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Buckley's first appearance with gymnastic team tonight

With a new face added to the team but with an old one missing, UNL's women's gymnastics team resumes competition for the second semester at 7 tonight in the Women's Physical Education Bldg.

When the Huskers take the floor for the triangular against the University of Kansas and Chadron State College, Carrie Buckley, a junior from Green Bay, Wis., will make her first appearance.

Buckley attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., last semester but was not satisfied with their program, according to UNL coach Judy Schalk.

"She wasn't happy with the way practices were going there," Schalk said. "Last year she attended the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, but they didn't have a gymnastics program."

"Despite being a junior Carrie will have four years of eligibility left for us because she hasn't competed at any other place she has been."

UNL, which had five team members last semester, will have the same number for this meet.

All-arounder Tammy Driscoll was injured in a car accident during Christmas break and will not perform.

"We're going to miss her," Schalk said. "The balance beam is her best event and that's what we need the most."

Chadron State is the only other Nebraska school competing in women's gymnastics, Schalk said.

"They (Chadron) are not bringing a full team but I'm glad we were able to encourage them to have a team," she said. "It's always good to have some in-state competition."

Big 8 Conference member Kansas, the Husker's other opponent will be weaker than expected, Schalk said.

"I received their roster. They aren't bringing girls in two events, the uneven bars and the floor exercises."

All of UNL's gymnasts will compete in the all-around tonight, Schalk said.

"Crissy Robertson carries the team through on the all-around," she said. "Individually, Peggy Liddick is good on the uneven bars."

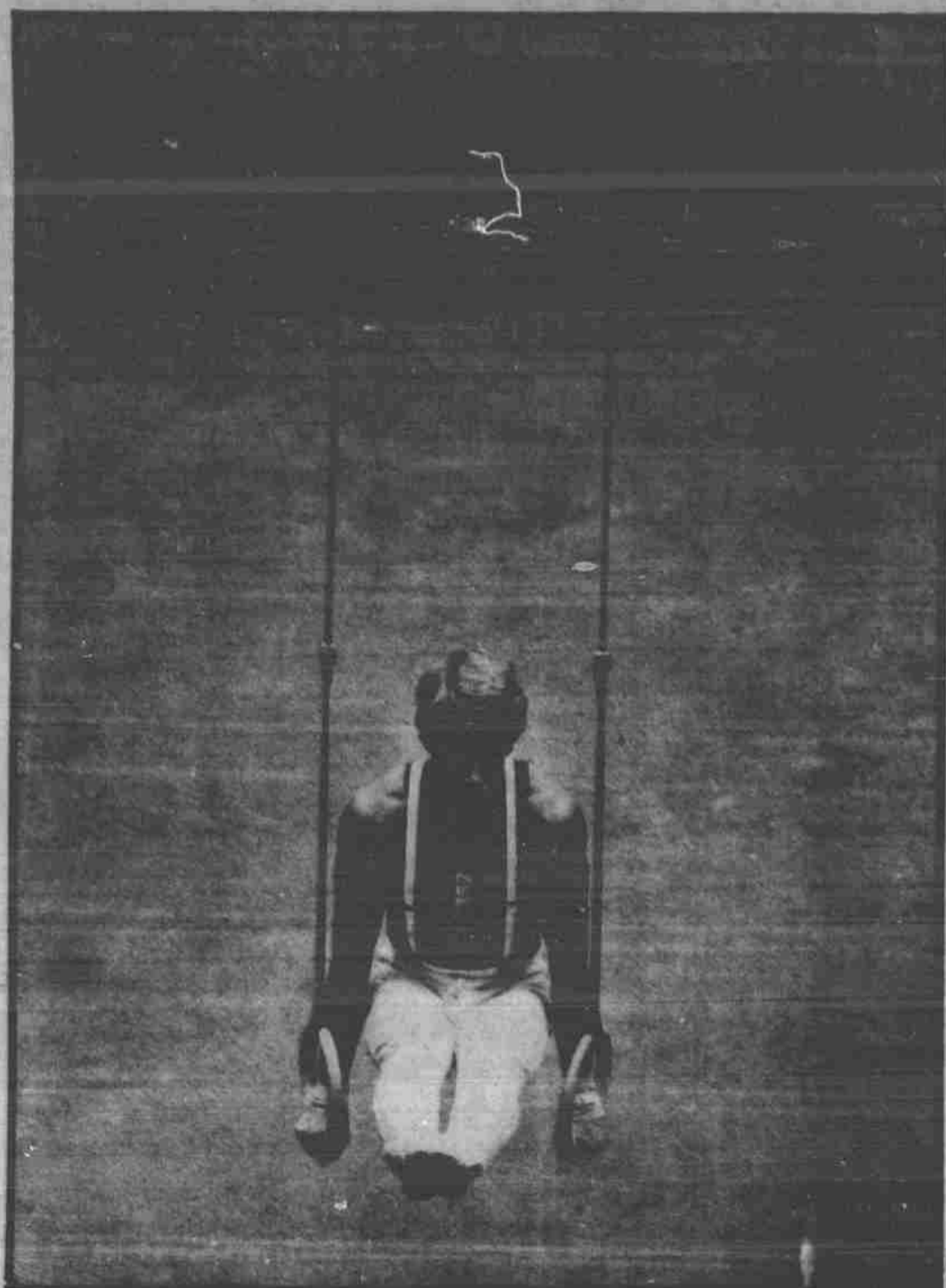


Photo by Ted Kirk

Husker gymnast Duane West shows his skill in the still rings in a meet earlier this year against Iowa State University. West and his Husker teammates took a 209.05-207.50 victory over Southern Illinois University in a dual meet at the UNL Sports Complex Wednesday. Husker Larry Gerard captured the all-around title with a score of 53.80.

Borgialli wrestles with ineligibility

By Jim Kay

UNL's wrestling team will resume action at home Saturday, but, for head coach Orval Borgialli, it may be like the start of a new season.

The Huskers lost several team members because of scholastic ineligibility after semester break.

Because of the loss, the wrestling program is devastated, Borgialli said.

"In the 13 years that I've been here, this is the worst time we've had in regard to scholastic ineligibility," Borgialli said. "Not only is the program devastated, but it's devastating to the other kids as well."

Borgialli was reluctant to place a figure on the total number of athletes declared ineligible or name any of them.

Borgialli said some of the wrestlers were scholarship athletes.

"We were young anyway," Borgialli said. "We'll have to wrestle a lot of freshmen and jockey some weight classes now. We'll have to field a team that is academically eligible."

Borgialli said an attempt would be made for most of the remaining wrestlers to gain weight to change their current weight classes. He added that a few wrestlers

would be required to lose weight.

"In Missouri we had Doug Redding wrestle in the 190 pound weight division," Borgialli said. "and he only weighs 158. He helped us win, though, by not getting pinned."

Borgialli said he knew several of his wrestlers were in academic trouble throughout the semester.

"One of them may have been my fault," he said. "But all the others we couldn't do anything about. We knew of the trouble, but not to the extent to which it was."

Borgialli said UNL would have difficulty in upcoming matches particularly in the Big 8 Conference.

"It's going to be difficult to compete in this league," Borgialli said. "Not that we would have won it anyway, but we would have won a few meets this year. Some kids who had potential are gone, and the ones who are left are going to have to suck it up and give it all they've got for the rest of the season."

Borgialli will get a chance to see what kind of a team he has left Saturday when the wrestlers face South Dakota University and Colorado School of Mines in the UNL Sports Complex at 7:30 p.m.



Photo by Kevin Higley

UNL's wrestling team will be in action Saturday when it hosts the Colorado School of Mines and the University of South Dakota at the UNL Sports Complex.

Husker Ingle wants to better record-breaking performance

By Kevin Schnepf

Being a freshman on UNL's swimming team could have its disadvantages, but freshman Robbie Ingle said he doesn't think so.

"There can be an advantage by being a freshman," Ingle said. "Since a lot of the opponents don't know about you."

Ingle became known last weekend when he broke UNL's record in the 500-yard freestyle, with a time of 4:53.179.

"I thought I was faster in the meet before," Ingle said. "I think I can do better."

Ingle will have a chance to improve his time Saturday when the Huskers host the University of Missouri (MU) at 2 p.m. in the UNL Sports Complex pool.

Ingle, who also swims the 200-yard freestyle, is from Southwest High School in Fort Worth, Tex.

"In high school and AAU meets I would swim in a lot more events, whereas in college, I swim in just two events," he said.

The Huskers are 1-1 this year in dual action and Ingle said he thinks the team can do better.

"The loss of Eddie Johnson hurt us," he said, "but we can do a lot better." Johnson decided not to swim last semester.

Reta said Ingle is going to get stronger and is a hard worker.

"He's a big, lean kid," Reta said. "He's the type of kid we want in our program because he works hard like the rest of the swimmers."

The Huskers will try to avenge last year's 80-33 loss to MU when they swam in Columbia.

MU was third in last December's Big 8 Relays and will come to Lincoln with two Big 8 champions, diver Doug Buckheister and sophomore Kevin Deforest.

"Missouri has a lot more depth than we do," Reta said, "but I don't think they will win the Big 8. They'll be a contender behind Iowa State."

"Depth is the thing that has hurt us. The Huskers won their first meet last weekend when they defeated Southwest Minnesota State, 69-44.

In that dual, besides Ingle's new record, sophomore Mark Crowder was an individual double winner in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles.

"The kids have been working very hard this year," Reta said. "The team has progressed further than it has at the same time in past years."

Reta cited Rick Maack as coming on strong in the backstroke and Pat DiBiase and Mark Crowder as consistent performers.

The Huskers' next meet will be Jan. 29 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, against the University of Northern Iowa.