

# NU Golf, Tennis Teams Meet Jayhawks Thursday

Minor sports assume a major place in the Cornhusker spotlight this week with the opening of the tennis and golf season.

The tennis team opens play under Edward Higginbotham. Thursday his squad entertains the Kansas Jayhawks.

He will build his team around three returning lettermen from last year. The lettermen are Bob Radin, senior from Vero Beach, Fla.; Jamie Curran, senior from Buenos Aires; and Andy Bunten, junior from Cheyenne, Wyo.

**Sophomores**

Walt Weaver and Jim Wells, Lincoln, both won numerals in 1950 and are making strong bids for varsity berths.

Jeff Delton, a senior from Lincoln, and Frank Redman, a junior from Miami, Fla., members of last year's squad, are expected to add depth and experience to the Husker crew.

Other men who are competing for berths are Bob Crook, Don Thompson, John Schroeder, and Duane Dietering.

Higginbotham said the weather has been playing havoc with his outdoor sessions. He has had his team working outside four times

since the first call for players was issued.

The team has been using the limited quarters of the Coliseum on some occasions, but this type of practice can hardly give it the proper conditioning.

**Ladder System**

Higginbotham is using a ladder system whereby any player may challenge the man above him.

The Nebraska golfers meet the Jayhawks on Thursday at Hillcrest and then travel to Manhattan, Kas., for a dual meet with Kansas State.

Coach Marvin Franklin believes he will have the best balanced squad in several years.

But he suffered a severe loss when Chick Batten, Lincoln, suffered an eye injury in a church league basketball game.

Joe Gifford, Lincoln, was the individual Big Seven champion of the 1950 conference meet.

Other top golfers on Franklin's squad are Dick Spangler and Dick Lauer, Lincoln; Jack Hecklenively, Omaha; and Doug Dale, Ord.

Franklin is not definitely set on his entire squad since snow and rain cut short qualifying rounds last week.



WALT WEAVER . . . sophomore from Lincoln is making a strong bid for a spot on the Nebraska Tennis team.

The Nebraska team finished third in the 1950 Big Seven tennis race.

## AROUND THE LOOP...

### Buffs Only School With Ski Team

By Shirley Murphy

Oklahoma's football team has an interesting opener to look forward to. The Sooners play William and Mary in their first home match at Norman.

Eight of the 19 William and Mary backs for this fall were sprinters on their high school track teams. William and Mary returns 26 lettermen. Coach Rube McCray of William and Mary has installed the Split T formation assisted by Bus Entsminger, former Missouri quarterback. When the two schools met at Norman in 1942, the Sooners were defeated 14 to 7.

Coach Ed V. Berry of Iowa State has announced his list of track men for the Kansas Relays.

The six men are Jim Robertson, John Dickinson, John Wilkin, Merle Harris, Jerry Moorhead and Dick Silver.

Robertson will face much the same field he competed against at the Texas relays in his shot and discus events. The former Iowa state high school champion placed third in both events.

Harris will compete in the 100-yard dash, Moorhead and Dickinson in the high hurdles and Wilkin and Silver in the pole vault.

Not only is Colorado the only Big Seven school to sponsor a varsity ski team, but it seems that they are the only Big Seven members that have a soccer club team which plays inter-collegiately.

The Colorado eleven played to a 2-2 tie with Colorado college in Denver last week. This left them in third place among eight teams in the final Denver and District Soccer association standings.

### Missouri Baseballers Play Four Games This Week

If all good things come to those who wait, Missouri's baseball team should feel pretty optimistic about their re-scheduled opener with Washington U., in St. Louis Tuesday.

The Tigers, who have had more false starts than an ancient-model flivver in mid-winter, will try again to get their 1951 season rolling against the Bruins—who've been fighting a losing battle with both the weather and the opposition.

Five setbacks without a win show up on the Hilltop scoreboard, with those losses coming to Ohio State, Illinois Normal, Western Michigan (twice) and Valparaiso.

#### Revise Scheduled.

After his first five games were cancelled by soggy playing conditions, Tiger Coach John "Hi" Simmons was forced into revising his schedule, and the resultant

shuffle sends Mizzou to the baseball mat four times this week.

Following the Tuesday date with Washington U., Missourians tackle Ft. Leonard Wood here Wednesday, and then swing south for their first ticks in Big Seven competition against Oklahoma at Norman on Friday and Saturday.

Always ahead of the conference pack in early seasons, Coach Jack Baer's Sooners had eight games behind them by mid-April. This isn't the cheeriest news Simmons has heard of late.

"Oklahoma always is extra-tough at home, especially early in the schedule," he says. "We beat them twice here last year, 9-8 and 3-0, but were fortunate to catch them in our last two conference games. This year, the shoe's on the other foot,—and it pinches."

Missouri's agreement with Ft. Leonard Wood calls for a return meeting with the Army nine at Ft. Wood on a date to be chosen later. The G. I. roster lists several ball-players owned by major league clubs, including first-baseman Preston Ward, formerly with the Dodgers and Cubs, and Vern Rapp, Cardinal farmhand who caught for Houston last year.

### Softball Games Are Revised

The intramural softball schedule will be played this week as previously announced.

But beginning next week a slight revision in the schedule will be made. So teams should watch the intramural bulletin board in order to see when they play.

Games postponed last week because of weather should arrange to play.

Teams which had their games postponed last week because of bad weather should arrange to play them on Saturday.

The sports department is asking the help of the University's softball teams.

It would like to obtain full information concerning the games played. So if the teams want to see their contests written up in the sports page they should make an effort to submit a small article telling the details of the game.

With a little help on the part of the individual teams, a successful softball season will be supplemented by a successful softball coverage in The Daily Nebraskan.

### K-State First Big 7 Hurdle for Sharpe

Nebraska's baseball team has a full agenda of baseball activity ahead of them this week as they journey south to take on two games with Wichita University and Kansas State college.

Coach Tony Sharpe has nominated 17 men to take the southern trek which opens with a game with Wichita's shockers on Monday and Tuesday and a two game series with Kansas State's Wildcats on Wednesday and Thursday.

In last year's game with the Shockers, the Huskers lost the opening game, 13-12, but bounced back to win the second, 7-4. Coach Sharpe did not indicate whom he planned to use as starting pitcher for this game.

The emphasis will be placed on the second series with Kansas State. The game will mark the Huskers initial contest against a conference foe.

### IS Has Full Sport Schedule

Iowa State spring sports team will take part in five events this week—maybe.

If spring should arrive in a less moist condition during the week the Cyclones will open their home baseball season, engage in a tennis meet, and take part in a couple of relay meets.

Friday the Panthers of Iowa State Teachers are slated to help open the 1951 home baseball season for the Cyclones. The two teams will play a repeat on Saturday.

While the baseball team is meeting the Tutors, the tennis team will have its first 1951 taste of action against the University of Omaha at Omaha.

In addition to the baseball game, the Cyclone track team will also be in action Saturday. Coach Ed V. Berry will split his squad, sending about six men to the Kansas relays at Lawrence with the rest taking part in the Iowa Teachers Relays at Cedar Falls.

### Sophomore Favored to Win Shot at Kansas Relays

Only two sophomores have won shot put crowns in Kansas Relays history. Texas A & M's mighty Darrow Hooper looms as the third in early reckoning for the twenty-sixth Jayhawker Games here April 21.

The 6-4, 220-pound Cadet T-formation quarterback already has exceeded the winning pegs of the two previous second-year men here, Hugh Rhea of Nebraska, and Elmer "One-Man Gang" Hackney, of Kansas State.

Rhea, former all-American tackle, reached 48-6 to win here in 1950. It was the third best heave in Relays annuals up to that time. Hackney, the brawny Oberlin, Kan., fullback, reached 50-4 in his first Mt. Oread appearance.

Both these men scored triples by following their sophomore conquests with two more Relays baubles, but Hooper may make the fans forget both of 'em before he graduates.

Last Saturday at Austin he broke Hackney's 12-year-old Texas Relays record of 52-3/4 with a throw of 53-1. He had exceeded the old Wildcat's mark several times during the early spring but the Austin effort is his best to date, and good enough, at the same time, to cast a shadow over other hopefuls here.

**High School Record.**

Competing for North Side high of Fort Worth, Hooper set a new national high school record with the big iron agate at 59-10 in 1948. He also won the discus at Texas with a scale of 148-9/16 to become the only clear-cut double winner in the Longhorn Games.

In addition to his pressing duties behind the Aggies center, Hooper also kicked-off and booted extra points for the College Station eleven last season. In 52 attempts he toed through 38 extra points.

Hooper will be pressed here by two Big Seven entries, Oklahoma's Clair Mayes, and Fally Tanner, the indoor champion from Colorado. The burly Sooner football guard reached 552-0 at Texas, which, though only good enough for second place, established a new Norman school record.

Tanner hit 50-11 to win the indoor title from Mayes, who got 50-55 1/4 at Kansas City, and Phil Brusca, of Missouri, who wrote his all-time best at 50-2 1/2. The bulky Buffalo set a new meet and fieldhouse record at Boulder last Saturday when he reached 51-3 1/2 in the CU-Nebraska dual.

This meet was scheduled as an outdoor affair but the shot was driven inside, along with most other events, by cold and rain.

**Robertson**

A fourth Big Seven hand,

### Weather

The Wildcats have been hampered by the adverse weather conditions as have Coach Sharpe's nine. Coach Ray Wautier has been forced to mold his 1951 edition

### Missouri Alumni Favred To Down Varsity Saturday

Choice cuts of beef will take to the field in behalf of Missouri's Alumni football team when the Tigers' spring football squad and the Old Grade mix it up at Columbia Saturday afternoon in their annual, climactic game.

This could be the Alumni's year to take picks on the M. U. underdogs, says Dick Braznell, ring-leader of the Alumni forces, and they aim to do just that.

"Don't call this one of those exhibition contests where the Alumni play hard for five minutes and then play out," advises Braznell, brimming with confidence. "We've rounded up two full teams composed of players, and several reserves, who are still in school—and they're all itching to whip the varsity."

In mid-season form, Coach Don Faurot concedes that Braznell's high optimism is warranted: "This is one year the Alumni could easily beat us," he admits.

Swath comparable to that of Shelby.

**Severns**

Severns isn't the only lad who'll be pushing Davis here. A second will be OU's latest sensation, Dick Jones, the one-shoe-off jumper from Cleveland, Ohio.

Jones, who doubles as leadoff man for John Jacobs' potent mile relay quartet, placed third at Texas with a hoist of 6-6 1/2. The previous Saturday at Stillwater he set a new Oklahoma record of 6-7 by winning the Oklahoma A & M Preview Relays. The old mark had survived 17 years of buffeting since being established at 6-6 1/4 by Doug Barham in 1934.

Jones won the Big Seven indoor championship in a mild surprise at 6-3 1/4.

Severns, who shared America's highest college leap last year at 6-8 1/4, is high in the picture, of course, along with Nebraska's Ken Meissner.

The angular K-Stater won the Pan-American Games in March, and accomplished his fine jump at Austin despite the fact he still was nursing a sore ankle.

### IS Has Full Sport Schedule

On paper, at least, Braznell—and all-conference halfback in '49—has plenty of license to feel chesty. The Alumni's starting line, averaging 220 pounds, should have an overwhelming weight edge on the Varsity. Their backs are potentially more gifted than Faurot's 1951 edition, and their passing game far superior to anything the Varsity can muster.

**Fundamentals**

In the varsity squad's favor are the fundamental necessities—better condition, organization and teamwork, and greater overall team speed. If an unprecedented run of spring injuries is any indication, they won't have the extra Tigers seriously outmanned.

Anyway you look at it, the Alumni's outfit poses a "sizeable" threat. Among the blocky pillars up front are such mastodons as John Kadlec (240), Bob Fuchs (240), Don Keller (245) and Freeman Sullock (225). Nondi and paunchy, but carry more poundage than their "fightin' weight," their hetties could give Faurot's younger, lighter forwards quite a mauling.

As Kadlec puts it, with a glint in his eye, "We're really going to bruise 'em."

**Starting Backfield**

The Alumni's starting backfield has Phil Klein, quarterback; Braznell or Ed Stephens, right half; John Glorioso, left half; and Bill Houston, fullback. Except for Braznell, all finished up just last season.

Klein, the left-handed Braznell and Glorioso, pitching to swarm edge on the Varsity, should keep the varsity's pass-defenders in hot water. Well-versed in the art of flagging passes are such alumni ends as Gene Ackerman, Dick Armstrong, Fred Hulse, Rollie Oakes and Dale Portmann. Of this group, Ackerman—who caught more than 1,000 yards in passes in two seasons at Mizzou—is the No. 1 target.

**Quarterbacks**

Varsity quarterbacking will be handled by Bob Schoonmaker, Jim Hook and Walter Trueblood, currently the best-looking of the play-callers. Schoonmaker and Hook are mere apprentices at the q. b. trade, with only five weeks of work behind them, while Trueblood directed the B team last year. Their inexperience is typical of the greenery that will pervade the entire varsity squad.

The game, scheduled for a 3 p.m. kickoff Saturday, will be played in four 12-minute quarters.

### Tallest Jumper At Jay Relays

The twenty-sixth Kansas Relays will garnish its annual track and field circus with what may be America's tallest high jumper.

He is Walter "Buddy" Davis, 6-8 Texas A & M sophomore, who will lead a thin but highly-talented Cadet line into Memorial stadium here April 21.

Davis, an all-Southwest basketball center, climbed 6-9 last Saturday at Austin to establish a new Texas Relays record. That figure also is slightly above the Kansas mark of 6-8 3/16, which another Texan, Bobby Walters of UT, notched here just two years ago.

That ceiling was expected to weather the rigors of an annually classy field for some time. But with Davis jumping against the type of competition he will draw here, even that lofty figure may topple.

**Austin**

Davis bounded over 6-9 at Austin on his first effort, then missed twice at 6-11 1/2 which would have constituted a new world record. Kansas State's Virgil Severns pressed him all the way, getting over 6-7 1/4 for second place and barely missing 6-9 on his first try.

Even in those days of beefier, taller athletes, Davis' second-story physique is rare. He is the most towering leaper to hit Southwest or Big Seven pits since Parker Shelby, also 6-8, was collecting gold medals at Oklahoma. The latter forged the difficult triple at Drake by copping his specialty in 1928-29-30.

He was followed by Al Wellhausen of Kansas in the mid-thirties who alternated his 6-7 frame between goal-tending on Phog Allen's basketball club and the sawdust pit of the high jump. Wellhausen, however, cut no

### Mantle Gets 4 Hits Against Giant Team

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### Frosh Fifth in Postal Meet

The Nebraska University freshman track team managed to get fifth place in the Big Seven freshmen indoor track postal championships.

Kansas placed first with 58 1/2 and Colorado placed second with 52. Oklahoma got third with 36 2/3, Missouri had 15, Nebraska 12 5/8, Iowa State 5. Kansas State did not enter the postal meet.

The only Husker to cop a first was Phil Heidelberg. He got a first in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 11 3/4 inches.

Other Husker scoring was by Dan Linguist of Funk, who tied for fourth in the 60 yard high hurdles with .08; Cal German of Cozad, tied for fifth in the 60 yard low hurdles with a time of .074; and he also got a third in the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet; Cliff Dale of Falls City tied for fourth in the shot put when he heaved the iron ball 43 feet 4 inches; Darrel Moreland of Simla, Colorado, tied for third in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 10 inches.

Nebraska was last year's champion of the freshmen indoor postal meet.

Sheat starred for the 1947 world championship Yankee team. But during the past three years he has been bothered with a sore arm.

Mantle and Jackie Jensen drove in all the Yankee runs. Jensen homered and tripled.

### Weir Starts Home Track Course Events for Preps

Home course track events, sponsored by Ed Weir, track coach at the University are starting in the Nebraska high schools.

The numeral and pentathlon cards are being mailed this week by Coach Weir.

The numeral winner gets a blue diamond for 24 points and a half-blue diamond swatch for 12 points. These can be placed on their track jersey. A majority of the contestants in the state high school track meet usually have from two to three numerals displayed on their jerseys.

While it is an individual accomplishment, the numerals being awarded to those athletes who meet certain standards in track and field events, a team award is also figured.

**Numeral Winners**

The team award is based percentage-wise on the number of numeral winners in each school as against the total male enrollment.

The Nebraska School for the Deaf at Omaha won the team award in 1950 when 916 numerals were awarded to athletes of 175 schools.

Seven numerals were awarded to Nebraska Deaf athletes. The school had a male enrollment of 17.

The pentathlon is in its thirty-first year. It offers both individual and team awards. It is based on the international pentathlon which is a part of the Olympic games. An athlete is awarded so many points for his abilities in the high hurdles, 220-yard dash, 880-yard run, high jump, broad jump, discus and shot put. He can select the five events in which he is best.

In 1950, Dick Westin of Omaha Benson won the individual crown and Beatrice High School won the team award for the second straight year. Beatrice won the first pentathlon held in 1921.

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