

Sports

Nebraska signs three basketball recruits

By Jeff Apel
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Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck said she sighed in relief after signing three athletes during the first day of the NCAA's early signing period on Wednesday.

Beck said it is a big relief to sign the players because of the emotional roller coaster coaches must ride while recruiting. She said recruiting is so emotional that it is difficult to describe.

"You just have to imagine the process," Beck said.

Beck said she feels comfortable with the three players Nebraska has signed. She said the Cornhuskers expect to sign a fourth player on Friday.

On Wednesday, Nebraska signed Kim Yancey, a 5-foot-6 guard from Holden, Mo.; Kristi Anderson, a 6-3 center from Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Sarah Muller, a 6-1 forward from Fremont.

Beck said part of her recruiting

success this season can be traced to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Martin Massengale and Athletic Director Bob Devaney. She said Massengale and Devaney each spent a half hour with each recruit.

Beck said all three players have a chance to contribute next season. She said all the recruits bring impressive statistics to Nebraska.

Beck said Yancey, a preseason honorable-mention high-school All-America, will be an excellent ball-handling guard. She said the Husker

coaching staff rated Yancey as the best guard prospect in several basketball camps they attended this summer.

Yancey, who averaged 21 points per game last season while playing for a Holden High School team that finished 25-3, chose Nebraska over Indiana, Oklahoma State, Missouri, Central Missouri, Colorado, Holy Cross and Auburn.

Beck said Anderson will give Nebraska a post player who can play either inside or out. She said Anderson's most impressive statistic

is her 26-inch vertical jump.

Anderson, who averaged 19 points and nine rebounds while playing for Abraham Lincoln High School last season, chose Nebraska over Creighton, Georgia, Iowa State and Michigan.

Beck said Muller will also be a post player for Nebraska. She said Muller is a versatile player who plays aggressive basketball.

Muller, who is ranked No. 1 in her class at Scribner High School, averaged 23 points and 14.5 rebounds per game last season.

Nebraska wins; season champs

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After winning the 1987 Big Eight regular season championship, Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit wasn't satisfied with the Cornhuskers' play.

After defeating Kansas 15-8, 15-5, 15-10 Wednesday night at the NU Coliseum, Pettit held a 40-minute meeting in which Virginia Stahr said the Huskers dedicated themselves for the rest of the season.

"We decided we needed to rededicate ourselves to the team," Stahr said. "It has been obvious lately that we have not been playing well."

Outside hitter Angie Millikin said that as a team, the Huskers need to change before the Big Eight championships on Nov. 20.

"We discussed mental adjustments each one of us has to make if we want to achieve our goals," Millikin said. "We went around and each person said two things they were going to change."

Pettit said the Huskers need to make adjustments in order to achieve their goals.

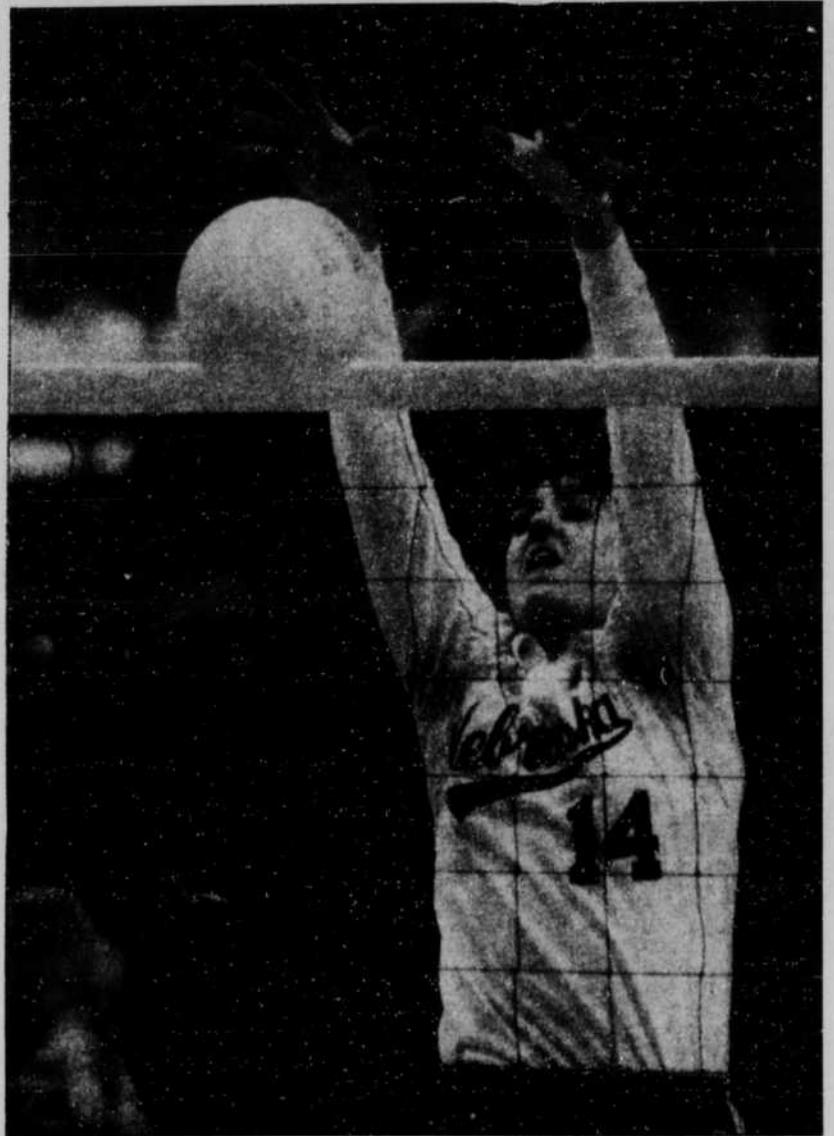
"We just wanted to talk about some adjustments we needed to make," Pettit said. "There were some things we didn't handle as well as we would have liked to."

Nebraska defensive specialist Barbie Young agreed.

"We just talked what we need to do as a team," Young said. "Physically, we beat a lot of teams but mentally we need to be more consistent. That's what's keeping us from being a great instead of just a very good team."

Although Pettit said he was pleased with the Huskers' hitting against Kansas, he said Nebraska didn't play as a team.

"We hit .400 for the match, which



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Virginia Stahr blocks a spike during Wednesday's match against Kansas. Nebraska won the match 15-8, 15-5 and 15-10.

is great," Pettit said. "We just need to work on something. We made the big movements but the little things that make us a special team we need to work on."

Kansas coach Frankie Albitz said the Jayhawks forced Nebraska to play hard.

"I thought we were competitive

and they had to play to beat us," Albitz said.

"I was pleased with the way we played but it's difficult to be too pleased when you lose."

Freshman Val Novak led the Huskers with 14 kills and seven digs. Stahr added 11 kills and one service ace.

Osborne says injuries won't slow OU

By Tim Hartmann
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Although Oklahoma quarterback Jamelle Holieway has been sidelined for the rest of the season after undergoing knee surgery, Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said Wednesday the Sooners' quarterback position still concerns him.

Redshirt freshman Charles Thompson will replace Holieway as Oklahoma's starting quarterback, with junior Eric Mitchel as a backup. Mitchel, who backed up Holieway during his first two seasons at Oklahoma, switched to halfback this season.

But Holieway's injury has forced Mitchel back to his original position.

"They (Thompson and Mitchel) are very similar to Holieway in their abilities," Osborne said. "If anything, they're a little faster than Holieway."

Osborne said the Sooners also will encounter very little drop-off in replacing fullback Lydell Carr with Rotnei Anderson and Jarrod Oliver. Carr also suffered a knee injury dur-

ing Oklahoma's 29-10 victory over Oklahoma State.

"Their fullbacks are similar to Lydell Carr," Osborne said. "(But) I don't think they're quite as big as Lydell."

Osborne said Oklahoma won't lose any physical ability by replacing Holieway with Thompson and Carr with Anderson.

"The only thing I can see the injuries changing is they might not have quite the experience at those positions," Osborne said. "But I think the physical (talents) won't change very much."

Osborne said Nebraska will spend the two weeks it has to prepare for the Sooners by also preparing for Colorado. The Cornhuskers will face Oklahoma on Nov. 21 and the Buffaloes on Nov. 28.

Nebraska originally was scheduled to face Colorado on Nov. 14, but Osborne said he was glad the game was moved back because it gives the Huskers time to work on the wishbone and injured players a chance to heal.

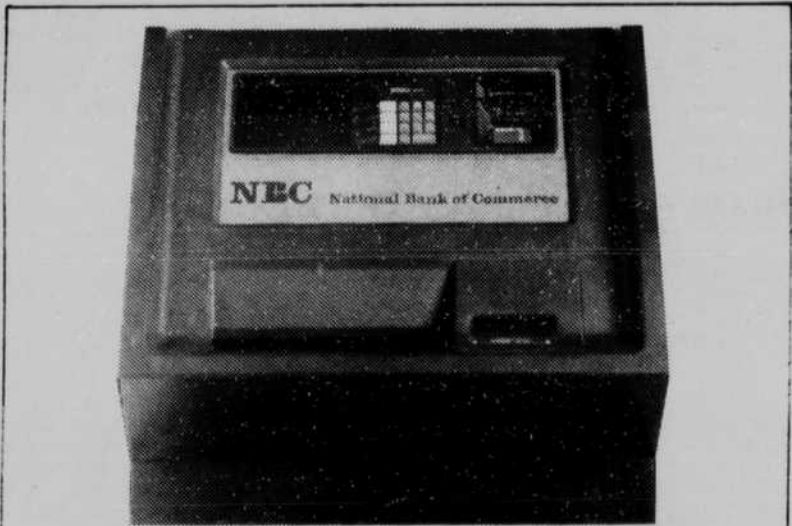
"That's why we took it (the open date)," Osborne said. "We could have turned it down and played Colorado this week."

Osborne said one reason the wishbone, which is used by Oklahoma and Colorado, is so successful is that few teams run it.

"One of the hard things about the wishbone is that you go along and play a lot of I-formation teams, you play passing teams week after week, and then you have four practices to get ready for something that is very different," Osborne said. "We played Missouri, which gave us one week of work on the wishbone a couple weeks ago, so I think that will help us."

Osborne said the injuries to Carr and Holieway won't affect Nebraska's preparation for the Sooners.

"It won't change anything for us," Osborne said. "If they just didn't have another wishbone quarterback and they had to go to a throwing game or something like that, it would change our preparations."

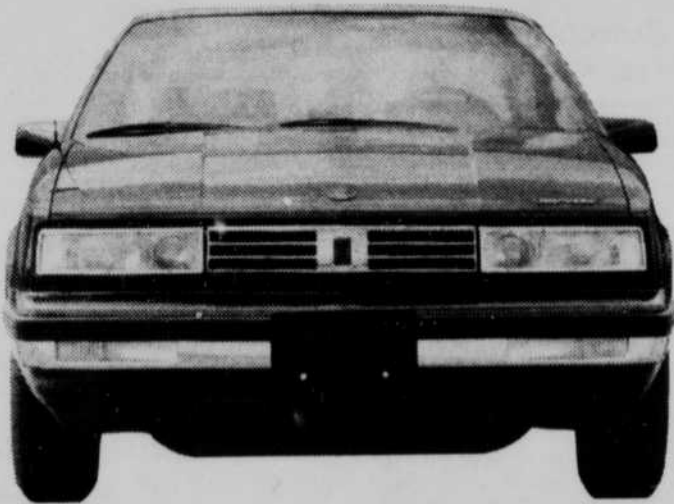


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