

# Husker Cindermen Meet Buffs April 7

The Nebraska outdoor track season will be opened indoors this year when the Husker cindermen meet the Colorado Buffaloes on the latter's indoor track.

This means that all events will be run indoors with the exception of the javelin and the discus. There will be no 220-yard dash and the short spring will be 60 yards instead of 100.

Coach Ike Hanscom will be making the trip and tutoring the squad in the absence of Coach Ed Weir.

Since the loss of former trackmen Hobe Jones, Wendell Cole, Wayne Whitaker and Ken Jacobs, some of the Nebraska runners are being relied on for extra heavy duty.

Dale Schnakel will be called upon for points in the 880 to fill up the gap left by Jones.

Gene Yelken will also double in the 880 and run his pet event, the mile.

Don Becker and Dan Tolman will have to be at their best to top Buff hurdler ace Merwin Hodel. Tolman nipped Hodel in the dual meet in Lincoln during last year's indoor meet.

**Alexander**

Lee Alexander will try his ability against Colorado's Aggie Raso and Doie Kelley. His main help should come from Irving Thode and Bob Barchus. Shelly Jacobs is still out with leg injury received in the early part of the

# Hustle Helps Okie Matmen

When Coach Port Robertson refounded wrestling at the University of Oklahoma in 1947 and sent his small squad of 20 on a three-mile run along the river road, half of them quit on the first day.

That was all right with Robertson. Hard physical condition is the trademark of his Sooner mat squads. It was the biggest factor in Oklahoma's winning the National Collegiate wrestling championship with a six-man team at Bethlehem, Pa.

Robertson tries to sell his boys on the necessity of going all out the full nine minutes, of continuing to wrestle furiously even after they become tired.

That's why Oklahoma won the nationals by one point. Two of the tiniest Sooners, Billy Borders, 127 pounds, and Tommy Evans, 123, both from Tulsa, Okla., operated so doggedly on that theory at Lehigh that together they notched six falls. Jack Blubaugh, Sooner 130-pounder from Ponca City, also hustled terrifically, picking up a fall and a forfeit.

**Falls**

That totaled eight valuable points on falls and forfeits alone and how the Sooners needed them! No other team collected more than three.

Robertson also sold Frank Marks, his sophomore 167-pounder from Edmond, Okla., on the theory. Marks had won ten straight bouts, four of the last seven by fall. However, he injured cartilage in his knee while sweeping the Big Seven title here two weeks ago and undergoing an operation, stayed home from the national meet.

When Robertson, a clever 165-pound wrestler at Oklahoma back in 1935, became coach at Norman in 1947, there had been no wrestling at Oklahoma for eight years. No good wrestlers were enrolled. There was no equipment, no schedule, no interest. Only a strong wrestling tradition, engendered by Paul V. Keen, Sooner coach from 1928 through 1938. His 1947 and 1949 teams placed second.

The Oklahoma wrestling team's fiery climb from nonentity to a national collegiate championship in five years is a sports tradition the school is proud of.

# Elliott Thinks Coaching Fine

Red-headed Pete Elliott, Oregon State assistant coach who has joined Oklahoma's varsity football staff, thinks coaching is the best business in the world.

University of Michigan where Les Etter, sports publicist at the liott set an all-time Michigan record by earning 12 letters, says the new Sooner assistant passed up several excellent business opportunities and an attractive "pro" football opportunity to become a coach.

"I wouldn't be happy in anything but coaching," Elliott once said. "To me it is the most fascinating business in the world. I've always thought that a man does best doing what he likes best."

"Modest to the point of bashfulness off the field, Elliott was a daring, confident quarterback who inspired confidence in his teammates and quarterbacked Coach Fritz Crisler's teams to Big Nine Conference championships in 1946 and 1947 and to a 49-0 overwhelming of Southern California in the 1948 Rose Bowl," Etter writes.

**Blocker**

"A brilliant punter, fine passer, a blocker on two title-winning hard runners, he also excelled as Michigan outfits which prided themselves in this phase of the game. Cool and smart under fire, the rugged 190-pound redhead was a natural field leader and one of the finest defensive backs ever to play for the Maize and Blue."

Elliott called signals for his brother, Chalmers "Bump" Elliott, stocky little All-American Maize and Blue wingback. The Elliott brothers were a major spark on Michigan's Rose Bowl championship team.

Elliott is expected to help Coaches Bud Wilkinson, Gomer Jones, Bill Jennings and Frank "Pop" Ivy with the Sooner spring drills.

# Five Cyclones To Participate In Texas Meet

Five Iowa State track men are competing in the 1951 running of the Texas Relays at Austin, Tex. Coach Burl V. Berry has entered the Cyclones in two individual events and a pair of relays.

Jim Robertson of Ames will compete in both the shot and discus events. He may be hampered in the shot, Berry indicated, because of an injury to the index finger of his right hand. Robertson has consistently put the shot more than 48 feet all year. He has not yet thrown the discus in competition. Robertson is a former Iowa high school shot and discus champion.

A sprint relay team will run in both the 440 and 880 yard events at Texas, Berry said. Probable order of running will be Merle Harris, Webster City; Harold Rhode, Tabor; Dick Ewen, Fort Dodge, and Page Arnold, Ames. Alternate for the team is Dick DeLong of Lamoni.

Berry said the team would fly part of the return trip to Ames Saturday night.

# KU Cinder Ace Aims for Record

No Kansas track athlete ever set a more lofty goal than KU's red-haired Herb Semper. The sturdy Jayhawk distance steed has his sights set on a nine-minute two mile before the year is out.

He won't get a chance to try on this time for size today and Saturday in the Texas Relays but he'll be a central figure in Bill Easton's Austin plans nonetheless. Easton, who guided his club to three relay titles at Texas last year, will anchor two-mile and four-mile bids with Semper.

This means the gnome-like pounder out of Forest Park, Ill., will drop down to less familiar distances of mile and 880 for the Jayhawks' first major outdoor test of the year. Semper ran legs on both these title teams last year, plodding the second carry of a blazing 17:20.9 four-mile effort, which shattered a 19-year-old Texas mark and came within five seconds of tying the American record.

**Better in Competition**

Semper has whirled as low as 4:18.5 in the mile and 1:55.0 in the half. He is expected to do better under the pressure of the competition Kansas will run into at Austin.

There isn't much doubt he now ranks as the Big Seven's top distance ace, a mantle he scooped up when teammate Bob Karnes graduated last June. Most American two-milers are content to focus their ceiling at 9:20.0 for the

# It Happened at NU

An unidentified male attempted to take part in the Thursday afternoon UN model assembly voting. When asked for his credentials, he said that he was the representative of Luxembourg.

He faded out of the picture, however, with further checking, it was found that Luxembourg was represented by Love Memorial hall.

# Ravenna Banquet Held in Lincoln

The citizens of Ravenna had planned a spring banquet to honor their high school athletes.

But one thing after another happened to spoil the plan. However a solution was worked out by Charles Winkler, sports editor, Ravenna News.

He suggested that in lieu of the dinner, the group be taken to Lincoln for the University of Nebraska's All Sports Day, April 14.

The suggestion met with the whole-hearted approval of the athletes.

# Baseball Season Begins; Drake Invades Lincoln

Nebraska's 1951 baseball season gets under way this afternoon as Coach Tony Sharpe leads his Huskers against Drake university at 3 p.m. on the Husker diamond.

The Huskers, still not accustomed to being out-of-doors, will find the weather a little damp. Rain forced the Nebraskans back indoors Thursday after only three days of practice in the sunshine.

"Monday was our first day outside and we're trying to get as acquainted as we can with working outdoors," said Coach Sharpe.

Coach Sharpe has been scheduling intra-squad games to give the boys the feel of actual play. During these games, Sharpe has been able to get a fairly good idea of whom he can call on for duty this year.

**Rego Lead Off**

Leading off in the batting order slated for Drake is third baseman Johnny Rego. Rego was a sub shortstop last season and has been shifted to third for this first game anyway.

Second baseman Bobby Reynolds will be the number two batsman. Reynolds passed up basketball this winter to take a crack at the hardball game which he likes more.

Bob Diers, swift centerfielder, will bat third in the lineup. Jerry Dunn will patrol the left field gardens and will take his place as cleanup man on the team.

Following Dunn will come first baseman Ray Mladovich. Ray had been considered for the catching position, but the pickup in the hitting of catcher Bob Lohrborg has made Coach Sharpe shift the letterman Mladovich back to the

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# AROUND THE LOOP...

## Oklahoma's Humphrey Shows Versatility

By Joyce Hoek  
Guest Writer

President George Cross was a spectator at the University of Oklahoma track practice here Monday and saw Louis "Humphrey" Miller, Oklahoma's 364-pound freshman shot-putter from Oklahoma City, go through his paces.

"You haven't seen anything yet," Coach John Jacobs told the president and lined the hefty Miller up for a 60-yard dash. Miller ran it in 8.9 seconds.

"He didn't run it. He rolled it," Jacobs chuckled.

Coach Hugo Otopalik will only have two lettermen back on the Iowa State golf squad this spring.

The two lettermen from the thirteen man squad are Gordon Cunningham and Don Fairchild.

Jim Aikman, another letterman, left for duty with the Air Force. Otopalik was banking on him to be with them this season.

The Iowa State squad is working out driving balls into a net in the West Stadium. When the weather permits the squad will train outside.

Coach Bill Meek opened spring football drills for the Kansas State Wildcats, eighty-five men with a few possible additions, reported.

The head coach, Meek began his first season at Manhattan, years as Jim Tatum's assistant at Maryland. Meek will be competing against Bud Wilkinson of Oklahoma and Don Faurot, the He is an exponent of the "sliding T" formation. He spent several originator of the "split T," of Missouri.

With the 19 returning lettermen, they will spend six weeks of rough practice on the new system. His biggest problem is in the line. It was weakened more by graduation but he and his assistants will be working hard to fill the gaps.

The Missouri Tigers opened their spring football season last week with 11 lettermen and 65 others reporting.

Coach Don Faurot and his staff will have a lot of hard training to do because the team is very green. The biggest gaps are in the offensive lineup. The Tiger coach isn't in too much agony, because he has a squad of last year's freshman who are very promising.

Four of the veterans have been excused from spring training for various reasons.

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