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Nebraska forward Terrance Badgett goes up for a shot against Verich Reps Nov. 4. The Huskers will take on the Russian Red Army-Air Force basketball club tonight.

Huskers prepare for last exhibition game

By Trevor Parks
Staff Reporter

Going into his team's final tuneup before its season opener Nov. 25, all Nebraska men's basketball coach Danny Nee is looking for is improvement.

The Cornhuskers play their final exhibition game against the Russian Red Army-Air Force basketball club at the Bob Devaney Sports Center tonight at 7:30.

"The whole idea of these exhibition games is to try and improve," Nee said. "However, it's hard to measure against this type of competition."

Nebraska defeated Verich Reps 117-101 in its first exhibition game Nov. 4.

Nee said the team had kept a good attitude over the 11-day layoff.

"No matter how practice goes, it gets boring," Nee said. "They've been relentless and worked very hard."

The Russian Red Army-Air Force basketball club is 1-3 as of Nov. 15 on its eight-game exhibition tour.

They have lost at Illinois-Chicago, 108-93, at Fort Hays, 90-85, and at Northwest Missouri State, 77-68 on Monday.

The club's only win was an 84-81 victory at Northern Illinois.

The Russian Red Army-Air Force basketball club plays at Nebraska-Kearney Nov. 15 before taking on the Huskers.

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The Huskers will have a change in the starting lineup as Chris Sallee replaces Mikki Moore at the center position.

Nee said the move was to give Sallee more playing time, not to bench Moore.

"We're still experimenting," Nee said. "I feel that at the center position, it is important we establish some rebounding."

Against Verich Reps, a team of former college players, Nebraska was out-rebounded 41-40.

Nee said the other four starters, Jaron Boone, Erick Strickland, Melvin Brooks and Terrance Badgett will remain the same from Nebraska's first exhibition game.

Nee said exhibition games also gave newcomers to the Nebraska squad a chance to play.

"It's good experience for them," Nee said. "Playing in front of the crowd and officials really helps."

Frazier executes drills with team

From Staff Reports

Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier practiced Tuesday in pads and participated in drills with the first team for the first time since a blood clot sidelined him in late September.

The junior ran plays with the offensive units in shoulder pads and helmet but is still not allowed to have any contact in practice.

Previously, Frazier had been doing only group work with no pads.

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"Sometimes things could have gone our way, but they didn't," she said. "I don't think it got out of hand, our team was together most of the night."

Saindon believes the undefeated and top-ranked Huskers can be defeated, even though the Huskers swept the Buffs earlier.

"Absolutely," Saindon said. "In Boulder, if we play like we did in game two, I think it is a pretty even match, and I like our chances."

Also liking the Buffaloes' chances at home is junior quick hitter Leah Williams.

"It will be two teams up against each other," she said. "I think we have a really good chance at beating them just like we did last year."



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