

Sports

Pisarcik aims for pro career

The Sweet 16

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1.	Miami	92
2.	Nebraska	87
3.	Alabama	85
4.	Oklahoma	80
5.	Michigan	72
6.	Auburn	62
7.	Penn State	60
8.	Arizona State	51
9.	Texas A&M	42
10.	Washington	30
11.	LSU	28
12.	Arkansas	25
13.	Iowa	24
14.	Arizona	23
15.	Mississippi State	19
16.	UCLA	8

By Brad Schmeichel
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It's 1990 at Wimbledon, and you turn on your television set to catch the women's tennis final and hear Dick Enberg marveling at a former college player who's whizzing volleys and sending screaming serves past an aging Martina Navratilova. She's former UNL tennis player Jill Pisarcik. . . .

Although this scenario seems a little far-fetched, Nebraska senior Pisarcik would love to give any professional circuit a try.

"I would really like to do it," Pisarcik said. "A lot depends on how I do this year. There are some great circuits in Europe. I think it would be great to travel and see things because of tennis."

Pisarcik, a native of Upper St. Claire, Pa., is this year's No. 1 player on the Cornhusker women's tennis team. Last year, Pisarcik finished third in the Big Eight at the No. 2 position. On Saturday she showed that she is comfortable with her step up to the No. 1 spot. She was part of singles and doubles victories over Kansas State.

Although the fall season is important, the spring is when the Big Eight championships and the nationals occur. Pisarcik said she likes her

chances.

"If I play well this fall and work hard over Christmas, I should do fairly well," she said.

Pisarcik said she decided to play her tennis at Nebraska for a variety of reasons. Good facilities,

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a solid program, friendly athletes and the influence of the benefits of having a big sister who was already here all helped her decision.

"It was nice having some one I knew out here," she said. "She really helped me along."

Pisarcik also likes to pattern her game after some of the greatest players in tennis.

"I like the aggressiveness of John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova," she said. "A lot of it is mental. I don't like to sit on the baseline, I like to play aggressively."

The strongest parts of her game, she said, are serving and her backhand, which make an aggressive style of play easier.

Pisarcik expects her toughest competition to come from the Big Eight.

"Oklahoma State has won the Big Eight for six or seven years in a row," she said, "and we have strong rivalries with Kansas and Oklahoma."

Although she has been playing since she was 13, which is "kind of late for a tennis player," she said, one thing remains important to Jill Pisarcik.

"The main aspect of playing is to have fun," she said. "When I'm enjoying myself, the winning part seems to take care of itself. For me, winning and having fun go hand in hand."

Flag football champs

The Harvey Smithers defeated The Connection Monday night to capture the 1986 Class A Co-Bec flag football crown.

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