Nebraska to face physical Australians

By Jeff Apel Senior Reporter

A friend will turn into a temporary enemy when the Nebraska men's basketball team faces the Victoria, Australia All-Stars in an exhibition contest tonight at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Arena.

Tipoff is set for 7:35 p.m.

Nebraska men's basketball coach Danny Nee said he is concerned entering the contest because fans in the land down under regard Australia coach Lindsay Gaze in the same terms as former DePaul coach Ray Meyer. He said Gaze, who served as the Cornhuskers' official escort during their trip to Australia last summer, has a good blend of local talent and former American players on his roster.

"It will be a good test for us," Nee said. "After our trip down there last spring, I know our players are looking forward to this game.

Nebraska senior forward Pete Manning said the Huskers' Australian trip gives them confidence enter-

ing the contest. Manning said Nebraska learned during its trip that Australians play a different style of basketball than Americans. He said Australians employ a more physical style and also use an abundance of screens in hopes of opening up the three-point shot.

Manning said he does not think

Nebraska will have any type of advantage even though American officials probably will not allow the Australians to employ their physical game inside the paint. He said the Huskers can't attribute their 5-3 record on the Australian trip to European officiating.

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Nebraska opened its Australian trip by dropping 109-84 and 81-75 decisions to the Australian Nationals before defeating the Gippsland Lakers 124-86. The Huskers then suffered a 116-112 setback to the W. Melbourne Saints prior to defeating the Nunawading Spectres 105-79, the Altos Auckland 103-101, the Ponsoby All-Stars 118-109 and the Abbeys Mazda Northlands 124-89.

None of the members on the Victoria, Australia squad, which is comprised of players from the Melbourne Tigers National League Club, played against Nebraska during its trip.

"All the teams we played (in Australia) were physical, but we can't

blame a loss on getting a call or not getting one," Manning said. "By playing them, we know what their style of play is. We know what to expect.'

Manning said Nebraska needs to improve its defense in order to beat the Australians. He said defense hurt the Huskers during their 104-102, overtime exhibition loss to the Athletes in Action last Thursday night in

"We need to play team defense," Manning said. "As a whole our starting five have to play defense. If only three of us are playing defense, there is no common chemistry

Manning said Nebraska's top priority entering the game is to win. He said the Huskers need a victory in order to establish some momentum for their season-opening contest against Creighton Nov. 26 at the Sports Center.

Manning said Nebraska will be aided by the addition of center Rich King, King, a 7-foot-2 sophomore who made the Big Eight's all-freshman team after averaging 4.7 points and 2.9 rebounds per game last season, sat out the game against the Athletes in Action while pondering a possible redshirt season.

"As you know any basketball team has to have a big man in the middle," Manning said. "(King) and Richard van Poelgeest are our big men."

Nebraska vs. Victoria, Australia AllaStars Tonight 7:30 p.m. (CST) Bob Devaney Sports Center (14,478 capacity) 35 Pete Manning, 6--8, 200, Sr 40 Beau Reid, 6--7, 215, So. Richard van Poelgeest, 6-9, Clifford Scales, 7--2, 170, So. Starters G 15 Eric Johnson, 6--2, 205, Sr. F 00 Warwick Giddy, 6--6 robable 10 Chris Remley, 6--8 21 Brad Pineau, 6--10 12 Nigel Purchase, 6--6 Victoria, Austalia **VII-Stars** G 14 Gary Gaspard, 6--3

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Steinberg speech rescheduled for today

California attorney Leigh Steinberg will discuss his sports agency practice and issues in sports law today at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Law

Steinberg is scheduled to appear at 11 a.m. in 110 Ross McCullum Hall on UNL's East Campus. The speech is open to the public and free

Steinberg, who represents 27 first-round draft choices in various sports, calls sports law the "hottest field going." He said the profession has grown from about 200 agents in 1970 to more than 15,000 agents today.

The list of Steinberg clients includes Cory Snyder of major league baseball's Cleveland Indians and National Football League quarterbacks Steve Young of the San Francisco 49ers, Warren Moon of the Houston Oilers, Ken O'Brien of the New York Jets and Tony Eason of the New England Patriots.

UPC to hold final sports trivia contest today

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's University Program Council will hold a screening today for the Super Bowl of Sports Trivia contest. UPC held its first screening Wednesday.

The screening today will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Harvest Room of the Nebraska Union. Contestants will be asked 30 sports trivia questions

and three winners will be selected The winners will be receive an all-expense paid trip to Orlando, Fla., Jan. 3 through 10 for ESPN's Super Bowl of Sports Trivia competition.

The three-member UNL team will compete against 32 college teams from across the nation for a \$10,000 prize. To be eligible, contestants must be full-time UNL undergraduates.

Entry fee is \$1. UNL flag football teams should check schedules

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Office of Campus Recreation has asked men's intramural flag football team leaders to check the revised playoff schedules daily. The Campus Rec Office is on 1740 Vine

Oklahoma's King makes AP team

By The Associated Press

Sean Elliott of Arizona, Stacey King of Oklahoma and Danny Ferry of Duke - three players who were instrumental in their team's Final Four appearances last season - were the top vote-getters in The Associated Press' preseason All-America team announced Wednesday.

Joining the three senior forwards on the six-man team were sophomore guard Mark Macon of Temple, senior guard Sherman Douglas of Syracuse and junior forward J.R. Reid of North Carolina. Douglas and Reid tied for the final spot in the voting of the 65member panel that selects the weekly

Top Twenty.
The 6-foot-8 Elliott was the top vote-getter, having been named on 56 ballots, two more than King and three more than Ferry.

Macon was named on 30 ballots, while Douglas and Reid each appeared on 23.

King is the leading returning scorer of the group, having averaged 22.3 points last season while grabbing 8.5 rebounds and blocking 2.6 shots per game.

Elliott didn't make the Olympic team either despite his being considered a versatile player so necessary in that situation. He, too, will be on a team hurt by graduation as Elliott and Anthony Cook are the only starters returning from the Wildcat team that held the No. 1 spot for six weeks last season. Elliott averaged 19.6 points and 5.8 rebounds last season while shooting 57 percent from the field, 47 percent from 3-point range.



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Huskers will take Oklahoma's place at Orange Bowl, quarterback says

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rado when Taylor has started at quar-

He said a win against Oklahoma would undoubtedly be the biggest of his four-year career.

"It would mean a great deal to me and to a lot of other seniors," Taylor said. "We want to go out with a win and we have the talent to do that. We want to go out, establish ourselves, and get the job done."

Taylor said his 0-2 record against Oklahoma doesn't necessarily indicate which team has the best talent.

"I'm 0-2 against them but I think we've outplayed them several times,"
Taylor said. "It's come down to key
plays and key penalties. That's football and that happens."

Taylor has completed 70 of 139 my whole life." passes for 1,019 yards and 11 touchdowns this season. He said the Huskers must have success throwing the ball if they are to beat Oklahoma.

Taylor said he read the statistics that show opponents are averaging a 52 percent completion ratio against the Sooners. "That indicates there's some prob-

lems in their secondary," he said. "They're not as experienced as they have been in the past."

Opponents have completed 152 of 295 passes against the Sooners this Taylor, who has rushed for 759

yards this season, said he must avoid being too excited for this game.

"In my situation, I've never been extremely fired up," he said. "I'm a low-keyed person. I've been that way

Earlier in the week, Switzer called Nebraska's offense "The Steve Taylor Show." But, Taylor said, he can't get too worked up about Switzer's comments.

"He said good things about me last year," Taylor said. "Like they say, he's a good recruiter. He could have some motives (behind his comments). He might want me to relax."

Relaxing is one thing Taylor won't be doing until after Saturday's game, he said. And if the Huskers win, he said, he won't be intimidated by Miami.

"I've never played Miami," Tay-lor said. "I think it would be a great matchup. I don't fear anyone at any time. That's football. We're not afraid to play Miami."

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