

Gymnasts begin season, look toward sixth title

By Scott Ahlstrand

The three gymnastics teams in the Big Eight begin their season tonight at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in the Big Eight Invitational. The meet, which opens the 1983-84 collegiate gymnastics season, will feature Iowa State, Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Nebraska coach Francis Allen, who has led the Huskers to five consecutive national championships, hopes to use the meet as a springboard for a sixth title.

"The Big Eight is usually the powerhouse in the nation. This is the first meet of the year, so it gets us off to an early start," Allen said. "A win here will really start us off right."

Allen said Nebraska's chief competition should come from the Cyclones.

"Iowa State is really going to challenge us. They finished fourth in nationals last year, but I think they were probably the second best team on the floor."

Oklahoma coach Gary Buwick said he thinks the Sooners can adequately compete with Nebraska and Iowa State.

"We've got a lot of talent, but not a lot of depth," Buwick said. "I think we'll be fine as long as no one gets hurt. Any injury will really hurt our score."

Both Allen and Buwick said that pre-invitational tension on their teams is high.

"You never know how the teams are going to do until its over," Allen said. "It's a very stimulating and motivating time for the coaches and the gymnasts."

Allen said the Huskers have a good chance at repeating as national champions.

"This is going to be a really exciting year. Right now we don't have a Jim Hartung, a Phil Cahoy or a Scotty Johnson, but we'll have an individual step forward by the end of the year," Allen said.

Nebraska is led by all-arounders Chris Riegel, Jim Mikus, Mike Bowers, Wes Suter and Neal Palmer.

"They're the strength of the team," Allen said. "The combination of those five is probably the best in the country."

Riegel, Nebraska's top returning all-arounder, is currently recovering from wrist surgery he had this summer.

The surgery has limited his practice time, and according to a story in Thursday's Omaha World Herald, had caused a falling out of sorts between Riegel and Allen.

"I don't think there's any problem," Allen said. "I think they (the Omaha World-Herald) blew everything out of proportion. I don't have any special problems with Chris."

Riegel and Allen both felt that the story stemmed from the injury.

"It's pretty frustrating," Riegel said of the injury. "It's made me question myself on whether or not I want to continue with this stuff (gymnastics). But I don't have any problems with coach Allen."

Specialists for the Huskers will include Brandon Hull (floor, parallel bars, still rings and vault) and Frank Nibbits (pommel horse).

Allen said that Nebraska has a potentially great team.

"We're going to be really powerful. We're strong in a lot of areas and I think a few of our gymnasts will come into their own," Allen said. "Our only major problem is our youth. We've really got a young team."

The invitational will run through Saturday. Events begin at 7 p.m. each day.

Rec Scoreboard

Men's Intramural Slow Pitch Softball Ratings "Husker Red's" Final Top 10 Poll

1. Beta Theta Pi A	12-2
2. Alpha Tau Omega B #1	10-2
3. Jamokes	11-1
4. Mac Attacks	8-1
5. Gummers	9-2
6. Phi Kappa Psi A	7-3
7. Sigma Chi A	7-1
8. Mickey D's	7-1
9. Schramm SA	9-1
10. Holysmokers	6-1

"Husker Red's" Notes: Beta Theta Pi A after being defeated by Phi Kappa Psi A, 10-4 in the Fraternity A Championship came on strong in the All-University Playoffs to claim the championship with a 11-3 victory against the Jamokes.

MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL

Playoff brackets: Sunday — Abel Two B vs. Alpha Tau Omega A 5:30 p.m., Beta Theta Pi B vs. Selleck 8300 A 7:30 p.m., Madballer's Revenge vs. Abel Eleven B 6:30 p.m. Monday — Winner, Beta Theta Pi vs. Selleck 8300 A vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon A-1, 8:30 p.m., winner, Madballer's Revenge vs. Abel Eleven vs. Sweets 6:30 p.m., winner, Abel Two vs. Alpha Tau Omega vs. Abel Eight A 7:30 p.m., Girth Vaders vs. Phi Kappa Psi B-2 9:30 p.m. Semifinals are scheduled for 8:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, finals 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. All games except final will be played at Cather-Pound field four. The final will be played at Cather-Pound field one.

Divisional championships:
 Fraternity A — Sigma Alpha Epsilon A-1 20, Alpha Tau Omega A 18
 Fraternity B-C — Phi Kappa Psi B-2 28, Beta Theta Pi B 20
 Independent A — Girth Vaders 45, Madballer's Revenge 41
 Independent B — Sweets 34, Runnin' Rebels 32
 Residence Hall A — Abel Eight A 60, Selleck 8300 A 24
 Residence Hall B-C — Abel Eleven B 37, Abel Two B 6

INNERTUBE WATER BASKETBALL

Alpha Tau Omega 78, Cather Eleven 6
 Theta Xi A 48, Beta Theta Pi B 28
 Beta Theta Pi A 30, Schramm Eight 22
 Sigma Phi Epsilon 42, RKPB 18
 (Co-Rec) Delta Tau Delta-Chi Omega 31, Delta Upsilon-Little Sisters 30

CO-REC BASKETBALL

F.O.A.D.'s 72, Sweets 68
 Basketball 60, Pound Seven-Cather Eleven 24
 Narlies 50, Burr One and Two East 32
 Food Science 47, Tau Kappa Epsilon-Tri Delta 39
 Harper Five-Smith Eight 53, Cather Ten-Pound Six 52
 Slugs 42, Abel Two 36
 Kappa Sigma 40, Delta Upsilon-Kappa Delta 10
 Gamma Phi Beta 70, Attractions 60
 Ballers 54, U.S.A. 43
 Chanticleers 51, Abel Eight-Sandoz Nine 20
 Abel Ten 53, Abel Three 21
 Triangle 41, Don Ho's 35
 Beak's Bombers 57, Arc Dois 46
 Harper Eight 57, Harper Three-Smith Six 36

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Alpha Tau Omega C. def. Beta Sigma Psi c 15-5, 15-8
 Acacia C def. Tau Kappa Epsilon C 15-4, 15-10
 Phi Kappa Psi C def. Sigma Alpha Epsilon C 16-14, 15-11
 Phi Delta Theta C def. Beta Theta Pi C 15-7, 13-4
 Triangle C def. Delta Upsilon C 15-10, 15-1
 Lambda Chi Alpha B def. Chi Phi B 15-6, 15-4

BOWLING

Tuesday Collegiate:
 High games — Brad Harms (Bradley's Angels) 232, 209; Sherry Rohlfing (B.L.U.F. II) 157. High Series — Sue Reed (Bradley's Angels) 400, Harms, 582.
 Big Red:
 High games — Rod Koch (Whiz Kids) 235; Patty Juelfs (J's) 177; Bruce Juelfs (J's) 207; Larry Christiansen (Bowlers Inc) 205; Dave Dudek (Oilers) 203. High series — (four games)

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