

Sports

Husker Trackmen Feature Past Drake Relay Spike Affairs

BY HENRY FISHBACK.

Initial big cinder carnival for Nebraska's current Cornhuskers, the 33rd annual Drake relay event, opens April 23 and 24, with the Scarlet spikesters once again slated to score high in the field events.

The "spikefest," long the big traditional festivity of the UN outdoor season, boasts added significance this campaign to track mentor, Ed Weir, who is honorary referee.

Weight events, where Husker strongmen have consistently commanded the situation down thru the years, plus the sprints and quartermile are Husker strongholds.

One Husker record is glued to the Drake record boards. Sprinter Loch's sizzling 09.5 century mark scored way back in 1926, has yet to be cracked.

... Francis Leads

Outstanding Husker performers in field events have left their mark on the meet slate and in the scoring column.

Sam Outstanding.

Sam Francis was top man of the more modern era hanging up wins in the shot put and discus in 1936 and 1937. Sam was preceded by Husker Hugh Rhea, who scored triumphs in the 1931 and 1932 campaigns with superb shot put marks.

Edsel Wibbels and Herb Grote, recent strongmen also riveted names, in relay history following Francis. Wibbels flipped the discus 158 feet for a first place in 1939 and Grote tossed the javelin 211 feet in 1941.

Bambooman Harold Hunt held Husker prestige a year ago by tying for pole vault honors.

Weir is confident in the weights with Vic Schleich, and Howie Debus in action.

Ode to UN! Ames Squad Drills Daily

... Enthusiasm High

Ames, Ia., April 7—Regardless of what may happen to intercollegiate football next fall, Iowa State spring football drills are being carried out with the best spirit in years.

Mike Michalske, the head coach who is handing out some of the toughest work Cyclones ever have hit in the spring, may have none of his present group of 39 candidates back next fall, but if he does, they'll be in top shape.

The Cyclone coaching staff, realizing that losses to the armed forces might wipe out the entire squad before fall, is working harder than ever to get the men in shape. The coaches believe that whoever uses the present squad will get a tough, well-conditioned group of men, whether it is Uncle Sam or Iowa State Cyclones.

Five new men, headed by Don Schumacher, reported Monday to swell the squad total to 39. Other new candidates include Dick Durham, Vernon Winfrey, Keith Nelson and Reed Schaefer.

Mrs. Mathilda C. Wilkin, oldest living graduate of the University of Minnesota, recently observed her ninety-seventh birthday with a party.

Northwestern university now has 1,916,565 square feet of floor space that is used for educational purposes.

Twenty-five University of Texas faculty members have been assigned to duty as instructors for the new naval aviation preparatory school at the university.

Wildcat Nine Trips Airmen

... Opening Game

MANHATTAN, Kans., April 7.—The newly organized Manhattan Wildcats swamped the Air Crew Students 18 to 1, Sunday afternoon in an exhibition baseball game.

The Air Corps team was held scoreless until the sixth inning when Cottrell scored from second on a low throw from Evans to Socolofsky. Cottrell was on second as the result of fumbles. Norman Haag, sparkplug of the team walked, when Evans tried to catch him off first and the throw missed.

Tony Clementi, lead off man for the Wildcats, made the first score. He hit the first pitch into

Softball Features I-M Play

... Opens Tonight

Winner of the current Jack Best trophy race will undoubtedly double as victor in the approaching intramural softball tournament.

For less than 100 points separate the three top teams—Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Theta—in the trophy chase. Softball, a major sport, is worth 100 points to the champion team.

Feature match tonight pits the Phi Gams, leaders with 656 points, against the Sigma Chi club. Second place with 653 points, the ATO's meet the Beta Sigs in another spotlight battle. First Round Slate (tonight):

League I—5:00, Deltas vs. Phi Psi's; 6:00, Phi Deltas vs. Alpha Sigs.

League II—5:00, DU's vs. Sammies; 6:00, Beta Sigs vs. ATO's. League III—5:00, Phi Gams vs. Sigma Chi; 6:00 Delta Sigs vs. Farm House.

League IV—5:00, Theta Xi vs. SAE; 6:00, Betas vs. Kappa Sigs.

Intramural Bowling On

Intramural bowling has now passed the preliminary stage as eight teams vie tonight for semi-final berths.

Sigma Nu's topped the Sig Eps and Farm House to gain rights to meet the Phi Gams, who conquered the DU's. Sig Alphas, after victories over the Sig Chi's and Betas, meet the ZBT's, victors over the Beta Sigs.

ATO's, winners over the Theta Xi's, meet the Alpha Sig club, conqueror of the Phi Psi keggers. Phi Deltas met the Sammies Wednesday night.

left field for a triple and scored when Evans was tagged out at first.

In the second inning, Lud Fiser got a single, stole second on a strike out by Socolofsky, and scored on Winterbottom's hit. Winterbottom also scored in the second inning.

Fiser made two runs in the third and fourth innings on a double and a triple. Evans walked after four straight balls and later scored in the third inning. Socolofsky got a one bagger, stole second and scored for the third run in the third inning.

Husker Trackmen Look to Triangular

... Weir Worries

On the theory that practice makes perfect, Mentor Ed Weir will shoot his University of Nebraska track and field performers thru a "trial" meet on the stadium cinders Saturday afternoon.

"We'll hold try-outs in every event to give us a definite line on just what we'll have to offer April 17 in that triangular with Oklahoma and Oklahoma A & M," explained Weir Wednesday.

Oklahoma A & M is noted for strength in the jumps and hurdles. Ralph Tate has broadjumped close to 25 feet, ran the 120-yard high in 14.3 and the 220-yard lows in

24-flat. A frosh sprinter, capable of 9.7 over the 100-yard dash route, heads Sooner individual entries.

Outside Work.

Pending ROTC activation, involving four Cornhusker tracksters, and outside work has bothered the Weirmen thus far. Al Zikmund, sprint hope, carries 21 hours class work and finds time for track workouts about three nights per week. Creighton Hale, frosh distance star, works eight hours daily, and Howard Debus, all-round performer, spends five hours per day working his way thru college.

"It makes it tough," says Weir, "but we intend to carry on and do our best in face of all difficulties."

Kent Kratz, frosh 880 satellite, went thru a three-hour workout Wednesday. Other men laboring over pet events were Howard Debus, Don James, Vic Schleich, Al Zikmund and Dick Petring.

Gladys Merrill, senior, is the only co-ed at Washington State college currently majoring in animal husbandry.

Eleven faculty members of Macalester college recently participated in a "war" course for the public.

Horse Sense

By Norris Anderson
Sports Editor



Place Your Bets Here . . .

Page Houdini, Cardini and Thurston. Set up communications with the spirit world and roll out the crystal ball. Today the absolute monotony of the Cornhusker sport front prompts us to forecast the approaching big league pennant race.

Keep this under the first hat you find, but St. Louis is due to repeat in the National race. New York will outdistance the Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians in a furious American loop deby. It will rain July 17, date of the Yankee-Detroit mix. This is all the official information we can reveal at the moment.

Fishback mistook our crystal for a bowling ball and presently is out kegling with the globe.

Note to Mr. Dobbins of the Journal and Mr. McBride of the World-Herald: University of Nebraska spring football drills have not "officially terminated" as you state in your papers.

"Since spring drills this year are for conditioning only," say Glen Presnell, "our boys might as well take full advantage of the equipment and facilities afforded and stay out as long as possible."

Drop around sometime, boys, to UN coliseum, Vine St., Lincoln, Neb.

Notre Dame has Frank Leahy, Southern California has Dean Cromwell, Michigan has Fritz Crisler, but Nebraska has Al Zikmund.

Tow-thatched Master Al is currently tutoring the Teachers high cinder aspirants beside working out for sprint duties with the UN track team. Present shortness of Al's locks augurs a repetition of an early 1941 grid incident when the Zikmund scalp sustained a severe sunburn.

"You'd be surprised at the way some of these kids eat this track stuff up," grins Al. Some of them have never been on cinders before and don't know good times or distances, but they soon gain interest."

Despite no personal court experience, Zikmund tutored the 1942-43 Teachers basketball combine thru a fruitful campaign. His system? A guy with Zikmund's enthusiasm for all sports requires no system. He's a born coach.

Thanks is proffered here to Drumwell Jive, certainly a pseudonym, for approval of our "build a new fence around south Memorial Stadium" campaign.

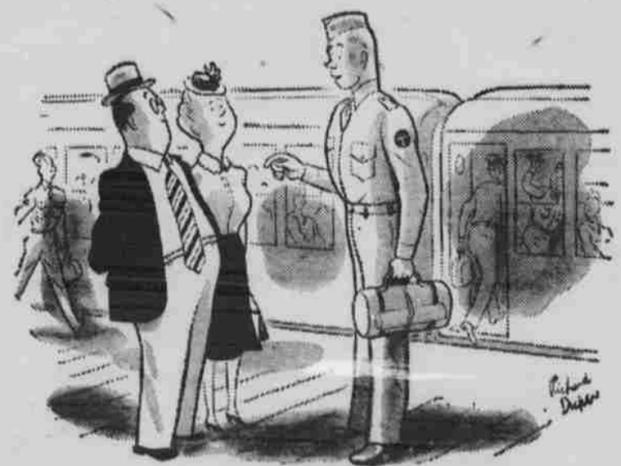
Graham Seeks Fourth Award

Evanston, Ill., April 7.—A pair of basketball players and a varsity swimmer will form the nucleus for Northwestern university's baseball team that has started indoor practice in Patten gymnasium in preparation for the season's opener

with Lake Forest, April 3.

Russ Wendland, who captained the basketball team to third place in the conference race also is captain of the baseball team on which he has starred as a first baseman for the past two years.

Otto Graham, the Wildcats' Jack-of-all-trades, will seek his sixth in two years. Otto, football and basketball player extraordinary, is an outfielder on the baseball team.



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