

# 1986 NCAA FINALISTS (29-6, 10-0 BIG EIGHT)

## HONORS & AWARDS

- **AVCA Coach of the Year**  
Terry Pettit
- **Honda Award for Volleyball**  
Karen Dahlgren
- **All-Americans**  
Tisha Delaney, first team  
Karen Dahlgren, first team  
Enid Schonewise, first team
- **CoSIDA Academic All-American**  
Karen Dahlgren, first team
- **NCAA Championship All-Tournament**  
Karen Dahlgren  
Tisha Delaney
- **NCAA Regional All-Tournament**  
Karen Dahlgren  
Kathi DeBoer  
Enid Schonewise
- **All-Big Eight**  
Karen Dahlgren, first team  
Enid Schonewise, first team  
Tisha Delaney, first team  
Kathi DeBoer, second team  
Virginia Stahr, second team



1986 Big Eight Champion Huskers - (Back row from left): Assistant Coach Jay Potter, Assistant Coach Jeff Nelson, Virginia Stahr, Enid Schonewise, Linda Barsness, Michelle Davis, Carla Baker, Karen Dahlgren, Kathi DeBoer, Head Coach Terry Pettit. (Front row from left): Manager Tina Siefkes, Barbara Young, Lori Endicott, DeLisa DeBolt, Jackie Cook, Angie Millikin, Susan Hansen, Tisha Delaney, Katherine Pettit.

### Breakthrough Season

After losing in the Mideast Regional final the previous two seasons, Nebraska broke through the field in 1986 and made its first-ever trip to the NCAA championship. Led by senior All-Americans Karen Dahlgren, Tisha Delaney and Enid Schonewise, the Big Eight champion Huskers traveled to Stockton, Calif., with an impressive 28-5 record. The Huskers defeated Stanford, 3-1, before falling to Pacific, 3-0.

### NCAA Semifinals

In the semifinals, Schonewise led the Husker attack with 15 kills, while Angie Millikin had 11 kills and a match-high 18 digs. Nebraska hit .258 for the match and held the Cardinal to just .089 hitting. In the championship match, Nebraska met a Pacific team that had lost just one game during the entire NCAA Tournament. The Huskers hung tough in

game one, coming back from a 14-9 deficit to cut the margin to two at 14-12. But the Tigers were too much, as they converted their third game point for the 15-12 win. The first game took too much out of the Huskers, as they fell in games two and three by scores of 15-4, 15-4.

### 1986 Season Highlights

- Nebraska set four single-season team records, including most kills, attacks, hitting percentage and digs. Schonewise set individual season records for kills, kills per game and attacks.
- The Huskers set an NCAA record with a .331 hitting percentage, a mark that still ranks in the top 15 all time.
- Nebraska won its 11th straight Big Eight championship in 1986 with a 10-0 record and defeated Oklahoma, 3-0, for the tournament trophy in Salina, Kansas.

## ALL-TIME COACH RECORDS

Year	Head Coach	Record	Pct.	Conference/National Finish
1975	Pat Sullivan	34-8	.809	IAAW Regional Finalist
1976	Pat Sullivan	49-13	.790	Big Eight Champion/AIAW National Participant
1977	Terry Pettit	42-12-7	.746	Big Eight Champion/AIAW Regional Semifinalist
1978	Terry Pettit	35-25-2	.581	Big Eight Champion/AIAW Regional Champion
1979	Terry Pettit	41-8-3	.817	Big Eight Champion/AIAW Regional Runner-up
1980	Terry Pettit	35-15	.700	Big Eight Champion/AIAW Regional Runner-up
1981	Terry Pettit	29-10	.744	Big Eight Champion
1982	Terry Pettit	27-6	.818	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Mideast Regional Semifinalist
1983	Terry Pettit	29-4	.879	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Mideast Regional First Round
1984	Terry Pettit	27-4	.871	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Mideast Regional Runner-up
1985	Terry Pettit	28-3	.903	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Mideast Regional Runner-up
1986	Terry Pettit	29-6	.829	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Runner-up
1987	Terry Pettit	30-5	.857	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Mideast Regional Runner-up
1988	Terry Pettit	28-5	.849	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Mideast Regional Semifinalist
1989	Terry Pettit	29-4	.879	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Runner-up
1990	Terry Pettit	32-3	.914	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Semifinalist
1991	Terry Pettit	27-5	.844	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Mideast Regional Finalist
1992	Terry Pettit	22-6	.786	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Mideast Regional Semifinalist
1993	Terry Pettit	25-6	.807	NCAA Mideast Regional Second Round
1994	Terry Pettit	31-1	.969	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Mideast Regional Runner-up
1995	Terry Pettit	32-1	.970	Big Eight Champion/NCAA Champion
1996	Terry Pettit	30-4	.882	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Semifinalist
1997	Terry Pettit	27-7	.794	NCAA Pacific Regional Runner-up
1998	Terry Pettit	32-2	.941	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Semifinalist
1999	Terry Pettit	27-6	.818	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Regional Semifinalist

Year	Head Coach	Record	Pct.	Conference/National Finish
2000	John Cook	34-0	1.000	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Champion
2001	John Cook	31-2	.940	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Semifinalist
2002	John Cook	31-2	.940	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Regional Finalist
2003	John Cook	28-5	.849	NCAA Regional Semifinalist
2004	John Cook	30-2	.938	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Regional Finalist
2005	John Cook	33-2	.943	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Runner-up
2006	John Cook	33-1	.971	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Champion
2007	John Cook	30-2	.938	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Regional Finalist
2008	John Cook	31-3	.912	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Semifinalist
2009	John Cook	26-7	.788	NCAA Regional Finalist
2010	John Cook	29-3	.906	Big 12 Champion/NCAA Regional Semifinalist
2011	John Cook	25-5	.833	Big Ten Champion/NCAA Second Round
2012	John Cook	26-7	.806	NCAA Regional Finalist
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2014	John Cook	23-10	.697	NCAA Regional Finalist
2015	John Cook	32-4	.889	NCAA Champion
2016	John Cook	31-3	.912	Big Ten Champion/NCAA Semifinalist
2017	John Cook	32-4	.889	Big Ten Champion/NCAA Champion
2018	John Cook	29-7	.806	NCAA Runner-Up
2019	John Cook	28-5	.848	NCAA Regional Finalist
2020	John Cook	16-3	.842	NCAA Regional Finalist
2021	John Cook	26-8	.765	NCAA Runner-Up
2022	John Cook	26-6	.812	NCAA Regional Semifinalist

## HUSKER HALL-OF-FAME COACHES



**TERRY PETTIT (1977-99)**

AVCA Hall of Fame Inductee 2009  
 Nebraska Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee 2020  
 USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Award 2004  
 USOC National Coach of the Year 1996  
 AVCA National Coach of the Year 1986, 1994  
 AVCA Mideast Region Coach of the Year 1986, 1988, 1989, 1994  
 AVCA District Coach of the Year 1995, 1996, 1998  
 Big 12 Coach of the Year 1996, 1998  
 Big Eight Coach of the Year 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1994, 1995



**JOHN COOK (2000-PRESENT)**

AVCA Hall of Fame Inductee 2017  
 USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Award 2008  
 Volleyball Magazine Coach of the Year 2008, 2018  
 AVCA Division I Coach of the Year 2000, 2005  
 AVCA Region Coach of the Year 1997, 2000, 2005, 2008, 2016  
 Big 12 Coach of the Year 2001, 2005, 2008, 2010  
 Big Ten Coach of the Year 1997, 2016, 2017

## ALL-TIME HUSKER ASSISTANT COACHES



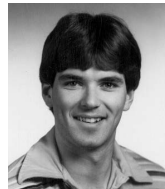
**Russ Rose**  
1978-79



**Linda Luedtke**  
1980



**John Corbelli**  
1981



**Barry Janzen**  
1982-83



**Jay Potter**  
1984-87



**Jeff Nelson**  
1986



**Terri Killion**  
1988-89



**John Cook**  
1988-90, 1999



**Brian Begor**  
1991-92



**Val Novak**  
1993-94



**Todd Raasch**  
1995



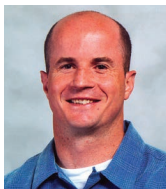
**Cathy Noth**  
1988-98



**Nikki Best**  
1996-99



**Staci Wolfe**  
2000-02



**Craig Skinner**  
2000-04



**Charlene Johnson-Tagaloa**  
2003-06



**Lee Maes**  
2005-07



**Lizzy Stemke**  
2007-10



**Erik Sullivan**  
2008-10



**Dan Connors**  
2010-11



**Dan Meske**  
2010-14



**Dani Busboom Kelly**  
2012-16



**Chris Tamas**  
2015-16



**Tyler Hildebrand**  
2017, 2020-21



**Kayla Banwarth**  
2017-2019



**Jaylen Reyes**  
2018-present



**Kelly Hunter**  
2022-present