

NU's Korver overcomes off-court setbacks

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percent of their classes toward their major completed by their fourth year. This caused a dilemma for the electrical engineering major.

"Transferring set me back quite a bit, because I lost a lot of credit hours coming here," said Korver, who transferred from George Washington after her freshman year. "I can also take only 12 hours when most engineering majors take 15 hours, so that also set me back quite a bit."

But academics was not the only problem for the Panama native. Studying for her correspondence sociology course three weeks before the season started, Korver came down with mononucleosis, making it more difficult to focus on her class.

"I was literally in bed for three weeks trying to take this course, knowing I would have no exceptions because

of NCAA rules," Korver said. So, I went home, and my mom stayed home from work to help me stay awake and going, so I could focus on sociology."

With the help from her family, Korver was able to pass her sociology class and become healthy for the beginning of the season. Now a month into the season, Korver has been able to focus more on volleyball and become one of the most dominant middle blockers in the country.

This season, Korver said, she has been better able to balance the academic demands of her major and the rigors of volleyball.

"Coach (Terry Pettit) says I am a very narrow minded thinker and very technical. But in volleyball, you can not always be narrow minded, because you have to be ready for anything," Korver said.

"I go study for five hours at a time and look at numbers, and then I go play

volleyball and have to have a huge view of everything on the court," Korver said. "Last year was difficult for me to do that, but this year has been better because I'm adjusting and getting used to it."

The adjustments so far have paid off for Korver. After 11 matches, Korver averages 3.15 kills a game, and she has a .459 hitting percentage, which is in the top 10 in the country. She also is among the nation's leaders with 1.67 blocks a game.

Last weekend in matches against Iowa State and Missouri, Korver had 21 kills, two solo blocks, five block assists and had a .714 hitting percentage.

During most of last season, Korver often would be taken out when she had to play back row. After a string of injuries, Pettit decided to leave her in for full rotations, which he said has made a difference in Korver's performance this year.

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NU middle blocker

"When we made the decision to leave her in last year after some injuries, we saw her get better, and that has carried over to this year," Pettit said. "She plays better when she is out there all the time, and has become a real strong passer and is doing a great all-around job."

The combination of managing her school work, playing full rotations and competing in her final year have led Korver to have an outstanding senior

season so far. With everything in place, Korver is continuing to work on helping the third-ranked Huskers reach their goals.

"I know we are going to go to the NCAAs and the Final Four," Korver said. "Freshmen say they cannot wait until their senior year so they can lead the team, but it has been scary and fast. I am doing my best to let it all hang out on the court, because I have nothing to lose since this is my last year."

Huskers' Anderson a versatile star

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days were over after the Clemson game, but during the UCLA game Sept. 18, LeBlanc got red carded, forcing Anderson back to the goal. Against Southern California on Sept. 20, she played the full 90 minutes in the net.

In her 144 minutes of action, she has given up just one goal.

Prior to those games, the last time

Anderson played goalie was her junior year at Omaha Burke High School. She played just one half of the game, and her team lost.

Walker said Anderson's knowledge of soccer has helped her adjust to the different positions.

"She's an intelligent player," Walker said. "Otherwise, we wouldn't be able to play her in so many different positions."

Anderson said the position switches have made her a complete player.

"Most every week, I'm trying out a new position," Anderson said. "It's making me a better player. I'm not going to ask too many questions. I just do whatever is needed."

"Every position, you need to do something different. I can only go in and do what I can. I can't control where I am going to play."



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Men's golf team wins 1st tourney of 1998 season

From staff reports

This was the tournament Nebraska Men's Golf Coach Larry Romjue was waiting for.

Playing against a solid field with ranked teams, the Cornhuskers won their first tournament of the season with a four-stroke victory at the Colorado State Ram Intercollegiate in Fort Collins, Colo., Tuesday.

NU finished with a 54-hole score of 837, ahead of No. 17 Oklahoma, which finished with 841. Fresno State finished third with a 845, while Colorado State and San Diego State tied for fourth at 846.

"If we keep playing like this, we'll be all right for the rest of the season," Romjue said. "This is probably the best win we've had in a couple of seasons."


NU senior Jaime Rogers broke out of a slump with a with a tie for first at the tournament. Rogers shot rounds of 67, 72 and 65 to finish at 6-under-par.

"Jaime played well in this tournament, and you just hope that it keeps going," Romjue said. "We want to get him back to where he's playing good every tournament."

Steve Friesen finished in a tie for fifth, while Scott Gutchewski finished 11th.

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