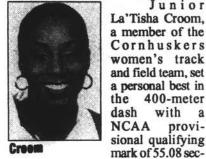
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Croom, a three-time All-American from Bellevue, has been known more for running legs on several championship 4 x 400-meter relay teams and not as an individual competitor.

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 Last Saturday's Nebraska Qua- indoors so far, but I've got a lot of work For the men's team, Tom Fish has Junior made a name for himself after four

La'Tisha Croom, meets this season. Fish, a senior from Hastings, won Cornhuskers twice in the Quadrangular, setting an women's track indoor personal record in the 200 and field team, set meters with a first-place time of 21.55 onde He also won the 60-meter a personal best in

with a NCAA provisional qualifying

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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.

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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 hon- ors. 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 re- ally what it takes to try to stay injury- free," he said. "I try and help the younger guys and make sure they prac- tice 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. "I'm up toward the front next	whether of hot the game," said Patton, CU's coaching du Harrington resigned last season. "Nebr tough place to play. The Buffaloes H in Boulder 79-73, h te expects to see a d team tonight. "With them com as well played as th sas, I'm concerned "Sail Bebruar Vintage Cleft addo-a OPEN Mon
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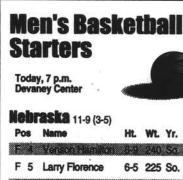
The Huskers will rely heavily on point guard Tyronn Lue to try to stop the Buffs' playmaker. Lue, who held KU guard Jacque Vaughn to 10 points in Lawrence, said guarding Billups is his biggest challenge of the season.

"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 turn-



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