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Mid-Season Review

by Mark Russo

After five competitions to date, our Husky Gymnasts are gaining momentum for a strong finish. Early preparation of routines has produced higher scores earlier than previous years. Now we begin focusing on minor upgrades and improving execution. Arizona State remains the team to beat, and they are within our reach. It's going to take a spirited effort on our part, though, to overcome their huge team of 17 gymnasts.

Our team lost a crucial member to injury. Freshman Scott Hodgson's grips locked on high bar in December, breaking both bones in his right forearm. Scott is a good all-arounder, and the team feels his loss at every meet. Of course we wish him a speedy recovery, but he won't be completely healed until June.

It's no surprise that senior Jeff Crockett has led us in our first half of the season. Still, there is plenty of room for Jeff to improve as he has yet to go six for six in a meet this season. Crock has the difficulty and the form to score high (FX: full-in, back out, V: Yurchenko double-twist, laid-out, HB: full-twisting Gienger and full-twisting Jaeger). He always seems to peak when we need it most. With four meets remaining before Nationals, there is plenty of time for him to hit his stride.

Sophomore Sean Liner continues to show dramatic improvement and is quickly approaching a 48.0 all-around score. He scored 47.25 at Stanford – his highest ever – and is

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Sean Liner on rings

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upgrading difficulty on floor and vault for the second half of the season.

Graham Gordon has been extremely consistent to date with his most improved performance coming on pommel horse at the Pacific Coast Classic where he hit his routine for a team high 7.95. After the meet he was accosted by a fan who said "you finally got your ass to swing around that thing!", referring to the pommel routine Graham hit. A surprised but happy Graham responded laughingly "Yeah... I did... and who are you?!" Turns out it was a judge from the Stanford Invite earlier this season.

Kevin Perkins (freshman from Portland, Oregon) has been the team leader on rings, scoring an event high of 9.60 at the Rocky Mountain Open at US Air Force Academy. Kevin has been very consistent on floor and parallel bars, too. Without much depth to our team, Kevin has been pressed into service on the pommel horse as well. It's going to take every routine we've got to overcome ASU's depth.

Graduate student Joel Hennig has competed several good routines on floor for the Huskies and looks to upgrade even further. His routines and scores have helped our floor team best ASU's so far this year.

Please help us defeat ASU at home this year on March 26th at 7:00pm. It's free, and your voice can be the difference to sending their team packing with a loss and ours into a wild celebration. Feel free to rush the floor if we win!

Meet Freshman Kevin Perkins

Interview by Graham Gordon

GG: Kevin, where were you born?

KP: Portland, Oregon, in 1985.

GG: What is your favorite movie?

KP: Anything with Bruce Lee, and the Hulk, because he looks like me.

GG: Were you born deaf?

KP: No, I was born two months early and I was sick, [the doctors] gave me a shot that made me deaf. A chemical.

GG: What is the hardest part about being deaf?

KP: I can't hear what people say or the radio, so I go off and workout by myself. Sometimes when I ask people for help, they say "okay, one minute," but then never come.

GG: How long have you been in gymnastics?

KP: 16 years.

GG: What is your favorite event?

KP: Rings and floor, both.

GG: What made you join the Washington Men's Gymnastics Team?

KP: Coach Mark talked to me, asked me to join, to help the team get better.

GG: What do you like most about being on the team?

KP: Everything, the trips, workout, everything.

GG: Even the equipment moves?

KP: Not the football moves, but the moves here [in the gym] are okay.

GG: What do you do when you are not at the gym?

KP: Eat a lot, check email, wait for practice, talk to friends online. I am thinking about going back to drums.

GG: How long did you play the drums?

KP: About four or five years, from 5th to 8th grade.

GG: What do you want to be when you grow up?

KP: Physical therapist or maybe gymnastics coach.

GG: What are your goals?

KP: I want to go to the Olympics, get a gold medal on the rings. Beat Johnson!

GG: What do you want everyone to know about you?

KP: I want to prove that I'm just like hearing people.



Your 2004-2005 Husky Men's Gymnastics Team

*Back row, left - right: Joel Hennig, Graham Gordon, Jeff Crockett.
Middle row: Ben MacColl, Sean Liner. Front: Kevin Perkins. Not shown: Joe Zhou*

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Kevin Perkins on rings

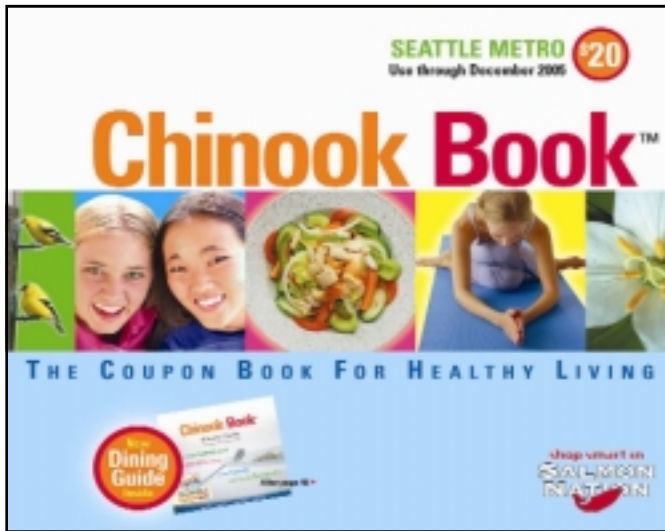
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Husky History: Günter Bohrmann

by Coach Eric Hughes

Günter Bohrmann came to the UW in the fall of 1962 as a student from Germany. Unfortunately, because of credits from Germany, he was only on the team for one year before graduating with a major in English. Yes, that's right: a German with a major in English.

In his one year he accomplished much more than most. He was first in the All-Around at the Pacific NW Championships, third in the AAWU conference (this was what the Pac-10 was called at the time) and second in the Western US Championships. This was a meet for all teams in the western half of the US. He also placed first on the Long Horse in this meet, and he won three individual titles in the NW Meet. At the end of the season he was voted "Outstanding Gymnast" by his teammates.

What I remember most about Günter as a member of the team, however, is that he was very hard-working, always smiling, always respectful, very coachable and a joy to have on the team.

After graduating in 1963 he accepted a teaching and coaching position at Kent-Meridian High School. Günter returned to the UW in 1966-67 to get a Master's in Physical Education. During this year he served as freshman team coach. In those days freshmen were not eligible to compete on the varsity.

This was probably the best freshman team and the best-coached team we ever had. Members were: Bob Bauman, Bo Bennett, Sho Fukushima, Yoshi Hayasaki, Charlie Peters, and Ron Young. It was during this year that I observed the potential Günter had as a coach. In fact, I learned as much from him as he did from me. I knew he would become an outstanding gymnastics coach somewhere, and he certainly proved this to be correct.

Between 1963 and 1982 Günter's boys' teams won eight State Championships. In 1978 and '79 his teams were ranked #1 in the United States. Many of his gymnasts won college scholarships at major universities, including the UW.

In 1985 Günter took over the girls' gymnastics program at Kent-Meridian, and in his first year of coaching his team beat powerhouse Sehome for the State title, breaking Sehome's string of 13 consecutive championships.

Günter also coached boys' and girls' soccer, and several of his teams made it to State playoffs and won league championships. On two separate occasions Günter's coaching peers voted him Gymnastics Coach of the Year, and in 2002 he was inducted into the Wash-

ington State Gymnastics Coaches Hall of Fame.

Another great contribution Günter made over the years was to go frequently to the Seattle YMCA, where George Lewis was heading an active gymnastics program. While George concentrated on his national champion girls, Günter helped coach the boys.

Günter was also one of the main performers of the Seattle Gymnastics Club, a group formed by George and me, to put on exhibitions to raise money for gymnasts to go to national competitions.

Günter also remained active as a competitor much longer than most. He was still participating in the annual "Varsity - Alumni" meet when he was twice the age of some of the other gymnasts. In addition, he was on the Husky Gymnastics Club team, comprised of varsity and alumni, that won the National AAU team championship in 1969.



Günter on rings

Another fringe benefit Günter received by staying in such good shape was to be selected as a member of the Seattle Gymnastics Club team that took three foreign tours under the auspices of the US Department of State and the People to People Sports Committee. The first of these was to Japan, Australia, and New Zealand in 1966, the second to five countries in Southeast Asia in 1968 and the third to four countries in South America in 1970. Günter and Bob Hall were the only ones

included on all three of these tours. On the South American tour Günter served as my assistant. On two of these tours he played the piano while Gary Finne played the trumpet and sang, demonstrating his musical talent as well.

Günter has now officially retired from Kent-Meridian HS but remains active in gymnastics as the assistant coach of the Sumner HS girls' team.

No one has made more of a contribution to the sport of gymnastics in our State than Günter Bohrmann. I've seen so many gymnasts come into and go out of the sport. Some "give back" for a while and then drop out. Günter is one of the few who have contributed his whole life. I thank you, Günter, for this, on behalf of all the kids who have benefited from your dedication. I hope they all appreciate you as much as I do.

Günter has been married to his wonderful wife, Janyce, for nearly 34 years. I have to add that I was somewhat responsible for them meeting at one of Highline's annual Gymnastics Camps. They have two grown children, Dieter and Jennifer, and four beautiful grandchildren.

Postscript – Unfortunately, Günter is presently involved in a battle with cancer. Tough old German that he is, I believe he is going to whip this latest challenge just as he has so many others in life.

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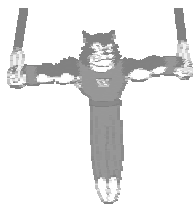
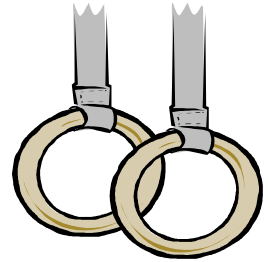
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2005 Meet Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Competition</i>	<i>Location</i>
<i>January 8</i>	<i>Washington Open, University of Washington</i>	<i>Hec -Ed Pavilion Addition, Seattle, WA</i>
<i>January 14, 15</i>	<i>Rocky Mountain Open, US Air Force Academy</i>	<i>Colorado Springs, CO</i>
<i>February 4, 5, 6</i>	<i>Winter Cup/Black Jack Invitational</i>	<i>Las Vegas, NV</i>
<i>February 18</i>	<i>Pacific Coast Classic</i>	<i>Oakland, CA</i>
<i>February 25</i>	<i>Universal Invitational</i>	<i>Miami, FL</i>
<i>March 3</i>	<i>Peter Vidmar Invitational</i>	<i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
<i>March 5</i>	<i>Southwest Cup</i>	<i>Tempe, AZ</i>
<i>March 26</i>	<i>Arizona State University vs. University of Washington</i>	<i>Hec -Ed Pavilion Addition, Seattle, WA</i>
<i>April 16</i>	<i>Collegiate Nationals</i>	<i>Ithaca, NY</i>
<i>July 9</i>	<i>USA Qualifier</i>	<i>Colorado Springs, CO</i>

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