

# Volleyball offers action without financial strain

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Nebraska's women's volleyball team may have the best bargain to offer on campus this fall.

With students being buried by the costs of books, football tickets and tuition, the volleyball program is offering a season ticket package that includes 13 home matches plus invitationals for \$7. An adult season ticket costs \$15.

Coach Terry Pettit said the price for the season tickets is about, 45 cents per match. Since a ticket bought at the door would cost \$2, students will be able to save \$23 by getting a season pass, Pettit said.

"Normally a lot of teams charge a little more, but we're getting the numbers in with the low season price for the students," Pettit said. "We have a good following. We just need to get more students at the matches."

Last year, Pettit was directly involved in the selling of season tickets. Of the more than 1,000 season tickets sold, Pettit said he was responsible for selling more than half.

This year Pettit is not involved in the ticket sales. The sales are being handled by the ticket office in South Stadium.

Groups of volleyball supporters also are selling tickets. Brochures are available outside Coliseum 117 explaining season-ticket information. Pettit said a ticket booth may be set up in the Nebraska Union this week. Season tickets will be

sold at the Huskers' opener at 11 a.m. this Saturday against Wichita State.

In comparing attendances with other schools in the nation, Pettit said, Nebraska sells as many tickets as any university in the country. He said Nebraska's attendance is the best in the Big Eight and is even comparable to crowds that attend matches on the West Coast.

"We have a great product," Pettit said. "We have one of the best teams in the nation."

The Huskers finished last year in the top ten and captured their eighth consecutive Big Eight championship.

The United States' success in the Olympics also boosted interest in volleyball, Pettit said.

The increased interest should help sell Nebraska volleyball, he said. Competition on the college level is comparable to what was seen during the Olympics, Pettit said.

"There is no difference in speed," Pettit said. "We have one of the fastest offenses in the country."

Many times a small crowd can be attributed to a weak schedule. But Pettit said Nebraska is hosting some of the top teams in the country — Purdue, Northwestern, Colorado State — and one of the top teams from Canada — U. DeSherebrooke.

The volleyball program also receives a boost from the football program, Pettit said. Games are scheduled for both programs on the same day to increase attendance for volleyball.

"People like to come in and watch a Nebraska team win," Pettit said.

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