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in that area.

The area we anticipate improvement in is setting, as both Nikki and Christy (Johnson) need to raise their level of play and they should be able to do that," Pettit said.

Nebraska's non-conference schedule this season includes traditional powers Pacific, New Mexico and Pittsburgh in September's FirsTier Invitational; defending national champion UCLA and Southern California volleyball coach, said the Huskers' renovant the Big Eight-Pac 10 Challenge; schedule wouldn't get easier when seum.

and the Big 10-Big Eight Challenge against Illinois and Ohio State, the team that knocked the Huskers out of the NCAA tournament last year.

Pettit said the difficult non-conference schedule would allow his team the opportunity to compete against the best teams in the nation, even though it might mean additional losses for Nebraska

"If our philosophy was 'Let's win eight or nine matches real quick to build up confidence,' we wouldn't be doing that," he said.

Pettit, who is Nebraska's winningest

the Big Eight season begins.

'The Big Eight is stronger," he said. "Oklahoma returns the most physical team, Colorado will be a very good team and Kansas will improve and be a team that can compete with the top three teams," Pettit

The Huskers, ranked seventh in Volleyball Magazine's preseason poll, will move back into the NU Coliseum for their season opener Sept. 1 against the Nebraska Alumni.

Nebraska played last year in the Bob Devaney Sports Center due to renovations to the 66-year-old Coli-

Huskers face difficult schedule, including UCLA, Pacific, Texas

By John Adkisson Senior Editor

The Nebraska volleyball team's schedule isn't just dotted with big matches every now and then.

There's a biggie every week.
"It's a typical Nebraska schedule," said Cornhusker volleyball coach Terry

The Huskers, after an exhibition against a team of former Nebraska all-stars on Sept. 1, embark on a September schedule that has them playing three teams that beat them

last season.

Pacific and New Mexico come to Lincoln for the FirsTier Invitational on Sept. 4-5, along with two-year NCAA tournament participant Pitts-

The next week, Nebraska will take its first road trip of the year - to Champaign, Ill., for the inaugural Big Eight-Big Ten Challenge.
Ohio State and Illinois, two teams

both rated in preseason Top 20 polls, will face the Huskers in Champaign.

The Buckeyes knocked Nebraska out of the NCAA Tournament in a match in Lincoln last December.

After a stretch of Big Eight matches through most of October, Nebraska will play three more Top 10 teams when they face Texas at home and play UCLA and Southern California in the Big Eight-Pac 10 Challenge in Los Angeles.

Two teams in the Huskers' Big Eight schedule - Colorado and Oklahoma - also were mentioned by coach Terry Pettit as preseason Top 20 teams. Nebraska plays each of those teams twice this season.

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Sept. 1	Nebraska Alumni	NU Coliseum	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 4-5	FirsTier Invitational	NU Coliseum	Schedule below
Sept. 11-12	Big Eight-Big Ten Challenge	Champaign, III.	Schedule below
Sept. 18	Wyoming	North Platte, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Wyoming	NU Coliseum	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Oldahoma	Norman, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Southwest Texas State	Norman, Okla.	1 p.m.
Sept. 30	Iowa State	NU Coliseum	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Oklahoma	NU Coliseum	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Kansas State	Manhattan, Kan.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Colorado *	NU Coliseum	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Kansas	NU Coliseum	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Missouri	NU Coliseum	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Colorado	Boulder, Colo.	8:30 p.m.
Nov. 6-7	Arby's Classic	NU Coliseum	Schedule below
Nov. 13-14	Big Eight-Big Ten Challenge	Los Angeles, Calif,	Schedule below
Nov. 18	Kansas State	NU Coliseum	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 21	Iowa State	Ames, lowa	7 p.m.
Nov. 27-28	Big Eight Tournament	Omaha, Neb.	TBA
Dec. 3-5	NCAA First Round	TBA	TBA
Dec. 10-12	NCAA Regional	TBA	TBA
Dec. 17-19	NCAA Championship	Albuquerque, N.M.	TBA

1992 FirsTier Invitational

5:30 p.m. Pacific vs. Pittsburgh 7:30 p.m. Nebraska vs. New Mexico 11:00 a.m. Nebraska vs. Pittsburgh 1:00 p.m. New Mexico vs. Pacific

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Arby's Classic 5:30 p.m. Wichita State vs. Texas

7:30 p.m. Nebraska vs. Texas Tech 5:30 p.m. Wichita State vs. Texas Tech 7:30 p.m. Nebraska vs. Texas

1992 Big 10-Big Eight Challenge

Friday 5:30 p.m. Nebraska vs. Ohio State 7:30 p.m. Illinois vs. Colorado

5:30 p.m. Colorado vs. Ohio State 7:30 p.m. Nebraska vs. Illinois

a Eight-Pac 10 Challenge

8 p.m. Nebraska vs. Southern Cal. 10 p.m. UCLA vs. Colorado

8 p.m. Colorado vs. Southern Cal. 10 p.m. Nebraska vs. UCLA

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