

## Stingy Husker defense to test ISU Tuesday

By Dennis Onnen

It will be a matchup between one of the Big 8's most awesome basketball offenses and one of its stingiest defenses when Iowa State University meets UNL Tuesday at 7:35 p.m. in the Coliseum.

The Cyclones (11-7) have the second highest team average in the league, scoring more than 78 points a game. Going into tonight's Big 8 games, the Huskers (8-9) have given up only 67.6 points a game, the best in the conference.

Leading the Cyclones offensively are sophomore guard Herclie (Poison) Ivy and transfer forward Robert Wilson with 18.3 and 17.5 averages respectively.

"He's going to be very difficult for us to cover," Husker Coach Joe Cipriano said of Ivy.

Other frontliners who have started at least part of the year for Iowa State are Larry Loots, Craig DeLoss and leading rebounder Wes Harris. Joining Ivy in the backcourt is senior Eric Heft.

The Cyclones also lead the conference in field goal accuracy, making more than 48 per cent of their shots.

"If they're consistent with both their inside and outside shooting, boy, they're rough," Cipriano said.

Iowa State is in fifth place in the Big 8 with a 2-4 record, after finishing second in the preseason Big 8 tournament. UNL is sixth with a 1-4 mark, after road losses to Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma University.

"We haven't played very well on the road,"

Cipriano said. "We've been more disciplined at home. We also haven't shot as well away from home, but that's natural for a lot of teams."

The Huskers have a 7-1 record at home, compared with 1-8 on the road.

Aiding the Huskers in their attempt to break a 3-game losing streak will be freshman forward Bob Siegel. He was sidelined for the last three games because of bronchitis.

Cipriano indicated that he would stick with the same starters from the last four games. Guards Jerry Fort and Tom Novak, forwards Steve Erwin and Brendy Lee and center Larry Cox should start for the Huskers.

In the preliminary game, Nebraska's junior varsity will take on Iowa State's junior varsity at 5:15 p.m.

## Coliseum conditions unnerve opponents

With construction of the new Fieldhouse progressing at a snail's pace, Nebraskans are beginning to wonder if the Huskers will ever get out of the time-worn Coliseum. It is assumed that once the cagers escape from that medieval-looking building, their play will improve. But maybe the fans don't know a good thing when they see one.

During the years, UNL basketball teams have displayed almost magical powers while playing in the Coliseum.

This year, Nebraska won every home game until they played Kansas State University. Even then, the Huskers narrowly lost to a team that had shellacked them in the Big 8 tournament in Kansas City. In Lincoln, UNL beat a confused Oklahoma University team 63 - 58. In Norman, playing the same team, they lost by 22 points.

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What is it that changes the Huskers from also-rans to contenders when playing at home? In all probability, it is the opposition, not Nebraska, that metamorphoses while playing in the Coliseum.

It is easy to see how visiting teams could become rattled during a game in Lincoln. When 8,000 people start screaming in such a compressed area, it must sound like a Boeing 707.

Also, the stands are so close to the playing floor that a visiting player must remain alert to the possibility of being tripped by an overzealous UNL fan.

With all this to worry about, it's amazing that UNL ever loses at home.

If and when Nebraska moves into the new Fieldhouse, people will look back and laugh at the Coliseum. Until then, fans will tolerate the conditions as long as the Huskers continue to win.



Husker Gary Jeurink competes on the high bar.

## Cyclones dominate gymnastic contest

By Larry Stunkel

Defending national gymnastics champion Iowa State University dominated competition in every event to beat UNL, 165.35 - 156.25, Saturday at Henzlik Hall gymnasium.

After the meet, Husker Coach Francis Allen called Iowa State the best collegiate gymnastics team he'd ever seen.

Cyclone Coach Ed Gagnier called the Huskers a formidable foe.

"Nebraska impressed me with their top three men," said Gagnier. "In every event, except maybe pommel horse, they are capable of scoring 27 points, which is remarkable considering they only put up four men in some events."

The Huskers' team effort of 156.25 was two points better than that against Colorado one week before. However, Allen said the team could have done better.

"If we could have gotten our high bar together, we would have scored above 160," he said. "That's where we want to be because that's what it will take to keep up with Oklahoma."

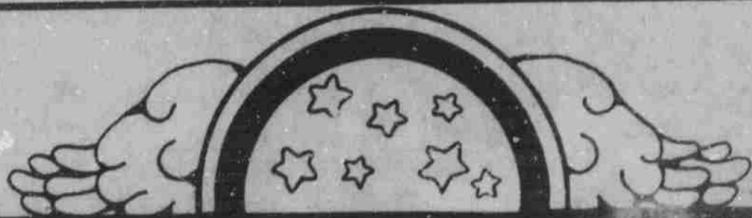
Oklahoma, according to Allen, will be the leading challenger for the Huskers' runner-up spot in the conference.

Top individual performances for the Cyclones included Mark Graham's wins in the all-around, parallel bars and high bar, and Doug Fitzjarrell's win in the floor exercise, plus his ties for first in the vault and parallel bars.

Individual winners for the Huskers were freshman Gary Jeurink, who tied for first with Fitzjarrell in the vault, and senior Barry Cross, who shared top honors with Graham and Fitzjarrell in the parallel bars. For Cross, it was the first time that he scored above 9.0 in an event.

Other Huskers turning in high finishes were Steve Dickey, second in the side horse; Pete Studenski, third in the still rings; and Gary Duff, third in the parallel bars. Team captain Jim Unger, despite a torn shoulder muscle, finished third in the vault, third in floor exercise and scored a 9.15 on the high bar.

For Unger, it was his best 3-event total ever.



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