

Coaches agree: Lue is 'the man'

Sophomore point guard gains respect throughout league.

By Mike Kluck
Senior Reporter

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tyronn Lue hasn't been listed or even mentioned as a possible member of any of the Big 12's preseason all-conference teams.

But that didn't stop the league's coaches from bringing up his name often Thursday at the Big 12 Preseason Media Day in Kansas City.

"I know that Tyronn Lue, Chauncey (Billups) and (Jacque) Vaughn have to be three of the top point guards in this

league," Iowa State Coach Tim Floyd said. "Lue had caught our attention a year ago, and I am a big believer in having good backcourt play."

Both Colorado's Billups and Kansas' Vaughn are preseason first-team All-Big 12 selections.

Lue brings a sense of stability to the Cornhusker backcourt, Floyd said. The 6-foot sophomore from Mexico, Mo., who started all but one game last season, said he is ready to assume the responsibilities of a team leader for the defending National Invitation Tournament cham-

ions. "He's the man," Nebraska Coach Danny Nee said. "He earned that starting position as a freshman. He's someone that the players respect and they like. He's very good."

The Huskers, who finished 21-14 last season, open their season Nov. 23 with a non-conference matchup against Texas in Austin, Texas. The two teams meet again in conference play on Feb. 16 in Lincoln.

Although Texas Coach Tom Penders doesn't remember much about Nebraska after losing to the Huskers last year in Lincoln, he did remember Lue.

"They got a great little point guard back," Penders said. "I thought that Lue kid was one of the best guards we played last year, even though he was a

freshman." Missouri Coach Norm Stewart thinks Nebraska will be successful — not just because of Lue, but because of true freshman Cookie Belcher, who is also from Mexico, Mo.

"They'll be good because they're using my players," Stewart said.

Note:

Along with Vaughn, a senior and Billups, a sophomore, Texas senior guard Reggie Freeman, Iowa State senior forward Dedric Willoughby and Kansas junior forward Raef LaFrentz were named to the preseason All-Big 12 first team.

No Nebraska players earned first-team, second-team or honorable-mention honors.

Men's Basketball

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

Preseason Media Poll
Team Points

North Division	
Kansas	573
Iowa St.	474
Missouri	361
Nebraska	255
Kansas St.	219
South Division	
Texas	491
Oklahoma St.	392
Texas Tech	330
Oklahoma	278
Texas A&M	140
Baylor	95

NU: Sooners are dangerous

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thing is something special," Peter said. "With Nebraska and Colorado, it's more of a hatred rivalry. But with Oklahoma and Nebraska, I think both teams respect each others' programs."

"It's going to be a war no matter what."

Oklahoma has hit the skids recently, taking some of the luster off the rivalry. The Sooner football program has its third coach in as many years and has won only seven of its last 20 games.

"Certainly the first four games weren't very good for them," NU Coach Tom Osborne said, "but recently, they have been playing pretty good football."

The Sooners opened the season with losses to Texas Christian, San Diego State, Tulsa and Kansas before beating Texas in overtime and downing Baylor. OU enters the game having rallied from a 42-14 deficit to lose 42-35 last week at Kansas State.

"A program like Oklahoma has so much tradition behind it that even when they are down, they are not a bad football team," Husker rush end Grant Wistrom said. "Knowing that this is an

Football Picks

The Daily Nebraskan sports staff members pick the winners in 10 college football games this weekend. The staff is 65-25 this season and was 8-2 last week.

Kansas	at	Iowa St.
Colorado	at	Missouri
Baylor	at	Texas
Texas A&M	at	Oklahoma St.
Florida St.	at	Georgia Tech
Tennessee	at	South Carolina
Michigan St.	at	Michigan
Northwestern	at	Penn State
Syracuse	at	Penn State

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OU-Nebraska game, they are going to come out and give us their best effort."

Note:

No. 2 left cornerback Mike Fullman will not make the trip to Norman because of a pulled hamstring. In Fullman's absence, Eric Stokes and Eric Warfield will split time between free safety and cornerback.

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Poc.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Poc.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	6	Brendan Holbein	5-9	195	Sr.	QB	6	Michael McDaniel	6-0	213	Sr.
LT	77	Adam Treu	6-6	305	Sr.	LT	70	Barry Giles	6-5	302	Jr.
LG	75	Chris Dickman	6-3	310	Jr.	LG	67	Derrick Nelson	6-2	295	Jr.
C	67	Aaron Taylor	6-1	305	Jr.	C	73	Bruce McClure	6-5	276	Jr.
RG	64	Jon Kuschka	6-2	290	Jr.	RG	66	Chris Campbell	6-3	285	Sr.
RT	70	Eric Anderson	6-4	305	Jr.	RT	75	Sammy Williams	6-5	305	Jr.
TE	36	Tim O'Connell	6-3	255	Jr.	TE	30	Stephen Alexander	6-4	260	Jr.
QB	7	Scott Frost	6-3	215	Jr.	FL	19	Jarrail Jackson	5-8	178	Fr.
FB	38	Brian Schaefer	6-13	300	Sr.	QB	13	James Foyt	6-2	250	Jr.
IB	30	Ahman Green	6-0	215	So.	FB	32	Dwayne Chandler	5-11	215	Sr.
WP	38	Jon Fedral	6-11	265	Sr.	HB	38	James Allen	5-10	205	Sr.
PK	35	Kris Brown	5-10	205	So.	PK	15	Jeremy Alexander	5-10	184	Jr.

Nebraska Defense						Oklahoma Defense					
Poc.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Poc.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	38	James Foyt	6-3	250	Sr.	DE	38	Bob Marshall	6-3	272	Sr.
DT	97	Jeff Ogard	6-6	310	Sr.	LT	97	Kelly Gregg	6-0	281	So.
DT	35	James Foyt	6-3	250	Sr.	DT	38	Brian Marshall	6-3	260	Sr.
RE	96	Grant Wistrom	6-5	250	Jr.	RE	36	Travian Smith	6-6	225	Jr.
OLB	38	James Williams	6-2	210	So.	OLB	40	Chris Foyt	6-0	218	Jr.
MIKE	44	Jon Hesse	6-4	250	Sr.	MLB	45	Tyrell Peters	6-0	232	Sr.
WLB	48	Brian Schaefer	6-3	250	Sr.	OLB	31	Michael Thompson	6-1	224	Jr.
LCB	20	Michael Booker	6-2	205	Sr.	LCB	41	Mike Woods	5-11	174	Fr.
FS	10	Eric Stokes	5-11	185	Sr.	SB	15	Terrell White	6-0	181	So.
ROV	10	Mike Minter	5-10	190	Sr.	FS	29	Gana Joseph	6-0	201	So.
CB	20	Eric Stokes	5-11	180	Fr.	CB	9	Anthony Pugh	6-11	199	Jr.
P	19	Jesse Kosch	6-0	185	Jr.	P	82	Brian Lewis	6-2	225	So.

Huskers vie for Big 12 title

By Gregg Madsen
Staff Reporter

After a two-week break from competition, the Nebraska men's and women's cross country teams will compete Saturday at the Big 12 Championships in Ames, Iowa.

Nebraska Coach Jay Dirksen said the 26th-ranked women's team and the No. 11 men's team are both ready for a higher level of competition.

"It's really like all this has been pre-

season games and now we're getting into the meat of the season," Dirksen said.

The women's competition will include four top 20 teams in Iowa State, Colorado, Baylor and Missouri. The men will be challenged by No. 3 Colorado and No. 14 Oklahoma State.

If the Huskers run to their potential, Dirksen said, both teams could compete for the conference title.

"Every person in our team is coming around at the right time," he said.