

Sports

Five NU gymnasts try for U.S. team

By Richard Cooper
Staff Reporter

Five Nebraska gymnasts will compete today and Friday in the United States team trials for the World Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.

It is the last summer meet for Wes Suter, Mike Epperson and Tom Schlesinger, and a big meet for former Nebraska gymnasts Scott Johnson and Phil Cahoy.

All five gymnasts finished in the top 24 at the USA Championships last June. At the trials, the top eight gymnasts will earn a spot on the USA team going to the World Championships in November at Montreal.

Nebraska Men's gymnastics coach Francis Allen said all five are physically in good shape, but mentally some are almost burned out.

Suter, for example, has been competing in meets since last January,

Allen said. The NCAA all-around champion needs a good rest to get ready for the upcoming college season, Allen said.

"This is not a good time of year for college gymnasts because they are out of shape," Allen said. "But for the former Olympians, this is a very important meet for them because it could be their last shot."

Suter said he feels tired mentally and physically, and that he would like to just practice more for the next couple weeks so gymnastics can be fun again.

"I'm tired of this," Suter said. "If it keeps going like this I'm going to quit. I'm in serious need of a rest."

Suter said he still thinks he can make the team despite his fatigue. He said the trials will be all mental for him because he has been doing the routines since April.

Suter said he wouldn't be disap-

pointed if he didn't make the team. Epperson and Schlesinger said they are excited about the meet, but working out over the summer has taken a toll on their bodies.

"I can feel those little aches and pains," Epperson said. "But I try not to let it bother me because this meet is important to me."

Even if he doesn't make the team, Epperson said he still wants to do well because the trials are a ranking meet. Epperson is now ranked 16th in the country and says he would like to move up.

He said he feels good going into this meet. Epperson, a sophomore from Bartlesville, Okla., said he thinks he can make the team, but that he can count eight guys that are better than him.

Schlesinger said he is excited about the meet and is not feeling burned out.

He said he thinks he might make the team if other competitors make

mistakes.

Allen said just one gymnast making the team would be great. He said he thinks Johnson and Cahoy will make it.

Johnson said he is in good shape but not like he was before the Olympic trials two years ago.

"When I was working out for the Olympic trials I was so psyched," Johnson said. "Before the Olympics, I had no questions in my mind about my ability, but going into this meet I do have some questions."

Johnson said he thinks knowing how to deal with the pressure gives him an advantage going into this meet. He said he has competed in enough big meets to know what he has to do to make the team.

Johnson said he would like to win the all-around title but he said there will be a lot of good competition at the meet. He finished second at the USA Championships behind Brian Babcock.

Allen said this is the last shot for gymnasts like Babcock and Cahoy since gymnastics has a lot of young talent.

Cahoy said this is the last chance for him because he is starting medical school in August. He said he thinks he is in the best shape he has ever been in because he had operations on his ankle and shoulder.

"Mentally I am just a little bit nervous but I feel like I am in great shape," Cahoy said. "If I hit all 12 routines then I think I will make the team."

He said he thinks he has enough experience to not let the pressure get to him.

Allen said if one of the Nebraska gymnasts do make the team he will try to give them a rest. He said he thinks Epperson's, Schlesinger's and Suter's experiences will help the Cornhuskers in their quest for their sixth national title in April.

Some 'walk on' by Huskers to ISU

By Chuck Green
Staff Reporter

Editors note: This is the third of an eight-part series. Tomorrow — Kansas.

Every August, more than 100 graduated Nebraska high school football players flock to the Nebraska campus to walk on to the Cornhusker football team, hoping to fulfill their lifelong dream of becoming a Husker. These players

names of five players from Nebraska who spurned a chance to walk on to Nebraska to become Iowa State football players.

Scott Crimmins, the former all-state quarterback from Lincoln East is one of these players. Crimmins said Nebraska recruited him, but only to walk on.

"Iowa State offered me a scholarship," Crimmins said. "I really enjoyed my visit to Ames. I had a good host, and I liked the campus."

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At Lincoln East, Crimmins earned all-conference and second-team super state honors as a senior while leading the Spartans to a 9-2 record and a berth in the state semi-finals. He completed 127 of 248 passes (49 percent) for 1,507 yards during his final season.

Other Nebraska players at Iowa State include Al Watson, the Cyclones' starting tailback. At Omaha Benson, Watson rushed for 2,540 yards and 24 touchdowns in his three-year career. He earned all-Metro his senior year under Coach George Grillo.

Vince Jasper, a 6-3, 252-pound junior from Omaha Burke, will be Iowa State's starting right guard this season. Also recruited by Nebraska to walk on, Jasper earned honorable mention all-state honors as a middle guard.

Another Omaha Burke player attending Iowa State is defensive end Scott Benson. An all-super state and all-Metro selection, Benson recorded two solo tackles in the last Cyclone spring game.

The final player from Nebraska attending Iowa State is Mark Matuscak, a 6-0, 205-pound safety from Omaha Creighton Prep. As a senior for the Bluejays, Matuscak had 27 unassisted tackles, 23 assists, six passes broken up and one pass interception. He was a second-team all-state pick by the Omaha World-Herald.

Crimmins says he sometimes has second thoughts about his decision.

"When things go badly, I question my decision a little," Crimmins said. "But not for too long. I like it here. I have a lot of good friends on the team, and the school's great. I feel like I'm doing pretty well."

Crimmins will redshirt this season at quarterback. Iowa State coaches had moved him to split end "but that only lasted for about three days. I couldn't catch."

"I'll spend time on the scout squad this sea-

son. I've been trying to imitate Chuck Long (Iowa's quarterback) this week. I'm finding out what a big rivalry the Iowa-Iowa State game is around here."

Crimmins said his main ambition is to become a starter for the Cyclones.

"I want to improve well enough to start," Crimmins said. "Right now, the team is improving well. I think we're much better than last year's team. We're winning the games that we're supposed to be winning, and hopefully we can improve well enough to win some bigger games."

Nebraska picked to win

By Herschel Nissenson
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Auburn Coach Pat Bye and Tennessee's Johnny Majors had their little joke this week.

"I'll hold Bo out if you hold Robinson out," Bye said to Majors over the telephone.

Both teams have had two weeks to get ready and the oddsmakers have tabbed No. 1-ranked Auburn a 5½-point favorite. The pick is Auburn 28-21.

Last week's score was 34 right and 16 wrong for a percentage of .708. For the season, it's 106-43-4 .711. Against the line, however, last week's record was only 13-24-351. On the year, it's 43-57-1 — .430.

One of the week's key games finds No. 17 Maryland at No. 12 Michigan, with the Wolverines a 1½-point favorite. Michigan 17-14.

No. 2 Oklahoma (favored by 15½) at Minnesota: Oklahoma 35-14.

No. 3 Iowa (by 17½) at Iowa State: Iowa 24-14. Kansas at No. 4 Florida State (by 13½): Florida State 28-21.

Washington State at No. 5 Ohio State (by 12);

- Ohio State 35-14.
- No. 6 Southern Methodist (by 10) at Texas Christian: SMU 31-17.
- Miami, Ohio at No. 7 Oklahoma State (no line): Oklahoma State 33-7.
- No. 9 Penn State (by 5) at Rutgers: Penn State 24-17.
- New Mexico State at No. 10 Arkansas (by 29): Arkansas 42-7.
- No. 11 Florida (by 7½) at Mississippi State: Upset Special of the Week; Mississippi State 24-21.
- No. 13 UCLA (by 1½) at Washington: Washington 27-21.
- No. 15 Alabama (by 17) at Vanderbilt: Alabama 28-17.
- Oregon at No. 16 Nebraska (by 18½): Nebraska 37-14.
- No. 18 Southern California (by 2) at Arizona State: Southern Cal 24-14.
- No. 19 Air Force (by 15½) at New Mexico: Air Force 35-24.
- Navy at No. 20 Virginia (by 13½): Virginia 26-19.
- Texas Tech at Baylor (by 8½): Upset Special of the Week Texas Tech 24-17.



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have no guarantee of making the team.

Every year, however, many Nebraska high school graduates leave the state to pursue football careers at other schools, such as Iowa State University.

The ISU Cyclone football roster lists the

Rec Scoreboard

HUSKER RED'S POLL Co-Rec Football

1. America's Team (4-0)
2. Gator's (3-1)
3. Harvey Smith (3-1)
4. Gamma Phi Beta/Sigma Phi Epsilon (3-1)
5. Kappa Sigma/Kappa Kappa Gamma (4-0)
6. Cather 11/Pound 11 (4-0)
7. LXIXERS (4-0)
8. Hokies (4-0)
9. Kappa Delta/Tau Kappa Epsilon (3-1)
10. Too Nonchalant (4-0)
10. Connection (4-0) tie

Women's Football Pre-Season

1. Smith 10 Independent
2. Gators
3. Kappa Alpha Theta
4. Delta Delta Delta
5. Sandoz 4

Men's Softball

1. Flex Express (2-0)
2. Alpha Tau Omega (4-0)
3. Sigma Alpha Epsilon (4-0)
4. Kitty Muhlhorn Squad (3-0)
5. Soupbones (3-0)

6. Delta Tau Delta (4-0)
 7. Burr 1 West (4-0)
 8. Off Campus Coalition (3-0)
 9. Norma & Tillie's Cafe (3-0)
 10. Schramm 6 (Gatzmeyer) (4-0)
 10. Schramm 6 (Herink) (3-0) tie
- Comments: Rain and poor playing conditions are making it tough for Husker red to rate teams this week. There still are 45 undefeated slowpitch softball teams. The fields are still in really good shape — a credit to OCR's fine grounds crew. The Sweets are one ball away from the Top 10. Will League I-23B get to play this year?

America's Team in Co-Rec Flag Football No. 1-team had a big win over Gamma Phi Beta/Sigma Phi Epsilon, 26-0. Gators Co-Rec Football team's only loss was a forfeit because of lack of male players. There have been only two ejections in flag football, and one in softball, keep up the good work.

Men's Slow Pitch Softball

- We're So Sweet 14, Busch Hunters 11
Brews Brothers 15, Caster Raiders 4
Bee's 8, Lifer's 7
Dewey & the Schbags 16, Addam's

- Family 7
Mayberry RFD 17, Sons of the Beaver 13
Off Campus Coalition 7, Playboys-Wallander 6
Drunk & Stupid 10, Mudville Sluggers 5
Jamokes-Hansen 16, NROTC 0
Master Batters-Nutting 13, Brief Relief 10
Gaetti-8 23, Underdogs 0
I.C.B.M.'s 3, Master Batters-Hochstein 1
Hoggers 15, Big Sticks 11
Anug 5, Sigma Phi This 3
America's Team 12, McSoftballers 4
Burr-1 West 3, Harper-9A 2
Cather-5B 4, Abel-3B 1
Stray Dogs 9, Ball Busters 8
Selleck-8300A 10, Abel-11A 2
The Outlaws 9, Sweets 8
Abel-6A 16, Selleck-7200A 2
Harper-5B 7, Abel-11B 6
Cather-11 18, Schramm-4 13
Abel-6 17, Abel-11 0
Cather-3 7, Abel-13 3
Selleck-8300 3, Harper-9 2
Abel-9 8, Abel-12 2

A Men's Flag Football manager's meeting will be tonight at 6 p.m. at the Nebraska Union.

AP Top 20

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and total points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

| | Pts |
|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Auburn (26) | 1,083 |
| 2. Oklahoma (21) | 1,076 |
| 3. Iowa (5) | 1,008 |
| 4. Florida St. | 877 |
| 5. Ohio St. | 807 |
| 6. S. Methodist (3) | 787 |
| 7. Oklahoma St. | 695 |
| 8. LSU | 681 |
| 9. Penn State | 624 |
| 10. Arkansas | 515 |
| 11. Florida | 503 |
| 12. Michigan (1) | 475 |
| 13. UCLA | 467 |
| 14. Brig. Young | 443 |
| 15. Alabama | 413 |
| 16. Nebraska | 404 |
| 17. Maryland (1) | 351 |
| 18. Southern Cal | 328 |
| 19. Air Force | 109 |
| 20. Virginia | 73 |

Sweet 16

The Sweet 16 is a poll of reporters and editors of the Daily Nebraskan. Points are based on 16 for first and 1 for 16th.

| Rank, Team | Points |
|------------------|----------|
| 1) Auburn | 196 |
| 2) Iowa | 172 |
| 3) Oklahoma | 168 |
| 4) SMU | 155 |
| 5) Okie State | 138 |
| 6) Florida St. | 137 |
| 7) Michigan | 100 |
| 8) Ohio St. | 93 |
| 9) Nebraska | 92 |
| 10) Florida | 71 |
| 11) Kansas | 68 |
| 12) Alabama | 63 |
| 13) LSU | 58 |
| 14) Penn State | 45 |
| 15) Southern Cal | 36 (tie) |
| 15) Maryland | 36 (tie) |

Others receiving votes: UCLA, TCU, Texas, Illinois, Notre Dame, Baylor, BYU, Marshall, Virginia, Tennessee, Oregon, Temple, Arkansas, Indiana and Air Force.