

Sports

NETV to televise Notre Dame-NU volleyball game

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The Nebraska Educational Television Network announced Monday that it will televise the Nebraska volleyball match against Notre Dame live on Oct. 22.

Steve Alvis, senior producer of sports and special events at NETV, said the match will be televised because NETV tries to show a Nebraska women's sporting event every year.



Pettit

The match, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Coliseum, will be announced by Jim Kelter, a former Omaha sportscaster, and University of Nebraska-Omaha volleyball coach Janice Kruger.

"We try to do Nebraska women's sports as much as possible," Alvis said. "Basically, we feel this is a good time to do it and we have the financial support right now."

Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit said the television coverage will benefit the Cornhuskers.

"Anything that promotes University of Nebraska volleyball is good," Pettit said. "ETV has a very professional staff and they have done a good

job doing our games over the past few years. I think they're one of the best public stations in the country."

Pettit said the televised match could help Nebraska recruit in the future.

"Down the road it might help us," Pettit said. "If a freshman in high school sees the show, it gives her a chance to see Nebraska volleyball. It will help plant the idea about volleyball at an early age."

The Huskers will face Kansas State in a non-televised match at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Nebraska Coliseum.

Pettit said Kansas State is a better team than Missouri, which the Huskers defeated 15-5, 15-1, 15-12 last

Saturday in Columbia, Mo.

"Kansas State is much stronger at every position than the Tigers are," Pettit said. "I think that this is the strongest team Kansas State has had since I've been here."

Despite Kansas State's 11-4 record, Pettit said, Nebraska should give the Wildcats problems.

"They're a very balanced team and they have an experienced left side," Pettit said. "But I think we can do things to cause them problems."

Pettit said the Huskers' middle attack will be tough for Kansas State to defend.

Kansas State coach Scott Nelson said the Wildcats will have to worry

about their game, not Nebraska's.

"We have to play solid both on offense and on defense," Nelson said. "We have to try to play our game. I'm a little more concerned with that than with Nebraska."

The Wildcats are led by hitter Shawney Call. Call, a junior, has broken five school attack and hitting records while averaging 4.47 kills per match this season.

"Shawney is one of the best hitters in this region," Nelson said. "She is similar to what (Nebraska outside hitter) Kathi DeBoer does for Nebraska. When we need a big kill, we go to Shawney. When they need one, they turn to DeBoer."

Agent Trope blasts Osborne on radio show

By Kyle Schurman
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Former sports agent Mike Trope continued his assault on the Nebraska football program and Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne during a national radio program Sunday night.

Trope spoke on the "Costas Coast-to-Coast" radio show to promote his new book, "Necessary Roughness." The show was aired in Lincoln by KLIN, 1400 AM.

Trope said Osborne offered illegal plane trips to former USC football player Booker Brown's mother when Osborne recruited him 13 years ago.

Osborne, who was Nebraska's offensive coordinator at the time of

the alleged incident, denied the allegations on Monday.

"I have never offered anything illegal to anybody," Osborne said. "We talked to her (Brown's mother) about joining the Californians for Nebraska and she liked that idea. They have to join the organization, they have to pay for the tickets, I told her that. She liked that idea."

"You know Booker, that was 15 years ago. He was probably recruited by 10 or 15 schools and all he remembers is we talked about some trips and we did. I know his mother was interested in that."

"But as far as ever telling anybody they'd get free trips or their parents get free trips or money or cash, I took a lie detector test that covered that whole thing."

When Trope was asked if he "takes Osborne on," he said he didn't think that is what he's doing.

"But I take him to task in terms of some of the things that he did when he was the offensive coordinator," Trope said.

Trope said Brown stated in a documentary that Osborne had illegally recruited him. Trope said he didn't produce the documentary to get at Osborne.

"The purpose of the documentary was to illustrate that the rules are violated even by those who claim that they are sacrosanct and that they have been delivered to college football directly from God, and that the NCAA rules are some divine inspiration from God that everyone follows in college football, which is a bunch of baloney," Trope said.

Trope said he respects Osborne and thinks he is "probably one of the most ethical coaches in America."

Trope said he respects Osborne as a coach and a human being, but talked about him in his book "because the rules were broken."

Trope has represented such National Football League players as Tony Dorsett, Earl Campbell, Chuck Muncie, Lawrence Taylor, and former Cornhuskers Mike Rozier and Johnny Rodgers.

Rodgers was Trope's first client. He said he decided to talk to the Heisman Trophy winner on a dare.

Trope said he and some friends were watching the 1971 Oklahoma-Nebraska game, in which Rodgers returned a punt 72 yards

for a touchdown. He jokingly told his friends he'd like to be Rodgers' agent and they dared him to try it, he said.

Trope was a junior history major at USC when he flew to Lincoln to talk with Rodgers.

"On the way off the practice field, I walked up to Johnny Rodgers and I said, 'Hi, my name is Mike Trope and I'm here from Los Angeles and I'd like to be your agent,'" Trope said.

"When I met Johnny Rodgers, he lived in a fancy apartment, he had a fancy stereo system... and he didn't pay for the dinner. It was (paid for) by the owner of the restaurant," Trope said. "He had a full-length mink coat, and how he got it is speculation."

Mike Kluck contributed to this story.

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