

Borgialli: big crowd needed at Colorado-UNL dual

Orval Borgialli, UNL's wrestling coach who has guided his team to four straight dual wins, said he hopes to see a big crowd at tonight's 7:30 dual with Colorado University in the UNL Sports Complex.

"These guys are fun athletes to work with and they all come to fight," Borgialli said. "The thing that disturbs me is, how do you get a crowd? Win, lose, or draw, it doesn't seem to matter. Our wrestlers perform much better in front of crowds."

The Huskers, 4-2 in dual competition, will need all the help they can get against Colorado, Borgialli said.

"Colorado is tough and we will have to wrestle with a lot of emotion," Borgialli said. "I'm hoping to see a big crowd to help us out."

UNL had two dual wins last week. UNL

defeated Fort Hays State College (Kansas) Wednesday and upended Wyoming University Thursday in Laramie.

"We felt going against Wyoming that whoever wanted to win the most would come out on top," Borgialli said. "We've had to face some tough competition and we haven't folded yet. We've had to take our licks but at this point we're just gauging ourselves."

The Colorado dual, held in the main arena of the Sports Complex, will mark

the first of three home matches in a row for UNL. The wrestlers will host Oklahoma State University Jan. 23 and a quadrangular meet Jan. 28 against the Universities of Minnesota, Missouri and Notre Dame.

Tonight's dual will feature walk-on freshman Al Patton, an 118-pounder from Omaha Tech, wrestling Colorado's All-American, Chuck Davis. Patton defeated Davis two weeks ago in the Colorado Invitational.

"I don't feel his (Patton) win was a

fluke," Borgialli said. "Al has been wrestling good and it will be an interesting match."

Although Patton may be the top newcomer, Borgialli said that most of the Husker line-up is composed of newcomers. The Huskers will have six freshman in the line-up including Mark Niblo, a freshman from Winterset, Iowa who is wrestling "well" in the 126 pound class, Borgialli said. Borgialli also cited sophomore Agran Vasha and co-captains George Mink and Court Vining.

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Injuries hurting gymnastics

By Rob Barney

Mention injuries to Judy Schalk, UNL women's gymnastics coach, and she is liable to punch you in the mouth.

On paper, the women gymnasts are a capable team, but when half of that paper includes an injury list, even the best of teams are in trouble.

Trouble is exactly what the women's gymnastics team found itself in Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Coliseum.

Iowa State University came into town with a full team and crushed UNL in a dual meet 124.35 to 100.75.

UNL went into the meet without junior Carrie Buckley, freshman Katie Vogel and sophomore Tammy Driscoll.

"Carrie suffered a severe shoulder injury early in the year and it is doubtful whether

she will be able to compete ever again," Schalk said.

"Tammy has not come back to school yet, while Katie was set down this meet for missing practice," she continued.

If that was not enough to hamper the team, Junior Peggy Liddick only competed in the uneven bars because of an injury she suffered earlier in the week.

Liddick's injury left four healthy gymnasts. Just enough, as the top four scores in each event are counted towards the final score.

Nevertheless, it was not enough when Patty Carmichael, sophomore, sprained an ankle during warm-up and was unable to compete.

"Patty sprained her ankle pretty severely and I don't know when she'll be able to come back," Schalk said.

"I brought the girls back a week early for this meet purposely," Schalk said. I scheduled this meet, if for no other reason, than to get the girls in shape for the rest of the season.

"I had not counted on Peggy's injury. She didn't work out all week. Then Patty sprained her ankle in warm-ups," Schalk said.

Despite the lopsided loss, Schalk said the meet served its purpose.

"We needed the meet to get the feeling of competition back," she said. "You know, we're strong depth-wise and a very good team when we're all healthy."

What the team lacked in quantity, it made up for in quality. Sophomore Crissy Robertson finished third in the all-around with a total score of 32.00 in the vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

Freshman Jeanne Concannon captured the all-around title with a total of 33.15.

Iowa State's Laurie Keck was second, totaling 32.05

The Huskers have less than a week to get everybody healthy as they travel to Des Moines Friday to face Drake and then to Lawrence Saturday to duel Kansas.

"Drake has one of the top all-arounders in the region in Patti Fogelman," Schalk said. "Normally we wouldn't have any problems with these meets but if we don't have a full team we'll just have to wait and see."

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Anyone interested in officiating intramural basketball games should attend the mandatory 6 p.m. meeting, Tuesday, in the small auditorium at the Nebraska Union. Intramural director Gale Wiedow said there will be a meeting at 7:30 p.m. for anyone interested in officiating intramural volleyball games.

Reserved season tickets for UNL indoor track may be ordered, according to ticket manager Helen Ruth Wagner. All season ticket books have a Big Eight order blank attached and season ticket holders can order the same seat for the Big 8 meet. UNL's first indoor meet will be January 28 against Kansas University.

The UNL women's basketball team finished sixth, winning one of two games at the Jennings Classic held at Warrensburg, Missouri last weekend.

The team lost its first game to Temple Junior College, 80-69, but bounced back with a 71-63 win over the University of Iowa. Memphis State University, which finished fifth, eliminated the Huskers from the tournament with an 82-55 win. Deb Lee led UNL with 15 points against Memphis State while Jan Crouch had 10 points.

Nebraska plays in Kansas City's Kemper Arena Wednesday night to face Northwest Missouri State University.

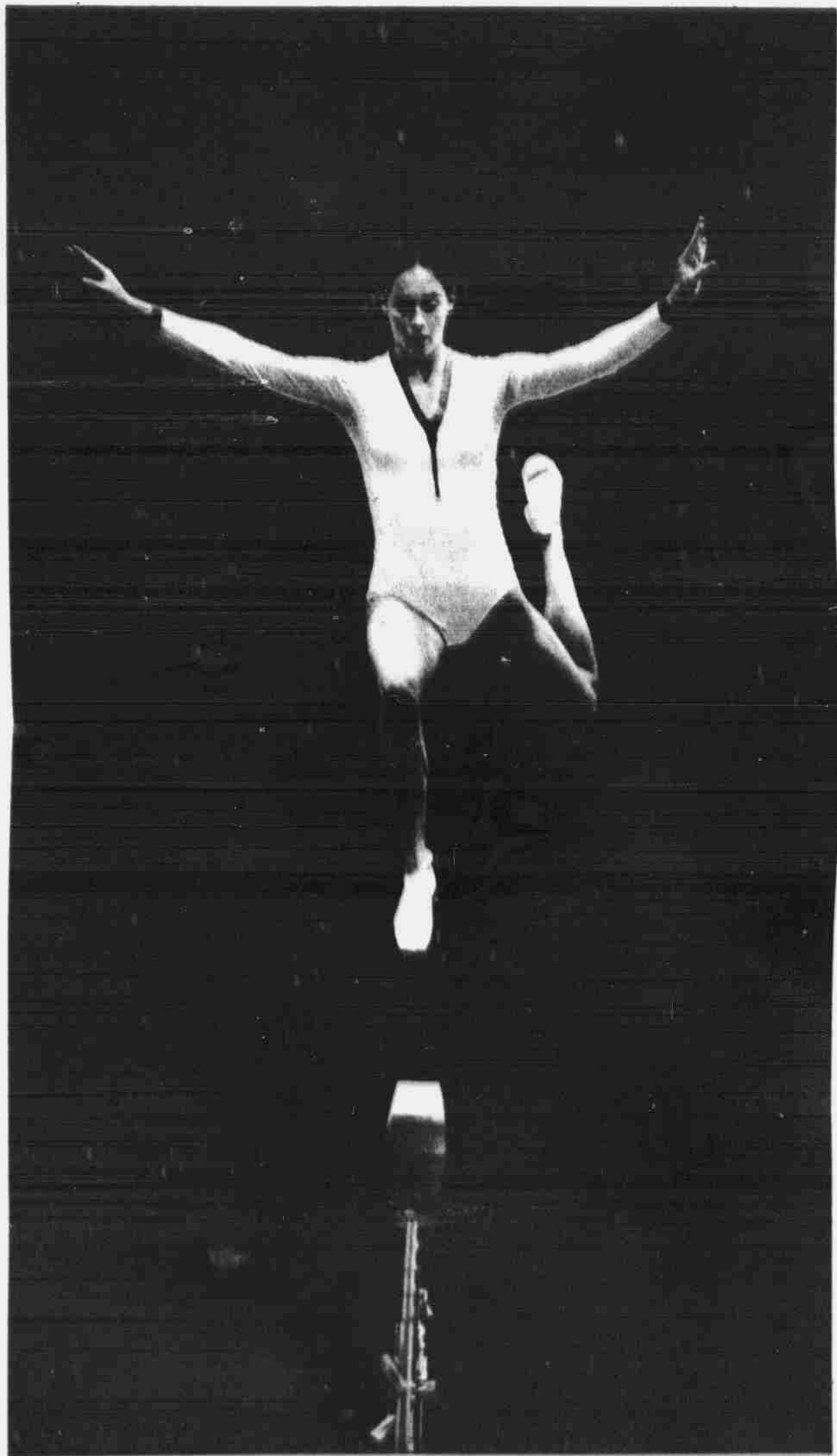


Photo by Ted Kirk

UNL's Crissy Robertson appears to be flying through the air during her balance beam routine at the Coliseum Saturday. She had a successful landing. But the Huskers crashed against Iowa State, losing 124.35 to 100.75 in a dual meet.

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