

Cip sees KU loss, but won't pick date

By Jim Johnston
Sports Editor

Joe Cipriano is following the latest trend in sports. It's a trend made popular in recent years by Joe Namath and Muhammad Ali. Cip's predicting sports events. But he won't go quite as far as either Namath or Ali. The Nebraska basketball coach refuses to give an exact time or place his prediction will come true.

But, just the same, he let his opinion be known Tuesday on a rather delicate subject. "Kansas will get beat in this league," said Cipriano of the No. 5 cage team in the nation and the pace setter in the Big Eight Conference.

And, although Cip didn't care to say when it would happen, he realizes that it could be this weekend. Kansas invades the Nebraska Coliseum for a televised 2 p.m. date Saturday with the Cornhuskers.

"There's not a player or coach on our team that doesn't think we can beat Kansas here," said Cipriano. "What we need is great support from the student body. If we don't have it, we'll lose our home court advantage."

Cipriano was quick to add that he's been pleased with the students' response at basketball games this year. But he also knows that TV games on Saturday afternoon always take away from the home crowd.

"We're thinking of Kansas as just another game," said Cip. "We play 'em one at a time. You have to in this league. But it's definitely a big game."

Cipriano refused to talk beyond Saturday. "If we lose, I won't feel it will be the end of our season," said Cip. "But I don't like talking about winning or losing Saturday. We talk about what happens after the game."

That reminded Cipriano of the Huskers' 79-67 loss at Oklahoma Monday night.

"We actually played some good basketball at Oklahoma," said Cipriano. "We just happened to play Oklahoma when they had an exceptional night."

Nebraska fell behind 8-0 early in the game and couldn't ever catch up in suffering its second Big Eight loss of the season along with two victories. Kansas leads the league with a 4-0 mark while Missouri owns a 4-1 season record.

"The odds are against us winning the Big Eight right now," said Cipriano. "But you can't really talk about a conference champion until the first round is complete."

"All the teams are going about as I expected. But the winner will still be the team that can win on the road."

Nebraska cracked the list of the nation's top 20 teams by tying with Villanova for the No. 19 spot in the UPI poll this week. Nebraska also received mention in the AP voting.

Monday's loss to Oklahoma, which was played after the voting, won't help the Huskers chances for remaining in the top 20. But a win over Kansas Saturday would definitely increase the chances.

Not only chances for the top 20, but also for a Big Eight championship.

First crew to float on grass

The first crew practice for the newly organized Nebraska Rowing Club will be today at 3:30 p.m. on the AstroTurf in the Field House.

With an adequate supply of equipment gathered, the team lacks now only in numbers of individuals. It is open to all

undergraduate men. Those interested are urged to contact Bill Brush, 404 Cather Hall (432-0361).

Races have been scheduled with Notre Dame, Minnesota, and Washburn. The first Big Eight race will be with Kansas State.

Women volley for title

With hopes of bringing another national championship to Nebraska, the University's women's intercollegiate volleyball team left today for Lawrence, Kan. to compete in the National Intercollegiate Volleyball Championships Feb. 3-6.

The team will join 27 other top teams chosen from across the nation to vie for the

national championship in the division of girl's and women's sports. The Nebraska team qualified for the competition by winning the Nebraska Women's Intercollegiate Sports Council tournament last December at Midland College in Fremont.

The round robin tournament at Lawrence has the field divided into four pools. The top two teams from each pool will advance to the semifinals Saturday. The finals will be a single elimination tournament.

Nebraska's first match is Thursday morning with Southwest Missouri State. Matches consist of three games between the two teams. Win or

lose, Nebraska will go on to play six more matches to determine its final standing.

The University team includes Jan Cheney, senior of Potter; Peg Tilgner, senior, of Daykin; Karen Ostrander, junior, of Palmyra; Kathy Crewdson, senior, of Lincoln; Pam Miller, senior, of Waverly; Kathy Drewes, junior, of Plymouth; Dee Fentiman, sophomore, of Unadilla; Debbie Knerr, sophomore, of Walton; Elsie Mahoney, freshman, of Mitchell, and Linda Perry, freshman, of Malcolm.

Connie Ludwig, an instructor in the physical education department, is coach of the team.

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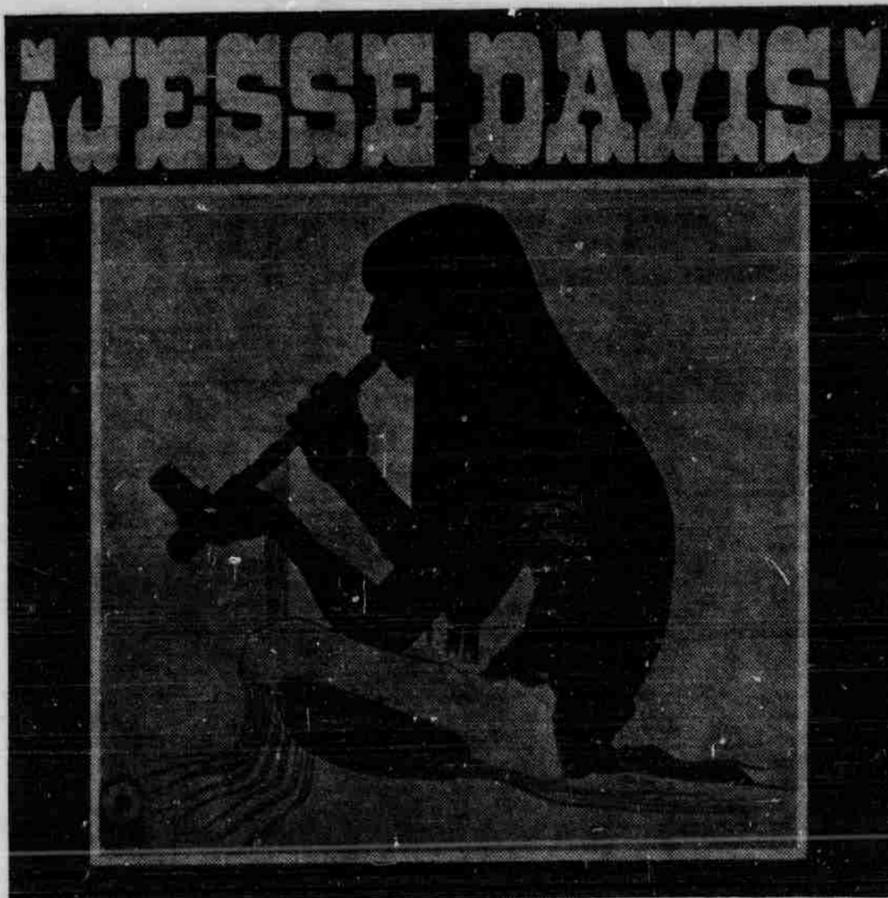
By CARL La FONG

Relax, Buffy. Help is on the way.

Jesse Edwin Davis is a Kiowa Commanche from Oklahoma. His remarkable guitar can be heard on all of Taj Mahal's albums, and as of next week, on his own Atlantic album, "Jesse Davis." His dad, one of the southwest's noted artists, painted the cover.

Through his Washita Productions he is producing Roger Tilloson for Atlantic, Gram Parsons for A & M and Southwind for Blue Thumb.

Jesse was fortunate. He was born into a loving, strong family back in Oklahoma City. His feelings about the injustices being suffered by his people are a fact of his life, not of his occupation. He is a warm, together person who has succeeded on his own terms. His actions speak for him.



Guitars: Eric Clapton & Joel Scott Hill / Keyboards: Larry Knechtel, Larry Pierce, Leon Russell, Ben Sidran & John Simon / Base: Billy Rich & Steve Thompson / Drums: Chuck "Brother" Blackwell, Steve Mitchell, Bruce Rowland & Alan White / Percussion: Patt Daley, Sandy Konikoff, Jackie Lomax, Pete "Big Boy" Waddington, Johnnie Ware & Alan Yoshida / Horns: James Gordon, baritone sax & clarinet; Jerry Jumonville, tenor sax solo; Darrell Leonard, trombone & trumpet; and Frank Mayes, tenor sax. / Vocal Accompanists: Nikki Barclay, "The Magnificent" Merry Clayton, Vanetta Fields, Bobby Jones, Gloria Jones, Clydie King, Gram Parsons & Maxine Willard.



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