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Sports Whirl

By Bob Miller

COACH Ed Weir's boys will be competing in a triangular meet instead of a quadrangular as originally scheduled when they journey back to the historic folds of West Point on the Hudson this weekend . . . The meet which was to embrace Nebraska, West Point, Columbia and Hanover has been pared due to national defense to the first three teams instead of the four . . . It will be quite a trip for the Huskers with a trip around the Athletic Academy assured them . . . At least there are a lot of people who envy their chances . . . From the standpoint of times and distances, the Huskers should come out on top of the three team heap.

WINS were sparse for the Husker cindermen at the just past Drake Relays and everyone wonders why . . . One reason as ably brought out by Scribe Fred Ware of the Omaha World Herald was the existence of certain weather conditions which kept times and performances very much below normal . . . As Harold Hunt said, the rain would pour down in floor proportions about every 20-30 minutes during the Saturday finals and then let up after a brief shower . . . The atmosphere was chilly and coupled with the rain, it provided enough pulled muscles to keep the Cramer company in business for the next few weeks.

THIS was the reason that the Huskers didn't bring home any first place medals because Coach Ed Weir was taking no chances . . . In fact that was the reason that the 100 yard dash was won in the time of 10.1 seconds which is good for a high school senior but not much more . . . In the light of this it makes the accomplishment of Roy Cochran running for the United States Great Lakes naval training station appear so bright . . . In the 440 yard hurdle event Cochran covered the ground in 52.2 seconds for the fastest quarter mile hurdle race ever run . . . He was 40 yards ahead of the second place runner and everyone knew that his effort was plenty fast but no one could realize that it was that fast.

NEBRASKA'S baseball aggregation is in the throes of a losing streak which may place them on the bottom of the Big Six heap when the firing is over . . . The inability to hit plus plenty of errors were the factors deciding against the Husker diamond aces in their opening tilts . . . If Allan Artman can straighten up his class room problems, he will decidedly strengthen the first base sector which is a little shaky at the present . . . They mix with the Missouri squad on home grounds, Friday and Saturday afternoons . . . Pitchers have not yet been decided for the tilts.

DELTA UPSILON and Beta Theta Pi will vie in the finals of the intramural softball tournament on Thursday evening at 6:30 in a game that can do not more than decide second place in final I-M standings . . . The Betas already have the big Jack Best trophy in their power and have the spot in their trophy case waiting for it ... They have nothing more to do than play their matches in tennis and golf and the softball tilt and they can claim it . . . For the DU team it is a different story......There are several "ifs" awaiting the present I-M champs before they can take second place . . . The fight is between the Farm House who may have an outside chance and the Phi Gams plus, of course, the DU bunch.

Iowa State Sweeps Series

By Gene Sherman.

Ellis Alexander, Iowa State first acker, shattered Nebraska's hopes for its first win of the season when he drove out an eighth inning homer to give the Cyclones 9-7 victory over the Huskers in he series finale yesterday.

The Huskers went into the lead n the top half of the eighth when four singles climaxed by Dean Jackson's double gave them four

In the fatal eighth, Relief Hurler Strohbehn opened with a single, Centerfielder Johnson was safe on Ernie Swanson's error, and Alexander hit for the circuit

Strohbehn Wins Again.

Relief Hurler Strohbehn was credited with the victory, his second over Nebraska in two days. The Huskers return home today and will start making plans for the strong Missouri nine which will invade the Husker lair Friday and Saturday.

Summary.

Nebraska lowa State 9 11 Batteries: Garey, Leach, Swanson and Johnson; Mylenbsch, Strohbehn and Scharnberg.

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Lyda Receives Drake Honors

Scribes, Relay Officials Give Sooner Top Rating

Curly-haired Bill Lyda has finally won some of the acclaim which he so richly deserves.

Nebraska university track fans have noted the feats of the versa-

tile Oklahoman since he started varsity compe-tition. It was Lyda who nosed out the highlytouted Cornhusker, Red Littler, in the Big Six 440 derby last spring. Lyda Gets Nod. Drake relay officials, sports writers, coaches, and radio

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on Journal u nani mously cast their votes for Lyda as the outstanding competitor at the relays and consequent winner of the John L. Griffith plaque. Lyda's feat of negotiating a 1:49.7 half mile anchor lap for the record-smashing Oklahoma medley relay quartette overshadowed all other individual

Oklahoma's 3:23 for the sprint medley topped the world record by a full second. For sheer versatility, Lyda is unparalleled in Big Six cinder history. He has been clocked in 9.8 for the century dash, 47.8 for the quarter, 1:49.7 for the half mile, and 4:26 for the mile. During a trial 220 sprint Lyda beat teammate Orville Mathews, a top-notch sprinter, to the tape in 22 flat.

Cornhusker fans will see the fabulous Mr. Lyda in action at the Big Six meet here May 15.



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