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Huskers hope to bounce back over Creighton

Lady Jays try for repeat win Iba says desire will decide CU-NU rivalry

By Mike Reilley
Senior Reporter

If the Nebraska women's basketball team expects to win when it plays Creighton in Lincoln Saturday night, the Cornhuskers will have to force errors, said Coach Kelly Hill.

That may not be an easy task, Hill said.

"They're the most patient team I've ever seen," Hill said. "They just don't make mistakes."

Nebraska has won its first two games this season. The Huskers beat Washburn 83-64 and nipped the University of Missouri-Kansas City, 85-84. In those games, they have worked hard on keeping pressure on the ball and forcing errors. Nebraska has forced a total of 54 turnovers in its first two games.

Washburn and UMKC played primarily zone defenses against Nebraska, Hill said. She said she expects the Lady Jays to open in a man-to-man defense.

The Lady Jays defeated Nebraska 86-75 last year in Omaha. The Huskers hold a 6-2 advantage in the series between the schools.

Hill said she will be at the game to scout the Lady Jays.

"I hope Missouri wears them down a bit," she said.

Hill said she watched Creighton play

its first game this season, when it won over Missouri Western. She said she was impressed by senior forward Connie Yori, who has averaged 17 points and 10 assists a game despite battling a knee injury. Tanya Warren, a 5-5 sophomore, leads the Lady Jays in scoring with an 18 point average.

Against Creighton, sophomore forward Stephanie Bolli will start her second game this year for the Huskers, replacing junior Shelly Block. Bolli averages 8.5 points a game.

"(Bolli) has been playing more consistently on offense than Shelly has," Hill said. "Shelly has had some trouble with her shot, but I'm sure she'll be able to come off the bench and contribute."

Here are the probable starting lineups for Saturday's game. Tip-off is 5:15 p.m.

- Nebraska**
F-Stephanie Bolli (5-10)
F-Maurice Ivy (5-9)
C-Angie Miller (6-0)
G-Stacy Imming (5-8)
G-Amy Stephens (5-8)
- Creighton**
F-Connie Yori (5-10)
F-Pam Gradeville (6-0)
C-Janet Ensign (5-11)
G-Tanya Warren (5-5)
G-Donna Chvatal (5-10)

By Chuck Green
Staff Reporter

Coach Moe Iba is hoping his Cornhusker basketball team is hungrier for a win than Creighton as the teams head into Saturday's game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"The team that wants to win the game the most usually wins the Nebraska-Creighton game," Iba said.

Both teams will likely be anxious for a win Saturday after this week's results. The Huskers lost to California-Irvine, 87-80, Monday night. Creighton lost to Xavier, 56-53, Wednesday night after leading by nine points in the first half.

"Cal-Irvine did an excellent job of executing on offense," Iba said. "They got the ball up the floor and really controlled the game. Defensively, they covered (Dave) Hoppen well, and we had some trouble adjusting to that."

Creighton coach Tony Barone said the Bluejays' main problem against Xavier was foul trouble.

"It's pretty hard to win a game with your two starting forwards on the bench for the last 10 minutes of the game," Barone said.

Kenny Evans fouled out with 8:23 left in the game, and Keith Smith took

the bench with 6:45 remaining.

"It hurt us about as bad as it would hurt Nebraska if Dave Hoppen fouled out with 10 minutes to go," Barone said.

But Barone said he was pleased with the determination that Creighton showed.

"Their overall effort was excellent," Barone said of his Bluejays, now 2-1 on the season.

Iba said the Huskers' main concern Saturday night will be defense.

"Creighton's playing with a lot of enthusiasm right now," Iba said. "They've got some quick kids who are good athletes."

Barone also said he thinks his team will have to play well defensively to win the game.

"Defense is the area we've emphasized all year," he said. "We'll have to control Nebraska's fast-break situation. (Brian) Carr does an excellent job of getting up the court."

"Obviously, we'll have to control Hoppen," Barone added. "We'll have to keep his shots down, and we'll have to keep (Harvey) Marshall and (Bernard) Day off the boards."

Here are the probable starting lineups for Saturday night's game.

- Nebraska (3-1)**
C-Dave Hoppen (6-11)



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Barone

- F-Bernard Day (6-5)
F-Chris Logan (6-5)
G-Brian Carr (6-1)
G-Harvey Marshall (6-3)
Creighton (2-1)
C-Ed Johansen (6-9)
F-Kenny Evans (6-4)
F-Keith Smith (6-5)
G-Reggie Morris (6-3)
G-Gary Swain (6-4)

Gymnasts hope to improve against Japanese

By Richard Cooper
Staff Reporter

Nebraska's men's gymnastics coach Francis Allen said he hopes his team will have a better meet against the Japan Collegiate all-stars than the past two meets.

The Cornhuskers, last year's runner-up in the NCAA gymnastics championships, have struggled this season. Two weeks ago at the Windy City Invitational, the Huskers finished fifth which Allen said is the worst finish they have had there in years.

The team couldn't get on track, Allen said. The team finished behind Big Eight rivals Iowa State and Oklahoma.

Kevin Davis's ankle injury has hurt the Huskers' scoring, he said.

"We really missed Kevin a lot," Allen said. "By having only five men on all-around, we can't take our low scores out, which really hurts us when we're in big meets."

Allen said the key to winning the meet against the Japanese will be consistency. Right now, the team relies too much on the leadership of Wes Suter, last year's NCAA individual all-around champion, he said.

Going into the meet, the Japanese have a 3-2 advantage. Allen said a win over the Japanese would give the team a shot in the arm. The last time the Huskers defeated the Japanese team was in 1982, the same year they won their fourth national championship.

Allen said the team score should be better because Davis will compete in the high bar, the parallel bars and pommel horse. Sophomore

Mike Epperson is having problems with his wrist again, but should be able to get through the meet, he said.

"Even if we don't win this meet, we hope to get our confidence back because in January we have to start pushing for the NCAA's in April," Allen said.

The Japan meet will be the first of the season for the women's team. Women's coach Rick Walton said this team has potential.

The Huskers have only two people returning from last year's squad, which finished second in the Big Eight behind Oklahoma. Racine Smith and Renee Gould, both all-Big Eight selections, will compete and should do well in the meet, Walton said.

The key to winning the meet will be the performance of the three freshmen, Walton said.

Jeaneane Smith of Loves Park, Ill., is the best prepared for the meet, he said.

"Jeaneane has the potential to score at least a 37 in the all-around," Walton said. "She doesn't have any weaknesses as far as I can see."

The other freshmen, Cathy Cassanos and Crystal Savage, are talented and should have a good meet, he said.

Walton said he hopes the team can get some good experience competing against an international team. The Japanese team is talented and should give the Huskers some good competition, he said. Last year, the Japanese won by two points.

"We just want to get the women out in front of a crowd so they can get used to it, because later on this year we will be seeing some very big crowds that won't be too friendly," Walton said.

Tulane bid falls short New Mexico State wins Bottom Ten title

By Steve Harvey

In separate, suspenseful finishes, New Mexico State (1-10) won the Bottom Ten, U.S.A., title while Oregon captured the Bottom Ten, Overseas Ltd., crown with worst international record (0-1).

Bottom Ten

In the crawling for the U.S.A. title, Tulane (1-10) had needed a 56-point loss to LSU Saturday to finish on top — is that asking too much? But instead fell by a shocking respectable 19-31 margin and wound up No. 2. Tulane supporters later bitterly accused LSU of using mostly farmhands called up late in the season, rather than its starters, in an effort to keep the score down.

No. 1 New Mexico State, whose only off day was an early-season 22-20 win over the University of Texas at El Paso and Out-Paso, was plagued by fumbles and interceptions as usual this year. But you'd be nervous, too, if you had to play just west of the White Sands Missile Range, as the Aggies do.

Meanwhile, USC's 20-6 win over Oregon in Tokyo gives the Trojans (6-5) the chance to become the worst team ever to win three bowl games in one year: Rose, Mirage (Japan) and, next month, Aloha.

THE RANKINGS

TEAM	LAST WEEK	BOWL BID
1. New Mexico St. (1-10)	idle	none
2. Tulane (1-10)	19-31, LSU	none
3. Kansas St. (1-10)	idle	none
4. Columbia (0-10)	idle	none
5. Missouri (1-10)	idle	none
6. UTEP (1-8)	idle	Down Under*
7. Wyoming (2-8)	idle	Down Under*
8. New Mexico (3-8)	idle	none
9. Notre Dame (5-8)	7-58, Miami	none
10. Boston College (4-8)	idle	none

11. Dartmouth (2-7-1); 12. Northwestern (3-8); 13. Pentagon (at sea) (3-7); 14. San Jose State (2-8-1); 15. Houston (4-7); 16. Indiana (4-7); 17. Cornell (3-7); 18. Cal (4-7); 19. Rice (3-8); 20. (tie) (together again!) Oregon (5-6) and Oregon State (3-8).

*Down Under Bowl (WAY down under) this Saturday in Melbourne, Australia.

ROUT OF THE WEEK: BYU (10-2) over Hawaii (4-5-2). BYU is attempting to break all-time NCAA record for games played in a season.

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK (TRADITIONAL): Army (8-2) vs. Navy (3-7).

GLUTTON FOR PUNISHMENT: Dartmouth Coach Joe Yukica, fired as head coach at Dartmouth (2-7-1 this season), filed suit against the college, claiming he should be allowed to run the team until his contract expires in June 1987.

POSITIVE ATTITUDE: Stan Parrish, new head coach at Kansas State (1-10 this season), says his offensive philosophy is "pass, pass, pass and then punt."

UNL snowball 'fight' response to limited recreation facilities

Wednesday night there was an alleged snowball "fight" between various people on this campus who live . . . let's just say they live in different types of residences.

Normally, a snowball fight in itself doesn't warrant the attention of someone as aloof as myself. But in this fracas the police were called in, several people were injured to the point of stitches, several windows were broken at a fraternity house and at least one person complained that once they were back inside where it was warm, the snow melted and wet their clothes.



Bill Allen

One student was heard to exclaim, "I wet my pants and it looks like someone threw a snowball at me!" Or something like that.

Everyone is trying to blame someone for this incident. Some are blaming fraternities for "starting it." Some are blaming residence hall students for "starting it." Some are blaming UNL police for not opening fire immediately, but no one really takes the National Rifle Association and neo-Nazi members seriously.

Some are blaming a whole society

for perpetuating attitudes that led to the animosities that triggered Wednesday night's violence — a violence seen by some as the only way to settle differences.

I blame the UNL administration.

The way I look at it, no intelligent college student, be they fraternity member or residence hall member, is going to throw snowballs to the point of hurting someone else. To seriously set out to injure someone simply because they live in a different place than you borders on insanity, and is at least ludicrous and stupid.

Obviously then, we have to look for a logical explanation, because the ones given could not possibly be true.

Nebraska has the worst intramural facilities of any school in the Big Eight. Intramural facilities here are overcrowded, teams are rushed into and off of courts and fields, there are few open recreation hours and the human element is minimized.

So it's easy to see this snowball incident happening. A group of fraternity men are sitting around on a cold winters night, forced to chose between drinking or studying. After a few drinks, they decide to practice their softball game for the upcoming spring season. Since there is no place to practice inside, they are forced to stand outside the house and throw across the street. Of course, they don't want to have to run after all those softballs, so they

throw snowballs instead. It's logical.

Conversely, a few residence hall people are sitting around in the TV room hiding beer from their student assistants when someone decides to practice their softball pitching for next semester. Since there are no adequate indoor facilities for such activities, they, too, are forced into the streets. They simply were using the fraternity windows as strike zones. It's logical.

It just so happened that both these events happened on the same night. So, you've got some fraternity men pitching snow(soft)balls across the street and residence hall residents tossing snow(soft)balls at strike zones (windows). Sure it looks like a snowball fight, but actually it was just a normal reaction to inadequate recreation facilities.

Trust me, if more recreational outlets were provided for students, this so-called Greek/residence hall feuding would stop and innocent people practicing softball would not be hurt.

Perhaps the Lied Center for Performing Arts could be turned into a giant gym instead of an entertainment center that no one but administrators wants.

When the Lied Center officials stop by for opera and instead see water polo, all you have to say is "Sorry, we Lied." It's logical.