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Luther Hardin, right, wrap up Kansas tailback L.T. Levine.



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Houston III. Frazier broke the Nebraska total offense record held by

## Top 25 teams

This week's polls are shown with first-place votes in parentheses.

### Associated Press

Rank	School	Record	Points	Pvs.
1	Nebraska (45)	10-0-0	1,530	1
2	Ohio St. (12)	10-0-0	1,476	2
3	Florida (5)	9-0-0	1,458	3
4	Tennessee	8-1-0	1,350	4
5	Northwestern	9-1-0	1,295	5
6	Florida St.	8-1-0	1,239	6
7	Kansas St.	9-1-0	1,172	7
8	Notre Dame	8-2-0	1,105	8
9	Colorado	8-2-0	963	9
10	Texas	7-1-1	950	11
11	Southern Cal	8-1-1	885	12
12	Michigan	8-2-0	772	13
13	Virginia	8-3-0	743	14
14	Arkansas	8-2-0	725	15
15	Kansas	8-2-0	685	10
16	Oregon	8-2-0	649	17
17	Alabama	8-2-0	617	16
18	Texas A&M	6-2-0	521	18
19	Penn St.	6-3-0	438	19
20	Virginia Tech	8-2-0	413	21
21	Auburn	7-3-0	405	20
22	Washington	6-3-1	275	22
23	Syracuse	7-2-0	147	23
24	Clemson	7-3-0	122	24
25	Miami	6-3-0	53	--

### USA Today/CNN Coaches Poll

Rank	School	Record	Points	Pvs.
1	Nebraska (50)	10-0-0	1,535	1
2	Ohio St. (11)	10-0-0	1,476	2
3	Florida (1)	9-0-0	1,453	3
4	Tennessee	8-1-0	1,337	4
5	Northwestern	9-1-0	1,277	5
6	Florida St.	8-1-0	1,220	6
7	Kansas St.	9-1-0	1,189	7
8	Texas	7-1-1	1,043	8
9	Colorado	8-2-0	969	10
10	Notre Dame	8-2-0	962	9
11	Southern Cal	8-1-1	951	10
12	Virginia	8-3-0	796	13
13	Arkansas	8-2-0	683	16
14	Michigan	8-2-0	676	15
15	Texas A&M	6-2-0	642	14
16	Oregon	8-2-0	620	17
17	Kansas	8-2-0	554	12
18	Virginia Tech	8-2-0	508	19
19	Alabama	8-2-0	507	18
20	Auburn	7-3-0	410	20
21	Penn St.	6-3-0	326	21
22	Syracuse	7-2-0	301	22
23	Washington	6-3-1	243	23
24	Clemson	7-3-0	153	25
25	Brigham Young	6-3-0	82	--

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## Game Day notebook

**Nebraska Kansas**

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Kansas coach Glen Mason argued with officials after time expired at the end of the first half as the Jayhawks tried to line up for a 39-yard field goal.

"I knew that was the right call," Mason said. "What I was talking to the officials about—and don't take this as a criticism because I can't afford to be fined — was that I thought they spotted the ball slow on the play before that. I knew the clock would run with five seconds on it."

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Kansas' reaction to its own stadium being flooded by at least 20,000 fans in Nebraska red was more praise for Cornhusker fans than criticism of Jayhawk fans.

"Nebraska fans are on the wagon all the time," Mason said. "They sure had a lot of people down here."

Kansas defensive tackle Kevin Kopp agreed.

"They have great fans," Kopp said. "You can't take anything away from those Nebraska fans. With a following like that, it's tough to lose even on the road."

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Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier, who broke Jerry Tagge's total offense record Saturday with 186 yards, walked from the locker room to the team bus on crutches. Frazier said he was playing at about 85 percent for most of the day. He received treatment on Sunday for plantar fasciitis, which is a sore heel and arch. He may miss a couple of days of practice.

"It's just real sore, and it's hard for me to walk on it," he said. "It's more the whole foot, the heel and the ankle. It's been bothering me for the last couple days, and the more I played, the more it hurt."

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True freshman I-back Ahman Green ran 10 times for 45 yards against Kansas, becoming the first Nebraska freshman and the fourth freshman in Big Eight history to gain 1,000 yards. Green, who has 1,042 yards on 128 attempts, needs 86 yards against Oklahoma to break Kansas tailback June Henley's Big Eight freshman rushing record set in 1993.

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Kansas tailback L.T. Levine had caught 16 passes in nine games before playing Nebraska Saturday. The 5-foot-10, 210-pound senior caught nine passes for 51 yards against the Huskers.

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Nebraska true freshman place-kicker Kris Brown hit all five of his extra points Saturday. Brown, who is 54 of 57 for the season, needs seven successful conversions against Oklahoma to break Rich Sanger's school record. Brown also has scored 84 points this year, only three points shy of Gregg Barrios' school-record 87 points scored by a kicker.

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Kansas' three points against Nebraska were a season low. The Jayhawks, who had 9 yards rushing heading into the third quarter, ran for 72 yards on the day. Nebraska has held six opponents this season to 72 yards or fewer rushing.

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Injury report: Tight end Mark Gilman sprained his ankle and may miss a couple of days, and I-back Lawrence Phillips re-aggravated his sprained left ankle. The Huskers will not practice today.

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## Coach praises players despite loss to NU

By Derek Samson  
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LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas coach Glen Mason spent Saturday afternoon watching his 10th-ranked Jayhawks get routed 41-3 — committing five turnovers and scoring no touchdowns — all in their home stadium that was half-full of Nebraska fans.

So why wasn't Mason angry when at his post-game press conference?

"I told you they were good," Mason said as he sat down. "I thought the players played extremely hard. I thought we played well defensively. I thought we threw the ball well. I don't think the score was that indicative of what the game was like. Overall, I was pleased with how hard my players played."

Kansas threw 50 times for 273 yards and finished with 345 yards of total offense. Nebraska had 375 total offensive yards, including 289 yards rushing.

"I guess I'm finally a passing coach," Mason joked. "I don't know how many of you guys thought coming into the game that Kansas would have 82 snaps for 345 yards and Nebraska would have 66 snaps for 375 yards. But that doesn't mean anything. The score was still 41-3."

But the most harmful statistics for the Jayhawks were the three interceptions and two fumbles.

"To play Nebraska and beat them, you would have to play errorless foot-

ball," Mason said. "Really with all our mistakes, I thought we were hanging in there pretty well. It all goes back to our players playing hard. Some of them probably learned some things about themselves against a very, very good football team."

Perhaps the biggest turnover came after Kansas had just forced Nebraska to go three plays and out on its first series.

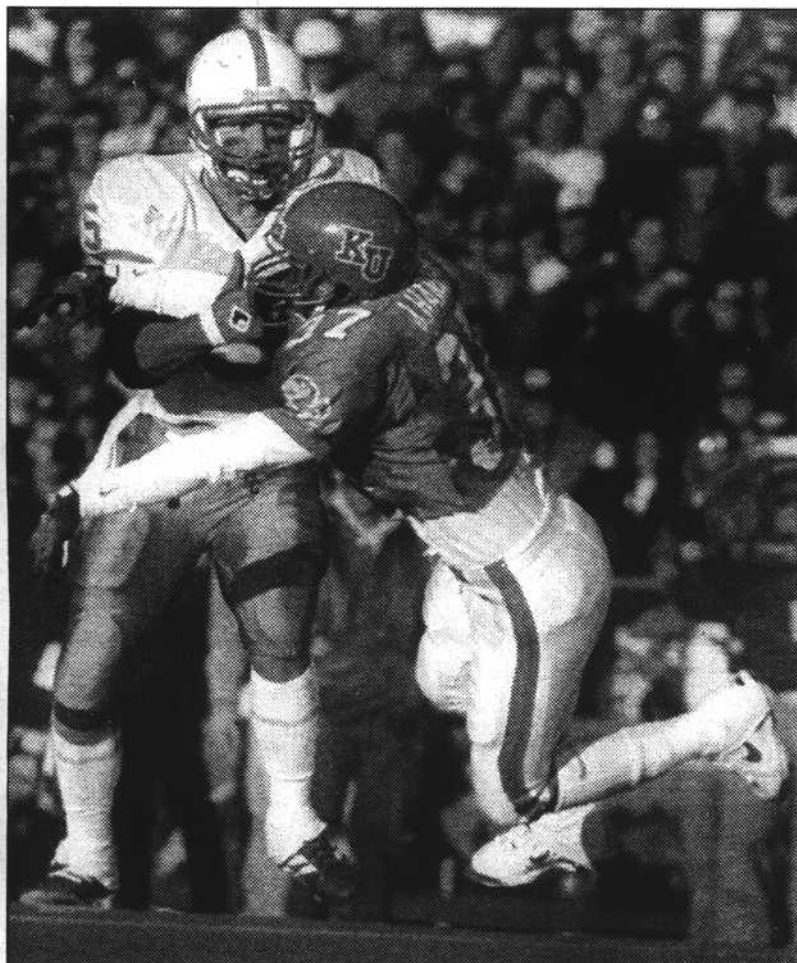
Kansas punt returner Isaac Byrd fumbled Jesse Kosch's punt, and Nebraska's Jon Vedral recovered the loose ball in the end zone for Nebraska's first score.

"I know I personally accounted for seven of their points," Byrd said. "He (Kosch) had a great hang time on it, then I took a glance at the line coming down, and it just hit my shoulder. I had a chance of getting back on top of it, but the guy did a good job of holding me down."

Despite the turnovers, Mason said his team did everything he asked of it.

"We had way too many turnovers, obviously," Mason said. "But there was a bunch of kids playing hard—that's all it takes. And obviously, we were pretty well prepared for this game because Nebraska's got a lot of weapons."

"No one likes to win more than me. But more importantly, it's when the kids all played hard. And today, they played their tails off. I don't like the mistakes, and I'll take the blame for that. But overall, we were prepared to play against the number one team in the country."



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Nebraska's Brendan Holbein is hit by Jamie Harris while trying to catch a pass.