

# Cornhuskers open home season with Ameritas Classic

## Nebraska will face Morehead State in first round game

By Trevor Parks  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska basketball team opens its home season with the Ameritas Classic, playing host to Morehead State tonight in a 6:30 game at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The 2-1 Cornhuskers are coming off a third-place finish at the San Juan Shootout, while the 2-0 Eagles are coming in with wins over Montreat-Anderson and Centre.

Husker coach Danny Nee said playing three games in three days at Puerto Rico gave the younger play-

ers a chance to begin to blend with the veterans.

"Fatigue was never a factor," Nee said. "The more game experience we can give them in any kind of circumstance is going to help them."

Nee said the Eagles should offer Nebraska a tough game and the sidelines could be very animated with former Creighton assistant Dick Fick at the helm.

"I'm not near his league," Nee said. "He's a professional."

Nebraska has won 13 straight home openers since a 62-59 overtime loss to Wyoming in 1980.

One of the premier players on the Eagles' team is Johnnie Williams, Nee said.

In two games this season, Williams is averaging 20 points and three rebounds a game.

"They really get up and down the

court," Nee said. "Versatility is how I would describe them. They have a lot of guys who play a lot of minutes, and they really put some numbers on the board."

Nee said Mikki Moore would get the start at center in place of Chris Sallee.

"Moore or Sallee will be a either-or the whole year just depending on the matchups of the centers," he said.

Sallee is currently recovering from a severely sprained ankle, but Nee said Sallee would be available Friday.

Nee said the other two teams in the Ameritas Classic — Southern Mississippi and Idaho State — should offer a difficult challenge to his team in the second game.

Both teams are familiar to the Nebraska basketball program.

The Huskers played Southern Mis-

issippi in the semifinals of the 1986 National Invitational Tournament in New York City.

"Getting a team with their tradition was really a major coup," Nee said.

Two years ago at the Ameritas Classic, Idaho State lost to Kent State and Colgate in Lincoln.

Idaho State, 2-0 is led by two-time All-Big Sky Conference first-team player Jim Potter.

This season Potter, who was named to the Ameritas Classic All-Tournament team in 1992, is averaging 16.5 points per game and a team high 12.5 rebounds a game.

"It's a pretty solid balanced field and I'm pleased with it," Nee said.

The Golden Eagles beat the Huskers 82-75.

## Ameritas Classic

Starters for tonight's 6:30 game against Morehead State at Bob Devaney Sports Center. Idaho State will play Southern Mississippi at 8:30.

Nebraska (2-1)		ppg.	rpg.
G Erick Strickland	15.3	4.3	
G Jaron Boone	15	5	
F Melvin Brooks	12	5.7	
F Terrence Badgett	8	5.7	
C Mikki Moore	3.3	3.3	

Morehead State (2-0)		ppg.	rpg.
G Jerry Fogle	15.5	2	
G Johnnie Williams	20	3	
F Tyrone Boardley	16.5	7	
F Mark Majick	4	1	
C Mike Scrogan	16	5.5	

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## Beck: Duke trip not just a game

By Derek Samson  
Senior Reporter

The Nebraska women's basketball team will gain more than game experience when it travels to Durham, N.C., for the Duke Invitational this weekend.

It will get a lesson in the history of college basketball.

Coach Angela Beck said one big reason she got her team in the tournament was to witness the Duke basketball program firsthand.

"I wanted to go down there because it's got a rich basketball tradition and make it a little educational trip," Beck said. "It will be a great setting. We're going to tour the Dean Smith dome and just enjoy that kind of atmosphere. I think it will be very educational, and we plan to have a good time."

But there also will be basketball involved.

Nebraska tips off against Indiana State Saturday at 1 p.m. A win would

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**ANGELA BECK**

NU women's basketball coach

put the Cornhuskers in the championship against either Duke or the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

"We want to win it," Beck said. "We try not to look too far ahead, and we know we have Indiana State in the first round. We know that we'll do well as long as we do the little things right."

"It's our first road test of the year, so we'll have to see how our young

players will play on the road. Generally, I feel like the right things are working at this time."

To win the championship, Beck said the 3-1 Huskers would have to play an underdog role against Duke.

"It's set up so Duke and Nebraska will meet in the championship, but I don't think we're the favorite," she said. "I can't say this team will ever be the favorite. We've got a lot to prove before we can become a favorite."

"But I think we've seen some good teams so far, and we've seen ourselves under a lot of different stresses."

Beck said Wednesday night's 91-66 win over Kent State would improve Nebraska's odds against Duke.

"We've got a lot of confidence going right now," Beck said. "Our goal was to have a big win (against Kent), and we got a big win. So we're going to go down to Duke with a big smile on our face. We feel like we can do the job there."

## Wrestlers to face seasoned ISU team

By Clay Short  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska wrestling coach Tim Neumann knew that this year's team would have a difficult schedule.

After an impressive third-place finish in last weekend's Mat Town Invitational in Lock Haven, Pa., the Cornhuskers return home for a challenging dual match against Iowa State.

"Iowa State has a great team. Nobody outside of the Big Eight really realized how good their returners are," Neumann said. "They have eight starters coming back, and all are excellent wrestlers."

Neumann said Saturday night's 7:30 match at the Bob Devaney Sports Center was important.

"This is Iowa State, and it is a Big Eight dual, so this matchup is a little bit personal," Neumann said.

The Huskers will have a different look than they did last weekend at the Mat Town Invitational.

Freshman Brad Canoyer gets the start at 118 pounds in place of Darin Giese. Also, Erik Josephson will start at 177 pounds, replacing Ryan Tobin, who still is recovering from an injury.

Joe Stephens replaces Mike Eierman, who is out indefinitely with

a groin injury, at 142 pounds. At the Mat Town invite, Stephens made it to the semifinal before an illegal slam injured his opponent, leaving him with a sixth-place finish instead of a shot at the championship.

"If we wrestle better than we did at the Mat Town, then we will be fine," Neumann said. "All of the teams in the conference know how tough Iowa State is."

"Unless one team doesn't perform up to its capabilities, I think it will come down to the heavyweight match. If that's the case, it would favor us, because we are stronger at heavyweight."

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