

Sports

Injury sidelines Mike Bowers

Frosh gymnasts vault into lineup

By Patty Pryor

With the absence of junior all-arounder Mike Bowers, who's out for the season with a back injury, NU's three freshmen gymnasts have seen more action than most freshmen do in their first season.

All-arounder Neil Palmer and specialists Eric Lambert and John Chmelka all competed in the Huskers' last home meet against Penn State, Ohio State and Louisiana State.

Palmer, this year's only recruit, has performed in every Nebraska competition so far this year, scoring a 9.4 twice on high bar and once in floor exercise and vault.

In last week's quadrangular, Lambert hit a 9.2 on vault and Chmelka scored a 9.15 on pommel horse.

Chmelka also stepped in at the last minute on high bar because fellow freshman Dan Culliver was questionable for competition.

"I just picked up a routine the Friday before," Chmelka said. "(Graduate Assistant Jim) Hartung helped me out a lot with it."

Former stars encouraging

All three gymnasts talked about the advantages of working with former NU standouts Hartung, Phil Cahoy and Scott Johnson.

The advantages far outweigh any disadvantages in being eclipsed by the Huskers' past performances, they said. "There's a lot more advantages," Chmelka said. "The grad assistants are very good coaches and they're good just to be around. They're not up on a pedestal at all."

Chmelka said he's also learning from Husker horse specialist Frank Hibbitts.

"We work out a lot together, coaching each other and criticizing each other," Chmelka said. "I need to learn a lot more tricks and he knows practically

every move there is to be performed."

The caliber of current Husker gymnasts is a source of motivation, even though it means the freshmen may not share the spotlight as much as they would elsewhere.

"I don't feel like I'm being overshadowed at all," Palmer said. "And I don't mind going up first, anyway."



that's why I didn't do all-around," he said. "But I've really been working hard on it lately."

Chmelka comes from Omaha South High School and the Sokol Hall gymnastics club, where Hartung, Cahoy and Bowers all started out.

He placed second in the all-around and first in horse and rings at the state

two years in Shaumburg, Ill. where he placed ninth in vault at the state meet his senior year.

Lambert started out as a diver in high school and didn't move into gymnastics until he was 15.

"I had a friend on the diving team who was a gymnast," he said, "and he told me to come to practice to see if I'd



Nebraska's freshman gymnasts (from left) Eric Lambert, John Chmelka and Neil Palmer.

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meet his senior year. Lambert competed in Papillion his sophomore year, but competed his last



like it." Lambert said he was nervous about his first competition as a Husker.

"I was real nervous," he said, "but I actually felt pretty relaxed once the meet started."

Palmer, from Addison Trail High School in Addison, Ill., was second in the all-around and first on parallel bars in the state meet his senior year. His high school team won the state championship three out of his four years of competition.

Palmer said he also considered Arizona State, Iowa State and the University of Minnesota before signing with Nebraska.

"I knew it was going to be better for my gymnastics here," he said. "Being a Husker means a lot."

Lambert agreed. "I wouldn't want to be top dog," he said. "Then everyone would be depending on me and I'd really have no room to grow."

Chmelka follows siblings

Chmelka may be more familiar with the Huskers' winning legacy than are his counterparts.

His older sister Carol competed for the Huskers and his older brother Chuck competed on three of Nebraska's five national championship teams.

"It really hasn't been too hard to live up to, though," the younger Chmelka said. "I try not to look at it that way."

Chmelka said he hadn't intended to seriously pursue gymnastics in college.

"I didn't really plan on doing a lot of gymnastics once I was down here;

Rec Shorts

The Office of Campus Recreation announced deadlines for a number of coming events.

Men's, women's and co-rec three-on-three basketball will begin Feb. 28. The deadline for registering is 5 p.m. Feb. 21. There is no fee to enter. Teams are allowed to have five players, but no more than three are allowed to play at any one time.

The games will be played at the Coliseum and the Men's Physical Education Building.

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There will be a meeting of managers of co-rec indoor wiffleball teams 6 p.m. Feb. 22 in room 7 in the Coliseum. Failure to report will result in the loss of \$5 of the team's forfeit fee and a loss on the team's record.

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Entries are due prior to 5 p.m. Feb. 21 for teams to compete in co-rec indoor wiffleball.

Play will begin Feb. 26 at Mabel Lee Hall or the Men's PE Building.

The play will be a round-robin schedule concluded with a post-session single-elimination tournament.

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A free throw contest for individuals and teams will take place Feb. 22 and 23 in Mabel Lee Hall. The contest is open to men, women and co-rec teams. No prior registration is required.

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The office's outdoor photography contest will be March 13 through 16 at the Nebraska Union.

Entries will be accepted at the Office of Campus Recreation March 5.



(Sportsmanship ratings in parentheses)

Men's Basketball Fraternities A

Sigma Chi #2 (3.4) 62, Phi Delta Theta (3.0) 50
Theta Xi (3.3) 65, Phi Kappa Psi (2.3) 37
Alpha Tau Omega #2 (2.7) 55, Sigma Chi #1 (2.7) 54 20T
Sigma Phi Epsilon (3.0) 44, Farmhouse (3.7) 30
Beta Theta Pi (4.4) 70, Alpha Tau Omega (3.8) 40
Beta Sigma Psi (4.0) 60, Kappa Sigma (4.3) 34
Delta Tau Delta (4.3) 60, Acacia (2.3) 28
Tau Kappa Epsilon def. Chi Phi by forfeit
Phi Gamma Delta def. Lambda Chi Alpha by forfeit
Alpha Gamma Rho (4.0) 49, Delta Sigma Phi (4.3) 18

Fraternities B

Phi Gamma Delta #2 (3.3) 48, Alpha Gamma Rho (2.6) 52
Acacia (4.2) 39, Lambda Chi Alpha (4.2) 37

Women gymnasts win contest at Iowa State

UNL gymnast Annette Madigan scored the most points of her career in the all-around competition Saturday as she led the women's team to victory in Ames, Iowa.

The Huskers scored 177.65 points in their victory. Minnesota finished second with 174.85 and Iowa State finished third with 170.95. Wisconsin and Illinois-Chicago rounded out the field.

Madigan's career-high 36.4 brought her first place. Teammate Renee Gould came in second place with a score of 35.85. Huskers Terri Furman and Kim Grabowski tied for fifth in the all-around competition with scores of 35.35.

Madigan scored second in the parallel bars competition with a score of 9.4. Grabowski won the event with a 9.45.

Madigan's 9.1 in the balance beam competition also brought her a second-place finish.

In floor exercise competition, Furman finished second with a 9.1.

Gould's 9.25 in the vault competition gave the Huskers a second-place finish in the event.

Rec Scoreboard

Beta Theta Pi #1 (4.0) 48, Sigma Phi epsilon #1 (3.3) 44
Phi Gamma Delta #1 (4.0) 49, Sigma Chi (3.6) 39
Delta Sigma Phi (4.0) 58, Alpha Gamma Sigma (4.0) 40

Lightweights

Beta Sigma Psi (4.0) 46, Not Ready for BB Players (4.0) 45
Acacia def. Phi Kappa Psi by forfeit
Sigma Phi Epsilon (4.5) 55, Temporary Heroes (4.7) 39

Faculty and Staff

Hamilton Lunatics (2.6) 52, Aggies (2.3) 41
Forestry (4.5) 59, Hamilton animals (4.5) 29
Animal Science (4.0) 32, CBA Two (4.0) 29

Independents B

Umm (3.3) 56, Don Ho's (3.0) 50
Hennig (3.4) 36, Math (3.4) 33

Women's Basketball

Hooper Poopers (3.8) 34, Abel Thirteen (3.6) 15
Gators def. Pound Eight by forfeit
Sandoz Six def. Smith Seven by forfeit
Basket Cases (4.0) 38, Chi Omega (4.0) 32
Hotshots II (5.0) 30, Alpha Xi Delta (5.0) 0
Hurtin' Units def. Good "Buds" by forfeit
Burr Three East (4.6) 30, Jesus is Lord (4.3) 24
Scrappers (3.6) 50, Kappa Delta (3.6) 32
Free Agents (4.0) 47, Sandoz Four (3.7) 20
NPI Grads def. Abel Ten by forfeit
Mixed Nuts (4.3) 34, Smith Eight (4.3) 3
The Team def. Love Memorial Hall by forfeit
Rebels (4.0) 39, Sandoz Nine (4.2) 9
Animals (3.3) 51, Smith Six (3.6) 20
Bruins (3.6) 35, Rodeoettes (4.0) 27

Co-Rec Volleyball Playoffs

Class B

Beginners Luck def. harper Six/Smith Six by forfeit
ZZ Tops (4.2) def. Abel 10 (4.2) 15-4, 15-2
Barely Legal (4.0) def. Raymond Two (4.0) 15-5, 15-12
Kings Kids def. Kappy Alpha Theta/Delta Tau Delta by forfeit
Quotation Marks (4.6) def. Furman's Palace (4.2) 15-4, 15-7
Triangle (4.2) def. Guppies (4.0) 15-7, 15-7
Holysmokers (4.2) def. Theta Xi/Sandoz Njne (2.7) 15-3, 15-4
High-Five Brox. (3.6) def. Food Science (3.6) 15-8, 15-8
Dirty Diggers def. Neihardt Staff by forfeit
Beta Sig's Plus (3.8) def. Hammeren V-Ballers (4.2) 15-13, 15-4

Class A

Leftovers (4.0) def. Ag Econ (4.2) 15-1, 15-4