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**John Gaskins**

## Kansas City to let down fans again

It happens every year for us demented die-hard football fans.

The NFL season starts, and we cut off all normal human activities on Sundays and pull up the recliner, canned beverage in one hand and remote in the other, and wither away into the football galaxy.

Usually I get as giddy as Bill Clinton at a Hawaiian Tropic Girls pageant for my fall NFL Sundays. However, this year, I think I'll just hibernate through the regular season and wake up for the playoffs.

Why, you ask? Well, I'm a Kansas City Chiefs fan. You must understand my plight.

For 10 years, the Chiefs have had everything going for them: a winning team, a top-tier coach in Marty Schottenheimer, and their own Palace of Versailles, Arrowhead Stadium, filled with crowds of loyal, red-clad, screaming fans that give it maybe the best home team atmosphere in pro football.

Plus, the players, coaches and media claim that with the addition of two powerhouse defensive players in veterans Chester McGlockton and Leslie O'Neil, this "could be the year."

Of course, that cliché has polluted Kansas City's air since Schottenheimer took over. Every year, the Chiefs bulldoze their way through the regular season only to fall into the tank in the playoffs.

They're dreamers. They're pretenders. They're a bunch of teases.

The Chiefs are like the girl of your dreams you spot and talk to at a party — a girl that you would give anything to go out with.

They look good, give you what you want for a while, but when the time comes to take that next step and go for your destiny, they break your heart.

So, if everything goes according to the past, this Chiefs season promises the usual: Some incredible victories over top NFL teams at Arrowhead, lots of easy wins against division opponents, a heartbreaking loss to the Broncos in which Schottenheimer will lose his red-hot, vein-popping head, and a meltdown in the playoffs that will make fans like me more bitter than a disgruntled postal worker for yet another off-season.

So, to spare myself this agony of unanswered prayers, I think I'll just say sweet dreams until the Super Bowl. I sure hope the Chiefs will be there, but I'm not counting on it anymore!

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## Brown credits team for record

BY SHANNON HEFFELFINGER  
Senior staff writer

Somewhere between the 27-yard line and the Nebraska sideline, Kris Brown allowed himself to smile — to silently congratulate himself for breaking the Cornhuskers' all-time scoring record Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

During his short jog off the field, the significance of his third-quarter field goal kick dawned on Brown. He thought briefly of Mike Rozier, Johnny Rodgers and Ahman Green — the names that sit behind his on the NU scoring chart.

But the moment quickly passed, and he trotted back onto the field with his tee, ready for the ensuing kickoff.

Everything was business as usual. Years from now, Brown expects his record to mean more to him.

Because now, as the end of his career at Nebraska approaches, Brown has chosen to shift his focus from records and individual goals to his relationships with his teammates and coaches.

The senior place-kicker carries people, not records, in his heart.

"I didn't set any individual goals for myself before the season began," Brown said. "My goals are team goals."

"I really want to enjoy my teammates and my coaches this season. That is what means the most to me. I want to enjoy every minute I have left here."

Brown doesn't think or say much about joining the ranks of Nebraska's all-time leading scorers. He didn't celebrate for himself after the game and he still hasn't — 315 points doesn't seem like such a huge number when Brown considers the list of teammates who helped him to reach it.

"I guess the thing is, I didn't accomplish this by myself," Brown said. "When we line up for field goals, there are 11 guys on the field. I couldn't have broken that record without the snapper or the holder or the guys on the line. They deserve just as much credit."

"This is a team game. You accomplish things together."

Brown's list of individual accomplishments at Nebraska runs long. In addition to his scoring record, Brown holds school records for points after



MIKE WARREN/DN

**KRIS BROWN** puts another one through the uprights during Nebraska's second home game against the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Brown moved into first place on the all-time Nebraska scoring charts after kicking a field goal during Nebraska's 38-7 victory.

touchdowns (92) and consecutive field goals (17).

As a junior in 1997, Brown earned First-Team Academic All-Big 12 and Honorable Mention All-Big 12 honors.

"That record (the all-time scoring mark) and those things mean a lot to him, but you would never know it by the way he practices," said NU Assistant Coach Dan Young, Brown's kicking coach. "I think that shows the work ethic that he has. He just gets things done."

Brown deems such an attitude necessary for his position.

As a kicker, Brown doesn't interact with most of his teammates in practices. He doesn't participate in tackling drills. He isn't subjected to the daily pounding most of the Huskers endure.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm at practice for about five minutes,"

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### Football Starters

#### Nebraska Starters

##### Offense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.
QB	12	Bobby Newcombe	6-0	195
IB	36	Correll Buckhalter	6-0	225
FB	45	Joel Makovicka	5-11	240
WB	5	Shawn Wiggins	5-11	200
SE	6	Kenny Chestnam	6-4	210
TE	88	Sheldon Jackson	6-5	245
LT	69	Adam Juch	6-5	315
LG	63	James Sherman	6-2	295
C	69	Josh Heskew	6-3	290
RG	72	Ben Gesford	6-2	290
RT	65	Jason Schwab	6-1	300
PK	35	Kris Brown	5-10	205

Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
Memorial Stadium  
Berkeley, Calif.  
Fox Sports

##### Defense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.
LR	57	Chad Kelsay	6-3	250
NT	96	Sieve Warren	6-1	305
DT	91	Loran Kaiser	6-5	280
RR	84	Mike Rucker	6-6	260
SLB	46	Brian Shaw	6-1	215
MLB	44	Jay Foreman	6-1	240
WLB	27	Eric Johnson	6-1	205
LCB	16	Erwin Swiney	6-0	185
FS	21	Mike Brown	5-10	205
RCB	25	Joe Walker	5-10	200
RFB	22	Ralph Brown	5-9	180
P	23	Bill Lafleur	5-11	200

#### California Starters

##### Offense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.
QB	10	Justin Vedder	6-0	200
TB	4	Marcus Fields	6-2	210
FB	40	Joshua White	5-11	240
WR	81	Dameane Douglas	6-1	190
WR	88	Phillip Pipersburg	5-10	180
TE	45	A.J. Kunkle	6-2	230
LT	64	John Welbourn	6-5	315
LG	76	Tate McCallister	6-3	285
C	73	John Romero	6-3	315
RG	60	Reed Diehl	6-4	285
RT	71	Kevin Doherty	6-5	300
PK	27	Ignacio Brache	6-0	210

##### Defense

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.
DE	33	John McLaughlin	6-4	240
NT	94	Jacob Waasdorp	6-2	250
DT	98	Jerry DeLoach	6-4	310
DE	73	Andre Carter	6-4	245
OLB	13	Sekou Sanyika	6-3	230
ILB	42	Justin Flagg	6-1	235
ILB	44	Albert Dorsey	6-2	235
LCB	31	Derrick Gardner	6-0	185
FS	20	Pete Destefano	6-2	215
SS	9	Marquis Smith	6-3	220
RCB	25	Chidi Iwuoma	5-8	175
P	89	Nick Harris	6-3	205

JON FRANK/DN

## Huskers at full strength for Invite

■ After losing its first game of the season, No. 24 Nebraska looks to rebound this weekend against Clemson and Stanford.

BY JAY SAUNDERS  
Staff writer

Of the 22 players on the Nebraska soccer team, only four were on the field Oct. 15, 1995.

That is the last time the Cornhuskers lost at home — a 3-1 setback against SMU. Last weekend, Wisconsin-Milwaukee beat the Huskers 2-1 in overtime.

"The players are determined to not let that happen again," NU Coach John Walker said.

To avoid its second consecutive home loss, which also hasn't happened since 1995, the Huskers will have to defeat two ranked teams.

Nebraska hosts the Husker Fila Invitational No. 24 Nebraska (0-1) vs. No. 8 Clemson (2-0) Friday 7 p.m. Abbott Sports Complex

return of junior Lindsay Eddleman from injury. The Huskers also

welcome back a group of three players who missed last week's game while playing for the Canadian national team.

Sophomore Karina LeBlanc and juniors Amy Walsh and Isabelle Morneau helped Canada qualify for next year's World Cup, but Hogan said she is glad they are back on this side of the border.

"Congratulations to the Canadians," Hogan said, "but it is great to have them back. They instantly bring a sort of a Nebraska tradition."

Even with their return, Walker said the Huskers are still depleted. However, he said, the return will help the younger players, who played a role in last weekend's loss.

"We are looking at two of the better teams in the country this weekend," Walker said. "Any time you can bring experienced players back that helps."

NU may benefit from the possible

## NU hitter leads with loud style

BY ANDREW STRNAD  
Staff writer

Loud and obnoxious. Those aren't the usual traits that describe team leaders, but then again, this isn't a usual team leader.

Outside hitter Jaime Krondak is one of three seniors who have been tagged as leaders of the fourth-ranked Nebraska volleyball team.

While Krondak wouldn't go so far to call herself a "ringleader," she likes being called unconventional.

"I'm loud and obnoxious, Fiona (Nepe) is loud and obnoxious," Krondak said. "We have no prob-

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