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Creighton and rivals play emotional games

By Ron Powell

It's not often when a major college basketball team plays its cross-town and cross-state rivals in a span of four days, but that's what Creighton will do this week.

Tuesday night, Creighton, 2-0 won Omaha bragging rights by beating UNO 92-72. Saturday, Creighton will try to extend those bragging rights a little further when they travel to Lincoln to play UNO's relative, UNL.

Creighton Head Coach Tom Apke said Saturday's game will be a "big emotional game" like the UNO game. "I think a few years ago it (the Nebraska game) wouldn't have meant as much as it does now, because we have a lot of Nebraska kids on the team," Apke said. "The fact that we have some Nebraska kids will make it easier for us to get prepared for them and adds flavor to the game."

Creighton has five Nebraskans on their squad. Two of them, 6-9 junior center Jim Honz (Omaha Ryan graduate) and 6-4 sophomore guard Daryl Stovall (Bellevue West graduate), are starters.

"We just played for the city championship," Honz said after the UNO games. "Saturday, we'll play for the state championship."

He said he was recruited by the Huskers, but that he had already decided on attending Creighton.

"IN THAT ASPECT, it's a big game," Honz said. "But it's only our third game and we still have the entire conference (Missouri Valley Conference) schedule still ahead. "We try to think every game is a big one and take it one game at a time. This one (Nebraska) might mean more than our other non-conference games."

Apke said his team has concentrated on three things: defense, rebounding and balanced scoring. So far, the Bluejays have done all three well.

The Bluejays kept UNO to just 13 points in the opening 12 minutes, forced 22 turnovers in the game and held UNO's Jim Gregory to six points, 14 less than his season's average.

"Since last year, we've been putting more emphasis on defense with the idea that we're going to play people who play good defense," Apke said after the UNO game. "I thought it paid off tonight. I think we'll be a good defensive ball club this year."

CREIGHTON HAS dominated their first two opponents in rebounding, holding a 100-65 edge. Against UNO, the Bluejays had 22 offensive rebounds to only four for the Mavericks.

"Rebounding was a key in the game and against the diversity that UNO had on the boards, I thought we did a very good job," Apke said.

"We have a picture in our brochure that is supposed to show our rebounding strength by having our front-line players standing in front of a backboard," Apke added. "We didn't crate that backboard over to the studio just to create an image that we are a good rebounding team. But after that first game (an 84-66 win over Rockhurst) that's what it looked like. We didn't rebound well in that game. "We worked hard on it before the game tonight and it looks like it was time well spent."

Leading the rebounding for the Jays are Honz and 6-7 junior-college transfer forward George Morrow. Morrow, a junior, is averaging 8.5 rebounds a game while Honz has eight a contest.

FOUR PLAYERS are averaging double figures for the Bluejays. Morrow leads the scoring as well as the rebounding, averaging 14.5 points a game. Honz is averaging 13 while teammates Stovall and 6-7 junior forward Kevin McKenna are averaging 12 and 10.5 points a game respectively. Against UNO, reserve forward 6-7 Dennis Rasmussen came off the bench to score 12 points.

"We're the type of team that will have a different hero every night," Apke said. "We want balance in the scoring and to take advantage of an opportunity when there's an open shot."

Apke saw the Huskers play Portland State Saturday night and said he was impressed with what he saw.

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Nebraska's Jack Moore (14) goes for a lay-up against Creighton in last year's battle in Omaha. Also watching from left to right are Curt Hedberg (50), Jai Mahone (22), Paul Trieschman (34) and Dave Wesley (43). Creighton won 78-61 to take a 4-3 lead in the series with NU. The teams meet Saturday at 7:35 in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Football is not the only game for L.C. and the Boys

By Ed McClymont

If anyone believes that all football players do for 12 months of the year is think and play football—they're wrong.

At least that isn't the case for some 15 to 20 players who compete under the leadership of Lawrence Cole in the UNL intramural program.

L. C. and the Boys, as the club is named, is in its fifth year of competing in the intramural sports program. What started out as a basketball team has blossomed into a group of individuals competing in wrestling, track and softball, as well as basketball.

"After the season (football) was over, the players didn't have anything to do," Cole said. "Everybody was getting bored so we started a basketball team."

"Besides, the frats were always winning the championships so we decided to give them some competition."

In their five years of existence they have won championships in basketball as well as claiming individual wrestling champions.

THE FORMATION of the club met no resistance from

the football coaches, according to Cole. Instead they saw it as a good way to keep in shape.

"They (the coaches) kind of like it," Cole said. "It helps keep us in shape, and the guys who have weight problems can keep from gaining pounds."

The only stipulation for joining the squad is to be an all-around athlete. Cole said. That hasn't been much trouble for most of the athletes. Players like Russell Gary (who had a basketball scholarship offer from Indiana), Kenny Brown and Junior Miller (both with many offers including Kentucky), plus Frank Lockett and Odious Lee (past wrestling champions) have all competed for L. C. and the Boys. Numerous other players who starred in sports other than football also have participated.

Last year Cole increased his club to include a women's team, who competed in track. He began the team by simply going around campus and recruiting, telling them it was "nice exercise and a good way to stay in shape." He succeeded in getting 15 women to participate. The women in turn told him of other possible prospects.

Track seems to be the most popular sport for the men,

with around 20 team members.

"WHEN IT COMES to track everyone wants to run," Cole said. "Guys like Isaiah (Hipp), Rodney (Lewis), Russell (Gary), and Jarvis (Redwine) are real good sprinters."

However, the team had a conflict last year when they were unable to compete because of a football scrimmage on the day of the track championships.

This is Cole's last season at Nebraska. He's uncertain whether L. C. and the Boys will continue in intramurals. Lewis and Jeff Quinn have been helping out by assuming some of the leadership for Cole.

"I don't know what's going to happen (after graduation)," Cole said. "It would be a good deal if someone would keep it active."

Cole's plans for the future include coaching and he said this has been a good experience for him.

"The intramural program has helped me out a lot, especially with my future in coaching," Cole said. "That's one thing I've been shocked at. I've never had any problems with someone else trying to coach."

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Needed: Intramural basketball officials for the coming second semester. For information call Mark Ebel, intramural coordinator, at 472-3467 or come to the Recreation Department, 1740 Vine St.

The University of Nebraska Men and Women's Swimming and Diving are sponsoring a free clinic for all swimmers Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center pool.

Demonstrations will be given on lifting weights and stretching, fundamentals of free style and fundamentals of diving, followed by a question and answer period.

Swimmer works on building a tradition

By Paul Huscher

Building a tradition rather than carrying on a tradition is Husker swimmer Will Douglas' reason for coming to Nebraska from sunny California.

Douglas is in his second year at Nebraska after being named a Junior College All-American as a freshman at Santa Monica Junior College in California.

The tall, blond junior from Pacific Palisades, Calif., explained that most California schools had enough swimmers when he was looking for a major college.

"I didn't want to go to a school like USC because it already had a strong tradition and I would just be trying to carry on that tradition," he said.

"Here at Nebraska we can build the tradition and I like that idea," he said.

Douglas, who is on a two-thirds scholarship at Nebraska, said his performance at the California Junior College state meet attracted Husker head swimming coach Cal Bentz's attention.

"I swam pretty well in that meet," he said. "Cal (Bentz) was at the meet because a former Westside graduate (where Bentz coached) told him about me."

"CAL BECAME INTERESTED in me and I got interested in the school (Nebraska)," Douglas said. "Nebraska had the best offer after my freshman year and this is just the type of program I was looking for."

Douglas said his father is a Nebraska

alumnus and he has several relatives in the area.

He said his parents were responsible for the beginning of his swimming career at age seven.

"It was like a hobby at first, but after a couple of years I kept improving so I started to work at it," he said.

Douglas explained that he started swimming for the YMCA and the AAU before swimming all three years in high school.

At Palisades High School he was the captain of his team. Douglas set several high school and conference records and won the Los Angeles city swimming championship in the 100-yard backstroke.

He also was an outstanding water polo player making first team All-City (Los Angeles) in his senior year.

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