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Trackmen Try Out for 1937 Indoor Squad

SCHULTE VISIONS CIRCUIT LAURELS FOR 1937 OUTFIT

Jim Mather Beats Veterans In Strong Bid for Track Place.

By Joe Zolley.

Coach Henry Schulte got his first glimpse of the entire 1937 indoor track team in action yesterday as the initial squad tryouts were staged under the east stadium. Some 35 hale athletes, inculcated with the lofty aspirations of flaunting Cornhusker track numerals, donned track clothes and went thru strenuous test trials. With the Kansas meet scheduled here on Feb. 20, Mentor Schulte

has scheduled several more tryouts, hoping to whet the somewhat calloused strides of his proteges before the Jayhawkers' roost under the east stadium.

Jim Mather, jack of all trades frosh luminary from Arapahoe, competed with several varsity performers, and in the 50 yard dash and broadjumping outdid them. In garnering a first in the 50 yard sprint, Mather nosed out Dick Fischer, varsity letterman, in the fast clocking of :05.5. Marvin Plock, diminutive varsity backfielder on ex-coach Bible's team, took a third in this event. With more assiduous training, Plock should make his competitors take recognition of his running efficacy.

Illness Slows Morris.

In running off the 440 yard dash, the trackmen were divided into two groups. Les Pankonin, the veteran letter winner of two years standing, took the first heat in 54.5, being followed closely by Bob Allen, one of Mentor Schulte's sophomore prides. Bob Morris, who is still trailed by the sickness nemesis, took the second heat and lowered Pankonin's record by gait-

ing that distance in 53:7 for the best time of the tryouts. However, Preceptor Schulte and his assistants, Ed Weir and Harold Petz, are eagerly looking forward to seeing the time this season when both Pankonin and Morris are at the height of their ability—and they aver this hope is not a far-fetched one.

Francis Takes Shotput.

Sam Francis, all American fullback, lived up to his national reputation in the shot put event when he shoved the 16 pound iron ball for a distance of 47 feet 6 inches. Francis, many will remember, led the American shotputters at the recent Olympic games. Due to the honors which any athlete in Francis' category gleans, the all-nation fullback did not report for track practice until last week. Now that the hullabaloo of football glory has abated, Sam has taken it upon himself to take to practice with untiring effort.

Broadjumping honors went to Frosh Jim Mather, who leaped thru the air to the tune of 22 feet 8 inches. Mather's best jump of the day was 23 feet 5 inches, but this performance was disallowed be-

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Student Support Need of Caging.

By Ed Steeves.

Today this column will be devoted to the text of proving that caging at Nebraska is not so cagey.

Every year the Huskers leap into the Big Six race with right hand raised in resolution to bring back the pennant. Every year they end up with that same right hand stroking their defeated chin in bewilderment.

The cause, it seems, is that basketball is to this institution as Russia was to United States, but the time of recognition seems near at hand. The maple sport, though you can be a little sligher in build and still compete, is still as much a man's sport as football. Basketball is the only game exclusively originated in this country. It seems that we Nebras-

cause of a foul. Varsity broad jumping frills went to Bob Neumann, who obtained a 20 foot 6 inch leap. Neumann also pole vaulted 12 feet 2 inches.

Gish Skims Hurdles.

Bill Gish, varsity monogram winner, took the 50 yard high hurdles in :06.7 and the 50 yard lows in :06.5, while his colleague, Eldon Franks, took second in these two events. Bob Allen literally showed his heels to John Brownlee in the 880 yard run when he finished a full 20 yards ahead of the latter to obtain a 2:04.9 recording. Allen's celerity and stamina are counted upon to bring in several points during competition season.

Ambling alone, Fred Matteson, letter winning distancer, captured the mile and a half in 7:28. High jump honors were knotted at 5 feet 10 1/4 inches as Baxter and Chapin skimmed over the bar at that distance. While these recordings in the high jump are far from being dismaying, 'Pa' Schulte is counting upon these two men, along with Maxey and Scott, to clear 6 feet before the indoor season comes to a close.

The summary:

50 yard dash: Mather (freshman), first; Fischer, second; Plock, third; Simmons, fourth; Gish, fifth. Time :05.5.
440 yard dash: First heat won by Pankonin, 54.5; Allen, second, 54.7; Vallery, third, 58.4. Second heat won by Morris, 53.7; Glanz, second, 55.8; Theobald, third, 56.3.
High jump: Baxter and Chapin tied for first at 5 feet 10 1/4 inches; Maxey and C. Scott tied for third at 5 feet 8 1/2 inches.
50 yard high hurdles: Gish, first; Franks, second; Grif, third; Adeo, fourth. Time :06.7.
50 yard low hurdles: Gish, first; Franks, second. Time :06.5.
Shot put: Francis, first, 47 feet 6 inches; Pfeiff, second, 42 feet 8 inches; Mills, third, 42 feet; Shirey, fourth, 41 feet 10 inches.
Broad jump: Mather (frosh), first, 22 feet 8 inches; Neumann, second, 20 feet 6 inches; Thomas, third, 19 feet 6 1/2 inches; Warncke, fourth, 19 feet.
880 yards: Allen, first; Brownlee, second. Time 2:04.9.
1 1/2 miles: Won by Matteson. Time 7:28.

kans as Americans should be the bleachers waving our flag.

Perhaps the latter statement has a slight odor, but this writer believes that basketball could be made into Mickey Mouse fame with a little different support. Many here in Huskerland seem to think that basketball is merely a fill in for unemployed football players and other athletes during the winter months.

Caging takes time and with a little time it can be an epidemic. Look for a moment at Phog Allen and his quintet at the University of Kansas. Last year their grid squad suffered a walloping every time they turned around, but they only pointed with pride to their three year record on the maples.

This is an exact contrast to the Huskers. We, at Nebraska, the few of us who attend cage games, leave the coliseum muttering, "Wal, we'll beat 'em in football!"

But why not take them in basketball too?

Coach Browne, head coach in the harwood department, puts in just as many hours developing hoop artists as any football mentor in the tutorial services, but few

people know it. At his arrival Browne had a bottom ranking team, but by slow degrees he has elevated his proteges to second place. He has done his bit, but that last mile has to be traveled by us students.

True enough, football is the great American sport king of all athletics, but there is no reason why caging can't pool some support in the winter, away from competing gridirons and ball diamonds.

Compare the highs and lows of attendance of basketball and football. Last year the high was rung up for caging, 7,700 against Kansas university. Record for grid-ding is 35,650 at the Husker-Panther tussle. Lows for both are 5,000 at exhibition grid scrimmages to 1,000 for varsity cage games.

The program is now to build up some prestige for Nebraska and its bucketeers. This, again, is resting on Browne's shoulders. He is sending his forces from coast to coast in order to pick up a little snack of a reputation for the school.

If at this point the students and fans of this school would join in and pat basketball on the back instead of kicking it in the pants, there should be a huge chance for Nebraska to be a double barreled school, with football in one magazine and basketball in the other.

The way things now stand, asking an athlete to compete in Husker's basketball is like requesting that your son choose the obscurity of a window washing profession. Every athlete likes a bit of hero worship, no matter how modest.

Why not give Coach W. H. Browne the extra boost needed to hoist a cage crown to the Husker dome. Have you ever seen a Nebraska basketball game?



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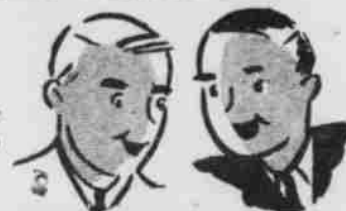
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