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Research shows . . . Marks may fall under fire of Big Ten changes

Many records may fall at the University of Minnesota's memorial stadium next month when Big Ten trackmen gather for their annual championships. The meet may result in more new conference standards of track and field excellence than any since 1935 when Jesse Owens was revising world marks to suit his taste as a member of Ohio State's team.

A check of the existing records and the best performances of the stars who will compete on the Gopher track on May 16-17 indicates that as many as eight of the 15 existing standards may be surpassed.

The surprising thing is that the Big Ten records continue to undergo alteration after 40 years of attack by some of the best trackmen in the nation. Some year the ultimate in performances may be reached, but evidently this is not the year.

On the mile.

For example, the Big Ten best in the mile . . . 10.8 by Don Lash in 1936. The conference half-mile standard is 1:52.2 set by Ohio State's Charley Beetham back in 1937. Now it appears that a long-legged Hoosier may crack either or both of these marks.

He is another of Coach Billy Hayes' distance runners, the smooth-striding Campbell Kane. He will be the defending champion in the mile, and his list of additional championships reads like record book. He is the national 880 yard champion, Big Ten indoor mile and half mile titlist and he has won most of the available honors during the recent indoor season. He has negotiated the mile in 4:11 indoors and the 880 in 1:53.5 on a 10 lap indoor dirt oval.

Top time.

In the quarter mile, the conference best for a course with two turns such as the Memorial stadium oval is 47.8 seconds established by Indiana's Ivan Fuqua in 1934. There are at least two 440 yard experts eyeing that seven year record. Indiana's Roy Cochran holds the current world's indoor record for the distance at 48.2 seconds. Warren Breidenbach of Michigan, the defending champion, has been timed at 47 seconds.

A champion's wake.

Ever since Fred Wolcott, the Rice champion, won three national titles on the Minnesota track and set an American record in the 120-yard high barriers in the bargain, the Gopher course has been regarded as particularly record inviting. Competing for the Big Ten crown next month will be Bob

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In a nut shell

This marks the beginning of a new feature of the sports page in which we shall summarize each day the major happenings in the sports world, both on the campus and in the national arena. Included here, too, will be bits of interesting sidelights on happenings in the sports of the day.

Track stock took an upswing when it was learned that Harold McAferty, Gothenburg, Neb., high jumper, who has the state high school high jump record tucked under his belt, came to town to talk to track mentor Ed Weir. At present, the way the thing looks, UN may have another home grown boy winning the laurels for his state. McAferty is now at the University of Colorado.

Don Kellogg, in the Star writes, "Nebraska's No. 1 Iowa football fan is no more. . . . Ted Murray, the rabid roofer from Shenandoah, is moving to the deep south and with him goes a record of not missing a Husker pigskin game, both home and away, for 10 straight years."

Farm House came more and more to the top yesterday evening as the team to come out on top in the hot fraternity intramural softball race when they put the bee on a Kappa Sig eleven for another win. DU stock took another swing for the good when they downed a neat Zeta Beta Tau team 5-3. Not long ago, the ZBT's beat the Sig Alpha's who had taken a game over the DU's the night before! Every DU win makes more secure to their house, the coveted Jack Best trophy. To complicate the thing, ATO, in second place in the whole I-M race has never been beat.



By Chris Petersen

Brains and brawn . . .

Forrie Behm, a lad whose grid-iron doings were sufficient to garner all of the honors on that count for three years, continued his honors streak yesterday when it was announced that he had copped the Missouri Valley Intercollegiate Athletic association (Big Six) scholarship award.

The Honors Convocation also gave Behm a lion's share of awards when he was cited for being in the upper 10 percent of his class for the last four years and was announced as a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, bizad scholastic honorary. At the same time, Theos Thompson, Husker quarterback of last season, was honored for being in the upper 3 percent of his class for the last four years and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi.

Bob McNutt, Colby, Kansas tackle, and Bob Bowles, track athlete were among those on the 1943 honor list. Frosh athletes on the honor role were Roger Leafgreen, Raymond Lingenfelter, and Harold Salisbury.

All of which goes to disprove the common conception of an athlete: all brawn and no brains.

A major major . . .

From Fort Robinson, Ark., comes news that Capt. William H. Browne, 110th quartermaster regiment, has been promoted to the rank of major. Browne, as you remember, was the chap who held the reins on the Husker basketball coachship before Al Lewandowski took over this year. Browne is still a member of the University coaching staff with Lewandowski in as sub.

Searle injured . . .

Hospital attendants last night reported Bob Searle, Husker baseballer, resting comfortably after a head injury suffered during practice with the squad Tuesday afternoon. He was struck on the head by a thrown bat. The seriousness of the injury cannot be determined as yet.

Softball race hits fast pace

Ten fraternity softball games yesterday afternoon drew the intramural season nearer to a close and shortened the time till the Jack Best trophy should be awarded.

Delta Upsilon beat Zeta Beta Tau 5 to 3. The DU's had previously lost to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, who had been beaten by the Zeta Bates. Bob Saafeld pitched to Dick Luther for the DU's.

Sig Ep downs Beta.

Sigma Phi Epsilon defeated Beta Theta Pi 2-0 using the battery of Ed Zacek and Bob Denison. Farm House continued on their unbeaten way setting down Kappa Sigma 6-1. Don Fitz pitched to Lloyd Schmadeke for the FH lads.

In an extra inning game Dick Childs, caught by Charles Shubert pitched Delta Tau Delta to a 7 to 6 victory over Phi Gamma Delta.

Alpha Tau Omega took the Alpha Sigma Phi to the tune of 2-0 under the battery of Dick Delfs and Max Meyer. Alpha Gamma Rho went over the Sigma Alpha Mus 8-2 guided by the battery of Orin Schneider and Gerald Voight.

Phi Delt wins.

Newman Buckley hurled Phi Delta Theta to a 5-2 victory over Phi Kappa Psi. He was caught by Charles Harris. Fourteen points to the five of Beta Sigma Psi was the tally as Harold Osborne, aided by catcher Randell Salisbury, pitched the Sig Alphas to victory.

Delta Sigma Pi conquered the Sigma Nu's 3-0 under the battery of Walter Morrison and Max Ebeling. Theta Xi's had 8 points to 6 of Chi Phi. Harold Scholz and Glen Schluckebier were the winning battery.

Acacia won by a forfeit over Delta Theta Phi. In a Tuesday afternoon contest the Sammies nosed out the Theta Xi's 3-2.

Trouble keeps up for Wilbur Knight; Searle is injured

Trouble is heaping up for Wilbur Knight, Husker baseball mentor, who is trying to reorganize his team after shellackings by Colorado and Kansas State.

His plight was made worse by the injury of Bob Searle, veteran third baseman and pitcher. Searle

An eye on Girls Sports

With Dorothy Martin

Four badminton games scheduled for intramural play tonight are: Chi Omega 4 vs. Kappa Alpha Theta 1, Sigma Kappa 3 vs. Delta Delta Delta 2, Wilson hall 2 vs. Kappa Delta 3, Alpha Omicron Pi 1 vs. Delta Delta Delta 3.

Games played Tuesday night left the Kappa Kappa Gamma's and a barb team still in the running. Barbara Stoops and Nance Bell, Kappa's, defeated Gwen Oatman and Wilma Row, Whitney, 31-26, while Frances Dietze and Frances Payzart, barbs, eliminated Jeanne Craig and Maxine Fuller, Pi Phi's, from the competition, 39-27.

Tryouts for the Intersorority Ride are Friday at Shreve's Riding Academy between 4 and 6 p. m. There will be classes for beginners, intermediate, and advanced groups and entries should be given to Virginia Chambers.

Another ping pong result shows that Merriam Mann defeated Lou Ide, Pi Phi, 21-16, 21-14, to become the winner of the singles' League II tournament. She will meet the winner of League I, when that winner has been determined, for the championship.

Tonight and tomorrow night have been left open for baseball practices for anyone who needs to practice before the tournament starts. This will be the last opportunity to become eligible for a team.

The State WAA Convention will be held Friday and Saturday at Nebraska Wesleyan. Jeannette Mickey and Mary Ellen Robison are to be the official delegates from the University of Nebraska and will attend the discussions and activities that are to take place on those days.

was hit in the head by a thrown bat in practice the other evening. He is now in the hospital, and although he should be on his feet within a few days it may be some time before he sees service on the diamond again.

Drake relays take track spotlight

Cornhusker track coach Ed Weir will head for Des Moines and the Drake relays Friday taking with him a small squad of Scarlet and Cream cindersmen.

Weir plans to enter in the special invitational sprint relay, the 880 relay and many of the individual events. Running for Nebraska in the sprint medley will be Gene Littler in the 440, George Abel and Bob Morris in the two furlong sprints and Bob Ginn in half mile. Bill Smutz will join Littler, Abel and Morris in the 880 relay.

Standout entries from other schools include Al Blozis, Georgetown weight man; Gregg Rice, Notre Dame's world record holder for two and three mile runs, and Billy Brown, the sprinter from Louisiana State.

Blozis hopes to crack the shot put record held by Jack Torrance at 55 feet 1 1/2 inches. Rice has his eye on Glenn Cunningham's time of 6:34 in the mile and a half and Brown would like to make official the world record beating mark of 9.4 seconds that he made last week.

Other Nebraska entrants will be Smutz and Ralph King in the hurdles, Harold Hunt in the pole vault, Herb Grote in the javelin. The trio of Wayne Blue, Vic Schleich and Ray Prochaska will probably enter the shot competition.

Film actress Gale Sondergaard is a daughter of a former University of Minnesota professor.

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