



Nebraska gymnast Jim Mikus performs in the uneven bars at Saturday's Big Eight Invitational meet in Lincoln.

## Husker gymnastics team wins Big Eight Invitational

By Pat Beecham

Nebraska's men's gymnastics team started its new season the same way they ended the last one - winning.

The Huskers walked away with the title at the Big Eight Invitational gymnastics meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center this weekend. Nebraska finished with 550.3 points, 10 points better than Iowa State's 540.3.

What makes the win more impressive is the fact that the Huskers did it without the services of Jim Hartung in the all-around.

"I'm pretty pleased with our overall depth," Head Coach Francis Allen said. "We didn't use Hartung in the all-around and we still won by 10 points."

Nebraska's Phil Cahoy won the all-around title for the meet. Cahoy finished with a score of 112.7 to finish ahead of Iowa State's Ron Galimore, who had a score of 112.2. Cahoy said he was pleased with his performance, but added it can always get better.

"For the first meet I thought it (performance) was OK," Cahoy said. "We weren't really psyched because we didn't have Jim. I thought we could have done a lot better."

In the individual events, Nebraska didn't do too bad either. Cahoy won the parallel bars and the pommel horse with scores of 9.7 and 9.75, respectively.

Hartung won the still rings with a score of 9.8. Galimore won the floor exercise with a score of 9.6. He also won the vault with a 9.8 score.

Nebraska's freshman Jim Mikus won the

horizontal bars with a 9.6 score and finished fourth in the parallel bars. Nebraska's depth was also evident in the individual events.

Scott Johnson finished in a tie for second on the still rings, fourth in the vault, second in the parallel bars, and in a tie for second on the horizontal bar.

Frank Hibbitts and John Balluff of Nebraska finished in a tie for third on the pommel horse and Steve Elliott, who failed to qualify for the floor exercise, finished second in the vault.

Allen said he was pleased with the team's performance in the meet.

"I'm pleased with everyone in general," Allen said. On the highly-touted Mikus' debut Allen said, "Mikus could've been better, but he did fine."

Another thing that pleased Allen about the Huskers' decisive win was the fact that the teams Nebraska will have to beat at the NCAA championships.

"Nebraska, Iowa State and Oklahoma are one, two, three in the country," Allen said. "If you add UCLA, these will be the same teams we will have to beat at the NCAA meet. They'll get better though, and they'll score higher."

Allen said that the goal now for the Huskers is to prepare all the all-arounders for the national meet.

Allen also said the Huskers have a one-time chance to accomplish something really big this year.

"We have an opportunity of a lifetime to accomplish something this year," Allen said. "We can take advantage of having the championships here and ensure that gymnastics live longer at Nebraska."

## Husker frosh beat UNO JVs

The Nebraska freshmen football team got its chance to play in front of a state-wide television audience Friday night in Omaha, as it beat the UNO junior varsity, 38-7.

The game was the second meeting between the two schools. UNL won a 45-0 game on Oct. 3 in Lincoln.

The Husker offense shined in the first half scoring on five of six possessions and rolling up a 31-0 halftime advantage.

Not all was bright for the Huskers, though. Wingback Irving Fryar suffered a deep thigh bruise early in the game and watched the remainder of the con-

test from the sidelines on crutches.

Before he left the game, Fryar caught two passes for 63 yards and one touchdown.

Gill was the leading rusher with 59 yards on 18 attempts. Smith ran the ball seven times for 31 yards. Jim Thompson was the top receiver, catching six passes for 86 yards.

The Huskers rolled up 170 yards on the ground and 449 yards of total offense. UNO gained only 123 total yards.

Nebraska closes out its season Friday afternoon against Waldorf Junior College in Memorial Stadium.

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