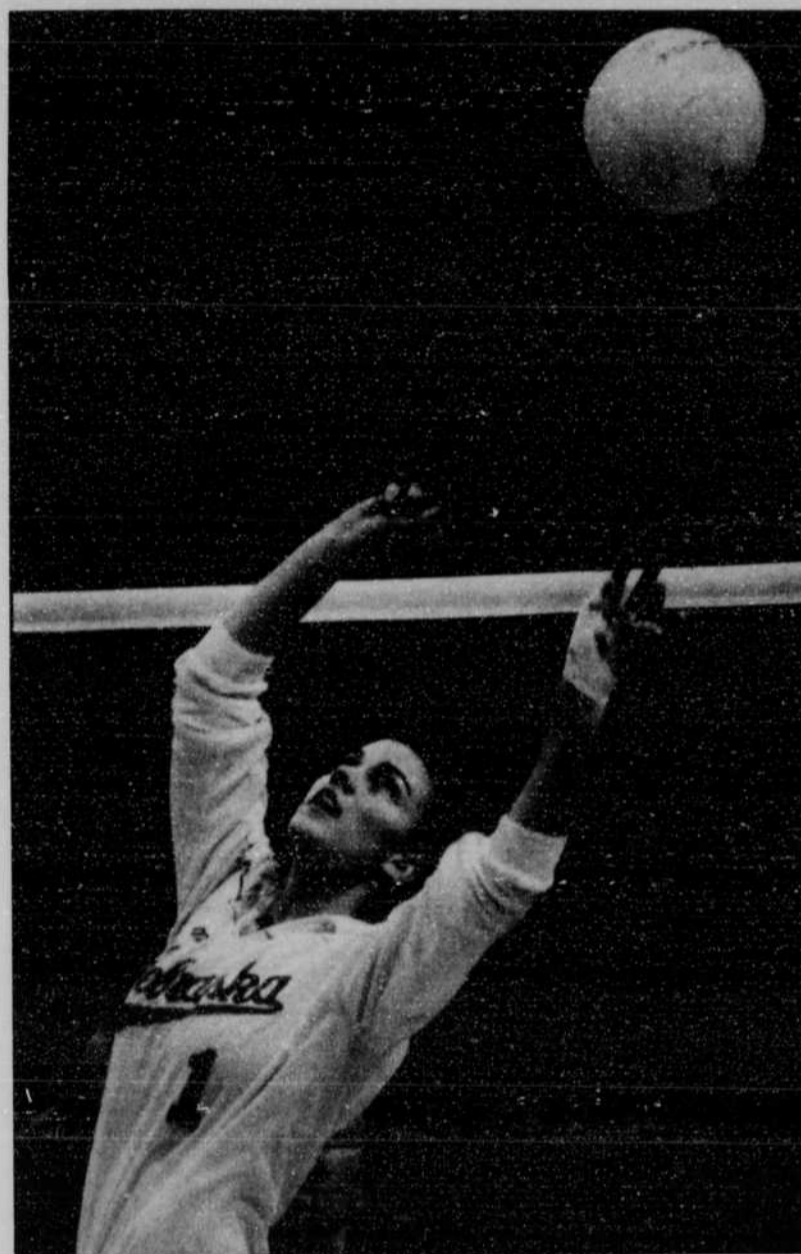
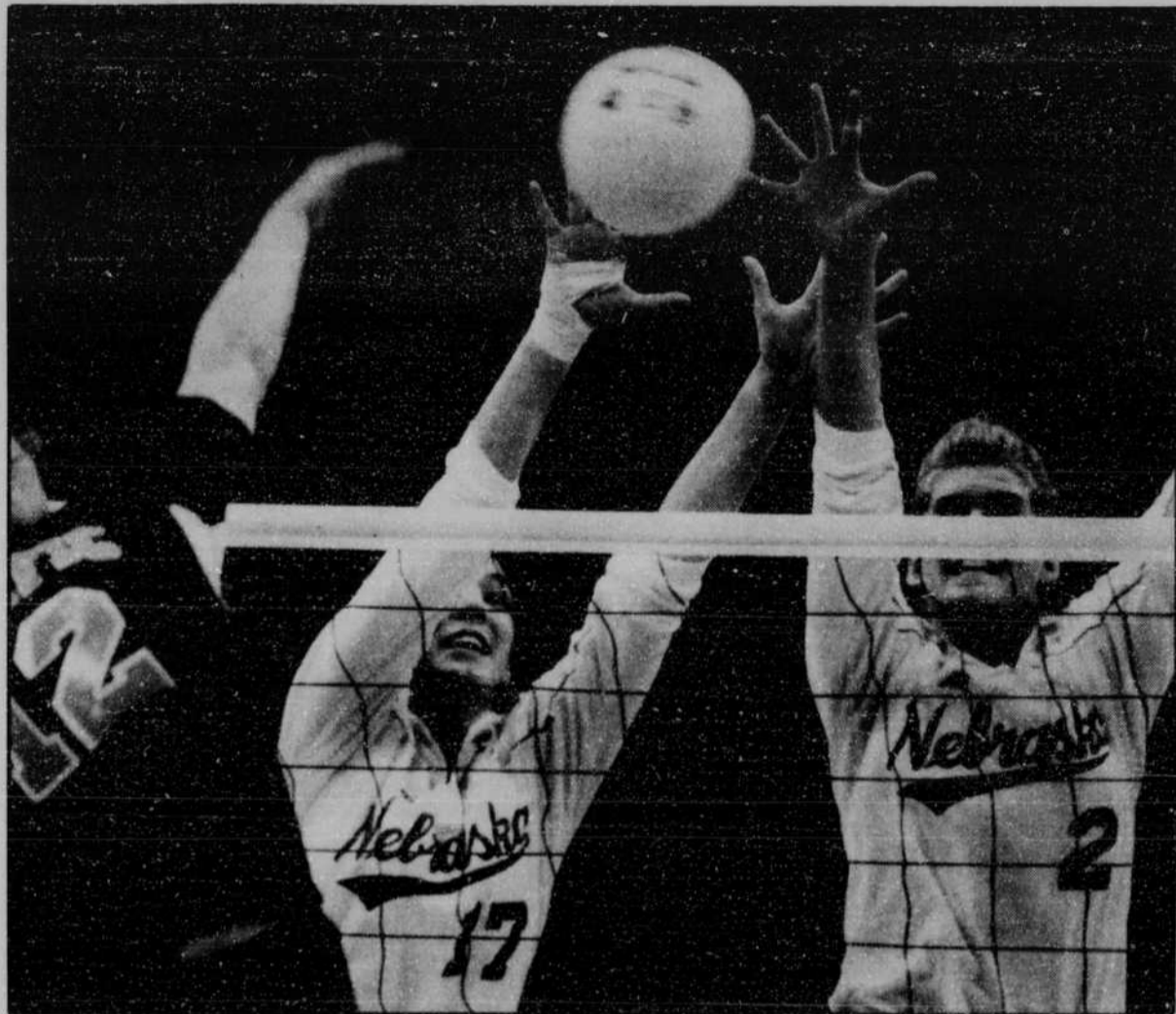


# Volleyball Final 4



## UCLA sweeps Pacific, claims national crown

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) - Top-ranked UCLA won the NCAA Division I women's volleyball championship Saturday night, getting 12 kills apiece from Marissa Hatchett and Natalie Williams in a three-game sweep of the University of the Pacific.

The Bruins, who last won the title in 1984, captured the first seven points of the match and stayed in control throughout a 15-9, 15-12, 15-7 victory. The UCLA front-line rotation of Hatchett, Williams and Samantha Shaver frustrated Pacific throughout the match, both offensively and defensively.

The Bruins notched 16 points with Traci Broadway serving and Hatchett, Williams and Shaver on the net. Pacific's Krissy Fifer, who had 21 kills in the Tigers' semifinal victory over Nebraska, had 13 against the Bruins.

UCLA finished 36-1, losing only to Nebraska on Sept. 6. Pacific (30-7) was foiled in its bid to capture its third title since 1984.

Photos by David Froehlich

**TOP:** Nebraska's Janet Kruse and Stephanie Thater try to block a Pacific attack. **LEFT:** Val Novak watches her set. **RIGHT:** Kruse slams a spike.

# Hall endures injury to play in Final Four

By John Adkisson  
Staff Reporter

Cris Hall fought through pain only to see her team suffer the pain of a loss.

Hall, a junior outside hitter for the Nebraska volleyball team, played with a stress fracture in her left foot in the Cornhuskers' four-game loss to Pacific Thursday in the NCAA Final Four at College Park, Md.

Despite the injury, Hall finished the match with a team-high 18 kills and a .278 hitting percentage.

"The only reason I was on the court was for the three seniors," Hall said.

Despite Hall's efforts for Val Novak, Becki Bolli and Linda Barsness, Pacific won 15-13, 11-15, 15-9, 15-12.

Hall sustained the injury in last weekend's Mideast Regional game against Pittsburgh, and she said it got worse the next night in a five-game Nebraska win over Penn State.

"At first I thought it was a cramp," Hall said. "But as I was putting stress on it, it kept hurting more and more."

Hall said Nebraska coach Terry Pettit left the decision of playing in the Final Four up to her. She said she never had any doubt.

"I wanted to play regardless," Hall said. "Any time a team has worked as hard as we have all season, I wanted to be a part of playing in the Final Four."

But there were times during the match, Hall said, when her injury almost forced her out of the game.

"At a couple of points in the match, I just wanted to say, 'Stop. Is this really all worth it?'" Hall said.

Nonetheless, Hall said, the Huskers should have beaten Pacific.

"While we were playing it didn't seem like Pacific had fire in their eyes, but neither did we," Hall said. "We didn't take the opportunities when

## Game televised

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Last weekend's NCAA volleyball Final Four will be televised later this month and in January.

ESPN will replay Nebraska's four-game semifinal loss to Pacific on Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. The other semifinal, in which UCLA swept Louisiana State, will be shown Dec. 22 at 5 p.m.

The UCLA-Pacific final will be shown by CBS on Jan. 6.

they were given to us."

Pettit gave Hall credit.

"Even though she had the stress fracture, she played well enough at her position for us to win," Pettit said.

Novak also praised Hall and freshman Nikki Stricker, who played despite suffering a death in her family a week before.

"That takes a lot of guts," Novak said. "They have a lot of courage to get out there and play."

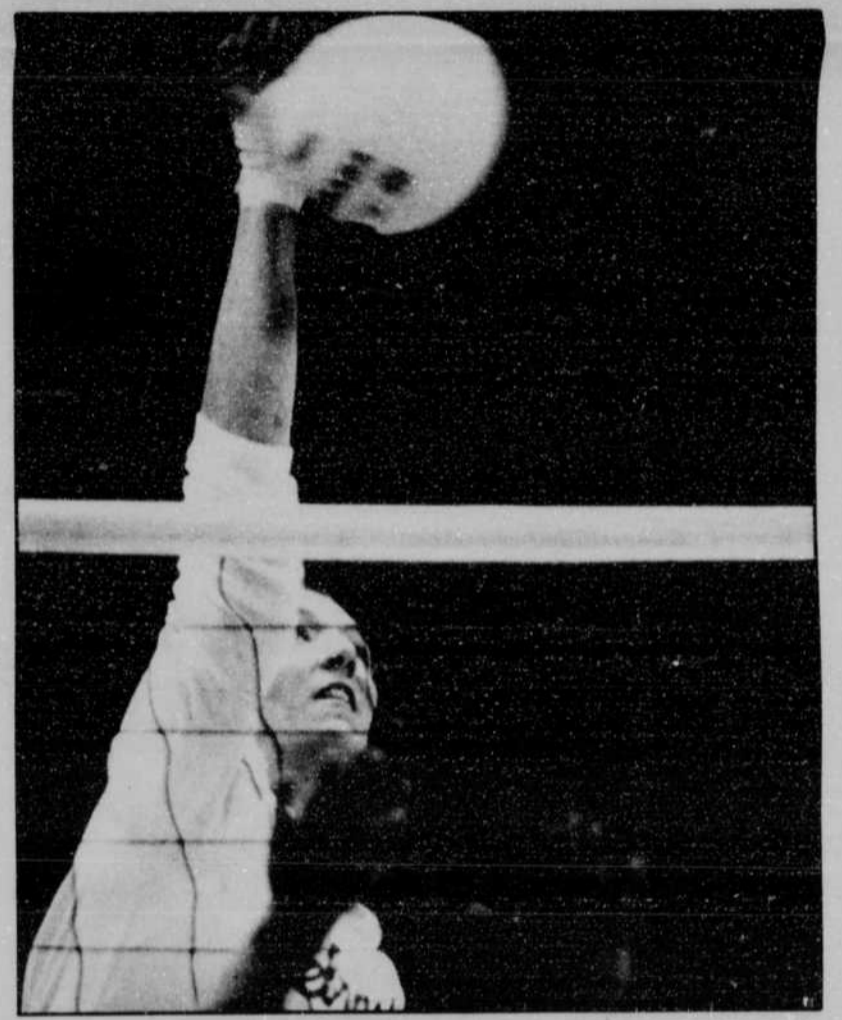
Novak said the team took Hall's injury and the possibility of having to play without Stricker as an obstacle the team had to overcome.

"(Husker assistant coach John) Cook told us that we need to take this as a challenge," Novak said. "We knew that just having one or two people out wouldn't devastate us."

The stress fracture was only the latest in the series of injuries affecting Hall in 1990. Since the beginning of the season, she has had a strained back, a sore wrist and a swollen knee.

Hall, who will go to the hospital today to check the extent of the fracture, said she hopes next year brings her better health.

"That's a goal," she said.



## Passing

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Mike Grant, Mickey Joseph's backup through most of the season, completed 6 of 11 passes for 43 yards and one interception. Tom Haase, who threw both touchdown passes, was 11 of 17 for 130 yards. Keithen McCant had a bad play or two.

"(The quarterbacks) all played pretty well," Osborne said. "Grant had the one interception. Each guy had a bad play or two."

Osborne said the offensive line, which was questioned early and late in the season, controlled the line of scrimmage.

"When you're controlling the line of scrimmage, the quarterbacks look good," he said. "When you're not

controlling the line, Joe Montana doesn't look very good."

On the first drive of the game, Mike Grant led the No. 1 offense 65 yards downfield in 11 plays against the top defense. Omar Soto's 21-yard touchdown run capped the drive.

Haase relieved Grant at quarterback in the middle of the next series after the offense was stymied by a clipping call at midfield. Haase's first play, on second-and-20, was a 25-yard completion to Lance Lewis for a first down.

Scott Baldwin finished the drive six plays later with a one-yard touchdown dive.

Osborne said he hoped the defensive players were having problems with Nebraska's schemes after concentrating on what Georgia Tech will

throw at them in the Citrus Bowl.

"I saw some good hits. I heard some good hits," he said. "I thought some guys played well, but you can't feel real solid about some of the things that happened."

Baldwin, who led the offensive ground game, gained 63 yards on seven attempts. In all, the offense rushed for 310 yards.

Robert Glantz, the fourth-string fullback, was the second leading rusher. Glantz, who gained 15 yards on three attempts during the season, had 57 yards on six carries Saturday.

Osborne said he was pleased with Glantz's effort.

"He really ran well," Osborne said. "He came out here wanting to play. That's something you see in a deal like this: Who wants to play. We're

looking for the guys who want to. The guys who are just finishing it out, we aren't too anxious to put in the game."

Several injured players missed the scrimmage. Cornerback Tahaun Lewis, tight end Chris Garrett, split end Jon Bostick, tight end William Washington, safety Will Thomas and defensive tackle Brian Brown all watched from the sidelines.

Osborne said no one was seriously injured during the scrimmage, but a few players were forced to leave early after getting hurt.

Matt Penland (knee), Tom Punt (shoulder), David White (shoulder) and Brown (hit on the head) were held out for part of the scrimmage. Reserve quarterback Matt McMillan sprained his shoulder.

Nebraska will not practice again

until Thursday because of finals. The team will leave for Orlando, Fla., Dec. 23.

**Scoring summary:** Omar Soto 21-yard run (Gregg Barrios kick).  
Baldwin 1-yard run (Barrios kick).  
Brad Devall 8-yard pass from Haase (Barrios kick).  
Barrios 28-yard FG  
Daryl Leise 9-yard pass from Haase (Byron Bennett kick).  
**Rushing:** Baldwin 7-63; Glantz 6-57; Soto 5-52; Leodis Flowers 10-50; Derek Brown 5-36; George Achola 6-34; Tim Johnk 1-19; Grant 5-11; Lance Lewis 1-2; Nate Turner 1-1; McCant 6-(-7); Haase 4-(-8).  
**Passing:** Haase 11-17-0 130; McCant 7-10-0 94; Grant 6-11-1 43.  
**Receiving:** Baldwin 4-19; Achola 3-29; Devall 3-18; Johnny Mitchell 2-44; Mike Vedral 2-28; Tom Werner 2-27; Tyrone Hughes 2-25; Leise 2-23; Turner 2-19; Lewis 1-23; Brown 1-1.  
**Interceptions:** Mike Anderson 1-5.