

Sports Opinion



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Why can't we all just love Frost?

Why does everybody hate Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost?

Why does he deserve to be booed at by a number of Husker fans who were loud enough to make their objections of Frost's playing time known to the coaches and players on the field?

Do they despise him because the Wood River graduate and all-state athlete decided to go to Stanford and play football for Bill Walsh, instead of donning the crimson and cream.

Of course, it is terrible that an 18-year-old kid can't make a decision to go to a university with a coach known for his preparation and teaching of NFL quarterbacks. God forbid Scott wanting to give himself an opportunity.

Or are people upset at Frost for not being Tommie Frazier?

This seems to lack validity, because in Frost's first year as quarterback he completed 52 percent of his passes, while Frazier completed just 44 percent. Frost rushed for 438 yards while Frazier had just 399.

Granted, Frazier had 704 yards rushing his sophomore season and 604 his senior season (he had 248 his junior season but was injured for most of the year), but in the first two games this season, Frost has 175 yards. If he stays healthy, he should finish the year with more than 700 yards.

Also in Frazier's best season he was just a 57-percent passer.

Do people blame Frost for last season's losses to Arizona State and Texas, which cost the Huskers a chance of winning their third straight national championship?

Frost was sacked three times in the ASU game for safeties but where was the protection from the offensive line. Against Texas, the Frost-led Husker offense scored 27 points, what should be more than enough for the Husker defense.

Do Nebraska fans think Frankie London is the next Frazier?

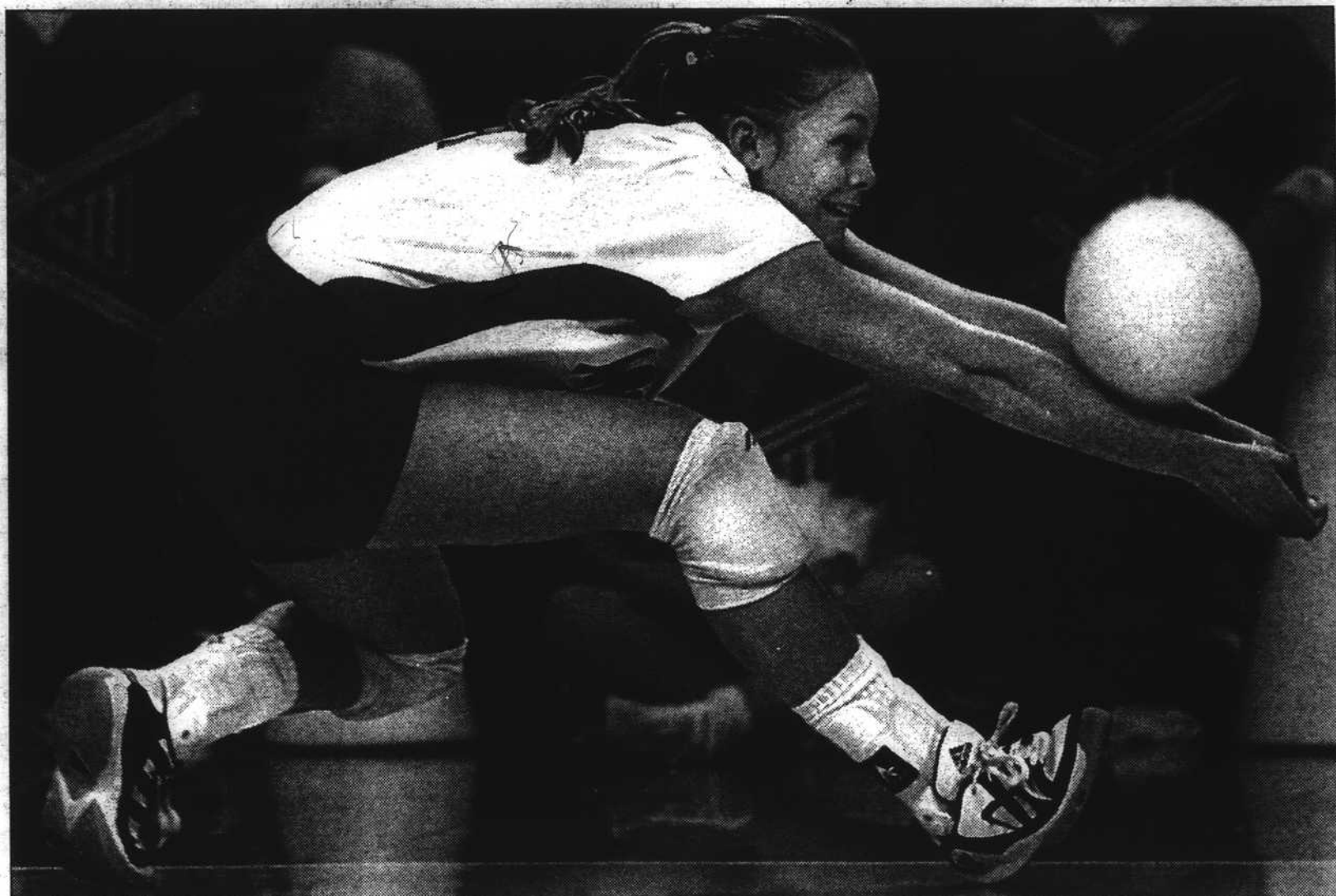
Surely, that was the hype when London was recruited. He would be the next Frazier. But London is just starting to live up to expectations.

London is content and happy with being the No. 2 signal caller right now. So, why does Frost deserve the booing?

"He's our best quarterback," Coach Tom Osborne said. "Other than one or two plays today, (Frost) played flawlessly. For heaven's sakes, you watch Joe Montana, and he didn't compete every pass."

But for Frost the fans' expectations may always be greater than any of his accomplishments.

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MATT MILLER/DN

MANDY MONSON digs an Oral Roberts attack Friday night at the NU Coliseum during Nebraska's three-game win. The Huskers defeated Tennessee on Saturday morning and Ohio State on Saturday night to win the Arby's Classic for the sixth straight year.

NU blows by No. 17 OSU

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Mistakes and miscues by Ohio State transformed a battle of ranked teams into an easy victory for the Nebraska volleyball team Saturday night.

The Cornhuskers — who swept Oral Roberts and Tennessee earlier in the Arby's Classic — needed less than two hours to defeat OSU 15-5, 15-13, 15-11 in front of 4,221 at the NU Coliseum.

Several kill attempts by the No. 17 Buckeyes were either halted by the hands of the Husker blockers or bobbled by the attackers.

Momentum-swinging service opportunities resulted in OSU service errors nine different times, and late block set-ups seldom phased the fifth-ranked Huskers (8-1).

"We did hang in there," Ohio State coach Jim Stone said. "But every time we made a mistake — whether we freeballed it over or we didn't get a good swing or we didn't serve tough, Nebraska, just like any good team would do, capitalized on it."

"As a team, we're just not at that point where we can keep going and going and not make any critical mistakes."

With one chance to extend the match and avoid its second loss of the day, the Buckeyes (6-3) turned to their outside hitter tandem of Vanessa Wouters and Andrea Pankova. The two seniors, who had 126 of the Buckeyes' 188 kills in three matches during the tournament, fell short in the final minutes.

The All-American Wouters attempted two kills during the short span, the first sailing out of bounds.

Krondak adds spark

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Jamie Krondak thrives on emotion.

As a returning starter for the Nebraska volleyball team this season, Krondak has become more

vocal on the court in an effort to help her teammates. But concentrating on her own game has not come as easily.

Her goal at the beginning of the season was never to hit below .220. Through the Cornhuskers' first eight matches, Krondak was

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Then with OSU trailing Nebraska 13-11 and Denise Koziol serving, Pankova slammed the ball beyond NU's serving line. Down by two, the Buckeyes again set Pankova, but her second consecutive attempt flew

wide and out of bounds. Nebraska ended the match with Jaime Krondak's 13th kill of the night.

Wouters finished with 22 kills,

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NU soccer team drops two games Huskers lose in regular season for the first time since 1995

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Games against Texas and Texas A&M in the same weekend made for what Nebraska soccer coach John Walker called the toughest road weekend of the year.

The No. 5 Nebraska soccer team, which had not lost a regular season soccer game in its last 23 outings, lost 1-0 to Texas Friday, and fell to Texas A&M by the same score Sunday.

It was the first time the Huskers (4-2 overall, 2-2 in the Big 12) lost a regular-season game and consecutive games since losing to USC 4-0 on Oct. 27, 1995, and UCLA on Oct. 30 in the final two games of the '95 sea-

son. "I find it disappointing in every aspect," Walker said. "We needed to execute better."

Against Texas (2-2, 2-1), the Huskers out-shot the Longhorns 19-13, but a shot by Texas's Rachael Safirstein at the 47:56 mark made the difference in the game.

Safirstein, a junior forward, put a shot by Husker goalie Rebecca Hornbacher from 25 yards out on a Bonnie McAuliffe pass.

Texas sophomore goalie Cami Varnadore finished the game with six saves, including two off shots taken inside the six-yard box by junior Kim Egasser. Hornbacher finished with five saves for the Huskers.

"We didn't compete at an appropriate level," Walker said. "We had a lot of pressure after we were behind, but we shouldn't have put ourselves in that position."

Walker said despite the same result, the Texas A&M match was a vast improvement. The two teams played in front of an Aggie Sports Complex record crowd of 1,368. Both the Aggies and the Huskers had four shots on goal and eight shots overall.

The two teams battled to a scoreless tie at halftime.

The only score of the game came at the 52:31 mark, when Sharon Fickering scored her second goal of the season off of an assist by Alison

Peters. Walker said the game was typical of the Nebraska-Texas A&M series. Last season, NU handed Texas A&M two losses both by one goal, with the second coming in the Big 12 championship game in overtime.

"We battled unbelievably," Walker said. "It was just a tight, one-goal game. They finished one of their chances and we didn't."

Walker said the Huskers lacked execution and the ability to finish scoring opportunities throughout the weekend.

NU outshot its foes 23-17 but failed to get one past either team's

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