

# Sports

## Creighton Prep parallels NU's success

By Tim Hartmann  
Staff Reporter

In college football, Nebraska is a powerhouse. Over the last two decades the Cornhuskers have been one of the most dominating major college teams, winning two national championships and almost always finishing in the top

10. Omaha Creighton Prep is to Nebraska high school football what the Huskers are to college football. Every year, it seems, Prep is in the hunt for the high school state football championship.

Since 1975, when the Nebraska School Activities Association first set up the high school playoff system, the Junior

Jays have been in the playoffs every year except the first year, when they just missed with a 9-2 record.

After missing the playoffs in 1975, Prep has made 10 consecutive playoff appearances and has won the state crown three times. During that span Creighton Prep has been Nebraska's only Class A school not to have at least one losing season.

How does a school remain so successful?

Half the battle is getting good athletes to come to the school. Nebraska does it by recruiting, Prep does it with tradition. Parents want their boys to be

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The other half of the recipe for success is developing the athletes once they come. The Huskers have their experienced coaching staff and their famous weight program to improve players, and so does Creighton Prep.

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Jaworski said that players who come from Prep, a school of 920 boys, have more than just an excellent athletic background.

"They come from a good academic school," he said. "We're like Nebraska in that regard."

Unsurprisingly, several Creighton Prep players have played at Nebraska. After last year's Prep team won the state championship with a 12-0 record, four players signed with the Huskers. "We had an excellent football team last year, and they were four of the best," Jaworski said.

The four, all walk-ons, are kicker Gregg Barrios, linebackers Mark Hagge and Scott Kurtz and defensive end Joe Spitzenberger.

They've already made their mark in Lincoln. Barrios has seen extensive

duty with the varsity and even kicked an extra point in the Huskers' 48-17 victory over Missouri.

Hagge leads the 2-1 Nebraska freshman team in tackles with 35. Kurtz has added 14.

And the tradition continues at Prep. This year's squad is off to a 7-0 start and

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a No. 1 ranking in the state. Creighton Prep is also ranked as one of the top 10 high school football teams in the nation by USA Today.

Prep running backs George Achola, who is averaging eight yards a carry, and Ricky Davis have already been named to Athlon Magazine's Big Eight Elite High School 11 list of "blue chip" players in the Big Eight area.

Other players mentioned as possible college prospects are tight end Dan Lohmeier and defensive ends Bud Sachs and Daryl Liese.

Jaworski said that all the players being recruited are giving Nebraska some thought.

"I'm sure they're all considering Nebraska," he said. "Nebraska is very high on their lists."

### NU wins again; K-State next

By Jim Ballard  
Senior Reporter

Nebraska's volleyball team had few problems knocking off the Oklahoma Sooners in three games Saturday, 15-2, 15-2, 15-10.

The win raised the team's season record to 16-3 and to 4-0 in Big Eight competition. It was also its 51st consecutive victory in conference play.

"We played well; it was a good match and a good win," Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said. "We handled the ball well and set up the block well."

The Sooners, 2-1 in the Big Eight, were never in the match, according to Pettit.

"I was talking to Oklahoma's coach (Miles) Pabst, and he said his players were tight and intimidated about playing us," Pettit said. "They just never got into the match."

According to Pettit, the Huskers' success came from the play of their outside hitters.

"Kathi DeBoer and Enid Schone wise both had very good matches," Pettit said.

Schonewise and senior captain Karen Dahlgren led the Huskers with 11 kills each.

The Huskers breezed through the first two games, but because of five missed serves in the third game, it took a little longer for them to pull out the win.

"The last game was tied at about eight, but then we pretty much pulled away," Pettit said.

The Sooner spikers also tried to distract Nebraska with some unusual serves throughout the match.

"They tried to serve skyballs," Pettit said. "The serve usually goes about 90 to 100 feet above the net, but Lori Endicott handled it real well and made good passes off of it."

The No. 6 Huskers will be on the road again for their next match as they travel to Manhattan, Kan., Wednesday to go play Kansas State.

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a part of Prep's tradition, and they are willing to pay the \$2,000 yearly tuition to do it.

"We have had a long history of success at Prep," football coach Tom Jaworski said. "The kids are smart,



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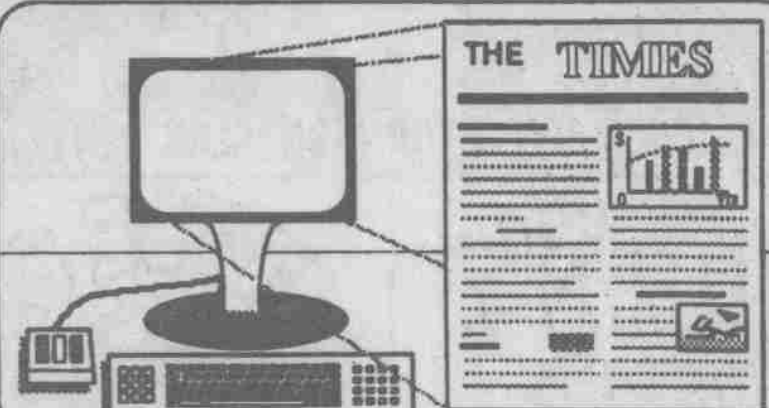


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