

Oklahoma tumbles under NU

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The Nebraska men's and women's gymnastics teams were victorious Sunday night at the Bob Devancy Sports Center, but both Cornhusker coaches said their teams were capable of better performances.

Sophomore Jim Koziol paced the third-ranked men to a 226.1-223.9 defeat of No. 8 Oklahoma. The Olympic Training Center team finished third with a 214.825.

Koziol won the all-around with a mark of 56.3 despite competing with a partially torn right bicep. This past week, Koziol revamped his routines because of the injury, but he said the changes didn't make things that much easier.

"I'm in pretty good pain right now," Koziol said.

Injuries completely sidelined true freshmen J.D. Reive and Marshall Nelson. Allen said their return would elevate Nebraska to the next level.

"We're potentially the best team in the country," he said.

Senior Jason Christie, who was slowed by a sinus infection, finished second in the all-around with a score of 55.925.

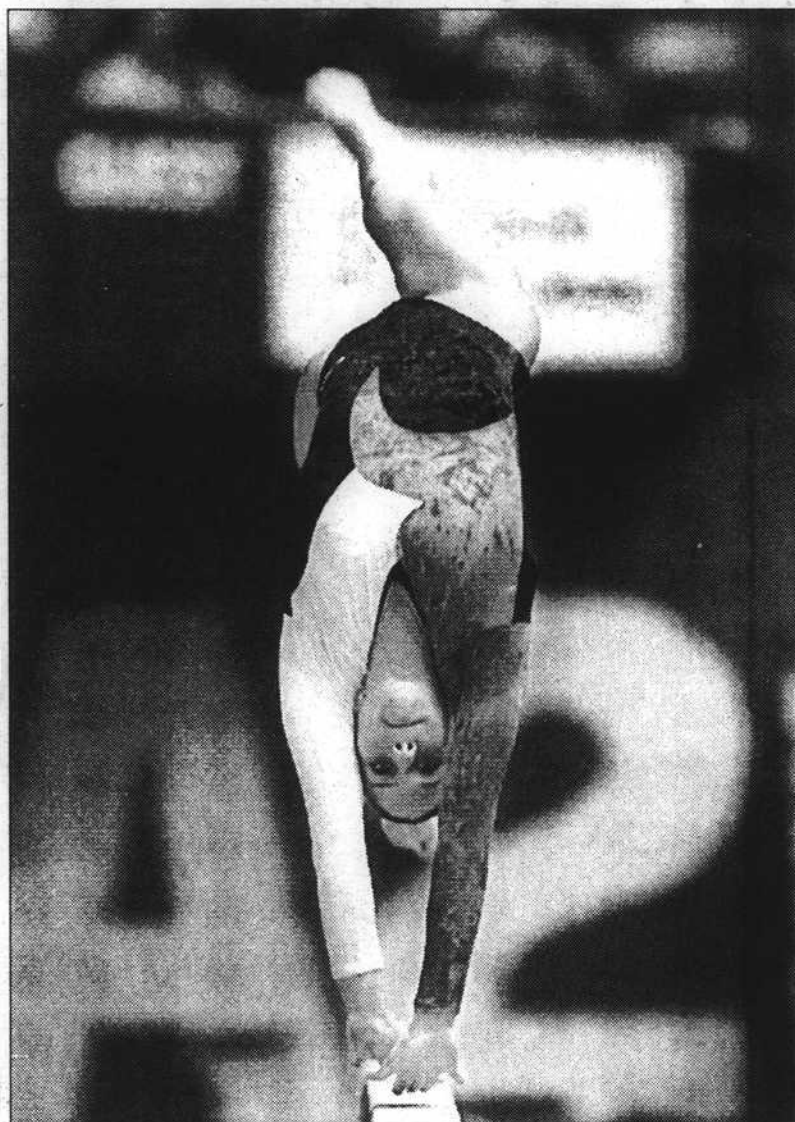
For the women, junior Shelly Bartlett won her fourth all-around title of the year with a 39.1, and helped her team to a 193.725-191.8 victory over Iowa State. Freshman Misty Oxford finished second in the all-around with a career-best 38.7.

Even though Bartlett finished third in vault with a career-high 9.8 and won both the balance beam (9.7) and the floor exercise (9.875), she said her performance could have been better.

"I didn't put it all together as well as I had before," she said, "I just felt flat tonight."

Coach Dan Kendig agreed.

"We were due for this," he said. "But for us to come out of it with a good outcome, I'm very pleased."



Scott Bruhn/DN

Nebraska freshman Courtney Brown performs on the balance beam Sunday night during the Huskers' victory over Iowa State. Brown scored a 9.5.

Oxford's career-high score in the all-around, Kendig said, was a big step in improving her confidence. She finished sixth in the beam with a career-best 9.65.

But for the rest of the Huskers, the balance beam proved to be the biggest

problem of the night. Kendig said there would be only one way to improve on the beam.

"I think everyone is trying to come up with a magical cure for beam," he said. "There is no magical cure. You just have to come out and not make a mistake."

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Weekend Wrap up



door Tennis Center. Nebraska's overall record fell to 1-8.

— Vince D'Adamo

Track

With one week remaining until the NCAA Championships in Indianapolis, the Nebraska men's and women's track teams sent athletes to six different sites, hoping to improve on their times and qualify more athletes for nationals.

The men's distance relay team of Alex Lanme, Miklos Roth, Jonah Kiptarus, and Balazs Tolgyesi set a school and Big Eight record with a time of 9 minutes, 37.34 seconds at the Silverstone Invite at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Other Husker men posting NCAA automatic qualifying marks were Charles Reid and Frank Mensah at the Cyclone Last Chance Qualifier in Ames, Iowa.

Triple jumper Andrea Bourland leaped 42 feet, 2 1/4 inches at the Cowboy NCAA Qualifier in Laramie, Wyo., earning her a spot at nationals. The Cornhusker women's 4 x 400-relay team also posted an NCAA provisional qualifying time at the Mobil USA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Atlanta with a time of 3:38.

The Oklahoma baseball team swept Nebraska in a three-game series this weekend in Norman, Okla., outscoring the Cornhuskers 45-32.

Nebraska starting pitchers allowed 19 earned runs and 31 hits in 16 2/3 innings as the Cornhuskers dropped to 3-10 overall and 0-3 in the Big Eight.

Fourteenth-ranked Oklahoma, which improved to 8-4 and 3-0, won 18-11 Friday, 10-5 Saturday and 17-16 Sunday.

— David Wilson

Tennis

In its home debut of the spring, the Nebraska women's tennis team defeated Colorado State 5-2 Saturday, but was shut out 8-0 on Sunday by Wichita State at the Woods In-

sis of Dixon.

"She's so quick, she'll just elevate her play at the end of the game," Galligan said. "There's no doubt she is the player of the year, and she just knows when to take over the game."

With 12 minutes remaining, the Huskers took a five-point lead when sophomore Anna DeForge made a layup and hit a 3-point goal. DeForge led the Huskers with 18 points.

Aided by two Charissc Sampson 3-point goals, the Jayhawks tied the score at 57 with four minutes remaining.

Kansas then took a 63-61 lead, and after a Nebraska timeout with 26 seconds remaining, Sampson stole Nebraska's inbound pass and the Huskers' upset chances.

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in league play this season have come against the Huskers.

"Tamecka Dixon played so good, it made me sick," Beck said. "They seem to play their best ball against us."

"So we allowed Tamecka to have an All-American night. That's one reason I voted her Big Eight player of the year, because she stood out above all the rest when the time came down."

Nebraska senior Kate Galligan, who scored a career-high 38 points when Nebraska lost to Kansas 94-85 on Feb. 11, was limited to 12 points Sunday. Galligan agreed with her coach's analy-

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