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Nebraska volleyball team swiftly defeats K-State

By Ward W. Triplett III

The Nebraska combination of the very new with the very experienced made the women's volleyball opener with Kansas State a short affair Saturday morning as the Huskers downed the Wildcats 15-5, 15-4, and 15-11 in the Nebraska Coliseum.

"I thought they played very well," said Nebraska Coach Terry Pettit. "Our timing was off for the first eight points in the third set, but aside from that, we had a very good match," he said.

After K-State's Rita Harrington opened the match with an ace, the Huskers, behind two spike kills each by Erin Dean and Cathy Noth, jumped out to an 8-1 lead. The Wildcats managed to come back to within 5-9 before another Noth kill opened the way for five unanswered Husker points to claim the first set.

The second set saw more of the same as the Huskers out-scored Kansas State 7-0 from the start, and outdistanced the Wild-

cats by 11, 15-4.

Kansas State, which was also opening its season, was able to make a contest out of the third game while Pettit changed the lineup to include Lori Zimmerman and Debbie Thompson in the beginning rotation.

The teams traded leads until Zimmerman's ace tied the game at 10. Noth and Terri Kanouse blocked a kill attempt by Beth Wiseman for the 11th point, Gwen Pell scored a kill for the 12th to break another tie, and a K-State miscue counted as the 13th as a Nebraska volley landed between all six Wildcats.

Kanouse, an all-American selection at center-blocker last season, served the last two points to end the match at 15-11. The crowd, bolstered by an estimated 1,000 high school volleyballers, were treated to just 45 minutes of game play.

Noth, a freshman from Bettendorf, Iowa compiled the most impressive Husker statistics with 10 kills, six of those for

points. Junior college transfer Gwen Pell followed with nine kills, and Kanouse added five.

"We got our feet wet," said Pettit, who scored his 201st career victory. Pettit also praised the play of all 10 players who got in Saturday, particularly that of Noth and Pell, and frontline reserves Sallye Ramsey and Debbie Thompson, who scored two

kills apiece.

K-State coach Scott Nelson also praised Nebraska's team play.

"They controlled the tempo of this game," he said. "I think it was pretty much their ball control. They held on to it a lot longer than we did, and made fewer errors at critical points in the match," Nelson said.

Women's director says pact wouldn't hurt program

By Mary Sue Hergert

Despite the uncertainty of the CFA-NCAA outcome, the possible aborting of Title IX and the fact that the economy is forcing everyone to cut back, the women's athletic department is optimistic about the future, June Davis, women's athletic director said.

Concerning the dilemma between the CFA and the NCAA with television contracts, Davis said, "Whatever Bob Devaney decides is best for the football program will be the best for us. Football keeps the women's programs and the other sports going. He'll take the total athletic program into consideration."

Davis said the CFA pact would not be detrimental to the women's athletic program.

"The way the CFA pact looks right now, it would mean more money coming into the total athletic program," she said.

If the CFA pact goes through, and the athletic department profits financially, Davis can't see it being used as a compensation for the cutting of Title IX.

"As for Title IX, it looks like it's passe, it's history. But our program was not built on Title IX, the people make strong programs, not the laws," Davis said.

Davis said many schools are firing coaches, changing administrators and cutting programs while Nebraska is growing.

"The women's athletic director from Arkansas came to observe our program to streamline their program like ours. That's something to be proud of," she said.

In 1975 the women's athletic department had two full-time employees. It consisted of the athletic director and the assistant athletic director, who was also the sports information director. Now the department employs 25 full-time people.

Women's basketball games used to be played in the Coliseum, and the swimming team used the pool at Mabel Lee Hall. Now all women's sports have full access to the Bob Devaney Sports Center and Boyd Epley, Nebraska weight trainer, has complete programs for women.

"I've seen a change in the community. They have a different attitude. They have more pride in women's programs, and with that comes support," Davis said.

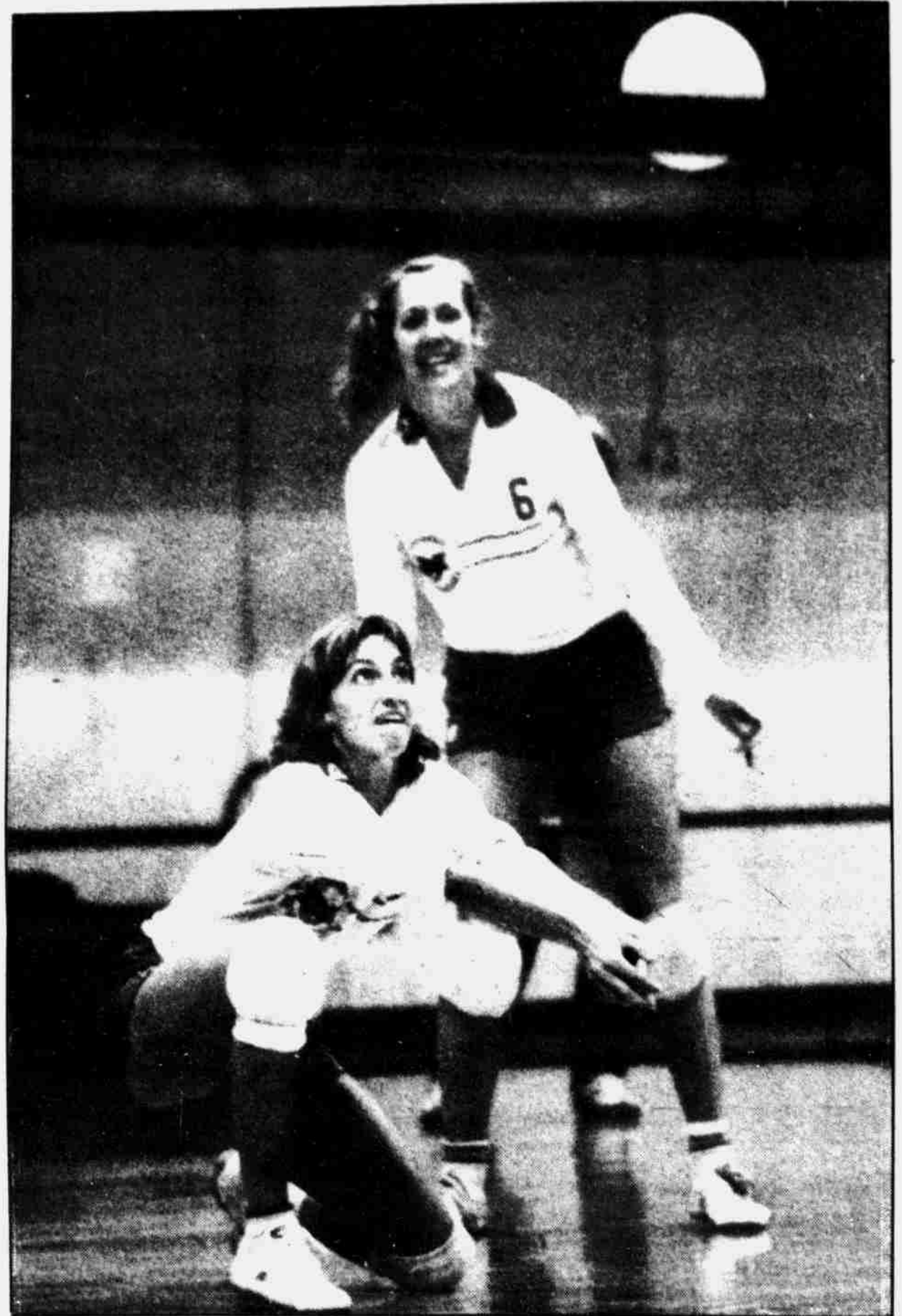


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Nebraska's Erin Dean (2) returns a Kansas State serve in action at the Coliseum Saturday while Shandi Pettit (6) watches. The Huskers defeated the Wildcats in three straight sets.

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The Nebraska soccer club won the Concordia Invitational Tournament Sunday at Seward. The Huskers defeated UNO 2-1 in first-round action while Concordia defeated Northwest Missouri State 1-0. UNL claimed the championship with a 2-0 defeat of Concordia.

Students trying out for the UNL women's basketball team should meet at 3 p.m. today at the South Stadium Lounge.

The UNL rugby club will host an in-

vitational tournament at East Campus Saturday. The eight-team event will begin at 9 a.m.

The Nebraska Alumni Association will host a Husker Huddle brunch prior to the UNL-Iowa football game Saturday. The brunch will be held at the Ironman Inn at the Coralville, Iowa exit on Interstate 80 at 10:30 a.m. A cash bar will open at 10 a.m. Cost is \$6 per person and advanced reservations are required. Interested persons should contact the Alumni Association.

UNL swim team unveiled

Nebraska men's swimming Coach Cal Bentz introduced his 1981-82 squad at press and photo day Saturday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Included in the group are six new recruits who have been certified as high school or junior college all-Americans by *Swimming World* magazine.

Leading the new recruits is freshman Cliff Looschen of Cocoa Beach, Fla. Looschen was honored in both the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke events. His time of :20.830 in the freestyle was second best in the country among prep

swimmers while his :51.23 backstroke mark ranked third in the nation.

Other newcomers who earned honors are Rick Gilbertson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in the 200 individual medley; Aaron Drake of Lincoln in the 100-meter breaststroke; Tim Golliglee of Papillion in the 500-meter freestyle and Jeff Christiansen of Chattanooga, Tenn., in diving. Darl Welliver of Diablo Valley Junior College, Pleasant Hill, Calif., rounded out the list of newcomers.

The Cornhuskers open their season Nov. 7 at the Sports Center against UNO.