

Cagers to meet Tigers

When the Husker basketball squad hosts the University of Missouri Saturday evening at 7:35 p.m. in the Coliseum, it will be attempting to halt the Tigers' 6-game victory string over UNL.

Not since the 1970-71 season have the Huskers beaten Missouri, but Coach Joe Cipriano says past records mean nothing. His squad, coming off a triple overtime win over Iowa State University last Tuesday, is now 9-9 on the year, winning two of six conference games.

Missouri, now 10-7 for the season and 1-4 in the conference, will be attempting to break its 4-game conference losing streak.

Cipriano indicated he plans to start sophomore Larry Cox at center. Cox will be joined in the front line by senior Brendy Lee and freshman Bob Siegel. The Husker guards will be Jerry Fort and Tom Novak.

Siegel, who will be making his first Husker career start, is coming off an impressive performance during the Iowa State game. Leading all scorers with 26 points, he made

several key baskets throughout the game. "Siegel is in a position to be starting because he has worked exceptionally hard in practices, and it's shown in his game play," Cipriano said.

Missouri features the conference's third leading rebounder in 6 ft. 6 in. forward Al Eberhard, who is averaging 11.8 rebounds a game. In addition, the Tigers boast three players among the Big 8's leading scorers. They are guards Gary Link and Steve Dangos, averaging 18.2 and 16.7 points a game respectively, and Eberhard who is an average of 17.8 a game.

The Huskers' leading scorer is Jerry Fort with an 18.2 game average, while Brendy Lee tops the rebounding department with an average of 7.7 rebounds per game.

The Huskers will experiment early in the contest between man-to-man and zone defenses in an effort to discover the Tiger offensive weaknesses. "Although our zone worked effectively against Iowa State, we must change our defense a little for every opponent. It's a trial and error process," he said.

New Fieldhouse will enhance swimming team's prestige

Last Saturday, Husker gymnasts met defending national and Big 8 champion Iowa State University in Henzlik Hall gymnasium. The previous Monday Husker fans were treated to a wrestling meet in the Coliseum between UNL and defending Big 8 champion Oklahoma State University.

Basketball fans have the opportunity to see each Big 8 school play in the Coliseum every year. But this year the Husker swimming team has had to content itself with such infamous home opponents as Northern Colorado University, Bemidji State College and Buena Vista College.

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What is the reason for such a difference in the caliber of the swimming team's schedule and those of other winter sports?

The answer is simple—the facilities. Since the Coliseum opened in 1926, Husker swimmers have been confined to the stuffy pool in its basement. Conditions are so bad that other Big 8 schools have refused to compete here.

Words such as "drab surroundings" and "poor ventilation" pop up when Coach John Reta speaks of the current facilities. But he

speaks enthusiastically of the new Fieldhouse being built on the State Fairgrounds.

The Fieldhouse will house a 25-meter-by-25-yard pool and a separate diving well. Reta said the pool and well will be the largest in the Big 8, and the 2,500 seating capacity also will be the most in the conference.

Because of the weak home opponents, the Huskers have not been pushed to their fullest capabilities, he said.

Some breakthroughs in scheduling have been made, however. Oklahoma State, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Missouri have agreed to come to Lincoln next year.

Reta added that he believed that all Big 8 schools will come to UNL once the new pool is completed.

He said he also expects the Fieldhouse pool to increase fan support, although he said he has been pleased with attendance this year. The bleachers were filled at the last home meet.

"The key to the program is getting the right people to do the job," Reta said. He had one of his best recruiting years last year, enticing swimmers from California, Florida and Indiana. The prospects of a new pool may have influenced some of them to come here, he said.

The new pool also should encourage more Nebraska high school swimmers to attend UNL.

For all these reasons, the new Fieldhouse probably will help the swimming team more than any other.



Photo by Mike Theller

Husker Coach Joe Cipriano.

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Three UNL women's teams are in action this weekend. The basketball team travels to Wayne State College for a Friday game.

The gymnastics team will host South Dakota State University Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Women's Physical Education Bldg. 119. It will be the team's first home meet of the season and is open to the public.

UNL women swimmers travel to Kansas State University Saturday. The swim team defeated Kearney State

College, 75-66, Wednesday to raise its record to 3-1.

Four Husker varsity squads travel out of town for meets this weekend. The track team will participate in the Michigan State University Relays Saturday. Husker wrestlers (5-5) meet South Dakota University Friday and Northwest Missouri State College Saturday in away matches.

Nebraska swimmers (3-3) will face Kansas University in Lawrence Saturday. The gymnastics team (1-1) travels to Manhattan to meet Kansas State University Saturday.

The UNL Rifle Team will participate in the University of South Dakota Invitational at Vermillion this weekend.

Jordan compete at billiards

By Larry Stunkel

Mark Jordan is a local champion who can't be found on a basketball court or wrestling mat. His sport is pocket billiards.

Jordan is one of 17 UNL students competing in the Assoc. of Collegiate Unions International (ACUI) games tournament this weekend in Columbia, Mo.

According to Pat Scanlon, manager of Nebraska Union games room and team sponsor, hundreds of students from 20 to 30 Midwestern universities will compete in bowling, chess, table tennis and pocket billiards for the right to represent their schools in the ACUI national tournament in April.

UNL students who are competing in

the tournament qualified by winning the local tournament in their respective events.

Besides Jordan, other qualifiers from UNL include the men's bowling team of Gary Kropp, Greg Tschupp, Steve Nye, Ray Koziol and Gary Wiebelhaus; the woman's bowling team of Deb Holland, Sherry Gangwish, Pat David, Suzy Fredericks and Betsy Burke; the chess team of Loren Schmidt, Tom Brakke, John Herstein and Mike Chess; and the table tennis team of Peter Chao and John Tavlin.

Scanlon said Jordan has the best chance of winning an individual championship at the tournament. Jordan, a sophomore from Omaha, placed second

in last year's ACUI regional tournament.

Jordan, who has played billiards for seven years, said, "I try to concentrate on every shot, I want to get hot and run as many (shots) as I can."

Scanlon said the men's bowling team and the chess team, which finished second in last year's ACUI regionals, also have championship potential.

Schmidt, Herstein and Chess return from last year's chess team.

Members of this year's bowling team who qualified last year are Kropp, Tschupp and Nye.

"It's no life or death deal," said Scanlon. "These students aren't athletes in the sense of football players and gymnasts, but are just having a good time."

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