

Briggs, Jim Huston; LH: AA plus Datti, Sal Scuderi; PB: AA plus Datti, Scuderi; HB: AA plus Tony Manzella, Rich Seibert.

Northern Illinois University — Coach Hubie Dunn listed a strong roster of 24 gymnasts that promise to make this the strongest team ever at Northern. Major weakness, however, is lack of third all-around performer. Team emphasis will be on youth, but several good young gymnasts promise a strong team, especially on SH, PB and HB.

Northern lost four lettermen from last year, but all were specialists.

New personnel include Robert Berglund from Forest View H.S., a promising AA performer; John Isaacs from Arlington Heights, fourth in FX in 1970 Illinois State H.S. meet; Kirk Mosher from Niles West, fourth on PB in 1970 Illinois H.S. meet; Wayne Olson from Elk Grove, fifth on SH in Illinois State meet, and Peter Botthof from Palatine, district senior champion.

AA: Robert Berglund, Michael Suerth. FX: AA + Steve Sadler, Kendall Kauffman, John Isaacs. SH: AA + Wayne Olson, Phillip Keller, David Chidley. SR: AA + Richard Larsen, Botthof, Nicholas Dallas. LH: AA + Isaacs, Sadler, James Janssens. PB: AA + Robert Suda, Kirk Moser, Neil Hagen. HB: AA + James Morrison, Janssens, Charles Koules.

Big Ten — A conference that boasts many national contenders in past years will again have many individuals with national championship potential. NCAA team champion in 1970 Michigan University will be the team to beat, but it should be challenged by a young but rapidly improving Iowa and the University of Illinois.

University of Iowa — Coach Dick Holzaepfel feels that as the team matures, Iowa should be able to give Michigan a fair run for the Big 10 title. Iowa should have a strong high bar team with good power in side horse, long horse and rings. Barry Sloten on FX and Dan Repp on S.R. will defend individual honors in the Big 10. The top two men in each event can be expected to challenge for a conference championship. Last year Iowa lost high bar all-American Rich Scorza. In addition the losses include Roger Neist, Dick Taffe and Phil Farnam. Five new men have joined the team: Carl Walin — all-around; Kenny Ruhl — AA; Woody Wilkes — side horse; Bob Salstone — floor ex., and Bruce Waldman — high bar. Working all around with Ruhl and Walin will be junior Dean Schowalter. Working FX will be Barry Sloten and Bob Salstone. SH will have specialists Ken Lichr (1969 All-American) and Chuck Citron. SR — Repp, Gary Wagner or Rudy Genez. LH — Barry Sloten and Bob Salstone. PB will have Rudy Genez, Bruce Waldman or Dave Lang. HB has specialists Rudy Genez and Bruce Wardman.

University of Illinois — Coach Charlie Pond says this could be "the year" for his gymnastics team. The talent is good enough to win the Big 10 title, and the NCAA title is also in their plans. Last year losses included Larry Butts and Ed Raymond. University of Illinois has a young team with no seniors. All-around will go to three of their five men, Don Grieb, Paul Hunt, Mike Grimes, John Roemes and Bob Swonick. Floor Ex. will see Grimes and Rafoloski with men such as Greib, Swonick, Roemer and Hunt backing them up. Side horse will have Ken Barr with help from Goldberg, Prochaska and Moeling. Still rings will have Brad Barrett and Dick Nagel with help from Gorden and Van Etten. Long horse will have Marrow working. The PB team will specialize Gene Kalin and Greg Fenske. HB has Owen Legar and Dan Hockhouse.

University of Minnesota — Minnesota's team

has seen a loss of four men since last year. Included in the losses are Fred Kueffer, all-around; Randy Hoffa (SH), Dave Chapman (PB) and Frank Harris on high bar. The team, however, has picked up Bill Kerchner, the Minnesota State high school AA champ. Working AA for Minnesota will be Jeff Rock, Charles Marti and Bill Kerchner. Specialists on FX will be Blesi and Carlson. Side horse will have Sandman and Fystrom. SR will have Preston and Blesi filling the spot. LH specialists are Blesi and Peterson. PB will work Blesi and Cossettee. In high bar, specialists will be Hanson and Blesi.

University of Michigan — "Whenever a team loses four men through graduation of the likes of Rapper, Huntzicker, Jensen and Mackie, you're hurting." This is the feeling of coach Newt Loken of Michigan. The team is now working hard on their combinations, moves

nold and Larry Lad. SH — Chuck Morse, Don Waybright and Mike Manthas. R — Chuck Morse and Bob Goldenberg. LHV — Don Waybright. PB — Chuck Morse. HB — Tom Kuhlman and Dick Manning.

University of Wisconsin — No report received.

Indiana University — With a team made up primarily of freshmen and sophomores, the IU team expects to be improved this year. Losing only Al Gatti in floor ex. and vaulting, IU has five new faces. Benny Fernandez (Illinois State ring champ), Don Habjan on high bar, Bill Dieterich — P.B.; Ken Grosse on FX and John Shields on floor exercise. The top 3 AA spots will be chosen between Gene Coyle, Dave Carter, Bob Gleichman, Ben Fernandez, Gary Powell and Bill Dieterich. FX specialists will be Mike Taffe and Tom Holler. Side horse will have Dave Mattson and Jack Harcourt filling the spots. Still rings will have Chuck Earle and



Randy Balhorne, AA (M.S.U.)



John Pellikan, AA (Indiana State)

and routines to make up for the loss. The freshman group consists of all-around men Bill Hudgins and Jean Bouchard; ring trio — Monty Fall, Craig Sjogren and Steve Smith; p. bars — Bob Johnson. Upperclassmen AA men will have cocaptain Rick McCurdy (twice Big 10 AA champion), Ted Marti, Murray Plotkin, Ray Gura and Pete Rogers. FX will have Ward Black, Chuck Weibel, Terry Boys, Rusty Pierce and Bill Bowles. Rings sees Skip Frowicz, Monty Falb, Craig Sjogren, Mike Sale and Steve Smith competing for varsity slots. Long horse will have Rusty Pierce and Terry Boys filling the spots. PB will have specialists Murray Plotkin and Bob Johnson. High bars will have cocaptain Ed Howard and Jim Scully. In side horse Dick Kaziney, Mike Gluck, Ed Howard and Mike Fanshel will form a strong nucleus.

Ohio State — No report received.

Michigan State University — With prospects of finishing in the top four teams in the Big 10 Conference and fielding several outstanding individuals, Michigan State will continue its fine gymnastics tradition. Head coach George Szyplula feels that his strongest events will be side horse and parallel bars, but that overall his team will lack the depth to go "all the way." With Stellar floor ex. performer Rick Murahata lost through graduation, the MSU roster by events will be: FX — Dave Ziegert, Paul Ar-

Gary Funke. Long horse has Mike Taffe and Tom Haller. P-bars has specialists Harry Constantine and Steve Geiger. High bar will include specialists Roger Scully and Dan Robin.

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University of Illinois-Circle Campus: University of Illinois at Chicago Circle feels that its team should be one of the contenders for the NCAA College Division Crown. The team is beginning to give us some measure of depth, although there are several events where this backing is not present. Circle Campus has 40 members on its gym team. The only loss came from Jim Shaeffer, who was No. 1 FX man and vaulter and also worked P-bars. Due to the late date on which fall term began, a roster by events is not available at this time.

UIC Coach Bill Roetzheim will be the host, and Circle Campus will be the site of the 1970 NCAA College Division National Gymnastics Championships.

Eastern Michigan: Eastern Michigan could have the best team in its school's history this year. The team should be a strong contender for the newly formed Lake Erie Intercollegiate Gymnastics League Championship. They are also working hard to win the NAIA, although the going will be tough. Losing Tim Reilly hurt the team quite a bit. Reilly was an all-American in AA. Other losses include Bob Kainz, a side horse specialist; Joe Sawtell — rings, and Tim