

Recruiting battle up to Hill

By Scott Ahlstrand

Nebraska, a team not noted for their recruiting in women's basketball, is out to change that image, said first-year Coach Kelly Hill. The Huskers are starting a recruiting program that should make Nebraska a recruiting force to be reckoned with, she said.

"You can't just show up on the scene now and expect to sign top quality players," Hill said. "Recruiting is down to a science these days, and you have to put a lot into it."

For Hill, the off-season schedule has been filled with trips to state tournaments. Hill is not only recruiting players to fill spots on next year's roster, but also is looking at prospective recruits who now are sophomores and juniors.

"By watching them (sophomores and juniors) at the state tournament and then mailing them information about Nebraska, we're letting them get familiar," Hill said. "Then, when they're seniors they're aware of us and they know that we care."

Hill and assistant coaches Holly Warlick and Mavis Washington have been putting in late hours to fight Nebraska's average recruiting reputation.

"We're really putting a lot of energy into our recruiting this year," Hill said. "But all of the leg work and homework that we've done is really going to help us in the future."

National letter of intent signing day is not until April 9, but Hill

said Nebraska has received verbal commitments from some top high school players. A 6-2 junior college transfer and a point guard are among those, and Nebraska also is in the running for a 6-1 All-State player from Colorado and Maurice Ivy, a 5-9 forward for Nebraska Class A state champion Omaha Central. Ivy has said she will decide between Nebraska and Kansas.

Hill said Ivy would make a fine addition to the Nebraska team, but that all of the players she has recruited could

help the squad. "Everybody we're recruiting has enough talent to step in and start for us next year," Hill said.

A key element in all of the players is the ability to play in a running offense, she said.

"We've built our program with a fast style of play and we're going to continue to play that way." It's fun for the fans and the players," Hill said. "I imagine if we recruited a 6-6 center, we'd probably change our style. But the chances of that happening aren't too high."



Entries due for softball, soccer teams

Entries are due at 5 p.m. today for soccer and slow pitch softball. All entries should be sent to the Campus Recreation Office, 1740 Vine.

The entry and award fee for both men's and women's soccer is \$15. Due to limited time and field space, no more than three teams may be entered per organization.

All play will be in a round-robin league with a single elimination post-season tournament. Play begins Tuesday, April 3. Awesome Eight won the women's championship last season, and the Tohenham Rebels won the men's title.

The entry and award fee for women's and co-rec slow-pitch softball is \$10. Co-rec teams consist of five men and five women. The Gators won last year's women's championship, while the co-rec winner was Sandy's Baggers.

Note — The outdoor photography show and contest has been extended until mid-April. More information will be available later.

A large advertisement for Miller High Life beer. The background is a close-up of a glass with condensation droplets. A hand is shown holding a glass of beer. The text 'Miller High Life' is written in a large, stylized script. Below it, 'The Champion' is written in a smaller, bold font. At the bottom right, the slogan 'The best beer for the best time of the day.' is written in a bold, sans-serif font.