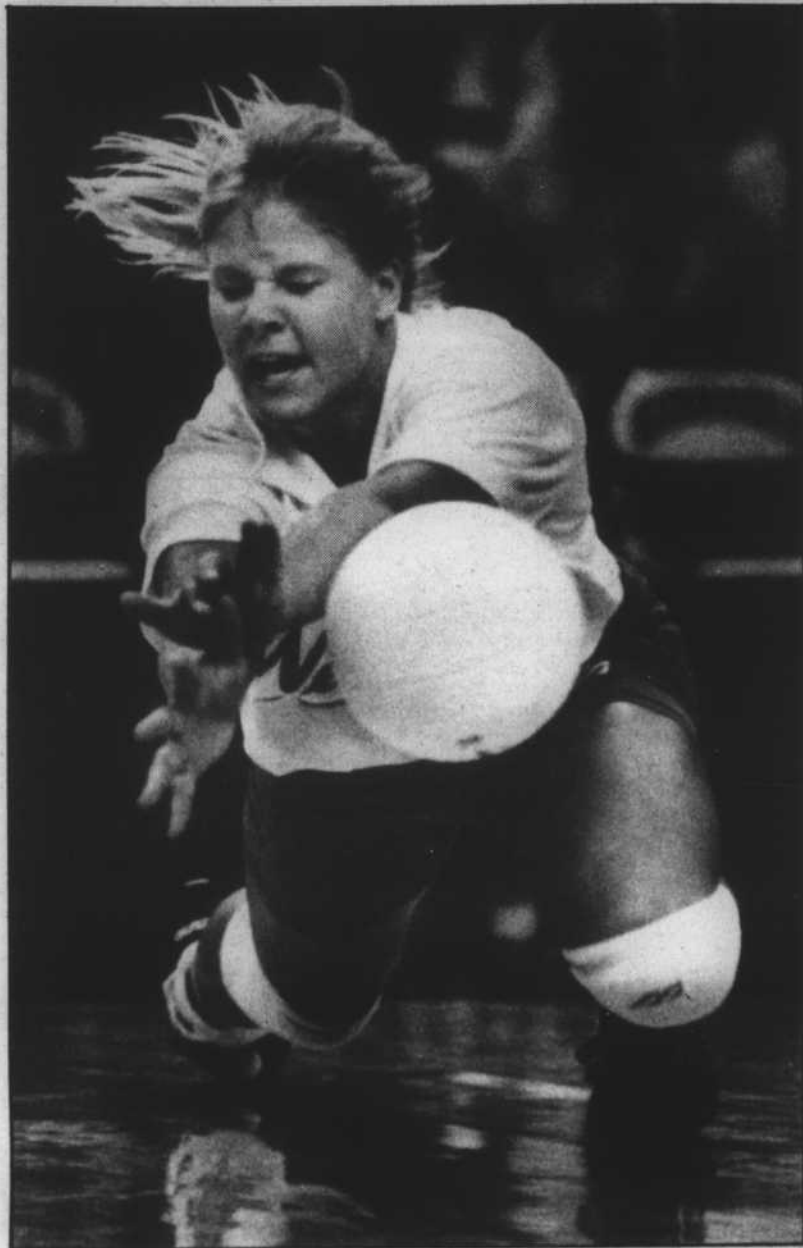


Huskers win but can't rely on talent to fuel the fire



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Nebraska's Kelly Aspegren narrowly misses a dig during Nebraska's four-game win over Iowa State Saturday night at the NU Coliseum.

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With a match against Colorado just around the corner, the Nebraska volleyball team may have taken a step back Saturday night.

Even though the Cornhuskers defeated Iowa State 15-11, 15-3, 9-15, 15-5 before an NU Coliseum crowd of 4,116, Pettit said his team had been better.

"We looked tentative," he said. "The last couple times out, we looked stronger."

But the Huskers did manage to improve their record to 19-0 and 6-0 in the conference.

"They know they didn't play well," Pettit said. "Even though they didn't play well, they won. We're fortunate that we have the talent to do that, but we can't do that for very long."

The Cyclones, who won one game from the Huskers in last weekend's match in Ames, Iowa, started out tough, jumping out to a 9-4 lead.

Nebraska battled back, though.

With outside hitter Kate Crnich serving, Nebraska rolled off five consecutive points to tie up the game. With the score 12-11 Nebraska, the No. 2 Huskers scored the final three points to win the first game.

Crnich started in place of sophomore outside hitter Maria Hedbeck, and she responded with five kills and a team-high 16 digs.

"She's been playing really well in practice," Pettit said of Crnich. "She's doing things I want others to do. She's had good intensity and good digging."

In the second game, the Huskers came out on fire. Behind Allison Weston, Nebraska jumped out to a 10-0 lead. In that string, Weston had four blocks and three kills. Overall, the 6-foot-2 middle blocker had 18 kills and four service aces.

"One thing we've been working on is blocking and defense, but the defense didn't show up," Weston said.

The blocking did, though. The Huskers had four solo blocks — three by Weston — and 16 assisted blocks.

Iowa State battled back from the

10-0 deficit with three points, but Nebraska put the match away with five straight points.

In the third game, the Huskers had chances to put the match away, but the Cyclones wouldn't let them. Iowa State took a 5-1 lead. The Huskers kept coming back, but Cyclone setter Kary Law put the game away with a kill.

Just as they did in the second game, the Huskers started out fast in the fourth game, taking an 11-2 lead on their way to a 15-5 win.

But Pettit said the Huskers must improve, especially in their defense and serving, if they want to win at Illinois on Tuesday and against Colorado in Lincoln on Saturday.

"I don't think we served very well," Pettit said. "In general, 14 service errors is awfully high for us."

Weston said the Huskers had problems Saturday night, and she didn't know why.

"It's kind of disappointing," she said. "We should've been really prepared for them. I don't know what the problem was."

Soccer team loses to Stanford

From Staff Reports

The Nebraska soccer team was tied with the No. 3 Stanford Cardinal until the last 10 minutes of Sunday's match. But the Huskers lost 4-2.

The Cornhuskers fell behind at the 29-minute mark when Cardinal sophomore Emily Burt gave Stanford a 1-0 lead. But 46 seconds into the second half, Husker sophomore Stephanie Vacek tied the score off of an assist by freshman Jamie Riley.

Stanford took a 2-1 lead when junior Carmel Murphy scored at the 76-minute mark of the game. Husker freshman Tanya Wright tied the score four minutes later.

But the Huskers wouldn't score again. The Huskers had only two shots on goal compared with Stanford's 24 shots. Nebraska goalkeeper Alison Dudley had six saves.

The Cardinal, who improved to 12-1 on the season, obtained the vic-

tory with two late goals for a 4-2 final score.

Nebraska defeated Colorado College on Saturday afternoon 2-1. Freshmen Danielle Boswell and Kristina Ritterbush both scored goals for the Huskers.

The Huskers' record is 11-3. Nebraska's next action will be this weekend as it travels to Austin, Texas, to take on Texas and Michigan.

Missouri

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he said. "It was all just a part of a day's work. You have just got to go out and get the thing recovered and get the ball in the hands of our offense and let them get going."

The Huskers' ensuing drive stalled at their own 42-yard line, and Darin Erstad punted into the end zone for a touchback. Seven plays later, Miles intercepted Missouri quarterback Jeff Handy's pass at the 50-yard line and returned to the Missouri 23-yard line.

After one rush by fullback Cory Schlesinger and five by Phillips, Berringer threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to tight end Mark Gilman with 4:56 to go in the third quarter, and Nebraska took a 21-0 lead.

A three-and-out series by Missouri returned the ball to the Huskers, and Berringer teamed up with split end Brendan Holbein for a 30-yard touchdown strike to increase Nebraska's

lead to 28-0 with 1:36 left in the third quarter.

Missouri finally got on the board when Handy connected with Rahsetnu Jenkins for a 34-yard touchdown pass.

But the Huskers responded by scoring on a 43-yard pass from Berringer to Reggie Baul to make it 35-7 with six minutes to play.

On its next drive, Nebraska suffered a blow when No. 2 quarterback Matt Turman sustained a badly bruised shoulder on a late hit out of bounds by Jerome Madison.

"It may be two weeks," Osborne said Sunday. "Maybe three weeks. Maybe he will return this week."

True freshman Monte Christo, whom the Huskers had hoped to redshirt, was forced to enter the game.

"We didn't want to play Christo if we could help it," Osborne said. "But it looks like Matt's out for a long enough time that Monte has to play."

Associated Press Poll

The top 25 teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses.

Rank	School	Pts.	Rec.
1	Penn St. (19)	1,486	6-0-0
2	Colorado (16)	1,482	7-0-0
3	Nebraska (24)	1,461	8-0-0
4	Auburn (3)	1,397	7-0-0
5	Florida	1,246	5-1-0
6	Miami (Fla.)	1,187	5-1-0
7	Texas A&M	1,171	7-0-0
8	Alabama	1,165	8-0-0
9	Florida St.	1,076	5-1-0
10	Michigan	998	5-2-0
11	Arizona	890	6-1-0
12	Utah	831	7-0-0
13	Virginia Tech	709	7-1-0
14	Syracuse	703	6-1-0
15	Washington	591	5-2-0
16	Duke	564	7-0-0
17	Colorado St.	543	7-1-0
18	Virginia	484	6-1-0
19	Texas	409	5-2-0
20	Brigham Young	363	7-1-0
21	Ohio St.	330	6-2-0
22	Washington St.	306	5-2-0
23	Kansas St.	269	4-2-0
24	North Carolina	204	5-2-0
25	Southern Cal	91	5-2-0

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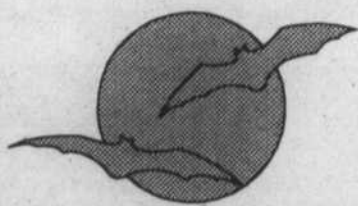
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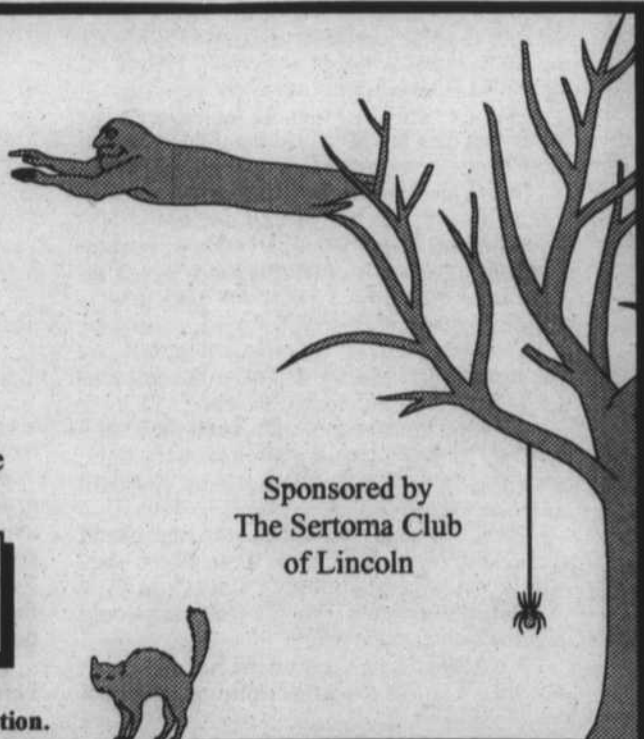
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