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## Scrimmage

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ran for 43 yards. Grant was next with 36.

The first-string defense and offense were matched throughout the scrimmage, and Osborne kept them on the field against each other as much as possible.

"The defense was good enough, we didn't get very many big plays," he said.

"I would have liked to see a little more pizzazz offensively today than what we saw. We've got the elements of a good offense and I think we'll get it put together."

Osborne said Grant — who had entered fall practice as a co-No. 1 with redshirt freshman Tony Veland — had become his first-string quarterback.

Linebacker Trev Alberts, who has

been hampered by a hamstring injury, and strong safety Ernie Beler, who suffers from a groin pull, were among the players missing. Senior quarterback Joel Cornwell also missed with a sore shoulder.

Two-a-day practices are now over, and Osborne said he was satisfied with the progress the team has made.

"I think we've done about all we can physically," he said. "We really need to work hard the next two weeks to get refined offensively, the timing has got to get better."

"I feel encouraged about the team because their attitude's been good and I think defensively we could get better."

**Scoring:**

Derek Brown 1 run. (Byron Bennett kick)  
Safety, Tommie Frazier sacked by DeWayne Harris.  
Corey Schlesinger 4 run. (Tom Sieler kick)  
Sieler 32 field goal.  
Damon Benning 2 run. (no kick)

# Gymnasts keep fit for season

By Nick Hytrek  
Senior Reporter

**Editor's Note: This is the first in a five-day series of stories updating five Cornhusker athletic programs and progress made during the summer. Tomorrow: Women's basketball.**

While Nebraska men's gymnastics coach Francis Allen was away at the Olympics this summer, his gymnasts were not at play.

Allen, coach of the U.S. men's team that competed in Barcelona, said his Nebraska athletes didn't work as hard as they usually do, but they did get some good workouts in.

**GYMNASTICS**

**SUMMER RECAP**

"It was a pretty laid back summer," Allen said. "This was probably the easiest summer ever."

"Some summers they work their butts off going to competitions all summer."

Workouts were optional, Allen said, but attendance throughout the summer was high.

"They had the option to come in and most came in," he said. "The guys did a good job this summer."

The lack of quality gymnastics facilities in the country also added to the high attendance, Allen said.

"In college gymnastics, the only place to train is at the campus," Allen said. "The equipment at Nebraska is as good as you'll find anywhere. You just can't go anywhere and train."

Because of the Olympics, there was no Olympic Festival or other major meet for Cornhusker gymnasts to compete in in the United States.

However, two Huskers — Dennis Harrison and Richard Grace — competed on a national team, which traveled to a meet in Great Britain. There, the U.S. team finished second to the British Olympic team in a four-team competition.

That experience and work during the summer led to improvement, Allen said.

"We're pretty much set," he said. "We're in pretty good shape."


Nebraska finished second in last year's NCAA championships in Lincoln, losing to Stanford. But most of the members of that team will be returning for another run at the title next spring.

And the newest member of the team, Jason Christie from Lincoln, also improved this summer, Allen said.

"He improved a lot this summer," he said. "I think he's going to be able to do two or three events for us this year, maybe more."

Considered by college coaches as one of the top high school gymnasts in the country last year, Christie's ability was still surprising, Allen said.

"Christie is better than I thought he was," Allen said.



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