

Sports

Tough teams scheduled at volleyball invitational

By Jeff Browne and Janet Stefanski

Nebraska's volleyball team won one of the country's top tournaments last weekend and defeated highly-regarded San Diego State. But coach Terry Pettit said he isn't ready to call his team one of the best in the nation — yet.

"From what I've seen so far, there are about 16 to 18 teams that are capable of beating each other," Pettit said.

One of those teams is the California Bears, the Huskers' next test Thursday night, and Friday and Saturday in the Husker Invitational. California and Nebraska have not played since 1976, when the Bears won 15-7, 4-15. This week's games will be at the UNL Coliseum.

The Bears, 3-6, were Northern Conference champions last year and return All-American blocker Sylvie Monet.

"They're very big and very experienced," Pettit said, "and the NorPac may be the toughest conference in the nation."

The Bears have been rated 12th in the last two Collegiate Volleyball Coaches Association polls, but California assistant coach Jeff Mozzochi doesn't expect his team to stay there.

"We got off to a slow start," Mozzochi said. "We've got a lot of new faces."

Mozzochi said the strength of his team lies in its blocking and serving, a point that worries Pettit.

Pettit also said his team needs to work on decreasing errors.

"We would like to be more effective with our middle attack," Pettit noted.

According to the Husker coach, middle blockers Sharon Kramer, Michelle Smith, and Karen Dahlgren need to be more aggressive in transitions and input a variety of shots.

Pettit said this weekend's Husker Invitational, which includes Texas A&M, Louisville, Southwest Missouri and California, will be just as tough or tougher than the San Diego tournament, but he's confident his team can win.

"We proved a point in San Diego," Pettit said. "San Diego State had more blocks and digs, but we dominated the game through aggressive serving."

"We don't have a team where you can stop one or two players and stop the whole team. We're well-balanced."

Enid Schonewise and Lynae Loseke will again miss this weekend's action as will Teresa Bohn. All have been kept out of the lineup because of injuries.

The Huskers will face California Thursday night at 7 p.m. They then play Louisville and Southwest Missouri in back-to-back matches Friday beginning at 4 p.m. They will face Texas A&M before the UNL-UCLA football game Saturday morning and will meet California again after the football game.

Women's sports spark interest

By Jeff Kallmeyer

Thursday night, as part of the "Week-ender Extravaganza," the UNL volleyball team will play the California team of the National Collegiate in a match that will precede the Husker Invitational. The first 500 in attendance will be given T-shirts.

The T-shirts are part of a promotion sponsored by the UNL athletic department to increase student and public awareness of the Nebraska women's athletic program.

Also on Thursday, the athletic department will sell red long-sleeved T-shirts that proclaim Nebraska as "Leaders in Women's Athletics." T-shirts are \$8 each. bumper stickers, reading "Follow the Leaders, Nebraska Women's Athletics," also have been given away.

In the past year, Nebraska women's athletics have sprung to the top, claiming five Big Eight titles, one national championship in women's track and field, and an unofficial All-Sports Champion award. That award is a combination of total Big Eight championships won in men's and women's athletics.

Joyce Johnson, administrative assistant in women's athletics said the department uses promotions to increase attendance and awareness of women's athletics.

"We need to educate and inform and let the people know what's going on," Johnson said.

"Right now, we're developing our own crowd support... our own fans, our own sponsors and ways of information," she said.

In the past, the department has had free

color nights, free T-shirts, and other promotions to get people to attend women's competitions. But Johnson said the department is beginning to get over that money and is using the money to bring in nationally ranked teams.

"Our fans can't wait to see our athletes on a team of lesser quality," she said. "The department is heading out to get the best teams."

Johnson said the department is using money to compete in Big Eight sports. In some cases this is being done through other financial means.

Free gifts provided are not the only tools used in getting fan response. The women's program depends heavily upon the more successful men's programs such as football and basketball.

For example, this Saturday after the Nebraska-UCLA game, the public will be able to see the volleyball team compete for \$1 by showing their football tickets at the door.

Johnson said the attendance for volleyball games exceeds 1,000 when the game is on the same day as a football game.

Starting next year, Johnson said, the department will begin work on Nebraska women's athletics 100 years ago. She said the women's program has become more successful because of the influence of Assistant Director Bob Devaney and Women's Athletic Director June B. Davis.

"They have seen the program come from nothing to what it is today," Johnson said. "They have a vision."

Boxers set out to 'make things happen'

The strategy used by UNL Boxing team coach Randy Nelson is the same he used last year, and the year before: "Make things happen."

The boxing team began practicing Monday night. Nelson said the club should have many strong returning fighters, but said he needs new recruits in the 130-pound and under weight classes.

Super-heavyweight Carl Von Rien is one of the strongest fighters to return, he said.

Von Rien won last year's Southeast Division Golden Gloves Championship uncontested. At that time Nelson could not find anyone to fight Von Rien.

Von Rien won his first two fights at the Midwest Golden Gloves Tournament last year by knockouts, but lost in the finals by decision.

Other veteran fighters include John Krolkowski,

a second season heavy-weight; Curt White, 120-pound division; Dan Lonowski 132-pound division; Marc Grimminger, light heavy-weight division; and tentatively, Felix Konat, 165-pound division. Konat won last year's Southeast District Championship, and won two fights in the Midwest Tournament before losing.

Nelson said he hopes new recruits will join the team. Practices are at 5 p.m. in the basement of Schramm Hall Monday through Thursday. He said no experience is necessary.

Although the boxing team was not on a summer training program Nelson said, he encouraged them to run and circuit-weight train.

Training sessions include running, hitting heavy ing bags and sparring.

AROUND THE BIG EIGHT

By Scott Ahlstrand

BIG EIGHT STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Nebraska	3	0	0	1.000	184	39
Oklahoma State	2	0	0	1.000	47	30
Colorado	1	1	0	.500	48	26
Missouri	1	1	0	.500	48	39
Oklahoma	1	1	0	.500	41	38
Kansas	1	1	1	.500	107	59
Kansas State	1	2	0	.333	52	62
Iowa State	0	2	0	.000	36	80

THIS WEEK'S TOP GAMES

Kansas at USC: The Trojans of USC are ranked No. 10, but Kansas is coming off their first win of the season, a 57-6 drubbing of Wichita State, and the Jayhawks like the taste of victory. An added incentive for Kansas is the fact that they have 10 players on their roster who played high school football in California.

UCLA at Nebraska: "Are the Cornhuskers for real?" "Do they have the best offense in college football history?" "Are the UCLA cheerleaders really gorgeous?" These and other pressing questions will be answered when Nebraska lines up against their first "real" opponent of the season.

HEROES

IRVING FRYAR — Fryar ripped the Gopher defense for three touchdowns and 253 all-purpose yards. He caught two

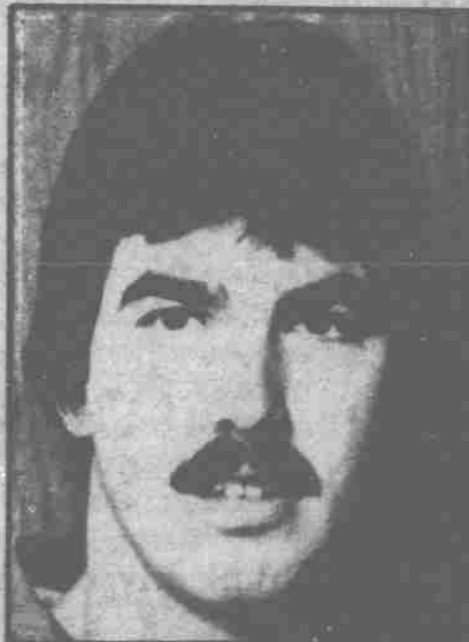


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Bruce Kallmeyer

passes for 138 yards and two touchdowns and rushed three times for 92 yards and another touchdown.

For his efforts, Fryar was named the Big Eight's offensive player of the week.

BRUCE KALLMEYER — The Jayhawk kicker set an NCAA single game record for points by a kicker. Kallmeyer kicked five field goals (tying the Big Eight record) and added six extra points. His 41 points in three games this season puts him in fifth place in the NCAA national rankings.

QUOTES

Iowa State's Jim Criner on the difference between Boise State's schedule and Iowa State's: "Every week you have someone who wants to hit you in the mouth with a baseball bat."

Iowa State fullback Jason Jacobs on the Cyclones' loss in the last seven seconds at Vanderbilt and in the last minute at Tennessee last year: "I don't like this state."

BIG EIGHT REPORT CARD

COLORADO: The Buffaloes ran for 233 yards and passed an additional 153 against intrastate rival Colorado State. The defense lost a shut out in the closing seconds. The Buffs keep improving and so does their grade. This week they merit a B.

IOWA STATE: The Cyclones offense played pretty well against Vanderbilt. Can they help it if the defense has the stopping power of a can of Gillette Foamy? Coach Jim Criner's bunch takes on Colorado State this week and should snare a victory. Give them our grade: C.

KANSAS: New coach Mike Gottfried captured his first win of the year in a near flawless game for the Jayhawks. If they had played that well against a top-level team, they would have received an A. As it is we'll give

them our grade: A minus.

KANSAS STATE: Coach Jim Dickey broke out old 1978 jerseys for the game against TCU. Dickey said they wanted the Wildcats to earn their regular jerseys back. The ploy seemed to work, as Kansas State rated a B for their solid defensive work.

MISSOURI: On a day when most conference teams improved, the Tigers went downhill. They stopped Illinois, but Wisconsin proved to be too much. Keep in mind that the Badgers aren't that tough. Our grade: C minus.

OKLAHOMA: Ohio State proved that you can throw on the Sooners. Oklahoma without Dupree is like lunchmeat with Miracle Whip. They lacked the zing. Our grade: C minus.

OKLAHOMA STATE: The Cowboys proved they were more than a mediocre team with a great running back. Ernest Anderson sat out Saturday's game and Oklahoma State still moved the ball effectively against a tough Cincinnati defense. Our grade: B.

NEBRASKA: What more can be said? Offense: A plus, (for good behavior). Defense: B, (I know those Blackshirts can play better, even if the offense keeps them out there for most of the game). Our grade: A.