

Husker women win gymnastics triangular

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Depth and experience were vital as the Nebraska women's gymnastics team broke the 184-point barrier en route to defeating Missouri and Michigan Saturday night in a triangular meet at Columbia, Mo.

Nebraska scored 184.7 points, to Missouri's 182.5 and Michigan's 177.8.

"We just did an outstanding job," Cornhusker women's gymnastics coach Rick Walton said. "We had some scoring from injured people, and our experienced girls did quite well."

Nebraska junior Jeaneane Smith finished third in the all-around competition, compiling a 37.05 total. She also finished fourth in the vault and balance beam competitions.

Husker sophomore Michelle

Husker 'magic' defeats Tigers

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With the win, Nebraska, 9-7 overall, will turn its attention to Wednesday night's game against No. 14-ranked Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. Buchanan said the Huskers are ready for the challenge.

"We've felt all year that we could match up better against Iowa State than with the rest of the conference," he said. "That included Missouri. We were more worried about them."

"The win was real important," Nee said. "It gives us the belief that we can be competitive at home. We know we can beat somebody better than us."

Racial remarks end 'The Greek's' career

NEW YORK (AP) - Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder, the self-styled odds-maker and expert on sports, was fired as a CBS Sports commentator Saturday, a day after making controversial remarks about blacks.

Snyder, 70, who had been with CBS for 12 years, said in a television interview that black athletes were superior to whites because during the Civil War "the slave owner would breed his big black with his big woman so that she would have a big black kid. That's where it all started."

Bryant, who is coming back from a shoulder injury, finished second on the balance beam with a 9.5.

Nebraska's Racine Smith finished in a tie for fifth place in the floor exercise with sophomore teammate Angie Burdette. Both gymnasts scored 9.1 in the event.

Nebraska's Crystal Savage was the lone event winner for the No. 9-ranked Huskers, as she won the uneven bars competition with 9.65.

Walton said he was pleased with the performance of freshman Lisa McCrady. McCrady tied Jeaneane Smith for third place in the vaulting competition and also finished third in the floor exercise with a 9.35.

McCrady then finished fourth in the uneven bars competition to compile a 36.85 score in the all-around competition.

Walton said Nebraska should continue to be dominate in future meets

because several Huskers suffering from shoulder injuries are gaining strength and making comebacks.

Tami Bair competed in the floor exercise and scored a 9.05 despite a shoulder injury. Jane Clemons, who is also suffering from a shoulder injury, will be back in the lineup in either late February or early March, Walton said.

Walton said Bair and Bryant competed so they could prepare to face No. 11 Oklahoma and defending national

champion Georgia on Jan. 31 in Norman, Okla.

Walton said Nebraska knows it can compete with anybody. He said the Huskers proved it by defeating Missouri, which has one of its best teams in its history this year.

The Tigers claimed first and second place in the all-around competition. Missouri freshman Julie Dorn won the event with a 37.45, followed by junior Mary Houghton with a 37.3.

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