

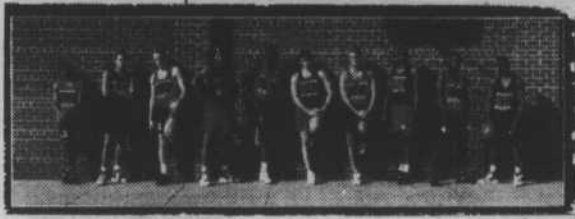
Men's basketball probable starters

Sacramento State (1-16)

	PPG	RPG
F Robert Morris	8.0	5.3
F Sean Colter	10.9	3.5
C Chuck Evans	3.4	3.1
G Charlo Davis	13.6	3.9
G Shamar Brown	5.2	2.4

Nebraska (11-5, 0-2)

	PPG	RPG
F Eric Piatkowski	15.9	6.1
F Bruce Chubick	8.0	5.8
C Derrick Chandler	9.5	6.8
G Jamar Johnson	11.0	3.4
G Jaron Boone	7.9	2.3



Scott Maurer/DN

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Bruce Chubick and center Derrick Chandler) has averaged more rebounds than Sacramento State's entire starting lineup so far this season.

As for the backcourt, Nee has decided that freshman Jaron Boone will be the regular starter

at the shooting guard position. Boone, who is averaging 7.9 points and 2.3 rebounds per game, beat out fellow freshmen Erick Strickland and Andre Woolridge for the starting nod.

Nee said he was satisfied with his decision. "It's Boone's spot; I'm very pleased with his play," he said. "I like him in the starting lineup and I like Strickland coming off the bench — I think he comes in and he raises our level, and I think that's very important."

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grams until 1995 failed, Papik said. Beginning next year, the number of scholarships will be reduced to 13.

In addition, a proposal to change a restricted-earnings coach into a full-time coach failed, Papik said.

"It didn't pass on the basis of cost containment," he said.

A final measure decided at the convention was to push the beginning date of the first game from Dec. 1 to the first Friday following Thanksgiving, Papik said.

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—Papik assistant athletic director

Papik said the convention was relatively tame compared to past years. "It was considered by many to be sort of a non-eventful convention," he said.

Cooper

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week I said that with Brown's departure, Jones probably will leave after he runs up impressive numbers next year. I even wrote it in a Daily Nebraskan column, Bob."

But Bob's scissors were just a bit too close to my ear at the time.

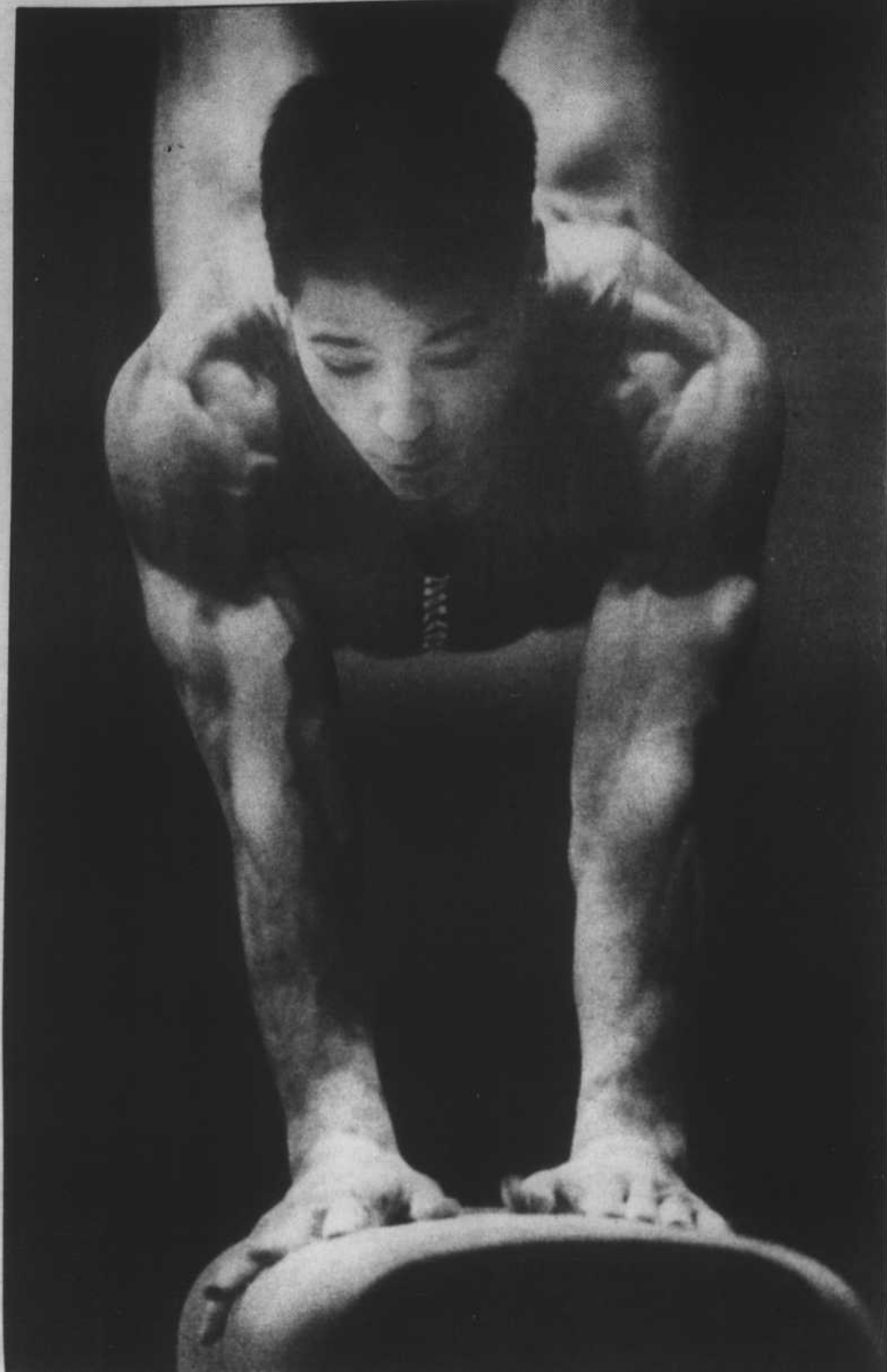
And besides, Bob spun my chair around and knocked my smock off before I could argue

with him.

When I turned around and looked in the mirror, I saw a no-good, 1952, Bryant "Big Country" Reeves' look-a-like, sides-shaved, back-buzzed, goldilocks-on-top hairdo that I didn't want anything to do with.

I think I'll grow my hair out from now on. And I'll save my sports clips for this column.

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Kiley Timperley/DN

Nebraska freshman Jason Christie competes on the vault in a meet earlier this season.

1996 Olympic goal may become reality for freshman gymnast

By Phil Carter

Staff Reporter

Nebraska gymnast Jason Christie is growing by leaps and bounds.

And Cornhusker coach Francis Allen says that with improvement, Christie may be the best freshman gymnast in the nation before this season is over.

Christie, a 1992 graduate of Lincoln High School, was a 15-time Nebraska state high school champion, a five-time Region IV all-around champion and a member of the U.S. junior national team eight times.

But Christie says there is still plenty of room to improve.

"I need to get a lot stronger," Christie said. "Going from high school and club to college was a big change, but now I'm on a team with a lot of talented gymnasts and I need to get stronger in order to get better."

Christie, a highly recruited gymnast after his senior year, began gymnastics at age seven after getting the go-ahead from his parents.

"My older sister was in (gymnastics) and my mom told me and my twin sister that we could go ahead and try it," he said. "I tried it and I really liked it."

It was also the time, Christie said, that Nebraska gymnastics was beginning to receive national attention, with All-American Jim

Hartung at center stage.

"(Hartung) was definitely a major influence," Christie said. "I definitely respect his gymnastics."

Allen said that Christie could be the same type of gymnast that Hartung was and someday be a member of the Olympic team, which is Christie's ultimate goal.

"Undoubtedly, if he stays healthy, it'll be the Olympics," Allen said. "With his academics, he'll be up for the Nissen Award, which is the Heisman Trophy of gymnastics."

"(Jason) also has a 3.8 GPA in electrical engineering, and he was a 4.0 student in high school," Allen said. "There's nothing but good things."

As for Christie's long-term goals at Nebraska, he would like to win a national championship during his career and be a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team.

"It's definitely one of my goals to make the Olympics," Christie said. "Right now I have to get stronger as an all-around gymnast in college."

For now, Christie has already exceeded the expectations of Allen halfway through his freshman year.

"(Christie) has really responded well this year," Allen said. "He's a legitimate 56 gymnast. And 56 freshman are hard to come by."

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Not so, he said.

"It's hard to say why we're No. 1 right now," Gable said. "Five teams are all in the hunt for the top spot."

"The coaching staffs at Penn State, Ohio State, Arizona State, Nebraska and Iowa State probably think they're the top team in the nation," he said.

Fritz said his Nittany Lion team is going for the win this weekend.

"We expect to win it," he said. "It's going to be real tough."

Ortiz said the Iowa State Cyclones would try to take it one match at a time.

"We're still preparing right now. We have to be ready to wrestle," he said. "We have tough

matches right away."

If both the Cyclones and the Cornhuskers win their first-round matches, they will wrestle each other in the second round, setting up a rematch of their Jan. 6 match, which Iowa State won.

"(The Nebraska-Iowa State match) is still a tossup. It can go either way," Ortiz said. "They (the Huskers) are wrestling at home, so I'd think they'd have to be favored in our match."

Both Gable and Fritz are looking to use the tournament as an evaluation tool.

"It's early enough in the season for us to make some good evaluations and adjustments to prepare for the end of the year," Fritz said.

Gable said the tournament would give his team a "sense of where they are" right now.

"It will be good for all of the teams involved," he said.

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