

Coliseum crowd pushes NU in win

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much for ourselves tonight." The No. 3 Huskers (19-0 overall and 10-0 in the Big 12 Conference) cruised through game one, but as the match wore on the Jayhawks (13-9, 3-7) were able to match the Huskers block for block and dig for dig. KU Coach Ray Bechard was very pleased with his team's performance as they outblocked NU 16-15 over the last three games. "Any time you can stay somewhat close (statistically in blocks), it kind of eases the playing field," Bechard said. "But I don't think Nebraska was totally on their game tonight." Playing without senior middle blocker Megan Korver, the Huskers struggled offensively, hitting a season low of .141 - well below their season average of .331. Coach Terry Pettit said the absence of Korver affected NU's passing more than anything else, as nobody hit over .200 for the match. "We just played very fatigued and tired," Pettit said. "We were certainly out of rhythm without Megan. She could have played tonight, but I was committed to not playing her." Korver has been nagged the last couple of weeks with various

ankle injuries. On the court the Huskers were noticeably tired; and Kronidak, who had 19 kills and 13 digs, said the fatigue played a large part in the team's on-and-off play. "We came out strong and played really well, but we couldn't maintain it," Kronidak said. "We can't be up on teams and let them back into it. That's not going to cut it down the stretch." The feisty Jayhawks wouldn't go away like most opponents usually do at the coliseum, as it sided out 12 times down 11-14 before a Kronidak kill gave NU the second game. After claiming the third game, which marked the first time since 1990 a Kansas team had won a game at the coliseum, the Jayhawks were in a position to force a game five, a place the Huskers haven't been all year. "If we get to rally, who knows what happens in rally," Bechard said. "And that's why (Nebraska's) a great team. It's 14-11, and they don't even flinch, and the next thing you know the match is over." The Jayhawks had just one game point leading 14-10, as Nebraska reeled off six points to close the match. Friday night, the Huskers swept Oklahoma in three games 15-6, 15-6, 15-12.

In defensive struggle, NU slides by Mizzou

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Certainly, Nebraska had not been in a game quite like this in 1998. Much of what could have gone wrong for the Huskers did. With 12:07 left in the second quarter and NU leading 3-0, sophomore I-back Correll Buckhalter could not get his hands on a pitch. Missouri defensive tackle Steve Erickson did and ran the ball 41 yards for a touchdown. The Tigers missed the extra point. MU then blocked a Kris Brown field goal and returned it to the NU 25-yard line. From there, Missouri took 10 plays and almost five minutes to score its second touchdown. It took a Jones run on fourth down and goal to push Missouri ahead 13-3. After another Brown field goal, Nebraska went into halftime outgaining the Missouri offense 169-91, but it was the Tigers who held a 13-6 lead on the scoreboard. "My mood (at halftime) was not good," Solich said. "I was concerned that if we didn't do some things that we may not turn this thing around." At the start of the second half, senior Monte Christo started at quarterback in place of sophomore Bobby Newcombe, who was ineffective with an injured knee. Christo answered the call, leading the Husker offense in scoring drives in both the third and fourth quarters. Both drives were finished by Christo. His 1-yard run, with 1:32 left in the third quarter, tied the game at 13. For Christo, it was his first career rushing touchdown in five years as a Cornhusker. "It was a good feeling to get in there," Christo said. "It seems like my whole career here has been like a roller coaster." "(Christo) has the ability to run our offense," Solich said. "He ran very strong and was very determined. He made bad plays into good ones." Christo ended the game with a career-high 79 rushing yards. Buckhalter added 125 yards on 25 carries. It was his third 100-yard game this

season. But Solich said NU was strongest against Missouri on defense. The defense followed its shutout against Kansas a week ago by allowing only 77 yards rushing against MU, which was second in the Big 12 in rushing yards coming into Saturday's game. NU held running back Devin West, who was averaging 175 yards per game, to just 72 yards on 24 carries. Jones ran for zero net yards against a stingy Husker defense. He also threw for only 89 yards. It was the first time this season the Huskers have allowed fewer than 100 yards in both rushing and passing. "The defense played tremendous football the entire game," Solich said. "They kept us in it when we struggled on offense." Solich also gave credit to the special teams. Even though NU missed a field goal and had another one blocked, NU wingback Shevin Wiggins once again silenced Missouri fans. Wiggins returned a punt 53 yards in the third quarter that set up NU's first touchdown. It helped turn the tide for the rest of the game. "I was just looking to make something happen," said Wiggins, who also caught two passes for 20 yards. "We needed something big, and our job playing on the special teams is to make something happen." Return yards helped Nebraska win the battle of field position. The Huskers' average starting field position was their own 38-yard line, compared to Missouri, which averaged starting at its own 25. "I talked to the players all week that field position would be important in this game," Solich said. "The special teams were great for us in that regard." For the Huskers, it was the 20th consecutive win against Missouri. The win also marks the 46th consecutive time NU has won at home. Kelsay said that streak was inspiration for the Huskers' comeback in the second half. "It was on the minds of everyone that we don't lose at home," Kelsay said.

Women's rifle team places 3rd in debut

■ **The Huskers come in behind Austin Peay and UMKC in Saturday's University of Missouri at Kansas City triangular.**

From staff reports

The Nebraska women's rifle team began its inaugural season last weekend with a third-place performance in the UMKC triangular on Saturday. Austin Peay won the invitational, while UMKC finished second. The Cornhuskers ended up with 1,276 points in the air rifle competition, while they had 1,786 points in the smallbore competition, which utilizes a .22-caliber rifle. NU was led by freshman Rachel Spiry in both competitions. Spiry,

from Lincoln, finished with 528 points in the smallbore competition, including 187 points in the prone position.



Anthony

Spiry also had the most points for the Huskers in the air rifle, where she finished with 351 points. NU Rifle Coach Karen Anthony said it was a good beginning to the season considering NU had to have tryouts to fill out the team. "I am very happy with the way we shot," Anthony said. "We weren't completely satisfied because we would have liked to score higher and placed better. We did well considering the fact that we have had very little practice time."

Swim teams open season with wins

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said. "I can't say enough about where the diving team is at this point in the season. For the men to win one event and the women to win the other in this conference is terrific." Rogis anchored the 300-yard fly and the 500-yard crescendo relays holding off strong challenges in both races. Rogis, from Weetangeram, Australia, is a veteran of international and national competitions. He said he liked the atmosphere of the event. "The atmosphere is good here," Rogis said. "The swimmers got into it, and it helped me swim well." Brock, from Allen, Texas, helped the Huskers to a first-place finish in the 300 breaststroke; and Emma Johnson, from Sydney, Australia, aided the first-place 500 free relay.

Tigers frustrated in narrow loss

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going all day. You can't win football games if you don't get your offense going." The Tigers looked like they were on their way to winning in the first half, taking a 13-6 halftime lead. They scored all their points in the second quarter, despite gaining just two first downs. Missouri was aided by its special teams and defense. Steve Erickson, a 6-foot-4, 280-pound lineman, picked up a Correll Buckhalter fumble and rumbled 41 yards for a touchdown.

particularly happy with the defensive play in the second half. "They forced plays and made plays and basically kept us in the ball game," Smith said. "I think our defense played super. Our kicking game got a tie and offensively, we just didn't do much. "We lost as a team, so I'm not blaming the offense. We went through some sour periods, and I know we're better than this offensively. "We just have to go out and find ourselves and get it clicking."

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MU head coach

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