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Hurdlers Hopes Run High In Drake Shuttle Relay Sprint Medley Team Given Outside Chance; Cooper, Kehl To Compete in Vault

By Kimon Karabatsos

Track Coach Ed Weir turns his sights to the Drake Relays to be held at Des Moines, Friday and Saturday. Spotting the Husker contingent will be the shuttle hurdle relay team. Weir figures that this team will have the best chance in bringing home the first place trophy.

Leading the list of the crop is Bob Berkshire. At the Kansas Relays, Berkshire skinned through the 120 yard highs in :14.6 for the best time of his career. He was barely nipped at the tape by Big Ten conference champ Russ Merkel of Iowa. Merkel was timed :14.5. Weir will have to run off an elimination match this week to pick the four that will run in the relay between Ray Magsamen, Wendy Cole, Bruce Engle and Don Bedker, there is not much danger.

Best Crop The five above named hurdlers are, perhaps, the best crop ever raised at Nebraska. The Husker sprint medley team will have a chance to redeem itself at Des Moines. At Lawrence, they won their section, but finished third in the time comparisons. Loyal Hurlbert, running the quarter-mile leg, was left in his blocks when he could not hear the starter's pistol on the staggered start.

Harold Kopf, Harry Meginnis and Bill Baker are the other members of the sprint crew. Baker and Meginnis will run the 220 legs and Kopf the 880. Giving Hurlbert a good start and some good exchanges, the team might come up with some startling effects.

In the distance medley, the team will be composed of either Wendy Cole or Leonard Kehl in the quarter, Hurlbert in the half, Kopf in the three-quarters and Lee Moore in the mile. Meginnis will also be entered in the open 100 yard dash. Don Cooper and Kehl will carry the sprints and cream colors in the pole vault.

Cooper will have the same competition as he had in the Kansas Relays where he placed second with a 13-8 performance. Oklahoma's Bill Carroll will be after his second consecutive pole vault title. He won the Kansas Relays top individual competitors honors with a record breaking 14-5 vault.

His vault erased the record held by Beefus Bryan for 11 years. Kehl, if right, could snatch the crown from both Cooper and Carroll. The Scottsbluff ace has still to hit his pace. Last year he won the conference indoor crown.

All-conference football tackle Charley Toogood and Wayne Sees will compete in the discus throw for the Huskers. Sees had a throw of 150 feet at Kansas but the throw was disqualified because it fell out of the arc when a gust of wind caught it. Kansas Relays decathlon champion Jim McConnell may not compete at Drake. If he does, Weir will use him in the shot and javelin in the open competition.

McConnell Doubtful McConnell won his second straight decathlon crown at Lawrence, having to come from behind and take four of the last five events. Altogether, six Huskers will be competing in 12 events. Weir has been forced to double up these six contestants. They are Meginnis, Magsamen, Kehl, Kopf, Hurlbert and McConnell.

Only one Big Seven team will not compete at the Drake relays. All members of the Big Ten except for the new member Michigan State will be represented at the Des Moines event. Last year the Spartans made a very good impression and walked off with many honors.

The Spartans were forced not to enter because they had a cross sectional meet against Southern California and Yale at Los Angeles.

The ace combination of Bill Mack and Jack Dianetti in the distance runs and relays will not be present. The stroke of good luck for the Huskers made their chances brighter for an upset victory in the sprint and distance relays.

Last year, Michigan State won the hurdle shuttle relay, with Illinois and Wisconsin just ahead of Nebraska. With the Spartans out of the way, the road is wide open to Coach Weir and his hurdlers.

Iowa might pull a surprise with their Big Ten champion Merkel showing the way. Illinois and Wisconsin were both hit are by graduation.

A near record number of schools and participants are expected at the gala event. According to official releases from Des Moines, the number is expected to fall short of the alltime record set in 1939, but the field will probably be the largest since then.

Stags Draft Whitehead

Milton "Bus" Whitehead was the only University of Nebraska basketball player to be "drafted" by the National Basketball Association. Three other Big Seven players were tabbed also. Whitehead was "drafted" by the Chicago Stags. The windy-city crew gained rights to ten players as the play-for-pay league moved to save the Stags from withdrawing due to financial trouble. The Stags had been a "barn-burner" during the formation of the league. Larry Faust, 6 foot 9 inch center from LaSalle university, was also taken by the Stags.

Stroot to Stags. Don Stroot, Missouri's number one scoring threat and tabbed on the Daily Nebraska's all-Big Seven club, was drafted by the Stags also.

The Minneapolis Lakers got the rights on Wayne Glasgow of Oklahoma and Kansas State's Clarence Brannum was picked by the Tri-Cities professional team.

Jays Take First Conference Win Kansas University won their first Big Seven baseball tilt Tuesday afternoon, tripping off-beaten Missouri, 9-3. Playing on the Lawrence Field, Missouri's Jack Frier knocked out a home run in the sixth with no one aboard. The Tiger's won the first game Monday, 9-2.



LEONARD KEHL—Junior pole vaulter from Scottsbluff will assume the role of dark horse in a star-studded pack of stratospheric artists at the Drake Relays Friday and Saturday at Des Moines. Sooner Bill Carroll is favored.

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Thirty-Nine Given Letters At Colorado

Frank Potts, director of athletics at Colorado University, announced the names of 39 athletes who received letters for participation in winter sports, and 13 freshmen basketball players who received numerals.

Patterson Cuts Frosh Squad; Varsity Downs 'Greenies,' 7-1

BY IRA EPSTEIN. (Staff Sports Writer) The Freshman baseball team got their first taste of competition Tuesday as they tried their wares against the Varsity nine. The Varsity silenced the Yearlings, 7-1, but Freshman Coach Patterson cited that his boys played better ball than the score indicated.

The freshmen looked ragged in places, but considering the fact that they hadn't been outside too long, their performance was as good as can be expected. Leach Looks Good Looking exceptionally bright in the infield was John Leach who held down third base. Leach was the only boy who played the entire game. Other boys in the starting line-up were Reid Lowes, shortstop; Jack Shull, catcher; Howard Herbst, first base; Fred Cadys, leftfield; Bobby Reynolds, second base; Clyde Snook, rightfield; Cliff Hoop, centerfield, and Dick McCormick at pitcher.

Yesterday, Patterson cut his squad down to 43 men, including 14 pitchers, 7 catchers, 12 outfielders, and 10 infielders. Because of a limit on space Patterson announced that he can't keep every man out for the squad, but they are all invited out again for fall practice. He expects to make another cut in the near future.

Boys vying for pitching chores are Mel Bremer, Bob Brum, Dale Bunsen, Win Cadys, Charles Goll, Earl Hatches, Everett Kimball and Bud Lade. Others are Dean Lincott, Dick McCormick, Hank Millen Donald Richardson, and Clyde Snook.

Dempsey Warns of T-V Dangers

Canadian sports promoters were warned Tuesday to "keep clear of television" by Jack Dempsey. Making an address before a dinner meeting of Montreal Sportsmen, Dempsey told Canadian promoters "not to make the same mistake that is being made in the United States."

Phi Dels Win

The SAE's threatened constantly, but didn't have necessary scoring punch as the Phi Dels won a hard fought contest by a 2-1 margin. Paul Blumer was the hero of the Phi Dels, pitching a one-hit ball game in addition to moving the winning run into scoring position with one of the two Phi Delt hits. Both of the winners' runs scored on infield outs.

Jack Burris of the Sig Alphas, holding the victors to only two safeties, held them in check most of the game. Sigma Chi kept their record perfect by taking their second contest, a 10-4 victory over Phi Kappa Psi. Brandenburg was on the mound for the Chi's, holding the Phi Psi's to five hits while his mates were collecting seven off the efforts of Britten.

Betas Repeat A three run homer by Bob Kasmarek in the fourth inning supplied Beta Theta Pi with the winning markers as the Betas won their second contest, 6-5 over defending champion Alpha Gamma Rho. Knebel on the mound for the AGR's held the Betas to only three hits, but his mates couldn't match his performance in allowing the six runs. Toth and Weekes were the two Beta hurlers, giving six hits.

Other scores of the day found Sigma Alpha Mu losing their first game of the year, 6-8 to Brown Palace; Zeta Beta Tau making it two out of three with a 9-5 win over Farm House; Kappa Sigma winning over Phi Gamma Delta, 9-1; the Deltas hitting Beta Sigma Psi, 10-5; and the Sig Eps over the Phi Psi's, 9-1.

Taus Win 3rd Game In Softball

Alpha Tau Omega became the first softball team to win three games Tuesday night as the Taus ripped Delta Upsilon to the tune of 15-3. The win gave the Taus sole possession of first place in League I with a perfect record. Two home-runs sparked the ATO 11 hit attack. Don Coupens clouted the first homer in the first inning with one mate aboard to help the Taus along in their seven run frame. Ben Munson contributed the other four-bagger in the fifth with the bases empty.

Dick Beck was the winning pitcher, allowing the DU's seven safeties. Dwight Griswold served as his battery mate. On the mound for the DU's were Sweeney and Britt with Peterson catching.

Cerv, Vrbka and Kopf Lead Huskers in Batting, Pitching

Two of the key factors involved in the Cornhusker baseball team's second place tie in the Big Seven at the present time can be credited to the hitting of Bob Cerv, Weston, and the pitching of Lin Vrbka, Utica. The diamond crew has won seven and lost three games to date, in both conference and non-conference games.

Cerv, who has hit safely in 10 straight games, tops the Nebraska hitters with a healthy .489. He also leads in doubles with four, triples with two, home runs with four, stolen bases with six and total bases with 43.



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In the hurling department, Vrbka, the sophomore right hander, has notched three victories in as many starts, including Big Seven triumphs over Missouri and Kansas State. He has been tagged for a slim 12 hits in 24 innings and owns a 1.1 earned run average. Bob Camp, West Point senior, who has one win and one loss in four starts, three in relief roles, has the lowest earned run average, 0.9. Del Kopf, Lexington, another sophomore righthander, who has won his first two games, leads in strikeouts with 15.

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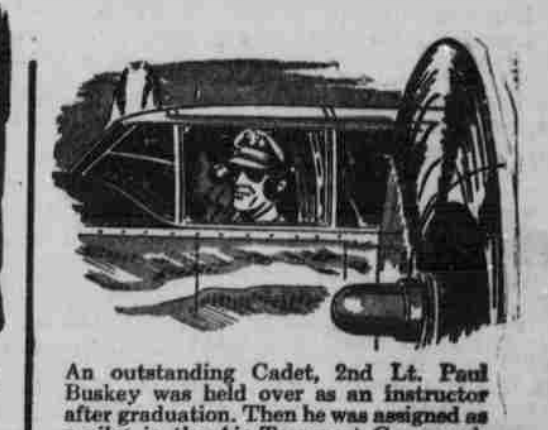
Capt. Paul Buskey, Middlebury, '38 Air Intelligence, U.S. Air Force



An excellent student at Middlebury College, Vermont, Paul found time to win the coveted All Sports Trophy in his senior year. He graduated in June, 1938.



He then joined a coated paper mill firm as research and control man. Pearl Harbor changed all that—Paul went to Maxwell Field to begin Aviation Cadet training.



An outstanding Cadet, 2nd Lt. Paul Buskey was held over as an instructor after graduation. Then he was assigned as a pilot in the Air Transport Command.



His big plane education was topped with 23 missions over the far-famed "Hump," flying C-54 transports. After V-J Day, he stayed on in the Far East until March of 1948—specializing in Air Intelligence.



Back home, after accepting a Regular Air Force Commission, Captain Buskey went to Air Tactical school, and was rated an outstanding student, and won assignment to Command and Staff school.



Today, Captain Buskey is an Air Intelligence Officer on MATS Headquarters Staff at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D. C. He looks forward to a rewarding future in the U. S. Air Force.

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