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Sara (left) and Sue Hesch

## UNL's Hesch twins play together

By Mark Derowitsch Senior Reporter

Sara and Sue Hesch have spent their lives playing sports together, but they still haven't outgrown it.

That's why the Hesch twins said they always knew that if they played a sport in college, they would play it together.

"We've always planned on going to college together," Sara said. "We're really close and it would be hard for us to split up.'

Sue agreed. "We played together all of our lives, so it would be different playing against each other," Sue said.

Even though the Hesches knew they were going to be together, they said, they didn't know for sure which sport they would participate in until last February

While at Wahpeton High School in Wahpeton, N.D., the sisters played basketball and volleyball.

Sara was an honorable-mention Converse High School All-America selection in basketball and shared the North Dakota Miss Volleyball title with Sue during her senior year.

Sue was a Converse High School might redshirt Sara. basketball All-America selection and was named North Dakota Miss Basketball and female athlete of the year during her senior year at Wahpeton High School.

But Sara and Sue said they both wanted to terminate their basketball careers in favor of volleyball.

'You can go a lot farther in volleyball than you could in basketball," Sue said. "You can play volleyball when you're 34 years old. But basketball pretty much stops after college. Plus, professional volleyball is on the rise, while pro basketball is not around for women any more."

The twins were recruited by more than 50 schools for either volleyball or basketball, Sara said, but chose Nebraska for a number of reasons.

"We wanted to play close to home," Sara said. "And Nebraska's just like North Dakota. People are really sports fans here, and we really liked the people in the volleyball

program. may change because Cornhusker volleyball coach Terry Pettit said he

"It (Sara's redshirting) depends on our health," Pettit said. "If no one else gets injured, then there is a good chance.

Pettit said Sara's redshirt season will help Nebraska build for the fu-

"We only have one senior, and we want to have more than one person in next year's class," Pettit said.

Sara said the decision to redshirt was made in August. She said the deciding factor was that the Huskers already had three middle blockers Virginia Stahr, Carla Baker and

Linda Barsness. "It's been really frustrating because I can't travel with the team, Sara said. "I feel sort of left out. I also don't get to play a lot in practice.

"I want to learn as much as I can

While Sara is redshirting, Sue said she has been happy with how the season is progressing.

'I want to develop as much as I can Even though they both decided to and to get some playing time in," Sue attend Nebraska, the Hesches' plans said. "I just want to improve for next year because this year is for improving and developing.

## NU coach pleasantly surprised

Nebraska cross-country coach Jay Dirksen received a pleasant surprise Saturday when the Cornhuskers traveled to the Illini Invitational in Mahomet, Ill.

Dirksen said the surprise came when the Husker women won the 4-team invitational title. He said Nebraska used a team effort to hold off second-place Purdue and thirdplace Indiana.

Dirksen said the Husker men also provided a surprise even though they finished third to Ar-kansas and Illinois. He said Nebraska ran as well as any team he's ever coached.

"It was a whale of a meet," Dirksen said. "We really ran to our

Dirksen said the top Nebraska women in the meet were freshman Kelly Loos, sophomores Michelle Marthaler and Juliet Prowse, and junior Sammie Resh. Resh won the meet in 17:09, Prowse finished sixth, Marthaler was seventh and Loos was 12th.

Dirksen said the top performers for the men included seniors Bryan Clark and Jean Verster, and freshman Joe Kirby. Clark finished fourth, Verster was fifth and Kirby was eighth.

"They all did a good job," he said.

Dirksen said both teams will spend the week training for the Minnesota or Stanford Invitational. He said the women's team and three of the men will travel to the Minnesota Invitational, while seven of the men will attend the Stanford Invitational.



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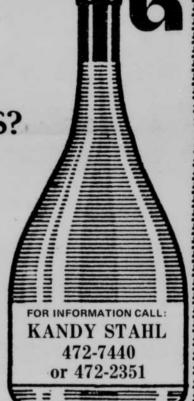
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