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Going into the spring season, the Huskers will be trying to hold onto the record for best win/loss percentage in Husker softball history. Daigle contributed their success not only in the attitude the players displayed, but in the pitching staff, which was a major strength for Nebraska.

"We have a great pitcher in senior Sandy Wolterman. She is one of top 10 or 12 pitchers in the nation," he said. "Along with her we also have two other pitchers, Shelby Mertins and Mori Emmons, who could play on any team," Daigle said.

"Offensively, the best bats Nebraska had were from Wendy Turner (.350), Denise Day-Eckert (.348), and Stacy Sunny (.310).

"Of all the teams I've coached I've never had three players bat over .300 in one season," Daigle said.

Unfortunately for the Huskers the fall season doesn't count on their overall record, but is used as a warm-up for the spring season.

"Now we start getting ready for spring, and when all the ticks of the clock are gone, there will be two teams in the finals of the Big Eight," Daigle said. "We want to be one of them."

Spikers next home game to show minor changes

By Ward W. Triplett III

When Nebraska takes the Coliseum court Saturday against Missouri Saturday, it will mark the first home appearance by the Husker volleyball team since Sept. 28. Nebraska has gone 4-2 during their absence, including a three set victory against Missouri at Columbia Oct. 1.

"We've made some minor changes," Nebraska Coach Terry Pettit said. "Realistically, we're using seven starters now."

Pettit said Michelle Smith and Sharon Kramer are starting at middle blocker, and Annie Adamczak, who had started opposite Kramer in the Sept. 28 Kansas State match in Lincoln, has been moved to outside hitter, where she, Julie Hermann or Erin Dean may start. Mary Buysse and Cathy Noth are still starting at setter in Nebraska's 6-2 offense.

"Whomever is not starting among those three (Hermann, Dean or Adamczak) is playing front row for Buysse," Pettit said. "That gives us a real quality front-row player regardless of which one it is."

In Nebraska's three-set victory against Oklahoma Saturday in Norman, Pettit said some of the things the team had worked on in practice had begun to show.

"The outside blocking was more consistent," Pettit said.

"If we are going to be one of the top four or five teams in the country by the end of the year, we're going to have to continue to see improvement there. We also saw a lot of improvement in our all-around play."

Pettit said Adamczak's 14 kills in the Sooner match, coupled with the 14 kills by Kramer and Karen Dahlgren from the middle blocker position showed the Huskers had run the middle in the match.

"As our block improves fundamentally, we are capable of running our middle attack," he said. When that

attack becomes effective, the opposition has to honor the middle, thus freeing the outside attackers for stronger kill attempts, he said.

"It's kind of like the option play in football," Pettit said. "You've got to have so many legitimate options for the opposition to think about, or else they'll just gang up where they think the ball will go."

Pettit added that Adamczak, a sophomore from Moose Lake, Minn., played her best game in her collegiate career against Oklahoma.

The Tigers will play Drake Thursday night in Des Moines and Iowa State Friday night in Ames before coming to Lincoln for the 4 p.m. match against Nebraska.

The Tigers are 19-8 overall and return three all-Big Eight players in Sharon Olmstead, Ritchie Ponquetté and setter Sandi Orent. Olmstead, a 5-10 junior, leads Missouri in kills with 192, while 5-11 Dianne Berg leads the Tigers in hitting percentage at .353.

Berg and Adamczak were teammates for three years at Moose Lake high school, leading that school to three state championships (volleyball, basketball and softball) their senior year. Berg was named the volleyball Most Valuable Player that year, while Adamczak was named the basketball and softball MVP.

Two-year starter Debbie Urbanckas and junior Dina Herzog round out the Tiger starting lineup.

"It (the match in Missouri) was a very tough match," Pettit said. "One thing we're going to have to watch for this time is the setter (Orent) hitting at the net. They play a 5-1, and she was at the net, she would just hit over. She got about 10 kills on us that way."

At 4-1, Missouri appears to be the Huskers strongest roadblock to an eighth consecutive Big Eight championship.

"This is a very important match for them," Pettit said. "If they can beat us here (the conference race), it's all tied up and anything could happen."

Rec
Scoreboard

MEN'S SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL

Quarterfinals
Jamokes 14, Cather Twelve B 12
Beta Theta Pi A 14, Mac Attacks 11
Alpha Tau Omega B 13, Abel Six A 3
Gummers 12, Phi Kappa Pal 5

Semifinals
Jamokes 8, Gummers 7
Beta Theta Pi 7, Alpha Tau Omega 6

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Smith Eight def. Totally Awesom 15-5, 14-12
Burr Three East def. Fedde Hall 15-5, 14-12
Smith Six def. Abel Ten 9-15, 15-10, 14-4
Smith Three def. Abel Nine 15-1, 15-5
Sandoz Nine B def. Selleck 5100 15-2, 15-3
ULC def. Sandoz Seven Foxes 5-14, 15-5, 15-13
Sandoz Five def. Sandoz Two 15-5, 12-

15, 15-5
Selleck 300 def. Schramm Three 15-2, 15-8
Smith Nine def. Pound Nine 15-5, 15-3
F.O.A.D. def. Sandoz Eight by forfeit
Ruff Tuffies def. Schramm Five by forfeit
Love Memorial Hall def. Selleck 6300 by forfeit

BADMINTON
Men's finals — Soen Eng Tjan, Indonesian Student Assoc. def. Tan Kockgan, Independent 15-4, 15-9
Women's finals — Sawchoi Lee, NUMSA def. Cheryl Wichman, Sandoz Five, 15-1, 15-0.

FLAG FOOTBALL
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Bucateers 54, Men Without State 20
Runnin' Rebels 26, Flex Crush 0
Holysmokers 33, Pigskins 31
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