

# Huskers sign nations's best prep gymnast

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A little home hospitality and a strong tradition were all it took for Lance Ringnald to sign a letter of intent with Nebraska.

Ringnald, who is described by Nebraska coach Francis Allen as the top high school gymnast in the country, said he signed with the Cornhuskers because he knows teammates Brad Bryan and Ted Dimas while training at the Gold Cup Gymnastics School in Albuquerque, N.M.

Ringnald said another reason he chose Nebraska was the Huskers' strong tradition. Nebraska has captured six of the last 10 NCAA titles and has had three Nissen Award winners — Jim Hartung in 1982, Wes Suter in 1986 and Tom Schlesinger in 1988.

"If in the past they've done well, they'll probably do well in the future," Ringnald said.

Allen said the Huskers' past success played a key role in the recruiting of Ringnald and Kevin Krumley of Doylestown, Penn., who is expected to sign sometime this week.

"It helps recruiting when you have the Nissen winner," Allen said.

Allen said Ringnald, who scored a 57.3 in the all-around at the Junior Pacific Alliance meet two weeks ago, is in the same category competitively with Hartung. He said Krumley is the top competitor on the Junior National team.

Ringnald said he's traveled all over the United States and to Belgium as a member of the Senior National Team. He said he is going to Germany this week to compete with the team.

Ringnald said he hopes his extensive experience will allow him to compete regularly during his first season at Nebraska.



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Nebraska's Kevin Davis performs on the parallel bars. Cornhusker coach Francis Allen is relying on Lance Ringnald to replace Davis, who has used up his eligibility.

"Collegiatly, I'd like to do as well as I can in the NCAA meet, and internationally I'd like to make an international team," he said.

Ringnald said also wants to make an Olympic Team. He said although his chances of making the 1988 team are slim, he thinks he has a good chance in 1992.

## Letter

# Mistakes prompt response

Jeff Apel's American League West predictions (Daily Nebraskan, April 5) showed a tremendous lack of baseball knowledge. He offered unfounded statements, misleading statistics and even basic factual mistakes. A few of these should be pointed out so less-knowledgeable fans won't depend on Apel's analysis.

The A's last full-season division title was in 1975, not 1974. Of the 13 A.L. third basemen who played in more than 95 games, Jim Presley, who was singled out as "a glaring defensive weakness," was eighth in playing percentage. "Second-year player" Ruben Sierra is a third-year player. "Outfielder" Larry Parrish started for the Rangers at designated hitter for 118 games, at third base 28 games, and played one game in the outfield without a start. "Designated hitter" Pete Incaviglia started 130 games in left field and five at designated hitter.

As mistake-filled as the column was, the most unbelievable part was the projected standings at the end. No

A.L. West team has even won as many games as 103. No major-league team since 1978 has lost as many as 107. Apel predicted both in the same year. In the past five years, two A.L. West teams have won or lost 20 more games than the year before. Apel picks the same to happen this year. The last five world champions have averaged 15 less victories, the last 10 league champions 14 less, and only one division champ in the past five years has won more games than the year before, yet Apel predicts the Twins will win seven more this year than last. I'm not saying any of this is impossible, but the odds of all of them happening must be astronomical.

Don't put too much confidence in Apel's predictions. He obviously is not secure enough in basic baseball patterns and facts to make solid predictions.

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Editor's note: The DN stands corrected.

# NU gets No. 11 ranking

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ment, and Montana, which was ranked No. 14 at the end of last season. In addition, she said, Nebraska will play in at least four major invitational tournaments, which will invite several top-20 teams.

"The top-20 behind that is that last year we had a tough time getting into the top 20 because we didn't play many other top-20 teams," Beck said. "With a tougher schedule, people will be more aware of us and maybe vote for us more often."

Overall, Beck said, this year's recruiting class is satisfying because the Huskers signed most of the play-

ers they were after.

"Of the top eight players that we wanted, we got six," Beck said. "We went after recruits we knew we had a chance to sign."

Beck said she hopes to establish Nebraska as a new power in women's basketball. Getting the No. 11 recruiting class in the nation is a big step, she said.

"We're building a tradition here, and we're building it on youth," Beck said. "We've told our returning players that if they develop like they should during the off-season, they shouldn't be freshmen coming in and taking over the program. But you never know. If they're good enough, they will."

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