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Ameritas Classic foes bring big names

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Their team's names are not marquee, but some big-name basketball players are headed to the Bob Devaney Sports Center this weekend.

That's big as in tall, and big as in some of the top post players in the country.

Seven NBA scouts will be on hand **Moore**

to watch Patriot League player of the year Adonal Foyle of Colgate, and Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference player of the year Terquin



Mott, a Coppin State forward, battle Nebraska's Mikki Moore.

The 10th annual Ameritas Classic begins tonight when the Cornhuskers (3-1) play host to Coppin State (0-1) at 6:30. Bowling Green (3-1) plays Colgate (0-2) following the first game.

The consolation game will be played Saturday at 5 p.m. with the championship game set to start at 7:10 p.m.

Moore, a 6-foot-11, 220-pound senior, the tallest of the three players, said he has been looking forward to this weekend since the middle of last summer.

"I'm looking forward to it, big time," Moore said. "I'm putting my personal goals to the side, but when it comes to things like this, I have to step up. I don't mean shoot the ball every time I get it. I just have

to play at a level that they are."

The 6-10, 250-pound Foyle is averaging 23 points, 13 rebounds and an astounding 9.5 blocked shots per game. Foyle had a triple-double in an overtime loss to Fairfield Saturday.

Mott, a 6-8 senior, has struggled, scoring just nine points against Oklahoma—the Eagles' lone game of the season. Last year, Mott averaged 19 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. Coppin State guard Antoine Brockington scored 23 points in the 88-64 loss to the Sooners.

Moore has played well in NU's four games. The senior from Gaffney, S.C., is averaging 12.3 points and 10 rebounds per game. He has also 19 blocked shots for an average of 4.7 a game.

"When I found that is who we

are playing and who's on those teams," Moore said, "I've been waiting for them."

Moore may miss matching up against Foyle because Colgate is playing a talented Bowling Green team tonight. The Falcons defeated three-time Big Ten champion Purdue earlier this season, but lost to Northern Illinois 81-73 on Wednesday night.

Nebraska point guard Tyrone Lue, who had a season-high 25 points against Texas-San Antonio Tuesday night, said Moore plays well when another big man poses a tremendous challenge.

"Every time we play against a team with a good big man, Mikki always steps up to the challenge," Lue said. "I'm looking forward to this, and Mikki is looking forward to it also."

Basketball Starters

Nebraska 2-1

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
F 13	Bernard Garner	6-7	245	Sr.
F 5	Larry Florence	6-5	225	So.
C 32	Mikki Moore	6-11	220	Sr.
G 30	Cookie Belcher	6-3	200	Fr.
G 10	Tyrone Lue	6-0	170	So.

Coppin St. 2-1 Today, 6:30 p.m. Devaney Center

F 25	Terquin Mott	6-8	250	Sr.
C 34	Kareem Lewis	6-7	260	Jr.
G 32	Denny Singletary	6-0	175	Jr.
G 21	Antoine Brockington	6-2	170	Jr.
G 24	Jeral Seamon	6-3	170	So.

Upstart Arkansas to face No. 4 NU

Razorbacks won't be in awe of Nebraska, coach says.

By **SHANNON HEFFELFINGER**
Staff Reporter

No one expected Arkansas Volleyball Coach Chris Poole to guide his team to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in only its third year of existence.

But the Lady Razorbacks have exceeded expectations, posting a 26-10 record and winning the Southeastern Conference Western Division.

By defeating Rhode Island in five games Wednesday in a first-round battle, Arkansas advanced to the second round of the tournament to play 27-3 Nebraska, the defending national champion, Saturday night at 7:30 at the NU Coliseum.

"We are very excited," Poole said. "We're still young, and we're still inexperienced. We don't have that tradition yet, so everything we do, we're creating something for our program. It's just a great opportunity."

The Razorbacks have been fortunate in their recruiting the last three years, Poole said. Arkansas—which starts three sophomores—lists only one senior on its roster. But Poole said his team's youth is not necessarily a negative thing.

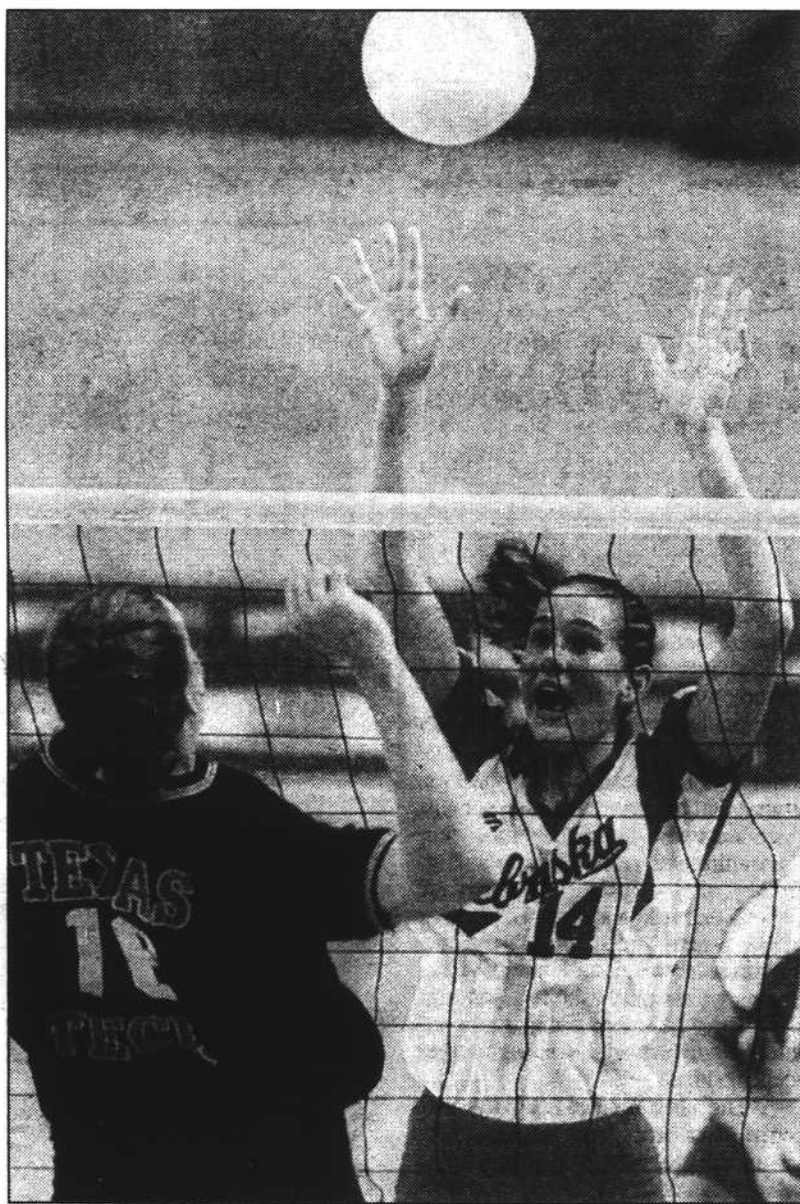
"We really showed a lot of guts in the fifth game against Rhode Island," Poole said. "At times, we were playing not to lose instead of playing to win."

"But we realized that we'd have to step up and be the aggressor, and we did that."

Sophomore middle blocker Kim Storey, who attended Bellevue West High School, pounded a team-best 26 kills in the Razorbacks' first-round victory. Storey leads Arkansas defensively with 1.3 blocks per game.

Arkansas is led at the net by Denise Baez, a two-time All-SEC first-team selection. Baez, a transfer from Washington State, is averaging a team-leading 4.2 kills per game with a .311 hitting percentage.

The Razorbacks have played five matches against ranked opponents this season, including two against No. 2 Florida. Despite recording only one victory over a ranked foe, Poole said



SCOTT BRUHN/DN

JAIME KRONDAK and the Nebraska volleyball team will play host to the NCAA Tournament's East Regional with a win Saturday.

Arkansas will not be intimidated by the Cornhuskers, who have not lost at home this season.

"We certainly know Nebraska's reputation," Poole said. "I have a lot of respect for Terry Pettit and the things he's done."

"I'm sure there will be nerves, but I don't think we'll be in awe of Nebraska. It's not like we've never played a top 10 team before. I've just got to convince the team that it's just like playing Florida."

Pettit said the No. 4 Huskers, who

will host the four-team East Regional Tournament if they defeat Arkansas on Saturday, will not take the Razorbacks lightly.

"There haven't been any weak teams in the NCAAs in several years," Pettit said. "Whoever you play is a great team."

Just earning the opportunity to play Nebraska is a step for the Razorback program, Poole said.

"This is a match we'll build on," he said. "Whether we win or lose, we'll gain something for our program."

Big Kona Classic will pit NU, Iowa

By **MIKE KLUCK**
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When Coach Angela Beck constructed Nebraska's basketball schedule, she wasn't looking at this weekend's Big Kona Classic as a nice trip to Hawaii.

Beck wanted to use this trip to Hawaii as a measuring stick, comparing the Cornhuskers to one of the

nation's top teams.

The 5-0 Huskers will face Pacific (0-2) tonight at 5 and 10th-ranked Iowa (2-1) on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Big Kona Classic in Kona, Hawaii.

"We set the schedule for this," Beck said. "Our team has lived up to what we wanted. If we beat Pacific, we want a shot at Iowa."

Iowa finished last season with a 27-4 record and advanced to the regional semifinals of the NCAA Tournament. The Hawkeyes have beaten Iowa State and Illinois State, but they lost at home to 20th ranked Notre Dame.

Nebraska and Iowa have not faced each other since 1991, when the Hawkeyes beat the Huskers 64-59 in Lincoln. Iowa Coach Angie Lee said it's strange that the two Midwestern teams have to go to Hawaii to play each other.

"Whenever we have played Nebraska, they have always given us a really good challenge," Lee said. "It's been awhile since we have played them, but I've been very impressed with the job Angela Beck has done with that program."

"They always seem to be in the thick of things and our game with them should be good."

Both Iowa and Nebraska play an up-tempo style. Although Beck said NU can't look past Pacific—which has lost to Santa Clara and San Francisco—it will be interesting to see if the Huskers can dictate the game's pace against Iowa.

"Iowa is probably going to have

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Nebraska 5-0

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.
F 30	Anna DeForge	5-11	Jr.
F 22	Tina McClain	5-10	Sr.
C 25	Emily Thompson	6-3	Jr.
G 20	LaToya Doage	5-6	Sr.
G 24	Nicole Kubik	5-10	Fr.

Pacific 0-2 Today, 5 p.m. Kona, Hawaii

F 20	Sarah Yarbrough	6-2	So.
F 31	Cathy Lauritzen	6-0	Jr.
C 32	Kate McAllister	6-1	Sr.
G 33	Shannon Smith	5-9	Fr.
G 3	Allison Luckay	5-5	Fr.

Iowa 2-1 Sunday, 12:30 p.m.

F 15	Shannon Perry	6-1	
F 54	Amy Herring	6-4	
C 50	Pangela Smith	6-4	
G 13	Nadine Domond	5-9	
G 22	Susan Koeing	5-9	

more speed," Beck said. "It will be the first team we face that will have more speed than us. I think our kids will be challenged by that opportunity."

"It will be interesting to see if we're capable of playing our style, or if we will have to adjust our style to fit somebody else."

Sunday's game may be determined by the Hawkeyes' condition after playing Boise State today and Pacific on Saturday, Lee said.

"When you go in a tournament like this, you put a challenge to your players," Lee said. "There's not a lot of prep time, so you just have to rely on instinct. It's good, because a lot of times that's the way it is in the NCAA Tournament."