

NU volleyball players to play at Festival

By Mark Derowitch
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Four Nebraska volleyball players took the first step toward international competition when they were named to the U.S. Olympic Festival team.

Val Norwood, Sara Hensel, Sara Hensel and Sara Hensel were named to the team.

Coach John Cook said it's a "pleasure to take a lot of luck. Right now, they have the potential mentally and physically to have a chance to

play at the international level."

Cook said if the players have a desire to play on the U.S. Olympic Team, they are in good shape right now.

"Every player on the Olympic team at this time has played in the Olympic Festival," said Cook, who will coach the Huskers. "All the players who will be on the U.S. Olympic team will be at the festival."

Cook said the four Nebraska players who will participate in the festival are the best ever for the Huskers. After playing under 21 years of age in the past.

"That's really excellent that all four made it," Cook said. "We're really happy about that. This reflects the quality of younger play-

ers we have at Nebraska."

Norwood and Hesch are sophomores, while Sara Hensel and Sara Hensel are freshmen.

Cook said he is excited about coaching the team.

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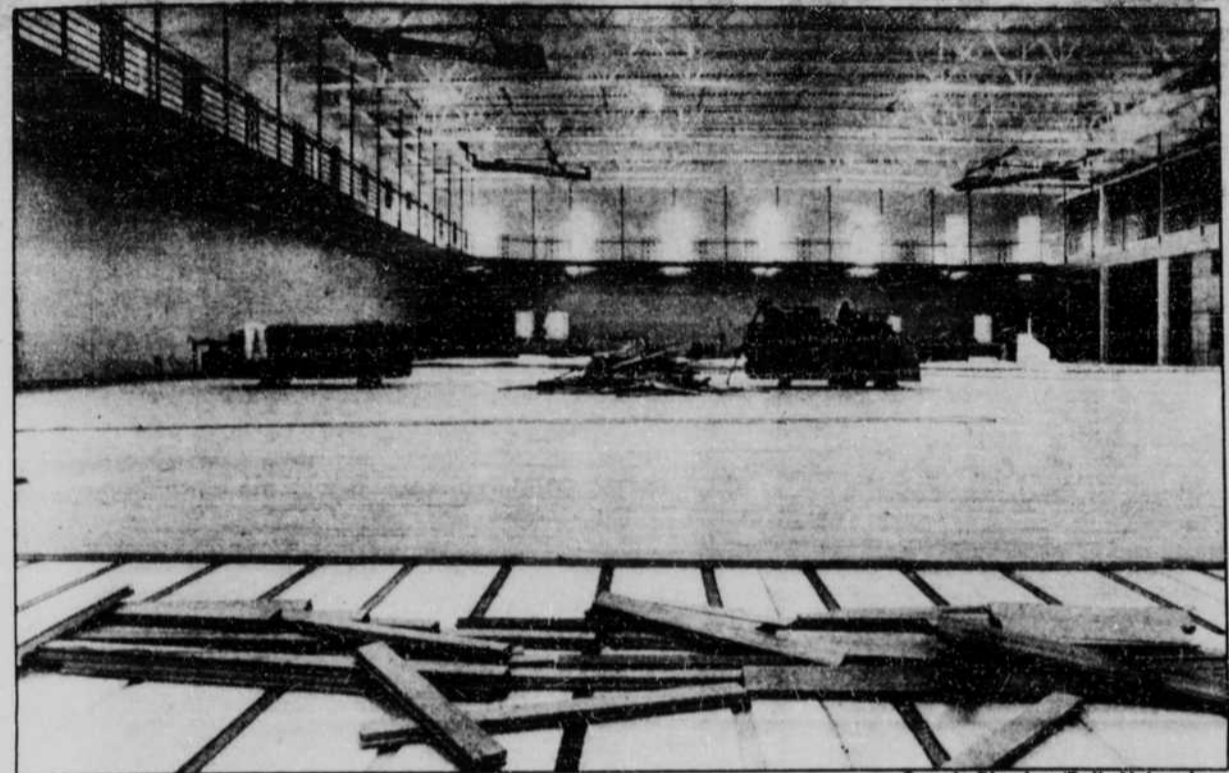
Karen Gustafson, the coach at Illinois said,

Central Junior College, will be Cook's assistant coach. The other coaches are Joe Sargent from the University of Pennsylvania, who will coach the team, and Frank Lavarra, the coach at Regis College, who will coach the team.

Cook said the championship match will be played on May 11 (about 10:30 a.m.) at the festival.

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to be invited to play in the World Games," Cook said.



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A portion of Phase II of the new student recreation center is nearing completion. Phase II of the student rec center should be done by fall, director says

By Nick Hodge
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The second phase of the Campus Recreation Center will be completed by the time University of Nebraska-Lincoln students and faculty members return next August.

Stan Campbell, director of campus recreation, said the second of three phases that will renovate the NU Coliseum should be done by Aug. 28.

"The weather has been very good this year so it's on schedule," Campbell said. "All that's left now is a lot of finishing work so it will be ready for students in the fall."

Campbell said general contractor work on Phase II of the project is scheduled for completion on July 18. He said carpet and utility work will

then take a month to complete.

Phase II recreational facilities will include: 13 racquetball courts, a squash court, a renovated swimming pool, a weight training and fitness room, four basketball/volleyball courts, a track, campus recreation offices, equipment checkout and rental area, a pro-shop and a first aid room.

Phase I was completed in November 1987 when the Cook Pavilion indoor practice field was opened. Campbell said Phase III of the project still needs the approval of the Nebraska Legislature before construction can begin. The third phase has been approved by the NU Board of Regents.

"If the Legislature approves the funding statement for Phase III, then construction can begin in January

1990," Campbell said.

If Phase III receives legislative approval, Campbell said, a construction period of 12 to 14 months will be required for completion. He said the expected finish would be in February or March 1991. The proposed Phase III project includes a gymnasium for either four basketball courts or five volleyball courts, and a performance court for Nebraska's volleyball team.

Also included in Phase III are a combative arts room for boxing, wrestling and martial arts, a multipurpose room for fitness classes, locker rooms, classrooms, offices and laboratories for the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, women's volleyball and softball locker rooms, coaches' offices and a visiting team's locker room, a women's athletic training room and a center for healthy lifestyles.

NU to shoot for 13-11, Sanders says

By Jerry Guenther
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Nebraska baseball coach John Sanders said the Cornhuskers face a must-win situation this weekend.

The Huskers, 24-26, travel to Kansas State for a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. today. The same two teams meet for another doubleheader at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The games were moved from the original schedule of Saturday and Sunday to allow Nebraska's players more time to study for final exams next week.

Nebraska needs to win at least three of the four games against the Wildcats to remain in contention for a Big Eight tournament berth.

The Huskers, who are sixth in the

Big Eight standings with a 5-11 record, could assure themselves a spot in the conference tournament by winning seven of their final eight conference games. After the Kansas State series, the Huskers will be at home for a four-game series against Iowa State next weekend.

"Our goal is to win the final eight games in the conference," Sanders said. "If we do that, we'll be sitting at 13-11, which would get us into the tournament."

"But first we have to win the first game Friday."

The last time the Huskers failed to qualify for the tournament was in 1978, the year Sanders took over the coaching chores at Nebraska.

Kansas State, 27-19, is 3-13 and in last place in the conference.

Sanders said the Huskers got a needed "shot in the arm" by sweeping Northern Iowa Wednesday. Nebraska posted 2-1 and 10-0 victories against the Panthers.

Aside from a few areas of "sloppiness," Sanders said, he was pleased by Nebraska's play.

"Overall, we did a pretty good job," he said. "We shored up our efforts and played better baseball. That's positive going into the weekend."

Joe Purvine, who was the starting and winning pitcher in Wednesday's second game, said the wins lifted the Huskers' confidence.

"We needed the wins desperately," Purvine said, "but we could have scored some more runs in the first game. Maybe we're saving them for this weekend."

Student-athletes' mistakes are forgiven, not forgotten

It's the dullest time of the year. If you're not a big fan of the National Basketball Association and the baseball season has already dragged into the "who cares?" status, it is a boring time.

You find yourself switching the channels on your television set, trying to find something that fits the description of entertaining. After what seems like hours of trying, you give up, feeling even more frustrated than when you began.

athletes to make mistakes, but won't accept such errors from professionals.

While this may seem like a double standard considering several professional athletes fall into this age category, it's the way things should be. Professional athletes should not be excused for their mistakes, unless they are so minute or so common that no one cares.

Collegiate athletes, meanwhile, deserve to be forgiven. Even though they receive continual warnings from their coaches and other peer figures, young athletes are prone to make mistakes. This shouldn't come as any surprise, considering the number of their fellow peers who make similar errors.



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But wait. Help is on the way. In just 117 days, the college football season will begin. And along with the pageantry of America's best pastime comes the human-interest side notes which often prove to be equally as entertaining.

Already, baseball has delivered its portion of these memorable moments by giving us the story of Jim Abbott, a one-handed pitcher for the California Angels, and numerous stories about alleged affairs, unfair umpires and other scandals. There's even a former major league umpire who plans on writing a book about homosexuals in baseball. Why, with all of these interesting sidekicks, who could ask for more?

While the college football season may not have the high stakes, blown-out-of-proportion stories that the professional baseball world does, it does have the respect and prestige that America's rumored favorite pastime is slowly losing.

That's right -- despite reports of violence, sanctions and other problems -- college football is still given a high rate of perception in the public eye. The reason: the American public expects young, 18 to 22 year-old

The only difference between the two is the amount of attention they receive. While a student's errors will often go unnoticed, a student-athlete will often be publicized to the point of near humiliation.

Anyone who doubts this should attend a court hearing. The typical student will enter the court room, state his or her plea and pay a fine or agree to some other type of remittance before leaving virtually unnoticed.

But the student-athlete, particularly if they are involved in a high-impact sport, will suffer through a completely different process even though they are given the same judicial hearing.

The high-profile student-athlete will enter the court house and be greeted by a variety of TV cameras and other members of the news media. His moves will be scrutinized as a plea is made, and he will be swarmed as he leaves.

While this may seem like a cruel and unusual process, it's the price individuals pay for being student-athletes. It's a process the American public -- and the press -- demands no matter how minute the mistake may seem.

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Softball Poll

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1. Milk Bones (9-0)
 2. Kegs on Legs (7-1)
 3. Abel 7 (7-1)
 4. Nocturnal Emission (6-1)
 5. Demon Bunnies (8-1)
 6. Rebels (9-2)
 7. ATO/A Phi (6-1)
 8. St. Andrew's Slicers (6-2)
 9. 'N' Street Fusers (6-2)
 10. Beta Sig/Gamma Phi (8-2)
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