

Two frosh move up to varsity basketball

by Jim Johnston

Joe Cipriano was one of those coaches who said freshmen wouldn't be playing varsity basketball at major colleges. He scoffed when the NCAA made freshman eligible for varsity competition last spring.

"It's too big a step," Cipriano contended. "Big kids may have a chance because they can rebound, but the 6-2 or 6-3 guys won't be able to adjust their freshman year."

Cipriano has changed his thinking. He moved two 6-3 freshmen up to the varsity Tuesday.

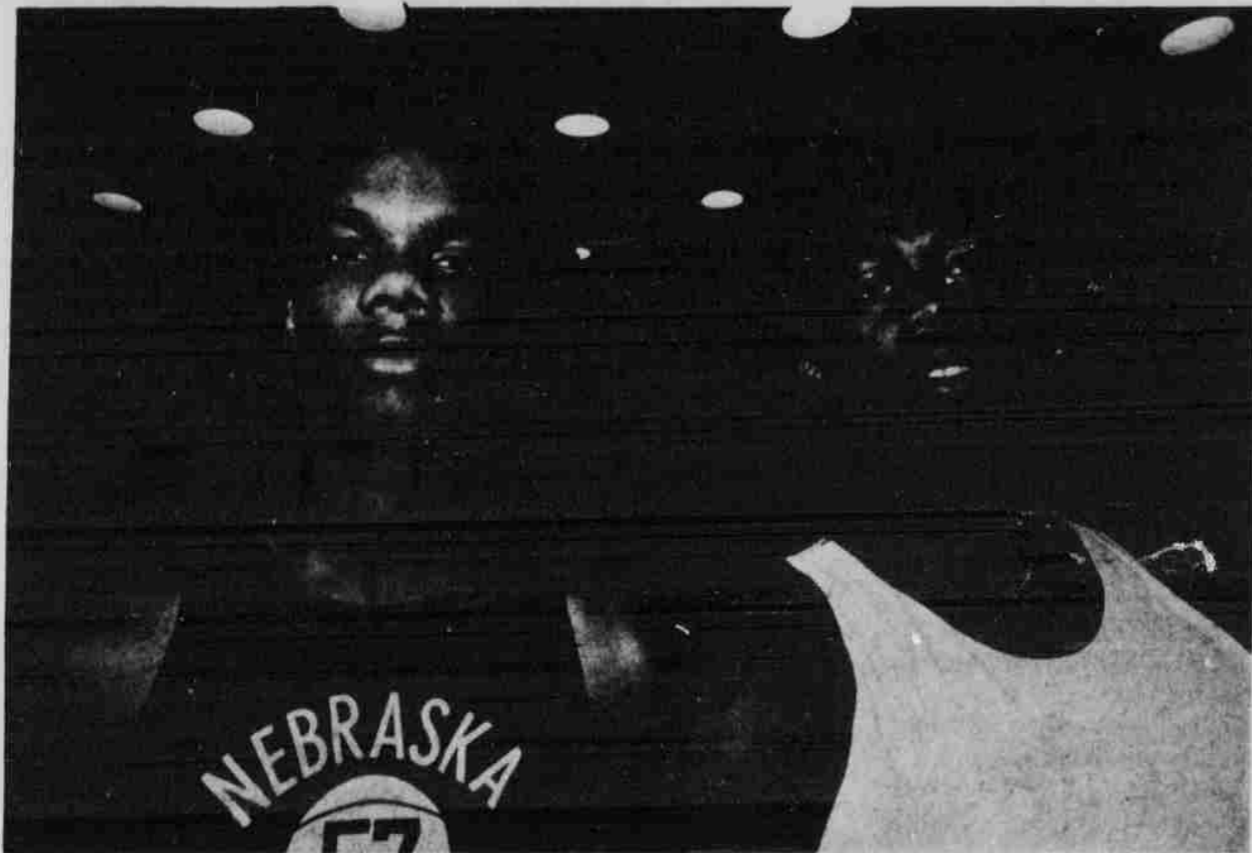


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Jerrell Fort and Ricky Marsh . . . freshmen move up to varsity basketball team.

Ricky Marsh, who made first team all-city in New York City last year, and Jerrell Fort from Chicago were advanced to the varsity squad after the Cornhuskers' first nine practices this fall.

"We were surprised by their showing in Monday's scrimmage," Cip said. "They learned things quickly for freshmen."

Freshmen listed on the varsity roster also may play freshman games. A freshman can play a combination of 26 games a season (not counting post season tournaments). However, he can only play in one game a day.

Marsh, despite his 6-3 size, was one of the most sought-after basketball players on the East Coast last year. But he wanted to leave the New York City area. He finally narrowed his choice to Nebraska and Michigan State.

"Marsh is a complete player," Cipriano said. "He can play either guard or forward and he's got tremendous leadership ability for a freshman. He fits right in."

But Cipriano said Fort may be the big surprise. He was overlooked by most major colleges because of his size.

"He's the type of player we were looking for last year in recruiting," Cipriano said. "He can do all phases of the game. We think he's going to be good. We think he's a young kid who is going to grow."

Although Fort and Marsh are the only freshmen who have advanced to the varsity, Nebraska is loaded with frosh basketball talent this year.

Alan Bluman from Wantagh, N.Y., and Larry Cox of Denver, who both stand 6-6, and Rex Melencamp at 6-7 from Seymour, Ind., are the remaining three freshmen with scholarships.

Pro Students beaten after 20 straight wins

It finally happened! The Pro Students' 20-game win streak was halted last night by the Bumpers.

The Bumpers, who don't have any individual stand-outs, out-scored the Pro Students 19-12 in the first half. The score turned out to be a final as the second half went scoreless.

The Bumpers, even though ranked No. 5 and undefeated, were virtually unheard of. Their defense proved to be the determining factor as the Pro Students were held to their lowest point total of the year.

A disappointed Bobby Griego, the Pro Students quarterback, thought that the field conditions made the difference.

"When we play on a wet field it takes away all of our assets," said Griego. "We rely on quickness and a wet field takes away our quickness."

A Fumbler protest was upheld against the Hawks. The Hawks failed to make the extra point on the play that was protested. The Fumblers won, 34-32.

Tuesday's results:

Independent Semi-finals
Bumpers 19 Pro Students 12
Phi Delta Phi 26 Fumblers 7

Fraternity A Semi-finals
Phi Delta Theta 24 Pioneer House 13
Delta Tau Delta 37 Phi Gamma Delta 25

B Division Semi-finals
Phi Gamma Delta B 6 Sigma Nu B 2
Sigma Phi Epsilon C 32 Delta Tau Delta B 6

Dorm Quarterfinals
Harper VI 31 Abel X 25
Gooding 34 Pershing 18
Gus II 28 Frost 19
Harper II 26 Abel V 21

Dorm Semi-finals
Gooding 28 Harper VI 27 ovt.
Gus II 55 Harper II 20

Devaney: 'OSU may have best wishbone quarterback'

Nebraska football coach Bob Devaney said he doesn't want to make Oklahoma mad, but he contends that state rival Oklahoma State "may have the best wishbone quarterback in the country in Brent Blackman."

"He can run like hell and he's a good thrower and leader," Devaney said. "He doesn't have the size and strength of Jack Mildren (OU's quarterback last year), but he throws the ball better than Mildren did."

Blackman is a junior and started at quarterback his sophomore year, but the Cornhuskers have never faced him. He had an emergency appendectomy just before the game against Nebraska last year.

Before spraining an ankle against Missouri this year and missing most of the game against Virginia Tech, Blackman was averaging 122.5 yards a game.

Devaney said Oklahoma State is more of a passing threat than most wishbone teams.

"Oklahoma State may throw on first down," Devaney said. "It's a type of team you can't gamble against and try to outguess."

Oklahoma State's wishbone also is more of an inside threat compared to the outside abilities of Oklahoma and UCLA.

"Oklahoma State doesn't have the speed of some wishbone teams," Devaney said, "but they try to run you over to get extra yards."

Nebraska and Oklahoma State are tied for the Big Eight lead with 2-0 conference marks. The Cowboys upset Colorado and scored a win over Missouri.

Oklahoma State's defense also has been a pleasant surprise for head coach Dave Smith.

The Cowboys held Missouri to just three field goals. The defensive backfield has allowed only two touchdowns through the air. Both occurred last week against Virginia Tech.

The Cowboys' biggest problem has been offensive errors. Oklahoma State fumbled against Missouri on the five-yard line, against Arkansas on the 15 and against Virginia Tech on the three. In two of those games these turnovers cost the game.

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