

Huskers to face exhibition test

By Todd Cooper
Senior Reporter

Although it's only November, Nebraska men's basketball coach Danny Nee said his Cornhuskers will receive a test when they face the Ukraine Nationals tonight.

"It's like a final exam," Nee said. "It'll be a good test for us to see how the kids have come along."

Nee said he'll test more than a few things tonight on his 1991-92 squad, which will have three new faces in the starting lineup. Tipoff is at 7:35 p.m.

"It'll measure their knowledge of our offense," Nee said. "We'll see if they have the timing and execution of it down. And it's also a measure of conditioning."

"I'm anxious to see how they're going to react to a game situation."

Nee will see how three first-time starters — forward Michael Hughes, center Derrick Chandler and guard Jamar Johnson — respond to "a pretty good, rugged" Ukraine National team.


Senior forward Carl Hayes and sophomore guard Eric Piatkowski also will start for the Huskers.

"The new guys have come along real well," Nee said. "They've seemed to grasp everything really well."

Nee said Nebraska will have a slightly different approach from last

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Nebraska vs. Ukrainian National Team
Exhibition game tonight, 7:35 pm, Bob Devaney Sports Center



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G	12	Jamar Johnson	5-11	So.	Elkhart, Ind.
F	21	Carl Hayes	6-8	Sr.	Chicago
C	34	Derrick Chandler	6-10	Jr.	Mitchellville, Mo.
F	23	Michael Hughes	6-7	Jr.	Peoria, Ill.
G	32	Eric Piatkowski	6-6	So.	Rapid City, S.D.

year, when the Huskers finished 26-8 and earned their first NCAA tournament berth.

"The fans are going to see a little bit more wide-open team than last year," Nee said. "Last year, we relied on strength a lot. This year, it's going to be a smaller, quicker team."

Johnson, a Prop 48 casualty last year, will lead that "quicker attack," replacing the departed Clifford Scales.

"It has been much more difficult

for (Johnson) to digest the offense, at point guard," Nee said, "but he has grasped it remarkably well."

"It'll be a good chance for fans to take a look at these new guys."

Although it's an exhibition, Nee said tonight's game will be significant.

"It's like a dress rehearsal for a play," Nee said, "where we do everything we're going to do, but it doesn't count."

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Nebraska, ten Bensel win conference titles

By Chuck Green
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Big Eight championships are nothing new to the Nebraska women's cross country team, but individual championships are.

Fran ten Bensel led the Cornhusker women to their third conference title in four years Saturday at the Big Eight Championships in Lawrence, Kan., by winning the individual title in a time of 17 minutes 51 seconds. The Huskers, ranked 18th nationally, beat out second-place Kansas State.

In winning the individual title, ten Bensel became the first Husker runner — man or woman — to capture a conference title since Greg Carlberg did it in 1970. She is the first Husker woman to win an individual title.

Nebraska Coach Jay Dirksen said he is pleased with the way ten Bensel has progressed as a runner since coming to Nebraska.

"It's very exciting to see her win because when she first started cross country, she really wasn't very good," he said. "She hadn't competed in cross country until she got here; since then, she's gotten better and better."

Dirksen said ten Bensel ran her typical race.

"I thought she would have a chance at winning it, and she just ran a beautiful race," he said. "Midway through the race she broke away, and then she put it away for good on a hill toward the end."

Dirksen said he thinks ten Bensel's first-place finish in the conference will spell success for her at the national championships.

"Historically, the Big Eight champion finishes in the top 10 to 15 at nationals," he said. "That will take the pressure off the rest of our team."

Team captain Lisa Graham finished sixth with a time of 18:27, while sophomore Theresa Stelling finished 11th.

Nebraska's Michele Schaefer finished 14th, the highest finish of any freshman in the meet, and Julianne Campbell finished 23rd to round out Nebraska's scoring.

Only the top five finishers count for team scoring.

In the men's championships, Nebraska sophomore David Iteffa led the Huskers to a fifth-place finish with a time of 25:17 in a 10th-place individual finish.

Dirksen said he was pleased with the fifth-place finish, since Nebraska was hit hard by graduation last year.

"We ran as well as we are capable of right now," he said. "Now, the challenge is, how good do we want to be? They're not that far away from the top teams. I really wasn't disappointed with our guys at all."

Dirksen said he especially was impressed with Iteffa.

"He's not been healthy all year," Dirksen said. "He's had a nagging hip injury that just hasn't been able to heal. I would say he ran well under the circumstances."

Iowa State won the team honors, while Cyclone runner Jonah Koech won the individual title. Five Iowa State runners finished in the top six.

Renier Henning, a freshman from Roodepoort, South Africa, was the second-highest Husker finisher, coming in at 19th. He was the highest freshman finisher.

Other Husker scorers included Kevin Clark, 28th; Tom Banks, 33rd; and Kevin Miller, 34th.

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