Allen: Huskers are looking good

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here. He went on to become a national champion.'

Rodriguez, a seven-time All-American, is the top all-around gymnast in the country with a 57.45 average. He finished 1st in the pommel horse competition at last year's NCAA championships and was the runner-up in the all around.

Rubio is a five-time All-American. He won the all-around and horizontal bar titles at last year's champi-

Trailing Houston Baptist is 2nd-ranked UCLA. The Bruins, who have a 280.75 team average, are led by David St. Pierre.

St. Pierre is ranked 3rd in the all-around (56.99), pommel horse (9.75) and vault (9.58), and 4th in the high

bar (9.8). UCLA coach Art Shurlock said experience will benefit his team.

'We have an interesting team. Our strength is in our three seniors (St. Pierre, Michael Chaplin, and Curtis Holdsworth)," he said. "Our intensity is up right now."

UCLA enters the meet with a 28-6 record, with two of those losses occurring against Illinois and Nebraska at the UCLA/Times Invitational on

Illinois finished with a 7-1 dual meet record and a No. 3 ranking. Its lone loss came against Houston Bap-

But Illinois coach Yoshi Hayasaki is not making any predictions about the outcome of this year's meet. Last year, Hayasaki said that Nebraska would beat top-ranked Illinois, a prediction which became reality when the Huskers captured the NCAA title.

'We were ranked No. 1 last year and I made a bad prediction," Hayasaki said. "We have six seniors out of the nine guys on the team. We're prepared to compete twice, both Thursday and Friday. "We just want them to perform

the way they can perform. Unlike last year, the guys know what to expect. We'll be more confident."

Illinois is led by David Zeddies, who is ranked 3rd in the all-around

First-year Illinois coach Peter Kormann said depth has helped his

"We've had a pretty good year considering I was new. We only had a few competitions where we weren't up to par," Kormann said. "Our fifth and sixth gymnasts are as good as our third and fourth, which is what makes us so good."

Ohio State has relied on strong contributions from Mike Racanelli and Gil Pinto to compile an 11-0

record this season. Stanford Coach Sadao Hamada said talented gymnasts, like Pinto and Racanelli, will mean a wide-

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Travis Turner to tour against drugs

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will face the school's top athletes in a "superstar" competition. Between events, Turner's group will counsel

students about drugs.

Included among Turner's group will be former professional boxer Ernie Shavers, ex-NFL defensive end Joe Jackson, ex-Husker middle guard Lawrence Pete, ex-Husker quarterback Craig Sundberg and former Husker lineman Stan Parker, among

Turner also will conduct three anti-drug clinics that will be free of charge. The first will be April 19 at 7 p.m. at Omaha's Lewis & Clark Junior High School. That will be followed by two clinics on April 23 at the South Stadium Auditorium, one at 3 p.m., the other at 7 p.m.
Turner said the two-hour clinics

are designed to educate and instruct parents, teachers and coaches with the latest information on why drugs are so attractive and so addictive, and what can be done to keep them out of homes and schools.

