

Hapless Clones fodder in NU stretch run

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strong finish over the next month."

Sophomore outside hitter Laura Pilakowski said she was just excited to play a home match.

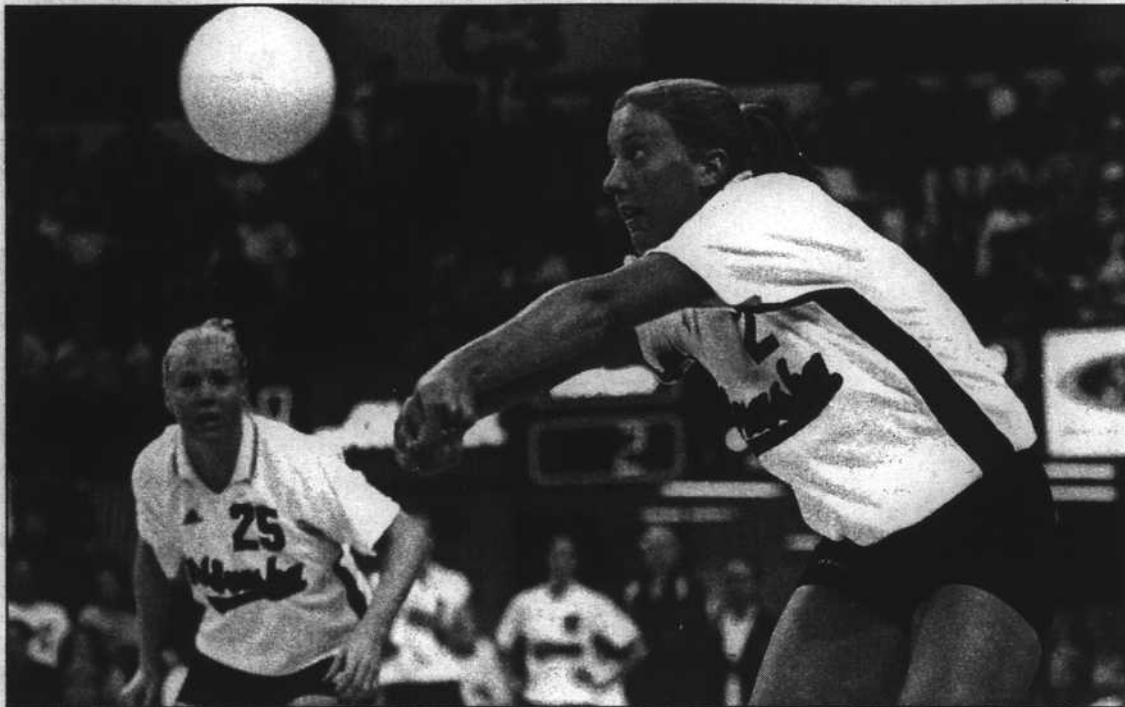
The last time NU played in the Coliseum was Oct. 28.

"We knew if we beat Texas A&M we would be able to share the title," Pilakowski said. "We haven't played in the Coliseum for a while, so its important we go out strong for our seniors."

Despite ISU's record, Cook wants his team to go into tonight's match trying to get some things done.

Matches like this are good for improving the aspects of the game that need fine tuning, he said.

"They're all business right now," Cook said. "They know they've had three days off and now its time to go."



NU's Angie Oxley returns a serve while Kim Behrends looks on. The two senior starters will look to lead NU over Iowa State tonight. DN File Photo

Wortmann unlikely star in rout of Yugoslavia men

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of its shots, allowing Nebraska to expand on a 40-25 halftime lead. Meanwhile, NU shot 56 percent from the field, including 10 of 19 shooting from behind the arc.

The Big Red had four players who scored in double digits.

Besides Belcher, senior forward Steffon Bradford notched 19 points. Senior guards Cary Cochran and Craig Wortmann each popped in 15.

Wortmann will likely be a key figure for Collier on Saturday as senior center Kimani Ffriend and senior guard Rodney Fields serve

the last game of a three-game suspension.

"Wortmann did a nice job off the bench and he will probably have to play the utility position for us," Collier said. "He's playing everything from the big guys to smaller guys."

Belcher said Wortmann's play

could be a major help Saturday and acknowledged how important it was for this Husker team to start the season off right against ORU.

"We haven't won a road game in a long time," Belcher said. "It would be a big step for us if we can go in and win that first game."

NU aims to finish season on high note

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tion has been Nebraska can end up in the Cotton Bowl or Holiday Bowl. The Huskers also have a slim chance at a BCS berth, but only if Kansas State loses to Missouri on Saturday. K-State is a 22-point favorite over the Tigers.

The last time NU played in the Cotton Bowl was 1980 when they lost to Houston, 17-14. Nebraska went to the Holiday Bowl in 1998 and lost to Arizona, 23-20.

Nebraska wants to end this

season better than that.

"Nobody wants to end things on a bad note," tight end Tracey Wistrom said.

Wistrom said NU could take one of two approaches to the rest of the year. It can go through the motions or it can pick itself off the floor and plan on dominating what's left of the schedule.

Polk made it clear which of the two NU will be taking.

"Even though we're not going to the title game," he said, "we're going to be practicing like we are."

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