Huskers rout ISU: Kansas next

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"I was frustrated with her several times," Beck said, "but McClain is a big reason this game was won because she took two huge charges that were momentum changes. She also hit those two crucial inside shots. She played tough and I felt Tina McClain proved she had tough character tonight."

The Huskers character was in doubt the first 10 minutes of the game as the Cyclones built a 16-10 lead.

After a Nebraska time-out the Huskers installed their 2-2-1 press and went on a 19-2 run in the next 7:04. The press forced Iowa State to commit six turnovers, but more importantly, the Cyclones were unable to get a good look at the basket.

During the Huskers' run, Iowa State missed seven shots, six from behind the three-point line.

"We came out in a press and really flustered them," DeForge said. "Our defense picked it up and they weren't getting the good looks they were getting before. We have fallen back on our defense before and once again it prevailed for us."

The Cyclones were able to cut the

People say 'can you handle playing in a close game?' Well, we didn't make it close."

> ANGELA BECK NU women's basketball coach

a 9-2 run to take 13-point lead with record to 15-3 and 6-1 in the league. 15:10 left in the game.

to six with 11:18 remaining and eight and will be regionally televised by Fox with 3:18 left it was never able to get Sports (Cable Channel 58).

Nebraska was also aided by the ejection of Iowa State Coach Bill Fennelly with 1:24 remaining. Fennelly received two technical fouls for protesting a call and walking to mid-court to have words with an official.

made six straight free throws -eight goal of winning the Big 12 title. in a span of 12 seconds - to open a 20-point lead.

The win sets up Sunday's showdown with co-North Division leader Huskers lead to 32-26 at halftime. Kansas. The Jayhawks defeated Texas Nebraska opened the second half with Tech 69-52 Thursday to improve their don't."

The game begins at 4 p.m. Sun-Although Iowa State cut the lead day at the Bob Devaney Sports Center

> "The Kansas game is going to be tough," DeForge said. "It's our first TV game, but we are really excited about it. We needed to get some confidence out of this game going into that game.'

Beck said the game will be a big Following the technicals, DeForge step for the Huskers in realizing their

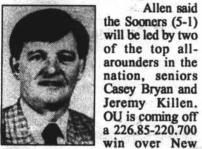
> "Right now we have the best record in our league," Beck said. "We are still looking to win a Big 12 Championship. It means you either beat them and have a chance to win or you

mnasts eager to dual OU at home

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"They have a good team," Allen said. "They just weren't ready for what we were at the Rocky Mountain."

Allen said



end.

The Huskers, Allen said, will bring a more balanced attack to the meet

with junior Bill Mulholland and freshman Derek Leiter leading the way in the all-around.

In the six-team field at the Rocky Mountain Open, Leiter was third in the all-around (54.5) behind

Mulholland (56.3) and Bryan (57.3). Sophomore Marshall Nelson could provide some of the highest scores of the evening, Allen said. At the Open, Nelson scored a 9.7 on the floor, a 9.65 on the pommel horse and a 9.6 on the parallel bars. Nelson, a native of Greeley, Colo., will compete in every event but the still rings, Allen said.

Junior all-arounder Jim Koziol will not compete Saturday. Koziol is recov- men's teams would benefit from havering from shoulder surgery he had in ing the meet in Lincoln. Mexico last week-December and may not return until "I think its going to be a little more mid-February, if he returns at all this relaxing for us," he said. "We need to season.

Allen said both the women's and we're going to be."

We need to get going and see how good of a team we're going to be."

> FRANCIS ALLEN NU men's gymnastics coach

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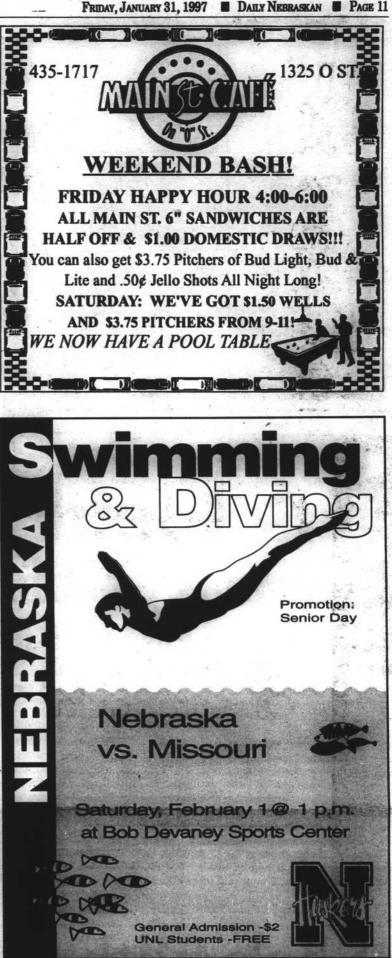
Since his return, Vaughn has masterfully directed KU's potent attack, momentum on their side. We picture per game. averaging 10 points and 5.4 assists. their big goal as the national champi-Forward Raef LaFrentz leads Kansas onship. I think that's what they are "Rodney is big-time," Rike said. "He's just a winner. He had the highwith a 17.6 point-per-game average, gearing themselves for." super sophomore Paul Pierce scores 15.1 points and Jerod Haase adds 13.3 points per game.

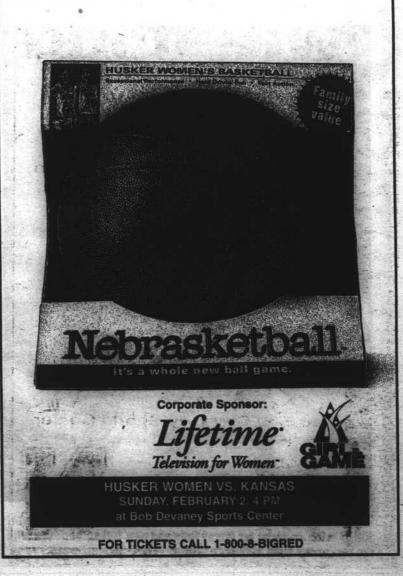
Nee said. "They find a way to win. cause of a nagging knee injury, re- schools. Rike said Eldridge will

Fields, the only freshman starter "They're playing with tremendous on Tyler's 14-5 team that began the confidence and harmony," Nee said. season ranked No. 1 in the nation, "They're playing like a team that has averages 13 points and eight rebounds

> est grade-point average on the team last semester, and he works hard every day."

Stephen Eldridge, a 6-10 Tyler NU sophomore Larry Florence, sophomore, has also drawn recruiting "They don't even blink an eye," who didn't play Wednesday night be- interest from Nebraska, among other





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you come to Nebraska, to play the No. should be available to play Saturday. ing a letter of intent in April. team in the country."

Last year, Nebraska entered Lawrence losers of six straight games, but with 8:50 to play, NU took a 60-59 lead before Kansas pulled away to win 81-71. Tyronn Lue, then a freshman, scored 21 points, playing just as well - if not better - than Vaughn, who scored 13 points with seven assists.

"I love playing at Kansas," Nebraska forward Venson Hamilton said. "It's one of the most enjoyable places to play at."

Decade-old statistics do little to back up Hamilton's liking for Allen NCAA academic requirements, is en-Fieldhouse. Nebraska last won in Lawrence in 1983, and the Jayhawks own an average victory margin of 14 points per game since NU's last win.

Kansas, ranked in the Top 10 for home winning streak and a 6-0 record against ranked foes this season into Saturday's showdown. With a win consider looking at another school," over Nebraska, KU will start 22-0 for Rike said. "He really liked what he saw the first time in school history, eclips- up there, and I know he was really ing the record of 21-0 set in the 1935- disappointed when he didn't make it."

This is what it's all about. This is why turned to practice on Thursday and choose a school shortly before sign-

The 6-5 Florence has started 17 games for the Huskers this season, third most on the team. He averages 8.6 points and 3.8 rebounds per game.

Tampa guard still likes NU

Rodney Fields, a 6-3 guard from Tampa, Fla., who signed with Nebraska last spring but did not meet joying a successful season at Tyler (Texas) Junior College. Tyler Coach Fred Rike said Thurs-

day that Fields "has his heart set on attending Nebraska" after completing 46 straight weeks, carries a 39-game his junior-college eligibility next season.

"I don't think Rodney would even

