

Sports

Olympic hopeful had his doubts

By Patty Pryor

Chris Riegel has lived the life of a gymnast for as far back as his memory will reach.

Riegel, a Husker sophomore standout who began workouts at the ripe old age of 4, will soon realize the culmination of those years in training at next month's Olympic trials in Chicago.

Of the 72 gymnasts who compete in Chicago, 18



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will qualify for the second round in Jacksonville, Fla., in June, from which the top eight finishers will make up the U.S. Olympic team.

Like many of his fellow gymnasts, competing in the Olympics has been a long-held dream for Riegel, a dream which strengthened his commitment to training as he grew up.

"Ever since I started, it's been injected into my

Nebraska suffers loss in rain-plagued series

Nebraska's rain-plagued baseball series with Iowa State concludes today, weather permitting, with a 12:30 p.m. double-header in Ames, Iowa.

Saturday, the 26-10 Huskers suffered their first Big Eight conference loss of the season, 4-2, before taking the nightcap 9-6. Both games were played in a steady rain.

That rain caused Sunday's scheduled double-header to be postponed, as Iowa State's Cap Timm Field does not have a tarpaulin for its infield.

Nebraska Coach John Sanders juggled his lineup after the Huskers stranded 13 baserunners in the opener. Second baseman Kurt Eubanks moved from ninth to sixth in the batting

order, while Rich King was moved from fifth to seventh.

Those changes aided Nebraska in seizing a 9-1 lead after 4½ innings. Mike Duncan hit a two-run homer in a four-run fourth inning. King, Jeff Carter and Scott Hooper each had two hits.

Winning pitcher Chris Knust struggled in the fifth as Iowa State rallied for four runs. Roger Webb, Nebraska's third reliever, then quelled the Cyclones' wind with two innings of one-hit pitching.

In the first game, Scott Kickbush's sixth-inning single scored Dave Wisniewski to break a 2-2 tie. Bill Argo earlier hit a two-run homer for Iowa State, 12-17.

mind that "One day, you'll be there, you'll be there," Riegel said. "It kept me going, but it was also a lot of pressure."

Riegel's gymnastics career started off almost as a fluke, as something to do while his parents waited for a music academy to accept him, he recalled.

"When I was four, he took me to a music academy, but this place wouldn't take me 'till I was six," he said. "So they decided for two years, they'd have me get some coordination."

Riegel enrolled in Larry Moyer's Gymnasium in Reading, Pa., where fellow Huskers Jim Mikus and Wes Suter also started out.

"Then the time came when I was six and my parents were getting ready to take me out," he said. "I had already won some trophies in meets when I was 5, and Moyer told my parents that he thought I had a lot of talent and a lot of potential, so for my best interests, it would be a good idea if they'd keep me in."

Riegel trained under Moyer until he came to Nebraska in 1982, which provided a background that he credits for his discipline and ability now.

"It wasn't like typical boys clubs," he said. "We were like a little army. We couldn't sit down during workouts, and sometimes, if he was in a bad mood, we couldn't talk. It was just part of the discipline."

Riegel said he hated the regimen at the time, but realized that it produced results.

Riegel went on to a sterling high school career under Moyer, winning four consecutive state titles, even though the state meet was the only one he entered.

He concentrated primarily on national and international competition as a five-time member of the U.S. junior squad. At age 16, he became the youngest individual champion in United States Gymnastics Federation history, with a vaulting title at the 1981 meet in Lincoln.

Such accomplishments were not without sacrifice, though, and Riegel talked about some of the things he missed while growing up.

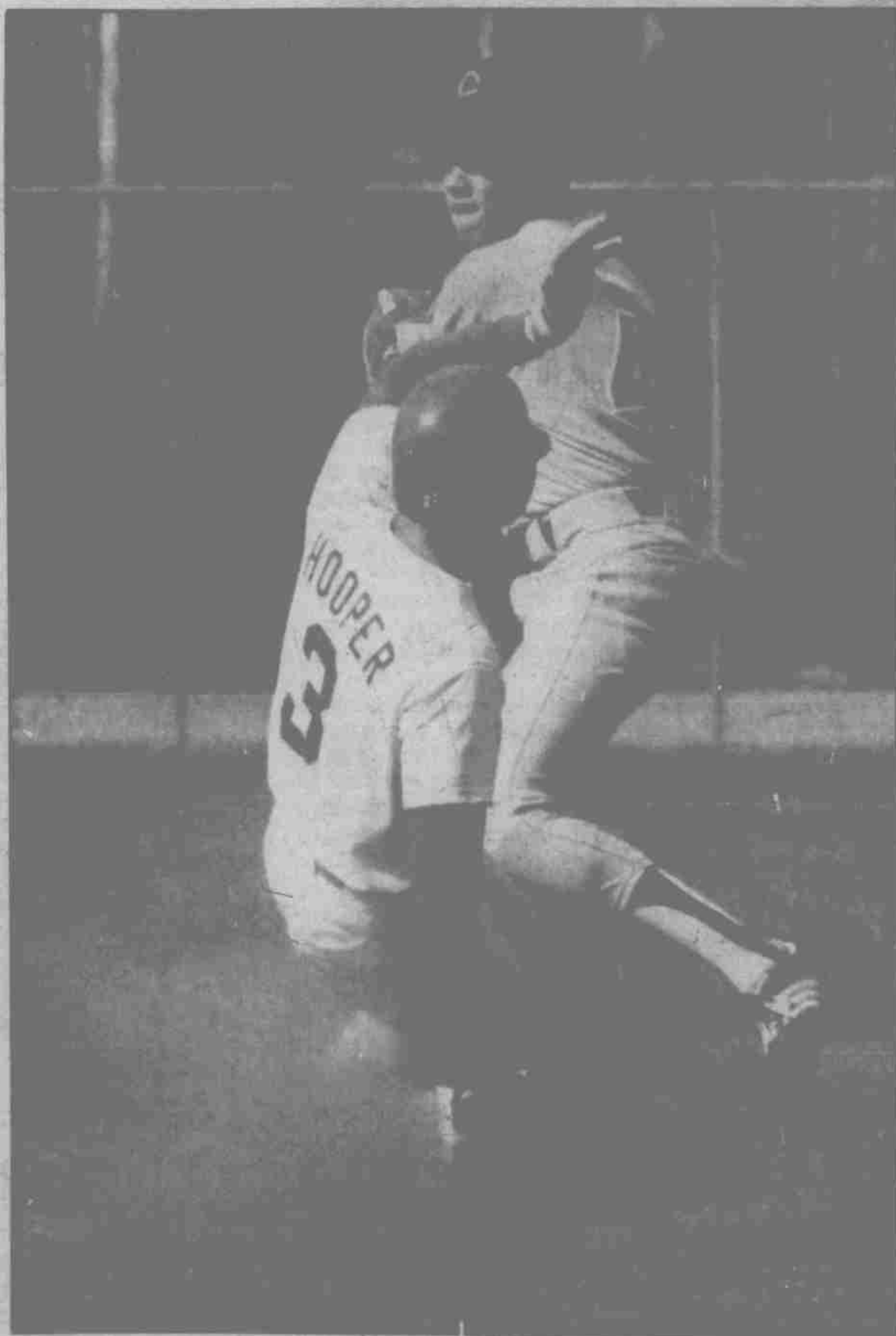
"The proms and dances and football games were always in the evening, and we worked out from 6 to 9:30 p.m. every day, with no exceptions, all through high school," he said.

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David Turney looks questioningly at a pitch delivered to him in last week's Kansas State series. Turney and the Huskers split a double-header with Iowa State in Ames Saturday. The teams will finish the series with a pair of games today.



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Nebraska third baseman Scott Hooper slides safely into second base in a game earlier this week against Creighton. Hooper was three-of-eight in Saturday's double-header with Iowa State.

Rec Scoreboard

(Sportsmanship ratings in parentheses)

Men's Soccer

Fraternities A

Beta Theta Pi (3.8) 2, Sigma Phi Epsilon #1 (3.6) 1
Phi Kappa Psi (4.2) 10, Sigma Nu (4.0) 0
Alpha Tau Omega (4.5) 2, Delta Tau Delta (4.0) 1

Fraternities B

Traingle (2.5) 2, Alpha Gamma Rho (2.7) 0
Delta Tau Delta (3.7) 6, Delta Upsilon (3.7) 4
Phi Delta Theta (4.2) 5, Phi Kappa Psi (3.7) 0
Alpha Tau Omega (3.7) 2, Tau Kappa Epsilon (3.7) 1
Sigma Alpha Epsilon def. Sigma Phi Epsilon #2 by forfeit
Phi Gamma Delta def. Chi Phi by forfeit

Independents B

Team Italia (3.3) 3, LXIXERS (3.3) 2
D. C.'s def. Holysmokers by forfeit
Don Ho's def. Sorry My Fault by forfeit

Co-Rec Softball B

I Tappa Keg 13, Team #2 10
Mickey D's 6, Fig Mutants 7
Schramm Two 25, Suds And Such 10
Where's the Beef? 10, Cather Four/Pound Thirteen 9
The Eliminators 14, Cather Three/Pound Eleven 6
D. S. B.'s 13, Jesus Is Lord 7
Team #1 def. Quotation Marks by forfeit
Cather Three/Pound Seven 13, Abel Twelve 7
Abel Three def. Sandoz/Abel Eleven by forfeit

Co-Rec Softball A

Gators 12, The Buckeroos 3
Sandoz Five 3, Sandoz Nine 1
Wild Women 9, Sandoz Two "The Zoo" 1
Reds 10, Smith Ten 6
Smith Six 14, Burr East 1
Kappa Delta def. Delta Delta Delta by forfeit

Deadline for all entries in the intramural T-shirt design contest is Tuesday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m.