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Ffriend does it all in NU win

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was just a matter of time before I broke out," Ffriend said. "Well, now my confidence is getting better, I'm not feeling the jitters any more and I'm just playing basketball. I'm doing a pretty good job right now."

Both Coach Danny Nee and teammate Cary Cochran said Ffriend's playing was growing by leaps and bounds.

Cochran, who dished out a career-high eight assists, many of them to Ffriend, said the center's physical ability was amazing to him.

"Kimani's athleticism, on the Richter scale, is off of it," Cochran said. "He has so much athleticism out there that it's almost scary."

Nee praised his center's improved maturity but cautioned against unbounded optimism.

"A lot of it for Kimani is mental makeup. If he can come with his 'A' game and stay focused, the talent and potential is there."

"It's going to be a process, though,

three steps forward and one step back. But he does have the potential and ability to be a dominating player in this league."

By the end of the Huskers 14-point win in front of 8,644 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, the only thing in doubt was if Ffriend would reach the unusual 20-point, 20-rebound plateau, one he missed by only a single board.

But Baylor was able to remain within striking distance of Nebraska (9-7 overall and 2-3 in the Big 12 Conference) for most of the contest, because of the long-range bombing of Jamie Kendrick and Tevis Stukes.

Kendrick, who did not score in the first half, but had 16 points in the second, single-handedly kept BU (9-7 and 0-5) in the game for much of the second. His 3-pointer drew Baylor to within five, 43-38, with 13 minutes remaining.

The Bears were still down only five with eight minutes to play, but the Huskers, sparked by a block and alley-oop lay-up by Ffriend, went on an 11-2 run to put the game away.

For the game, Baylor put up 34 3-pointers, while shooting only 24 times from inside the arc. Stukes hit five 3-pointers in the opening half before cooling off after halftime.

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"It seems like the team is so much better now," Ffriend said. "We're coming together, talking to each other more on the court. The chemistry has gotten a lot better. We're hitting the boards hard and finding the hot hand, and I hope we can continue this winning streak."

Titans, Rams move onto to Super Bowl

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NFC championship.

"It didn't matter who did it," the quarterback said.

"As long as he was wearing a Rams jersey, it didn't matter."

"But when it comes down to making a play, we've made plays all year long. Ricky came through today."

Proehl had six catches for 100 yards. None of those - or the 33 receptions he made this season, or the 467 of his entire 10-year career - meant anything close to his leaping grab over backup cornerback Brian Kelly. It will be the second Super Bowl appearance for the Rams - the first came in 1979, when the team lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-19.

This was the third step in a long, strange trip to the Super Bowl for Tennessee.

The Titans won their first playoff game on the most improbable of plays - a lateral by Wycheck on a kickoff return that Kevin Dyson took 75 yards

for the winning touchdown against Buffalo with three seconds left.

Last week, Tennessee shut down Peyton Manning and the high-powered Colts and won 19-16 in Indianapolis.

And this week it continued its mastery over the Jags, who had the NFL's best regular-season record at 14-2 and crushed Miami 62-7 in its first playoff game last week.

Tennessee won Sunday as it has all season: a little offense, a lot of defense and a big contribution from special teams. All of it turned during the 16-point spurt in 4 minutes, 28 seconds in the third quarter.

It began with a six-play, 76-yard drive that ended with the go-ahead touchdown on a sneak by McNair.

Forty-three of the yards came on penalties - 15 on a roughing-the-passer call when McNair somehow ducked out of a 10-yard sack by Kevin Hardy, rolled left and completed a 15-yard pass to Eddie George.

"You can't play sloppy in a game like this and win," said Jacksonville tight end Kyle Brady, who caught a touchdown pass but fumbled twice.

Brady's first fumble came on the next sequence. Jason Fisk recovered at the Jaguars' 35, then Wycheck returned the favor by fumbling back to

the Jaguars.

Two plays later, Fisk and Josh Evans sacked Mark Brunell in the end zone for a safety, and the score was 19-14. It was the sixth safety this season for Tennessee and second in the playoffs, an NFL record.

It also set up seven more points: On the ensuing free kick, Derrick Mason, who earlier set up a score with a 44-yard kickoff return, went 80 yards for a TD to make it 26-14.

Tennessee's trip to the Super Bowl follows three straight 8-8 seasons, one in Houston, one in Memphis and the third at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville. This year, in its new home at Adelphia Coliseum, it went 13-3 and qualified as a wild card, a game behind Jacksonville in the AFC Central even though it beat the Jaguars twice.

The Titans' success is especially remarkable considering how close they came to losing in the wild-card game against Buffalo.

"I never thought that it would happen - reaching the Super Bowl," said Bruce Matthews, the 17-year veteran who has played his entire career with the Oilers-Titans and holds the record for most games played by an offensive lineman (264).

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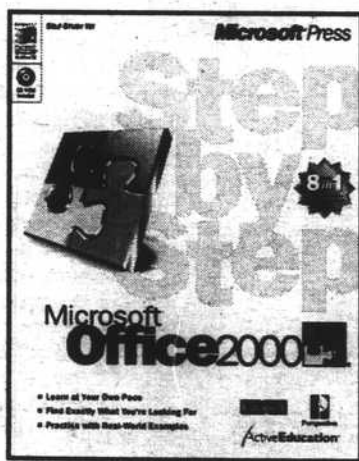


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