

Creighton Prep players adjust to Husker lifestyle

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Prep and an all-state defensive end during his senior year. He also played tight end during the last few games of his senior season.

Thorell said Leise will be a "good linebacker in time." Jaworski said he is "very solid and consistent. He's an excellent player."

Leise said playing football has helped him adjust to school.

"Football has added lots of pressure, but it's also helped me to adjust," Leise said. "School and football are two different worlds. I'm not just focused on one thing."

Leise said Colorado State University was the only other major college that offered him a scholarship. He said his goals for this year are to learn the system and "to do my best."

Lohmeier was a two-time all-state choice and a Bally All-American during his senior year. He was also a Prep captain in his senior year. He said that being chosen as an All-American was a "nice honor."

"I didn't expect it at all," he said.

Lohmeier said being chosen captain was a big honor because the other players on the team chose him.

"I'm not a rah-rah type person,"

Lohmeier said. "I just tried to lead by example."

Lohmeier said nagging injuries have kept him from progressing as fast as he would like this season. He said that although learning the plays has become much easier, he still needs to improve his downfield blocking.

"I never had to block downfield in high school," Lohmeier said. "I can also improve my speed and strength."

Thorell said Lohmeier is a "talented player."

Jaworski agreed.

"He was one of the top two or three tight ends in the country last year,"

Jaworski said. "He's a good blocker and pass receiver."

Lohmeier said his receivers coach at Prep helped him by teaching him the basic skills.

"They teach fundamental football at Prep," Lohmeier said. "That's one reason why they do so well. They get everyone to do their job and to not go off on tangents."

He said that going to school and playing football makes his schedule very tight.

"It helps out though because you don't have any time to procrastinate," Lohmeier said.

Lohmeier said he wants to adjust to the program this year, and make himself stronger and faster by lifting weights in the off-season.

"I want to become a good, steady player who can help the team," Lohmeier said.

Lohmeier, who made a tackle on special teams in the St. Thomas game, said he misses not playing both ways.

"Defense is a lot more fun because you can give the hit instead of having to take the hit like on offense," he said. "You're more free to roam on defense. I miss it a lot."

NFL strikes for the second time in six years

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — NFL players called their second strike in six years Monday night, putting their six-figure salaries on the line for the freedom to choose where they work.

"As of midnight tonight (Monday) the players of the National Football League will be on strike again," Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, said in announce-

ing the strike during halftime of the New England Patriots-New York Jets game.

"None of us wants this, not the players, not the fans, not the owners, and that's really, really sad."

The owners vowed to continue the season Oct. 4-5, after a one-week delay, with non-striking regulars and free agents who were told to report Wednesday, the same day the union planned to start picketing. The owners said they

would honor requests for ticket refunds.

The issue was free agency. The union demanded that any player with more than four years' experience be free to choose his team; the owners insisted on some compensation for teams losing free agents, a system that has seen only one player change teams in a decade.

That was much different from the 1982 strike, which lasted 57 days and cost seven games of the 16-game schedule. That walkout was over money, but

since then the average player salary has risen from \$90,000 to \$230,000 a year.

"Free agency cannot be summed up in terms of dollars. It's not about money, it's about dignity and freedom," Upshaw said. "It's about who you work for."

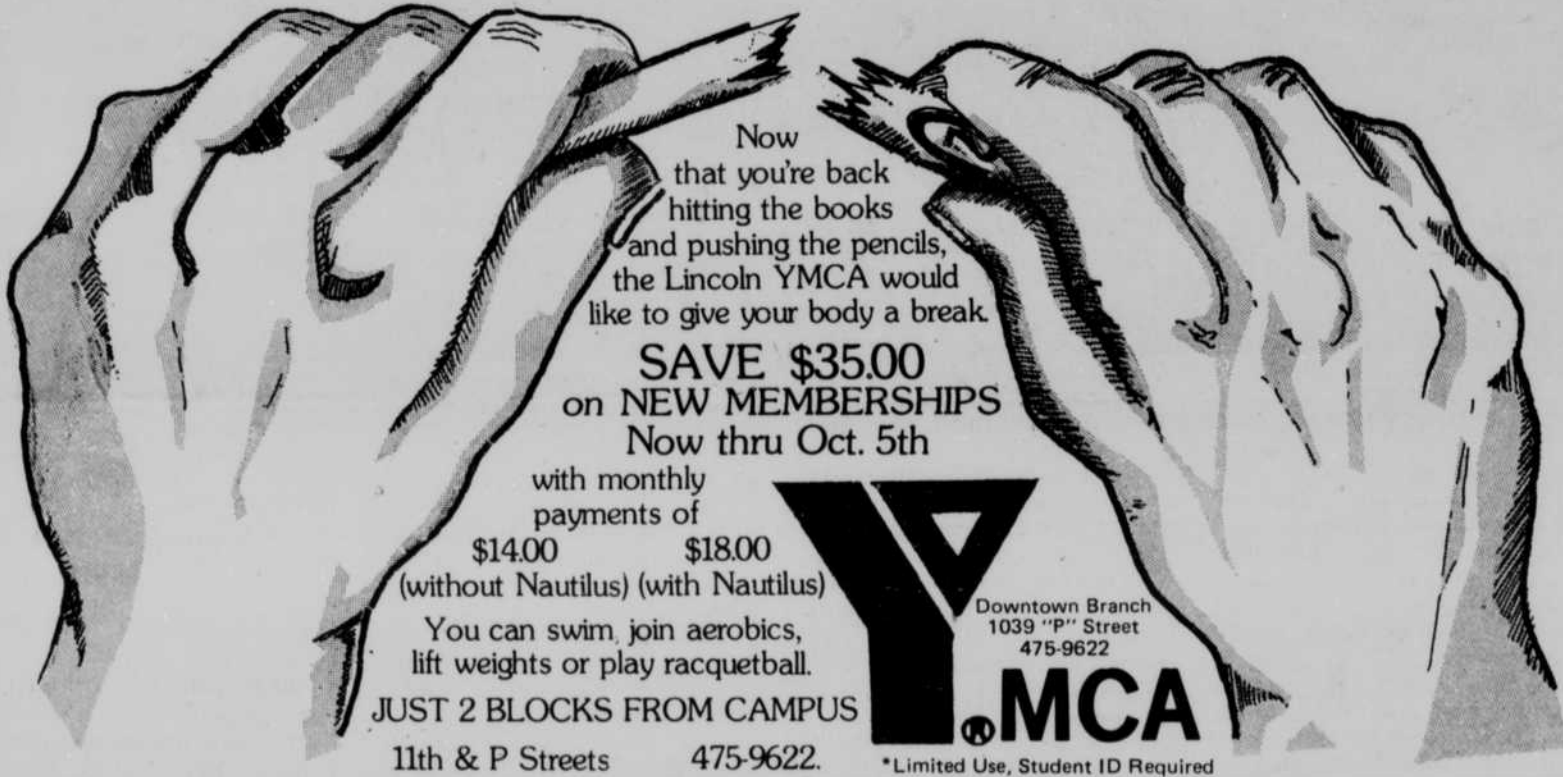
There had been no talks since a meeting Friday between Upshaw and Management Council negotiator Jack Donlan, and no further negotiations

were scheduled. "The ball is in Gene's court," said Jim Conway, assistant executive director of the Management Council.

The two sides have met 19 times since first exchanging proposals April 20, and each has made just one counterproposal, both within the last two weeks.

A Management Council statement Monday said free agency was the only issue that could not be settled.

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Huskers champions at Purdue

By Mark Derowitsch
Senior Reporter

Middle blocker Virginia Stahr showed last weekend that Kathi DeBoer isn't the only All-America candidate on the Nebraska volleyball team.

Stahr, a sophomore from Waco, recorded 38 kills in three matches and posted a .493 hitting percentage to lead the Cornhuskers to the championship of the Purdue Invitational. Stahr was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

"I think Virginia plays at that (All-America) level," Nebraska coach Terry Pettit said. "I thought she played the front court well (this weekend). But Virginia's play depends on how well others are playing. I thought Lori Endicott did a good job of setting for her."

Endicott was credited with 107 setting assists in the matches against Purdue, Pittsburgh, and Louisiana State. She was named to the all-tournament team, joining teammates Kathi DeBoer and DeLisa DeBolt.

Pettit said he was pleased with the play of DeBoer, who finished the tournament with 36 kills, 10 blocks, and 36 digs.

"She's played consistent all year," Pettit said. "She's a very good volleyball player and she's matured mentally. At some point during a match, she plays good. She took one of Purdue's best players out of the match by blocking her."

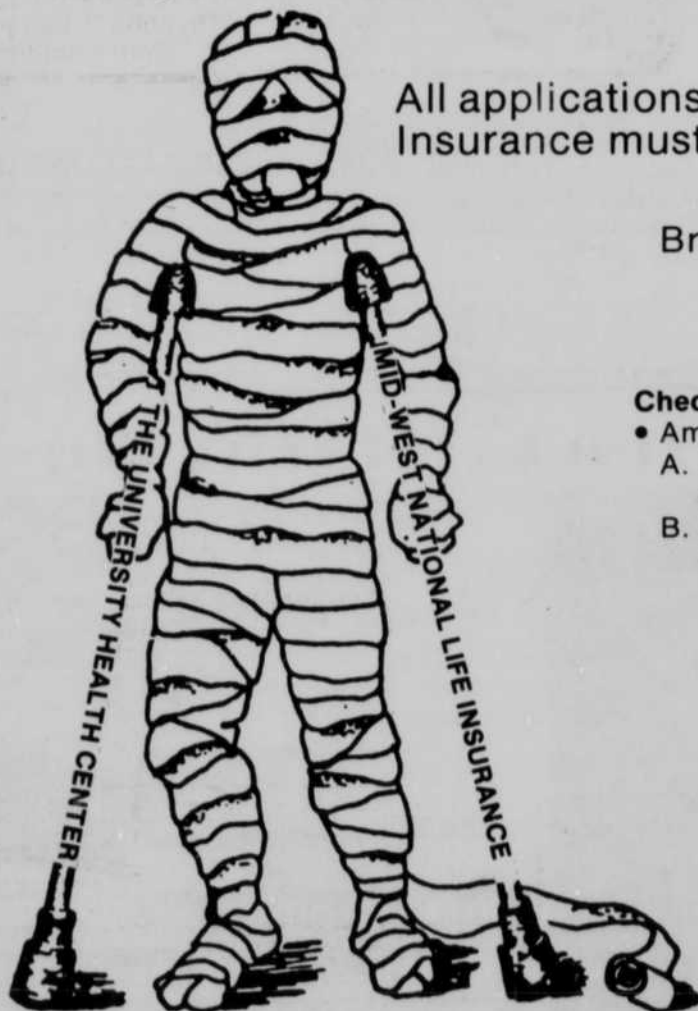
Nebraska defeated Purdue in straight sets 15-8, 15-11, 15-11. Angie Millikin had a career-high 12 kills against the Boiler-makers.

Pettit said the Huskers played well as a team.

"DeBolt had her strongest match of the season," Pettit said. "She made few hitting errors. Angie Millikin improved her defense, and Carla Baker did a very good job at the net. We played pretty solid."

In their second match, the Huskers defeated Pittsburgh 15-9, 15-9, 15-8. DeBolt had a career-high nine kills while committing one hitting error against the Panthers. Pettit said the Huskers had to work hard to get into the tournament's championship game. Nebraska defeated LSU 15-12, 16-14, 15-9 to win the tournament.

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