

# Nebraska gymnasts roll over Iowa State

By Erik Unger  
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Most of the competition for the Nebraska women's gymnastics team members was among themselves.

The Cornhuskers divided up almost all of the individual awards leaving just three third-place finishes for Iowa State to claim in Nebraska's 186.95 to 179.95 victory.

The victory, Nebraska's highest point total of the season, came despite some difficulty on the beam.

"We lost two points there," Nebraska coach Rick Walton said.

Walton said those two points would have gotten the Cornhuskers into the 189 range, which, he said, Nebraska will need to compete well nationally.

Walton said this dual gave a couple of gymnasts the confidence they needed.

Shelly Pendley, one of two Nebraska freshmen competing in the all-around, won the beam and the floor exercise en route to a 37.7 score and second place behind Husker senior Lisa McCrady, who scored 37.9.

"This is the biggest thing that can happen to (Pendley)," Walton said. He said Pendley now knows she is capable of scoring 9.5 per event.

Another freshman, Robin Richter, rebounded from a disappointing performance last weekend to finish second in the vault, beam and the uneven bars, an event she struggled with against Missouri.

She said she took out one trick in her bars routine and that made all the difference.

"I have no doubts now," she said. "I know I can do it."

Nebraska upgraded the difficulty of several routines, including some on the vault and beam, but Walton said his team still lacks difficulty on the floor and bars.

Consistency wasn't a problem, however. Nebraska had only one score below 9.0.

Sophomore Shane Foster didn't compete because of a sprained elbow.

Nebraska will travel to Minneapolis, Minn., next weekend to take on Minnesota.



Robin Trimarchi/Daily Nebraskan  
Lisa McCrady of Nebraska spins Sunday in the vault. McCrady won the event with a 9.55.

## Tennis team loses

The Nebraska women's tennis team lost to a pair of tough teams this weekend in Las Vegas, Nev. The Cornhuskers lost 8-1 to No. 11 Pepperdine and 7-2 to UNLV.

"I wanted (the Huskers) to see what it takes to play a top team," Coach Bob Hampton said. "Oh, man, they loved every minute."

The win came at No. 6 singles, where Heidi Junius defeated Amy Tortolani 7-6, 6-2.

The UNLV dual score was deceptive, Hampton said.

"Against UNLV it could have gone either way," he said. "We could have won the match 5-4."

Ildiko Guba defeated Sarit Shalev 6-4, 6-2 at No. 1 singles and Guba and Ann Flannery beat Shalev and Becky Markosian 6-1, 6-3 for the two Husker points.

— Paul Domeier

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Coach pleased despite swimmers' loss

Despite a four-point loss at the hands of No. 15 Arkansas Saturday, Nebraska women's swimming coach Ray Huppert was impressed by his team's performance.

"It was a great meet for us. Everyone swam well. We had some season-best times and some real gutsy performances," Huppert said. "Our strong performances overshadowed our disappointing loss."

"We gave the 15th-ranked team in the country the meet of their life."

The Cornhuskers lost 152-148

to the Razorbacks.

The result was in doubt until the final event, the 400 freestyle relay.

Huppert praised sophomore Leanne Maruk, winner of the 100 and 200 meter breaststrokes, and her 200 time of 2:22.92 was a season-best.

The diving portion of the meet was dominated by Husker All-American Amy Aarsen, winner of the 3-meter and 1-meter competitions. Aarsen scored a career-high 302.25 on the 3-meter.

— Benji Greenberg

### NU gymnastics team drops close meet

The Nebraska men's gymnastics team was halfway home against Ohio State Saturday night when it hit a detour.

"We gave it to them on the last two events," Nebraska coach Francis Allen said of the Buckeyes' 278.7 to 275.8 victory at Columbus, Ohio. "Halfway through the meet, we were doing pretty darn good."

The Cornhuskers trailed 184.6

to 184.5 after the first three events, but were outscored by more than a point in both the horizontal bars and the parallel bars.

"We had six misses on the last two events and that did it," Allen said.

Nebraska will play host to Minnesota Sunday in the Huskers' first home match of the year.

— Todd Cooper

# Rec Scoreboard

Results from Thursday's games.

### Men's basketball

**Independent A**  
Beer Nuts 58, Team 3 44; Bombers 55, TCOB 40; The Hosers 77, Dribblers 51.

**Independent B**  
Establishment 49, Law 1 28; GC Brownstar-Leiting 53, Harbingers 41; Lil Ed & t Cruisers 65, Academic Probation 52; Hammer Time 77, Slee Stacks 50; St. Andrews Slicers by forfeit over Finkler's Boyz; Bug Eaters 69, SS Squad 54; Scooba Alpha Bisque 47, Pure Athletics 31; Misfits 53, NA4 39; The Strabes 71, Trousers 49; Status Quo 75, Renobs 48; Midnight Blue 81, Islanders 32; Cowboys 70, Country Boys 42.

**Independent C**  
S&D 47, Strange Brew 40; Planes, Trains, & Autos 50, Gunners 46; Your Mamma 39, The Good Morticians 32; Tailboys 43, Jager 33; Squid Row 72, Demolition 45; Super Jocks 47, Ice Roc's 45; The Ballers 63, Primetime 59; GI Express 73, The Rag Attack 43; Just Do Me 75, Lucky Draws 65; Rapidly Aging Slow Guys by forfeit Bus Drivers; Skiv's Sooners 48, Court Gnomes 45; Slicers

70, 4 Jerks & a Squirt 58.

### Residence A

Cather 3 59, Abel 6 51; Abel 4 A2 50, Abel 4 A1 44; Abel 11 A1 62, Abel 11 A2 40.

### Lightweight

Phi Delta Theta 47, Chi Phi 1 37.

### Small fry

Phi Kappa Psi 57, Triangle 54; Beta Sigma Psi 64, Chi Phi 2 42; Alpha Tau Omega 69, Kappa Sigma 54.

### Women's basketball

U.N. Nuns 43, Brew Crew 11 29; Burr II East 35, Bombay Shooters 22; The Holy Hits 46, Pound WVNB 20.

### Co-rec volleyball

**AB**  
Beta Sigma Psi 2, Delta Sigma Pi 0; Beta Sigma Psi 2, Chi Phi 1; Chi Phi 2, Alpha Xi Delta/BDT 0; Pi Kappa Phi/KAT 2, Delta Sigma Pi 0; Pi Kappa Phi/KAT 2, SA Spikers 11; Alpha Xi Delta/BDT 2, Triangle 0.

### BC

The Reprise 2, Amused Confused 0; Sweetthogs 2, Vitals 0; UNMC-COD 2, Sharks & Minnows 0; Law 1 2, ASGSA 0; FCA2 2, AFROTC Falcons 1; Redsand 2, Phi Beta Lambda 2 0; Phi Siamma Jamma 2, Carrot Top 0.

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## Cowboys

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played in a game like this for awhile."

Husker forward Carl Hayes, who led the team with 14 points, said defending against Oklahoma State was frustrating.

"We'd play tough defense for 40 seconds, and then somebody would step up and hit the shot," Hayes said. "It got a little tiring."

Nebraska pulled to within 64-63 when Rich King hit a jumper with 2:54 left, but got outscored 17-5 to end the game. On one trip downcourt, the Cowboys grabbed two offensive rebounds off missed free throws and were fouled three times before Nebraska could regain possession.

"The ball was like butter," Reid said. "We had it in our hands a couple times, but it just kept slipping out. We've got to get that. It was crucial."

Rebounding was only part of what Nee called "poor execution" on the Huskers' part.

"(Proper execution) has been a problem with us," Nee said. "We've just got to take care of the basketball and execute better."

Houston led the Cowboy scoring attack with 22 points, two below his season average. Guard Darwyn Alexander added 18 for

Oklahoma State, which improved to 15-4 overall.

Nebraska's next game is at Kansas Wednesday night. The Jayhawks have won six straight games, including an 85-78 victory at Iowa State Saturday.

Reid said the Huskers will need to improve their game in order to stay with Kansas.

"If we don't play better and get better at executing, Kansas has the ability to make you look real bad," Reid said. "But I don't see any reason why we can't go down there and play real well."

Oklahoma State . . . 37 44 — 81

At Nebraska . . . 37 31 — 68

Oklahoma State—Potter 2-4 0-0 6, Pittman 3-6 1-4 7, Houston 7-9 8-13 22, Alexander 6-10 5-6 18, Sahstrom 1-2 1-2 4, Sutton 4-10 0-0 11, Hatcher 0-2 2-2 2, Williams 4-6 3-4 11, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Burbank 0-1 0-1 0. Totals 27-51 20-32 81.

Nebraska—Farmer 2-6 3-5 7, Hayes 5-8 4-5 14, King 5-12 2-3 12, Scales 3-7 0-0 8, Reid 2-6 6-8 10, Piatkowski 4-11 0-0 10, Ramos 1-2 0-0 2, Chubick 0-0 0-0 0, Moody 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 24-56 15-21 68.

3-point goals—Oklahoma State 7-10 (Sutton 3-5, Potter 2-2, Sahstrom 1-2, Alexander 1-1), Nebraska 5-15 (Piatkowski 2-8, Scales 2-3, Moody 1-2, Reid 0-2).

Rebounds—Oklahoma State 40 (Houston 11), Nebraska 27 (Farmer, King 6). Assists—Oklahoma State 20 (Alexander 6), Nebraska 15 (Reid 6). Turnovers—Oklahoma State 18 (Alexander 4), Nebraska 15 (Scales 4). Total fouls (dq)—Oklahoma State 21 (Sahstrom), Nebraska 23 (Hayes). A—14,255.

## Alexander robs Huskers of win

By Nick Hytrek  
Staff Reporter

Oklahoma State guard Darwyn Alexander said he didn't plan on being a late-game hero — it just happened that way.

The 6-foot junior scored nine of his 18 points in the last four minutes to help the Cowboys pull off an 81-68 upset over No. 11 Nebraska on Saturday.

"I wasn't looking for the ball," he said. "At the end of the game we try to get the ball in our guards' hands. It just happened that I got it."

Alexander, a 90 percent free-throw shooter, hit five of six free throws down the stretch to keep Nebraska at bay.

Alexander said the Cowboys' goal going into the game was simple — play as hard as

possible.

"The league is so balanced that a couple of plays here and there will decide a game," he said.

One of Alexander's plays helped decide the game. With Oklahoma State leading by two, Alexander stole a pass and scored on a layup, putting the Cowboys up by four with 2:11 to play.

"On our defense, we try to take away the passing lanes. I was at the right place at the right time," he said.

Tempo was the key to the game, Alexander said.

"We don't play as fast on the road as we do at home," he said. "We don't take shots that we might take at home. We try to get better shots."