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Swim team takes dual victories

By Jim Hunt

UNL's swim team said goodbye to the Coliseum pool in grand fashion this weekend, taking a pair of dual victories over Minnesota University (MU) and Chicago State University (CSU) in the last scheduled meets in the old pool.

The Huskers' 66-47 victory over MU Saturday, the first Husker win ever over Minnesota, followed a 65-48 victory over CSU Friday. The wins pushed the Huskers' dual record to 2-1.

"We got the total team effort both days," a jubilant swim coach John Reta said after a victory dunking Saturday.

Husker Pat Murphy, a Coronado, Calif., sophomore, took first in the 500-yard freestyle and second in the 1,000-yard freestyle against MU after taking second and first respectively in the same events against CSU.

It appeared Murphy had the 1,000-yard freestyle won in the Minnesota dual, but he said he thought he had two laps to complete yet. He went into his turn instead of touching and lost the race by .3 seconds.

It was another fine weekend for Omaha's Pat DiBiase and Bryan Moss in the 200-yard breaststroke. DiBiase, a junior, and Moss a sophomore, finished first and second respectively in both meets. DiBiase timed 2:15.1 against CSU and 2:15.4 against MU, while Moss swam a 2:15.3 and a 2:15.7, respectively.

Earlier in the week it was doubtful whether DiBiase would swim in the meets after being sidelined by an ear infection and strep throat.

"I am very lucky to be 3-0 over Bryan (Moss) this year," DiBiase said. "I think this competition between ourselves is going to help us when we get to the Big 8 meet." Going into the weekend's action, DiBiase and Moss had the top two Big 8 Conference times in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Other first place finishers for the Huskers included Bill Davis, a junior from Harvey, Ill., in the 200-yds. freestyle against MU and 100-yd. freestyle against CSU; Paul Duxbury, a junior from Minneapolis in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles against MU; John Dahir, a junior from Omaha, in the 200-yard butterfly against MU and CSU; Dave Watermeier, a senior from Lincoln, in the optional dive against MU and CSU and Scott Ruser, a senior from Omaha, in the 200-yard individual medley against MU.

The Huskers took both the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay in both meets. The medley team of Ruser, DiBiase, Dahir and freshman Mark Crowder set a pool record of 3:42.8 against CSU.

One other pool record was set by Scott White of CSU, who swam a 21.8 in the 50-yard freestyle.

The Huskers next dual will be Saturday at Missouri.

Tracksters win opener, extend streak

By Susie Reitz

UNL head track coach Frank Seigne was happy after UNL's 92-39 win over Iowa State University (ISU) Saturday. The win was the Huskers' indoor season opener and extended its home dual winning streak to 28 meets.

"I was very pleased—the score was better than I expected," Seigne said after the win. "I think we did well in everything, but the high jump record was the highlight."

Sophomore Dean Herzog beat former Husker Steve Kreb's high jump mark by one-half inch when he leaped 6 ft. 11 in. The new mark also was a stadium and meet record. Freshman Doug Phelps cleared 6 ft. 10 in. to take second.

The Huskers won 13 of the 15 events and swept the pole vault when freshman Marty Jenkins, junior Steve Martin and freshman Brian Dodge all cleared 14 ft. UNL also won the 440-yard dash with freshmen Ray Mahoney and Pat McKenzie and senior Chuck Malito sweeping the top three places.

Junior Ron Nitzel was a double winner in the 60-yard

low and high hurdles. He edged Chris Bryant of ISU in both events, winning the lows in 7.2 seconds and the highs in 7.8.

Freshman Neville Murray from Jamaica set a meet record in the triple jump with a 48 ft. 1 in. mark. David Green, a high school teammate of Murray, placed second with 47 ft. 9 1/2 in. The previous record was 47 ft. 1 1/4 in. by Husker Wes Leonard in 1972.

Seigne commended junior college transfer Ron Hoagland for a 6.5-second first place finish in the 60-yard dash. Hoagland's specialties are the longer 220- and 440-yard distances, Seigne said.

Other top finishers for UNL were senior Steve Millard with a career best 54 ft. 2 1/4 in. in the shot put; freshman Ron Fisher with 1:54.7 in the 880-yard run; sophomore Tom Dovel with 1:13.5 in the 600-yard dash; sophomore Harold Stelzer with 9:17.1 in the two-mile and junior Matt Reckmeyer with 2:16.0 in the 1,000-yard run.

The UNL mile relay team of senior Brian Nordin, Dovel, McKenzie and Mahoney won in 3:27.6.

Gymnasts defeat Iowa and Colorado

By Scott Jones

Nebraska's gymnastics victory over Iowa and Colorado Universities Saturday at the Coliseum discouraged national championship talk from coach Francis Allen.

All-arounders Duane West and Larry Gerard each won two events as the Huskers scored 211.90 points to Colorado's 200.55 and 193.45 for Iowa.

"I think we have a national championship team," Allen said, adding that Iowa State University (ISU), Louisiana State University (LSU) and several other teams have the same belief.

Although Nebraska is "way ahead" of last year's pace, Allen said the team must guard against peaking too early as it did a year ago.

"Last year we were trying to prove too much at every meet," he said. "We're just going to be mellow. What we're shooting for is the Big 8 meet." And, of course, the NCAA meet, he added.

"I think we can win it on a given day," he said.

A Nebraska gymnast won each individual event except vaulting where Gary Jeurink's 9.2 vault was bettered by Colorado's Ken Bates with a 9.25.

Gerard had the meet's highest score, a 9.5 in the parallel bars. The Lincoln sophomore also won the still

rings (9.1) and the all-around (52.2), edging teammate Gene Mackie, an Omaha senior, who scored 51.45.

West, a junior from Lincoln, won the floor exercise and high bar, scoring 9.35 and 9.2, respectively. He also tied for third in the all-around with 48.8 points.

West said he has learned more this year than any other year, possible because of competition with teammate Jeurink.

West replaced Jeurink as the team's third all-arounder when the Lincoln junior broke his right arm last July. But Jeurink is healthy now and pushing West.

"It's good that way," West said. "We're on the same level (of ability), so we can help each other."

Jeurink finished second in vaulting, tied for fourth in floor exercise and placed fifth in parallel bars.

Freshman Terry Neustrom, from Salina, Kan., finished second in floor exercise with a 9.15 score and Omaha senior Gary Duff scored a 9.35 in the parallel bars for second place behind Gerard's 9.5.

Nebraska travels to LSU Tuesday for a dual meet, then hosts ISU Saturday in the final home meet.

LSU finished second in the NCAA meet last year and has scored 211.6 this year.

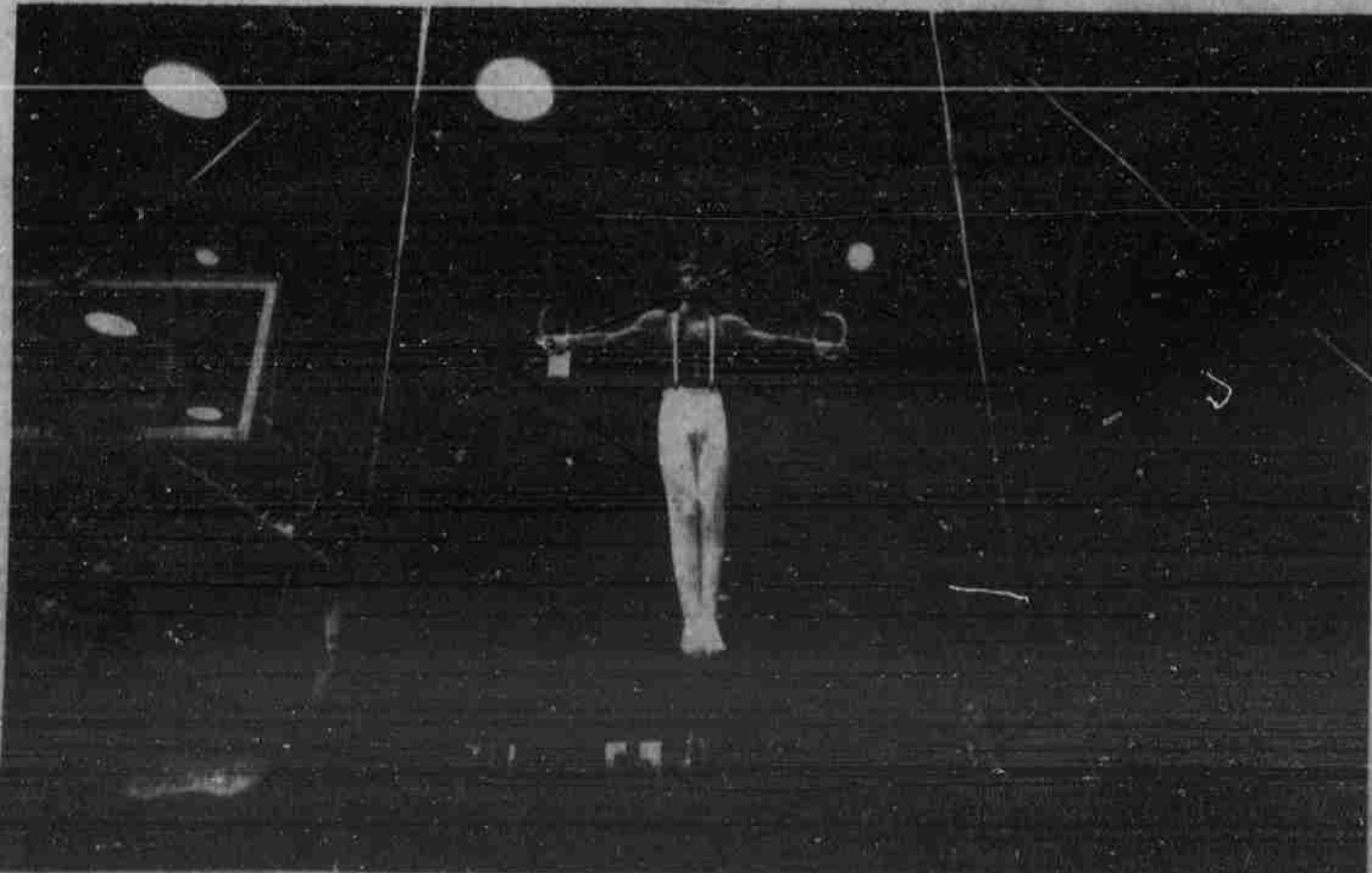


Photo by Ted Kirk

UNL gymnast Gene Mackie, a senior from Omaha, performs on the still rings in the Coliseum Saturday in a triangular meet with Colorado and Iowa Universities. Mackie finished second in the event.

sports shorts

Jerry Fort scored UNL's last six points to spark the Huskers to a 66-64 basketball win over Colorado in Boulder Saturday night. It was the seventh straight win for the Huskers, their longest streak in 27 years.

Fort, a senior guard, led UNL with 17 points, while senior center Larry Cox and senior guard Steve Willis added 15 apiece. The Huskers shot only 38.4 per cent from the field, but sank 26 of 30 free throws.

UNL's record is now 12-4. The Huskers and Missouri University are tied for the conference lead with 3-0 Big 8 records.

UNL's wrestling squad now is 3-3 after splitting two weekend matches. The Huskers beat South Dakota, 22-11, in Vermillion Friday and then dropped a 34-6 decision to third-ranked Oklahoma State University (OSU) at the Coliseum Saturday.

The UNL women's basketball team lost to Wayne State, 68-53, Friday night in Wayne. The Huskers, now 8-5, were led by junior guard Kathy Hawkins, who scored 11 points.

In the preliminary game, UNL's junior varsity defeated Wayne State, 61-44. Leading scorers for the Huskers were sophomore Rhonda Rhodes with 16 points and junior Liz Lee with 14.

UNL women's track team opened its season with a triangular win Friday, scoring 60 points to 40 for Wichita State and 39 for Missouri. Kansas State then beat the Huskers, 89-21, Saturday.

Freshman Peggy Liddick led the triangular win with two triumphs: 8.6 seconds in the 60-yard hurdles and 17 ft. 2 1/4 in. in the long jump. Freshman Debbie Raddatz won the shot put with a heave of 38 ft. 7 1/2 in.

Sophomore Kathi Ruddick won all-around honors in the UNL women's home gymnastics meet Saturday. UNL won the meet with 73.65 points. Augustana College had 13.2 points and Drake University, which had only one entry, did not score.

Junior Karla Gerbig won the uneven bars and balance beam and finished second in vaulting. Freshman Mary Scott won vaulting, while Ruddick won floor exercise, placed second on the uneven bars and third in vaulting.

The UNL women's swim team arrived an hour late and missed two events, but still beat Northern Iowa, 91-36, and Northern Illinois, 85-45, in a Saturday meet at Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Huskers set nine school records.

Sophomore Mikki Crosby won the 120-yard individual medley, 60-yard butterfly and 120-yard butterfly. Senior Ruth Spencer finished first in the 120-yard freestyle and 60-yard breaststroke and second in the 120-yard breaststroke.

A school record was set in the 240-yard freestyle relay by junior Jean Austin and freshmen Lisa Magee, Shannon Burley and Ellen Hollander. Freshmen Kristi Wells and Lois Hayman placed first and second in both the one- and three-meter diving.