

AP TOP 25

Records through Feb. 25

Rank	Record	School	Points
1	25-0	UNLV	1,575
2	24-1	Ohio St.	1,503
3	27-2	Arkansas	1,455
4	21-4	North Carolina	1,346
5	23-4	Indiana	1,277
6	24-4	Syracuse	1,269
7	22-5	Arizona	1,198
8	23-6	Duke	1,108
9	25-2	Utah	1,042
10	20-5	Kansas	1,012
11	21-3	New Mexico St.	822
12	20-5	Oklahoma St.	772
13	20-6	Kentucky	767
14	20-4	Southern Miss.	708
15	23-5	Nebraska	664
16	20-7	UCLA	637
17	19-6	St. John's	630
18	19-7	LSU	589
19	24-4	E. Tennessee St.	472
20	18-7	Seton Hall	358
21	20-2	Princeton	317
22	19-9	Pittsburgh	165
23	18-7	Mississippi St.	158
24	17-8	Alabama	129
25	19-9	Virginia	105



Nebraska's Keith Moody finds an effective way of keeping Kansas State's Jean Derouillere from completing a layup Saturday.

Robin Trimarchi/Daily Nebraskan

Nee says he intends to stay at Nebraska

By John Adkisson
Staff Reporter

Danny Nee will stay at Nebraska — at least for a while.

Responding to reports that said he was actively pursuing more prestigious coaching jobs, Nee said he is happy as Nebraska men's basketball coach.

"I'm not out looking for a job," Nee said. "I've got a good job. I've got a real good job."

He called the reports, which appeared in The Sporting News and the Des Moines Register last week, "careless."

"I think responsible journalism is, if you hear a rumor, you check with the source," Nee said. "I don't think you just repeat rumors and print stuff."

But, Nee said, nothing is forever. "Philosophically, I don't think you can stay at a coaching position for 9, 10, 12 years anymore," Nee said. "I just think that you have to stay ahead of the posse."

Nee, who has led the Huskers to a 23-5 record this season, mostly downplayed talk of the length of his tenure and instead focused on Nebraska's Wednesday night game at Oklahoma State.

With a win against the Cowboys, Nebraska, ranked 15th in this week's Associated Press poll, would give itself



Basketball standings:

Oklahoma State	9-3	20-5
Kansas	9-3	20-5
Nebraska	8-4	23-5
Missouri	6-6	14-10
Colorado	5-7	15-10
Iowa State	5-7	11-17
Oklahoma	4-8	15-12
Kansas State	2-10	12-13

a shot at its first Big Eight title, or at least piece of it, in 40 years when the Huskers return home to play Kansas on Sunday.

"I don't think that Nebraska basketball could put itself in a better situation," Nee said. "The last week of the season, and the games mean something."

Nee said his team should feel no pressure.

"Right now, the pressure is on the teams that were expected to win," Nee said. "We're going to step up there, and we're going to be very loose."

Phase III progress delayed; scheduling conflicts result

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

While delays continue to push back the completion target date of Phase III of the NU Coliseum and Mabel Lee Hall, officials at the Office of Campus Recreation ponder ways to solve arising scheduling problems.

Stan Campbell, director of campus recreation for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said the work on the Coliseum cannot start until asbestos is first removed from the facility.

Although the removal was scheduled to begin on or after Feb. 18, the work has not begun because of delays in city permits and other paperwork, Campbell said.

Because of the delays, he said, most of the renovations and additions are not expected to

be completed until spring 1992.

But some intramural and club sport activities already have been affected even before the renovation has begun. Because some areas have been closed in preparation for asbestos removal, some club sports have been forced to relocate practices and meetings.

The UNL fencing club has moved practices to the East Campus Activities Center, Campbell said, and some other club sports have moved to Mabel Lee Hall, "or wherever they can find someplace to go."

Campbell said there is little danger of having to cut activities because of the construction. Once the work begins, though, it will have an effect on the scheduling of campus recreation activities, he said.

"One of our primary concerns is scheduling the men's and women's basketball playoffs, and the volleyball playoffs," Campbell said.

The closing of the Coliseum will cost the campus rec office three basketball courts and five volleyball courts, he said, and the construction may cause more game dates to be scheduled, with the games being scattered at various sites around campus.

"Traditionally, we've completed our playoffs before spring break," Campbell said. "We may have to re-schedule so that we play many of the games after break."

Additionally, Campbell said students who come in for pickup games will suffer from the lack of space.

Campbell said work on the Coliseum's

basketball and volleyball courts will be among the first things completed.

The floor will be replaced, Campbell said, the orientation of the basketball courts will be changed to run north and south, rather than east and west, as they do now. This will add a fourth court, he said.

Other Coliseum improvements will include larger men's and women's locker rooms, the addition of a dry sauna to each locker room, the removal of the balcony overhang in the north end of the Coliseum, the addition of classrooms and the capacity enlargement of the Cornhusker volleyball team's home court.

"It will be an entirely new facility when it finally gets done," he said.

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Volleyball coach going national

By John Adkisson
Staff Reporter

John Cook has followed the advice of a currently popular coaching cliché: He has taken his coaching to a higher level.

No, Cook hasn't improved his coaching abilities. Cook, a volleyball assistant at Nebraska for the past three seasons, has been hired as an assistant for the United States National men's team in San Diego, Calif., the highest level of coaching.



Cook

After winning gold medals in 1984 and 1988, the national team suffered a coaching shakeup late last year. Coach Bill Neville and assistant Brad Saidon left, citing a lack of financial support from the United States Olympic Committee. Saidon returned to his position as the coach of Colorado's women's team.

Former Stanford coach Fred Sturm was given the national team's head job on Jan. 1 and Cook was hired as an assistant at the same time.

"It was a really spur-of-the-moment type thing," Cook said. "Within a matter of days, I was flown out here, hired, and moving my things to California," Cook said.

Cook described the responsibilities of his new position as similar to what he did as an assistant at Nebraska; scouting opponents, helping design offenses and assisting players with fundamentals.

There is one major difference, however.

"This is the first time I've really coached men for an extended period of time," Cook said. "It's a little new for me, but it's not as hard as I thought at first."

Although he is a California native, Cook said he already misses Nebraska.

"The first week I was out here, my pickup truck was stolen," Cook said. "It's just a totally different lifestyle out here, and I hope to return to Lincoln to raise my children in the future."

Cook and his wife Wendy also have had to make another adjustment. Lauren Alyssa Cook was born earlier this month.

"It's different, the late nights and everything," Cook said, laughing. "But it's fun, too."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's basketball pair earn Big Eight conference honors

Nebraska sophomore Karen Jennings has been named to the first team of the Big Eight women's basketball all-conference team. Also, Jennings was named Big Eight player of the week for the third time this year, only the second time a player has received that recognition three times in the same season.

Last week, Jennings led the

Cornhuskers with 25 points and 13 rebounds in an 87-60 win over Missouri, and she had 27 points and 14 rebounds in a 75-72 loss to Oklahoma.

Jennings, the leading scorer in the Big Eight at 20.3 points per game, was conference co-newcomer of the year last season.

Winning that award by herself

this year was Nebraska freshman Meggan Yedsena. Yedsena also made honorable mention all-conference.

Diana Miller and Nadira Hazim of Kansas State, Debbie Johnson of Colorado and Oklahoma State's Liz Brown, the conference player of the year, joined Jennings on the first team. Miller, Hazim, Johnson and Brown are seniors.

The Big Eight women's basketball tournament in Salina, Kan.

Saturday

Noon: #4 KANSAS STATE vs. #5 IOWA STATE
2 p.m.: #1 OKLAHOMA STATE vs. #8 MISSOURI
6 p.m.: #3 NEBRASKA vs. #6 OKLAHOMA
8 p.m.: #2 COLORADO vs. #7 OKLAHOMA

Sunday

2 p.m. and 4 p.m.: SEMIFINAL GAMES

Monday

7 p.m.: FINAL

Alexander chosen Big Eight basketball player of the week

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Victor Alexander of Iowa State, who scored 59 points in two Cyclone victories, was chosen Big

Eight men's basketball player of the week.

The senior center from Detroit had 27 points and 11 rebounds in a

97-88 victory at Oklahoma. He had 32 points, 14 rebounds and five steals in an 89-76 victory over Missouri.

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