

# Sports

## Cyclones shoot to win

By Tim Hartmann  
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Going into this season, the Iowa State women's basketball program appeared to be on the upswing and primed for a strong season.

Cyclone coach Pam Wettig, the Big Eight Coach of the Year last season, returned three starters from last year's 19-9 squad, the first winning season for the Cyclones in nine years.

Iowa State started out strong this season, racing to a 10-2 record. But then the problems began — the Cyclones have lost 10 straight games, including nine Big Eight Conference games. Their record has dropped to 10-12.

"We're probably on one of the worst losing streaks I've ever been on in my career," Wettig said.

Wettig said she first attributed the Cyclones' losses to the loss of All-Big Eight point guard Jane Lobenstein, but now she feels they are mainly caused by inconsistent play.

Iowa State has the talent to win, Wettig said.

"We have pretty good talent," Wettig said. "We're probably more talented than last year. We're probably the best 0-9 (conference) team you'll ever see."

Nebraska coach Angela Beck said the Cyclones are talented. She said she expects a strong showing from them in tonight's game.

"I expect a team that will be hungry for a victory," Beck said. "I think they're a good basketball team. They're capable of a good offensive output, but they have been struggling."

Beck said the Cornhuskers can't worry about Iowa State's record when

they're out on the court.

"You just have to play to win," Beck said. "You can't play not to lose."

Iowa State is led by 6-1 senior forward Stephanie Smith, who is averaging 17.3 points a game. Other Cyclone players who average double figures include 6-3 center Carmen Jasper, 10.9 points, and 5-7 guard Elta Burns, 10.7 points.

Nebraska is 12-10 overall and 5-4 in the Big Eight. The Huskers go into tonight's game with a two-game losing streak, but Wettig said she knows Nebraska will test her team.

"I have a tremendous amount of admiration for Nebraska," she said. "Player for player, I don't know if they have the ability of other teams, but they play so hard."

"I would rather have that kind of team than have a team full of high-school All-Americans."

Wettig said she wants to stop Nebraska forward Maurice Ivy. Ivy, a 5-9 junior, leads Nebraska in scoring (23 points a game) and rebounds (7.9 a game).

"With the exception of (Missouri center) Renee Kelly, I think Maurice is probably the finest and smoothest player in the conference," Wettig said.

Iowa State will end its losing streak when they players concentrate and play consistently, Wettig said.

"We've got to get a little bit more effort out of our players as far as mental effort," she said. "We have just got to get a little more consistent."

"We've got to overcome the mental block, which is easier than it sounds," Wettig said.

Tip-off will be at 5:15 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

## Cyclone front line could decide game

By Rob White  
Senior Reporter

In order to beat Iowa State tonight, Nebraska will have to stop the Cyclones' forward duo of Jeff Grayer and Tom Schafer, Nebraska coach Danny Nee said.

Unfortunately, that is easier said than done.

Grayer and Schafer scored 27 points each in Iowa State's 91-75 victory in Ames on Jan. 20.

"We have to control their two scorers, Grayer and Schafer," Nee said at his weekly press conference Monday. "They can't go off and have 20-plus point-nights like they did last time. As they go, Iowa State goes."

Grayer, a 6-5 junior, and Schafer, a 6-7 senior, will present matchup problems for Nebraska.

"If we play man-to-man, we don't physically matchup with them. If we play zone, they have the ability to score over it with Schafer, and if we press them, they have the ability to run through the press," Nee said.

Those matchup problems were evident in the first meeting between the two teams earlier this year, Nee said.

"They manhandled us at Ames," he said. "We couldn't press them because they blew through the press. They controlled the backboards and they scored at will inside and outside. We had a tough time with them."

Grayer and Schafer aren't the only problems that Iowa State will present, however, since guard Jeff Hornacek and Ron Virgil are the only starters lost from last year's team which made the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament.

Iowa State is 11-10 on the year, while Nebraska is 13-8. The two teams are tied for fifth place in the Big Eight at 3-5.



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Nebraska's Bill Jackman battles Missouri's Mike Sandbothe for the opening tip-off on Jan. 28.



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Cornhusker high jumper Cory Springer attempts to clear the bar at 7-7 during a meet earlier this season. Springer and the rest of Nebraska's track team will compete Friday and Saturday in the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

## Fifty teams to gather for Sevigne Invite

By Jeff Korbek  
Editor

Frank Sevigne would have been proud.

The indoor track invitational he started 11 years ago has blossomed into one of the largest and most prestigious indoor track meets in the nation. Two years ago they renamed the Husker Invitational to the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in his memory. Sevigne died two years ago from cancer.

This weekend about 50 men's and women's teams and 500 athletes will compete in this year's invitational. Events will kick off at 6 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Mark Kostek, meet director and an assistant track coach, said Sevigne originally organized the meet to allow his friends from the east and west coasts to come in and compete. Over the past four years, after the Huskers combined the men's with the women, the meet has increased in popularity, Kostek said.

He attributes the increase to the Husker's track and the invitational's reputation.

Combine that with past history, past world record performances and the knowledge that "class" competition will be there leaving the Huskers without any problems in attracting teams.

This year's list includes for the men:

Tennessee, Kansas State, Minnesota, Kansas, Illinois, USC, Alabama, Missouri and Iowa State.

The women's division includes four of the top seven finishers in last year's NCAA indoor championship meet: Alabama, last year's national champions, USC, third place finishers, and Tennessee, the fourth place finishers. Also included are Kansas State, Wisconsin, Missouri, Washington State and Brigham Young.

Last year, 40 national qualifying times were set plus one American record. Kostek said spectators could see just as many record breaking performances, especially after the addition of more quality teams for this year.

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