



By June Bierbower.

Dale Ruser, who underwent an operation for a knee injury Wednesday, was injured in the midst of a match in the Kansas State meet. . . he elected to finish it out instead of default to Leonard Porter of the Wildcats and got a big hand from the K-State crowd. . . latest report is that Rowdy Rudy Matulka, South's all state tackle, very definitely will enroll here in September. . . Roy Cochran, the Indiana hurdler, hails from Mississippi. . . he is a junior, and a brother of "Commodore" Cochran, a member of the 1928 Olympic team when he was at Indiana. . . Roy did the 60 in 6.2 seconds at the same meet in which he broke the world's indoor quarter mile mark.

A rather amusing incident occurred in the National indoor A. A. U. meet when the one-mile walk was run off, or walked off as the case may be. The first three men to finish in that pet peeve event, were disqualified for running, and the surprised fourth man was awarded first place. Otto Kotraba, who won that event here, finished second, and in addition to being qualified, lost a shoe in the midst of the race.

Justin Bowers, the Oklahoma tackle who was killed in an auto accident Wednesday, was named on C. E. McBride's all Big Six team over Gil Duggan his teammate. The big Sooner from Jack Benny's home town, Waukegan, Illinois, had another year left, and might have been a big star next fall had not the tragedy occurred. He was one of the best linemen against the Huskers here, and out-shown Duggan in last November's game.

That all-important Kansas-Missouri Big Six game was nearly moved to Kansas City where a bigger crowd could be drawn than in Lawrence. . . Phog Allen and George Edwards okayed the move, but Chancellor Malott of KU didn't want the game taken off the campus. . . Emil Narick, Pitt half-back seems to be quite the boy. . . he's supposed to be the smoothest member (not athletically speaking) of last year's football team. . . he had a chance at the part Robert Stack played in "First Love"—that of being the first man to kiss Deanna Durbin on the screen. . . then, the university gave a Christmas party for the students. . . and little Emil was Santy Claws.

Water--

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nate in having soils which allow for the infiltration of moisture," Dr. Condra declared. "Only the shaly, hilly sections, mainly in the northwest part of the state, form an impervious surface which encourages almost total runoff. The sandy and loess soils, which appear on the surface thruout most of the state, allow for considerable absorption."

Investigations are now under way, he said, to develop better methods of forcing more of the rainfall into the ground. Valuable aids are proper vegetative cover, storage dams, strip, contour and terrace farming, he explained.

Various Speakers.

A. A. Horn of Papillion, president of the drillers, presided. Following a noon luncheon at the chamber of commerce, the group assembled in Nebraska hall in the afternoon to hear talks by Dr. Condra, Prof. C. J. Frankforter of the department of chemistry, who discussed "The Invisible in Water"; and C. B. Schultz, assistant director of the museum, who described the type of animal life which inhabited this country thousands of years ago.

The annual Dutch lunch will be held at 6:30 in the Lincoln hotel. Chancellor Boucher and Gov. Cochran will be guests. These four committees were appointed Thursday morning by President Horn:

- Auditing—C. F. Dimery, Beaver Crossing; W. Mikics, Cedar Bluffs; H. H. Brown, Blair.
- Condolence—Andrew Olson, Oakland; R. P. Zents, North Platte; Milton LaFollette, Davey.
- Resolutions—W. T. Hutchins, North Loup; Milton Lammel, Omaha; Fred Salmon, Concord.
- Membership—F. M. Shaner, Ainsworth; Frank Cole, Loomis; H. H. Brown, Blair; Milton LaFollette, Davey.

Spring grid drills start today

Cornhuskers get welcome mild weather

Players get equipment this afternoon; men to work on fundamentals

Biff Jones will call out the 1940 football team for the first time today, as candidates will begin checking out equipment at 3:45 this afternoon.

Jones is looking for a squad of between 80 and 90 aspirants, and has invited all prospective players to report. A general meeting will be held to outline the plans of the six weeks' training period.

It is likely most of the time will be spent on fundamentals, and Jones may revise the offense somewhat. Most of the candidates will be experienced men, and Jones will be out to correct their last year's faults.

Letter winners, varsity hold-overs and frosh from last year are expected out to take advantage of the recent wave of warm weather. The coaching staff has welcomed the milder temperatures, and it is probable that more practices will be held out-of-doors than last year, with all of the snow having disappeared from the practice field.

Most of the players have been working out under the east stadium under the direction of Lyman and Presnell. With the ending of basketball Browne has joined the coaching staff. Practice will continue for six weeks, but no practice will be held during spring vacation.

Gone from the 1940 team will be first string ends George Seemann, as well as first string tackle Sam Schwartzkopf, Adna Dobson, Bill Herrmann, Bob Ramey, and George Porter, all of whom have used up their eligibility.

Bob DeFruiter, sophomore half-back, will be ineligible for sure next year, while a few other men are also in danger scholastically.

Since most of the first and second string players are returning, the frosh will have tough competition if they expect to crash the first two units, although there are several exceptionally fine first year men.



Bob Kahler returns to NU track team as Sooner squad comes here Saturday night

Coach Ed Weir pessimistic; Oklahoma's soph strength threatens Huskers' unblemished record

Nebraska's indoor track team will go against a powerful Oklahoma crew Saturday night, and although the Sooners are threatening the Huskers on every side, Nebraska's chances have been strengthened by the return of Bob Kahler.

Kahler has been out of competition with a pulled muscle for a month. He will compete against the Sooners in the low hurdles and possibly in the high hurdles.

Weir pessimistic.

Husker Coach Ed Weir says the odds favor the strong Oklahoma team and fears that it will be a tough meet. Last year the Sooner team beat Nebraska 54 to 50, when Bob Simmons pulled a muscle before the meet and as a result had to withdraw from competition.

His points would have won the meet for Nebraska. Oklahoma has a strong freshman crew from last year which beat a far-from-weak Husker frosh team in a postal meet last year.

Lyda brilliant.

Oklahoma is especially strong in Bill Lyda, Orv Matthews and Jack Morris. Lyda, sophomore, a great distance runner, had 1:58.9 mark in the half mile last spring which was better than Harold Brooks, while in Orv Matthews the Sooners have a good sprinter. His 9.7 seconds in the century was better

than Gene Littler could do. He has turned in times of 6.3 and 6.4 seconds in the 60 this year.

Saturday's meet will be Oklahoma's first and only one before the Big Six championships at Kansas City next week-end. It is rather doubtful as to whether Jack Morris, who is conference indoor hurdles champion, will make the trip, due to influenza. John Jacobs is in the hospital as the result of an appendectomy, while Dick Smethers has the flu.

Hunt should win.

Pre-meet dope rates the Huskers as sure bets in the pole vault and shot, what with Harold Hunt and Ed Wibbels in those events.

Gene Littler may set a new track record in the 440, what with Fred Coogan, Sooner runner who pushed Simmons to last spring's record, and matthews who did :49.6 in high school running against him. The hurdles, if Morris runs, are a tossup, although Bill Smutz may win for the Huskers whether or not Morris is in it.

Oral Hairston, sophomore and Smutz will fight it out in the broad jump. The Husker distance men, Brooks, Walker, Cook and Garrels will duel with Ray Ganan, one of the best in the Big Six, and Lyda.

Freshmen baseballers work out

Sixteen yearlings already reporting for diamond practice

Sixteen freshmen baseball players have already reported to Coach Wilbur Knight, altho baseball drills have not officially opened as yet.

Two good pitching prospects, Angelo Ossino from Omaha Central, who was the best high school pitcher in the state last year, and Lawrence Schmadeke, from Bradish, brother of Lloyd Schmadeke, last year's Husker ace, are among those listed.

Other men who have reported are Herman Buchholz, shortstop from West Point; Marvin Berge, first baseman from Wagner, South Dakota; Sheldon Charron, outfielder from Omaha; William Cherry, first base, Valentine; Ed Dickson, second base, Halsey.

Hogan reports.

Jack Hogan, outfielder from Omaha; catcher John Fitzgibbon, Tobias; Bill Kinnamon, catcher and out fielder from Lincoln; Norman Lanspa, outfielder from David City; first baseman Carl Max, Fremont.

Outfielder Seb Manzitto, Omaha; catcher George Nagata, Worland, Wyoming; outfielder Merlin White, Omaha; shortstop George Whitman, Lincoln.



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