

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Men's volleyball club wins tournament**

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln men's volleyball club won the championship of the Big 10 Volleyball Tournament last weekend in Champaign, Ill.

In opening pool play, the club finished 3-1, defeating Iowa State 15-7, 15-2, Northwestern 15-7, 15-11 and Iowa 15-3, 15-9. The lone loss came to Michigan State 15-13, 15-13.

UNL then advanced to the at-large pool as the No. 2 seed. The team once again beat Iowa State 15-11, 15-9 in the semifinals and Park College of Kansas City, Mo., 15-7, 15-12 to win the championship.

UNL setter Corey Helle, a junior from Princeton, Ill., was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The club ends its preseason with a 7-1 record and will be idle until the regular season begins in January.

**Bench player moves to big time**

Before the season began, the question lingering over the Nebraska men's basketball team had nothing to do with glitz.

It had a lot to do with guts.

The Cornhuskers have always had flash. Look at this lineup: There's the ever-entertaining Carl Hayes, a rifle named Piatkowski, a point guard with an awfully cool name, a Valley Boy three-point gunner from California and a center who once played well against the Denver Nuggets' Dikembe Mutombo.

And there's always Coach Danny Nee's ties.

Coming into the season, Nee didn't question his team's ability to look good. What he did want was a Cornhusker to complement the glamour boys by coming off the bench, giving a bloody effort and leaving with little or no fanfare.

Hello, Bruce Chubick.

Chubick, the 6-foot-7 sophomore from Atkinson West Holt, has epitomized guts for Nebraska this season. After suffering a broken bone in his foot just a month and a half before the Huskers' season opener, he is now proving that a small-town boy can make it in the big time.

And as the 4-0 Huskers enter their matchup with No. 22 Michigan State tonight in East Lansing, Mich., Chubick's play has to be considered the pleasantest of surprises for Nee and his coaching staff.

Numbers don't lie: Chubick opened with 10 points and nine rebounds against Sam Houston State, then 15 points and 6 boards against Southern Cal, 11 and 8 against Southern Utah,

9 and 2 against The Citadel . . .

Is this the same Bruce Chubick who averaged one basket and one rebound just a year ago? And if so, what's changed?

This summer, Chubick looked to be about as much as a rebounding threat as 5-foot-11 teammate Matt Mar. A stomach ailment drained him and he dropped almost 30 pounds, his weight plummeting from 230 pounds to just over 200.

But then a trip to Europe on the Big Eight select team taught Chubick that to play with the big boys, you can't be afraid to bang with them.

closer to his own size.

All of that on top of this season's injury, when on Sept. 30, he broke a bone in his left foot while running pre-season conditioning drills at Ed Weir Track.

The doctors said he would be out six to eight weeks, but Chubick said he knew better.

"Myself, I thought I could be back," he said. "I wanted to make a point the first game. That was the goal the whole time I was hurt, to get back for the Sam Houston game."

And he was back in a big way. After he scored big against the Bearkats, Chubick and fellow bench players Dapreis Owens and Chris Cresswell proved themselves as huge assets to the Huskers when they helped engineer Nebraska's 93-84 win over Southern Cal at home.

But Chubick, although he is averaging double-figure scoring in his reserve role, said he can't label himself as "Official Bench Spokesman" quite yet.

"I don't know if it's proper for me to be the spokesman per se," he said, laughing. "I just like the fact that (the bench) is surprising a lot of people."

And with his early season production, Chubick, too, is surprising a lot of people.

"There's always going to be those people that say you can't, but if you've got it in your mind that you can, it's up to you," he said.

Whether you're a glamour boy or, like Chubick, just a gutsy basketball player.



**John Adkisson**

"I kind of like the contact. It's unlike how it used to be."

How it used to be for Chubick was easy. At Atkinson West Holt, he averaged a monster 33 points per game, scoring at will on outsized opponents all across the state. He was named the USA Today Nebraska Player of the Year twice, and led the Huskies to the 1988 Class C-1 State Championship.

After redshirting his first year, he had to withstand a rash of injuries just to survive into his sophomore season. Surgery on both shoulders. Back problems. Ankle problems. The stomach virus.

Chubick signed with Nebraska, and detractors said he would be unable to play against stronger, bigger players

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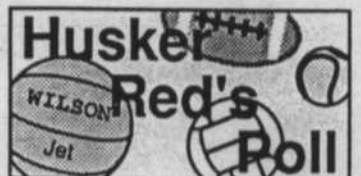
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**AP TOP 25**

Rank	School (First place votes)	Record	Pts.	PW's
1	Duke (63)	2-0	1,599	1
2	UCLA	2-0	1,415	4
3	Arizona	2-0	1,403	3
4	Ohio St.	2-0	1,348	5
5	N. Carolina	4-0	1,260	6
6	Seton Hall	2-0	1,216	7
7	St. Johns	3-0	1,204	8
8	Oklahoma St.	5-0	1,188	11
9	Indiana	1-1	1,075	10
10	Kansas	3-0	1,017	12
11	Arkansas	2-1	976	2
12	Connecticut	2-0	735	15
13	Utah	3-0	696	14
14	Kentucky	1-1	656	13
15	Alabama	3-0	628	16
16	LSU	2-1	491	9
17	Georgia Tech	3-1	452	18
18	Georgetown	2-0	445	17
19	Oklahoma	3-0	419	19
20	DePaul	1-0	397	20
21	Iowa	2-0	393	21
22	Michigan St.	3-0	385	-
23	Wake Forest	3-0	335	22
24	UNLV	2-0	247	-
25	Michigan	0-0	232	23



**Men's Flag Football**

1. Beta Theta Pi-A1 (9-0)
2. C & S Express (10-0)
3. Harper 3 (10-0)
4. Alpha Tau Omega B-1 (11-0)
5. Triangle-A (10-1)
6. Sigma Phi Epsilon A-2 (9-2)
7. Pi Kappa Phi-B (8-1)
8. Too Old to Care (7-1)
9. Law I (8-2)
10. Cather 2 (7-3)

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