

# The DAILY NEBRASKAN



By June Bierbower.

Today comes our swan song (or, as Houdini would say, Swami song), for no longer shall we be rounding out sports copy in the basement regions of the Union.

Paul Gallico, when he gave up sports writing, wrote a book named "Farewell to Sport." We're not Paul Gallico, as you may have detected, so this will just be our "farewell to sports writing." We have come to the conclusion which most sports writers come to sooner or later, that you can't eat newspaper inches. That is, maybe.

But the three semesters at the sports desk down here, and several semesters of looking-on before that, have left us with far better reflections than our friend Mr. Gallico. Maybe we're too young to get disillusioned yet.

Take the Husker football teams. We've seen some good Nebraska teams, and one that wasn't so good. We've seen the Husker stars from Cardwell and Sam Francis down to the present... we've seen such great football names as Berwanger, Widseth, Matisi, Kinnick, Goldberg, Huffman, Christman pass in review against fighting Husker teams... we won't be around to see the greatest team Nebraska ever put on a gridiron, but we'll be following the Huskers every minute of that 1940 season. And we noticed in reading the Big Ten schedules for 1944 that the Huskers play Minnesota and Indiana that year, but not Iowa... wonder if Notre Dame's schedule is full then... and we hope by then if the Huskers are traveling by air, it will be on peaceful missions.

There have been lots of thrills



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## Beta Theta Pi wins Best trophy with 822 I-M points

By Yahudi.

Beta Theta Pi was named the 1939-40 winner of the Jack Best trophy, Monday, by nosing out Sigma Alpha Epsilon for the coveted prize with a total of 822 points to 810.

The defending intramural champions ran neck and neck with the Betas down to the very finish line and looked like the victors, but a photo finish and a recount of the points found the Betas hitting the wire in the lead.

Show team was Delta Upsilon with 692 points. The next seven teams in the order of the finish to round out the top ten are: Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Farm House, and Alpha Gamma Rho.

Beta's win four crowns.

The Betas won four team titles

in all the sports... yes, the Huskers had a fine basketball team three years ago... no one who saw it will ever forget the game in which the largest basketball crowd in Missouri Valley history saw the Husker cagers whip Kansas for a share in the Big Six championship... and, on the humorous side, no one will ever forget the late-lamented apple core which was aimed at and struck Dr. Phog Allen of the Jayhawks the next year... and which, sad to say, incited his boys to rally for a victory over Nebraska... the team next year may pull some surprises... it would have this year, had a majority of its members been able to steer clear of injuries and illness... yes, we've razed our pal "Houdini" Fitz, but he can still play basketball in our league, and the Big Six.

We've seen great Nebraska track teams, coached by that old immortal, Pa Schulte and Ed Weir... we followed a bandied-about 1939 track team to Ames to watch them win a surprise outdoor conference championship... we saw a youthful bunch of kids win the hearts of Kansas City fans in taking the Big Six indoor championship down there this spring... there's not much to say that wouldn't be gilding the lily. Fred Ware said it Sunday when he hinted around about national championships a year or two hence. We're not too concerned about that, but with track what it is here today, Fred may not be far wrong.

We've seen the territory north of the coliseum change from a ramshackle, unsightly slum district to as fine a layout of athletic fields as you'd see anywhere... the Husker's baseball team has a home now, and some of these days they'll have a team of which the university will be proud... it may not be far off, what with the looks of a freshman crew which was teaching the varsity a few baseball lessons this year.

We've seen Husker swimming, golf, tennis and wrestling stars come and go... we've seen Charley Miller build gymnastics teams in a short space of time which do the Huskers proud... it's those so-called "minor" sports, which the boys keep playing after they're out of school... and don't think they don't work on them out of school... there could be other sports here, and some day there may be... who wouldn't like to see a good old sockin' Husker hockey team... or a polo squad?

We've seen high school football games, track meets, and basketball tournaments... we've seen Hermie Rohrig play for Lincoln high school, Al Randall for Omaha South, Roy Petsch for Scottsbluff, Red Littler for Mitchell, etc. ad infinitum... we remember reading about Bus Knight as Jackson high's star freshman fullback years and years ago, when our main sports activity was keeping

as did the Sig Alphas, Farm House, Alpha Gamma Rho, Sigma Alpha Mu, and Phi Gamma Delta were the other winners of events.

This year 25 fraternities participated in 12 sports. Last year there were 29 fraternities and 13 events.

The closeness of competition this year is shown by the points scored by the fraternities ranking third to ninth. In this group, seven teams were within the range of 700 to 600 in final fraternity standings.

Closest battles were for fourth and seventh places. Phi Delta Theta nosed out Phi Gamma Delta for fourth by a score of 668 to 660. For seventh, Kappa Sigma squeezed past Sigma Nu by a score of 626 to 625. Sports and winners:

- Touch football: Beta.
- Tennis: Beta.
- Golf: Beta.
- Bowling: Beta.
- Volleyball: S.A.E.
- Water Polo: S.A.E.
- "B" Basketball: S.A.E.
- Ping Pong: S.A.E.
- "A" Basketball: Farm House.
- Track: Phi Gam.
- Handball: S.A.M.
- Softball: A.G.R.

scrapbooks.

Now some last words: To the coaching staff—to the Biffer, a grand guy; to Brownie; to Ed Weir, Wilbur Knight, Jerry Adam, Charley Miller, Pete Hagelin, Ed Newkirk, and all the other coaches, who have helped us along—you've borne up well with a gal at the sports helm.

To the local press: To editors John of the Lilliputs Bentley, Cy Sherman, Gregg McBride, Fred Ware, and all the other boys... you've been omre than swell in helping out and in being patient with us.

To the athletes: We've tried to be a good sports ed, and to do everybody justice... if there are good athletes to write about, an editor's job is twice as easy... you've filled the bill, altho maybe our press agency at times hasn't been so hot... And to Theos Thompson—you can still smack 'em down as hard as any 200 pounder.

To our readers, whoever they may be. Sometimes we've wondered if anybody reads this page, judging from some of the funny errors which appeared here this year, but which we've had to discover ourselves because no one squawked about them. Or maybe people have been too nice, or maybe they've been afraid to squawk. Who knows?

These three semesters, and those before that have been fun... those two Minnesota classics, that Pitt game this year, the victory over Oklahoma last fall, won't be blurred out very soon... not much more needs to be said, except that we'll make our last charge to the Huskers: Remember, next year's Homecoming is Tiger day... 27 to 12 isn't very nice to think about, is it?

Well, some of these days we'll be seeing you. And take it easy over exams.

J.M.E.

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## Track team makes standout record; not one senior lost

By Alex Mills.

Saturday's victory over the Oklahoma Aggie track squad concluded one of the best seasons ever turned in by the Huskers and, established the Nebraska team as one of the best in the entire midwest as they won the Big Six, indoor and outdoor crowns, then turned around and virtually ran over the Missouri Valley Champions—the Oklahoma Aggies.

This year, they were undefeated in their dual meets, both during the indoor and outdoor season; in fact, in any meet in which the entire team took part they emerged victorious.

In the several contests in which a few representatives were entered, or in which team totals were unofficial, the Huskers always put up fine performances.

Littler Stars.

For instance, Gene Littler, sole man in the Cotton Carnival invitational at Memphis, won the 440 and 220 against some of the best runners in the country. The team's leading performers were sent to the Armour Tech and Illinois Relays, in the indoor season, and performed in great style. The team picked up no firsts at Drake or Kansas' Relays, but were very much in the running.

Littler, Harold Brooks, Herb Grote, Ed Wibbels, Harold Hunt and Bill Smutz were among the best point winners. At Illinois Hunt finished in a three way tie

for first in the pole vault, and Littler set American indoor record in winning the 300 yard dash.

At Armour Tech, Brooks won the mile, Hunt tied for first in the pole vault, Littler won the 70 and 440 yard runs, and Smutz was third in the hurdles. Big Six indoor winners were Littler in the 60 and 440, Hunt in the pole vault, and Smutz in the low hurdles.

Beat A and M.

The team won victories over Oklahoma, Kansas State, and Kansas in indoor duals; outside they beat Kansas State, Iowa State and Oklahoma A. & M.

Outdoor winners were Littler in the 440, Smutz in the highs, Wibbels in the discus, Grote in the javelin, and Hunt, who tied for first in the pole vault.

Outstanding marks came as Wibbels came back to set a new discus mark of 160 feet, 5 1/4 inches, and as Herb Grote broke the existing javelin mark with a prodigious heave of 216 feet 4 inches. Ray Prochaska also bettered the old discus record.


No seniors.

What with no seniors on the squad this year, and with a fine fresh squad coming up, prospects for next year are great.


Next on the Husker calendar are the national intercollegiate in Minneapolis June 21 and 22; to be followed by the AAU meet in Fresno in July. Husker entries are not certain as yet, altho several men will be entered at both places.

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