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Cip looking for first win in new complex tonight

By Jim Hunt

Coach Joe Cipriano and his Husker basketball team will be looking for their first victory in the UNL Sports Complex when they play Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU) tonight.

Tipoff is scheduled for 7:35 p.m. A preliminary game between the UNL women's basketball team and the NWMSU's women's team is slated to start at 5:15 p.m.

The Husker men, now 3-4 on the season, have yet to win in their new home. They have dropped decisions to the University of Iowa, 71-57, and the University of Minnesota, 66-58 in the complex this season.

NWMSU will enter tonight's game with a record of 3-3. The Bearcat's wins have been against William Jewell College, Graceland College and Washburn University. Bear-

cat losses have been to Rockhurst College, Wayne State College and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The Bearcat's latest win was a 68-65 triumph over William Jewell Saturday.

"In both the Rockhurst and Wayne State games we had 11-point leads with 10 minutes to play," Bearcat coach Bob Inglehart said. "We just couldn't hold on to it."

The Bearcats are led by senior forward David Alevy, a 6 ft. 5 in., 214 lb., native of Tell City, Ind. He entered the 1976-77 season as the school's all-time single season and career scoring leader. He tossed in 571 points last season and entered this season with 1,201 career points.

Alevy, who averaged 23.8 points a game last season, is averaging 20 points a game this year.

Other Bearcat starters include junior forward Al Watson, with a 12.5 point-per-game average, freshmen Armand Dyer, with a 9.5 point average, center Russ Miller, averaging nine points and forward Mark Adams with a 13.5 point average.

The Bearcats scored an average of 82 points a game through the first four games of the season, while giving up 72 points a game, Inglehart said.

"They're a young and inexperienced team," Husker graduate assistant Jennings Austin said of the Bearcats. "When they get over that, they are going to be tough. They're a team that just keeps coming at you."

Austin said the Bearcats probably will use a zone defense against the Huskers.

"Northwest Missouri doesn't have a whole lot of speed," Austin said, "but they have a lot of hustle and outstanding outside shooting."

"They're a pretty exciting team to watch, they just don't have a lot of ability."

NWMSU is an NCAA Division II school.

"The main difference between a Division I and a Division II school is the caliber of players," Inglehart said. "Naturally the Division I schools get the players with greater ability."

The Huskers will be out to stop their own two-game losing streak. The latest Husker loss was to the University of Illinois (IU), Saturday.

The Huskers dropped the 67-63 decision to the Illini before 7,055 people at Assembly Hall in Champaign, Ill.

One bright spot for the Huskers was senior Bob Siegel. Siegel, who has been bothered by an early season slump, tossed in 20 points coming off the bench for the Huskers. He had been averaging 8.3 points a game in the Husker's first six contests.

Sophomores Brian Banks and Carl McPipe added 16 and 15 points, respectively for the Huskers, but it wasn't enough to offset the Illini, who had four players in double figures.

Wrestlers find wins don't come easy against powerful ISU, South Dakota

By Rob Barney

Orval Borgialli's UNL wrestling team had a taste of high-powered competition at the Sports Complex Saturday night, but his Huskers tasted little success.

In a double dual, UNL lost to Division I's second-ranked team, Iowa State University (ISU), 45-3, and to Division II's sixth-rated team, South Dakota State University (SDSU), 30-13.

A bright spot for the Huskers according to Borgialli, was the performance of freshman Tim Cahill. Cahill, a three-time Nebraska state champion from Millard, was the Husker's only winner against ISU.

Wrestling at 190 lbs., Cahill downed Rick Bickert of ISU, 7-5, and tied Don Oswald of SDSU, 0-0.

"Considering the circumstances, Tim wrestled very well," Borgialli said. "Tim came in seven and a half pounds overweight this morning."

Cahill also still is affected by a concussion he received at the Great Plains Open a month ago, Borgialli said.

"The doctors say it will go away," Borgialli said. "It's just going to take time."

Winners for the Huskers in the SDSU match were Agron Vasha, 9-4 over Scott Prio at 126 lbs.; Dave Finken, 4-2 over Tom Hayes at 142 lbs.; and Court Vining, 6-5 over Kent Haake at 150 lbs. Cliff Myles drew 1-1 with Mike Neal at 167 lbs.

Finken and Vining scored with less than 10 seconds left in the third period to gain their victories.

Iowa State is not only one of the best teams in the midwest, it's one of the top teams in the nation, Borgialli said, adding that the Cyclones will again challenge two

other Big 8 Conference schools, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, for national honors.

"It's kind of hard to tell how we stand right now," ISU coach Harold Nichols said. "Oklahoma and Oklahoma State wrestled tonight. We'll know a little more after I see those results. Right now we're a little weak at 134 lbs. and 177 lbs."

SDSU took advantage of those weak spots and victories from Rick Jensen at 134 lbs. and Jeff Hoherts at 177 lbs. against ISU. Tom Hayes also won at 142 lbs. for the South Dakotans.

"I was really pleased with the performances of Hoherts and Jensen," SDSU coach Michael Martin said. "Jensen is 19-1 in matches this year and has three tournament titles."

"We were shooting for Nebraska tonight," Martin added. "We've seen them the last five weekends and I've been impressed with their squad. I'm really happy the way we performed tonight."

Martin, whose goal is to get SDSU ranked in the top five in Division II this season, said he was pleased with the nine points his team scored against ISU.

"How many did Nebraska score? Three. Well we scored nine," he said. "That's going to be more than a lot of other teams score off them."

UNL's next meet is Wednesday at the Sports Complex against Drake University. Starting time is 7:30 p.m.

"For the last five years we've beaten Drake (with a win) at the heavyweight match," Borgialli said. "This will probably be our most exciting match of the year. It will come down to who wants it the most."

Much of Cyclones' scoring punch, rebounding graduated with starters

Editor's note—This is the fourth in a series examining Big 8 Conference basketball teams.

By Mike McCarthy

Basketball fans should anticipate a revamped Iowa State University (ISU) squad this year. With starters Herclie Ivy and Art Johnson now graduated, the Cyclones lost 60 per cent of last year's scoring punch, and a large chunk of their rebounding.

The young Cyclones have had troubles with inexperience this season. Their record is 1-2.

Lynn Nance, ISU coach and former FBI agent, might be able to investigate exactly what is their problem.

"It will be difficult for our staff to evaluate the squad," Nance said. "From what we have learned so far, it would appear as though junior Steve Burgason has the best chance to become the leader from the returning players."

Burgason, known for his hustle and defense, hit eight points in ISU's loss last Saturday, 88-65, to Tulsa University.

Vying for spot

The other forward spot remains unsettled with senior Calvin Freeman, junior Ricky Byrdson, sophomore Paul Landsberger and freshman Chuck Harmison all vying for the open spot.

"Byrdson is a good runner and jumper and he should help our running game," Nance said. "Landsberger goes to

the board real well. He's not a very good jumper and he doesn't have real good speed, but he really knows how to play around the basket. Harmison has great hands and a great attitude and he has really come a long way since last year in high school."

ISU's guard positions are about as settled as the forward spot. Seniors Evan Varley and Roman Butkus, who saw action last year, should be pushed for the starting spots by junior Leonard Allen and sophomore Andrew Parker. Against Tulsa, Allen scored 12 points and Parker nine.

Junior Jim Murphy anchored the post position last year, but the 6 ft. 7 in. veteran was replaced by one of ISU's youngsters, freshman Dean Uthoff, 7 ft. 4 in.


Rough around edges

"He's a little rough around the edges but he definitely has great possibilities," Nance said.

Nance replaced former ISU coach Ken Tickey midway through last year's season. The Cyclones finished 3-2 overall and 3-11 in Big 8 play, good enough for last place in the conference.

"We've got our work cut out for us," Nance said. "We're a young team and a very inexperienced team."

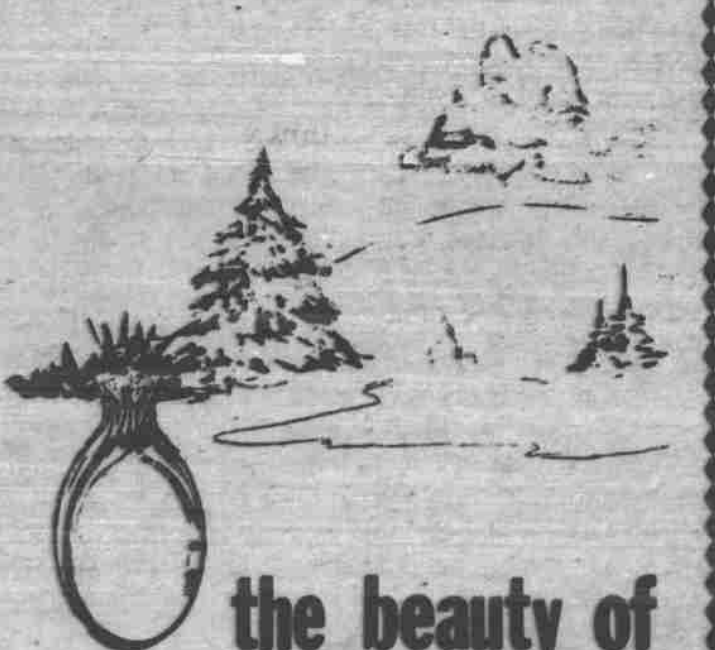
"People ask me what could be worse than 3-24, and I tell them 0-27. It will be awfully tough to get off to the start you'd like to with a new team. We're just hoping that our players will gel."



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