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World-class gymnasts tumble out of Omaha club

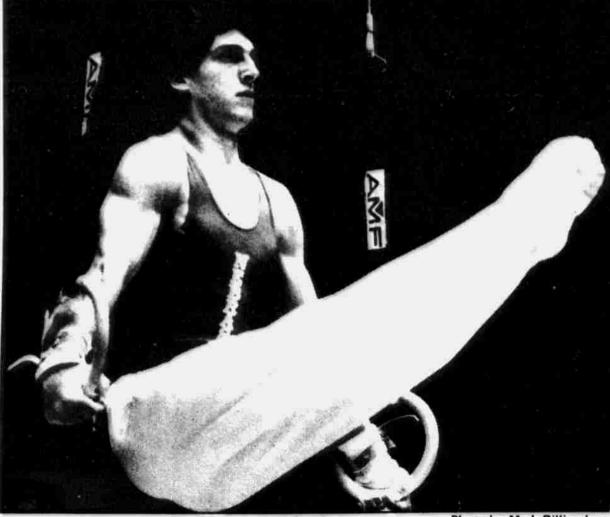


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Nebraska gymnast Phil Cahoy competes on the rings. €ahoy's father runs Omaha Sokol, a gymnastics club where several Husker gymnasts began their careers.

By Pat Beecham

After turning out three of the top gymnasts in the nation in the last four years, Sokol Omaha is fast becoming one of the top gymnastics clubs of its kind in the nation, Nebraska gymnastics Coach Francis Allen said.

"It's the best program in the nation," Allen said. "Not necessarily the best facilities or equipment, but the best coaching and training."

One of the people responsible for that coaching and training is Phil Cahoy, Sr., father of Husker gymnast Phil Cahoy Jr.

Along with Cahoy, Jr., Jim Hartung and Mike Bowers got some of their formal training at Sokol Omaha. All three were top-rated gymnasts in their respective years and now compete for Nebraska.

Allen said that although an early start in gymnastics is not necessary, it is helpful. He also added that out of Nebraska's top five gymnasts, "four were the child prodigy type."

Cahoy Sr. agreed with Allen saying that an early start can be advantageous to a youngster.

"You can learn to do things more correctly and learn a lot of the basics when you are young," the elder Cahoy said.

Clubs like Sokol Omaha give children a chance to get started in gymnastics. Cahoy Sr. said that the club has classes that meet twice a week for toddlers all the way up to juniors (ages 17-18). He also said that the area from which the boys come is not restricted.

"We have about 80 boys," Cahoy Sr. said. "They come from all over Omaha as well as from Blair and Council Bluffs."

Although Cahoy Sr. has been coaching for nearly 18 years, he hasn't lost his enthusiasm.

"I love it," he said. "Most of the boys, about 90 percent of them I'd say, go to college. That's what I look forward to and encourage."

Coaching is not the older Cahoy's fulltime job. He said he's not in it for the money which might cover expenses but little else. Cahoy, Sr. works for Western Electric and spends about 12 hours a week in the gym which is not as much time as he said he would like.

"Except for the fact that we can't get into the gym as much as we would like, I think we compare about the same with other clubs," he said.

Cahoy Sr. said that Sokol Omaha receives invitations to have meets with different clubs and the juniors from the club hold a meet once a year in Omaha. He also said that they compete in the USGA championships.

Cahoy said he thinks high school gymnastics in Nebraska compares pretty well with other states.

"High school gymnastics in Nebraska are not that bad," Cahoy Sr. said. "A lot of coaches come to see the state meet and a lot know some of the boys competed in Sokol and will come talk to me," Cahoy Sr. added, referring to recruiters.

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