

Sports

Gymnast Suter says new names emerging

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If Wes Suter has his way, the Nebraska gymnast may someday join such legendary Husker gymnasts as Olympians Jim Hartung, Scott Johnson and Jim Mikus.

Suter, who finished 20th in an Olympic qualifying meet last summer, is a leader on this year's young gymnastics team. The team begins its season Friday with the Big Eight Invitational at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

"By the end of the year, Nebraska is going to have new names in gymnastics," Suter said.

The last two years, the 'name' was Chris Riegel. Riegel and Suter were recruited the same year. But while Suter fought off injuries, Riegel became an All-American.

However, Riegel was declared ineligible this summer after he failed 24 credit hours last year. Riegel finished the Olympic trials in eighth place but did not return to the university.

When asked about the Riegel issue, Suter shrugged his shoulders and said he thinks people made "too big a deal of it."

Suter said he and Riegel are good friends. The two grew up together in Reading, Pa., where they belonged to the same gymnastics club.

Suter said he doesn't feel pressured by the loss of Riegel, but if Riegel were still with the squad, it would have more depth.

If anyone is putting pressure on Suter, it is himself, assistant coach Jim Howard said.

"Whether Riegel is here or not, Wes has put pressure on himself because he has pretty high goals," Howard said.

Suter, a 5-9, 155-pound junior, wants to place among the top three in the all-around competition at the NCAA tournament. He said he hopes to make the 1988 Olympic team.

Suter compared the gymnastics squad with this year's Cornhusker football team.

"We don't have superstars on the team," Suter said.

The team is closer-knit this year, he said, and the coaches push the gymnasts every day.

Howard said the team can rely on Suter to be a stable performer although he may not be as strong a leader as they've had in the past.

Howard said Suter has added new skills to his routines.

Suter said his strongest, and favorite event is the horizontal bars.

Back trouble has limited his practice on the rings. He is missing the last two bones that connect the vertebrae.

Suter attended South Lakes High School in Reston, Va., where he won the state's all-around title three times. He said he is "definitely" glad he came to UNL.

"I saw what (coach) Francis Allen and Howard have done with other gymnasts," he said. "They basically made Johnson an Olympian."

Hoosiers lose fan support; early lead stuns Houston

By Steve Harvey

THE COLLEGES
Fan support for No. 1 Indiana (0-8) continues to dwindle, with some critics even suggesting that the team move back to Baltimore.

Bottom Ten

The school, you'll recall, was located in Baltimore until last February when it packed up everything, including laboratory animals, in the middle of the night and sneaked out of town, despite pleas by city officials to remain. Next stop, perhaps: Phoenix.

While the Hoosiers maintained their perfect record, Washington Coach Don James saw one of college football's most treasured streaks snapped when Arizona Coach Larry Smith refused to shake hands with him after a 12-28 Mildcat loss. Smith was angry over a late-game onside kick by the Huskies.

James said later it was the first time since he'd been at Washington that an opposing coach had shunned him — a period covering 112 games. The all-time record of 374 straight handshakes is held by Amos Alonzo Stagg, whose own streak ended tragically in 1934 when he inadvertently shook hands with an opposing team's trainer.

THE RANKINGS

SCHOOL	LAST LOSS	NEXT LOSS
1) Indiana (0-8)	20-24, Iowa tied Navy	Ohio State Syracuse
2) Pitt (1-6-1)	28-28	
3) (tie) Columbia (0-6)	16-35, Colgate	Dartmouth
4) Dartmouth (0-6)	10-13, Cornell	Columbia
5) Alabamba (2-5)	idle	Miss. State
6) Duke (1-6)	7-43, Maryland	Georgia Tech
7) Kansas State (2-6)	14-62, Nebr.	Oklahoma St.
8) Minnesota (3-5)	13-20, Mich. State	Illinois
9) Rice (1-6)	14-38, Texas A&M	Arkansas
10) Northwstrn. (2-7)	7-40, Purdue	Michigan St.

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Columbia (0-6) vs. Dartmouth (0-6). (Game will be played on a sudden-death basis from the start out of sympathy for the spectators.)

ROUTE OF THE WEEK: Indiana (0-8) at angry Ohio State (6-2).

QUOTE BOOK: University of Manitoba (Canada) Coach Dennis Hricaiko, after a 14-42 loss to Northern Arizona in Flagstaff: "We are young and not used to this size of crowd." The crowd totaled 2,800.

ALL IS NOT LOST: Marietta (Ohio) College ended its losing streak at 34 games, longest in the nation. But since it only tied Ohio Northern 3-3, Marietta can still boast of having the longest current winless string at 41.

THE PROS
Obviously disoriented at the clock's being set back an hour with the end of daylight-saving time, No. 1 Houston (0-9) actually found itself in the lead, 7-0,

after one quarter against Cincinnati. Temporarily stunned — they had led in a game only once before all season — they got unraveled in time, 13-31.

But the most lopsided defeat of the day was credited to the No. 10 L.A. Lambs (5-4), a 0-33 rub-out by San Francisco in embarrassed Anaheim. The Lambs hadn't been routed so thoroughly since 1963, when the Bears clobbered them 14-52.

The 49ers were sparked by two touchdowns by running back Roger Craig, who is attempting to become the first man to be on winning teams in both the Super Bowl and World Series.

The game was so one-sided that much fan interest centered on a plane that repeatedly circled the stadium while pulling a banner that said: "Vote for Gallivan for judge." Later it was revealed that the NFL has decreed that line judges henceforth must be elected rather than appointed.

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2) Buffalo (0-9)	7-38, Miami	Cleveland
3) Cinc. (3-6)	def. Houston 31-13	San Francisco
4) Cleveland (1-8)	14-16, New Or.	Buffalo
5) Minnesota (2-7)	7-16, Chicago	Tampa Bay

6) Bay (Green) (2-7); 7) Bay (Tampa) (3-6); 8) Indianapolis (3-6); 9) Detroit (3-6); 10) L.A. Lambs (5-4).
*Two of its victories were over Houston.

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Buffalo (0-9) vs. Cleveland (1-8). **FUNNY, BUT THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY TROUBLE RUNNING...** The Raiders' Lester Hayes on Denver's 22-19 overtime win: "It's very obvious the Broncos have rabbits' feet in their jocks."

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Dickey calls Nebraska league's best

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Kansas State's players and coaches said a lot of nice things about the Nebraska Cornhuskers after the Wildcats received a 62-14 thumping in Memorial Stadium.

In fact, listening to the KSU players, one might think the Big Eight race is over already.

Big Eight Preview

"Nebraska's the dominant team in the league," KSU coach Jim Dickey said. "Offensively, nobody in the league compares with Nebraska."

The Husker defense isn't so bad either, quarterback Randy Williams said.

"They're a lot more aggressive than Oklahoma and their pass coverage makes it very difficult to see who's open."

Center Andy Harding also rated the Husker defense highly.

"Their first team defense is the best I've seen," he said.

Those comments may or may not cause concern for the Iowa State Cyclones. Once considered one of the league's worst teams, Iowa State has earned respect the last two weeks by scaring Oklahoma and playing Missouri to a 14-14 tie.



Nebraska's whitewashing of Kansas State gave Husker reserves such as Dave Dietz (98), Jon Kelly (40), Ken Kaelin (49) and Jerry Mlinar (9) a chance to play.

"We're going to need a super effort in this game," ISU Coach Jim Criner said. "Nebraska is the top team in our conference and they present us with a real challenge."

Missouri and Oklahoma have experienced Iowa State's resurgence. The Sooners and Tigers meet Saturday in Norman, Okla.

Barry Switzer's troops were embarrassed last week at Kansas,

losing 28-11. Switzer said it's time for his team to get its act together.

"We are definitely at the crossroads," he said. "We must regroup and handle the adversity to stay in contention for the Big Eight championship."

The Sooners encountered more adversity Sunday when starting defensive backs Keith Stanberry and Andre Johnson suffered serious injuries in a car accident. Both are out for the season.

Another casualty, quarterback Danny Bradley, is listed as questionable for the Missouri game with finger and ankle injuries. His replacement, freshman Troy Aikman, completed only 2 of 14 passes against Kansas.

Missouri coach Warren Powers said he expects Oklahoma to bounce back after the loss to Kansas.

"I'm sure OU will come roaring back and be emotionally ready to

play us," Powers said.

Tiger fullback Eric Drain suffered a severe thigh bruise against Iowa State, and his status is uncertain for Saturday's game.

Two teams on the upswing will meet in Boulder, Colo., Saturday when Kansas takes on the Colorado Buffaloes. The Buffs have scared Nebraska and Oklahoma State the past two weeks, while the Jayhawks' easy win over Oklahoma shocked everybody.

Colorado coach Bill McCartney said he hopes his team can keep playing with emotion.

"I think the way we've played the last couple of weeks shows we're gaining confidence and momentum," he said. "You always want to end the season 'upbeat,' and if we can continue to play like we did against Oklahoma State, we'll be headed in the right direction."

Oklahoma State will try to stay in contention for the conference championship when the Cowboys travel to Kansas State. The Wildcats won last year's game, 21-20, a fact which sticks in some of the Cowboy's minds.

"I can hardly remember anything about the game last year except the sick feeling I had after we lost," OSU tailback Shawn Jones said.

Linebacker Jim Krebs said his team should be wary of KSU.

"They'll be fired up for us, thinking they can beat us again," Krebs said. "We realize anyone can beat anyone, so we can't take anyone lightly."