

# Cipriano looks for 'interesting' season

by Jim Johnson

When Nebraska opened its October basketball drills last year, optimism was high. Players such as Marvin Stewart, Leroy Chalk and Chuck Jura rallied the hopes of Cornhusker fans.

But this October, at least on the part of the fans, there's no such optimism. The fans don't see a Stewart-type guard tossing in field goals from the 20-foot range or a rebounder to match Chalk.

Sure, 6-10 Jura is back. But what about scoring from the guard position? What about rebounding? What's actually ahead for Nebraska's 1971-72 basketball team?

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## Huskers face strong toe

Nebraska slotback Johnny Rodgers, who missed Tuesday's practice with an upset stomach, returned to drills Wednesday as the Cornhuskers prepare for Saturday's Big Eight game at Oklahoma State.

Head Coach Bob Devaney talked about the Oklahoma State kicking game. OSU punter Jim Benien leads the league in punting and ranks second in the nation with a 45.6 yards per-kick average.

## Intramurals office sets sports dates

Entry deadline for men's intramural handball singles competition is Thursday, Oct. 21. The tournament will begin on Monday, Oct. 25.

Anyone interested in a possible intramural cross country meet should check with the intramural office. If enough interest is shown a meet will be held later this fall.

Entry deadline for a recreational volleyball tournament for faculty and staff members is Friday, Oct. 22. For further information on the tournament, contact the intramural office, 1740 Vine, or call 472-3467.

The women's intramural volleyball tournament starts

Cipriano puts his head in his hands, leans back in his chair and thinks awhile before answering those questions.

"I don't think people are expecting us to be as good as



Peterson

we were last year," said Cipriano of the team that posted the third best record in Nebraska history. "It's true

"When a team has a kicker like that we hope he kicks out of their coverage zone," said Devaney. "If we can give Johnny Rodgers some running room he's dangerous."

Devaney pointed out, however, that a good distance kicker doesn't always kick out of his coverage zone.

"If he hangs it up there and gives his defenders a chance to cover the punt it usually puts you in bad field position," said Devaney.

Thursday, Oct. 21. Tournament schedules are posted in the intramural office.

## Intramurals

CO-REC SCHEDULE  
Sunday, October 24

Vine Street fields 2:00 V1, Boomers Gang vs. Frank Zappa; V2, Delta Upsilon vs. The Rabbits; V3, Lost Luck vs. He's and She's; V4, The Ramparts vs. TKE & KD; 3:15 V1, Schramm 52 vs. Cornhusker; V2, Alpha Tau Omega vs. Abel 2 & Sandoz 8; V3, Burr 1 vs. Abel 2 & Schramm 3; V4, Alpha Chi vs. Superstuds; 4:30 V1, Custer House vs. Hot Nuts; V2, Jim Chilners vs. Gus III Memorial Stadium 3:30-Gus II vs. Ag Men 4-45-Abel 10 vs. Farmhouse.

that we don't have a group of talented one-on-one players, but everybody realizes their role and they play well together. This is not a selfish team. I'm looking for more players to develop this year."

As far as finding a replacement for Stewart (who averaged over 20 points a game), Cipriano has six guards from which to choose. The leading contenders are juniors Tom Gregory and Tony Riehl and senior Al Nissen.

GREGORY AND NISSEN both played starting roles part of last year. Nissen, who played mainly forward, will be switched back to guard this



Gregory

year. Cipriano, who hopes to have more of a running game, is optimistic when he speaks about his guards.

"Gregory is an outstanding ball handler and would fit in perfectly with a running attack," said Cip. "He can make the play from the middle and that's what we need to get the running game working."

Cipriano is also confident about the field goal shooting of Gregory and Nissen.

"I THINK they were both a

little hesitant about shooting last year," said Cip.

Junior Randy Watts also enters the guard picture and is joined by sophomores Rick Brown and Tom Novak.

The most highly contested positions, however, could be at forward. Senior Mike Petersen, who was slowed last season with a knee injury, is healthy now. But Petersen will be pushed by Tom Bryan, Cal Christline, Lee Harris and last year's freshman team standout Brendy Lee.

"We're counting heavily on Petersen this year," said Cipriano. "With our offense we

need a forward who can pass well and hit that inside man. Mike has the ability to do this."

CIPRIANO HAD planned to use a single post last season, but switched back to a double post early in the season. This year, however, a single post operating around Jura should be the basic offense.

"We're going to get the ball to Jura faster this year," promised Cipriano. "We want to give Chuck the ball before the defense has too much time to setup."

"It's going to be an interesting year," said Cipriano. "We're ready for it."

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