

## Victory prepares NU volleyball team for Hawaiian trip

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The second-ranked Nebraska volleyball team prepared for its trip to Hawaii where it will play three top 10 teams by defeating the University of Nebraska at Omaha, ranked ninth in NCAA Division II, Saturday at the NU Coliseum.

Nebraska swept UNO 15-3, 15-8 and 15-12 before about 3,000 fans.

The team is in Honolulu preparing to meet top-ranked UCLA, third-ranked Hawaii and seventh ranked Ohio State in the Wahine Invitational that starts Thursday. The rankings are according to Volleyball Monthly magazine's preseason poll.

"The UNO game was a good test for us and it got us prepared to play in Hawaii this weekend," said assistant coach John Cook.

Against UNO, Nebraska started off fast as it went on a 10-0 spurt to break a 2-2 tie, blowing the first game wide open and winning 15-3. Junior Chris Hall and sophomore Eileen Shannon contributed six and three kills in that game. Shannon also added three blocks.

In the second game, Nebraska exploded to an 8-1 lead before the Lady Mavs calmed down and made it close. Cornhusker senior Linda Barsness ended UNO's rally with three kills to preserve the 15-8 win.

Barsness also ended the third game with a kill, after Nebraska trailed most of the game before going on an 8-0 run.

For the match, Nebraska was paced by Hall and Shannon who finished with 11 and 10 kills respectively. Senior setter Val Novak contributed 42 set assists and had four service aces. Junior Janet Kruse had eight kills, junior Sara Hesch four kills, Barsness eight kills and sophomore Stephanie Thater seven kills and four blocks.

Cook believes the Hawaii trip will be a good test this early in the season.

"There's really no pressure on you this early in the season and it will test our strengths and weaknesses," Cook

## Seniors Bolli, Novak elected as Husker volleyball team captains

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Seniors Becky Bolli and Val Novak were elected by their teammates as captains for this year's volleyball team.

"I'm excited by being elected captain because it's a different role than I've had," said Novak, a returning All-American setter from last season's national runner-up team. "It has different responsibilities."

Bolli, who came to Nebraska as a walk-on, has primarily been used as a serving specialist.

"I'm excited because I was elected by teammates and this shows that I'm respected," Bolli said. "I consider this a real honor, and I welcome the pressure of this added responsibility."

Nebraska opened its 1990 season with a victory over University of

## Clark probable starter for Colts

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Former Nebraska 1-back Ken Clark wasn't worried about making the Indianapolis Colts' final 47-man roster, but he didn't expect to become a starter so soon.

Coach Ron Meyer penciled in the rookie 5-foot-9, 201-pound Clark as a probable starter for Sunday's opening game against Buffalo.

"It was kind of a shock to me," said Clark, an eighth-round draft pick. "I didn't think my last game was very good. I just didn't feel like I did real well."

Clark was one of 11 rookies on the Colts' roster, as the team began preparing to face the two-time defending AFC East champions.

Clark said he's still trying to adjust to the NFL game.

"There's so much different -- the tempo of the game, the plays, just the adjustment from one week to the next," he said. "There's so much to know. I



Nebraska's Becky Bolli watches as Chris Hall prepares to set the ball during the match against UNO. The Cornhuskers won Saturday's match, 15-3, 15-8, 15-12.

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said. "A tournament like this one will get us prepared not only for the Big Eight tournament, but also for the NCAA Tourney."

"The trip to Hawaii will be a real challenge, but we're ready and prepared for it," said senior co-captain Val Novak.

Sophomore setter Valerie Vermeulen missed the UNO game with a virus, but was expected to make the Hawaii trip, Cook said.

Nebraska at Omaha. Both Bolli and Novak made key contributions to the victory.

Bolli served for five points, including an ace, while Novak had 42 set assists and four service aces.

The second-ranked Cornhuskers left Monday morning for Hawaii to compete in the Wahine Invitational, where they will play No. 1 ranked UCLA, No. 3 Hawaii and No. 7 Ohio State. Both captains feel this tournament will be a strong test for their team.

"We look on the tourney as pressure, but no more so than any other pressure we'll face this season," Bolli said.

"We're both nervous and excited about the trip to Hawaii because the competition level will be high and that will help prepare us for post-season play," Novak said.

think I picked up pretty well, but obviously I'm a rookie and still learning."

Clark, who finished his college career as the second-leading rusher in Cornhusker history with 3,037 yards, carried the ball 25 times for 86 yards in exhibition play and had five receptions for 29 yards.

"The offense here is terribly different," Clark said.

"I've never been out on as many pass patterns and had to learn as many pass patterns. I had to work one-on-one with the DBs (defensive backs). It's a lot different for me. At Nebraska, we ran the ball. We ran on fourth and eight."

Clark will be taking handoffs from quarterback Jeff George, the No. 1 pick in this year's draft.

"He's going to be great," Clark said. "He's got a great arm. Everybody can see that. He can just loft the ball and throw a touchdown."

## UNL leads nation in number of Academic All-Americans

Nebraska led the nation in GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-Americans for the 1989-90 academic year, according to information in the Aug. 29, 1990, edition of The NCAA News.

Research by John Arenberg, sports information coordinator at Millikin University, showed that Nebraska had 11 student-athletes honored. Next in the university division was the University of Georgia with six honorees. Eight universities had four selections.

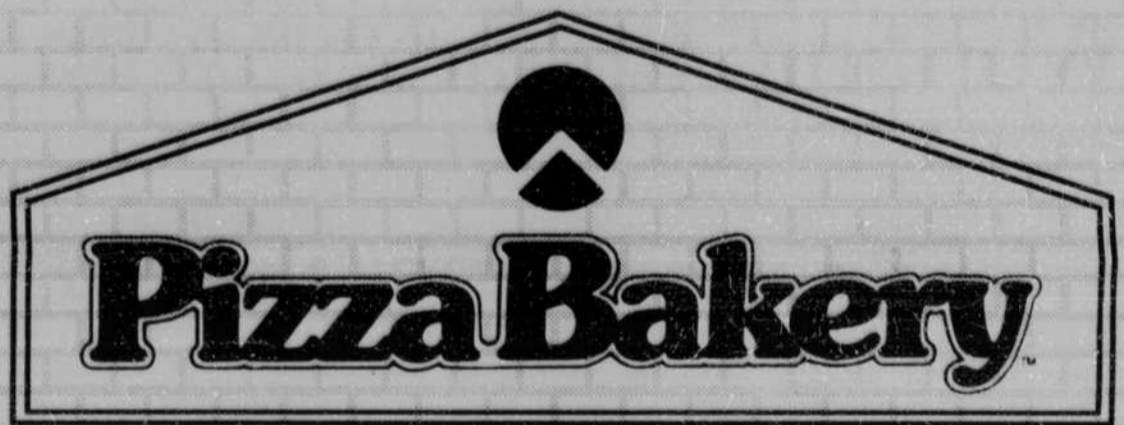
Nebraska's academic All-Americans last year included five first-team selections in Gerry Gdowski and Jake Young, football; Jill Rishel, softball; Virginia Stahr, volleyball; and Mark Warburton, gymnastics.

There were three second-team picks in Pat Tyrance, football; Carla Baker, volleyball; and Lynne Frey, track and field.

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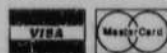


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