

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma started the season with a victory at the Rocky Mountain Open claiming the meet championship for the tenth consecutive year. The second-ranked Sooners scored a 355.000 Saturday night in Colorado Springs, Colo., to win the collegiate portion of the competition, while Steven Legendre claimed his second Rock Mountain Open all-around title with an 89.400.



LEGENDRE

"This is a great beginning to the season," said head coach Mark Williams. This puts us in a good spot for the rest of the season."

Nebraska finished second with a 332.400 total, while host Air Force placed third with a 317.900 team total. Club teams from Arizona State University (312.950) and the University of Washington (303.200) placed fourth and fifth, respectively. A team comprised of athletes from the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs scored a 147.950 but was ineligible for awards in the collegiate division.

Oklahoma gymnasts claimed all of the individual titles at the Rocky Mountain Open with the help of Legendre winning event titles

on floor (15.350), vault (15.900), parallel bars (14.950), high bar (14.700) and coming in tied for second with Chris Brooks on rings with a score of 15.150.

Senior co-captain Chris Brooks came in second in the all-around while juniors Ian Jackson and Corey English claimed individual titles in rings (15.300) and pommel horse (14.900), respectively.

On Saturday, junior Ian Jackson suffered an injury to his Achillies tendon during the meet on the last pass of his floor routine. The Harrisburg, Pa, native competed in the all-around, claimed the rings title and finished third in vault and parallel bars before he was injured.

"We are really disappointed that this happened to Ian after he was doing well in the pre-season and in the meet," said Williams.

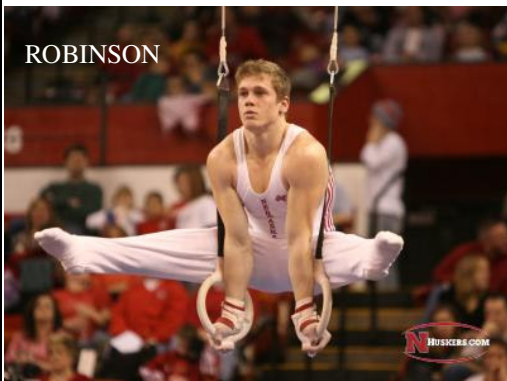
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Behind key performances by Husker seniors T.J. Schmidt and James Mauldin, NU rang in the New Year with a second-place finish at the 24th annual Rocky Mountain Open in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Saturday night.

Nebraska bested nearly every team event score from last season's Rocky Mountain Open in route to blasting last year's score of 327.650.

"We put a bunch of guys in the meet that weren't even looking to be in the meet because Danny Brule went down and Kyle Shanahan is hurt," Nebraska Coach Francis Allen said."

Three Huskers snagged top-three finishes on three separate events. Senior James Mauldin tied for second on the pommel horse with a score of 14.65, while returning All-American T.J. Schmidt placed second on parallel bars with a score of 14.80. Junior John Robinson also notched a third-place finish in



ROBINSON

the all-around with a score of 81.60

Nebraska came out swinging on pommel horse with a score of 56.00, besting last season's RMO score by nearly five points. Junior Tony Maras opened the event for the Huskers topping his 2008 season pommel horse high (12.55) with a score of 12.95. Junior Josh Rusler tried his hand at pommel horse for the first time since his freshman season, scoring a career-high 13.55. Mauldin bested his career-high pommel horse score by over one point, scoring a 14.65 for a second place tie in the event standings. Schmidt followed close behind with a fourth place finish and a score of 14.50.

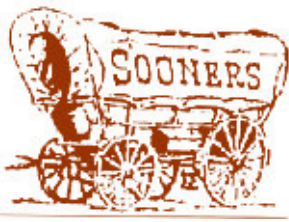
Nebraska also saw improvement from last season's RMO rings score of 56.20. Mauldin led the Husker standings for the second-consecutive event, as he scored a 14.55 for sixth place in the competition. Maras notched a score of 14.50 for seventh place, while Schmidt helped the Huskers out with a score of 14.40 for a ninth-place finish.

NU struggled in the third rotation, mounting a team score of 59.50 on vault. Despite the team's mishaps, newcomer Josh Dilworth, a freshman from Olathe, Kansas, started his collegiate career off on the right foot with a team-high score of 15.25. Redshirt freshman Cory Baumgarten and Rusler both added scores of 14.95 to round out the vault lineup.

The Huskers gained momentum in the fourth rotation, where they put together a score of 55.15 on the parallel bars. Although the NU squad struggled with routines at the beginning of the lineup, Schmidt pulled through for the Huskers at the end of the rotation, posting a score of 14.80 for second place in the event standings. All-rounder Robinson also added a 14.20 for the Huskers on parallel bars, which earned him a sixth-place finish on the event.

Nebraska was slowed on the high bar in the fifth rotation, posting a score of 51.450. NU's best showing came from sophomore Bear Danley, who scored a 13.65 for sixth place. Robinson followed close behind with a score of 13.35 for an eighth-place tie.

The Huskers finished the meet strong with a score of 52.40 on high bar. Robinson was NU's top performer on the event with a score of 13.60, while Schmidt, who hasn't competed on floor exercise since his sophomore season, scored a 13.40.



AIR FORCE ACADEMY

In front of a capacity crowd at the Cadet West Gym, the No. 13 Air Force men's gymnastics team opened the 2009 season with a third-place finish at the annual Rocky Mountain Open on Saturday, Jan. 10. Highlighted by a fifth-place score on the vault by sophomore Aaron Zaiser, the Falcons accounted for seven top-10 finishes.

Zaiser paced the Falcons in their season-opener with a fifth-place finish on the vault. His career-best score of 15.350 is tied for second in the Air Force record book.



A pair of freshmen found themselves leading the squad in their collegiate debut. Chase Nobles paced the Falcons on the pommel horse, finishing 11th with a score of 13.700 - a mark just .100 off of the Academy record. Classmate Jacob Houder, who finished fifth in the all-around with a score of 79.200, placed ninth on the parallel bars with a total of 13.800.

Sophomore Nash Mills, who competed just once as a freshman, picked up a pair of top-10 finishes. Mills led the squad with a tie for eighth on the high bar (13.350), while also placing 10th on the still rings with a score of 14.300.

Sophomore Daniel Klimkowski finished eighth on the floor exercise (13.800), while senior Jake Schonig earned the same placement on the still rings (14.450). Klimkowski also placed seventh in the all-around with a total of 77.400.

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The second-ranked Oklahoma men's gymnastics team claimed its second straight victory by winning all six events over No. 10 Nebraska Sunday at the Bob Devaney Center in Lincoln, Neb. The Sooners scored a 354.300 to beat the Huskers (337.600) in the second meeting of the season and did so in impressive fashion on Sunday despite a depleted roster.

The Sooners were already without the services of Ian Jackson and Reed Pitts heading

into this weekend and lost Troy Nitzky in warm-ups prior to Sunday's meet with an ankle injury. The freshman's status is undetermined for OU's next competition against Texas.

"We could not afford a mistake on two events because we had to put four guys up and count all four scores. I can't remember ever having to do that as a coach, not even once, and the guys did a great job today on rings and vault."

Senior co-captain Chris Brooks (89.200) and sophomore Steven Legendre (87.850) led OU for the second consecutive week and finished one-two in the all-around competition, respectively.

"We did a great job with maintaining our high hit percentage and I am happy to feel that the guys are doing well away from home," added Williams. "We have a small roster right now and everyone needs to step up and Steven (Legendre) and Chris (Brooks) helped lead the way again for us."

Oklahoma recorded a couple of season highs against the Huskers with sophomore Bobby Shortle scoring 14.900 on floor, while Legendre scored a 16.300 on the vault to match a 2009 high.

Legendre claimed two event titles (vault and still rings) against conference rival Nebraska on Sunday and upped his season total to seven.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska scored a team mark of 337.600 in front of 450 fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center against the Oklahoma Sooners on **Sunday afternoon**. Despite strong individual scores across the board, NU's performance wasn't enough to prevail over Oklahoma, which posted a score of 354.300 for the win.

Individually, senior T.J. Schmidt earned his first pommel horse title of the year with a score of 14.65. Freshman Josh Dilworth placed third on vault with a score of 15.85, while junior John Robinson notched a third-place finish in the all-around with a season-high score of 84.70.

Nebraska followed Olympic order from start to finish, entering the first rotation on floor exercise. Behind several strong performances, the Huskers pulled together a season-best score of 55.55. Senior Jacob Ives started the Huskers off on floor, igniting a string of season-high scores. Ives earned a new season-high of 13.10, while junior Josh Rusler also

notched a new season-high of 13.55. Freshman Josh Dilworth and senior T.J. Schmidt continued the record setting streak, each earning season-high and Nebraska team-high scores of 14.20 on floor exercise.

NU struggled in the second rotation, only putting together a score of 54.60 on pommel horse. Despite several falls early in the lineup, Schmidt and Robinson ended the event on high notes. Schmidt not only earned the event title, but also set a new season-high score of 14.65. Robinson also set a new season-high with a score of 13.80. After two rotations, the Huskers dropped behind the Sooners, 110.150-114.350.

The Huskers kept swinging on the still rings in the third rotation, tallying a team total of 56.75. Although NU was unable to establish a new team-high score on the event, individually, Robinson crushed his previous still rings season-high of 14.10 with a new season-high of 14.35. He also held the highest score for the Huskers on still rings.

Nebraska gained a boost of momentum in the fourth rotation, posting a season-high score of 61.35. Several Huskers also captured season bests, including Ives (15.05), sophomore Garret Durst (15.20) and Robinson (15.25). The best vault of the day for the Huskers came from Dilworth, who notched a season- and team-high score of 15.85, which earned him a third-place finish on the event. After the fourth rotation, Nebraska continued to fall behind Oklahoma, 228.250-236.550.

The Huskers had a rocky fifth rotation, as they scored a 55.85 on parallel bars. Seniors James Mauldin led NU on parallel bars with a season-high score of 14.35, which blasted his Rocky Mountain Open score of 13.20. Schmidt held NU's top score, as he posted a 14.55 on the event.

Despite several rough rotations, Nebraska finished strong in the sixth rotation, posting a score of 53.50 on high bar. Junior Kyle Shanahan competed on the high bar for the first time this season, earning a score of 13.85. Robinson also scored a new season-high of 13.75 on the event.

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LEGENDRE

TEAM SCORING

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 Oklahoma | 355.00 |
| 2 Nebraska | 332.40 |
| 3 Air Force | 317.90 |
| 4 Arizona State | 312.95 |
| 5 Univ. of Washington | 303.20 |

ALL AROUND

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1. Steven Legendre, OK | 89.40 |
| 2 Chris Brooks, OK | 86.60 |
| 3 Matthew Hicks, OTC | 80.10 |
| 5 Jacob Houder, AF | 79.25 |
| 6 Charles Baysinger, ASU | 77.60 |
| 7 Daniel Klimkowski, AF | 77.40 |
| 8 Joey Lawrence, Wash | 76.80 |

FLOOR EXERCISE

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1 Steven Legendre OK | 15.35 |
| 2 Russell Czeschin OK | 14.90 |
| 3 Patrick Piscitelli OK | 14.65 |
| 4 Bobby Shortle OK | 14.40 |
| 5 Ian Jackson OK | 14.35 |
| 6 Matthew Hicks OTC | 14.00 |
| 7 Chris Brooks OK | 13.85 |
| 8 Daniel Klimkowski AF | 13.80 |

POMMEL HORSE

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 Corey English OK | 14.90 |
| 2T Jacob Messina OK | 14.65 |
| 2T James Mauldin NEB | 14.65 |
| 4 TJ Schmidt NEB | 14.50 |
| 5 Grant Osborne, UNAT | 14.45 |
| 6 Chris Brooks OK | 13.85 |
| 7 Chase Nobles AF | 13.70 |
| 8T Josh Rusler NEB | 13.55 |
| 8T 502 Matthew Hicks OTC | 13.55 |

STILL RINGS

| | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 Ian Jackson OK | 15.30 |
| 2T Chris Brooks OK | 15.15 |
| 2T Steven Legendre OK | 15.15 |
| 2T Patrick Piscitelli OK | 15.15 |
| 5 Kyle McNamara OK | 14.95 |
| 6 James Mauldin NEB | 14.55 |
| 7 Tony Maras NEB | 14.50 |
| 8 Jacob Schonig AF | 14.45 |

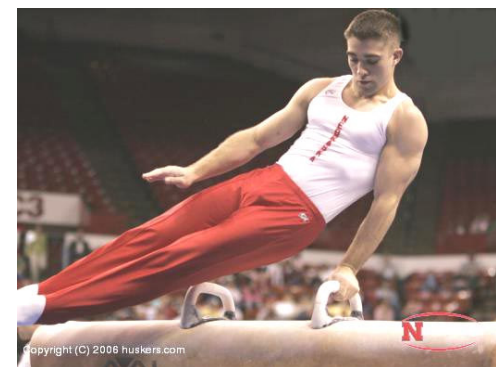
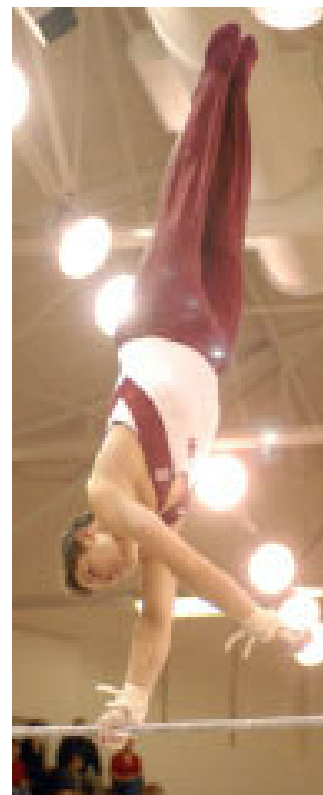
VAULT

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| 1 Steven Legendre OK | 15.90 |
| 2 Bobby Shortle OK | 15.70 |
| 3 Ian Jackson OK | 15.65 |
| 4 Chris Brooks OK | 15.40 |
| 5 Aaron Zaiser AF | 15.35 |
| 6 Russell Czeschin OK | 15.30 |
| 7 Josh Dilworth NEB | 15.25 |
| 8T Matthew Hicks OTC | 14.95 |
| 8T Cory Baumgarten NEB | 14.95 |
| 8T Josh Rusler NEB | 14.95 |

PARALLEL BARS

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|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 Steven Legendre, OK | 14.95 |
| 2 TJ Schmidt, NEB | 14.80 |
| 3 Corey English, OK | 14.60 |
| 3 Ian Jackson OK | 14.60 |
| 5 Chris Brooks, OK | 14.45 |
| 6 John Robinson, NEB | 14.20 |

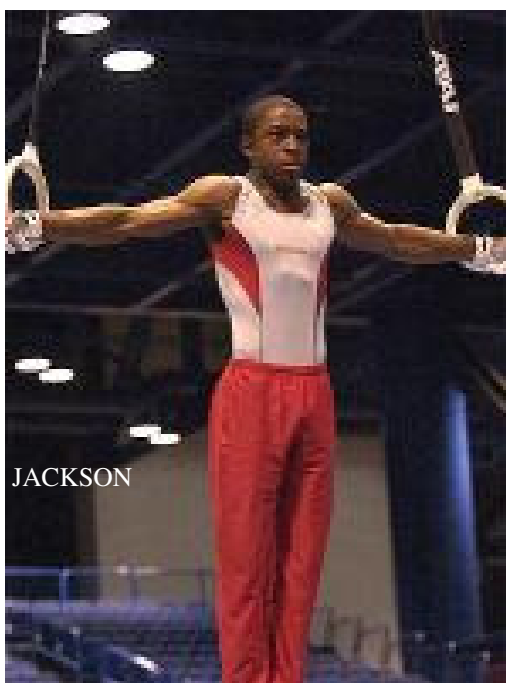
BROOKS



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| 7. Kyle McNamara, OK | 13.95 |
| 8 Jacob Messina, OK | 13.85 |

HIGH BAR

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1 Steven Legendre OK | 14.70 |
| 2 Joseph Haggerty OTC | 14.30 |
| 3 Kyle McNamara OK | 14.20 |
| 4 Jacob Messina OK | 14.10 |
| 5 Chris Brooks OK | 13.90 |
| 6 Bear Danley NEB | 13.65 |
| 7 Patrick Piscitelli OK | 13.45 |
| 8T Nash Mills AF | 13.35 |
| 8T John Robinson NEB | 13.35 |