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Seniors Christy Johnson, Billie Winsett and Allison Weston are poised to lead the Nebraska volleyball team this season.

Seniors expect national title

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The Nebraska volleyball team finished one step shy of making it to the NCAA Final Four a year ago with a loss to Penn State.

But Coach Terry Pettit said that depth and senior leadership could be the keys to taking the next step in 1995.

"We have 12 really good players," Pettit said. "And our seniors really know what they're doing."

The Cornhuskers lost Kelly Aspegren and Peggy Meyer off last year's 31-1 team.

But senior Allison Weston said this group of three seniors (Weston, Billie Winsett, and Christy Johnson) might

be more focused on reaching the next level.

"This group of seniors is unique," Weston said. "I think we're one of the most dedicated group of seniors."

Johnson and Weston were part of the 1994 American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American First Team. Weston also was named the 1994 Big Eight Player of the Year.

Winsett was a second-team All-Mideast Region and second-team All-Big Eight selection.

All three seniors took part in the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival this summer.

Despite their experience and accomplishments, Winsett said she didn't feel any pressure to be a senior leader

this season.

"I don't see it as pressure," Winsett said. "I see it as a goal and a duty. My goal is to have enough confidence in myself to help lead the team, and my duty is to just be consistent."

Weston agreed. "Coaches do most of the showing, and we're basically just leading by example," she said.

Winsett said the seniors knew what Pettit wanted from them, and she thought the team could provide the results.

"The seniors have been here the longest and know what's expected of them," Winsett said. "And to me it's going to be a big disappointment if we don't win the national championship."

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