

# Prep baseball meet starts today



By June Bierbower.

Harold Hunt and Herb Von Goetz, North Platte's prides and joys, are backing Paul Davidson of that fair city in the state championship 440... Davidson did 51.5 seconds last week end, for the best time of the year... however, Al Brown, Omaha Benson, who won last year, is back, and has done :51.6 this spring... state record is :51.2, made by Bob McArthur of South Soo in 1938... two state record holders are Husker varsity members now, and two others are frosh... Hunt holds the vault mark of 12 feet 6.1 inches, which he made in 1937... Herb Grote established the javelin record of 191 feet 2 1/4 inches in the same year... Bob Ginn, Madison frosh, made the 880 record of 1:59.3 last spring, at which time Ralph King, also a first year man here, set the high hurdle mark of :15.1.

Now for football: Jim Yeager, says of his Iowa State football team, "We won't be champs but we might beat anybody."

The Cyclones are going to have greater speed, more power, more reserves, and a little more weight, according to reports from Ames. They'll be definitely better, but, as has been said before, every other team in the conference will be, too.

Even though Iowa State has a letterman for every position, and a half-dozen others, there are several new men who may step into regular positions, of whom 190-pound halfback Paul Darling is the standout. He has a good chance to get a first team blocking back position over letterman Joe Taylor, who is a sprinter on the track team and Lincoln Stewart.

The right tackle spot will go to a newcomer, too. Leonard Thomas of Virginia, Minnesota, and Bill Barger, both frosh, were the best men at that position in spring workouts and one of them will get the call next fall.

Three lettermen are back at ends, and one of them is Doug Graves, who doubles as a half-miler in track. John Heggen, hurdler and Jean Lange are back, too.

The left tackle will be Bernie Mickelson, a sophomore last year, while Capt. Tom Smith, and LaVerne Lewis will be guards. Another Minnesotan, Bob Kirkpatrick of Austin, will be at center.

Hank Wilder is back, and he looks ready for the fullback post. However, Merle Osborne, who played there last year is returning and Wilder may go back to halfback. However Don Griswold is a pretty sure bet in the backfield and that leaves only the quarterback spot open. Bob Seaburg will be back again, but a Northwestern transfer, Larry Owens, is pushing him.

That backfield should be one of the Big Six's best, since Wilder could play ball in any league. Osborne gave the Huskers plenty of trouble last year, and so did Seaburg. The Huskers haven't won a really decisive victory over Ames since that 34-0 deluge in 1936.

## Twenty game schedule in three classes

First contests set for 9 this morning; Central defends crown

Nebraska's second annual high school baseball tournament gets under way at nine this morning, as prep diamond teams go into action for the first day of a three-day meet. Twenty games are to be played in all, Thursday.

Championships will be awarded in three divisions, Classes A, B, and C. Omaha Central, who won the one-class meet last year, will encounter stiff competition this spring, especially from Omaha South, Tech, and Creighton Prep.

Six Class A games, eight Class B titles, and six games in Class C are scheduled on the three Husker diamonds and Muny field. The Ag college and Lincoln High diamonds will be brought into use in Friday's Class C competition.

**Central Meets Teachers**  
First games of the tourney get under way at nine. In Class A, the Central Eagles go against a weak Teachers' high crew on the varsity diamond. Fairmont meets Osmond on the Coliseum field in Class B, while Class C opens with two games. Filley meets Raymond on the frosh diamond, while Swanton and Malcolm play at Muny.

At eleven, Lincoln High meets Fremont on the varsity field. In other Class A games today, Omaha South plays Plattsmouth at one; Schuyler meets Seward at three; Jackson faces Omaha Tech and Wisner plays Creighton Prep at five. All games are on the varsity diamond, except the Prep-Wisner encounter, which is slated for Muny.

**Gretna Plays Mason City**  
Remainder of the Class B schedule for the day lists Syracuse against Cedar Bluffs at 11 on the Coliseum field, and Gretna, one of the favorites, against Mason City, at Muny at the same time. In one o'clock games Fairmont meets Osmond, on the coliseum diamond, and Arlington plays Papillion at Muny. Two games are listed again at three, with Boys Town facing Utica on the Coliseum diamond, as St. Patrick's meets Emerson at Muny. The last game is at five, between Wauneta and Elkhorn on the Coliseum diamond.

Leshara and Johnson play at eleven in Class C. Other games in that division are Springfield and

## DU's go into softball finals over Kappa Sigs

Delta Upsilon went into the intramural softball finals last night as Bob Sawtell pitched them to a 10 to 4 win over Kappa Sigma. Dick Luther, Johnny Adkins and Warren Day also starred for the winners, while Don Moore and Matt Minor looked best for the losers.

Phi Delta Theta's protest of AGR's 8 to 7 victory over them has been allowed, and the game will be played again at a later date. Winner of that game will face Farm House in the other semifinal game.

## Baseballers set for K-State two-game series

Elevating themselves in the Big Six conference rankings over the past weekend, Nebraska's baseballers will be aiming for fourth spot in the two game series with Kansas State on Friday and Saturday.

Climbing into fifth by virtue of double wins at the expense of Kansas university, the ball nine is out to extend the win streak.

Friday's battle will start at 4:30 p. m. and the Saturday game at 10:00 a. m. Sid Held will be doing mound duties in the first game, while Bob Searle is slated for the second fray.

The lineup for Friday's game is: Leonard Van Buskirk, lf; Oscar Tegtmeier, ss; Dow Wilson, 2b; Cliff Hurley or Al Schmode, c; Bob Searle, 3b; Warren Gabelman, cf; Lance Ray, lf; Frank Rubino, 1b; and Sid Held, p. In the second game, Vernon Thomsen will be on third base, when Searle takes the hill.

## Barb softball results

Barb softball games Wednesday afternoon resulted in the following scores: ACBC outfit shut-out the Pawnee club 6 to 0. The Commanders ran over the Cornshellers to the tune of 11 to 1. The 330 club lost to KKK by forfeit, and the Union Leaders won over the Cornhusker Coop by virtue of a forfeit. The Juggernauts lost a close game to the YMCA 7 to 8 in the most evenly matched game of the afternoon.

Valparaiso at one, Millard and Burchard at three, Garland and Liberty at five. All those games are on the frosh diamond.

## Performances by Wibbels, Brooks, Kahler cheer coach

By Alex-Mills.

Nebraska's track win over Kansas State Tuesday brought out into the open some new points for the Huskers, even though the meet was held under unfavorable weather conditions.

Three outstanding performances of the day displayed potential power of which Weir was not sure previous to the meet. Bob Kahler, for the first time in his track career cleared the high jump bar to win at an even six feet. His best previous mark was five feet ten inches.

Harold Brooks, who ran the mile, then fell out of the half mile and came back and ran the quarter, turned in a 4:22.8 mile, that is very good, even for favorable conditions, and the track was wet when he ran.

**Wibbels surprises.**

The third event to surprise coaches and spectators alike was Edsel Wibbels' javelin toss of almost 196 feet which beat Elvis McCutcheon of K-State who previous to this meet had been beating the marks made by Wibbels. Nebraska's No. 1 javelin thrower, Herb Grote, was confined to the infirmary with a heavy cold and as a result did not take part Tuesday, while Maynard Swartz' arm was too sore for him to compete. Bus Knight pulled his elbow, but the seriousness of the injury is not yet known.

Eugene "Red" Littler's ability in the sprints to handle three events, and win all of them, is really what enabled the Huskers to win the meet, stated Coach Weir. It is hard for anyone to take part in three events, especial-

ly when he has to run the quarter mile, then turn around and run the hundred dash immediately afterward as he did.

**Wright not used.**

Lloyd Wright, sprinter, was not used, but he could have been. Wright is eligible, and Weir is hoping for him to be in shape by the time the conference meet rolls around.

Nebraska took nine first places against the Staters to their four, but still Huskers lacked the second and third place points it takes to make a dual team. As it stands now the Huskers have a squad good for conference meets, but as a dual team it could be better.

Coach Weir hopes this year's freshmen will add to next year's team what it now lacks in dual material. There is not one graduating senior or even potential point getter on this year's team so if the frosh can add the extra points, great hopes will be held for the 1941 track squad.

## Hopp-Rohrig, Kahler-Luther duos return for final season

Halfback worries at Nebraska are practically nil, unless further scholastic trouble crops up. That seems to be the halfback situation in the Husker camp at present.

Bob DeFruiter is lost for the 1940 season because of ineligibility, but returning to the wingback spot are lettermen Butch Luther and Bob Kahler, while Harry Hopp and Hermie Rohrig, the Bifer's two heavy-duty men are back for the all-important tailback duties.

Luther, whose scoring antics on reverses became the talk of the conference last fall, will be playing his last year as will tail-boy Kahler. Kahler, moved from end last fall, showed up well offensively, and may be another Cardwell, although he isn't the Hoss's equal defensively.

Last year Hopp did the heavy work, and Rohrig did the cleaning-up. They'll still be around next year, to do most of the passing, punting and running. Rohrig was forced to withdraw from practice because of an ankle injury, but that is mended now.

Wingbacks behind Luther and Kahler, however, are few and inexperienced. Wayne Sindt, Naponee, a frosh, came to the top fast in late spring drills, and speedy

Marvin Athey, athlete from Wauneta, was a power all season, as he flashed exceptional pass catching and pass defense ability.

Behind Hopp and Rohrig was Dale Rubottom, baby-faced Gering triple threat. Rubottom was tabbed as a comer last spring, and another year has developed him into a fine player. Jack Vincent of O'Neill, a good passer, is another holdover.

Of the new tailbacks, Dale Bradley of Bethany, John Thompson of Jackson, and Omaha Central's Ernie Weekes, shone. Bradley, a triple threat, looked especially good as a passer and plunger in spring drills. Thompson, an elusive runner, looked good at passing and punting, while the stubby Weekes, whose forte is running, showed up well.

Leo Fisher, Dalton; John Sandall, York, and Allen Zikmund, Ord, are others in the running. Zikmund, a big, speedy runner, was out with illness, but is a top-notch ball carrier.

Hopp, Rohrig, Kahler and Luther will carry the burden as it stands now. Hopp and Luther may have to clear scholastic hurdles, but until the boys are tripped up, prospects are good. If one or both are lost, though, things won't be so comfortable.



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