

# Men's team wins despite missing goal

By Tim Pearson  
Staff Reporter

The Nebraska men's gymnastics team couldn't quite achieve its goal of 282 points, but coach Francis Allen was happy to come out with a convincing win at the Big Eight Triangular over Oklahoma and Iowa State.

"(A score of) 280 was fine. It's good enough," Allen said. "If it hadn't been for the high bar, we would have had 282."

The Cornhuskers won the horizontal bars with a score of 45.35, but Allen said that they should have and could have had a better score in the event.

Allen said he hoped the Huskers' potential to score big will send out a message to other coaches.

"Coaches are going to look at our scores and see that we could have easily had 282," he said. "I want to send other teams a message that Nebraska is back."

Nebraska brought home first in five of the six events, as well as the all-around title, which was won by sophomore Richard Grace.

Individual champions for Nebraska included Che Bowers on the pommel horse, Harrison on the still rings, and Josh Saegert on the parallel bars. Jason Christie and Burkett Powell shared first place on the high bar, while senior Louis Ball made his first appearance of the season with a first-place finish in the vault.

Allen praised the performance of Christie, the only freshman on the Husker team.

"If I had to pick one thing that I liked today, it probably would be the performance of Jason Christie," he said.

Harrison said he was glad to come out of it with a win.

"It was a win, but overall we didn't do that great," he said. "We weren't motivated. We pretty much knew we were going to win."



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Bruce Chubick, bottom, fights for the ball against Kansas State forward Ron Lucas in the closing minutes of Saturday night's two-point loss.

## Beane

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making a 24-foot jumper with eight seconds left in regulation.

"To me, I really like road games," he said. "(Road games) tell about the fight a team has, and we've got a lot."

Beane said he thought free throw shooting was a major factor in the game.

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Wildcats shot 72 percent. Beane made six of his nine shots from the line.

But Beane said he was not satisfied with the Wildcats' 11-3 start and their 3-1 jump in the Big Eight.

"We're going to continue to work hard in practice," he said. "We're not satisfied yet."

Kansas State coach Dana Altman said Beane was a major reason for the Wildcats' 66-64 victory over the Cornhuskers.

"Beane is a tough young man who makes a difference," he said. "I wish I could take the credit, but it's all Anthony Beane."

## Kansas State

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forwards Eric Piatkowski and Bruce Chubick. The pair had 16 and 12 points, respectively.

Chubick said Nebraska might have put too much pressure on itself to win on Saturday.

"This game had maybe more meaning than any so far, because we were on a two-game skid in the Big Eight," he said.

Piatkowski, who returned after sitting out last Wednesday's 86-70 win over Sacramento State with the flu, said he's getting tired of losing.

"It's our fault — we know what the coaches want, we know the offenses and we know what to do," Piatkowski said. "Guys are still taking it one on one, trying to do everything on their own — we can do that against Sacramento State, but you don't do that against a Big Eight team."

"Until everyone gets together and says winning's more important than individual stats, we're probably going to keep losing."

The Huskers will get their chance to redeem themselves at 8:30 tonight when they battle fellow 0-3 Big Eight cellar dweller Colorado in Boulder, Colo.

The game will be televised live by ESPN.

The Buffaloes, who are 8-7 overall, are coming off of a 31-point loss at home to first-place Kansas on Saturday.

Several Nebraska players said tonight is a must win.

"We've got to win — there's no better way to put it," Chubick said. "If we have dreams of playing in March, I think that's a game that we have to win."

Piatkowski agreed that without getting some victories soon in Big Eight play, a third-straight trip to the NCAA Tournament might be out of reach for the Huskers.

"If we want to go back to the NCAA Tournament, we're going to have to rattle off some wins here," Piatkowski said. "Out in Boulder, they always play tough out there, so if we're not prepared, it could be NIT."

## Track team looks good in opener, coach says

By Derek Samson  
Staff Reporter

In their first meet of the year, the Nebraska men's and women's track teams made a good first impression on Coach Gary Pepin.

"I was very, very pleased," Pepin said after Saturday's Nebraska Open at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. "This was probably, on the men's side, the best first meet in the last 13 years."

"I think we'll have two very fine teams."

Paul Morrison broke his own school record when he threw the 35-pound weight 59 feet 3/4 inches. Morrison was only two inches off the Big Eight record.

Other winners on the men's side included Petar Malesev in the high jump, Riley Washington in the 55-meter dash, Kevin Coleman in the shot put, Marlon Jones in the 800-meter run, Renier Henning in the 1000-meter run, Travis Grant in the 200-meter dash and Robert Thomas in the triple jump.

On the women's side, winners were Kwani Stewart in the 55-meter hurdles, Paulette Mitchell in the shot put, Shanelle Porter in the 400-meter dash, Destiny Liebl in the high jump, Chrystall DeNaeyer in the 800-meter run, Shanelle Porter in the 200-meter dash and Nicola Martial in the triple jump.

Mitchell, a freshman who was performing in her first meet as a Cornhusker, set Nebraska's shot put record with her throw of 50 feet 2 1/2 inches.

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