

Two Nebraska players head for Spain

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As members of a Big Eight select basketball team headed for Spain on Sunday, Nebraska junior forwards Carl Hayes and Dapreis Owens will pay close attention to players from more successful programs.

Hayes said practicing against players from other Big Eight schools will be a welcome change, but that won't be the only advantage. He said one of his goals is to pick up a few tips on what it takes to win.

"I'm looking forward to practicing against guys like (Adonis) Jordan and (Mike) Maddox from Kansas, and seeing how they prepare for game situations," he said. "We'll watch a couple from Kansas and Missouri... from some of the winning programs. Hopefully, we can bring some of that winning tradition back for next year."

The team, coached by Iowa State's Johnny Orr, consists of 15 players from the Big Eight. The trip origi-

nally was set for the Soviet Union, but because of a conflict with the estimated costs of transmitting the games, it was rescheduled for Spain. And Missouri Coach Norm Stewart was to head the team, but backed out because of scheduling difficulties.

The Big Eight team, which will play teams that will represent their countries at this month's Goodwill Games in Seattle, will compete in two tournaments.

The first includes Spain, the Soviet Union, Argentina and the Big Eight select team. The second features the Big Eight team, Argentina and Yugoslavia.

Hayes said he and Owens look forward to seeing a different culture and a different style of basketball.

"Me and Dapreis always talk about what a fun time it will be," Hayes said. "We'll be playing with some of the top players from different programs."

"We'll gain a lot more experience playing against other countries. We'll

play seven or eight games, and during the other time we'll go shopping and do some sightseeing. It'll be a fun experience for the both of us."

This is not Hayes' first time against foreign basketball teams.

"When I was a senior in high school, I played against a Russian team," he said. "So it's not that much different."

Hayes, following the advice of Nebraska Coach Danny Nee, said he has been preparing for the competition by running and lifting weights.

"Coach Nee just told us to basically stay in shape and be prepared to go against the best," he said. "He's been bringing in players every day to help us prepare."

Other team members:

Asad Ali and Rodell Guest, Colorado; Doug Collins and Mike Bergman, Iowa State; Wylie Howard and Jeff Wires, Kansas State; Jeff Warren and Chris Heller, Missouri; Kermit Holmes, Oklahoma; Corey Williams and Shawn Davis, Oklahoma State.



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U.S. Olympic Festival features NU players

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Last year's U.S. Olympic Festival was the starting point of a banner year for Nebraska volleyball player Janet Kruse, and Assistant Coach John Cook hopes it has similar effects on two other Cornhuskers this year.

Kruse, who will be a junior this season, was a member of a team that won the bronze medal at last year's festival. Kruse, an outside hitter, followed that up by being named first-team All-America and helping lead Nebraska to a runner-up finish at the NCAA Tournament.

At this year's festival in Minneapolis, three Huskers will be featured. Kruse was a repeat selection, and sophomores Stephanie Thater and Eileen Shannon were picked for the first time. The three will play on different teams. Husker Valerie Vermuelen will serve as an alternate.

The festival starts Friday and concludes July 15.

Cook, who coached Kruse's team at last year's festival, said her experience there led to her successful sophomore season.

"She came in here with a lot of confidence," he said. "It was really a key to her fall season, playing well and making first team All-American."

"Janet is a classic example of a player who struggled from pressure and nerves. It was something she had

never been through. She played through it the first two games and played really well in the bronze medal match."

Cook said Thater and Shannon will experience much the same feeling that comes from competing against some of the best collegiate players in the nation. But that experience can only help the them and the Husker program in the long run, he said.

"I'm sure they're going to struggle a little bit," he said. "It's just something that until you go through it, you don't know how to react."

"Besides playing in our season, it's the second best thing that can happen. There's a tremendous amount of pressure, and they may get the experience of going through a gold medal or bronze medal match. It's invaluable. We feel it's really critical to the development of our players."

He said Thater, who backed-up senior middle blockers Carla Baker and Virginia Stahr, could struggle more than Shannon, who started most of the season and earned first-team All-Big Eight honors and was named to the NCAA Final Four All-Tournament team.

"The pressure will probably affect Steph more than Eileen," he said. "Eileen will have a little more confidence since she played a lot last year."

Kruse said her approach will be to

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