

# Sports



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Husker seniors playing their last home conference game tonight are Mary Buysse (above, left), Cathy Noth (above right) and Julie Hermann (below).



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## Seniors lead spikers into Cyclone match

Nebraska has gone 108-23 in volleyball over the past four seasons. Cathy Noth, Mary Buysse and Julie Hermann, the three seniors who will play their last conference home game tonight, are the reasons for that, according to coach Terry Pettit.

Hermann didn't play much during her freshman year but emerged as a part-time starter her sophomore year and a regular the next season. The former walk-on from Nebraska City is an example of determination, Pettit said.

"When Julie came here she did not have many volleyball skills, but she was someone who made herself into a good player by believing in herself and through hours of repetition."

Hermann won two conference player-of-the-week awards this season and holds a team record for kills in a match.

Buysse started most of her freshman season after starring in three sports in Marshall, Minn. Only 5-6, she can be the most dominating player on the Husker squad, Pettit said.

"At Missouri, she was able to maintain her intensity and yet be patient while the rest of the team was not performing well," Pettit said. "Mary has the discipline to learn how the team can win and follow through with the plan."

Buysse, the team's top setter, plays that position as well as anyone at Nebraska has in eight years, Pettit said.

Noth was an All-American, according to one volleyball publication last year. She also made the junior national team over the summer and stood out on that squad. With a good tournament, the Bettendorf, Iowa, native could become a four-time all-conference selection.

"Cathy does so many things well, it's getting to the point where all I can say is just watch her play. That says it all," Pettit said.

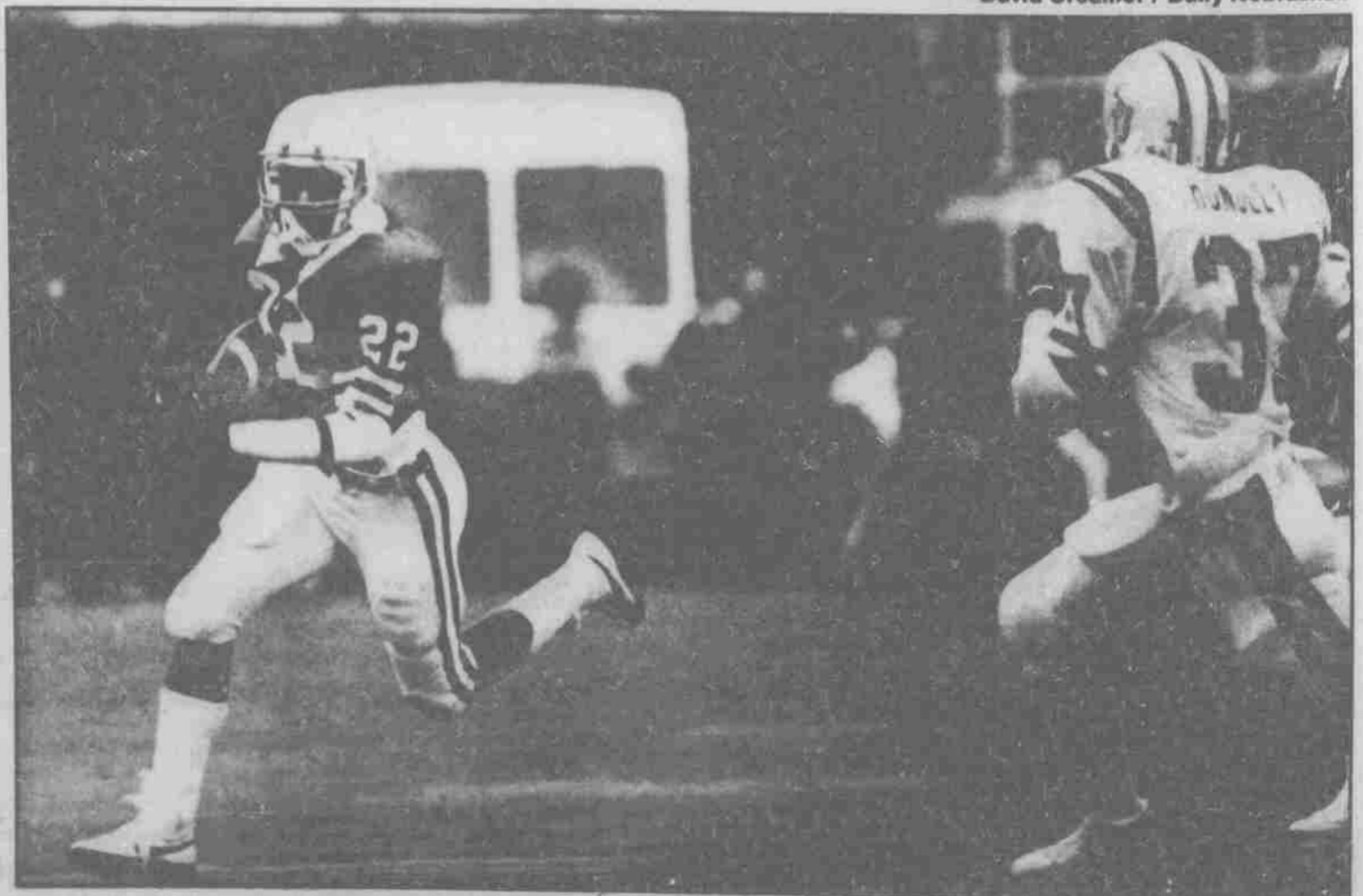
"One of the strengths of our team this year has been the team's ability to realize how strong a performer Cathy is. It's a tribute to her personality and team orientation that there's no jealousy of her skills."



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Laying these pictures back to back, it appears that Husker sophomore I-back Doug DeBose is so fast he found time to change uniforms and opponents. At top, DeBose cuts through the Syracuse line, backs a sharp cut to avoid Missouri tacklers and breaks free to outrun Kansas State tacklers.