criticism of Osborne or Nebraska's football program.

## CU quarterback can resume practice

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Colorado quarterback Koy Detmer, who has been sidelined with a torn ligament, can resume practice immediately, according to team doctors.

Detmer will be allowed to practice on a limited basis through the end of the week and will be evaluated daily. It's uncertain whether he will play in Saturday's home game against Kansas.

Detmer, a junior, has been sidelined since tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the 29-21 win over Texas A&M Sept. 23.

He underwent a Cybex test Tuesday to determine the difference in strength of his knees. Trainers said the injured knee was 6 percent weaker than the other knee.

"The strength deficit is of minor concern, and it's something that can be made up in just a few days," said Dave Burton, Colorado's sports medicine director.

"He has very little swelling in the knee, and he has complete full range of motion without any pain," Burton added.

Detmer is "completely functional"

in his brace, and his knee doesn't shift in it, he said.

The medical staff has been talking to Detmer's parents and other doctors, Burton said, and the consensus is that Detmer can put off surgery until after the season. But the surgery would be moved up if he has any problems.

Contributing to the decision to delay surgery were the knee's function and Detmer's desire to play. Colorado officials said. He is a fourth-year junior, having used his redshirt year in 1993.

## Colman

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me to make the tackle," Colman said. "We were really excited we started blitzing in the second half."

Also in the second half the Cougars' offense became predictable, and that made his duties as MIKE linebacker a little easier, said Colman, who had six tackles against Washington State.

"I was thinking they were going to come out and run some more difficult things," Colman said. "They did some things with their receivers that I was worried about, but we really didn't see many changes in our coverage."

The player who spelled Colman

when he needed a rest against Washington State was junior MIKE linebacker Jon Hesse.

Colman said Hesse, who is fifth on the team with 19 tackles, needed to get experience this season because he may be the starter next year.

"He needs this right now to get that big-game experience," Colman said. "He got in there early, and I don't think anybody saw anything, but with his technique he made some big plays inside that helped out other people."

Also, a close game was something Colman said he was excited to see.

Colman said the 35-21 victory over Washington State tested the team's character, and the Huskers responded well.

"We had to do things in this past game that we haven't had to do," Colman said. "We had to come together as a team because we were down 0-7."

"We pulled together as a team and we came out on top."

The Huskers' week off before playing host to Missouri Oct. 14 would give the Nebraska defense time to iron out some problems, Colman said. But it also would be a time to reflect on how good Nebraska might be, he said, especially since the Huskers beat the Cougars by only 14 points.

"It puts us in a position where maybe we aren't as good as we think we are," Colman said. "This week off is going to help us prepare for Missouri and get things straight."

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## Gymnasts sport quality grades

From Staff Reports

Last year's Nebraska women's gymnastics team recorded a near perfect score — on its report cards.

The team led the nation in cumulative grade point average with a 3.561 mark.

Joy Taylor and Kim DeHaan posted perfect 4.0 GPAs for the second consecutive season.

Kristi Camp (3.94), Nicole Duval (3.91), Shelly Bartlett (3.88) and Meghan Nicolini (3.54) all earned recognition for finishing with GPAs above 3.5.

"It's something we strived for," Nebraska coach Dan Kendig said. "The academic achievements of some have pushed others on the team to excel. It's a great honor to have earned the academic national championship."