

Sports

Husker cagers await Buffaloes' challenges

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Nebraska men's and women's basketball teams travel to Colorado Wednesday night for what could be the most important games of their conference seasons.

Men's Coach Moe Iba, who spoke at the weekly press luncheon Monday, said the game with the Buffaloes could be the key to an upper division finish in the Big Eight standings.

"The Colorado game is very, very important for us because we need to get our first road win and get something

started."

The Buffaloes also are trying to get something started. They broke a five-game losing streak last weekend in Boulder when they upset Iowa State. Iba said that playing against the Buffs at the Events/Conference Center won't be any easier for Nebraska than it was for the Cyclones.

"Colorado has been playing very well in Boulder," Iba said. "Their fans always put a little more emphasis on the Nebraska game. We're going to need a little extra effort," he said.

Iba said the Big Eight is a balanced conference this season.

"Any team in this conference is capable of beating any other team," Iba said. "Every game you play presents different problems."

The Huskers defeated the Buffaloes 85-67 earlier this season in Lincoln. Iba said his squad knows the importance of the game, but added that one game will not decide the outcome of the rest of the season.

"We're not going to go to our basketball team and say, 'Hey, you have to win this game or you're through,'" Iba said. "Our team knows how important this game is."

Nebraska, 14-7 overall, is in a three-way tie with Missouri and Iowa State for third place in the conference standings with a 4-4 record.

"You can't worry about what other people are doing," Iba said. "You have

to take care of yourself and get as many victories as possible by the end of the year."

While the Husker men try for their second win against Colorado, the women's team hopes to break a four-game losing skid and avenge a 90-83 loss to the Lady Buffaloes in Lincoln earlier this season.

In that game, Colorado's Erin Carson and Lisa VanGoor combined for 54 points. Nebraska Coach Kelly Hill, a native of Boulder, said stopping Carson and VanGoor is the key to winning.

The Huskers, who are 7-14 overall and tied with the Lady Buffs for sixth place in the Big Eight with a 2-6 conference record, are "in a must-win situation," Hill said.

"We have to beat Colorado to stay out of seventh place and get back into

the top four or five in the conference," Hill said.

Although the 2-6 record may not be evident of it, Hill said, the Huskers have held their own against conference rivals.

"Nobody in the conference has walked over us this year," Hill said. "We've just lost some real heartbreakers."

One of the "heartbreakers" was a 66-64 loss to Oklahoma State Saturday night.

"We lost that one at the free throw line," Hill said of the Huskers' second loss to the Cowgirls this season. "We made more shots from the field than they did and we came back from ten points down. We had the last shot and a chance to tie it, but we just couldn't pull it off."



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