

Huskers Suspend Player for Incident in Columbia

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The University of Nebraska has suspended cornerback Kellen Huston for Saturday's game against Texas A&M. The suspension comes after Huston was caught on video hitting a fan following the Huskers loss to Missouri at Faurot Field on Saturday.

21-year old Matthew Scott, a former MU student, filed a misdemeanor assault complaint against Huston on Tuesday.

Scott was on the field with hundreds of other fans following the Tigers' first upset of a top ten team in 22 years. He was hit in the face by Huston, Nebraska's holder on kicks, and suffered bruises and a dislocated nose, according to what he told The Kansas City Star.

Huston offered a statement following Nebraska's practice on Tuesday.

"First, I would like to say that I sincerely regret what transpired Saturday evening in Columbia," he said. "My actions should not be a reflection on Coach Solich, the University of Nebraska, or our football team. I would never intentionally bring harm to another individual."

Nebraska athletic director Steve Pederson added: "Kellen is very sorry that this unfortunate situation happened, and so are we. After viewing the film and speaking to people who were at the scene, I truly believe that Kellen did not instigate the situation and that he was simply reacting to what he saw as a dangerous situation coming right at him. However, Kellen knows that we do not condone our players striking another person, and he will be suspended for this week's game."

The incident was brought to light when it was witnessed by Tiger quarterback Brad Smith.

"He comes right up to me and I thought he was going to hug me and he starts telling me about this guy that just got knocked down," said head coach Gary Pinkel. "That's the kind of player he is, the kind of kid he is. It really bothered him, you could tell it."

Smith also gave Huston's number to Columbia authorities.