

# Sports

## Huskers to face Kansas in Big Eight season opener

By Bob Asmussen

Injuries are the major concern as the Nebraska basketball team prepares for its game with Kansas tonight.

Both Jack Moore and Handy Johnson are slowed by injuries. Moore sprained his ankle two weeks ago while Johnson got his leg kicked in Saturday's loss to Arkansas.

"We can't put two gimps out there," Nebraska Coach Moe Iba said. "We've got to get Jack well. If we were playing a team we could let him heal up on, we would."

The two Jayhawks who have Iba the most concerned are David Magley and Tony Guy.

"Guy and Magley are going as well as they ever have," Iba said.

After 11 games, Magley is scoring an average of 18.4 points per game while Guy is averaging 16.7. They rank second and fourth in the Big Eight in scoring. Magley also leads the Big Eight with an average of 8.4 rebounds per game.

The other Kansas starters are 6-7 center Kelly Knight, 6-5 forward Jeff Disham and 6-4 guard Tad Boyle.

"Disham's going to rebound," Iba said. "Knight's going to get his shots and whoever they have at guard will get steals and assists."

Knight, a sophomore, is among the league leaders in scoring, rebounding and field goal percentage. Disham is the other

Jayhawk averaging in double figures, scoring an average of 10.3 points per game.

"Kansas has really got a good team," Iba said. "They've got good scorers, good shooters and they're playing more as a team."

The Jayhawks' three losses have been to St. John's, Kentucky and No. 1-rated North Carolina. Included among their victims are Arizona State, Michigan State and defending national champion Indiana.

"Kansas has played a tough schedule and done well," Iba said. "We're going to have to play one of our best games both offensively and defensively."

"Kansas hasn't beaten us in the new place," Iba said. "Also, it's the first game of the conference season so they'll be juiced up. They'll give a great effort."

Iba said it is important for the Huskers to get off to a good start in the conference race. The Huskers face No. 2-ranked Missouri on Saturday.

"If you can win the games, you get them over with," Iba said. "This could really put us in the hole. We've got to take them one at a time."

Iba said he plans to have Ray Collins play defense against Magley. He isn't sure who he will put on Guy. If Johnson is unable to start, Iba will go with Greg Downing at forward and move Collins down to guard.

## Swim champs to compete

A field that includes California-Berkeley, ranked by one pre-season poll among the top five teams in the country, highlights the Huskers' Fourth Annual Mid-Winter Swimming Invitational.

Nebraska Coach Cal Bentz said the Huskers will face stiff competition.

"This is by far the strongest meet we will have had this year," Bentz said. "I would have to say that Cal is the favorite, but all of these teams are good. Southern Illinois has won the national independent championship for the last four years."

Bentz said he was optimistic about Nebraska's chances in the meet.

"We're a much stronger team than we have been in the past," he said. "We feel we can be competitive with any of those

teams."

Bentz said the Huskers are strong in the backstroke with freshman Cliff Looschen, the breaststroke with senior Matt Rye and Rick Gilbertson in the intermediate.

"We're also very strong in diving," Bentz said. "Dave Goodwin, Scott Hinrichs, Lance Green and Reynaldo Castro are all quality divers."

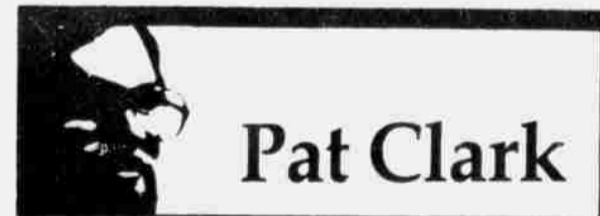
Bentz said several factors make the Huskers a better team this year than last.

"I feel we have more top quality swimmers than last year, but we also have more team depth," he said.

The Invitational begins Friday at 6 p.m. There are two sessions Saturday, the first beginning at 10 a.m. and the last session at 3 p.m.

## Bowl games provide rivalry as well as variety

I have been watching a lot of all-star football games lately; you know, those East vs. West, North vs. South affairs from cities in climates much more mild than our own. I haven't seen every one of these classics, of course; nobody has enough time or stamina to watch all of them. But I have seen enough of them to know that they are not without their problems, and I have a few suggestions I think might help.



Pat Clark

While there are surely too many all-star football games, it is the wrong approach to simply call for the elimination of some of them. Who do you cut out, after all? Most of these games are put together by charitable organizations as fund raisers. Save one game that makes money for crippled and burned children, and you are liable to cut cancer research or something of similar gravity out of the postseason pie. No doubt about it, these games are here to stay; all of them.

If you keep all of the all-star games, you run into the problem of the severe shortage of stars to fill out the rosters. How many stars does an all-star star if an all-star stars all stars, you ask? Well, it doesn't have to

be a spirited affair. Scouts from the Canadian league flock to this one in search of bargains among the losing players.

The Greek vs. Independent Game. A natural for college football. The Greek team survives a "Hell week" of practice in time to "activate" for the game. Greek quarterback calls audibles in an otherwise dead language. The Independent team runs out of room at the hotel and has to move into slum dwellings near the stadium. No score is kept, but grades are posted in the

morning paper after the game. The Bama Bowl. My personal favorite, this one pits Everybody vs. Alabama. Considering Bear Bryant's history of searching for bowl opponents he thinks he can beat, a fitting charitable organization for this one might be Ducks Unlimited. There are probably several other natural rivalries that would fit neatly into the all-star game format. If nothing else, it could serve as something to think about between now and spring practice.

Where the all-star games have always fallen apart is that there is nothing to cheer for. After all, who ever went to University of West? You wouldn't have to have any stars in one of these games if you could offer the fans something to cheer for or against. Only one feeble attempt to achieve this is now in existence: the Blue-Grey Game. It's a variation of the North-South game with a Civil War motif.

The only problem is that the Civil War just doesn't stir up much emotion, especially with the younger crowd. Maybe some of these might work, though:

The Punk-Disco Game. One team wears sequined uniforms and high-heeled cleats, while the other has tattered, black leather jerseys and greasy, multicolored helmets. Winning team gets control of the public address system.

The Hawk-Dove Bowl. Players from the three service academies take on all comers in this rivalry. Sure, the odds are against the Hawk team, but the stakes are high: the losing team foregoes the NFL draft for the USA draft. The Hawks have nothing to lose in this one, so it's sure to

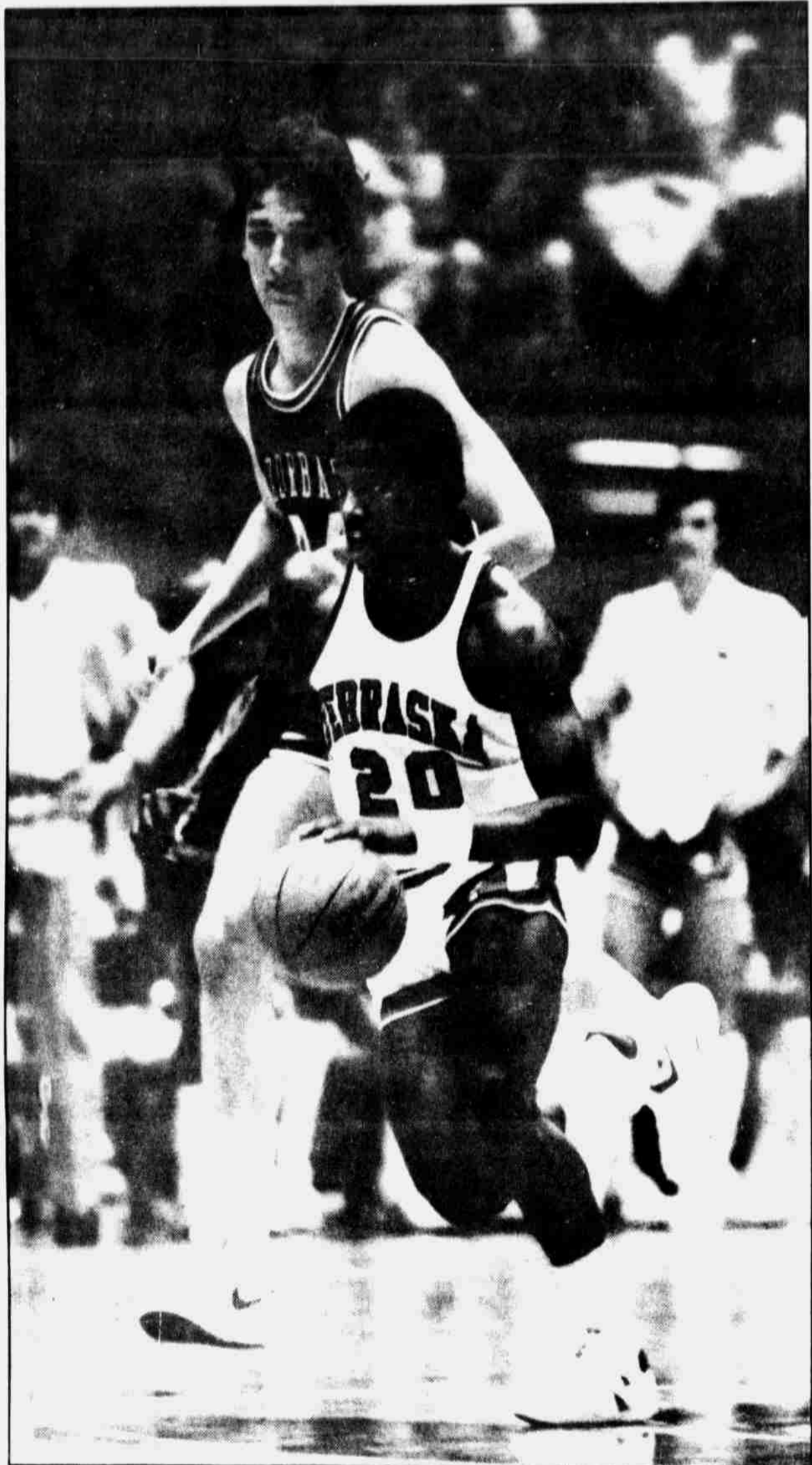


Photo by Dave Bentz

Nebraska's Handy Johnson (20) dives past Arkansas' Scott Hastings (44) at Saturday's 51-50 loss to the Razorbacks. The Cornhuskers host Kansas at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

## Swimmers travel to Ames

By Jeff Goodwin

The Nebraska women's swimming team travels to Ames, Iowa, this weekend to compete in the Iowa State Invitational. Coach Ray Huppert called it a key meet to prepare for the upcoming Big Eight championships.

Besides Nebraska and Iowa State, other teams entered include Northern Illinois, Western Illinois, Missouri and Iowa.

Huppert said he considers Iowa State the favorite to take the team title.

"Iowa State will be swimming in their own pool," Huppert said. "That gives a team a big advantage. Iowa State also has a very good meet to close out the semester against Iowa. They lost by one or two

points in Iowa City."

He said Nebraska also will be strengthened by the addition of two new members, Melody Barker and Rene Sullivan.

Barker, who swims freestyle, butterfly and intermediate, is a first-semester freshman from California.

"Melody comes into our program with great credentials," Huppert said. "She swam with Mission Viejo High School, who have been the mythical national high school champions for a number of years."

Sullivan returns after missing a year because of knee surgery.

He said other key performers for the Huskers are Elisabeth Brudvik, tri-captain Laura Spindler and Wendy Ward.