

Huskers hit road to battle Buffs

■ If Nebraska wants to win, Coach Nee says, NU must stop Jaquay Walls.

By Joshua Camenzind

Staff writer

Nebraska Coach Danny Nee said the 82-78 loss to Missouri on Saturday left his men's basketball team with a "lot of ifs, should-haves and could-haves."

It also left the Cornhuskers with a must-win game on the road against a surging Colorado team on Tuesday at 8 p.m. It's a game that might be crucial to NU's hopes for a postseason appearance.

CU, at 12-9 overall and 3-6 in the Big 12 Conference, provides a formi-

dable challenge after coming off a win against Kansas State, and is creeping up on Nebraska (10-11 and 3-5) in the Big 12 rankings.



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Nee said Nebraska typically has put together a solid effort in Boulder against the Buffaloes, usually one of the league's doormats.

"We have played well every time against Colorado," Nee said. "We have just been fortunate to put together good games out there."

As far as the importance of the game, Nee has an opinion.

"At home, on the road — it doesn't make a difference," Nee said. "They are all big now."

For the Huskers to even their record to .500 overall and head into Saturday's matchup with conference leader Iowa State with momentum, they must first stop CU guard Jaquay Walls.

Walls is coming off a 19-point performance against the Wildcats and

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scored a Big 12 season-high 32 points earlier this year against KSU. The senior is averaging 16.7 points for the season.

"I love Walls," Nee said. "Danny Walker is familiar with him because he went to Compton (a Los Angeles-based junior college) as well. He is just a great player."

Nee said that he will go with a new lineup to start the game against CU. Cary Cochran will start in place of Matt Davison, who has started the past

two games for defensive purposes. He said he likes what Davison can bring to the team off the bench in this game.

Davison will be needed to combat Colorado's bench, which features three players who average eight points or better. Nee is proud of his football player pick-up.

"He comes in and fills a role," said Nee of Davison, who had six points against Mizzou. "I never imagined that Matt Davison would come in and start and play 20 minutes."



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FRESHMAN KARIN LARKA practices in Bob Devaney Sports Center on Monday for the Nebraska swim team.

NU women gear up for Big 12 tilt

By Brian Christopherson

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Mention the "T-word" around the Nebraska swimming pool in the next two weeks, and grins turn to frowns, especially on the faces of NU women swimmers and divers.

That delicate word is Texas, of course, a seemingly natural rival of the Cornhusker swimming and diving team. Texas also just happens to be the team that lurks on Nebraska's path to winning the Big 12 Championship this season.

Right now, the focus is a little stronger for the women, who will be competing at the conference championships two weeks before the men on Feb. 17-19 in College Station, Texas.

"We didn't win the Big 12 last season, so we're going into this meet thinking that we have everything to win and nothing to lose,"

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NU's Ingram nabs personal best at KSU

■ Senior jumps 20 feet, 10 inches in the long jump for NCAA-qualifying mark.

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Senior Dalhia Ingram had one of the best meets of her career on Saturday, leaping an automatic NCAA-qualifying long jump for the meet at Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan.

There were three other teams on the women's side — Arkansas, Abilene Christian and Kansas State — none of which finished ahead of the Cornhuskers.

NU got a solid chunk of its points from Ingram, whose 20-foot, 10-inch leap in the long jump is an indoor personal best. Ingram also won the triple jump, marking the fourth time this season she's won both events.

"That was a very nice long jump," Nebraska Coach Gary Pepin said. "She kind of dominated the field — so she was kind of jumping against herself. But that's what I expect from her."

The 4-by-400-meter team also performed well on the women's side. Cheryl Harmon, Lesley Owusu, Stella Klassen and newcomer Jelena Stanisavljevic ticked off a provisional qualifying time of three minutes, 39.47 seconds.

Other Husker women garnering provisional qualifying marks for the NCAA meet included freshman shot-putters Melissa Price and Leann Boerema, high-jumpers Jessica Thompson and Carrie Brans, weight-thrasher Erin Wibbels and 400-meter-dash runner Klassen.

On the men's side, Sheldon Hutchinson was a provisional qualifier in the triple jump with a mark of 51-6 3/4.

Nebraska will next be in action on Friday and Saturday at the 26th annual Frank Sevine Invitational, one of the largest track meets in America.



Ingram

— SPORTS OPINION —

I went to Devaney and saw a movie



Brandon Schulte

It is an experience that has been duplicated in few theaters around the country.

It is not one theater but two, with 15-foot high and 26-foot wide screens and natural surround sound. And the indoor facility can seat more than 13,500 paying customers.

But this theater is different.

And not just because isn't owned by the Douglas Theatre Company.

It's owned by the state of Nebraska.

More specifically, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

It doesn't receive any hot new Hollywood pictures.

It's open only a scant few dates per year. But it offered a matinee Saturday.

And I had to go to see this cinematic experience called HuskerVision in action.

I arrived at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. I grabbed some popcorn and soda before finding my seat.

Just before 12:45 p.m., the scheduled starting time, the lights dimmed. The crowd started to murmur before the screen began showing basketball highlights full of men in red and white dunking basketballs and hitting jump shots with explosions all over the screen.

Smoke and lights filled the screen, and there was a live shot of basketball players running onto a stage.

After several minutes of shooting, other characters in black and gold uniforms appeared and met with the red and white characters at a center circle.

The experience of watching the entire Nebraska and Missouri basketball game on HuskerVision from the C section of the Sports Center on Saturday wasn't unlike watching a game on television at a bar or at home.

Upon this realization two ques-

tions popped into my head:

Did I really need to go to the game to see it?

And if I'm already there, is HuskerVision really necessary?

The jumbo screens became interesting at the 16-minute mark timeout. As the screen panned around the arena I saw fellow fans either waving at me, acting oblivious or hiding from the camera.

Then an insurance company brought us the Nebraska "Women of Distinction" portion of the program, which featured Maurice Ivy as one of Nebraska's 25 greatest female athletes.

The game continued with occasional commercial advertisements. The ads were packaged around a highlight during a stoppage of play.

And the highlight wasn't always a good one. Many times the replay was of a foul call or the ball dribbling harmlessly out of bounds, not exactly the kinds of slow-motion action seen during most televised games.

Then again, how often do you get to see Runza Rex on a big screen.

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