

# Husker volleyball squad rallies to defeat Drake

By Ward W. Triplett III

It took the Nebraska volleyball squad a while to do it, but Terry Pettit's 14th-ranked team pieced together enough good points to defeat Drake in four sets before an estimated 465 fans on Sunkist night.

"That was about as bad as we can play," said Pettit after the 15-11, 15-13, 10-15, 15-3 win.

"We gave Drake several opportunities to win this match, but they evidently didn't want it as much as we didn't," he said.

Those moments occurred early, as the Huskers fell behind 7-0 in the first set and 6-0 in the second. Each time,

the Huskers clawed back, tying both at 10-10 before moving ahead. Gwen Pell had four spikes in the first game comeback, and Cathy Noth had three in the second.

Things seemed to be looking better in the third game when the Huskers scored their first point after the Bulldogs had tallied only three. But that was as close as the Huskers got as Drake pulled out to a 10-4 advantage and held on to win.

That loss seemed to spark the Huskers, as they jumped out to a 3-0 lead behind the service of Mary Buyesse. After spotting Drake two points and trading another, the Huskers used two blocks and an overhit to move ahead 7-3. A Cathy Noth spike provided the eighth point, and

Buyesse systematically served the next seven straight to cap the win.

Although Pettit was pleased with the fourth set, he felt the team looked and played tired throughout the match.

"We're a tired team right now. We're tired from mid-terms, and tired because we've been working hard without a week off since Aug. 11," he said.

"We had some sporadic moments when we played really well for four or five points, but until the last game we couldn't keep anything going," Pettit said.

Pettit said the possible ligament injury that kept Shandi Pettine out of action at the Southwest Missouri State tournament Saturday didn't affect her play at all. He said Pell played exceptionally well despite the Drake team match being her first game action since an ankle injury on Sept. 22. Pell was slated to play only the front line but played the entire way from the second set on.

The Huskers will play Kansas State in Manhattan on Tuesday before the Oral Roberts Invitational next weekend in Tulsa. The Huskers last home game will be against Kansas State on Oct. 28.

# JV quarterback criticizes booing fans

By Ken Havlat

After a high school football career at Lincoln Southeast, and backing up Turner Gill on last year's undefeated UNL junior varsity football team, quarterback Craig Sundberg finds himself in the unfamiliar spot of being redshirted, but he said he still has the intensity that he would have had if he had started every game.

Sundberg said he doesn't understand why Nebraska fans booed at last Saturday's football game against Auburn.

"I reacted just about like everyone else on the football team," he said. "I don't know what they were booing about. That doesn't seem necessary for college football. Pros, yes, I could understand booing them in that situation because they are getting paid to play football. But, college, no."

Sundberg said too much publicity has been given to the Nebraska quarterback situation.

"The local newspapers don't need to publicize everyday on the quarterback situation, making it sound like it is the only position that matters," he said. "There are 21 other guys that start on offense and defense."

"I felt this year in the beginning if Mark (Mauer) would have had a good game in the opener against Iowa, none of this publicity about the quarterback situation would have ever come out. Coach (Tom) Osborne is trying to get the best player in there. Maybe one player will start playing well or this alternating will continue the rest of the season."

Sundberg said it became apparent early in fall drills that he would be redshirted for the season. However, he added that sitting the season out doesn't give him any extra time.

"You really don't have as much time," Sundberg said. "You're not required to go to as many meetings as if you were on varsity, but I have meetings on Monday and Tuesday and watch films of the opposition, and everyday for half an hour, all the quarterbacks have a meeting with Coach Osborne." While he is proceeding through his freshman year, Sundberg directs the scout squad. He said the squad tries to give the No. 1 and No. 2 teams as realistic a picture of the opposition as possible.

Another concern of Sundberg's is helping to get the Nebraska system down pat and building himself up physically.

"With directing the scout squad, I have been lifting more weights and I know I have to get faster," he said.

"Another thing is knowing the offense good enough to audible. Coach Osborne tries to prepare us by running plays against certain defenses. He wants us to know which plays are bad and which are good at a particular moment."

"It wasn't very interesting running the Auburn plays because I really don't care for the wishbone. But Colorado passes more than Auburn and it makes it interesting for me."

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