

COACH SCHULTE OPTIMISTIC OVER WEALTH OF 1920 TRACK MATERIAL

Says Nebraska Will Have Fastest Speed Team in Country—125 Men Keep Cinders Hot.

COACH SCHULTE'S VISION

The opportunities for the development of track as a sport at Nebraska are unlimited. We have the material here to beat Missouri and all the other universities in this part of the country. In no other state that I know of is the state university so free from competition from other colleges as here in Nebraska. This university is the athletic center of all Huskerland and in track as well as in football it should put out a team second to none in the country.

KENNETH McCANDLESS

To build up track at Nebraska to such strength that other colleges of the country will take off their hats to the Scarlet and Cream on the cinders as it is expected they will do on the gridiron next year, is the living spirit of Coach Schulte's efforts.

The state high school track meet held each spring on the university athletic field must be enlarged and brought more on a par with the world-beating basketball tournament if the university is to become the center, Wall Street, Downing Street, and Mecca of Nebraska track interest. Fifty teams this spring is the minimum," says the coach.

Coach Schulte's influence on sports in Nebraska is more felt than seen, so far, but the power of this influence will soon be in full sunrise. There is something stirring somewhere.

Hundreds of state high school athletes will have a chance to meet the coach this week. Thursday night at the Commercial Club banquet he will say hello to the boys from all parts of the state and tell them what he thinks of Nebraska in the one and only Coach Schulte fashion.

Beginning Wednesday, March 12, all the large newspapers of the state will start to publish a series of "track talks" by the coach. In this series of articles all phases of track work will be covered. By this educational campaign he hopes not only to stimulate interest in the sport but give accurate, reliable advice to aspiring athletes, and thus prepare the next generation of Husker track men. Coach Schulte is one of the most widely recognized track coaches in America and this material is authentic.

WHY TRACK IS GREAT SPORT

"Track is one of the greatest sports in the world for these reasons," said Coach Schulte.

1. It gives opportunity for the highest individual development. There is no limit to where the man may push himself.

2. The possibility of comparing your achievement with that of other athletes. A track record is a positive thing and you know who was the best man in the past or present by looking at the record.

TRACK PROGRESS THIS YEAR

What the 1920 Husker track squad will accomplish cannot be prophesied, but the prospects look good. The first performance of the season will come off at Urbana, Illinois this Saturday. Nebraska will be represented at the annual University of Illinois indoor track carnival by Captain Byron McMahon, "Squirt" Owen, Harper, Graf, Dale and Wright.

The first four will run in the relay, either medley; first two runners take a quarter, third a half, and last a mile; or two mile. Wright will compete in the 75-yard high and low hurdles. Dale will put the shot.

Never before in the history of Husker sport has so many men turned out for track as this year. Why? Largely because Schulte got them out. 125 are on Captain Bill Day's roll call; Bill is next in command to Schulte on the track; and during January and February about fifty were warming up each afternoon.

One of the first things Schulte looked after at the beginning of the track season was the building of the "board walk" which has made this winter

practice possible. Following the plan used at Missouri a one-and-a-half mile circular board track and a 75-yard straightaway was laid down on the athletic field. This gave a firm footing when the slush and mud was deep.

OLD VETS LIMBER UP

Husker track fans whose beaming faces, after the sunshiny reports last spring about the world beating track team Nebraska would have when Werner, Owen, Finney, Graf, Harold McMahon and others came back into the harness, looked long and glum when Graf was the only old standpatter besides Byron Mack who suited out for early practice, again registered happiness when "Squirt" suddenly "blew in" at the first of the second semester. "I just couldn't keep away," said "Squirt," "when I heard that all the old boys were falling them."

Remember how caressingly the sun shone last Monday? That was because "Mike" Finney, too, couldn't resist, drew his equipment from "Capun Bill," sauntered out to the track and said: "What do you want me to do, Coach."

For the benefit of some ignorant freshmen and some of the high school boys who read this, it may be well to explain that Finney is the best hurdler who ever represented Nebraska and that no faster Husker ever wore spikes in the quarter than "Squirt" Owen, with the possible exception of Captain Byron Mack.

Yes, keep your eyes on the track team this season.

The University Hopes To Conquer Basketball Men

Years ago, when commercial clubs and farmers' unions were yet unheard of, there was created by our legislature a state university, which had as its object, the giving of a higher education to the high school graduates. Someone said "Lincoln would be a capital place for its location" and thereupon buildings were erected, professors were hired, and students came from far and near to get the benefits of a university education. These students graduated and went out into the wide world and succeeded, even as you and I have ambitions to do. Someone said "We must interest the high school graduate, so that he will journey hither in search of the higher education. We must do more than send them booklets which lead them to believe that we are a business college. Then came the suggestion that every year there be held under the auspices of the athletic department of this university a basketball tournament to which all high schools of the state should be invited to send their quintets to compete for a cup, which should be awarded to the champion team. This plan was put into execution and for the last few years the students of the high schools have journeyed here to compete in this tournament and incidentally to gain an insight into the workings of a great institution. Later large numbers of these selfsame students, along with countless others, took advantage of the opportunity for a university education and were given a good start along the road to the success.

And so it came to pass in the year of our presidential election, some 1500 students representing 189 high schools of the state, took part in this basketball tournament which had grown into the largest one of its kind in the world. While competing for the championship in their various classes, the students from these high schools had an opportunity to observe the University and the things connected with it. They observed the educational, athletic and social side of the Nebraska University in its daily workings.

High school students, we wonder how you are impressed. You have come to our University as our guest, you have seen us as we are in everyday life and it is our sincere wish that we have conquered you to the idea that this is the ONE university. Have we succeeded?

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