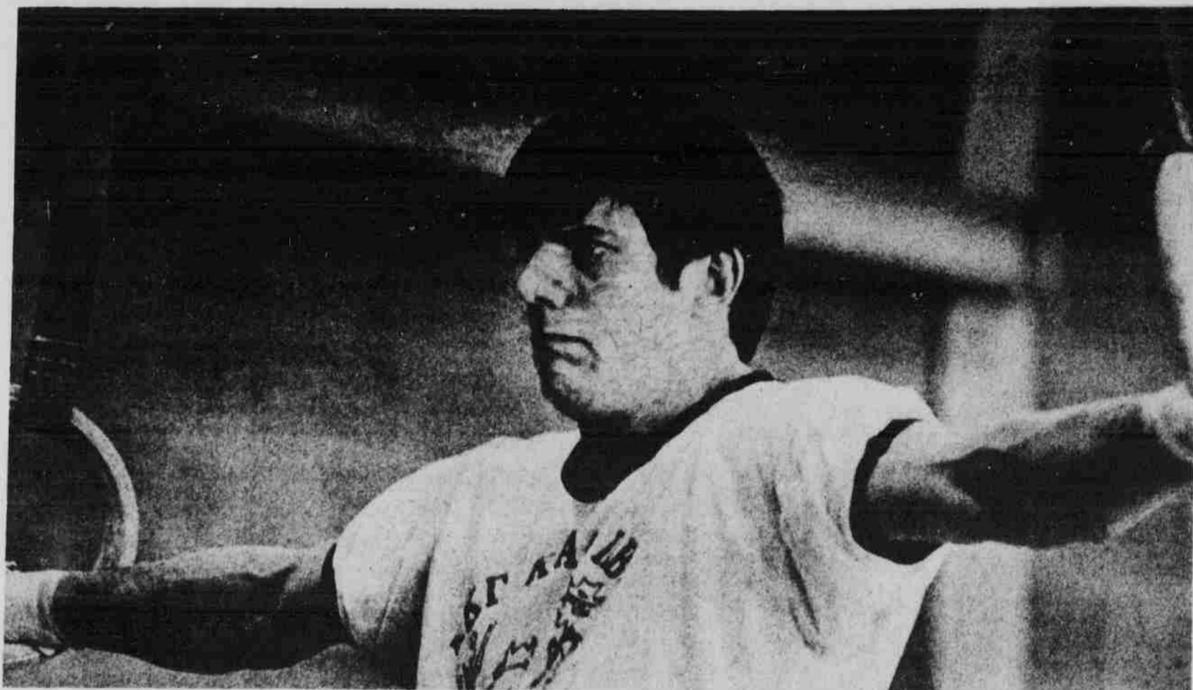


Gymnasts move out of dungeon



Batten . . . works on still rings and high bar.

by Steve Kadel

The good old days are gone, but no one's complaining. At least no one on Nebraska's gymnastics team.

"Last year during practices we had to fight the basketball team for space, and when it rained we'd have to put buckets around the floor," said assistant coach Dewey Strough.

This year the team has moved workouts from the Coliseum to the Henzlik Hall gym, where they have more room.

"We moved in here the end of July," said head coach Francis Allen Jr. "The gym had been empty for four years previously. Dr. Landwer, chairman of the Men's Physical Education Dept., decided we were doing a good job and deserved better facilities.

"If it wasn't for him and Bob Devaney's cooperation, we'd still be over in that dungeon," Allen said. "Now we've got the best workout facilities in the country."

The gymnastics team has been practicing since May, shortly after last season ended. During the summer there were four workouts a week, according to Allen.

Nebraska won Big Eight titles in 1963 and 1964, before hitting a long stretch of mediocre seasons. Last year the team finished fourth.

"We've got a few kids on tuition grants and books," Strough said, "but Iowa State has three times as much money as we do. They can afford to go out of the state with their scholarships. In fact, only half the Iowa State team is from Iowa."

"We want to eventually win the Big Eight with an all Nebraska team," Strough said.

Allen is counting on a trio of seniors and talented sophomores to carry his squad to its third Big Eight championship.

"This is the best team I've had in my four years here," Allen said during Tuesday's practice. "We've got three seniors—two in crucial spots—and a younger group that did real well Saturday at the Kansas Invitational."

Nebraska was second to Iowa State at the Kansas meet. Senior Hoppy Batten, former Lincoln Southeast gymnast, won the long horse vaulting, was third in horizontal bars and fifth in floor exercise.

Senior Larry Everman tied for first on the pommel horse.

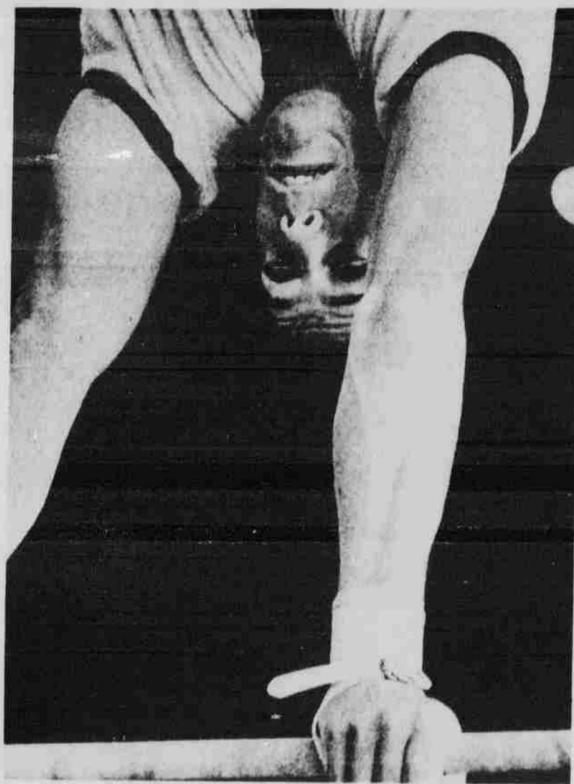
Sophomore Gene Mackie was third on rings at Kansas. Mackie won state titles all three years he attended Creighton Prep.

Batten and Everman are two key figures in Nebraska's championship plans.

Batten, defending Big Eight champion in horizontal bar and long horse vaulting, was seventh in the nation last year in vaulting.

"If everything goes well for him, he should be in contention for the national title," Allen said.

"Everman is an example of someone who worked hard and had it pay off," Allen said. "He was tenth last year in the nation on the pommel horse, although he was only fourth in the state when he went to Lincoln High.



2 Huskers vie for Wolfe's guard spot

Nebraska football coach Bob Devaney still is undecided as to who will start at left offensive guard for the Cornhuskers when they visit Iowa State Saturday.

Sophomore Tom Alward and junior Dan Anderson are in contention for injured Bob Wolfe's position. Wolfe injured his knee against Colorado and is scheduled for surgery, which will sideline him for the season.

Anderson is a 6-1, 225-pounder from Fremont and has been playing behind right guard Mike Beran. Alward, who has been playing behind Wolfe, is 6-4 and weighs 215. He is from Flint, Mich.

The Nebraska coaching staff isn't concerned about either Alward or Anderson replacing Wolfe, who has had an outstanding junior season.

"We've used them both in very crucial situations before and they've done all right,"

offensive line coach Carl Selmer said. "I hope it doesn't affect us a bit. We think they can do the job. Both are smaller than Wolfe. Alward is bigger than Anderson, but Anderson is a little more experienced."

Sophomore Stan Hegener will become Beran's backup man at right guard. Hegener and Mark Doak have been battling for the No. 2 left tackle spot behind Daryl White.

Devaney, however, has more than replacing Wolfe to worry about this week. Iowa State presents the most balanced offense the Huskers have faced this season.

Cyclone quarterback George Amundson, who was one of the Big Eight's top rushers last year while playing I-back, has been even more impressive this season. He is the Big Eight total offense leader.

"Iowa State is a team which can hurt you in a lot of ways," Devaney said. "Passing is a vital part of their offense. They don't just use it in desperation. They'll try to run against us, but they can really work on a defense with their passing."

It could be the stiffest test for Nebraska's defense, which leads the Big Eight in pass defense.

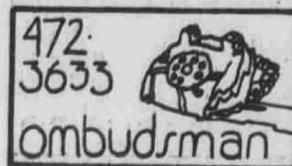
"Our pass rush has been good this season," Devaney said. "We concentrate on beating people one-on-one with our defensive rush. Our defensive linemen have worked on techniques to beat their people."

Nebraska moves up to No. 2 in UPI poll

Powered by a 33-10 win over now 16th ranked Colorado, the Cornhuskers climbed one more notch in this week's UPI Board of Coaches football poll.

1. Southern California (27) (9-0)	342
2. Nebraska (6) (7-1)	284
3. Alabama (2) (8-0)	280
4. Ohio State (7-0)	245
5. Michigan (8-0)	226
6. Louisiana State (7-0)	177
7. Oklahoma (6-1)	170
8. UCLA (8-1)	98
9. Texas (6-1)	60
10. Auburn (7-1)	31
11. Penn State (7-1)	26
12. Notre Dame (6-1)	19
13. Tennessee (5-2)	4
14. Iowa State (5-2)	3
15. Texas Tech (7-1)	2
16. (tie) Colorado (6-3)	1
17. (tie) North Carolina (6-1)	1

(only 17 teams received votes.)



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