

Sports



Staff photo by Craig Anderson

Stan Cloudy cuts past an Iowa State defender in a Big Eight tournament game last season.

Iba: Husker cagers back to basics

By Kevin Warneke

A lot of people are expecting good things from the Nebraska men's basketball team this season.

Student interest was high enough to demand reserved seats for the first time. A summer writers and coaches' poll placed the Huskers first and second respectively in the conference, and college basketball magazines, like Gary Austin's, are predicting a potential top 20 power to emerge from Lincoln.

But for Nebraska coach Mos Iba, inexperience is a major concern when official practice begins this Saturday.

Before the Huskers can talk about post-season play, he said, the team must go back to the basics.

"We've got a lot of teaching to do," Iba said. "We have eight players who have never played major college ball."

Iba said he plans to install the offense and defense this week, and work on technique. The scrimmaging begins in three weeks.

Nebraska returns three starters from last year's 22-10 squad in 6-10 sophomore Dave Hoppen, 6-1 senior David Ponce and 6-4 senior Stan Cloudy. Senior Eric Williams, 6-3, saw duty as a part-time starter.

"Hopefully, the leadership of those four will help make up for our lack of experience," Iba said.

But inexperienced players sometimes can have a positive effect on a team. With this many new

people, we should have a lot of enthusiasm and competition in practice," Iba said.

All starting positions are open, he said. "We have a situation where we have good experience with Ponce, Cloudy and Hoppen who have all played," Iba said. "But that doesn't take into consideration about injuries or attitudes."

"Just because someone started one year, doesn't mean he'll start again."

As pre-season Big Eight Conference rankings are coming out, Iba said he expects a mad scramble for first place.

"The league's very well balanced this year," Iba said. "We could be ranked as high as first or as low as sixth."

But before the conference season begins, Iba said, Nebraska must worry about its non-conference foes.

"It's tougher than last year," he said. "Because of our success, people will figure it's important for them to play their best."

Early season foes for the Huskers include, Texas Tech, Wisconsin and 5th-ranked Arkansas.

Basketball tryouts set

Tryouts for the Nebraska men's basketball team will be Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Those interested should come prepared to play. Those who make a good impression on judges Tuesday night will be called back later for a second tryout.

Rec Scoreboard

Men's Flat Football Ratings	
1. Sigma Chi A-1	2-0
2. Bucateers	3-0
3. Madballer's Revenge	2-0
4. Phi Kappa Psi A	2-0
5. Sweets	3-0
6. Abel Eight A	2-0
7. Tau Kappa Epsilon A	2-0
8. Amos Alonzo Stags	2-0
9. Airway Express	2-0
10. Abel Eleven A	2-0

Men's slow pitch softball playoff results.

Chi Phi A 20, Alpha Tau Omega A 4	15-10
Phi Kappa Psi A 7, Phi Gamma Delta A 8	15-13
Tau Kappa Epsilon A 16, Lambda Chi Alpha 3	15-14
Sigma Chi B 5, Sigma Alpha Epsilon B 1	15-11
Meas 9, Hoops 0	15-8
Hoopers 11, Sweets 5	15-6
Measur Batters 11, WTS 3	15-4

Bottom 10 ruler loses ugly

By Steve Harvey

THE COLLEGES

It was a showdown to see who had the worst team in the Pac-10 (a term more or less synonymous with the Bottom 10 these days). And it was Stanford (0-5) that lost ugly, 21-30, to UCLA.

The Bruins thus blew a chance to become the first defending Rose Bowl champions ever to go winless.

The strange thing was, UCLA wasn't even aided by the Stanford band. The band had been weakened earlier in the

1) vs. Northwestern (1-4). **CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK:** Yale (0-4) vs. Columbia (0-4).

QUOTE BOOK: Michigan State Coach George Perles after a 0-42 loss to Michigan: "We got beaten by the rules." (The rules award a team six points each time it carries the ball into an opponent's end zone).

THE PROS

The game featured Dallas, which usually comes from behind to win, and Tampa Bay, which usually comes from ahead to lose, and both played to form.

It featured three contrasting offenses. The Cowboys marched for 444 yards, Tampa Bay 336 and the referees 294. The officials complained later they would have chalked up more yardage, but a couple of their penalties were declined.

The No. 1-rated Bucs needed this setback because Houston (0-6, with a 18-game losing streak) continues to keep pace. The Oilers fell to Denverway 14-26 in what will always be remembered as the beginning of the Steve DeBerg era.

Speaking of highs and lows, the Raiders, who have the second-best record in the NFL, drew the second-smallest crowd in the league Sunday (40,492 fans) in Los Angeles. And, it was a clear day, city officials having declared there will be no smog until after the 1984 Olympics.



week when one tube player pulled a hamstring muscle during a wind-sprint drill and was declared out of action for three to four weeks.

Meanwhile, the No. 2 Minneha Gophers stopped Indiana cold (with 38 points) as their points-allowed-per-game average fell to just 48.0. They're hardly deserving of the title of the Point-a-Minute Defense anymore.

THE RANKINGS

TEAM, RECORD	NEXT LOSS
1) Stanford (0-5)	Washington
2) Minneha (1-4)	Wisconsin
3) Duke (0-5)	Clemson
4) Yale (0-4)	Columbia
5) Columbia (0-4)	Yale
6) Old Ms. (1-5)	TCU
7) Rice (1-5)	Texas Tech
8) UCLA (1-3-1)	Washington State
9) UTEP (1-5)	Pentagon
10) Northwestern (1-4)	Michigan

TEAM, RECORD	NEXT LOSS
1) Tampa Bay (0-6)	St. Louis
2) Houston (0-6)	Minnesota
3) St. Louis (1-5)	Tampa Bay
4) Cincinnati (1-5)	Denverway
5) Chicago (2-4)	Detroit
6) N.Y. Jets (3-3); 7) N.J. Giants (2-4); 8) New England (2-4); 9) Miami (3-3); 10) Denverway (3-3).	

11) Oregon State (1-5) (not tied with Oregon); 12) Cornell (0-3-1); 13) LSU (2-3); 14) Florida State (2-3); 15) Colorado State (1-5); 16) Georgia Tech (1-4); 17) Pentagon (Army, Navy, Air Force, Lafayette) (10-10); 18) San Diego State, (2-3-1); 19) USC (2-2-1); 20) Cal (2-2-1).

ROUT OF THE WEEK: Michigan (4-

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