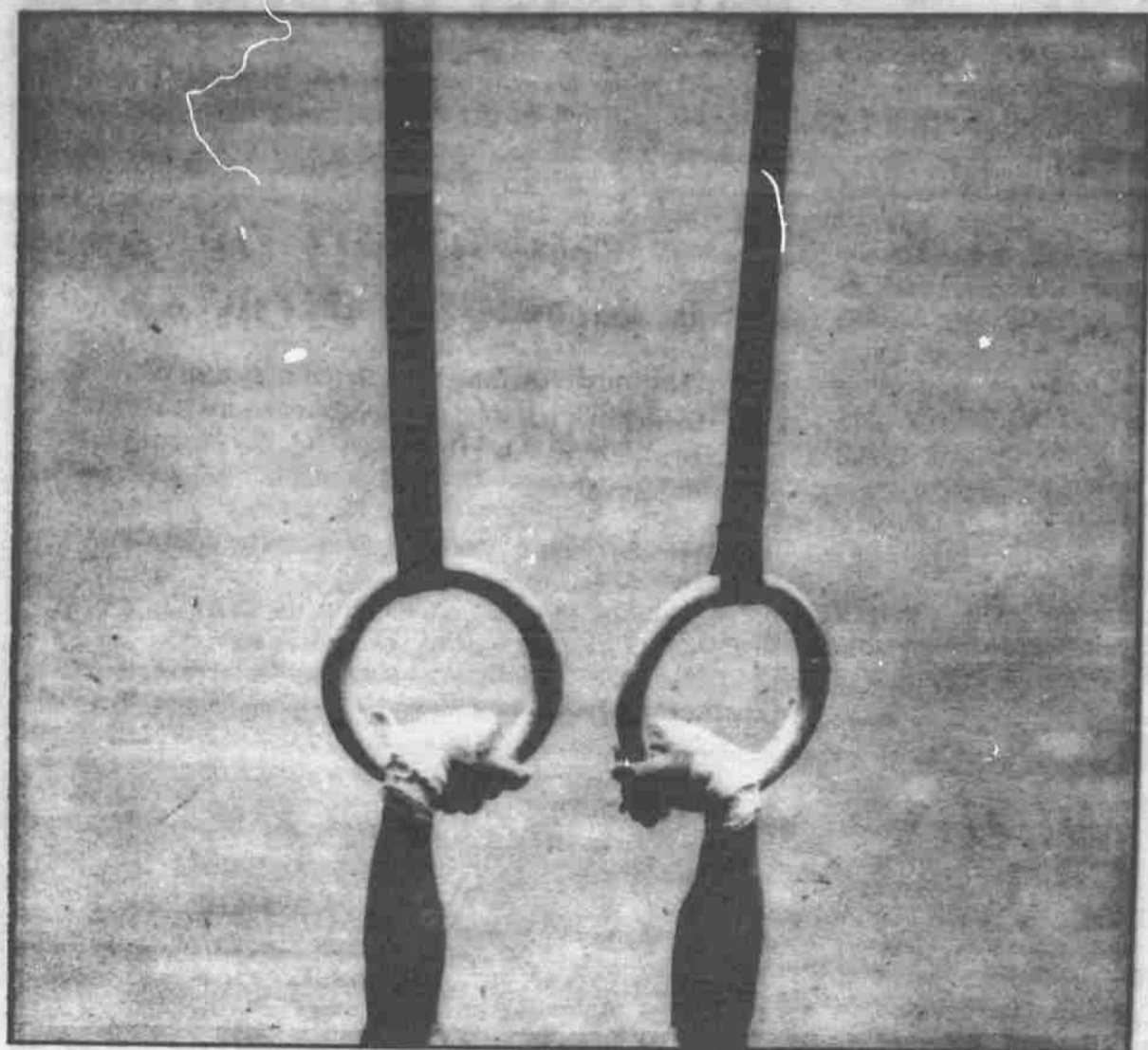
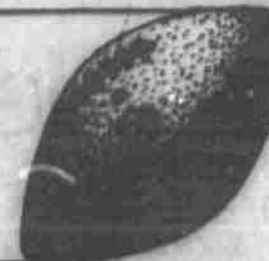


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# Gerard all-around victor, but gymnasts lose opener

By Rob Barney

UNL junior Larry Gerard won the all-around but Husker gymnasts lost their opening meet to Iowa State University (ISU) 210.9 to 210.15 Saturday night.

A crowd of 717 at the new UNL Sports Complex watched UNL take the lead after the first event, floor exercise. But the Huskers fell behind during the next three events, although a strong finish on the parallel bars and high bar left coach Francis Allen's crew just short of victory.

The Huskers' biggest downfall was the failure of their first performers in each of the events to score high enough to take the pressure off later performers, Allen said.

We had three freshmen (Jody Raymond, Mark Williams and Kevin Dunkley) competing in their first college meet ever," he said. "As soon as we get some miles on these guys, experience won't matter."

Raymond, competing in the all-around, was scratch in the floor exercise and vaulting because of an ankle injury.

"It's nothing serious," Allen said. "We just didn't want to aggravate it and possibly lose him, so we scratched him in the events that would put the most strain on the ankle."

Overall, Allen said he was pleased with performances of his freshmen.

Allen said he was disappointed with the Huskers' performance on the pommel horse, noting it is hard to replace a person

like Steve Dickey, who was graduated and was among the best in the country last year.

"Day in and day out Steve was a good performer," Allen said. "We were terrible in the horse, (against ISU) but we should be better in the future."

Gary Juerink performed well for the Huskers, according to Allen. Competing in four events, the senior had no scores lower than 8.9 and had a high of 9.3 in the high bar.

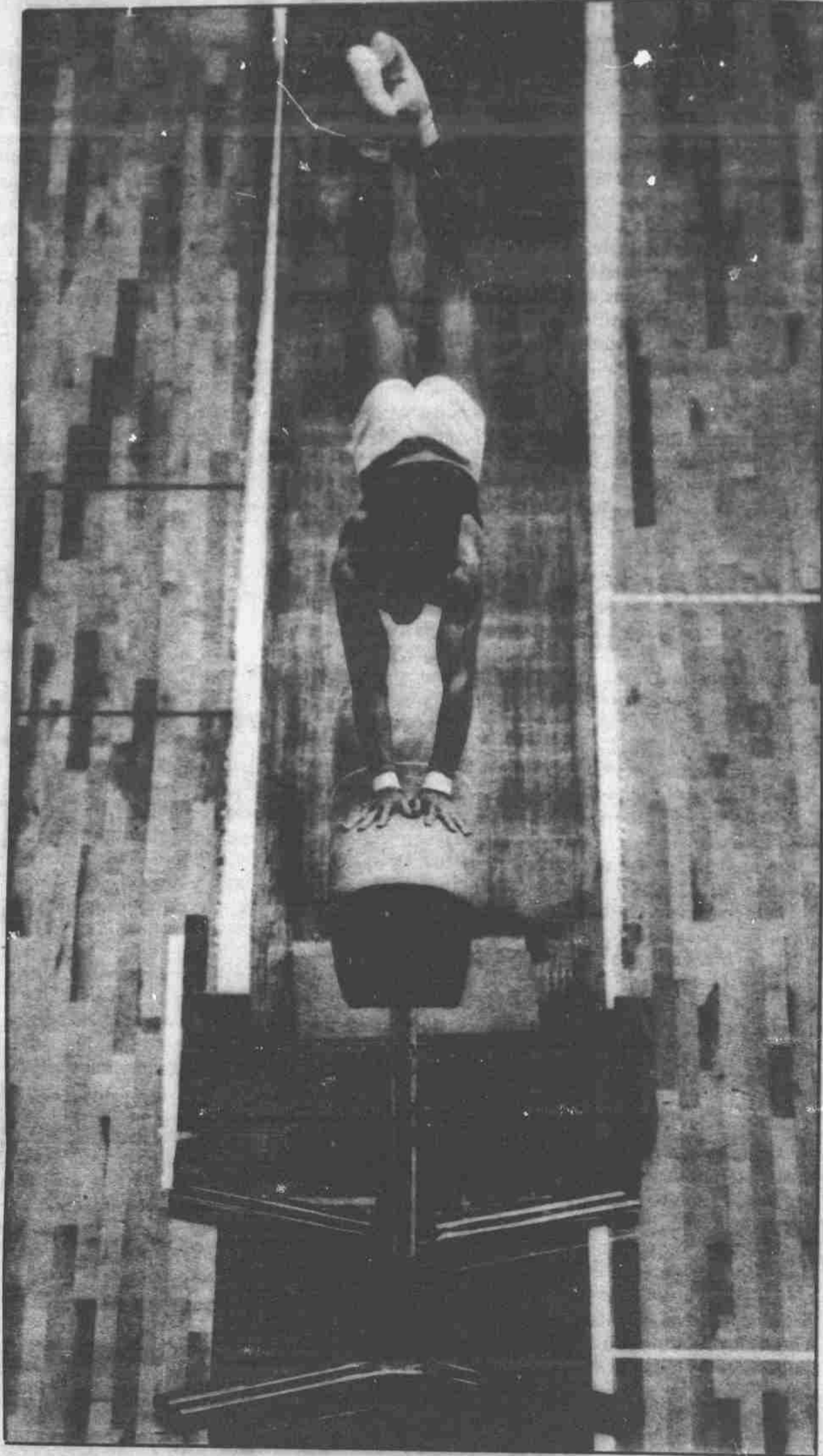
Gerard survived a poor pommel horse routine, falling off the horse and finishing with a 7.45 score, to win the all-around with 53.25 points for the six events.

He edged ISU's Tiger Taylor, who compiled 52.40 points for second, and teammate Duane West, who was third with a 51.50 score.

Gerard will be absent for the Huskers' next meet, the Big 8 Conference Invitational in Lincoln Nov. 5 and 6.

"Larry's going to China for some meets," Allen said. "He'll be gone two weeks. He was supposed to leave today but I couldn't let him miss both home meets because the people love to watch him."

Besides winning the all-around Gerard also won the parallel bars and highbar. West won the floor exercise and Mike Cosgrove tied with ISU's Lynn Norman for top spot on the horse. Also, UNL's Richard Brindisi tied ISU's Mark Trippel for first in vaulting.



Husker junior Larry Gerard, shown above vaulting, won the all-around individual title in a dual meet Saturday against Iowa State University. Gerard left Sunday for a series of gymnastics meets in Red China.

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The UNL women's volleyball team continued its winning ways Saturday, taking the University of Minnesota Invitational Volleyball Tournament and improving its record to 30-0.

In the opening round, UNL beat St. Catherine's 15-12 and 15-12; the University of Manitoba, 15-11 and 15-7; Bemidji State University, 15-8 and 15-7; and Mankato State University, 15-3 and 15-6.

The Huskers defeated Minnesota 15-7 and 15-13 in the semifinals and then defeated St. Catherine's again, 15-6 and 15-4 in the finals.

The varsity's next action is Friday and Saturday in the Big 8 Conference tournament at Iowa State University in Ames.

The junior varsity also captured a week-end tournament, winning the Cyclone Invitational Saturday in Ames.

En route to the title, the Huskers defeated Graceland College, 15-9 and 15-13; and Iowa State, 15-12 and 15-9, while losing to Wichita State University, 5-15, 15-11 and 5-15.

The junior varsity will be in action tonight, playing Peru College and Creighton University at 8 and 9 p.m., respectively, at Creighton.

South Dakota State University defeated UNL in a cross country dual meet Saturday in Brookings, S.D., 31-25. UNL is now 1-3 in duals.

Junior Harold Stelzer paced the Huskers, finishing second in 25:17. Other Husker finishers, time and order of finish were: sophomore Steve Allen, 25:58, fifth; junior Gale Wheeler, 26:09, seventh; senior Keith Whitaker, 26:13, eighth; sophomore Pat Colburn, 26:18, ninth and senior Matt Reckmeyer, 26:28, tenth.

The team's next action is Saturday when Iowa State comes to Lincoln for a dual meet.

Missouri won the Big 8 women's field hockey tournament Saturday in Stillwater, Okla., while UNL finished last in the five-team field.

Missouri was 4-0 in the tournament; Kansas, 3-1; Oklahoma State, 2-2; Oklahoma, 1-3 and Nebraska, 0-4.

Steve Mears bowled a perfect 300 game Thursday at the Nebraska Union Lanes. Mears rolled the game while qualifying for a meet next Sunday. The perfect game went along with a 165 and 237 for a 701 series.

UNL's soccer team beat Concordia College 4-3 in overtime Sunday at the Women's Physical Education Bldg. field. Dave Egr scored UNL's three goals in regulation play and Jim Young scored the winning goal in overtime.

UNL will play York College Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at York.

# Recreation Dept. releases new flag football rankings

The Hawks, Harper 10 A and Sigma Chi A pace the intramural football rankings this week. The ratings, compiled by the Recreation Dept., are for games played through Oct. 21. They are divided into independent, residence hall and fraternity divisions.

The first ratings released this year had only an all-university division and rated ten teams. The new three-division format for the ratings will be followed the remainder of the season, according to the Recreation Dept.

The first poll had the Thunderchickens, defending all-university football champions, on top. The Thunderchickens have since lost and the Hawks (5-0) pace the independent division.

Harper 10 A, second in the last week's ratings, leads the residence hall division. Sigma Chi fraternity, which did not appear in the first top ten, paces the fraternity division with a 3-0 mark.

Only one B team, Delta Upsilon B, appears in the ratings this week.

This week's ratings:

Independent	
1. Hawks	5-0
2. Plague Patrol	3-0
3. Thunderchickens	3-1
4. Fuskars	3-0
5. (tie) Phi Delta Phi A	3-1
Hot Rocks	2-1
Residence Hall	
1. Harper 10 A	3-0
2. Abel 5 A	3-0
3. Schramm 4 A	5-0
4. Cather 11 A	3-0
5. Burr 2 Sodbusters	3-0
Fraternity	
1. Sigma Chi A	3-0
2. Ag Men A	3-0
3. Tau Kappa Epsilon	3-0
4. Phi Gamma Delta A	3-0
5. Delta Upsilon B	3-0