

HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

A trio of Nebraska wrestlers carried their skills into the AAU field earlier this week, as they competed in the Midwest Amateur Athletic Union championships held at Tech high school in Omaha.

Newt Cople and Mickey Sparano scored wins in the final matches, capturing 135 and 165 pound honors. Gail Gade, the third member of the Nebraska delegation, bowed to Herb Reese by decision in the finals of the 191 pound class.

Closing the book on the mat sport, we noticed that the Oklahoma Sooners, who finished second to Iowa State in the Big Six wrestle meet, wound up ahead of the Ames squad in the National Collegiate meet held at Champaign, Illinois, last weekend. The Oklahoma grapplers improved rapidly near the close of the season and will be a distinct threat for the conference crown in 1948.

Although failing to win the national basketball championship, the Oklahoma cage team racked up a higher free throw percentage during their three playoff games than it did during the regular season.

The pressure seemed to improve the Sooner showing from the charity lane, for the team average was 75.4 percent during the contests against Oregon State, Holy Cross and Texas as compared to a 64.7 mark during the regular season.

Gigantic Gerald Tucker showed the way in the post season showing with 16 of 19 free throws for a record of 84.4 percent. It was nothing novel for the husky All American since he canned 100 of 132 shots during the Oklahomas' full season.

From the fine team which won the Big Six and Western NCAA titles this season, Coach Bruce Drake will retain only Tucker and Forward Paul Courty. Guards Allie Paine and Jack Landon and Forward Dick Reich will be lost via graduation.

Husker football gridiron candidates are having no trouble picking up instructions this spring. In Tony Blazine, Pop Klein and Jerry Kathol, the coaching staff boasts of three of the loudest voices in the area.

Klein and Kathol devote their leather lungs to advising the Nubbins squad, while Blazine accomplishes plenty of work on the varsity staff.

On of the feature events of the Colorado Relays program Saturday will be a medley shot put competition. In this event strong men toss the eight, twelve and sixteen pound shot and add up the distances.

Ranked among the top threats for this championship is Rollin Prather, Kansas State weight expert who won the Texas Relays shot and discus throws last weekend.

The record for the medley toss is 167 feet 9 inches, and was set by Harold Panches of Colorado in 1941.

The correct pronunciation of the word "comptroller" is "controller." The use of the letters "m" and "p" is obsolete.

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Nebraska Nine To Face Buffs' Frosh Hurler

BOULDER, Colo.—The University of Colorado baseball team will make its 1947 debut here today against the University of Nebraska as Coach Frank Prentup starts his "sophomore" year as boss of the Buffaloes. The game, at 3:30 o'clock, is the first of eighteen for the Big Seven conference co-champions and should serve to give observers a good line on how the Buffs will fare next season as members of the new Big Six circuit.

Outstanding Team.
As the dominating team in the Rocky Mountain loop since 1934, Colorado has a brilliant record to protect. Under the tutelage of Dean Harry Carlson, the Buffs won the championship in 1935-36-39-40-41-42-43-45 and shared the title in 1934 and '38. Because of lack of facilities, no team was fielded in 1944.

Don Swartz, freshman standout from Lorain, Ohio, is expected to start on the mound for Colorado today and will move to the out-Swartz is the most potent hitter on the squad, and the Buffs do not want to be without his wicked warclub.

Three newcomers are probable starters for Colorado. In addition to Swartz, Bill Gregg, Boulder, will open at first base, and Bill Fanning of Pittsfield, Mass., is expected to be the regular short-stop.

Six Lettermen.
The other six positions will be filled by lettermen. Jack Warren of Denver will open at second, Frank Pasqua of Englewood at third, Harry Shendel of West Haven, Conn., behind the plate and Bud Crow, Jay Platt and Homer Eggers in the outfield.

Lynn Nefus of Omaha, last year letterman, is putting up a stern fight for the third base post, and may start instead of Pasqua.

Coach Prentup has tentatively nominated Art Gray, portsider from Port Jervis, New York, for mound duty on Saturday. Gray was the losing pitcher last year when the Huskers triumphed 5 to 3, and will be seeking revenge.

Saturday's contest is slated to begin at 2 p. m.

Errant Discus Lends Speed To Sooner Ace

NORMAN, Okla.—A bounding discus struck a Sooner half-miler in the leg at the Texas Relays last week, frightening him into running a 1:54.5 half-mile and causing John Jacobs, veteran Sooner coach, to chuckle deeply.

When the anchor men, running 880 yards, got under way in the sprint medley relay, Landon Westbrook, wiry, little Sooner anchor, was 20 yards behind.

While picking up the field on the first 440, the freckled Westbrook was hit in the leg by a ricocheting discus. Bumped off stride, the Sooner stayed in motion, caught the other runners and

Dampness Fails to Block Nebraska Gridiron Work

Old man weather could not keep the Huskers from going through with their scrimmage as scheduled Thursday afternoon.

Despite the heavy going and a chilly drizzle, Coach Bernie Masterson and his assistants assembled the Nebraska gridders on the frosh practice field for some final pre-vacation licks. Pop Klein's Nubbins players furnished the opposition for the varsity candidates during the scrimmage, the third of the spring practice period.

Cold rain and muddy turf combined to produce a slippery pigskin, and fumbles were numerous, especially with the split-second ball handling required by the T-formation. Varsity players were on the offensive throughout the afternoon, as Quarterbacks Dick Thompson and Bruce Bergquist got plenty of opportunity to work with the treacherous pigskin.

Assembled in the first varsity lineup were Alex Cochrane and Ralph Damkroger at ends, Mike DiBiase and Carl Samuelson at tackles, Jerry Jacupke and Harold Becker at guards, Tom-Novak at center and Thompson, Dick Hutton, Junior Collopy and Dale Adams in the backfield.

Still Dangerous.
Hutton, Collopy and Adams each took a spin through the Nubbins secondary on what would have been a payoff gallop in regular game conditions. The fleet-footed Hutton showed that he has lost none of the speed and agility which made him one of the most

beat them home by a stride to win the race in 3:31.4 for Oklahoma.

Two weeks ago Jacobs, the Oklahoma coach, said men made honorary referee of the coming Kansas Relays April 19 at Lawrence, Kas.:

Few Needs.
"All I'll need is one rule book to show me what to do, and one usher to keep me from getting hit by the javelin or discus."

The Sooner coach still wants that usher at Lawrence.



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

JUNIOR COLLOPY—Scottsbluff right halfback was a consistent ground gainer during the Thursday scrimmage. The workout on muddy sod signaled the half way mark in Husker spring football drills.

feared scatbacks in the Big Six last fall.

Despite the adverse conditions, Thompson managed to connect on a pair of passes, one to Damkroger and one to Hutton.

Line Coach Tony Blazine sent in replacements for the middle of the line after the starters had had a stiff taste of mud. Gail Gade spelled Novak at center and Bob Lipps and Fran Mandula were guard replacements. Jim Myers went in for Hutton and Darwin Salestrom replaced Adams in the backfield.

Another varsity unit which saw service later in the afternoon had Ed Nyden and Bob Schneider at ends, Charlie Toogood and Fred Golan at tackles, John Sedlacek and Bob Deviney at guards and Leonard Hand at center.

Hollins Smashes.
Bergquist called signals with George Bostwick and Bill Mueller at halfbacks and Buzz Hollins

at full. Bostwick broke loose for a couple of sizable gains, and Hollins showed notable ferocity in his line-bucking feats.

Substitutions for this group included Center Jim Thompson, Guards Bill Kimball and Charley Tremaine and Ends Otto Copenhagen, Jim McWilliams and Dean Gelwick. Kenny Fischer saw service at Mueller's halfback spot before the drill ended.

Doing the dirty work on the receiving end were a host of Nubbins and freshman players. Klein and his aides, Jerry Kathol and Bob Kahler, opened the afternoon with Novak and Hansen at ends, Sommers and Moore at tackles, Kane and Patton at guards and Taylor at center. Churchill was at quarterback, Sees and Tomka halfbacks and Doyle at fullback.

The defensive work of Doyle of the Nubbins squad.

was a bright spot in the showing. Realizing that many of the players will be leaving for home today Bernie called off practice until after spring vacation. When school resumes on April 11 the Scarlet gridders will have three weeks of practice time remaining.

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