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Michelle McElroy, a senior from Grand Island, prepares to spike for Wichita State.

Wichita State Sports Information

UNL spikers inspire team

By George Davis
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UNL's Big Eight champion volleyball team begins its season at the Coliseum Saturday morning against the Wichita State Shockers.

Former Missouri assistant coach Phil Shoemaker coaches the Shockers. He restarted the program last year after it had been dropped three years earlier.

Despite their new program, Wichita State is expected to battle for the upper division in the Gateway conference this season.

Shoemaker returns five starters from last year's 6-22 team. He will be aided by nine newcomers to the Wichita State program, including five transfer students.

Leading the returning starters is senior Michele McElroy of Grand Island.

McElroy played at Grand Island Senior High before enrolling at Central Arizona College. Last year she transferred to Wichita State and led the team in kills.

McElroy had knee surgery in the off-season, but worked hard this summer to again vie for a starting position.

Shoemaker is very optimistic about the season.

"I'm excited about the coming year," Shoemaker said. "Our team will be physically and mentally stronger with the year's experience they've had, and with

the added height, both our offense and defense will be improved."

The Shockers open their season today against UNO, a team that finished fourth last year in the NCAA's Division II.

Coach Shoemaker said both UNO and UNL have excellent volleyball programs.

"We're going to play our best," Shoemaker said. "It will be a good test for our team."

Shoemaker said the game against the Cornhuskers has been a motivational factor for his team during summer practices.

"The Nebraska team is awesome," he said. "We've been working very hard this summer so we can play a good match against them."

Shoemaker hopes his Shockers can be competitive against the Cornhuskers. Win or lose, however, he said, the game will provide valuable experience for his club before they enter their conference season.

"We don't enter our conference season until October. Between now and then we will play many Big Eight schools and we will be able to see how we stand and improve."

Shoemaker also said Nebraskans are very lucky to have such a fine volleyball squad.

"They are undoubtedly one of the finest teams in the nation," he said. "People are crazy if they don't go watch them play."

California teacher writes 'College Football Bible'

By Stu Pospisil
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Guy in Statson hat: Pssst. Hey, you, the guy holding the paper with the point spreads for this weekend's college football games.

Guy with crumpled paper: Huh?

Guy in hat: Wanna hot tip? Guy in California named Chuck Bauer says to bet Washington State against Tennessee Saturday. He's got \$1,000 down on what he calls the "nonconference game of the year."

Guy with crumpled paper: So who is Chuck Bauer and what's he know about betting college football games?

Chuck Bauer is the author of a book, "The College Football Bible," which recommends how to bet major college football games this season.

Bauer said he started to write the book because he was frustrated with the lack of information about college football.

"It seems like a lot of people either play betting cards or wager \$50 to \$100 on a game," Bauer said in a telephone interview from his home in Hacienda Heights, Calif. "For a while, there was no information available for them on college football."

With the help of his wife and their teen-age son, Bauer researched 68 major college football teams from the 1980 to 1983 seasons. He broke down a team's performance against the spread into 15 categories, ranging from its success as a favorite at home to how it fared against a good passing team when playing on the road.

Bauer determined the percentage of success in each category for a team and combined them for "a subjective profile" of each team. From that, he graded each on a scale of A — the best, to D — the worst.

He applied the results to this season's games, recommending how to bet based on the historical trends and

on a team's players who were lost because of graduation. The high school math teacher also injected his personal opinion into some analyses.

Wagering on sporting events is illegal in every state but Nevada. Bauer said that ban should be lifted.

"I think people have their heads stuck in the sand," Bauer said. "Football betting is almost like a poker game. Playing poker out here is illegal also, but I play every Friday night with my friends and we've never been busted."

"People are going to do it (bet) anyway, so why not legalize it?"

Bauer said he places his bets in Las Vegas, starting each season with about \$5,000 to \$10,000 as a reserve.

"I intend to be a full-time player after my son graduates," Bauer said. "You have to have about \$50,000 to reap \$20,000 in profit."

Bauer said he has about \$5,000 invested in 1,500 copies of "The College Football Bible," which he sells by mail order for \$24.95 each.

Sales have been slow, but Bauer said he hopes promotion of the book by professional handicappers Mort Olshan and Mike Lee will help.

Bauer said Oklahoma State and Wisconsin could be two of the best teams to bet this season.

"I'd love to see them win their conferences," he said. "I'm very sympathetic to Oklahoma State."

"I want to see the same thing happen to the Big Two and the Little Six (the Big Eight) as it did to the Big Ten recently. There, the Big Two (Michigan and Ohio State) and the Little Eight are dead, and I hope it stays that way."



TV FOOTBALL

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Pittsburgh (8-3-1 in '83) at Brigham Young (11-1 in '83), Saturday, 2:30 p.m., ESPN (Lincoln Cable Channel 5)

What to Watch: Pitt offensive tackle Bill Fralic could be the first interior lineman to win the Heisman Trophy. Robbie Bosco replaces Steve Young as Brigham Young's "air" apparent at quarterback.

Miami (1-0) vs. Florida (9-2-1 in '83) at Tampa stadium, Saturday, 7 p.m., ESPN

What to Watch: If Miami coach Jimmy Johnson is ever lowered from the shoulders of his players following the 'Canes win in the Kickoff Classic' last Monday, he'll match wits with Florida coach Charlie Pell, who conditionally resigned earlier this week in the wake of a 20-month investigation by the NCAA.

PRO FOOTBALL

Miami (0-0) at Washington (0-0), Sunday noon, NBC (KMTV, Channel 3)

What to Watch: Nothing like a rematch of Super Bowl XVII to begin the NFL season. Miami's offense is built around the arm of Dan Marino and the power running of ex-Husker Andra Franklin. Come to think of it, the Redskins' offense follows that formula with Joe Theisman and John Riggins.

San Francisco (0-0) at Detroit (0-0), Sunday, noon CBS (WOWT, Channel 6, KOLN-TV Channel 10)

What to Watch: Detroit's defense must stop 49ers Joe Montana, Wendell Tyler and Roger Craig. Even if it does, Detroit's offense is nonexistent if Billy Sims can't find running room.

Cincinnati (0-0) at Denver (0-0) Sunday, 3 p.m., NBC (KMTV, Channel 3)

What to Watch: Actually, the Raiders-Oilers game. NBC is sending this area Cincinnati and Denver, so we get to watch Bronco QB John Elway stumble, fumble and throw interceptions. Former Nebraska center Dave Rimington and his teammates in the offensive line will provide protection for Kenny Anderson's passing arm.

Dallas (0-0) at L.A. Rams (0-0) Monday, 8 p.m., ABC (KETV, Channel 7)

What to Watch: Dallas has changed quarterbacks, LA has revised its secondary and Howard Cosell has left the ABC broadcast booth to concentrate on his Sportsbeat investigative program. Gary Hogeboom was named by coach Tom Landry to replace Danny White as the Cowboys' quarterback. The Rams' John Robinson traded for All-Pro cornerback Gary Green to team with Nolan Cromwell and Eric Harris.

By Stu Pospisil

Football predictions

Chuck Bauers' recommendations for Saturday's key games:

- Miami vs. Florida, PASS. History says Florida is a solid bet as an underdog, but this Florida team is nothing like the teams that made the history . . . graduation losses leave Florida in critical condition.

- Washington State at Tennessee, ATS Nonconference Game of the Year. Tennessee is 0-6 in openers, and only 25 percent successful as a slight favorite.

- Mississippi State vs. Tulane, BET TULANE OR PASS. Mississippi State is what I call a disaster team. Use your judgment . . . if the line is more than 3, then PASS.

Each week, the Daily Nebraskan will feature several Bauer recommendations. Interested readers may contact Bauer throughout the Daily Nebraskan sports department.