

Cagers will be running tonight

by Jim Johnston

Nebraska basketball coach Joe Cipriano offered a note of caution before the 1972-73 season opened.

"December could be a long, long month for us," Cipriano said. "We'll have to establish ourselves in the first games if we hope to come out of December looking respectable."

Cipriano has not been disappointed with the Cornhuskers' first four games. Nebraska, which finished third in the Mountaineer Classic at West Virginia over the weekend, stands 2-2 on the season. The Huskers dropped a 75-50 decision to tourney champion California in the opener Friday and bounced back for a 57-53 come-from-behind win over Air Force in the consolation game Saturday.

But there is no time for Nebraska to relax. The Huskers host Texas Christian tonight at the UNL Coliseum. Tipoff is 7:35 p.m.

Although Texas Christian may be one of the weaker teams on Nebraska's December schedule, the Huskers realize the importance of a win tonight. It's the only home game for Nebraska this month.

"We have to win our home games," Cipriano said. "Things are tough enough on the road. We can't afford to lose at home."

The Huskers travel to the tough Kentucky Invitational Friday and Saturday and conclude their December schedule after Christmas with the Big Eight Tournament in Kansas City.

Texas Christian stands 1-2 on the season after dropping a 101-70 decision to Purdue Saturday. The Horned Frogs are a rather unknown quantity this season. They lost four of their starters off last year's squad, but are expected to get help from two junior college transfers and two freshmen, including a two-time high school all-American.

Lynn Royal, the two-time high school all-American, stands 6-7½ and averaged 23.9 points per game and 18.5 rebounds during his senior year. TCU is also counting on 6-8 freshman Wayne Wayman from Ft. Worth.

Those junior college transfers expected to see action for TCU are guard Bill Mullen and forward Lawrence Young.

As usual, Nebraska will have a height disadvantage. But Cipriano hopes to counter this disadvantage with speed. And playing in the Coliseum can aid Nebraska's cause.

"We'll be a better running team at home," Cipriano said. "If we get the students behind us our pressing defense and fast-break offense can really get going at home. I'll guarantee you we'll be running at home this year."

It's guaranteed that no team will be able to stall tonight. For the first time this season, the Huskers will use the 30-second clock which will be experimented with in the Big Eight Conference this season.

A team in control of the basketball has 30 seconds in which to shoot. If the offensive team fails to hit the rim within the 30-second period, the ball will be awarded to the other team. As in professional basketball—which has a 24-second clock—the clocks will be located at the ends of the courts.

If the defensive team touches the ball, but the offensive team doesn't lose the ball, then the 30-second clock continues to run. If the defensive team causes the ball to go out of bounds, the 30-second clock is stopped and the offensive team shall have the unexpired time, or 10 seconds, whichever is longer, to attempt a try.

The 30-second clock doesn't start until the ball is touched inbounds.

"It should add some excitement," Cipriano said. "And then, again, it could add a helluva lot of confusion."

The Nebraska junior varsity meets Nebraska Tech in tonight's preliminary contest which starts at 5:15 p.m.

Crowd views ISU defeat Huskers 48-0

Nebraska wrestling coach Orval Borgialli knew there would be a good crowd at the UNL Coliseum Friday night watching defending NCAA champion Iowa State meet the Cornhuskers.

"We just hope we can make a good showing so the people will come back," Borgialli said.

There was a good crowd—1,500 people. But Nebraska did not make a good showing, dropping a 48-0 decision. The Cyclones registered five pins in the 10 matches.

118 lbs. — Dan Mallinger, IS, decisioned Gary Harnisch, 11-5.

126 lbs. — Ron Glass, IS, pinned Monty Halstead, 7:27.

134 lbs. — Don Glass, IS, decisioned Ralph Manning, 18-3.

142 lbs. — Doug Lunt, IS, decisioned Bob Smith, 20-6.

150 lbs. — Pete Galea, IS, pinned Tom Lotko, 3:04.

158 lbs. — John Showalter, IS, decisioned Cliff Myles, 6-2.

167 lbs. — Keith Abens, IS, pinned Len Dickinson, 3:11.

177 lbs. — Rich Binek, IS, decisioned Bob Johnson, 17-5.

190 lbs. — Al Nacin, IS, pinned Tom Tremain, 3:01.

Heavyweight — Chris Taylor, IS, pinned Jeff Class, 1:27.

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