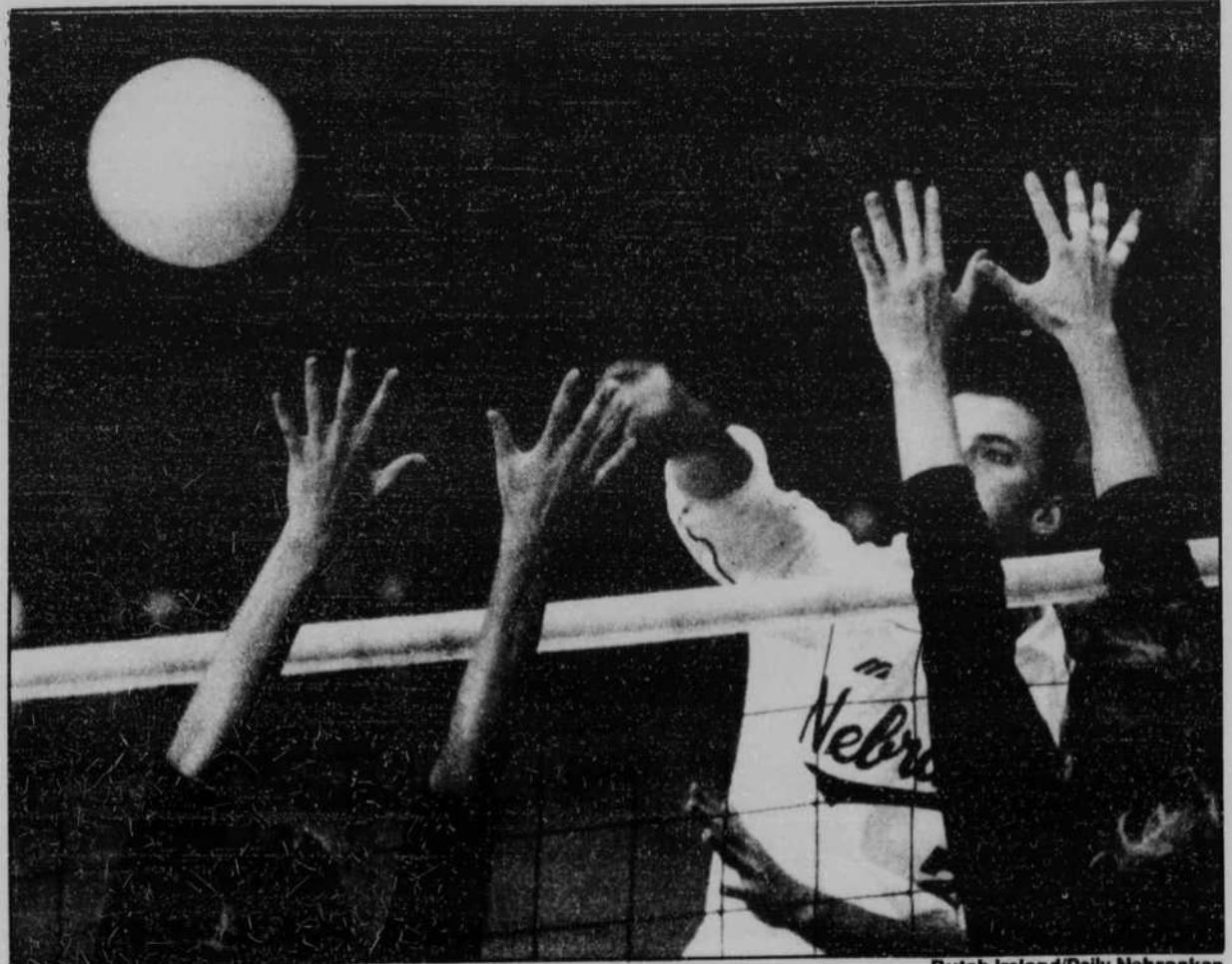


PRACTICE roundup

Cross Country -- The Nebraska cross country teams had an easy practice Thursday and will practice easy today as well going into Saturday's invitational. "We practice in 14-day cycles where the last couple days we take it easy and our practices are reduced in quantity and quality," Coach Jay Dirksen said. The teams ran a total of six miles by the end of practice. Dirksen announced the redshirt runners for this year will be freshmen Kevin Mueller, Erik Skaden, Jeremy Skinner, Kiersten Lockie, Stephanie Quandt and Jon Kriegisch from Kansas. The Cornhuskers will be reduced in manpower with four possible runners sitting out. Junior Tom Banks is behind in training from low conditioning this summer. David Itffa has a groin strain and has a pretty good chance of sitting out this weekend. Katie Fletcher has had a bacterial infection of the nasal passage for the past three or four

days and won't be running Saturday, and Kelly O'Donnell still has a sore hip. Dirksen said with 13 men's teams and 12 women's teams at the invitational, there will be competition on every level.

Volleyball -- The Nebraska volleyball team will be meeting Texas A&M, Purdue and Wyoming at the Baden-Mizuno Invitational today through Saturday. Assistant Coach John Cook said practice has been big the last two days. "Everyone is rested up after Hawaii and back on track. (Janet) Kruse has really been turning up the heat in practice," Cook said. "We have been narrowing in on our defensive blocking and small technical things," Kruse said. Kruse said she is looking forward to the weekend matchups. "I know we haven't played big names yet but that will change. We know we want to play our best ball at all times and never let up," Kruse said.



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NU sophomore Eileen Shannon hits a ball over the reach of two UNO players. Wyoming coach Mike English said he feels stopping Shannon is the key to winning the match.

Coach: Balance is Cowgirls' strength

By John Adkisson
Staff Reporter

Wyoming volleyball coach Mike English will be bringing his team to Lincoln this weekend to show off—and hopefully upset top-rated Nebraska in the process. The Cowgirls, 4-1 and ranked 20th by Volleyball Monthly Magazine, will be in town tonight and Saturday for the Baden-Mizuno Invitational, which also includes Nebraska, Texas A&M and Purdue.

Wyoming has three Nebraska high school graduates on its roster, and English said that his team is looking forward to playing the Huskers in the final game of the tournament Saturday night.

"We're going to come and show off our girls in front of their family and friends. They're really excited about coming down there," English said.

Kim Smith from Lincoln East, Stacey Cudaback from Exeter, and Krista Bashaw from Kimball all have seen playing time for Wyoming this season, and English said his "Nebraska contingent" has played a major role in Wyoming's early-season suc-

cess. "All of our Nebraska girls are playing really well, especially Stacey (Cudaback). She's twice as good as she was this time last year," English said.

Senior outside hitter Erin Contacessi and sophomore outside hitter Tyree Leuthauser have been pleasant surprises for English thus far.

"Both of those girls have come on strong for us early in the season," English said.

Wyoming won their own Baden Invitational this season, and its lone loss came to 16-ranked Louisiana State at home in five sets.

English said the strength of his team is balance.

"We're not soft at any spot on the court, and we're really deep," English said. "But on the same token, we're not world-beaters anywhere either."

Wyoming finished last year with a 24-7 record, won the High Country Athletic Conference championship and advanced to the final eight in the NCAA tournament. English said it will be hard for this year's team to

match the success of last year. Playing top teams is a task Wyoming is used to. Last season, the Cowgirls were 9-4 against top 20 opponents. English said his team seems to rise up against top-notch competition.

"We've traditionally seemed to play our best games of the season when we've needed to," English said. English said he is impressed with Nebraska, especially the size and athletic ability the Huskers possess.

"I think Terry's (Nebraska Coach Pettit) had a number of good teams there over the years, but he's certainly got a dominant one this year," English said.

English said stopping Nebraska outside hitter Eileen Shannon will be the key to the match on Saturday.

Upsetting the Huskers would be a tremendous boost for Wyoming volleyball, according to English. When it comes to rankings, English said he doesn't really care.

"It doesn't really matter much who's rated where," he said. "We've just got to go out and play our brand of volleyball."



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Team to open exhibition season

The Nebraska baseball team opens its fall exhibition season Sunday at Buck Beltzer Field against Neosho County Community College for a pair of nine inning games starting at 1:30 p.m.

The games are free to University of Nebraska-Lincoln students who show their student IDs.

On Saturday, the team will hold a free red-white scrimmage at Bill Wood Field in North Platte.

Before the double-header scrimmage, Coach John Sanders, his coaching staff and players will conduct a free clinic from 10 a.m. to noon, emphasizing the fundamentals of baseball.

Afterwards, the team will split into two teams and play a pair of seven-inning games.

Baden-Mizuno Invitational

5:00 p.m.	#20 Wyoming (4-1) vs. Purdue (5-1)
7:30 p.m.	#1 Nebraska (4-0) vs. Texas A&M (3-1)
10:30 a.m.	Wyoming vs. Texas A&M
1:00 p.m.	Nebraska vs. Purdue
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NU rugby club takes on Lincoln City in opener

The Nebraska men's rugby club will open the season by squaring off against the Lincoln City club Saturday at 1:30 p.m. on the East Campus softball fields.

This year the club, which has about 65 members, boasts a mix of old and new: 30 to 35 of the members are new, yet 11 of the 15 starters from the top team return.

The team probably will field three teams at three different levels this year.