

HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

The coming of the Big Six indoor track and field championships always brings a flock of predictions as coaches, sports followers and athletes around the circuit try to dope out the final result of the meet.

In our book the Cornhuskers are the team to beat. Before presenting a point score for each event, here's a brief appraisal of the teams.

Missouri—Ranked as the premeet favorite, Coach Tom Butt's Tigers have plenty of power in the hurdles, sprints and shot. Ed Quirk is an almost certain winner in the weight event and Bob Blakely, Medil Gartiser and Bud Day give the Bengals cinch points in the hurdles.

Dick Ault and Fred Guth rank right along with Hutton and Stroud in the 60 and 440 yard dashes, while Floyd Gaultney rates a chance in the broad jump. Pole Vaulter Dick Van Dyne soared into prominence with his 13 foot 1 inch leap against Kansas and if he can continue to reach that height he will merit watching in that event.

Kansas—The Jayhawks are strong in most of the events where the Huskers are loaded. Bob Karnes, Hal Moore and Earl Jones furnish the basis for points in the 880, mile and two mile. Hurdler Frank Stannard should place in high barrier race but is not back in championship form.

Bob Crowley could grab first in the broad jump for he has leaped 23 feet, and John Jackson might surprise in the 440. If Hat Hinchee comes to life in the half mile the Jays might pick enough counters to scramble the Husker hopes.

Oklahoma—Lack of a heated indoor track has hampered training in Soonerland but Coach John Jacob has come up with a handful of top flight performers. John Canaris, Clarence Vicklund and Lonny Chapman are a trio of ace two milers, while Jon Sharp, defending high and low hurdle champ, is not out of contention in those races.

Shot Putter Plato Andros should be good for points, Laddie Harp is a threat in the 60 yard dash and High Jumpers Bill Lambeth and Bill Weaver may thaw out in the warm K C arena.

Kansas State—The Wildcats don't have the balance to shoot for a team title, but they have several men who could pick up first places. Broad Jumper Harold Kiser has the best leap in the conference and teammate Loren Kolste is not far behind. In the shot Rollin Prather should be right on the heels of Missouri's Ed Quirk. Bill Stuart and Don Borthwick figure to pick up points in the 880 and mile while Vaulter Bob Osborne looks good for a place in the top five.

Iowa State—Champions for the past three years, the Cyclones seem due to end up in last place. Graduation and navy transfers stripped the Ames squad of much of its power.

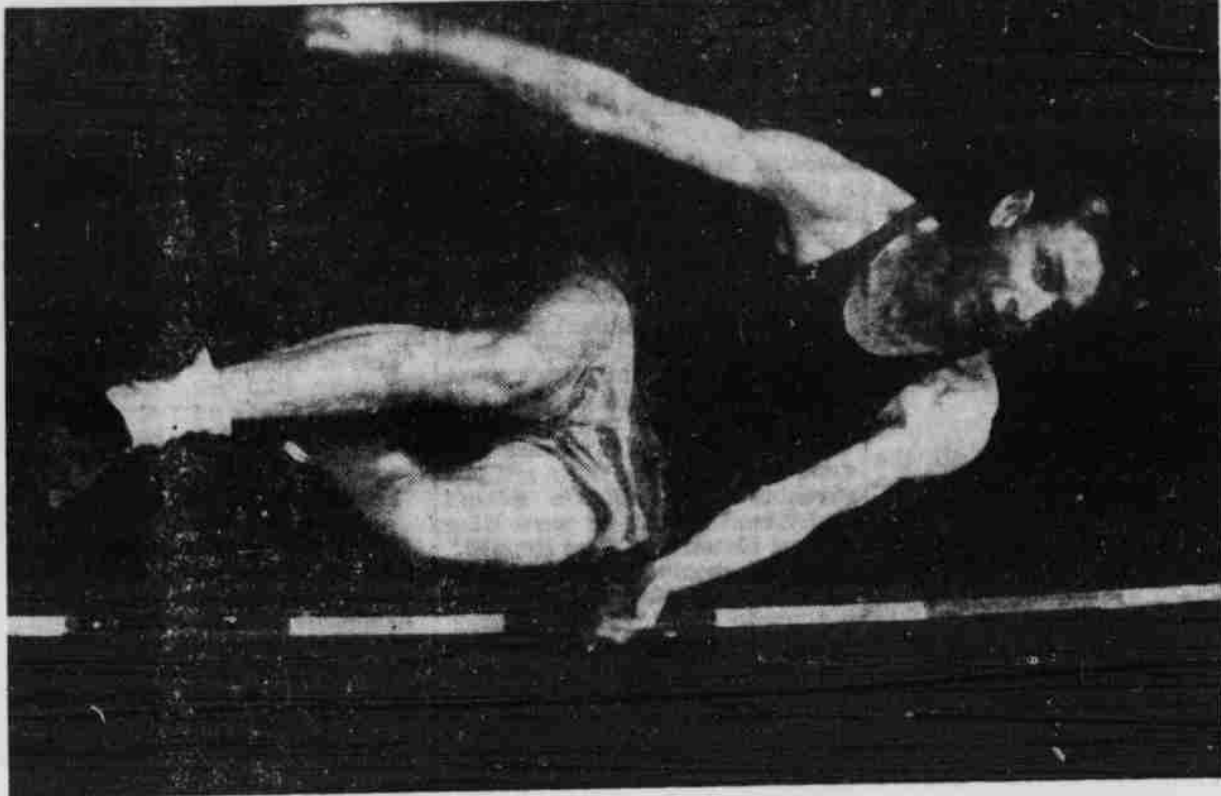
High Jumper Dwayne Feekin, Big Six indoor record holder, is a first place contender, while John Alexander and Bill Rowland should pick up points in the 440. The Cyclone mile relay team will also bolster the Cyclone cause.

Nebraska—Strong on the track up to the two mile, the Huskers will have to rely on heavy placing in third, fourth and fifth places to annex the title. Coach Ed Weir expects no points in the two mile or broad jump, but is relying on Bobby Ginn for a double win.

Monte Kinder in the high jump, Don Cooper in the vault, Dick Hutton in the 60 yard dash and low hurdles, Ralph King in the high hurdles, Harvey Stroud in the 440 and the mile relay quartet are all possible first place winners.

Possible point score:

	N	M	K	K	S	T
60 yard dash	0	6	0	3	0	0
440 yard dash	6	3	4	0	0	2
880 yard run	9	0	4	0	2	0
1 mile run	5	3	5	0	2	0
2 mile run	0	1	7	0	0	0
4 mile run	5	4	3	0	1	2
8 mile run	4	7	1	3	0	0
High hurdles	3	7	0	5	0	0
Low hurdles	3	7	0	5	0	0
Total	38	31	24	18	5	4
Shot put	2	8	0	1	4	0
High jump	5	2	0	4	0	4
Broad jump	0	3	4	1	7	0
Pole vault	9	3	0	0	2	1
Total	16	16	4	6	13	5
Grand total	54	47	28	24	18	9



MONTE KINDER—Ace Husker high jumper will be a district threat to Dwayne Feekin's Big Six high jump record of 6 feet 4 inches in the conference indoor track championships Saturday at Kansas City. Kinder has cleared 6 feet 4 5-8 inches this season and has gone 6 feet 6 inches in outdoor competition.

IM Boxing Tournament Attracts Football Aces

Early workouts by ringmen in preparation for the IM boxing tournament point to a hotly contested battle for heavyweight honors when the time for action arrives on March 18, 19 and 21.

Listed among the top candidates are three fighters who have earned fame on the gridiron and are well known to all UN students. According to boxing coach Jerry Adam, the three, Tom Novak, Carl Samuelson and Sam Vacanti are among the contenders and deserve lots of consideration for the heavyweight crown. Also listed as contenders with the big boys is Stan Daffer, who holds a double knock-down record in his fight with last year's champion John Sedlacek. As yet Sedlacek has not reported for training.

Joe Martin, former Golden Glover, was also placed on the list of top-notch candidates on the basis of early workouts. Rounding out the early leaders in the heavyweight division are two newcomers, Don Swoboda and Bruce Villers, both of whom have drawn attention due to some hard punching exhibited recently.

Leading the lightheavy class thus far is Harlan Cranston, who according to Coach Adam should

go far this year. Many more entries in this division are expected within the next two or three days.

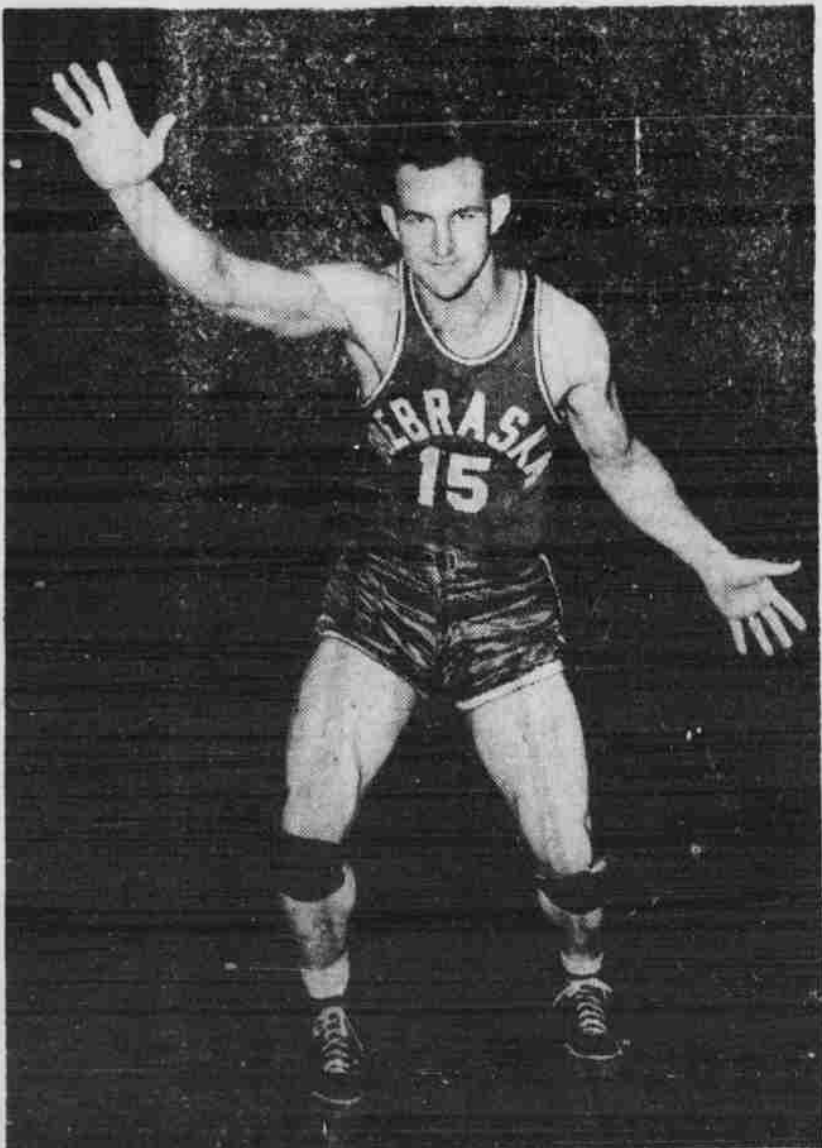
Jim Wolford, Omaha Golden Gloves Champion of 1941 together with Virge Ohse; and Fred Turner, who at the present time wrestles with the varsity squad have caught the eye of most watchers in the middleweight class.

Dipping into the 147 pounders, Hal Haldeman, last year's king, and Don Theil have been conditioning regularly and are fast rounding into shape.

Among the lighter boys, Stan Diller champ in the 126 class last year has checked out equipment and has been taking part in early workouts.

With the tourney still nearly four weeks away, thirty-two candidates have already reported for workouts. However, only one champion from last year has reported. Before the entries are closed over one hundred boxers are expected to be in the fold for the huge carnival to be held on March 18, 19 and 21.

All those who wish to take part are warned that no less than six workouts are required before they are eligible for competition. All of these workouts must be under the supervision of Coach Adam.



BACK IN HARNESS—Bob Cerv, hustling guard, has regained his position in the Nebraska starting lineup and will see plenty of action against Kansas State in the Huskers' cage finale tonight at the coliseum.

UN Gym Team To Have Dual Meets Friday

Coach Charlie Miller's Nebraska gym team will bring its 1947 season to a close this weekend when the Scarlet muscle men travel to Colorado for dual meets with Greeley State and Montana State at Greeley Friday, and the all-college competition at Greeley on Saturday.

Coach Miller said this is the first attempt at holding an all-college meet with schools in this area. Colorado U, Colorado A.&M, Greeley State, Montana State, Wyoming, and Nebraska will be entered in the competition. The Rocky Mountain A. A. U. championships will not be held this year.

The Nebraska gymnasts, who brought home the Class B trophy from the Northwestern Gymnastics championship meet at Minneapolis last week, will be seeking a win from the lads at Greeley State this week. The two teams tied 73½-73½ when they met in Lincoln earlier in the season.

According to Coach Miller, the Huskers have improved with steady progress since the first meet, when the green squad was given a 70-56 beating by Colorado U.

Miller's boys will be sparked by Phil Sprague, who lettered in swimming last season as a diver and has been the number one point winner for the Scarlet gym crew this season. Sprague has copped nine first places this season in tumbling, trampoline, long horse, side horse, and the parallel bars. He has topped the high point all around lists with three first places, one second and a third.

Leo Geier has aided the Nebraska scoring with places on the all around high point list every meet, with two third places, a fourth and two fifths.

Nickie Kallos, who finally hit his stride on the flying rings after a slow start against Colorado U and Minnesota, has won three first places in that event against Greeley State, Illinois and in the Northwestern meet.

Gene Sundeen has won two sixth places for high point all around points.

The traveling squad will be the same as last week:

HORIZONTAL BAR: Clarence Lefter, Mel James, Kenneth Harding.

SIDE HORSE: Leo Geier, Phil Sprague, Wilson Lockett.

FLYING RINGS: Nickie Kallos, Phil Sprague, Leo Geier.

PARALLEL BARS: Phil Sprague, Nickie Kallos, Leo Geier.

TUMBLING: Phil Sprague, Gene Sundeen, Jack Kysar.

TRAMPOLINE: Phil Sprague, Gene Sundeen, Bill Rankin.

LONG HORSE: Phil Sprague, Gene Sundeen, Leo Geier.

Trainer: Lloyd Garner.

There will be no trampoline or long horse events in the all college meet Saturday.

Cornhusker Swim Squad Will Meet IS

The potent Iowa State swimming team will be on hand Friday night for a dual meet with the Husker mermen beginning at 7:30.

In an earlier meeting between the two squads the Cyclones defeated Nebraska 59 to 25, but Coach Hollie Lepley's tankmen have been improving steadily since that time.

Heading the Cyclone crew is free style ace Roger Watts who has established a new national freshman 220 yard free style record this season. Watts is also an outstanding performer in the 440 yard free style.

On Saturday the state high school swimming meet will be held at the Husker pool. Eighteen schools have entered the competition. In a fall meet also held at the coliseum pool Omaha Tech outscored Lincoln for first place.

Missouri Pennant Hopes on Line Against Sooners

COLUMBIA, Mo.—The sports spotlight focuses on Columbia, Missouri, tonight when the Tigers of Missouri entertain the Sooners from Oklahoma in what will be the make-or-break game for the Bengals.

With a 6-2 conference record, compared to the Sooners' 7-1, the Tigers must win to keep title hopes alive. Oklahoma can still win or tie for the conference night's outcome, since both teams have a remaining game with potentially powerful Kansas.

The Missourians will be out to accomplish what they have failed to do in two previous encounters with Oklahoma this year. First of all, they want to get into the victory column against the Sooners, and secondly, they want to stop Gerald ("The Shot") Tucker.



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