

# The DAILY NEBRASKAN

## LeMaster, Husker hard luck kid, spins his yarn

By Roland Finley

When Nebraska's big guns are wheeled into action, the enemy feels a barrage that is pretty hard to face.

Last Saturday, Coach Knight

put wheels on diminutive shortstop Bernie LeMaster, loaded him with homerun buckshot and sent him to the plate. Bernie set his hammer, judged his distance, pulled the trigger and sent the shell flying far out of reach of the opposing fielders for a home run that brought Husker baseballers a 3 to 2 victory over Iowa State.

When asked how it felt to win the game, Bernie replied, sporting an ear to ear smile, "It felt pretty good. I usually get one every year and this one came at just the right time."

Short history.

The baseball history of the Elm-creek senior dates way back to 1933 when he began playing ball with the American Legion team at Ravenna. LeMaster and his teammates were district champs that season, but lost to Neligh in the state tournament at Omaha. "We beat them two days later at Ravenna," he added, to justify the loss at Omaha.

During the summer, Bernie holds down a job playing semi-pro ball with the Kearney Independents. In 1937, he was chosen a member of the All-State Semi-Pro nine for his outstanding work with the Independents. He intends to fill his spot in the Kearney lineup again this summer.

Bad luck boy.

If there was such a title as "National Collegiate Hard Luck Champ of 1940," it should go to none other than Mr. LeMaster. While practicing the night before the first game, Bernie broke his leg sliding into base, putting him out for the entire season. However, despite the fact that he is a first semester senior, he will be eligible for next year, due to this incident, providing he remains in university after the first semester. His plans at present will be music to Coach Knight's burning ears, for he intends to return for the full coming year.

Not a bad team.

"We've had a better team than our record shows," he stated in answer to this season's question mark. "It hasn't been one thing, it's been a dozen things. First it was our pitching, but now it's mainly our batting. Our pitchers hold out, but we can't get enough hits to win the game. I think we will have a fairly good team next year, though."

Saylor talks at Hardy

Dr. Galen Saylor, associate professor of secondary education, delivered the commencement address at Hardy, Thursday evening, May 22, on the subject, "The World is Yours."



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## Prelude to victory . . .



Missouri's Gordon Crosby got a closer view of Gene Littler's back in Friday's qualifying 440's than he did yesterday when Nebraska's red flash anchored the mile relay team to victory. Red had to come from behind and buck a stiff wind to do it, but he left Crosby about 6 yards farther back than this picture, taken Friday, shows. Red's victory was sweet revenge for his surprise losses

earlier in the afternoon in the 440 and 220. Don Morris, Arden Kersey and Bill Smutz did the running in front of Littler, who reporters in the press row said, looked like he was mighty tired of running. It's the first time this year that the pressure has been on the mile relay team, and they came through to give UN its third Big Six championship.

## Sidelights on . . .

### Big Six track meet relate inside story of day's events

Times were comparatively slow in yesterday's Big Six track and field championships at Memorial stadium. But it was the weather, not the tracketers, that was to blame.

A wind fairly strong hit runners along the backstretch at the west part of the track. Littler had to really buck in his anchor 440 in the mile relay. He passed up Gordon Crosby in the backstretch after picking up over ten yards while running against the wind.

Little Bob Ginn ran the mile and edged out Edwards of Kansas, but Ed Weir was plenty worried. Bob complained before the event that he hadn't slept well Friday night, and he didn't feel in the best of shape.

He insisted on running the 880 after his win in the mile, but stomach cramps forced him to drop out after about 600 yards.

Rumors of appendicitomy filled the stands when Dr. Deppen was called to the dressing room after Ginn dropped out, but he was reported "perfectly all right" after the meet.

When Harold Hunt broke the Big Six pole vault record yesterday, he didn't know what he had done until after the event. Officials told him he was trying for

### Swimming group inducts 25 new members Monday

Tanksterettes, women's swimming honorary, recently initiated 25 members for next year. The new members will be honored Monday at Capitol beach.

Adopting a new purpose in swimming clubs, the Tanksterettes will concentrate on "synchronized swimming," and stunts. Through the cooperation of the phys ed department, regular college credit will be given for membership in the organization starting next year.

The initiates are: Ann Armstrong, Jane Bonegardner, Lillian Brown, Norma Burda, Joan Cherney, Janice Cook, Jean Donley, Jan Fenton, Dorothy Filley, Mary Gillette, Lu Jean Gibson, Gay Gipple, Julia Gurley, Lu Esther Henderson, Beulah Kline, Elton McDermott, Lucy McLafferty, Jerry Moser, Dorothy Rea, Elaine Rosenblum, Barbara Steops, Shirley Spandling, Hollye Cappel, Barbara Flebbe and Alice Mueller.

13 ft. 9 in. when he took an extra leap after clinching a blue ribbon. He made the jump by six inches, and when judges measured the uprights again, they found he had cleared 13 ft. 11 1/2 in., a new record. It's the highest Hunt has ever vaulted.

Ed Weir's face was full of smiles when he watched the conference big boys throw the discus. Ray Prochaska's win was one cause for smile, but Howard Debus's work in the outfield, pegging the platter back to the competitors, was nice to watch. Just a freshman and ineligible for competition, Debus, former Lincoln high star, will be one of the mainstays of the weight boys next years.

None of the officials timed Littler's quarter in the mile relay. Ed Weir unofficially timed him at 48 seconds flat, but said that Littler must have been doing about 47:7 because there was a delay in the passing of batons that the stop-watch couldn't catch.

There were only about 3,000 in the stadium to watch the championships. The weather was perfect as far as those in the stands were concerned, for the sun was beating down all afternoon.

### Huskers win third Big Six title

(Continued from Page 1.) field were Vic Schleich in the shot, Ray Prochaska in the discus and Herb Grote in the javelin.

48 feet 11 1/4 inches was far enough to give football-playing Schleich victory. Prochaska helped out with a third to offset Aussierker of Missouri, who got second.

Everybody expected Herb Grote to win the javelin—he threw the spear 193 feet 10 inches—but Johnnie Thompson's second place was the surprise of the day. He threw the javelin over 183 feet, the farthest cast he has ever made. Ed Weir said he never expected Thompson to get as high as second.

The Huskers again failed to

score in either the broad jump or high jump. Sol Schumitzky of Mizou jumped 24 feet 8 inches, a new conference record in the broad; Sanneman of K. U. won on a 6 feet 3 inch leap. He missed the try for 6 feet 6 inches and a new record.

Bill Smutz in the 220 lows and Bob Ginn in the mile were Nebraska's only other blue ribbon winners. Smutz was timed at 24 seconds flat. He was followed by Heggen of Iowa State, Shy of Missouri and King of Nebraska.

Smutz hit the eighth hurdle, splitting it right down the middle. In the 120 highs; and that meant fourth place for Bill who had been the favorite. Teammate Ralph King, lanky sophomore, who has given Smutz more trouble than conference foes during the year, got third.

Bobbie Ginn, the tiny mite from Madison, edged Kansas' Edwards in the mile, but stomach cramps caused him to drop out after about 600 yards in the 880. Reeves of Missouri beat out Graves of Iowa State in a two man finish.

The shortest and the longest races of the day had the closest finishes.

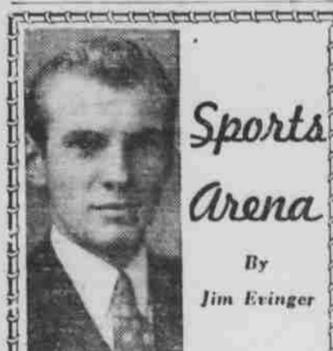
Cyclone Larry Inman and Dick Smethers of Oklahoma were far ahead of the rest of the field in the 2 mile, but Smethers barely pulled away in the stretch to win with a 9:48.7 time. Garrels of Nebraska got third for Nebraska.

The century dash ended in this order: Mathews, Oklahoma; Walters, Mizou; Akers, Kansas State; Mathes, Kansas U., and Steuber, Missouri. It was a blanket finish with all five grouped together at the tape. The time was 9.6 with the wind.

Scoring was on a basis of 5 for first, 4 for second, 3 for third, 2 fourth, and 1 for fifth. Henry F. Schulte, Huskers' former immortal track coach, was honorary referee. The Nebraska band played.

### Rosenlof speaks at high school commencements

Dr. G. W. Rosenlof, director of admissions, will deliver commencement addresses Tuesday, May 27 at the Creston, Ia., high school ceremonies; and Wednesday, May 28, at the McCook Junior college commencement. Dr. Rosenlof's subject at each ceremony will be "What America Needs."



### Sports Arena

By Jim Evinger

Hi, gang . . . Let's have a meeting again . . . The last time we got together for a few words, we had Blond Sweating Behemoth Bob (I like politics) McNutt's name ejected from a Student Council election blank . . . And indeed we are sorry for that . . .

Almost afraid to mention any names or start to praise anybody this time . . . Maybe we ought to sit back in our chair here and recollect some athletic events during the past few years . . .

Right away the biggest and best day dream we recall was the one that happened last January 1 . . . Ah, the Rose Bowl, etc. . . . Don Fitz sitting beside us high atop the row of seats for the press . . . Zikmund running wild . . .

California! . . . What a state—for vacations . . . They really grow athletes out there . . . The land of sunshine (?) . . . Athletics the year 'round . . . Women—such women, they make you forget about athletics—for the time being . . .

Watching Nebraska sweep thru two outdoor Big Six track meets and (in the same breath) keeping our fingers crossed for the meet yesterday . . . Which was the third straight . . .

Predicting a better basketball team and a first division berth for the Husker cage team again . . . Last year's rise surprised us all . . . It won't be long now Phog . . . Get a grip on that water bottle . . . You'll need it the next time Nebraska meets you on the maples . . .

The baseball team . . . Hmmm . . . Wish there was something that could be done immediately for those guys . . . Hope the frosh and prep boys coming up will remedy the situation . . . Still a good game . . .

George Sauer, Sam Francis, Fred Shirey, Warren Alfson—our most recent All-Americans . . . Who will be next? . . . Maybe Clarence Herndon or Vike Francis, if they keep smashing the opponent lines like they did last fall . . . Names in the future book to tab: Allen Zikmund, Bob (again) McNutt, Howard Debus . . .

Reading sport stories by June Bierbower, sports ed last year . . . That gal knew her sports . . . And for the future: Oh, yes, the new field house . . . Can't forget that . . . What a help that will be on those cold November days and the wet spring ones for the football and baseball teams . . .

A good 1941 football season IF "the" situation over there doesn't get any darker . . . Expecting to read about Bobby Feller winning 30 games this year—also the Philadelphia Phillies . . . Still holding out for the New York Giants . . . Some day again—maybe . . . And the Browns . . . They got some good boys, though, like Nebraska's ball players . . .

Well, the well's about running dry . . . One thing we conspicuously believe is that Nebraska continues to hold her head high and mighty in the middle west . . . Here's to Nebraska—King of the Big Six . . . Long live the King!!!

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