

**UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Dec. 6, 2008: The University of Oklahoma, ranked No. 2 in the preseason coaches' poll, continued preparations for the 2009 season Saturday afternoon with the annual Red-White intrasquad scrimmage. The meet, held at the Sam Viersen Gymnastics Center, saw team co-captain Chris Brooks' White team defeat fellow co-captain Jacob Messina's Red team.

Each squad sent at least four gymnasts to compete on each apparatus and the top three scores counted towards the team's total.

"I was really impressed with the consistency of our routines and I thought that we had some good energy in front of a decent crowd," said head coach Mark Williams. This

was the Sooners' first time this season to compete in front of judges.

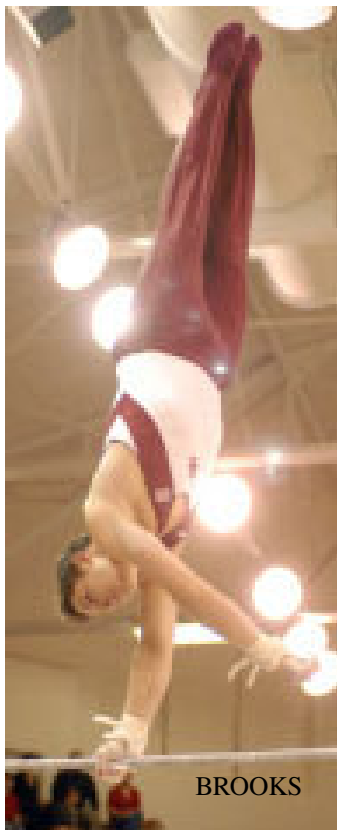
Brooks (White Team) took the AA title with a score of 88.80 while also taking the FX (15.7), PB's (14.8) and HB (15.3) titles.

Ian Jackson (White Team) had a good outing as well, claiming the V (16.25) and SR (14.9) titles while finishing second in the AA.

Steven Legendre (Red Team) was solid and finished in the top two in FX, V, and PB's. Legendre was third in the AA. Messina had a solid meet, tying for first on PH and finishing in the top three on PB's and HB.

The Sooners open the season Jan. 10 when they travel to Colorado Springs, Colo., to participate in the Rocky Mountain Open. OU will return to Norman for its first home meet on Jan. 31 when it hosts the University of Texas at the McCasland Field House.

Using a bit of creative guessing your reporter figures OU came up with a team score



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of approximately 353.90 (OU only reported their top 3 scores in several cases).

**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**

The Huskers competed on R's (58.40), vault (62.40), PB's (54.50) and HB (50.90) on Dec. 12, before finishing the competition on FX (53.65) and PH (55.80) on Dec. 13.

NU's main goal for the intrasquad was to top its scores from last year's Rocky Mountain Open meet, which was Nebraska's first meet of the season. This weekend, the Huskers posted a total team score of 335.65, blasting last year's RMO score of 327.65.

The individual event winners were: FX-Cory Baumgarten-13.65, PH-TJ Schmidt- 14.8, SR-Tony Maras- 15.25, Vault-Johnny Robinson-15.75, PB's-TJ Schmidt- 14.25, HB-Daniel Brulé- 14.35.



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**AIR FORCE ACADEMY**

"Team B-52" won the first-ever Air Force Gymnastics Mixed Pairs Meet on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Academy's West Gym.

The "team" scores were determined by combining the top six men's scores and the top five women's scores, regardless of what event they were from. The B-52s won the meet with a score of 130.900. The F-15s tallied a team score of 128.050 to finish second.

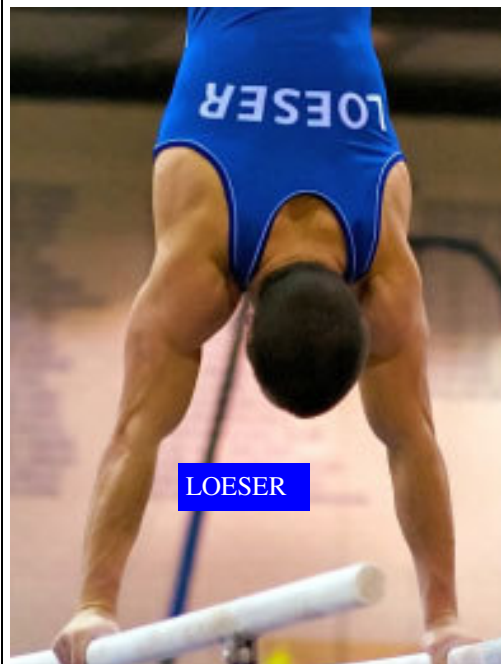
Loeser and Houder earned the top marks on the SR (14.200) and PH (13.400), respectively. Loeser was also second on the vault (15.200), while Houder claimed second on the HB(13.000).

As a member of The F-15s, sophomore Aaron Zaiser received a pair of first-place scores, claiming the top honors on the FX (13.800) and vault (15.400). Junior Garrett Canter, another member of The F-15s, won the HB with a score of 13.400, while sophomore Matthew Thorne, representing The F-16s, won the PB's with a mark of 13.200.

In addition to winning the PH and taking

second on the HB, Houder placed third on the PB's (12.600). Chase Nobles (The F-15s) recorded a second-place score of 13.100 on the PH, while Devin Menefee of The F-22s placed second on the SR (14.000) and third on the vault (15.000).

According to Coach Simons, "I thought our meet went very well. Still getting used to the 1 point deduction for falls. Overall, I think we are going to have a strong season lead by seniors Jake Schonig and Josiah Loeser. Fresh



**LOESER**

-man will make an impact, especially Jacob Houder, Chase Nobles and Joel Uptmor."

Combining the top four scores AF had a total score of 322.00.