

Men's basketball tickets on sale

From Staff Reports

Applications are now available for 1996-97 Nebraska men's basketball season tickets. Applications, which must be turned in by Sept. 27, can be picked up at the athletic ticket office, 117 South Stadium.

The defending National Invitation Tournament champions open their exhibition season Nov. 7 against Team Pella at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. NU's home opener, Nov. 26, is against Weber State.

Pavelka passes for more dough

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Also stipulated in Pavelka's dream contract was an expense agreement that would not require him to provide detailed expense vouchers.

He asked for a \$250,000 life insurance policy, three pairs of season tickets, and for good measure, six press and six parking passes for all home games.

And so in the end, it looks as if there was only one love in Pavelka's life larger than his love for the Huskers: his love of money.

It's been said that all good things must come to an end, and this fall, that will be the case. Kent Pavelka was good.

But not that good.

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Men's Basketball

1996-97 Schedule

Date	Opponent
Nov. 23	at Texas
Nov. 26	Weber St.
Nov. 30	Oregon St.
Dec. 3	Texas-San Antonio
Dec. 6	American Classic
	Coppin St.
	Bowling Green
	Colgate
Dec. 7	Conestoga
	Championship
Dec. 11	at Minnesota-Lexington City
Dec. 14	at Northern Iowa
Dec. 21	Minnesota
Dec. 30	San Juan Classic
Jan. 1	Old Dominion
	Cincinnati
	Bowling Green
	Mississippi St.
	Fresno St.
	SE Missouri St.
	at Missouri St.
Jan. 4	at Colorado
Jan. 8	Creighton
Jan. 11	Texas A&M
Jan. 15	Kansas St.
Jan. 18	Missouri
Jan. 22	at Missouri
Jan. 25	at Oklahoma
Jan. 29	Iowa St.
Feb. 1	at Kansas
Feb. 5	Colorado
Feb. 8	at Texas Tech
Feb. 10	at Kansas St.
Feb. 16	Texas
Feb. 19	at Baylor
Feb. 22	at Iowa St.
Feb. 25	at Oklahoma St.
March 2	Kansas

ESPN special angers NU

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ESPN's supposed intentions by Chris Anderson, NU's sports information director.

Anderson said she received a letter from Firestone requesting that Osborne do the interview.

"I never saw the letter," Osborne said.

Anderson said she was assured by Firestone that the interview would focus on the upcoming season.

However, Firestone said he never proposed or agreed to any stipulations with the interview. Firestone said any specifications to an interview would violate his journalistic integrity, and it would ruin his credibility as a journalist.

Firestone and Osborne both said 80 to 90 percent of the interview focused on last season's off-field legal problems.

Nebraska's 1995 national championship season was smeared by a national news media frenzy over Lawrence Phillips' assault of a former girlfriend; Osborne's decision to allow Riley Washington to practice while facing charges of second-degree attempted murder, and Christian Peter's disturbing the peace conviction in Kearney, where he allegedly grabbed a woman around the neck.

Firestone said he also asked Osborne about his relationship with former Nebraska quarterback Brook Berringer—who died in a plane crash last spring—and about Osborne's late

father and grandfather.

In August, Washington graduated and opted not to complete his final year of eligibility. Phillips also passed on his senior season, and he was drafted by the St. Louis Rams in the first round of the National Football League Draft.

Peter was drafted by the New England Patriots but within a week, he was released.

"I'm tired of talking about last year, and those players are all gone," Osborne said. "All those questions have been answered over and over and over again."

Firestone said he found it ironic that Osborne didn't want to talk about last season, even though his book, "On Solid Ground," was released the same week the interview was taped.

The book details many of the same situations discussed in the interview, Firestone said.

"It was not my intent to be malicious during the interview," Firestone said. "Coach Osborne is a very idealistic and principled man, and I don't think he looked bad at all during the interview."

Firestone said he knew Osborne was upset by the way the coach removed his microphone and left the studio after the interview, which was recorded in mid-August at the HuskerVision studios in the West Stadium. Part of the interview was televised earlier this month on Sportscenter's Sunday night conver-

sation.

Thursday's special also includes an interview with Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden.

Firestone said he still considers Osborne a friend, but the broadcaster said the episode probably strained their relationship.

"I will probably be vilified by Husker viewers who consider that I am dragging up old news," Firestone said. "I don't want to be the poster boy as a person who is anti-Osborne or anti-Nebraska."

"I know football is king in Nebraska, and it is the most important celebrated act of the state of Nebraska. I also know that many people feel that the players can do no wrong. I just hope they realize these were fair questions. I didn't intend to be disrespectful."

Tonight's interview will not end questions about last year's team, Firestone said, but he did say the comments will probably "go away in October and November, when they are rolling along toward their third championship."

Firestone said he thinks Nebraska will win an unprecedented third straight title this year.

"I don't have anything against Roy Firestone," Osborne said, "and I don't have any question that I haven't answered straight on. But I just don't feel like I need to answer the same ones over and over again."

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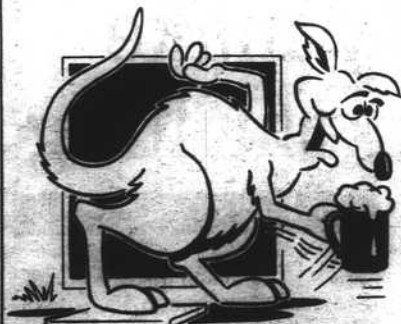
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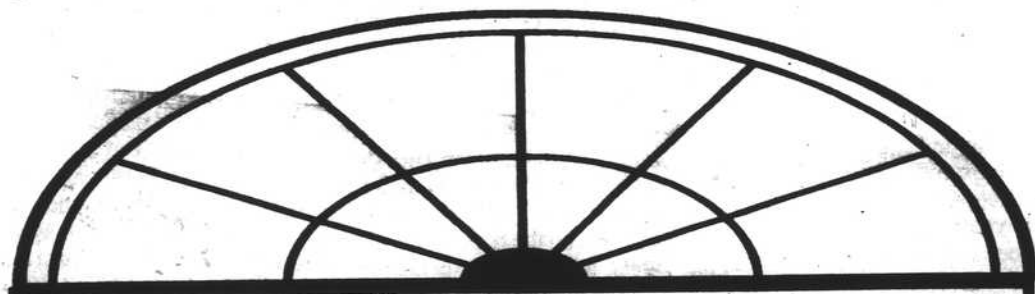
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