

# Volleyball team bounces Purdue in semis

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After playing an almost perfect first game, the Nebraska volleyball team defeated Purdue Friday in four sets to advance to the Midwest Regional championship game.

The Cornhuskers lost to Southern California in four sets in the finals Saturday. A crowd of 2,740 watched the Huskers dominate the first game against Purdue. They ran the score to 14-0 before the Boilermakers scored a point. Nebraska recovered quickly to finish the game on a kill by Enid Schoenwise.

"The best thing was we scored a point in the first game," Purdue coach Carol Dewey said. "Nebraska should be congratulated. They're a very fine team. Top to bottom, they had better athletes than we did."

"We did everything correctly," NU setter Tisha Delaney said. "I think we went almost without error."

The second game was a different story. The Boilermakers ran the score to 3-0 before Nebraska scored on a block by Karen Dahlgren and Delaney. The Huskers tied the game 5-5 and then took a 9-5 lead. Purdue started inching its way back into the game. The Boilermakers tied the score at 12-12 on a block by Debbie Leeman. Then they took a 13-12 lead with a kill by Linda Reichl. Nebraska tied the game 13-13 and again at 14-14 before a hit by Schoenwise gave the Huskers control of the serve. Two errors by Purdue gave Nebraska a 16-14 win.

"We were just slow reacting in the first game, then we started to block better in the second game," Dewey said. "We had our chance; Nebraska really took control there and got more physical."

Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said the second game was "critical."

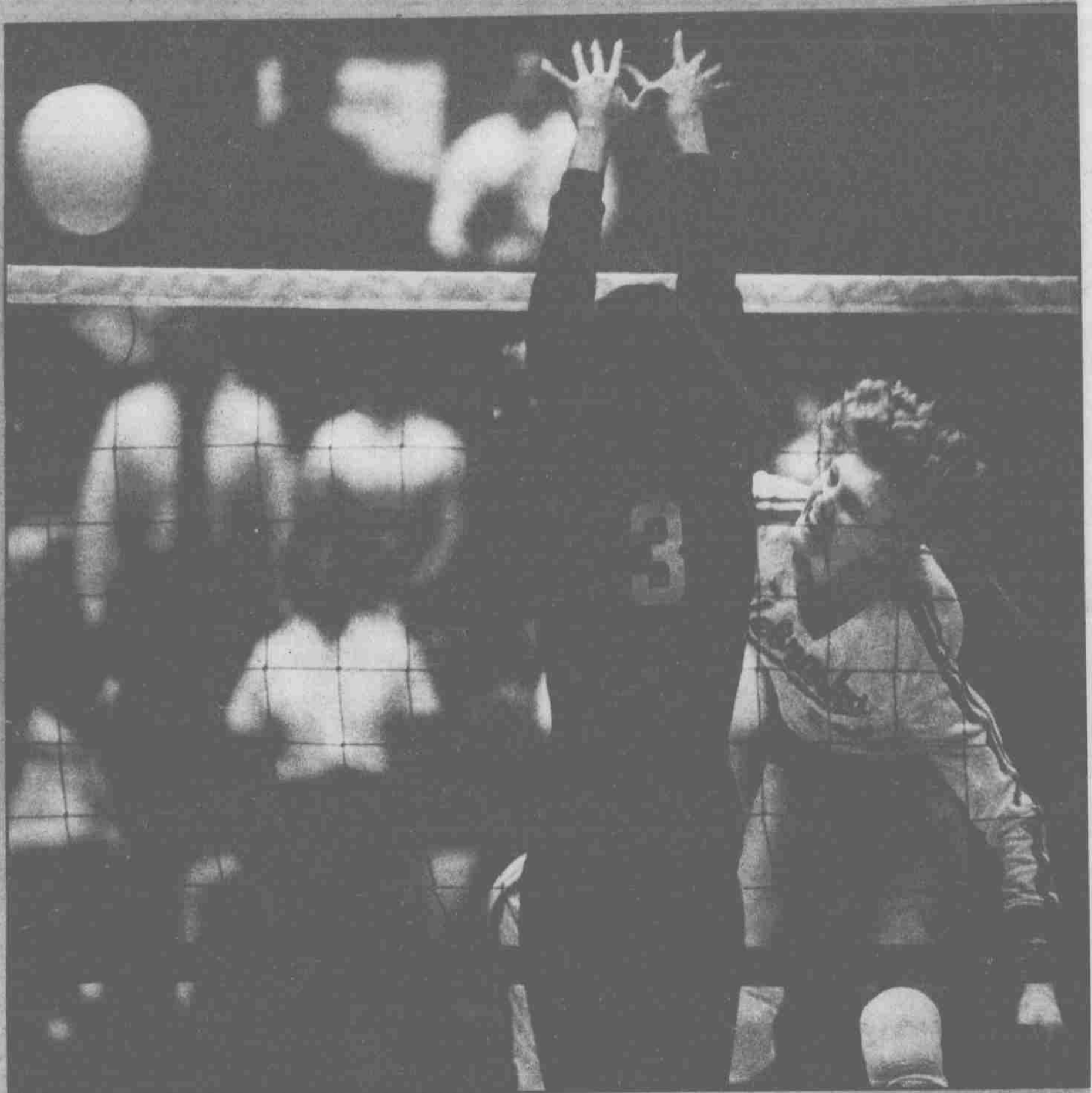
"I felt it'd be very difficult for a team to come back and beat us three in a row, given the type of athletes we have," he said.

The third game also was close. Purdue started off with an early lead, but Nebraska recovered to take an 8-2 advantage.

The Boilermakers made a comeback to tie the score 8-8 and then 10-10. An ace serve by Annie Adamczak pulled Nebraska to within one, 13-12, however Purdue then scored the final three points to win 15-12.

"Everything we've done hasn't always been pretty and the game we won certainly wasn't pretty," Dewey said. "Our athletes really worked to their max to do what they did."

A slam by Sharon Kramer and an ace serve by Delaney put Nebraska on top in the fourth game. The Huskers led 7-3 before Purdue made a run behind the play of Marianne Smith and Reichl and took the lead, 9-7. Nebraska tied the score at 9-9 and then at 10-10 before reeling off three points to lead 13-10. An ace serve by Reichl gave the Boilermakers their last point of the game as Nebraska won 15-11.



Photos, clockwise from top: Nebraska's Kathi DeBoerspikes a shot past Purdue's Cheryl Flowers during first-round play Friday night. Southern California coach Chuck Erbe (with pen in hand) and Nebraska's Terry Pettit look on as match point is played in the final game. Nebraska's Tisha Delaney (foreground) and Karen Dahlgren block a shot during Friday's action. Nebraska's Annie Adamczak is consoled by teammates Barbara Young (facing down) Karen Dahlgren (13), and Michelle Smith.

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