

Husker gymnasts dominate invitational

By Scott Ahlstrand

The Nebraska men's gymnastics team began this season the same way they finished the last one — on top. The Cornhuskers, the defending NCAA champions, defeated five other teams in the Big Eight Invitational at the Bob Devaney Sports Center Saturday.

Nebraska ran away from second-place Southern Illinois, 278.55-273.50. Iowa State finished third (270.0), followed by Iowa (264.15), Oklahoma (263.65) and Northern Illinois (258.35).

Husker coach Francis Allen said he was delighted with the meet's results.

"We scored 278," Allen said. "Ideally 280 would have been our maximum for the opening meet of the year. I thought through our intrasquad meets that we'd be good, but not this good."

Nebraska trailed Southern Illinois and Iowa State midway through the competition, but rallied in front of a home crowd of 1,400 to win the invitational.

"You won't see too many meets where we're behind halfway through the meet," Allen said. "That just fired our guys up."

A turning point for the Huskers was the parallel bars. Nebraska swept the event, claiming the top five places.

Sophomore Chris Riegel placed first with a 9.6. Riegel, who is recovering from wrist surgery this summer, performed solidly with the exception of a fall on the pommel horse.

"He's like all the good ones" Allen said of Riegel. "When you turn on the lights and bring out the crowd, he's ready to compete."

Other first-place finishers for the Huskers were Wes Suter on the high bar (9.7) and Jim Mikus on the vault (9.65).

Mike Bowers put in a sterling performance on the pommel horse. Bowers ad-libbed his entire routine for a 9.4

"I called him Jim Hartung, because only Jim Hartung, NCAA all-around champion and Husker graduate assistant) can do that," Allen said, referring to Bowers' ad-libbing. "That's really coming into your own when you can do that."

Allen also praised the work of Brandon Hull and Neil Palmer.

"Brandon Hull did a tremendous job tonight. He scored well on the floor exercise and still rings and that was the first time he's competed in those events in his collegiate life. You're going to be hearing from

Neil Palmer, too. He came through with some good routines tonight."

The Huskers recorded only four scores under 9.0 in the invitational. That, Allen said, is a sign of just how ready Nebraska was.

"The guys know what it takes and they gave it to win tonight," Allen said.



Staff photo by John Zoz

Sophomore Wes Suter keeps his eye on the bar during a high bar routine Saturday night.

THE SPORTS CENTER TENNIS COURTS

WILL BE OPEN FOR STUDENTS & FACULTY STARTING SAT. NOV. 27, FOR THREE WEEK-ENDS. THE COURTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY; AND FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY. THE FEE WILL BE \$2.00 FOR STUDENTS, AND \$4.00 FOR FACULTY PER COURT FOR ONE (1) HOUR. STUDENTS & FACULTY CAN SIGN FOR THEIR COURT ONLY WITH ANN MARTIN, ROOM 106 AT THE BOB DEVANEY SPORTS CENTER FROM 1:00 P.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M. MONDAY & WEDNESDAY STARTING MONDAY, NOV. 22, 1983. PLEASE PRESENT STUDENT OR FACULTY IDENTIFICATION WHEN RENTING A COURT.



Want to see something dirty?

All University Mudslung

Sponsored by *Coors*

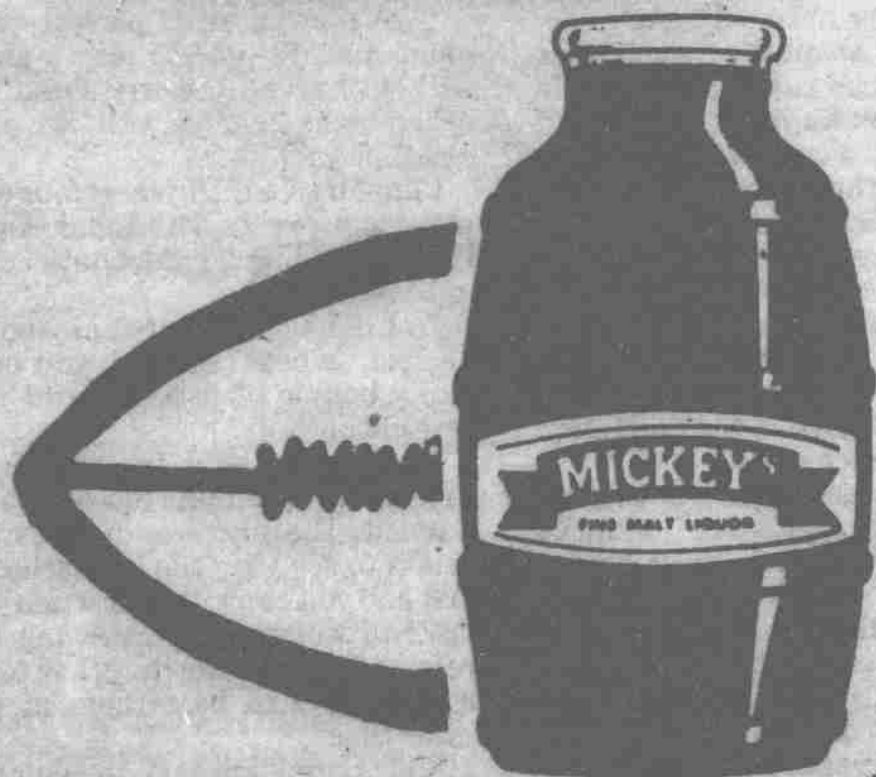
and C.R.'s

Friday, November 18th

at 8:00 p.m.

Coliseum-State Fairgrounds

We Salute The Mean Green Shirt of The Week: Paul Gangwish



Watch For The Heileman Trophy Winner of The Year.



The Heileman Trophy Winner will be the most outstanding offensive scout team member. We recognize the importance of these players in contributing to our goal of being No. 1. Keep up the good work guys!

Congratulations Cornhuskers!

N.U. 72 I.S. 29

Distributed by Lincoln Beer Distributing

FREE DELIVERY ON CAMPUS



Order any item on our menu & we'll deliver it FREE! \$5 minimum *5p.m. to close

FREE LITER OF COKE

With any \$5 minimum order thru November 21, 1983



PHONE 467-3611

NORTH 35 & Holdrege