

# Outreach

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A total of 33 Husker athletes and 22 Golden Key members will go to schools speaking to students about the importance of education, academic motivation, goal-setting and overcoming adversity.

Zimmer said by putting the two groups together, it gives young people a chance to look at the athletes and at the Golden Key members as role

models.

Outside linebacker Trev Alberts said the outreach program also allows the student-athlete to gain confidence and allows others to see there is more to just playing sports.

"If we can get out there and show teachers and kids that we do care, then it is worthwhile," he said. "A lot of people don't really know what is included in our lives other than what we do on Saturdays, and basically, that's the smallest part of our lives."

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<p><b>California</b> Bowling Green vs. Fresno State or San Jose State Fresno, Calif., Dec. 14, 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Copper</b> Baylor vs. Indiana or North Carolina State Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 31, 8 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Aloha</b> Stanford vs. Georgia Tech Honolulu, Dec. 25, 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Peach</b> East Carolina vs. North Carolina State Atlanta, Jan. 1, 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Blockbuster</b> Alabama vs. Colorado or Nebraska Miami, Dec. 28, 9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Hall of Fame</b> Syracuse vs. Ohio State Tampa, Fla., Jan. 1, 1 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Independence</b> Arkansas (with one more win) vs. Georgia Shreveport, La., Dec. 29, 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Citrus</b> California vs. Clemson Orlando, Fla., Jan. 1, 1:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Liberty</b> Air Force vs. Mississippi-Mississippi State winner Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29, 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Cotton</b> Texas A&amp;M (SWC winner) vs. Florida State Dallas, Jan. 1, 1:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Gator</b> Oklahoma vs. Virginia Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 29, 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Fiesta</b> Penn State vs. Tennessee Tempe, Ariz., Jan. 1, 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Holiday</b> Iowa vs. BYU or San Diego State San Diego, Dec. 30, 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Rose</b> Washington vs. Michigan Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 1, 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Freedom</b> Tulsa vs. San Diego State or BYU Anaheim, Calif., Dec. 30, 9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Orange</b> Miami vs. Colorado or Nebraska Miami, Jan. 1, 8 p.m.</p>
<p><b>John Hancock</b> Illinois vs. UCLA El Paso, Texas, Dec. 31, 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Sugar</b> Notre Dame vs. Florida New Orleans, Jan. 1, 8:20 p.m.</p>

# National title last step for Nebraska

The annual talk of a national championship is floating around on campus.

No, it's not coming from Memorial Stadium this year.

Men's gymnastics doesn't determine its national champion until spring, so Francis Allen will have to wait a few more months to answer questions about how it feels to win his eighth national title.

Next year when volleyball coach Terry Pettit and his team move back into the newly renovated Coliseum, there just might be a national championship banner to hang from the rafters.

As of late, Pettit has his team playing as well as any in the country. Since losing three straight matches early in the season, the Cornhuskers have gone on a tear, winning 15 straight with only three matches lasting more than three games.

Should Nebraska come away with

one or even two wins this weekend against top-five Pacific, the Huskers have to be considered the favorite for the national championship. Since late September Nebraska has been simply dominant.



Nick Hytrek

"After routing a then higher-ranked Texas team on its home court, Pettit said he thought Nebraska might be playing the type of volleyball that would win the national championship; it was just a matter of staying consistent and focused.

Nebraska has been to the Final Four for the past two years now and the players are tired of coming back without the prize. This year's team has shown the hunger, desire and, in most cases, the consistency it takes to go all the way.

It also has more than enough talent to win.

With a front line of Cris Hall,

Stephanie Thater and Janet Kruse, Pettit has a three-pronged attack to terrorize opposing teams with.

After Kruse went down with an ankle injury in the season opener, Thater raised her performance to an All-American level, making up for Kruse's absence.

Since Kruse's return to the lineup, Nebraska has lost only once, and that was Kruse's first match back. During a four-match stretch, Kruse averaged more than 20 kills a match, including 23 in the win against Texas. It's not just coincidence that Nebraska's winning streak began at the same time Kruse returned.

Hall has been steady all season. Whenever there's a big turning point in a match, it seems Hall is involved, whether it's making an important kill or serving up a rally.

The emergence of Nikki Stricker as Nebraska's next great setter also has the Huskers looking tough.

Add in Eileen Shannon, who, like Hall, always raises her play in the big matches, and Kim Tonniges, a freshman who plays with the confidence of senior, Nebraska's starting lineup is as solid as they come.

Overall tournament experience is in Nebraska's favor also. Thater, Kruse, Hall and Shannon played in two Final Fours already, and Stricker in one. Nebraska also has played in two competitive non-conference tournaments and the Big Eight tournament could be the most competitive in recent years.

Just by watching this year's team develop throughout the season, it's obvious that this is a team on a mission. This crew is tired of just making it to the Final Four and they want to take that last step.

Come Dec. 21, Pettit should have a bigger smile on his face than when his team is thrashing Big Eight opponents. After all, he'll have just coached his first national championship team.

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