

Horse Sense

By Norris Anderson
(Sports Editor)



Homegrown talent . . .

Track at the University of Nebraska through the years has grown into a family affair, like a toothbrush or the Hapsburg chin.

Pa Schulte, grand old man of Cornhusker track, started the precedent of home-grown Cornhusker talent years ago. Since then, the precedent has been stressed until now out-state cinder candidates are fewer than descendants of the Ming dynasty.

Illustrative of the home-grown talent are two frosh distance-joggers who add luster to Ed Weir's eye. Both Dean Kratz of Sidney and Creighton Hale of Hardy, have constantly shaved two minutes in early half-mile spins. Kratz outsped Hale by one yard in a trial 880 twirl early this week.

Hale, a freckle-pussed little guy with a wide grin, is reminiscent of Bobby Ginn. He has taken daily workouts since fall and didn't let a broken wrist keep him from daily workouts this spring. Kratz possesses sufficient speed a 50-second quarter, plus a reliable finish kick.

It is good sport this time of year to take your hound and go looking for a bookmaker who will bet with you on the Big Six outdoor track derby.

We took our pet bloodhound, Severed Artery, for a jaunt through bookmaking circles. Not one gambler could we flush.

At one spot, down wind from a combination bowling alley-chili parlor, hard by a bubbling steam of bock beer, you can usually find several degenerates who make bets on such events as Big Six track meets. All we could raise this year was an unemployed barber. Seems that local sports are simply too coy with their bankrolls to quote odds on an event which can be turned inside out in a minute.

Walt Dobbins, sports maestro of the Journal, has the correct idea on Cornhusker spring practice sessions.

"Coach Presnell hopes to get outdoors Tuesday and plans on staging a scrimmage Saturday, weather permitting, but he will have to get a better response from squad members before a game with the Tigers can be entertained.

Missouri has the advantage of a field house for conditioning purposes in the event of inclement weather. The Huskers, with only one outdoor workout in seven drills, has plenty of work cut out for it—game or no game."

If you Cornhuskers want the Missouri game, pray indicate your desire by attending practice or making arrangements with Presnell.

New Red Boy Meets Hoosiers

. . . Latin Batboy
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 23—When the Cincinnati Reds came to their new war-time training site east of the Landis-Eastman line, they still had a touch of their regular camp in Tampa, Fla., in Marcellus Marcedo. Even though the Reds have a "Touch of Texas" in infielder Damon Phillips, Marcellus still holds the edge.

To the unfamiliar, Marcellus is the bat boy who trailed the Reds, on his own money, from Florida to Bloomington. He is not a star on the Reds team or is he a utility player, but the role he plays has just as much to do with the team.

Marcellus, who is a Latin but not from Manhattan, got his start eight years ago as an assistant to the regular batboy doing the dirty jobs and tending to all the little duties that were expected of him. He has never been "cut in" on the world series "takes," but appreciation is shown by the fact that the players took a collection so that he might see the world series games. When the Reds won the pennant in 1940 they paid his expenses from his home in Tampa.

This year Marcellus got his big break. The one he has been waiting for since he joined the Cincinnati Reds. The regular batboy was called to the colors and since Marcellus was involved in a serious accident which left him slightly crippled, he was given the job, having been classified 4-F by his draft board.

Baseball Play Stays on Coast

Portland, Ore., March 23.—Though the "skies are cloudy all day," Howard Hobson's varsity baseballers aren't giving it a second thought as they daily romp through workouts with their first pre-season test awaiting them March 30 against Linfield college.

Thirty-five prospects have responded to the call to duty sounded by the veteran horsehide mentor, seven of these lettermen veterans.

Outdoor Weirman Work Out

Cornhusker track and field performers were hoping today that some form of competition would loom before the Drake Relays, first competition scheduled, April 24-25 is the date of the big Des Moines derby.

"Unless we can schedule several dual meets first," said Coach Ed Weir, "we'll open at the Drake relays, April 24-25." The Scarlet tutor has been invited to be honorary referee at the relays.

A tentative triangular affair with Iowa State and Kansas State is pending, with transportation difficulties expected to enter the scene. Since Oklahoma and Kansas intend to graduate their seniors during the first week of May, the Big Six meet must be scheduled for either May 7 or 8.

May 21-22 is the present date for the affair, scheduled to be staged at Kansas City. Word from there indicates that a high school meet is dated for the track May 7-8, so the meet site may require transfer to some Big Six school. Possibility that the Cornhusker oval, perennial site of the outdoor, might be chosen is strong.

Two frosh middle-distance performers have checked in times which may make Mentor Weir forget the air corps departure of Al Brown, indoor 440 and 880 champ. Hardy's Creighton Hale, despite a fractured wrist, trailed slender Dean Kratz by less than a yard in a 2:02.6 half. Both candidates have moved within a tenth second of bettering 2:00.

New Distance Talent.

Weir will use the speedier Kratz for 440 and 880 duty and enter Hale in the 880 and mile. Jim Brogan, Big Six runner-up half-miler, completes the backbone of the distance-jogging crew. Veteran Bob Bowles is another 440 hope.

Cornhusker strength is concentrated ostly in the weights, where Vic Schleich, Howard Debus and Ki Eisenhart hold forth with the shot and discus. Debus also is defending Big Six outdoor javelin tosser. Other javelin men are Jack Hazen and John Thompson.

Schleich, now topping 51 feet, ranks near the head place in national shot-putting circles. Best national mark posted thus far is 52-4. Debus has neared 48 feet.

Al Zikmund is expected to bolster sprint and broad jump hopes, with Dick Petring and Al Abbott manning the high jump burden. Lee Christensen, former Neligh star, and Ted Treece head the hurdlers. Debus, Big Six indoor vault champ, will pair with Don James in the outdoor rendition of the event.

Tri Delts Win Bowling Title

Delta Delta Delta defeated Alpha Chi Omega in the women's intramural bowling finals this week. Basketball games scheduled for this week are Tri Delts (1) vs. Chi Omega, Delta Gamma (1) vs. Howard hall, Raymond hall vs. Kappas and Alphi Xi Delts vs. Gamma Phi (1).

In last week's games, Tri Delta (1) defeated Gamma Phi (2) by default, Kappa Kappa Gamma defeated Kappa Alpha Theta and Howard hall defeated Kappa Alpha Theta (2) by default.

Red Promoted



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal
Now head of a group of officer candidates is erstwhile Husker track star of 1939-42, Eugene "Red" Littler.

Past UN Men Win Honors

. . . In Army

Word reaches Cornhuskerland this week from Florida of the promotion of ex-husker footballer, Vike Francis, to lieutenant in the army air corp.

Vike, recently on leave in Lincoln graduated as an athletic officer from the Miami officer training school, March 3. The former UN fullback will report immediately to Nashville, an aviation classification center.

Capt. Bill Herrmann, Osceola, an another ex-husker gridman, and Lt. Pat Patterson were stationed 20 miles away from his own camp, according to Francis.

English Promoted.

Press notices this week revealed the promotion of another Husker gridiron star, Lowell English. English, recently was appointed to the rank of major in the marines.

Frank Returns.

Fresh from the overseas battle front, Lt. Eldon D. Frank, former Big Six hurdles king, recently returned to this country visiting on leave in Lincoln.

"I can't tell you where I've been nor the nature of my work," Frank scated to the press. "But needless to say I've had some very unusual and interesting experiences."

Lieutenant Frank lettered three years at UN, winning the Big Six hurdles in indoor and outdoor low and high hurdles in the clockings of 15.2 and 25.5.

Littler Gains Big Promotion

. . . Cadet Officer

Lt. Col. R. C. Magrum writes the Daily Nebraskan that Cadet Lt. Eugene Littler has been appointed acting Cadet Commissary officer for the sixth battalion, Cadet Regiment. Littler, former Cornhusker track star, is stationed with the U. S. Marine Corps at Corpus Christi, Texas.

"Littler won this distinction thru meritorious performance of regular duties and in recognition of the officer-like qualifications which both his actions and efforts have displayed," wrote Mangrum.

Purdue Relays Open Saturday

. . . Irish Favored

Lafayette, Ind., March 23—Michigan's Big Ten indoor champions and Notre Dame's Central Collegiate title holders, matching their full team strength against each other for the first time this season, will be favored to fight it out for top honors in the University division in the Purdue Relays to be held here Saturday, March 27.

Both the Irish and Wolverines, keen rivals for top collegiate honors, have entered full teams for the Purdue track carnival, which will climax the indoor season.

Altho Notre Dame, which wrested the Butler Relays from Michigan last spring, recently topped the field in the Illinois Tech Relays, the Wolverines completing minus the services of its undefeated two-mile quartet, composed of Bob Ufer, Big Ten indoor 440 yard champion; Capt. Dave Matthews, runner-up in the Big Ten mile; John Roxborough, Big Ten half-mile champion, and Ross Hume, Big Ten mile title holder.

Reinforced by the brilliant quartet which added the K. of C. two-mile title to its string at Madison Square Garden the same night as the Illinois Tech games, the Wolverines are expected to provide formidable opposition for the Irish in the first real test this season of the full team strength of the two rivals.

Big Diamond Turnout At MU

. . . Future Doubtful

MINNEAPOLIS, March 23.—Minnesota's baseball hopes for 1943 will rise or fall depending on two factors—call to service in the armed forces and scholastic standing. With the threat of men being called at any time and the accelerated programs of most students keeping them busy, however, baseball will be an uncertain quantity.

The squad is large but with only three lettermen returning from last year: Stu Olson and Casey Dowling, the two lettermen catchers, Norm Gallup, letterman pitcher. There is also Stan Kaess, who barely missed his letter last year. All of last year's infield and outfield have graduated or been called up for active duty with Uncle Sam. Outstanding frosh are: Hudson Mealy, pitcher from Faribault; Max O'Melia, second baseman from Marble; Dick Meers, Shortstop from Bethel; Earl Bruhn, Milt Bruhn's brother, and shortstop from St. Bonifacius.

No outstanding frosh candidates are out for first base, catcher or the outfield. Sophomore candidates include Curtis Berg, infield, and Vince Kelly, pitcher. Other sophs are former members of the basketball squad who turned out enmasse for baseball. Howie Shutz, third base; Leo "Fagin" Shields, first base; Wes Windmiller, pitcher with good possibilities; Butz Lehrman, scrappy shortstop from North; Bill Lind, first base, and Jerry Carle, infield. Football is well represented by Herb Hein and Herman Frickey, shortstop and outfield. One senior, Dick McKesson, a lefthanded pitcher has possibilities.

Of the last 23 all-America quintets Purdue has placed a man on thirteen of them. . .

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