

# SPORTS WEEKEND

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## NU to use big guns against Russian rifle

By Mitch Sherman  
Senior Reporter

After listening to Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit talk about the Cornhuskers' opponent on Saturday night in the second round of the NCAA volleyball tournament, it wasn't difficult to determine his main concern.

When Nebraska takes the court at the NU Coliseum at 7:30 p.m. to play 32-3 George Washington, all eyes will be on the Colonials' star Svetlana Vtyurina.

The 6-foot-4 product from Russia registered 48 kills — an NCAA tournament record — in George Washington's first-round victory on Wednesday night over Wisconsin in Washington, D.C.

As host and top seed in the Mid-east regional, No. 1 Nebraska, 29-0,

had a first-round bye.

Pettit said Husker assistant coach Cathy Noth made the trip to the nation's capital to watch the match, and she came away impressed with Vtyurina.

"It's a big 6-4," Pettit said. "She hits the ball hard, and she hits a heavy ball. They set her in every position. Cathy estimated that she probably had 20 kills from the back row."

Pettit said the Huskers would have a problem matching up with Vtyurina, but as a whole, Nebraska compared favorably with the Colonials.

"I don't know that that's physically possible (to match up with Svetlana)," he said. "I'm probably less concerned about who we have blocking her than that we make good decisions and don't hit into her."

"She can only be at one position across the net. You tell your setter to be aware where she's at. We'll work on some of those things today, and I think we'll be ready."

In 12 NCAA tournaments, Nebraska has never lost its first match. But Pettit was quick to point out that Nebraska also had never had a first-round bye.

"With 48 teams in the tournament," he said, "the weaker teams are eliminated on Wednesday night. So you are playing somebody pretty good in your first opportunity."

He said Nebraska's first opponent a year ago, Cornell, which the Huskers swept, did not compare to George Washington.

"Cornell was a much weaker team," Pettit said. "Cornell was not a competitive team. George Washington is. They beat Pitt. Pitt beat Iowa (Wednesday) in the NCAA tournament. Iowa was third in the Big Ten."

The Colonials, however, are not accustomed to playing in front of large crowds. In their 35 matches this season, no crowd larger than 648 has seen George Washington play. Their average attendance, home and away, is 226.

At the Coliseum, Nebraska is averaging 3,379 fans per game, and officials are expecting their fifth sell-out of the season on Saturday night.

General admission tickets still are available. University of Nebraska-Lincoln students can buy tickets at the South Memorial Stadium ticket office for \$3.

### Nebraska In The NCAA

1993 - Second round loss to Notre Dame

1992 - Regional loss to Illinois

1991 - Regional loss to Ohio State

1990 - Semifinal loss to Pacific

1989 - Loss to long Beach State in final.

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## George Washington coach proud

By Trevor Parks  
Staff Reporter

This year the George Washington volleyball team has gone beyond Coach Susie Homan's expectations.

Homan said she wouldn't mind if her team kept exceeding those expectations with a win against No. 1 Nebraska in the second round of the NCAA tournament at the NU Coliseum on Saturday.

"We've had one little stumble all year long against Massachusetts," Homan said. "Fortunately we've bounced back, and things couldn't have gone better."

Homan's team has gone 32-3 and is making its second straight NCAA appearance under her guidance.

The Colonials are coming off a 15-13, 15-11, 12-15, 12-15, 15-10 victory over Wisconsin on Wednesday in Washington, D.C.

Homan said the win over the Badgers proved her team could compete well against a big-name school.

"It was a huge win for us," Homan said. "It wasn't just George Washington vs. Wisconsin; it was Atlantic 10 vs. Big Ten. And we wanted to beat a Big Ten team."

Earlier this year, the Colonials defeated Minnesota, another Big Ten school.

Homan said East Coast volleyball teams were not as widely noticed as teams on the West Coast. However, she said her team was out to surprise some people.

"The problem is where the West views the East," Homan said. "That's been the most difficult part of my job, just gaining respect."

A key factor in gaining some national respect is All-American Svetlana Vtyurina.

Vtyurina, a 6-foot-4 junior from Russia, set an NCAA tournament record with 48 kills against the Badgers.

"She was phenomenal," Homan said. "I expected her to have a successful match, but to get 48 kills, I had no idea."

Although the Huskers and the Colonials are meeting for the first time, Nebraska is no stranger to Homan.

Homan, a native of Crete, coached for five years at the University of Nebraska at Omaha before going to George Washington.

Homan said she had told her team about the atmosphere at the

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**SUSIE HOMAN**

George Washington volleyball coach

### NU vs. GW

Starters for Saturday's 7:30 p.m. match at the NU coliseum.

Nebraska (29-0)

S Christy Johnson 5-8 Jr.  
MB Peggy Meyer 6-1 Sr.  
MB Allison Weston 6-0 Jr.  
OH Billie Winsett 5-11 Jr.  
OH Maria Hedbeck 5-10 So.  
OH Kelly Aspegren 5-11 Sr.

George Washington (32-3)

S Kate Haubenreich 5-8 So.  
MB Anna Krimmel 6-0 So.  
MB Stefanie Francis 6-1 Sr.  
OH Liu Li 6-0 Sr.  
OH Svetlana Vtyurina 6-4 Jr.  
OH Jill Lemmert 5-9 Jr.

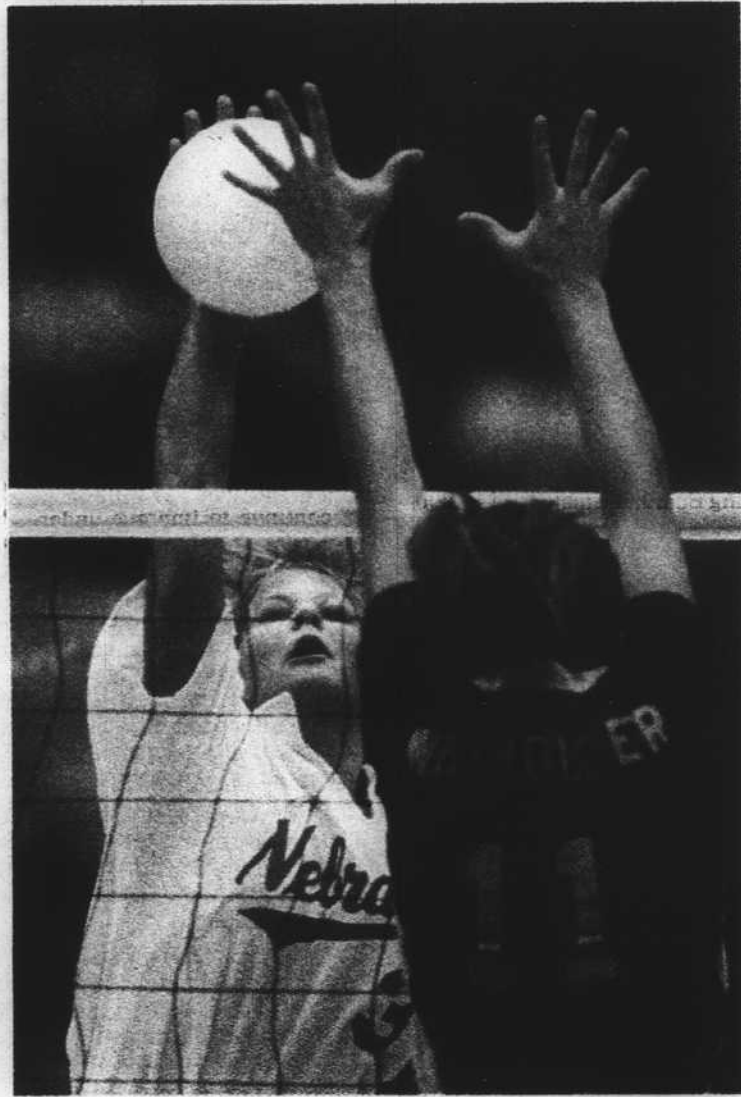
NU Coliseum, and the Colonials should be ready.

"This is a perfect dream in terms of sports," Homan said. "To play in front of a packed house against the No. 1 team, we are really up for that challenge."

George Washington was allotted 150 tickets for Saturday's match, and Homan said her team would have some support because of her local background.

Homan said Nebraska had done a great job this season. Being able to go 29-0 is something that may be as intimidating as the Coliseum, she said.

"I don't care what schedule you play," she said. "A record like that speaks for itself."



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Nebraska's Kelly Aspegren goes for the kill as Colorado's Rachel Wacholder defends. Nebraska will play George Washington on Saturday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

## Top high school quarterback likely to become Husker

By Mitch Sherman  
Senior Reporter

One of the top high school quarterbacks in the South has placed Nebraska high on the list of schools he is considering attending next year.

Frankie Lundin, a 6-foot-1, 175-pound signal caller from LaGrange High School in Lake Charles, La., is leaning toward committing to Nebraska, his coach said Thursday.

Mike Johns, coach of LaGrange, which plays on Friday in the Class 5A state semifinal, said Lundin would fit in well if he decided to come to Nebraska.

"On a smaller basis," Johns said, "we run a lot of the same things Nebraska does. We have got an I-formation offense. He does a lot of things very well."

Lundin is ranked as a 5.8 on a 6.1 scale by National Recruiting Advisor, a recruiting service based in Austin, Texas. He has thrown for 1,541 yards and 13 touchdowns this year. Rushing the ball, he has scored six times and gained 771 yards.

"He has done a great job as a leader," Johns said. "At the start of the year, his stats were

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**MIKE JOHNS**

LaGrange High School coach

down a little bit, because we had only one member of our offensive line back. But as the season has gone on, he has performed well when it counts."

Johns said Lundin had the grade point average in his core classes to meet eligibility requirements, but he scored a 16 on the American College Test the first time he took it.

In order to meet Proposition 48 requirements, athletes must score a 17 on the ACT or 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Johns said Lundin was scheduled to retake the ACT on Dec. 10. But if LaGrange wins on Friday, it will be playing in the state title game on that day.

"If that happens," Johns said, "he'll have to take it in February. But he's going to pass the test. That's not going to be a problem."

Along with Nebraska, Johns said Lundin also was considering Texas A&M, Notre Dame, Louisiana State, Vanderbilt and Baylor. He said Texas A&M probably was second on his list.

"Right now," Johns said, "I am not sure where he's going. Nebraska is way, way up there. He's had a real good year, and he's led us through the playoffs."

Nebraska personnel are prohibited from commenting on potential recruits until after they sign letters of intent, on or after Feb. 1.

### Nebraska Football Commitments

Name	Height	Weight	Pos.
Andy Bilanzich Salt Lake City	6-2	180	P-PK
Kris Brown Carroll, Tex.	6-0	185	PK
Brandon Drum Columbus (Scotus)	6-5	250	OT
Lonnie Fulton Grand Island	6-5	240	OL
Marcus Johnson Vista, Calif.	6-6	260	OL
Adam Julch Omaha (Burke)	6-5	300	OT
Chad Kelsay Auburn	6-4	220	LB
Karnell Matthews St. Charles, Mo.	5-11	180	DB
Chris Ramey Minneapolis, Minn.	5-11	175	CB

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