

## KU coach doesn't dread NU match

By John Adkisson  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska volleyball team played the role of dream-smasher the last time it faced Kansas.

Today in the rematch between the two, the Cornhuskers once again will be trying to destroy the Jayhawks' upset visions.

The Huskers, 19-2 and 6-0 in the Big Eight, play their final home conference match this year against Kansas, 14-10 and 4-3, at 7:30 p.m. at the NU Coliseum.

On Oct. 11, the Jayhawks battled with then top-ranked Nebraska in Lawrence, Kan., taking a 12-8 lead in the first game. But the Huskers rallied, winning the first game 15-12, and went on to take the match in straight games. Kansas coach Frankie Albitz said the Jayhawks got overconfident in the first meeting.

"We started thinking about beating the top team in the nation, and it cost us," Albitz said.

The Huskers own a 44-0 series record against Kansas, and Albitz said the Jayhawks, though improved, aren't yet in Nebraska's league.

"Our players seem to always talk a lot about beating Nebraska," Albitz said. "But I don't think they really believe they can compete with them."

Husker coach Terry Pettit said Kansas is a team on the upswing,

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Nebraska (19-2) vs Kansas (14-10)

Today at 7:30 p.m. at NU Coliseum  
44-0 Nebraska leads

**Probable starters**

Nebraska (19-2)					
Name	Position	Height	Year	Hometown	
Becky Bolli	DS	5-8	Sr.	Burwell	
Cris Hall	OH	6-2	Jr.	Chanute, Kan.	
Janet Kruse	OH	6-1	Jr.	Fort Calhoun	
Val Novak	S	5-10	Sr.	Oak Lawn, Ill.	
Eileen Shannon	OH	6-0	So.	Elmhurst, Ill.	
Nikki Stricker	MB	5-10	Fr.	Lincoln	

  

Kansas (14-10)					
Name	Position	Height	Year	Hometown	
Mary Beth Bella	MB	5-11	So.	Oak Forest, Ill.	
April Chavey	MB	5-11	Jr.	Concordia, Kan.	
Kris Kleinschmidt	H	5-9	So.	Prairie Village, Kan.	
Lisa Patterson	H	5-10	Jr.	St. Louis	
Adrian Powell	H	5-11	So.	Clayton, Mo.	
Julie Woodruff	S	5-6	So.	Castle Rock, Wash.	

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using a swing-type offense.

"They're a very balanced team," Pettit said. "And the players are very competitive."

Pettit said the close game between the two earlier in Lawrence could have been attributed in part to Nebraska errors.

"I'm not sure how well they (the Jayhawks) played," Pettit said. "I know it took us a while to get going."

The Jayhawks got a big win over the weekend, beating Oklahoma in

five games at Norman, Okla. Nebraska also earned a victory over a top-notch Big Eight foe, trampling

Colorado at home in straight games.

Though the odds of beating Nebraska are low, Albitz said, the Jayhawks enjoy playing the Huskers.

"We don't dread it," Albitz said. "Nebraska is such a clean team, and they have a nice attitude about playing the game."

## Husker coaches praise Buffaloes

By Todd Cooper  
Staff Reporter

Colorado won't need the Rockies to be at the top of its game Saturday against Nebraska at Memorial Stadium, according to graduate assistant coach Bill Kucera who scouted last weekend's Colorado-Oklahoma game.

"They're peaking at the right time," Kucera said, who along with NU line-backer coach Kevin Steele addressed Monday's Extra Point Club. "They probably should be rated a little higher than they are."

"They had trouble early in the season (but) I think that's just early in the season type of play."

The Buffaloes utilized pitch and draw plays in the 32-23 victory over Oklahoma, Kucera said.

"(Running back) Eric Bieniemy had a heck of a game," Kucera said. "They went to a lot of draw-type things to get him the ball and let him just read blocks and go. I think that's the strength of their offense right now."

Steele said he understands why Colorado fans have nicknamed the senior running back "Public Bieniemy."

"I talked to a pro running back coach this week . . . and he thinks he's the best running back in the country," he said.

After having been sidelined for the Oct. 6 Missouri game, Colorado quar-

terback Darian Hagan's shoulder injury almost has healed, Kucera said.

Steele added that Colorado appeared to be saving Hagan for the Nebraska game, although he did play the entire game against Oklahoma.

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NU graduate assistant

option team against Oklahoma," Steele said. "A little bit of that is I think that Hagan's shoulder has been bothering him. To keep from punishing him until he gets to Lincoln . . . they haven't run a lot of options to put pressure on him."

While Hagan healed, wide receiver Mike Pritchard shared the offensive load with Bieniemy, Steele said.

"Pritchard is as good as you'll find in the league," he said.

But Steele said he wouldn't "trade any of our guys for any of their guys."

"They're a great football team," Steele said. "Can we beat them? Yeah, I do believe we can, and we better, but that's a coach talking."

## Coach: Stricker relies on focus for her success

By Chris Hopfensperger  
Senior Reporter

Freshmen Johnny Mitchell and Derek Brown have taken Nebraska by storm, grabbing headlines and highlights as the Cornhuskers have cruised through their season.

However, a freshman with perhaps more of an impact hasn't even stepped onto the turf of Memorial Stadium. In fact, this student athlete doesn't even play football.

Nikki Stricker, the freshman volleyball player out of Lincoln East, has played in all of the Huskers' 21 matches, including a start Saturday against the Lady Buffs of Colorado.

Stricker, who was recruited as a setter but spends most of the time at middle blocker, said she is just happy to play.

"(Coach Terry Pettit) told me that I would get playing time, but I would have to work for it," Stricker said. "So I've worked really hard at the middle position and that's where I get to play the most."

Stricker has racked up 61 kills at middle blocker this season, including two against the Lady Buffs. However, she welcomes any switch to play setter.

"That's my favorite, but I'll have to work for that next," Stricker said. "Setter's the leader. They call the plays, the defenses. I like setter better, but with (senior All American) Val (Novak), there's no question."

Pettit said he is pleased with Stricker's play, especially in pressure

situations.

"Every freshman wants to be on the court, but Nikki wants to be there at critical times," Pettit said. "Nikki is a competitor. She mentally stays with the game and keeps herself focused on every point."

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"She's able to stay organized on the court when a lot of freshmen wouldn't be able to."

That includes playing against top-20 schools. So far this season the Huskers have played 10 nationally ranked schools.

Against then No. 1-ranked UCLA Stricker had a season and team-high three service aces for a five-game match. She is third on the team in total aces with 16 this season. Pettit said that comes from concentration.

"Volleyball is a mental game, and Nikki does a good job of staying focused," he said.

## NU volleyball club will play Kansas

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska men's volleyball club will play the Kansas club team tonight in the NU Coliseum immediately after the women's varsity game.

The Nebraska men's club defeated Iowa State on Friday in Ames, Iowa, 9-15, 15-11, 15-6, 13-15, 15-8. In winning, the Nebraska men avenged a loss taken earlier this fall in their first match in the Coliseum after a women's match.

## Louisville earns ranking after 18-year absence

The Associated Press

Louisville may be the bottom team in the Top 25, but Coach Howard Schnellenberger is feeling on top of the world.

"Hallelujah! That's like being knighted by the queen of England," Schnellenberger said Monday after the Cardinals gained a ranking in The Associated Press college football poll for the first time in 18 years.

Louisville, 7-1-1, moved up to 25th after beating Western Kentucky 41-7 Saturday. It is the Cardinals' first ranking since the final poll of the 1972 season, when they finished 18th with a 9-1 record.

Louisville went 2-9, 3-8 and 3-7-1 in Schnellenberger's first three seasons before turning their record around. Since the start of the 1988 season, the Cardinals are 21-9-1.

The Cardinals were snubbed by the bowls after going 8-3 in 1988, but that might change this year. They have not made a postseason appearance since the 1977 Independence Bowl, a 24-14 loss to Louisiana Tech.

There is a cloud on the horizon, though. A communications professor is trying to get quarterback Browning Nagle removed from two classes, a move that would make him ineligible.

The professor claims that Nagle has a poor attitude in class. But Schnellenberger said he expects a university committee to rule in Nagle's favor this week.

Virginia, which did not play Saturday, remained No. 1 for the third straight week while unbeaten Auburn fell from second to fourth in the poll.

The Cavaliers, 7-0, who meet Georgia Tech in an Atlantic Coast Conference showdown Saturday, received 44 first-place votes and 1,462 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Notre Dame, 6-1, climbed one to second place after beating Pitts-

### Associated Press Top 25

1 Virginia	7-0-0	1
2 Notre Dame	6-1-0	3
3 Nebraska	8-0-0	4
4 Auburn	6-0-1	2
5 Illinois	6-1-0	5
6 Houston	7-0-0	6
7 Washington	7-1-0	7
8 Miami	5-2-0	8
9 Colorado	7-1-1	10
10 BYU	6-1-0	9
11 Tennessee	4-1-2	11
12 Florida St.	5-2-0	12
13 Iowa	6-1-0	15
14 Texas	5-1-0	13
15 Florida	6-1-0	14
16 Georgia Tech	6-0-1	16
17 Mississippi	7-1-0	17
18 Clemson	7-2-0	19
19 Wyoming	9-0-0	18
20 Michigan	4-3-0	20
21 Southern Cal	6-2-0	21
22 Oregon	6-2-0	25
23 Arizona	6-2-0	23
24 Penn St.	5-2-0	-
25 Louisville	7-1-1	-

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Source: Associated Press

burgh 31-22, and Nebraska, 8-0, rose a notch to third, after downing Iowa State 45-13. The Fighting Irish received six first-place votes and 1,380 points, while Nebraska got five first-place votes and 1,350 points.

Auburn, 6-0-1, lost support after edging Mississippi State 17-16 on a blocked extra point with 2 1/2 minutes left.

## Tackle, tight end back in practice

From Staff Reports

Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne said he isn't doing anything differently in practice to prepare for Saturday's game against Colorado, despite the Buffaloes' potent offense.

"CU is the best running team we will face by quite a bit. They can try to run right at us, and they will get some yards, but I hope they don't get too many," Osborne said.

Safety Reggie Cooper, with a hamstring injury, and defensive tackle Kenny Walker, with a chest cold, both sat out of Monday's practice.

Fullback Omar Soto, who had an injured knee, was in for the half-pad practice with a brace on his leg. Offensive tackle Steve Engstrom and tight end William Washington also worked out.

## CU, OSU players win Big 8 honors

From Staff Reports

Colorado tackle Garry Howe, who had 13 tackles in the Buffaloes 32-23 win Saturday over Oklahoma, was a unanimous selection Monday for Big Eight defensive player of the week.

Howe had six unassisted tackles, including two for losses. He also was credited with half a sack and a quarterback hurry.

Nebraska plays Colorado Saturday at 3 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

The offensive player of the week honors went to Oklahoma State tailback Gerald Hudson, who ran for a career-high 255 yards in the Cowboys 48-28 win over Missouri.

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1 Nebraska	(8-0)	
2 Notre Dame	(6-1)	
3 Virginia	(7-0)	
4 Houston	(7-0)	
5 Illinois	(6-1)	
6 Washington	(7-1)	
7 Colorado	(7-1-1)	
8 Miami	(5-2)	
9 Auburn	(6-0-1)	
10 Texas	(5-1)	