

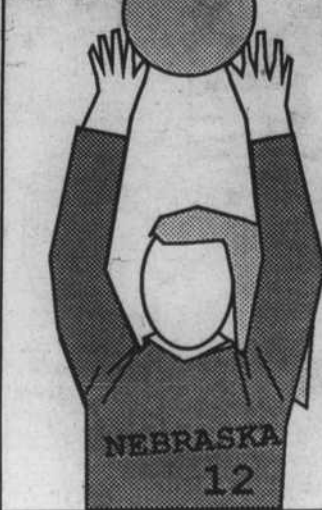
Bruce

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"We did an excellent job on special teams."
Bruce said he doesn't expect his players to be intimidated by Nebraska. "I have always admired the quality of kids that we have here," he said. "They go in and play hard against a team like this. I'm interested to see what we do this week. We'll play as hard as we possibly can. That's the best we can do."
"But I imagine the whole world doesn't give us much of a chance."
But Bruce is used to not being given a chance against the Huskers. He remembers those two upsets over Nebraska while at Iowa State, and he has told the Colorado State players not to forget that anything is possible. "No one believed in 1976 that we could have beaten Nebraska at our place (in Ames, Iowa)," Bruce said.

"No one anticipated in '77 that we could beat them (in Lincoln). But both of those teams played above themselves. That's what it takes."
Bruce said the Rams probably won't shift from their usual game play on Saturday, which includes more than 40 offensive sets and a pro-style passing game.
"We won't have any tricks," he said. "We're not into tricks. We're into playing football — solid, fundamental football. You go in and try to play sound defensive football, and use the approach we always do."
"We'll show up in Lincoln, look around at things and play as hard as we possibly can."
Bruce said he is anxious to see how his players bounce back from their season-opening loss.
"I have to see what type of character we have," he said. "I don't think we have had enough time to see the character of this team. That's very important. We'll see some Saturday."

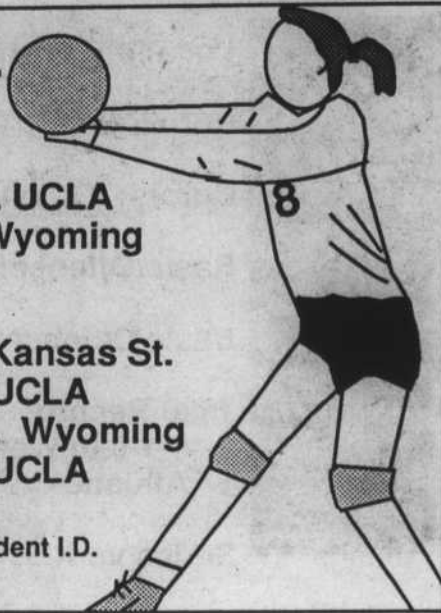
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1991 women's track team ranked

The Nebraska women's track and field team beat out North Carolina, UCLA and Louisiana State to be named the top collegiate dual-meet team for 1991 by Track & Field News.
The Husker women, who won the Big Eight indoor and outdoor titles for the 12th-consecutive year, finished third at the NCAA Outdoor meet and fourth at the national indoor championships.
Nebraska's women also were rated first in the 1,600-meter re-

lay, third in the 800 relay and fourth in the 400 relay and 3,200 relay in the magazine's national rankings. The national relay title in the 1,600 relay is the first for the Nebraska women.
The Cornhusker men's team, which was fifth in the magazine's dual-meet rankings in 1990, finished sixth for 1991.
Nebraska finished third in the combined rankings behind UCLA and Oregon.

Bruin match will test Huskers

By John Adkisson
Staff Reporter

Home openers are supposed to be easy. Apparently, nobody told that to the Nebraska volleyball team, which will face defending national champion UCLA in the showcase match of this weekend's Runza Invitational at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.
Kansas State and Wyoming will round out the four-team field, which will begin round-robin play at 6 p.m. tonight.



Pettit

Most of the attention this week has focused on the Nebraska-UCLA showdown at 8 p.m. Saturday. The 2-1 Bruins, ranked third, are coming off of their first loss in more than a year, a five-game setback to No. 2 Hawaii.
Pettit said the UCLA match will be a barometer as to how far the Huskers have progressed so far.
"(UCLA) will tell us some things matches up to this point haven't," he said. "We learn something from every match, and maybe some things will show up that haven't."
Bruin Coach Andy Banachowski said his team is looking forward to playing Nebraska in the Bob Devaney Sports Center, in a match which Nebraska officials hope breaks an all-time single match attendance mark.
"I hope we (break the mark),"

Banachowski said. "It's great because it's a matchup of two great teams."
Last season, Nebraska was the only team to beat UCLA, which finished 36-1. The two teams were only a match away from playing for the national championship, but Nebraska was beaten by Pacific in the national semifinals.
Pettit said Nebraska's 3-1 lifetime record against UCLA, which includes a victory in the 1989 Final Four, may be more coincidence than a reflection on the two teams.
"It's happenstance," Pettit said. "I really don't think it's a matter of matchups or systems. It just happens that on those particular occasions, we played better."

Nebraska will once again have to play at a high level, especially when trying to stop Bruin All-American Natalie Williams, who has averaged 6.5 kills a game in UCLA's first three matches.
Williams will be flanked by Elaine Youngs, a senior All-American outside hitter who missed all of last year because of an injury.
Pettit said it is hard not to be impressed by Williams and Youngs, along with Bruin middle blocker Marissa Hatchett.
"I don't know that you can stop them," Pettit said. "Natalie Williams in some circles is considered one of the best two or three players in the country."
Meanwhile, Nebraska will counter with second-team All-American

Stephanie Thater at middle blocker. But Janet Kruse, a two-time returning All-American for the Huskers, will miss the match with an ankle injury.
Two other Huskers who missed practice early this week, outside hitter Eileen Shannon (ankle) and freshman setter Christy Johnson (back spasms), will both be back.
The team that can best control the ball will have a good chance at winning the match, Pettit said.
"We need to have ball control," he said. "I think that's true for both teams. Serving, passing, handling the ball... that's the aspect we need to be consistent in."

Nebraska's other two matches, against Wyoming Friday night and against Kansas State before the Nebraska-Colorado State football game Saturday morning, also are important for the Huskers, Pettit said.
Last weekend in Manhattan, Kan., Nebraska beat Kansas State in consecutive games, winning 15-5, 15-2, 15-10. The Huskers have won all 43 times the two schools have played.
The game will not count as a Big Eight match, since Kansas State will play in Lincoln in late October.
Wyoming, a team which was ranked in Volleyball Monthly's Top 25, has lost two matches early. Last season, Nebraska beat Wyoming in three consecutive games in the NU Coliseum.

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