Captain begins return from injury

By Kevin Kline COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

An hour before last Sunday's loss at Michigan, Penn State senior captain Allen Harris found out his absence from

MEN'S

competition was about to end.

Freshman GYMNASTICS Scott Rosenthal was dealing with an arm injury that would affect his performance on

rings. Rosenthal decided he was unable to compete, and coach Jepson Harris Randy chose Harris to

take Rosenthal's spot in the 12man lineup.

Harris competed for the first time this season, finishing 10th out

of 12 gymnasts in the floor exercise with a score of 13.450.

But more importantly, his routine was just the second full floor routine he's done while recovering from the torn left biceps he suffered during training in mid-August.

"He's doing a great job, and we got down to Michigan and we just and getting the chance to just get Jepson that he could do it safely. had so many guys out that we needed people," Jepson said.

"We put him on the floor and fit him in the lineup, and he's a seasoned competitor, so he was the guy we went to."

Harris attributed his subpar performance, especially toward month recovery period when the the end of his routine, to poor endurance from five months off the floor.

He also struggled with sloppy landings, a result of the lack of routines performed during prac-

"For me, it was about getting in last week was enough to show

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> **Allen Harris** senior gymnast

back into competition mode again," Harris said.

"It would have been nice to do a really good job, but unfortunately I didn't do as well as I would have

After being given a four- to sixbiceps was stapled back to his arm during surgery, Harris missed all of fall-semester preseason train-

The senior was cleared to return in mid-January, and the routine he did in practice early

Harris expects to compete on the floor exercise again during this Sunday's home meet against William & Mary.

The only other event he's been practicing has been vault, which he won't rule out competing in against the Tribe.

But the timing of Harris' return from injury comes at a moment in which depth isn't an issue.

'It's just tough that events that we're strong on are the events that he's getting healthier on," Jepson said.

'We'd really like to have him on

parallel bars and rings, but with a biceps injury, that's just a tall

order. "But we'll take what we can

get.' Later in the season, Harris hopes to be ready on the parallel bars.

With those three events back under his belt, the senior captain is optimistic that, by the end of the season, he can get back on the

Harris, who contributed in every meet last season, hopes to finish out his Nittany Lion career contributing to the team the way he's been used to, before injury affected his performance.

"I know what I am capable of doing, and eventually it will be there," Harris said.

"It's just gonna take a little bit of more numbers in practice."

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By Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. This year proves to be unique in its own

right. Experiencing a period like this one might not occur again for a long time. You have many options, but they all demand hard work and focus. Claim your power, but avoid wild spending. Your finances will expand, though you might want to pull back some. If you are single you have more to offer than you think Remain sensitive to your needs. If you are attached, the two of you might want to take up a mutual hobby or pastime CANCER is nurturing but also some times has demanding expectations.

5-Dynamic: 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Some misunderstandings are more difficult to handle than others. You might be better off listening to what the othe side has to say. Sometimes there is more value in being receptive than in acting. Tonight: Easy works

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Keep talks moving, and refuse to lock onto a point of misunderstanding. Opt for the point of understanding. You will do better if you keep the higher cause in mind. Understand what needs to happen here. Tonight: Know what you

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Curb a tendency to make someone feel as if he or she has to hold back. You need to rethink a situation more carefully. Investigate options that allow greater exchange for both parties. Then or talk! Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You have the wherewithal to change the very nature of a situation. Your ability to grasp the dynamics involved is critical. A misunderstanding might be just that. Don't put all your power and energy into it. Tonight: All

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Partners know how to work the unexpected, like it or not. You might feel as if you have little recourse than to go along with a financial partner. You really do have options, but you might not be comfortable with them. Understand your limits and work within a key framework. Tonight: Take your own advice! VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*★★ Zero in on a meeting where you have a greater opportunity to have your point heard and at the same time find supporters. You could be more than overwhelmed with a certain situation involving a way-too-unpredictable partner. oht: Where the action is

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *★★ Stay on top of work, despite the fact that you might want to take a walk or go for a drive. As strange as it sounds, your nervous energy could be preventing you from accomplishing more. Listen to what a child shares. Tonight: A must

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Dig into your imagination for answers. You could be taken aback by another person's seemingly great solution. See what works for you stand the many possibilities. If need be,

do find an expert. You want different

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Understanding evolves if and when you sit down and have a long-over

due conversation. Not everyone needs to understand where you are coming from. Examine your different choices and lis ten to what someone shares. Tonight CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Your ability to see past the obvious emerges. You understand what many don't: the complexity of an issue. Open

up to the potential of change and under-standing. See what happens if you talk with a friend more openly. Tonight:

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Your sense of direction comes through in many different ways. Realize what you can do to change the tides. Understand you are but one person. Think through an upcoming offer. Do you really want to take on any more work? Tonight: Easy works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Don't expect others to see through the same lens as you. Your experiences are different and, in some way, far richer. Listen to news with an open mind, then consider if you want to do anything about it at all. Tonight: Fun times are here

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