

# Husker cagers: practice more grueling than play

By Kevin Schnepf

The hardest part of the UNL basketball season, according to three returning starters, begins Saturday at 6 p.m. when the Huskers start practices.

The Huskers will practice for six weeks before their home opener against Missouri Southern State, Dec. 2. The annual Red-White Intrasquad game will be Nov. 19.

Senior forward Terry Novak said opening practices are the toughest part of the year.

"These practices are really hard workouts," Novak said. "From Oct. 15 until December, we have six weeks of conditioning and running. We're looking forward to the first game."

Novak, a Lincoln Northeast graduate, said the practices allow new people to adjust to the program.

**Practices set tone**

"I've been here four years and I know what it's like,"

Novak said. "All these practices are important. It sets the tone of what type of team we'll have."

Head coach Joe Cipriano said he agrees that the first six weeks are the crucial part of the year. He said the players have to learn the coaches' program.

Cipriano, in his fourteenth year at UNL, said the players are in the best shape he has seen since coming to UNL.

"They've all been running for about four weeks and have been involved with a weight program, too."

The Huskers will be preparing to improve last season's 15-14 record and a fifth place finish in the Big 8 with a 7-7 record. Despite the loss of forward Bob Siegal and guard Allen Holder, returning center Carl McPipe said UNL can win the Big 8.

**Huskers can win**

"We've been on the bottom for a long time," McPipe said. "You couldn't ask for a better team and personally,

I think we can win it."

McPipe said the Huskers are worrying only about practices now. He said this year's squad is young and experienced.

"We've got people playing here who are not going to leave," he said. "Before, we had seniors who would graduate and we couldn't build the program. We're all going to be playing again next year."

Brian Banks, one of McPipe's high school teammates in Hammond, Indiana, said he is not excited about practice but added that he is ready to play.

"I've been here two years now," Banks said. "So I know what it's like. I'm not excited, I just wait for the practice to get here and the season too."

Banks said good practices mean good games and that is the reason practices are important.

Senior guard James Caldwell, junior center Curt Hedberg and sophomore forward Mark McVicker also return for the Huskers.

Recruits include junior forwards Pat Hodges and Bob Moore; sophomore guard David Davis. Freshmen include centers John Ploetz and Srebrenko Despot; forwards Andre Smith and Eric Eckelman; and guards Gerard Myrthil and Mike Naderer.

Anyone planning to try out for the team should contact assistant coach Dave Harshman today at 472-2265. Tryouts are Monday.

## sports

# Husker offensive line hopes to have Cyclone defense huffing and puffing

By Kevin Schnepf

The Huskers' potent offense will face a fierce defense when the Iowa State University (ISU) Cyclones blow into Lincoln Saturday for the 1:30 p.m. contest at Memorial Stadium.

The Cyclones have held opponents to 114.2 yards rushing per game this season. The Huskers' 299-yard rushing offense, led by I-Backs I.M. Hipp and Rick Berns is seventh in the nation.

Both teams are 4-1 overall and 1-0 in conference play. The Cyclones shut out the University of Missouri last week, 7-0, while the Huskers downed Kansas State University, 26-9.

Husker Coach Tom Osborne said "No one will score many points. I hope to see a lot of touchdowns, but ISU is a very physical team.

"Bruce (ISU coach Earle) told me last year that he had the best defense he ever coached," Osborne said. "This year, almost all the key players are back and they may have the best defense in the league."

**Huskers lost**

Last year the Cyclones handed the Huskers a 37-28 loss in Ames, Iowa.

Revenge is on the minds of Husker players and coaches, according to offensive line assistant coach, Milt Tenopir. UNL has not forgotten last year's loss, he said.

"They didn't treat us well last year so we're going into this game with a different attitude," Tenopir said. "They have an excellent defense and this game will be a real dogfight, so I hope the fans are with us."

Tenopir said ISU's defensive line manhandles its opponents and could be the strongest in the Big 8. Middle-guard Ron McFarland, left tackle Mike Stensrud, and right

tackle Tom Randall have combined for 74 unassisted tackles, 81 assisted tackles and have sacked backs for 100 yards in losses.

Lining up against the Cyclone defensive line will be a Husker offensive line that could be the best in UNL history, Tenopir said.

**Hipp rated sixth**

Hipp, who has carried the ball 76 times for 621 yards, is sixth in the nation in rushing and second in the Big 8 behind Oklahoma State University's Terry Miller.

Osborne has expressed concern about the Husker passing game which has gained only 55 and 59 yards in its last two games.

Bruce said UNL really has changed its offensive look. "What we've got to do is prepare well to stop a real fine offensive football team," he said. "It's a matter of us playing a superb football game and hanging in there and seeing if we can't stay with them long enough to win."

The Cyclone offense will be led by tailback Dexter Green. Green has gained 382 yards this year, while fullback Cal Cummins gained 102 yards against MU last week.

ISU quarterback Terry Rubley is third on the Big 8 passing charts. Rubley has connected on 29 of 50 passes for 384 yards.

Osborne said Randy Garcia will start at quarterback for the Huskers. UNL's Monte Anthony replaces Dodie Donnell at fullback while linebacker Jeff Carpenter, who has an elbow injury will be replaced by Jim Wightman.

In other Big 8 games this weekend, the University of Colorado plays at the University of Kansas, MU is host to the University of Oklahoma and Kansas State University is at Oklahoma State University.



Photo Courtesy Iowa State University

Cyclone tailback Dexter Green will lead ISU's rushing attack tomorrow against the Cornhuskers. Green has gained almost 400 yards in five games this year.

# UNL boxers spar in Schramm Hall's basement

By Jim Kay

"Keep up your left," the boxing coach screamed from the corner.

But the warning went unheard. The force from the lightning quick right hook, that he never saw, sent the protege slumping to the canvas.

Earnie Shavers and Muhammad Ali at Madison Square Garden? No, the duo are members of UNL's Boxing Club. The ring is in the basement of Schramm Hall.

Coach Randy Nelson, in his second year as head of the UNL club, sighed and untied the laces of his fallen warrior's gloves.

"It's almost like starting over, again," Nelson said. "Nobody knows about us down here."

The boxing club moved from its home in the gymnasium of the Coliseum two years ago to its new home at Schramm Hall.

Nelson has been in boxing for 13 years. He has coached during the last eight.

"It was nicer working out in the Coliseum," he said. "It was nice to be close to the weight room and the showers and nearer to the hub of things."

The boxing club practices from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday nights.

Nelson said club members pay annual dues of \$3.50 and buy their own mouthpieces and hand wraps. He said there are 15 to 20 boxers in the club.

UNL's boxing club is open to everyone but, Nelson said, he watches new members closely for safety reasons.

"The first night all they'll do is put on hand wraps and carry the medicine ball around," Nelson said. "I'll watch them punch the small bag to see if they're athletic or not. If things go smooth enough right away, then they'll go to the heavy bag. And maybe the next night they will go into the ring."

"The first time in ring, the new boy throws all the punches and his opponent doesn't. This is just to get the feel of it. The second time he might see more of a fight."

The boxers wear headgear and use 16-ounce gloves in practice, but wear 10 or 12-ounce gloves in fights because they do less damage, Nelson said.

Nelson said the club has been to one match (smoker) this season in Milford. Three boxers from the UNL club fought and all three won.

"At smokers, the boxers are matched up according to their weight and their experience," he said. "Their weight usually is within three or four pounds."

"We still need someone at 200 lbs. and a couple at 115 lbs. There are definite weaknesses for us at the top and bottom."

Nelson has fought in four professional fights. He said he feels boxing has a lot to offer.

"There are still a lot of athletes who don't play football or baseball or basketball that can box," he said. "That's why boxing has something to offer. And you always get a trophy for winning at smokers. And that's kinda nice."

## sports shorts

The Husker Red-White baseball scrimmage will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the UNL baseball diamond north of Memorial Stadium. The scrimmage was to be played Oct. 1, but heavy rains postponed it. Admission is free.

The Lincoln Volleyball Club's meeting for persons interested in Power Volleyball Competition will be 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 44th and South streets.

The Husker men's cross country teams host Drake University 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Wilderness Park.

# Husker frosh meet ISU JVs

The Husker frosh football team, 2-0 this year, meets the Iowa State University junior varsity at 1:30 p.m. today at Memorial Stadium. Iowa State, also 2-0, has not beaten the Husker frosh since 1961.

**Probable Husker Starters**

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Defense</b>
TE Greg Rabas	LE Scott Sherry
LT Bob O'Rourke	LT Dan Hurley

LG Greg Lynch  
C Mike McElroy  
RG Matt Brandl  
RT Pat Buhman  
SE Scott Woodard  
QB Mark Mauer  
FB Jim Kotera  
IB Craig Johnson  
WB Anthony Branch

MG Curt Hineine  
RT Peter Boll  
RE Dave Stromath  
SLB Terry Brubaker  
WLB Darwin Miles  
MON L.G. Searcy  
LCB Rod Lewis  
RBC Ric Lindquist  
S Monte Gilbreath