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## Cipriano is the top contender for Coach of the Year

Joe Cipriano had his best year ever, Carol Frost guided her squad to the Nebraska State track championship and Frank Sevigne's team almost nipped the University of Kansas at the indoor track championships.

Cip, Frost and Sevigne are just three of the 16 UNL varsity coaches—ten male and eight female sports—eligible for the third annual Daily Nebraskan Coach of the Year.

Coaches of male and female sports each are allowed one vote for male and female sports coaches, respectively. Coaches are not allowed to vote for themselves.

The award, which will be announced in the Friday Daily Nebraskan, is awarded to the coach who best exemplifies what a coach should be.

In the first two years, the peers of Fran-

cis Allen, men's gymnastic coach, voted him that honor. George Nicodemus, basketball coach, won the first women's award while Sig Garnett, tennis coach, earned it last year.

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Allen still is around to repeat, but Nicodemus is in Iowa coaching women's professional basketball and Garnett left to coach in Hawaii last year.

The year has been a long one for some coaches. Orval Borgianni and John Reta, wrestling and swim coaches, respectively, resigned at the end of their seasons.

Women's basketball coach, Marcia Walker, resigned in mid-season, leaving George Stryker with a situation no coach would envy.

Tom Osborne put together another squad that was a traditional challenger for the Big Eight football title, but the season soured with losses to Oklahoma and Iowa State.

John Sanders' baseball squad started strong at 7-1 but slumped to 31-20 while playing a heavier schedule—a change of pace that may take the Huskers a few years to get used to.

Henry Cox, in his first year at UNL, may keep the award in tennis, as he guided the women to a share of the Big Eight title.

Judy Schalk, women's gymnastic coach, and Ray Huppert, women's swim coach have seen their teams experience some

bright moments this season.

But when all the coaches have been talked about, evaluated and scrutinized by the sports fan in his easy chair the name of Cip continually surfaces. A different coach, most agree, with different moods, different strategies and different philosophies.

Cip can be the showman when it's part of his strategy and he's shown he can be the dictator or the liberalist. He's as unpredictable as are the teams he coaches. Last year, when most prognosticators predicted "an average" season for the Huskers, Cip produced a winner and a 22-8 record.

It's difficult to determine how coaches evaluate each other: what does Tom Osborne think of Cip's success, and conversely? This year, however, it would be a safe bet to think Cip's peers will give him the top vote or an extremely close second.

## High jump pair to make their final home appearance

By Rick Huls

Two of UNL's all-time best high jumpers have one more show for the home fans.

Senior Dean Herzog, third in all-time UNL outdoor charts, and junior Doug Phelps, first in Husker outdoor records and tied for first with Herzog in all-time indoor charts, will compete in the Husker's final home meet with the University of Missouri.

Herzog, who has a best of 6-foot-10 inches outdoors this spring, said he will be ready Saturday despite bruising a tendon last weekend at the Drake Relays.

It may also be the last home meet for Phelps. The 6-foot Hastings product said he does not know whether he will be able to compete for UNL his senior year after being accepted to Physical Therapy School in Omaha.

After the final home appearance, Phelps and Herzog only have two more meets to reach the national qualifying standard of 7-foot-1 inches. The Big Eight championships will be held May 19-20 at Norman, Okla. and the United States Track and Field Meet will be held the following week.

Both high jumpers said they were disappointed with their showing at the Drake Relays. Neither cleared the opening height of 6-foot-10 inches.

Herzog's injury was as bad as it could have been, he said. He added he had trouble with the tendon before. "There were at least six guys who could jump over 7 feet so there was a lot of competition."

Herzog said Missouri has only one high jumper, Andy Piper, but he cleared the 6-foot-10-inch height at the Drake Relays.

Phelps, who has cleared seven feet three times outdoors and leads the big Eight charts, said Saturday's meet at Ed Weir Stadium will be a good warm-up for the Big Eight championships.

"It will be hard to go 1-2 in the Big Eight," Phelps said, "but we're hoping we can qualify for nationals."

Herzog said that under the right conditions both can jump better than they have this spring.

"Right now it's a matter of just getting



Photo by Bob Pearson

Senior Dean Herzog, who has the third best high jump in UNL outdoor track history, will compete in his last meet for Nebraska Saturday against Missouri.

the right weather," Herzog said. "The only good weather was at both Texas meets."

Herzog, who was once the national prep leader in the high jump, said he had perfect conditions the day he leaped 7-foot-1½ inches, and won the Kansas state high school championship.

"It was 90 degrees and no wind," said the 5-foot-11 inch Lansing, Kan., native. "I had only jumped the 6-foot-9 inches going into the state meet."

Herzog said UNL had promised him a scholarship if he could jump one more inch. Perennial power Kansas University did not show any interest in Herzog until

after the record jump.

"I had thought about going to Kansas State," he said, "but I came up here and liked what I saw."

Phelps, who started high jumping in grade school, said he thought about going to Nebraska Wesleyan or Colorado University.

"I pretty much decided I wanted to go to Nebraska and I wanted to try out for freshman football top," said Phelps, who was Nebraska's first seven-foot jumper and the 1975 state champion.

Phelps said field events coach John Korky has helped him.

"He's an excellent weight coach," Phelps said, "and he's great for learning technique."

Herzog said he does most of his own training to stay in shape for jumping.

"I do a lot of running and lifting weights," he said. "Doug plays a lot of basketball to stay in shape. He's pretty good at dunking but I have a little trouble getting up there."

Phelps said there is a friendly relationship between Herzog.

"In fact, he's going to be a groomsman at my wedding in June," Phelps said.

## Six players sign Cornhusker basketball letters of intent

By Jim Hunt

Husker basketball coach Joe Cipriano traveled to Indiana, a familiar area for UNL basketball recruiting, to sign three of six recruits for the 1978-79 UNL basketball team.

Signees from Indiana are Jack Moore and Jerry Shoecraft from Muncie Central High School, the 1978 Indiana State High School Champions, and Bill Cunningham from Snyder High School in Fort Wayne.

Moore, a 5-foot, 10-inch guard, was named the Most Valuable Player in the Indiana State Tournament. He was a four-year starter for Muncie Central and averaged 21.7 points a game and 4.4 assists this past season while earning first-team All State honors. Moore has a 3.6 grade point average and will major in business admin-

istration.

Shoecraft, a 6-foot, 6-inch, forward, was Central's leading rebounder with a 9.2 average a game and also averaged 17 points a game. He also has a 3.6 grade point average and also will major in business administration.

Muncie Central is coached by former UNL assistant Bill Harrell.

Cunningham was Fort Wayne's player of the year in 1977-78 while leading his conference in scoring with a 22.1 point a game average. Last season he earned All-Sectional first team honors and was a three-year All-Conference performer. He has a 3.0 grade point average and will major in art.

The addition of the three Indiana recruits brings the number of UNL players

from the Hoosier state to six. Other Husker players from Indiana include Brian Banks and Carl McPipe from Hammond and Eric Eckelman from Muncie.

The other Husker signees include a junior college transfer from Washington and two other high school players.

The junior college transfer is Byron Williams, a 6-foot, 6-inch guard-forward from Wenatchee, Wash., Valley Junior College. Williams set season school marks for most points with 595, best scoring average, 21.3, and most field goals made with 244.

Williams attended Albany, Calif., High School and as a senior in 1976-77, he earned All-Northern California honors and was named East Bay Player of the Year.

Williams will be a sophomore at UNL this fall and major in journalism. He had a

3.2 grade point average at Wenatchee Valley.

The other two high school players are Ray Collins and Sammy Curran.

Collins, a 6-foot 3-inch guard, from Mendel Catholic High School in Chicago, led the Chicago Catholic League in scoring with a 22-point-average. He also averaged 10 rebounds a game while earning All-Area and All-Conference awards. Mendel Catholic finished the season 20-6 for second place in the Catholic League and a regional championship. With a 3.2 grade point average, he will enroll in Business Administration.

Curran, a 6-foot 7-inch forward, from Liberal, Kansas averaged 24.0 while earning first team All-State and All-Conference awards. Curran, an A student, was selected to play in the Kansas Prep All Star game.