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Nebraska guard Jamar Johnson goes up for a shot earlier this year against Creighton. The Nebraska basketball team will play on television a record 12 times this season.

Husker basketball success means more games on TV

By Tim Pearson
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The Nebraska men's basketball team's success last season and their rise into the Top 25 this season has resulted in a record number of televised games.

The Huskers will appear on television 12 times this season, including four games on national television.

Nebraska will make its first ever regular-season appearance on ABC against Kansas on Feb. 7. ABC will also televise the Huskers' final regular season game against Oklahoma.

ESPN will feature the Huskers twice on "Big Monday." Those games include the game against Colorado in Boulder on Jan. 25 and the Oklahoma State game on Feb. 15.

Last year Nebraska appeared on ESPN three times, compiling a 1-2 record.

Oklahoma spoiled the Huskers' debut on "Big Monday" last year when the Sooners pulled out a 79-76 win in Lincoln. Nebraska also lost against Missouri 87-61 on ESPN last year, but the Huskers beat Creighton 90-85.

Even with the record number of televised games, Gary Fouraker, the athletic department's business and finance director, said the Huskers revenue will not increase drastically.

The money goes to the conference and then is split up among the Big Eight teams, Fouraker said.

"It's sort of like football, where the com-

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Hot topics dominate coaches' agendas at NCAA convention

By Jeff Singer
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Athletic department certification, gender equity and men's basketball restrictions are all at the top of many athletic directors' agendas around the country.

Those are the key topics among the 160 other issues scheduled to be discussed at the 87th NCAA convention that begins today in Dallas.

While the trio of topics is expected to be the most noteworthy this week, economics should prevail in almost all decisions, according to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier.

"The overall theme that I see in the issues is fine-tuning of cost-containment measures," Spanier said. "There are modest changes that affect almost every institution."

As for certification of athletic departments, a proposal is on the table requiring all Division I athletic departments to be audited in a span of every five or 10 years.

Nebraska is one of the institutions that has had experience in the certification process, since UNL was used recently as part of a pilot program during an NCAA study.

The certification issue, which is expected to pass, will be beneficial if the kinks are worked out from the pilot program, Spanier said.

"This is probably the single most interesting issue this year," he said. "It was a fairly burdensome pilot program, but it will be simplified."

Spanier also said the auditing process would be a positive for schools because "it will ensure a higher level of responsibility."

Gender equity should be highly debated in Dallas. One of the main issues will be the scholarship limit for women's basketball programs. Some coaches are pushing for the limit to be increased to 15 after 1995. Currently the women's programs are scheduled to reduce

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scholarships to 13, equal to the eventual allotment allowed for men's basketball teams.

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said she supported bringing back 15 scholarships for women.

"I'm very much in favor of reinstating; with gender equity, it will help the problem," Beck said. "Giving us another scholarship will help give more players more opportunities."

She said that if the support from the Nebraska administration is any indication of how the scholarship proposal will fare in Dallas, it should do well.

"I think the University of Nebraska is pretty positive about it," Beck said. "Chancellor Spanier and Athletic Director (Bill) Byrne are positive in dealing with gender equity issues."

In issues concerning the men's basketball team, the regular season starting date is proposed to be moved from Dec. 1 to the Friday following Thanksgiving. Another benefit to be debated is whether to add the full-time assistant that was taken away last season.

But one of the most controversial issues with men's basketball this week is the proposal to delay a one-scholarship cut by two years until 1995.

Cornhusker men's basketball coach Danny Nee said he wants to keep the extra scholarship as long as he can. "Well, if they think they need to cut a scholarship, I am sure that it won't really have an effect on a program," Nee said. "But what I see as a negative effect is that it keeps one more kid from having a chance to play basketball at Nebraska."

NU baseball team ranked No. 32 in preseason poll

Rating renews national attention, coach says

By Derek Samson
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After a five-year absence, the Nebraska baseball team is back in the national spotlight.

The Cornhuskers are ranked No. 32 out of the nation's 280 Division I baseball teams by Collegiate Baseball and are now out to prove that they are worthy of the ranking.

Nebraska coach John Sanders, whose team will open its season in February, said he was pleased with his team's return to the preseason rankings.

"It helps revive the national attention," Sanders said. "It was here before and we were close

in the last few years, but we haven't been rated since 1988."

"People out there think we're good and we think we're good," Sanders said. "Another thing it does is put some positive pressure on us."

Other Big Eight teams in the preseason Top 40 include No. 5 Oklahoma State and No. 20 Oklahoma.

Despite fighting an extra recruiting battle because of Nebraska's weather, Sanders and the Huskers have drawn even more national attention with an incoming recruiting class ranked 19th in the nation.

"We really like that we were 19th," Sanders said. "I think it's very positive for us to start off the year like this."

"We have been projected to be a definite

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Gymnasts to provide Nebraska sports highlight in 1993

Pardon me. Pssst. Excuse me. I don't mean to bug ya, but did I miss something?

You see, I watched 1992 Husker athletics from the cheap seats.

And let's face it — since I didn't watch from the luxurious, front-row Daily Nebraskan box seats, I basically missed most of 1992 in Husker sports.

And just as surely as Tommie Frazier missed Johnny Mitchell — or, more appropriately, Husker hoopsters missed their free throws — I know you missed me last year.

But since you had the misfortune of missing my biting observations last

year, I'll offer a few extra points from 1992 and the beginning of this year.

And please fill me in if my rosy perspective clouds over any of last year's disappointments.

I did happen to catch Nebraska's first athletic performance of 1993 — the 27-14 Orange Bowl loss to Florida State. Not bad, but not great. So what else is new?

In spite of a tense touchdown Tommie (who never quite touched down when he arrived in his home state) and a few BBs from Byron Bennett, Nebraska played well.

And criticize Charlie McBride's defense all you want, but the



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Blackshirts contained Seminole sensation Charlie Ward most of the night.

Now, come again, who was this Marv Sciler guy? And why couldn't Nebraska keep that no-name in check in 1992?

Speaking of checks, Derek Brown's decision to turn pro made

about as much sense as Mitchell's change of heart last year.

But unfortunately for Brown, he won't make quite as many cents as Mitchell.

For those of you happy to see Brown run for the money, think again. Not only do the Huskers lose a quick complement to Calvin Jones, but they also lose a potential game-breaker.

And, on top of that, Nebraska most likely will lose Jones a year early. Had Brown stayed, Jones would have waited to show America his Heisman moves during the 1994 season. Now, watch quickly Nebraska fans — be-

cause C.J. probably will say "see ya" after next season.

Husker hoopsters might be bidding adieu to any NCAA tournament hopes this year if they don't wake up soon.

Even the ever-positive Danny Nee hinted that the pollsters were dreaming when they ranked Nebraska as high as No. 17 before the bandwagon drowned near the Pacific. Losses to USC, Michigan and, worst of all, Southwest Louisiana show Nebraska has something to prove on the road.

And Nee is dreaming himself if he

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