

Presby Badminton Lead Challenged By ATO's

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Presby House's all-university lead in intramural badminton was in serious jeopardy Saturday as the Alpha Tau Omega birdmen continued their steady climb and edged to within two points of the Presby total.

The entire matter rested in the hands of the Taus as the doubles and singles tournaments swung into the last lap. The last Presby entry was eliminated Friday as Bill Pratte was handed his first defeat by ATO Barnwell in the fifth round of the singles play. The Taus have three men or teams remaining, Barnwell, Bob Osborne and the ATO double team composed of the lead two men.

Presby still holds the lead going to the quarter-finals and the doubles finals on Monday with a 29-point total. The Taus have clinched second place with 27 points and seemingly are able to pass the 29-point total to victory.

Challenging Barnwell and Osborne's bid for the doubles

championship of 1952 are Howard Doty and Bog Davey who are competing as an independent team.

The two D's disposed of Bob Brittin and Sandy Crawford of Phi Kappa Psi in the semi-finals by scores of 15-8, 12-15 and 15-4 after dropping Sev Harkson and Jack Holmquist of Phi Gamma Delta in the quarter-finals on scores of 15-13, 7-1 and 5-8.

Barnwell and Osborne dropped the last Presby doubles outfit in the semis. They defeated Bob Parrish and Jim Genova on scores of 15-9 and 15-7. They had earlier squeaked by Dave Barager and Don Hogg of the Methodist Student House in the quarter-finals by scores of 7-15, 15-8 and 15-12.

On the strength of past competition, the two Taus were slight favorites to emerge as the doubles champions.

Seven men remain the singles competition, all winner of their individual tourney brackets.

Chuck Deuser of Kappa Sigma captured the tourney V position with a smashing victory over Bob Davey, competing independently. His opponent will be the tourney VI victor, Don Hogg of the Methodist House who defeated Jack Baugher of Delta Epsilon.

Tourney VII victor was DuWay Furman, an independent, who disposed of Sew Harkson, Phi Gamma Delta and he will meet another independent, Gayler Smith in the singles quarter-finals. Smith dropped Bernie Scheer of Alpha Tau Omega to capture their tourney VIII position.

Bob Osborne won tourney IX by downing Rod Pope, an independent, and will meet Dave Barager, Methodist House in the quarter-finals. Barager disposed of Bob Yaki, independent, to win tourney H.

Barnwell downed Pratt to win tourney II and will get a quarter-final bye because of no tourney XII.

The quarter-finals will be played on Monday at 5 p.m. as will the double finals. Tuesday will see the singles semis at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m. the singles championship contest will be played.

Only Presby House and Alpha Omega are in a position to win the All-University trophy. The Independents, totaling 28 points to date, can end up with the largest total of points, but they cannot win the championship because they are not entered in a group. The point-total represents all the points scored by men who entered on their own.

The unofficial total going into Monday's action are:

1. Presby House 29
2. Independents* 28
3. Alpha Tau Omega 27
4. Phi Delta Theta 25
5. Phi Kappa Psi 23
6. Kappa Sigma 16
7. Delta Upsilon 15
8. Methodist House 11
9. Phi Kappa Psi 10
10. Cornhusker Coop 7
11. Beta Theta Pi 7
12. Delta Tau Delta 6
13. Sigma Phi Epsilon 4
14. Acacia 2
15. Sigma Alpha Mu 1

*Not eligible for trophy

Nebraska Sweeps Oklahoma Series

By MARSHALL KUSHNER
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The University of Nebraska baseball team kept alive its hopes for winning the Big Seven baseball crown by defeating Oklahoma, 15-10 and 11-6 in a double header.

In the first game Friday, the two teams tangled in a three hour diamond marathon. Both teams used a combined total of seven pitchers and these men walked a total of 25 men.

Ray Novak started on the mound for the Cornhuskers and was relieved by Dick McCormick and Fran Hofmaier. Novak received credit for his victory of the season.

In the second game, Coach Tony Sharpe's team smacked four of the last National Collegiate Athletic association tournament winners pitchers for 12 hits and 11 runs.

The Nebraskans piled up seven runs in the first two innings and clinched the game with a four-run rally in the seventh.

The Sooners scoring came in the first inning and a five-run burst in the eighth frame.

Bobby Decker, Bobby Reynolds and Murry Backhaus were the big guns in the Husker barrage of hits. Each of the players got two hits.

Bill Giles, who took over first base duties for Ray Novak yesterday, as did a home run in the game, as did Jim Crabb of the Sooners. Both came with no men on the base paths.

Pat Mallette started on the hill for Nebraska and was relieved by Charlie Wright in the eighth when the troubling and five Sooners scored. Backhaus did all the work behind the plate for Nebraska.

It was a much-needed win for the Cornhuskers, which went conference record stands at four wins and one loss. The Huskers dropped Kansas State in their double header at Manhattan and lost to the Kansas Jayhawks, 6-1 in Lincoln previous to the encounter with Oklahoma.

The Nebraska team will return home in preparation for their coming double header against the Kansas State team in Lincoln.

The Missouri Tigers are still perched atop the Big Seven heap with an undefeated record. They will battle the Cornhuskers in Columbia, Mo., May 12-13. This is expected to be the big show-down for both teams. However, if the Huskers lose another game before that date, their chances have all but flown out the window for winning the league pennant and representing the conference at the NCAA tournament this year.

The Nebraska B team also saw action last weekend when they defeated the Milford Trade school, 13-3. The win was the second for coach Ed Berg's team.

The rubbings lead 3-1 going into the seventh innings and then the B team got to work for a 10-run inning.

Fred Seger smashed a triple for the longest hit of the game and Bob Kremke and Jack Crawford gave Seger fine hitting support. Ron Smith drew credit for the win.

Nebraska 200 000 400—11 12 0
Oklahoma 100 000 050—6 10 3
Mallette, Wright (8) and Backhaus; Reynolds, Bergthold (3), Sanders (7), Walton (6) and Reddell; Crabb (3). Winning pitcher—Mallette. Losing pitcher—Lovins. Home runs—Giles, Crabb.

Meeting The Ball



STILL GUNNING ATTACK . . . Ray Novak and Jerry Dunn continue to spark the Nebraska baseball attack. Novak proved his worth by winning the Oklahoma opener. Dunn smacked three singles in four trips to the plate and knocked in six runs.

Toeing The Mound



CHECK THAT RUNNER . . . Pat Mallette, one of the Cornhusker baseball team's top pitchers, looks over to the runner at first base as he prepares to barrel one down. Mallette is a sophomore from Ubeling.

Husker Trackmen Meet CU Today

The University of Nebraska sprinters should be back in the arena for the dual meet Monday afternoon against the University of Colorado.

Running events start at 3:40, with the field events at 3:10. Bob Fairchild, scheduled since the indoor season with a pulled muscle, has been gathering momentum in workouts the past week.

Coach Ed Weir thinks Bob, a freshman from Omaha, should be ready for the test against the Buffaloes.

Phil Heidelberg, high jumper, also has been improving in the 100-yard dash.

Ron Gray is Colorado's top sprinter. Ron finished second in the Big Seven indoor, pushing Kansas State's Thane Baker all the way.

Wallace Tanner, Colorado's shot putter, indoor and outdoor champion of the Big Seven, appears to have things his own way in this event although Paul Grimm, Nebraska, was over 50 feet in one indoor meet. Tanner won the indoor crown with a heave of 50 feet 4 inches.

Don Bekker, Nebraska's double winner in the indoor, with both the high and low hurdle titles, will be facing Merwin Hodel and Pat Hindman. Hodel finished second to Bekker in the highs at Kansas City.

Colorado also has an outstanding javelin thrower in George Holley. Holley threw the spear 206 feet in the NCAA meet in 1951.

One record which should go in the mile run. The mark is now held by George Fitzmorris of Colorado. He ran it in 4:23.9, in 1950. Lee Moore of Nebraska turned the distance in 4:18.8 in a dual against Missouri at Columbia last week.

Clayton Scott, Nebraska, hampered by illness the past several weeks, also is capable of establishing a new 2-mile mark, the present record standing at 10:44.3.

The meet records:

Mile run: George Fitzmorris (C), 4:23.9, 1950.
440-yard run: Loyal Hurlbert



DON CAMPBELL . . . Perhaps one of the finest sprinters in the past few years, Campbell holds the dual 100 yard dash record (.09.7) and the 220-yard dash record (21.0), both set in 1947. Since his graduation in 1950, the Buffs have been without a talented sprinter.

Norm Bitner Supports Kansas Depth Of Flashy Distance Men

A red-headed sophomore named Norm Bitner is moving almost unobtrusively into Kansas' ever-popular distance-running picture.

While Bill Easton wires his one-two punch, Herb Semper and Wes Santee, for Four-Mile and Distance Medley bids, he'll also send up Bitner in the Open Two-Mile.

It will be the youngster's third major relay start of the spring and he can catch his own kind of slam by placing high in the Des Moines field. He already has chained together two seconds, running behind Ronald Haynes, of the Texas, in the 5,000 meters at the Navy Games, and behind Jim Brown, former Arkansas plodder, in the 3,000-meter Steeplechase, at Kansas.

Norm did a fine job, but he might just as well have won those races," Easton points out. "He just needs a little cockiness. He's better than he thinks he is. Twenty minutes after the Steeplechase here he didn't even feel like he'd been in a race. That's too much to have left."

"He got a terrific awakening of his own potentialities in the 5,000 meters at Texas then didn't exploit them here in the Steeplechase."

Easton brought his point home when he pointed to the summaries of the two meets. Bitner beat Brown at Texas and Haynes at Kansas in an odd triangle which will close out at Drake.

"I suppose I do need a little more confidence," smiles the former Class A state prep mile champion from Wyandotte. He says it with calm assurance as if it was the last thing he needed.

"Well, I'm getting it running against the kind of competition

you run into in these Relay meets. Furthermore, I like these longer races beyond two miles. I like pace running better than going that hard like you have to in the 880 and even the Mile."

Bitner apparently has proved his taste already. He surprised everyone last autumn by running 16th in the NCAA cross-country field at East Lansing. He had been a creditable eighth in the Fall Two-Mile field, finishing behind Semper; another veteran, Keith Palmquist, and two sophomore stablesmates, Santee and Art Dalzell. He beat the latter pair in the longer Four-Mile haul at the nationals.

Bitner following third behind Semper and Missouri's Bob Fox in the Big Seven Indoor Two-Mile. His time was 9:32.0, a personal all-time low at this distance.

"He'll reach the early twenties in the Two-Mile next year," Easton, who never hesitates to erect high goals for his charges, frankly opines. "He has improved tremendously since his freshman year here, chiefly because of his willingness to work hard and urge to become good. He has a fine future."

The six-foot Kansas Citian credits his advancement to "learning how to train a great lot of the right kind of work," he expands. "You might be punishing yourself every day and not getting much good out of it. He knows when to run us long and when to ease off."

Well, there'll be no let-up at Des Moines Friday, Bitner can expect to run into Fox; Ted Wheeler, Iowa's 1,500-meter Kansas Relays champ; Rich Ferguson, Iowa's runner-up for the Big Ten Two-Mile Indoor title, Javier

Montes, the perennial from Texas Western; Walter Delke, Wisconsin's Big Ten cross-country champion; Jim Kepford, Michigan State, sixth in 1951 NCAA Two-Mile run, and Cash Powell, Miami, who finished third at Drake last year.

Semper won the event last year in 9:17.4, fifth best time on the Bulldog books.

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Intramural Tennis And Softball Continues; Seven Games Today

Intramural tennis will continue and intramural softball will start all over again Monday afternoon and evening. The second round of the tennis doubles tournament will get a big start, continuing through Tuesday. Seven games of the first round of the softball tourney are scheduled to reach completion Monday night at 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

All men remaining in the tennis tourney should check the blackboard in the PE building to see what time they are scheduled to play Monday. If the scheduling

People Ponder Prowess Possessed By Sprinter

Just how fast can Thane Baker, the Kansas State track sensation, run the 100-yard dash?

Folks are beginning to ponder that question as they watch the quiet, speedy kid from Elkhart each weekend. Many track authorities, including Baker's own coach, Ward Haylett, feel that the K-State junior can travel a 9.4 seconds century and with right conditions might equal the present world mark of 9.3 seconds held by Mel Patton, formerly of the University of Southern California.

Baker is unusual among sprinters mainly because he is slow in reaching his peak. Many of the world's former sprint stars like Frank Wycoff, Jesse Owens and Charley Parker were prep school sensations. Such men were in the headlines before they answered the starting gun in college. Baker, a high school unknown, has improved steadily since he enrolled as a freshman at Kansas State in the fall of 1949. His best high school mark at Elkhart was 10.1 seconds in the century. The highest laurel he won was sixth in the state Class B track meet.

At the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Baker ran two 9.5 hundredths to beat Jim Ford of Drake and the twin Texas speedsters, Dean Smith and Charles Thomas. Although Baker was aided by a slight wind, Haylett believes that the soft cinder track equalized the advantage Baker might have gained from the breeze.

Baker's time in the finals of the 100 at the Kansas Relays might have been even faster had he not been tardy coming off the starting blocks. The wildcard star was the last man away from the starting post but then finished with the fastest last 10 yards in the history of the event.

Baker started breaking 10-flat for the hundred after Ward Haylett took charge of him at K-State in the Elkhart lad's freshman year. Thane won the Big Seven postal meet for conference freshmen by stepping a

9.99 century. After that improvement came fast. Here are the outdoor times he has recorded for the 100-yard dash during his sophomore and so far into his junior year at Kansas State.

Sophomore—1951
Texas Relays—2nd behind Dean Smith of Texas, .09.6. No official time on Baker.
Kansas Relays—1st in 10 flat.
Colorado Relays—2nd behind Dole Kelley who ran .09.7. No official time on Baker.
Kansas dual—1st in .09.9.
Missouri Valley AAU—1st in .09.7.
NCAA Meet—5th. Art Bragg of Morgan State won .09.6.
National AAU (100 meters)—6th. Jim Golliday of Northwestern won in .10.3.
Junior—1952
Texas Relays—2nd behind Dean Smith of Texas won in 10 flat. (Baker won a preliminary heat in .09.6.)
Kansas Relays—1st in .09.5.

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