

Sports Opinion



Adam Klinker KSU fans truly are ridiculous

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — I never thought I'd have occasion to get the business from the Kansas State folks following their miracle football season of 1998.

Furthermore, I never thought the issue would surface at a basketball game of all places, but such is the way of the Wildcat fan. They aren't bashful to offer public forum (read: worship) for their "great" football team and most especially, their savior, Bill Snyder.

Certainly, I am the antithesis of a K-State fan, but I was fairly impressed with the Wildcat performance on its way to an 84-74 win over Missouri in the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

Knowing how much the Wildcat ego loves a boost, especially after a win over a team as traditionally strong as Mizzou, I still thought it had deserved most of what it had received — in football or basketball.

Contemplating a congratulatory remark to my newfound KSU friend, who was part of its sports information department, and with hope for a thawing of my prior inclinations of KSU fans (raucous, rude, immature), I turned to him.

But his eyes had widened, and his jaw slackened as he gazed in awe across the court to something he saw in the crowd opposite press row.

He leaned over to me. "There's Bill Snyder," he said.

It was all over. I couldn't help but laugh as he quickly spun to the rest of the KSU conglomeration and excitedly proclaimed the triumphal appearance of the savior himself.

Sure enough, I looked, and there he was. In the middle of an entire section of purple-clad disciples, wearing a brown sports coat, his white hair like a halo, he stood applauding KSU as they broke out of their huddle after a TV time out.

And it is *his* school.

Make no mistake, you can't escape the fraud religion that is the Church of Snyder at Kansas State University.

I was at a basketball game, and I got harangued by this lunatic cadre of zealots. It was as if this fella had been looking for Snyder the whole time. Seek and ye shall find.

All the more shocking, I discovered that this KSU follower was not from Kansas, but Nebraska. I was appalled that this mind-numbing theology had seeped into the stolid Cornhusker mind-set; further proving that no one is safe.

So beware ye, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh. And if he can win with three returning offensive starters, none of them with the last name of Bishop (the irony), he might just show up next season — canonized.

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Former Husker Green arrested

Future recruit also arrested for threats

From staff reports

A former Husker football player and an NU recruit both had scrapes with the law last week — both were arrested on different charges Thursday.

Ahman Green, a former All-American I-back for NU, and Tomotu "Junior" Togoai, a defensive-line recruit, were both taken into custody Thursday by authorities.

Green, who now plays for the Seattle Seahawks, was arrested in Kirkland, Wa., and charged with domestic assault against his fiancée, Shalynn Vance on Thursday morning in their apartment in the Seattle suburb, Kirkland police said.

Vance and Green were to be married later that day at a local courthouse. Green was arrested by Kirkland police outside of Lake Washington High School, where Green was dropping off his nephew, Brandon Thomas, for school.

The report alleged that Green and Vance had an argument and Vance tried to keep Green out of the apartment, when Green forced the door open and hit Vance with it, chipping her tooth.

Green rushed for 259 yards this season with the Seahawks as he played back-up to starter Ricky Watters. Green was the second all-time leading rusher in NU history with 3,880 yards.

Attempts to reach the Seattle Seahawks organization were unsuccessful. As of Friday, the Seahawks released a statement saying they had no comment on Green, as the situation was still pending.

Vance and Green, who both live in the same household, could also not be contacted. A worker at the Evergreen Heights Apartments acknowledged the incident occurred there but would



FORMER NU I-BACK AHMAN GREEN was arrested last Thursday on a domestic assault charge. Green was in No. 2 on the all-time rushing chart at Nebraska.

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not comment further.

The arrest of Green was only one of two incidents that had the Nebraska name attached to it.

The other was Togoai, a 6-foot-3-inch, 280-pound defensive lineman from St. Louis High School in Honolulu.

Togoai, who was part of NU's most recent recruiting class, was arrested Thursday in Honolulu for second-degree terroristic threatening of a teacher at the school. He will be arraigned on the charge Tuesday morning.

According to police, physics teacher Gerilyn Tolentino Corpuz

alleged Togoai threatened her Feb. 8 with the statement: "I have two words for you: 'Tony Tata'"

The statement, Corpuz said in the complaint, referred to an incident where Tata, now a NU linebacker, smashed the windshield of a teacher's truck last year.

Last week, Corpuz, who is teaching her first class, decided to make the call to police after Togoai allegedly made a gesture toward her with a yardstick. Corpuz said Togoai picked up the yardstick, turned at her, and swung the yardstick like a baseball bat, as if Corpuz were an imaginary baseball.

Corpuz tendered her resignation

Feb. 23 in a public statement and taught her last day of classes Friday. The alleged threat toward her concerning the yardstick would have taken place after she had decided to resign.

Corpuz is also seeking a restraining order against Togoai. Togoai is the second 1999 Husker recruit to be arrested. Recently, running back Josh Davis was arrested for allegedly stealing a Sony PlayStation from a Loveland, Colo., home in December.

There was no answer at the home of NU Coach Frank Solich, so he could not comment.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Huskiers wins series over OU in baseball

Harvey goes 10 for 14 in three contests

BY JASON MERRIHEW
Staff writer

The Nebraska baseball team brought its bats into Norman and abused the Oklahoma pitching staff in a 12-3 win Sunday. The Huskers won two games to take the series two games to one.

The Sooners used seven pitchers Sunday to try to cool down NU's potent offense. The Huskers finished the game with 18 hits, 17 of which were singles.

Nebraska jumped ahead early, with three runs in the top of the first. Jamal Strong, Adam Shabala and Danny Kimura all scored in the inning.

NU blew the game wide open in the third inning on a three-run homer by Wilt Bolt, giving the Huskers a 6-0 lead. Bolt's homer was Nebraska's only extra-base hit of the game.

Oklahoma did not score until the bottom of the sixth inning. After allowing a run and a couple of runners on second and third with only one out, NU Coach Dave Van Horn pulled senior starter Jay Sirianni for freshman Shane Komine. Komine froze the Oklahoma base runners by popping out OU's Josh Witcher to short and then striking out Jeremy Vidales to end the

inning.

The Huskers answered the Sooners' run in the top of the seventh with four runs. NU took a 10-1 lead after Strong, Kimura, John Cole and Ken Harvey scored.

Harvey led NU's offense, going 4 for 5, with four singles and three RBIs. With his performance Sunday, Harvey finished the weekend, 10 for 14 with eight singles and two home runs.

Shortstop Brandt Vlieger went 4 for 4, with four singles and one RBI.

Nebraska and Oklahoma were involved in a slugfest Saturday, which the Sooners won 12-10. The defeat snapped the Huskers' five-game winning streak.

NU committed a season-high five errors, which contributed to six of the 12 Sooner runs.

Harvey, a first baseman, brought the Huskers within four in the top of the ninth with a home run.

With runners on third and second, Oklahoma reliever Jeff Bajenaru struck out Kimura, the potential go-ahead run, to finish the game.

Nebraska won Friday against Oklahoma, 5-4.

The Huskers (10-6 overall, and 2-1 in the Big 12) will take on the No. 21 Baylor Bears at Buck Beltzer Stadium on Friday at 7 p.m.

NU gymnasts roll again past BYU in meet

■ The Husker women are victorious while the Husker men aren't able to forge a win.

BY JOHN GASKINS
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Laurie McLaughlin and her partners in crime on the Nebraska women's gymnastics team are coming on strong at just the right time.

With a dual against her hometown school, No. 4 Penn State, and the Big 12 Championships looming on the horizon, the senior from State College, Pa., is only getting better. And the team is following in her path, as many Huskers had repeat victories from last week's Masters Classic performance.

For the second meet in a row, McLaughlin, last week's Big-12 Gymnast of the Week, won both events she competed in, tying for the title on the uneven bars and balance beam with a score of 9.85 in both as the No. 8 Huskers (14-2) defeated BYU (4-9) 195.725-194.625 in Provo, Utah, for their sixth-straight meet victory.

Seniors Courtney Brown and Misty Oxford also are

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