

NU sprinters ready to show off at Invite

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Last Saturday's Nebraska Quadrangular proved to be a breaking out party for two Nebraska sprinters.



Croom

Juni or La'Tisha Croom, a member of the Cornhuskers women's track and field team, set a personal best in the 400-meter dash with a NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 55.08 seconds.

Croom, a three-time All-American from Bellevue, has been known more for running legs on several championship 4 x 400-meter relay teams and not as an individual competitor.

Now she hopes her performance at the Nebraska Triangular is an indication of what is to come Friday and Saturday at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational — one of the premier regular season indoor meets in the country.

"I'm looking to get a personal record next week," Croom said. "If I run the quarter and I can run faster than 55.08, I'm sure I'll stay with the other girls."

NU Coach Gary Pepin said he was pleased with Croom's performance, but there is still room for her to improve.

"She's certainly running well," Pepin said, "but she'll have to run a lot faster to be competitive in the Big 12."

To compete with the elite sprint-

ers in the Big 12 Conference, Croom said, she needs to pick up the pace a little more.

"This is the best I've run, at least indoors so far, but I've got a lot of work ahead of me," Croom said.

For the men's team, Tom Fish has made a name for himself after four meets this season.

Fish, a senior from Hastings, won twice in the Quadrangular, setting an indoor personal record in the 200 meters with a first-place time of 21.55 seconds. He also won the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.80 seconds.

"I just really wanted to come out and help the team," Fish said. "We weren't really worried about our time."

Fish made his biggest splash at the NCAA Outdoor Championships last year. He finished seventh in the 200 meters and earned All-American honors.

This year Fish has emerged as the top sprinter as well as a leader on a young team riddled with injuries.

"I've been around and I know really what it takes to try to stay injury-free," he said. "I try and help the younger guys and make sure they practice hard."

Fish will be one of many Huskers competing this weekend in the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational at the Bob Devaney Sports Center track.

Fish said competing in a meet with high-caliber sprinters will let him know where he stands with the rest of the nation.

"Next week will be a preview of the national meet," Fish said. "A lot of good schools will be here with a lot of quality athletes."

"If I'm up toward the front next week, I'll feel real confident."

Visit to NU worries CU's Patton

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Attendance at the Coors Event Center has improved from an average of 4,354 to 5,041 fans per game.

When the Buffaloes meet Nebraska tonight at 7 at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, it will mark the first time since 1969 that a ranked Colorado team has played in Lincoln.

"I'd be worried about Nebraska, whether or not they'd lost every game," said Patton, who took over CU's coaching duties after Joe Harrington resigned 14 games into last season. "Nebraska is a very tough place to play."

The Buffaloes beat NU Jan. 4 in Boulder 79-73, but Patton said he expects to see a different Husker team tonight.

"With them coming off a game as well played as they did at Kansas, I'm concerned," he said.

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NU looks to cut turnovers

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ates a confidence."

The Huskers will rely heavily on point guard Tyrone Lue to try to stop the Buffs' playmaker. Lue, who held KU guard Jacque Vaughn to 10 points in Lawrence, said guarding Billups is his biggest challenge of the season.

"Jacque Vaughn isn't really an offensive threat," Lue said. "He just looks to get his team involved. Chauncey Billups is all of that plus he's a scorer, a passer — he can do everything."

Along with taming Billups, Nee said, the Huskers must cut down on turnovers. Nebraska committed 28 against Kansas, upping the Huskers' total to a conference-high 389.

"Turnovers have been ridiculous," Nee said. "We're shooting the ball well enough to win."

In turnovers and scoring, NU is led by Lue. He has committed 79 turnovers — including 10 against the Jayhawks — ranking him second in the conference behind 81 by Texas' Reggie Freeman.

Lue has stepped up his offensive output averaging 21.8 points per game against conference opponents.

Nee had the entire team work on the problem in practice, having them run extra for every turnover they

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Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
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F 5	Larry Florence	6-5	225	So.
C 32	Mick Moore	6-11	220	Sr.
G 30	Cookie Belcher	6-3	200	Fr.
G 10	Tyrone Lue	6-0	170	So.

Colorado 16-4 (7-1)

Pos	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
F 3	Marice Moore	6-7	211	Sr.
F 31	Fred Edmonds	6-5	204	Sr.
C 52	Ronnie DeCory	6-6	195	Jr.
G 4	Chauncey Billups	6-3	202	So.
G 10	Will Smith	6-6	206	Fr.

made.

"A turnover to me is a wasted opportunity," Nee said. Lue said he hopes to control the ball and help Nebraska snap its four-game losing streak.

"I feel a sense of urgency," Lue said. "Everybody is ready to play."

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