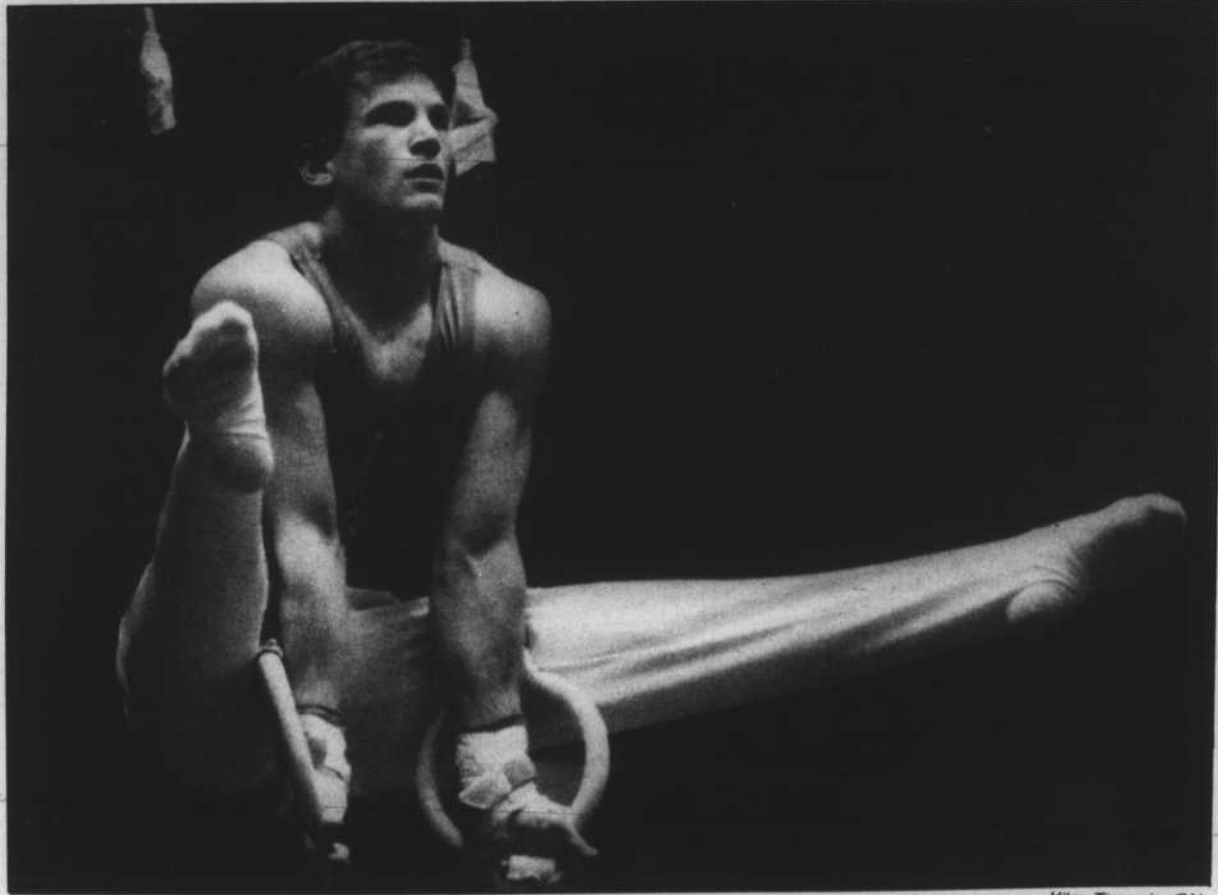


Gymnasts earn season-best score at meet



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Nebraska's Dennis Harrison competes in the still rings in Sunday's Big Eight Triangular at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Nebraska won the meet by scoring 284.65 points. It was the fifth-straight time the Cornhuskers scored more than 280 points — the first time in school history that feat has been achieved.

Team, personal records broken

By Chuck Green
Senior Reporter

Late Sunday afternoon, Nebraska men's gymnastics coach Francis Allen looked bored.

His top-ranked Cornhuskers had just won the Big Eight Triangular in front of 1,013 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Nebraska scored a season-best 284.65 to outdistance second-place Oklahoma, which mustered a 281.25. Iowa State was third with a 264.20.

It was the fifth-consecutive time this season the Huskers have scored more than 280 points — a first-time regular-season accomplishment for Nebraska.

The score also will improve Nebraska's nation-leading season average of 283.80.

But Allen wasn't excited. Happy, but not excited. It was just another day at the office for him and his team.

"Overall, I was pleased," he said. "The thing I'm most pleased with is our younger kids, who showed that they can score some points."

The Huskers scored season-high marks in the floor exercise (48.05), vault (47.35) and high bar (48.10), and Nebraska sophomore Burkett Powell scored career highs in the high bar, still rings and parallel bars.

Nebraska's Dennis Harrison won the all-around, scoring a 56.70, edg-

ing teammate Richard Grace by one-tenth of a point.

Harrison said he was disappointed with his performances on the pommel horse and parallel bars, where he earned scores of 9.10 and 9.25, respectively.

"I didn't expect to miss on two events," Harrison said. "On the horse, I don't know what happened, and I was still upset about it on the parallel bars. I know I can do much better on both."

Harrison said he wasn't surprised with the team's high score in the triangular.

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"It was good for us to get that (score)," he said. "I think if we hit on all of our routines, we can beat anyone in the country."

"Hopefully, that will be the case."

Nebraska junior Josh Saegert, who competed for only the second time since emergency surgery in December to remove scar tissue from his small intestine, competed in the still rings, but popped one of his stitches during the routine, Allen said.

"He was scheduled for the parallel bars, too, but we decided to hold him out," Allen said. "I want to save him for later this season. I'm greedy."

Saegert was replaced by freshman Rich Keiffer, who scored a 9.55 in the event.

Women gymnasts give best effort

Season-high score overturns Illinois

By Robert Birkeland
Staff Reporter

Sunday was one of the best days of the year for the Nebraska women's gymnastics team.

The Cornhuskers beat Illinois 189.05-187.95, a season-high score for Nebraska.

"It's starting to come together," Nebraska coach Rick Walton said.

Nebraska had several personal-best routines in the meet.

Martha Jenkins, who won the all-around, had a personal best-score of 38.70 and also had personal-bests in the vault (9.70) and in the uneven parallel bars (9.80).

Walton said he was happy with Jenkins' performance.

"She (Jenkins) is a freshman and

has performed all year at about 80 percent with a shoulder injury," Walton said. "She has a good future in front of her."

"I was kind of surprised," Jenkins said.

Kristi Camp, another freshman, placed second in the all-around with a personal-best score of 38.00. She also had two other personal-best scores in the balance beam, which she took first in, and the uneven parallel bars.

Husker baseball team shuts out Illinois

By Jeff Singer
Staff Reporter

It was freshman day at Buck Belzer Field Sunday.

Jed Dalton, Darin Petersen and Craig Sanders, all freshmen, helped lead the Cornhusker baseball team to a doubleheader and weekend sweep of Western Illinois.

After beating Western Illinois by scores of 9-7 and 6-3 on Saturday, Nebraska added salt to the Leathernecks' wounds by sweeping Sunday's games as well.

The 7-0 Huskers opened Sunday's barrage with a 10-7 victory, which was aided by home runs from Petersen and Dalton. Petersen's two-run shot came in the Huskers' six-run

fourth inning, which enabled Nebraska to rally from an early 6-1 deficit.

Petersen said his first home run as a Husker came at a good time because it seemed to spark the squad into coming from behind after being down by five runs.

"It was kind of a surprise since I just wanted to hit the ball hard," Petersen said. "I think it helped get everybody going."

Dalton followed his teammate's lead with his own inaugural homer that came the following inning. The rightfielder's home run was part of a three-run inning for Nebraska, and helped give reliever Tom Samuels his first victory of the season.

Unlike the first three games, the Nebraska pitching staff was in con-

trol the whole time in the fourth game, with Sanders picking up the win.

Sanders, who hails from Lincoln and is the son of Coach John Sanders, pitched a complete game three-hitter in Nebraska's 7-1 final win. He was pitched a no-hitter through four innings and never was threatened seriously by Western Illinois.

Coach Sanders said he was proud of his freshmen's effort.

"It was just 12 months ago that these guys were playing in high school, so this was definitely a big step," Sanders said.

The Huskers will need to make even bigger steps on Tuesday, as they will hit the road to battle Wichita State — the nation's No. 1 team — in Wichita, Kan.

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more Meggan Yedsena, the only other Husker in double figures, scored 12.

Junior Sara Offringa opened the scoring, giving the Huskers a 2-0 lead. But Colorado scored the next eight points on the way to a 35-26 halftime lead.

"Colorado set the tempo with their defense and our offense was not in rhythm," Beck said.

Nebraska shot just 39.1 percent from the floor in the first half and committed 28 turnovers in the game. The Lady Buffs turned the ball over 13 times.

The Huskers' next game is in the first round of the Big Eight Tournament.

Nebraska will meet the No. 6 seed at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan.

Nebraska 26 37 — 63
At Colorado 35 48 — 83

Nebraska — Taylor 0-2-1-21, Russell 3-7-0-16, Jennings 9-14-7-8-25, Yedsena 4-9

4-5-12, Offringa 3-8-0-0-6, Yancey 0-2-2-2, Hesch 2-3-1-2-5, Collains 0-1-0-0, Witherspoon 0-1-1-1, Anderson 2-2-1-3-5. Totals 23-49 17-24 63.

Colorado — Henry 3-5-3-4-9, King 6-11-2-5-14, Wirfs 1-3-1-2-3, Sheetz 10-20-7-11-31, Mathern 2-7-4-6-8, Mack 3-4-4-4-10, Lang 3-11-0-16, McKinney 1-3-0-0-2, Jacobson 0-0-0-1-0. Totals 29-64 21-34 83.

Three-point goals — Nebraska 0-4 (Jennings 0-2, Yedsena 0-1, Yancey 0-1), Colorado 4-8 (Sheetz 4-8). Rebounds — Nebraska 35 (Yedsena 6), Colorado 43 (King 11). Assists — Nebraska 13 (Yedsena 5), Colorado 11 (Sheetz 5). Total fouls (dq) — Nebraska 31 (Taylor, Jennings, Yancey), Colorado 23. Turnovers — Nebraska 28 (Russell 6), Colorado 13 (Sheetz 5). A — 2,183.

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relay. Kathy Travis brought home three championships, leading a one-two-three-four sweep in the 55 with a time of 6.87. Travis also won the 200 (23.88) and ran a leg on the winning relay team (3:43.86).

Travis broke the Anschutz Sports Pavilion records in both the 55 and the 200. Her 200 time also is a new Big Eight record.

Double-winners included Fran ten Benschel in the mile (4:38.11) and the 3,000 (9:44.24), Shanelle Porter in the 400 (54.02) and the relay, and Kwani Stewart in the long jump (18-10 1/2) and the 55-hurdles (7.81). Ten

Benschel's time in the mile was a new Anschutz Pavilion record, as was Porter's 400 time.

Susan Rehm captured the 600-yard run title, winning in 1:21.60. Finally, Cris Hall showed why she's one of the better athletes ever to compete at Nebraska by winning the pentathlon title.

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