

HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

Gridiron spirit is on the rise down Kansas State way where former Husker great Sam Francis has taken the reins of the Wildcat football machine.

After concluding spring practice drills, Francis was pleased with the showing of his squad, but it was the team spirit that especially impressed the former Camp Lee, Virginia, mentor. Although several key performers were occupied with other spring sports, Francis saw enough power to entertain optimistic hopes when Kansas State opens its Big Six play next fall.

Typical of the spirit that has brought smiles to Francis, is the attitude of Huck Heath, veteran lineman, who was also a weight man on the track squad. Heath was with the K-State track team at Lawrence, Kansas, during the morning for a dual meet with Kansas U., but hustled home to don grid togs for the final football scrimmage which was slated Saturday afternoon.

Heath, incidentally, has been shifted from his tackle spot to quarterback and gives notice of becoming a heady field general. Husker gridders recall Heath as a persistent opponent in the Wildcat line last fall.

Seems that other conference schools are doing a bit of 'squad juggling' in preparation for next year's football campaign which should be one of the most interesting in years.

Qualified observers have expressed the opinion that the caliber of baseball being played in the Big Six this spring is a step above the best of prewar days.

Nebraska Coach Tony Sharpe will second the motion after watching the polished Missouri infield rob his Husker batters of numerous base hits during the two-game series earlier this week.

The rise of Dale Mitchell, regular Oklahoma centerfield last year, serves to illustrate the observation. Mitchell moved from the Sooner campus straight to a starting berth with the Cleveland Indians this spring after a successful first year with the Oklahoma City club.

One of the members of the never-to-be-forgotten Lincoln Wings basketball team has turned to professional baseball, Eddie Ehlers, hard-driving guard, has joined the Quincy Gems in the Three-Eye League as an outfielder.

Ehlers was a standout on the Purdue cage squad this season and also played for the Boiler-maker football squad. While strutting his stuff for the Wings Ehlers was one of the drawing cards who helped fill the coliseum to capacity during the 1944-45 season.

A new high jumper has shown up at Iowa State to take the place of the Cyclones' Dwayne Feekin, Big Six indoor champ in the 1946 season.

Don Smith has taken Feekin's thunder this spring by clearing 6 feet 4 inches in a dual meet with Minnesota this spring.

Feekin has been sidelined with a leg injury most of the year, but is expected to be in shape for the Big Six outdoor championships on May 23 and 24.

NU Thinclads Face Closing Warmup Test

Nebraska track fans will get their first and last chance to see the Scarlet cinder squad in action prior to the Big Six meet this week end when the Huskers entertain the powerful University of Missouri squad for a dual meet on Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium.

Field events begin at 1:30, with the first running race slated to open at 2 p. m.

Bobby Ginn, Herb Grote and Ralph King, the Nebraska team's only first place winners in the dual meet at Colorado last week, face plenty of opposition. Grote is the only member of the trio ranking as an almost certain choice to win his pet event.

Ginn faces the challenge of Tiger Bob Bosworth in the mile run, while King will be confronted with a host of Missouri hurdle aces, including Big Six indoor high hurdle ruler, Bob Blakesley. Other Bengal timber toppers who will be heard from are Floyd Gaultney, 1946 outdoor champion, Madill Gartiser and Bob Chase.

880 Feature.

Another top race will be the 880 battle between Nebraska's Harold Kopf and Missouri's Dick Killough. Both have been clocked in less than 1:58 this spring.

In the sprints Dick Hutton, Al Thompson and Harry Meginnis of Nebraska will have to beat off the bid of Missouri's Harry Guth, Big Six indoor 60-yard dash king.

High jumper Monte Kinder ranks as a favorite over Dick Howard of Missouri, while vaulters Don Cooper and Dick Miller should outdistance Justin Knapp and Bill Blackwell of the Tigers.

In the quarter-mile, Husker Harvey Stroud and Dick Ault of Missouri will renew their rivalry. During an indoor meet at Columbia, Stroud was disqualified and Ault went on to win. A pulled muscle cost Stroud a chance for revenge in the conference indoor carnival, although John Jackson of Kansas and not Ault took first place.

Ed Quirk, Mel Sheehan and Nels Klaus furnish Coach Tom Botts' invaders with a sturdy weight event entry list. Quirk is the Big Six shot put ruler, while Sheehan is defending champion in the discus. Charlie Toogood will anchor the Nebraska weight performers.

Scarlet Nine To Meet K State Squad Today

Coach Tony Sharpe's Husker baseball team will attempt to get back into the thick of the Big Six race against Kansas State at Manhattan, Kas., Friday and Saturday.

Big Jim Sandstedt will probably be the starting pitcher for the Scarlet nine, with Dillford Blatchford tentatively listed for duty behind the plate.

The Huskers' double loss to Missouri earlier this week sent the club plummeting to the lower reaches of the conference race. At present the Nebraska loop record is four wins and five defeats.

Five hurlers have been named to the traveling squad as the NU outfit attempts to get back into the championship picture. In addition to Sandstedt, Angelo Ossino, Wally Scheef, Harold Jacob and Elroy Gloystein will make the jaunt. Others on the traveling roster:

Wes Maser, Lincoln; Dobe Hays, Lincoln; Bob Grogan, Lincoln, Bill Denker, Elkhorn; Fritz Hegwood, Omaha; Jim Sharp, Omaha; Harlan Powley, Pender; Dillford Blatchford, Maskell; Thurman Wright, Monrovia, Ind.; Orville Schmeiding, Utica.

Two New Softball Diamonds Added

Two new softball diamonds have been acquired by the university and readied for the use by intramural teams for the remainder of the softball schedule.

The new fields are located between 10th and 14th streets three blocks north of the CB&Q railroad tracks. To reach the diamonds, teams are advised to go north on 14th street five blocks past the coliseum and turn left for two blocks.

NUBBINS PLAY SATURDAY.

The baseball game between the Nebraska B team and Concordia College of Seward has been moved from Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon on the Husker diamond northwest of the coliseum. Game time has been set at 2 p. m.

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Nebraska-Gopher Gridiron Rivalry Extended 3 Years

The Minnesota-Nebraska football series has been extended another three years, Athletic Director A. J. Lewandowski announced Thursday noon. The new contract covers games to be played in 1947, 1948 and 1949.

The 1947 game will be played at Lincoln October 4. Nebraska travels to Minnesota for the 1948 contest October 2 and the 1949 game will be played in Lincoln October 1, Mr. Lewandowski said.

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