

Young, experienced women netters look to top

A year ago, Nebraska women's tennis coach Kathy Hawkins thought that despite a young team with one senior, her team had its best shot in years at a high Big Eight finish.

This year, Hawkins thinks that

her young team, again with only one senior, has its best shot ever at a high Big Eight finish.

"I can't really say we were disappointed, but we did expect to end up better than we did," Hawkins said. The team dropped close

dual matches with Kansas and Oklahoma at the end of the spring season and finished fourth in the conference tournament.

"We thought we could have finished higher in the tournament, but we did play better against the

stronger teams," Hawkins said.

The Huskers return the entire team from last spring, including Jamie Pisarcik, the No. 1 singles player in the region's top five and narrowly missed becoming Nebraska's first NCAA qualifier. The senior from Pittsburgh, Pa., finished the year ranked No. 37 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association poll. Liz Mooney, the No. 2 singles player, finished No. 48. Hawkins said it was the first time Nebraska players had placed in the poll, which is recognized as the official ranking of the nation's top 50 collegiate players.

"I see that as a sign that our program is on the rise," Hawkins said. "We're also getting invited to better tournaments. Basically, Nebraska's program is starting to gain some attention nationally."

This season, Hawkins is looking

to jump past Oklahoma and Kansas in the conference. Oklahoma State, the only Big Eight school to finish in the nation's top 20 (No. 12), is still the overwhelming favorite.

"It gets a little frustrating chasing OSU all the time, but they're growing at a tremendous rate," Hawkins said. Hawkins does have some of Oklahoma State's influence on her squad in sophomore Cari Groce, the daughter of OSU coach Ike Groce. Groce joins No. 3 player Jill Pisarcik, No. 4 Jean O'Hallaran and No. 5 Lisa Brooks for the returning starting lineup. Junior Lee Ann Givens also is back, and freshman Beverly Roberts, ranked 10th in the southern section's under-16 division, also should find a place to play.

Hawkins said the extra experience and depth should be the difference this season, which begins Sept. 21 against Kansas State at the East Campus tennis courts.

Nebraska's spring schedule will include a trip to tournaments hosted by Brigham Young and Clemson and possible matches against six of last year's top 20 teams.

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Husker football returns to the Nebraska Educational Television Network with the season premiere of Cornhusker Football Sept. 4, at 8 p.m.

The live, 60-minute program will offer Nebraska public television viewers a one-time opportunity to ask Lincoln sportscaster Don Gill and UNL football linebacker coach John Melton questions about the upcoming gridiron season.

Cornhusker Football is now in its 30th season of broadcasting coverage of the Big Red football clashes. Regular coverage begins Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. with a review of the Sept. 8 Wyoming game.

Gill, now in his sixth season on Cornhusker Football, is joined each week by Melton, who is starting his fourth year of color commentary. The hour-long programs also will include previews of upcoming games and interviews with coaches and players.

Cornhusker Football, produced by the sports and development unit of University of Nebraska Television, is funded in part by Nebraskans for Public Television, Inc. Gifford Rogers is producer/director of the series, and Kerry Manz is unit director. Steve Alvis is senior producer.

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