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To retire or not to retire

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Wilt Chamberlain returned to Kansas on Saturday, and now his jersey will never leave Allen Fieldhouse.



Sampson

Fieldhouse in a halftime ceremony

Saturday.

Kansas had officially retired Chamberlain's jersey, but because of a KU rule, a jersey can't be hung until the player has officially returned to the university.

The retirement of Chamberlain's jersey posed a question to other Big 12 coaches. What should be required to retire a jersey or number?

"Today, everybody wants it defined why a player's name is up there," Missouri Coach Norm Stewart said. The Tigers have retired five jerseys, while Kansas leads the Big 12 with eight retirements.

Dave Hoppen and Stuart Lantz are the only Cornhusker basketball players to have their jerseys retired.

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Huskers vary honors

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The rules on the retirement of a Nebraska jersey are just as different as the sports NU offers.

"(Retirement) is not the Ten Commandments," Nebraska Volleyball Coach Terry Pettit said. "It's different for every program and is done on what's best for that program."

For athletes to have their jerseys retired, Athletic Director Bill Byrne said, they must be recommended by the current coach of the sport they played. Byrne said he receives the recommendations and meets with the senior athletic administrators for final approval.

"However, it's really up to the coaching staff," Byrne said.

Pettit said when he arrived at Nebraska in 1977, he immediately wanted to recognize outstanding

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Big 12 Notebook

Missouri upset third-ranked Kansas Monday 74-73 at the Hearnes Center in Columbia, Mo. The Tigers were led by sophomore Albert White's career-high 23 points.

Kansas State forward Manny Dies was named the Big 12 player of the week for his performance in the Wildcats' last two games. Dies had 26 points and 11 rebounds in a 69-62 loss to Kansas, and he scored 27 points in a win over Iowa State. "Manny plays within himself pretty well when he's down in the blocks," KSU Coach Tom Asbury said. "He's improved a lot."

The Big 12 freshman of the week was Texas swingman Luke Axtell, who averaged 15 points and 8.5 rebounds last week. Axtell recorded 13 points and 14 rebounds in a 89-73 loss to Oklahoma.

Nebraska's 53-43 victory over Oklahoma Sunday was the Cornhuskers' lowest point total in a victory since a 53-51 win over Wisconsin on Dec. 12, 1984. "I was pleased with our defense against them," OU Coach Kelvin Sampson said.

NU ranks second in the Big 12 Conference and fifth in the nation in field goal defense — holding opponents to 39.4 percent shooting from the floor.

"We've been able to contest a lot of shots," said Coach Danny Nease. "Teams aren't getting a lot of open shots against us."

The Kansas basketball team will spend its 124th consecutive week in The Associated Press Top 25 this week. The Jayhawks have spent 55 straight weeks in the top five. Both streaks are currently tops in college basketball.

The Colorado basketball team spent some time at Camp Patton after losing 87-72 to Nebraska Jan. 11. CU Coach Ricardo Patton, who used to be in the army, had the team spend three nights in the Coors Events Center on cots. The discipline paid off as the Buffaloes defeated Missouri 81-78 Saturday.

Big 12 men's basketball standings (through Tuesday)

	Conference	Overall
Baylor	5-1	16-5
Kansas	2-1	21-7
Oklahoma	4-1	15-7
Nebraska	3-1	12-5
New Mexico	1-1	11-7
South Dakota	1-1	10-7
Texas Tech	1-1	10-7
West Virginia	1-1	10-7

Big 12 Notebook compiled by senior reporter Sam McKewon.



DANNY BERGMAN dives off the 3-meter board Saturday in a dual against Iowa State at the Devaney Center.

RYAN SODERLIN/DN

Husker diver defies odds

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He's been referred to as the "warrior" of the pool. After a year and a half of training, he's now a diver. Nebraska's Danny Bergman is the only diver on the team.

"I've been a diver since I was 10 years old," Bergman said. "I've been diving for 10 years."

said. "And Danny's the same. Think about it. You have to be nuts to get on that board and do what they do."

The sport may look scary, but Bergman said he's never had any regrets.

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him in perfect concentration.

"It's not an inborn talent," Bergman said. "I had to grow into it."

Hocking said Bergman still has growing to do, but so far he's enjoyed watching Bergman become a great diver.

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Frontcourt shows its versatility

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MANHATTAN, Kan. — For two weeks, the Nebraska women's basketball team failed to cash in when presented with opportunities in the paint.

That wasn't the case last week in two important wins over Texas A&M and Kansas State.

In Manhattan Saturday, the Cornhuskers' post players rebounded from two weeks of lackluster performances behind a nearly flawless offensive showing by sophomore Charlie Rogers.

"We really had that strong presence in the post that we haven't had the past four or five games," NU Coach Paul Sanderford said. "It gave us tremendous variety."

"Teams are really relying on DeForge and Nicole Kubik, so we need to get that production from the post."

Rogers, who recently earned a position in NU's starting lineup, led the Huskers in scoring for the first time this season Saturday in their 78-47 win over KSU.

The 6-foot-2 native of South Sioux City made 7 of 9 shots and scored 18 points in 29 minutes.

"My role is rebounding and defense," Rogers said. "As for scoring, if it comes, it comes."

Said Sanderford: "Charlie Rogers really went to war for us. She was the difference tonight."

The Huskers dominated the boards, outrebounding KSU 38-27. DeForge totaled eight rebounds while 6-foot-1 forward Cori McDill added five.

"Their post players were catching the ball at will," Patterson said. "They had our defense spread out, and we couldn't crowd the lane to stop them."

Strong play in the post was missing in NU's two road losses two weeks ago, Sanderford said.

Center Emily Thompson and Rogers collided during a practice drill the day before NU's Jan. 7 loss to Colorado, and neither proved very effective after the accident. Thompson suffered a strained neck and Rogers, slight concussion.

Jan. 11 at Kansas, Rogers, McDill and Thompson accounted for most of the points in the Huskers' 83-74 loss. They also had 11 rebounds and 23 points in a 67-57 win over Texas Tech on Jan. 12.

"We didn't win a road game," Rogers said. "I think coach told us we each had to individually step up to get it."