

# NU Power Hitters Slap 'Cats

## Mladovich, Denker, Powley Blast Out Circuit Clouts To Give Huskers 6-3 Win

By Kimon Karabatsos (Sports Editor, Daily Nebraskan)

Coach Tony Sharpe's hard-hitting batters pounded out a 6-3 victory over the Kansas State Wildcats Tuesday afternoon in the first of a two game series and took over the lead of the Big Seven conference baseball race by a half game over idle Oklahoma.

Ray Mladovich, Bill Denker and Harlan Powley totted the big bats for Nebraska—each hitting a home run. No one was on when the round-trippers were hit.

The Husker's number one moundsman Lin Vrbka allowed only 10 hits and sent four batters back to the bench fanning the air. Perk Reitemier was tabbed for 11 hits also, but put five Nebraskans down striking. Both walked two.

In the first inning, Vrbka retired three in order, getting two strike outs and making Hank Specht ground out to Hobe Hayes.

Nebraska scored their first run on one of baseballs oddities. After Hayes had fled out to left, Bob Diers hit a pop up in front of the plate and made it to second as the Wildcat defenders allowed the ball to drop amongst them.

Grogan was walked and Bob Cerv struck out before Denker drove in Diers. Tom Novak went down swinging.

K-S Takes Lead Kansas State came back in the second to take the lead on three hits and a sacrifice, scoring two runs. Their lead was short lived as the power of Husker batters began to show.

Powley flied out to center before Mladovich sent the little ball over left field to tie the game. Hayes lived on first and went to second on a passed ball and scored on Bog Grogan's hit.

The Aggies went down in order in the top half of the third. Denker sent the ball over the fence for Nebraska's second circuit clout. Powley connected for the other third inning hit before the side was retired.

Vrbka allowed only one pop single in the fourth as Carr got his second hit for the day—again the Wildcats failed to score.

Vrbka opened the fourth for Nebraska with a single and Hayes followed with a walk. Diers hit into a double play to quell a Husker rally and then Grogan flied out to second.

Neither team scored in the fifth. The Wildcats pounded out two safeties in the sixth before Vrbka settled down to retire the side.

### Powley Connects

Nebraska's last home run came off the bat of Powley as he sent the pellet over the center field fence. Mladovich struck out and Reitemier forced the next two batters to ground out to short. Vrbka was a little wild in the seventh as he allowed two runners to get to first on balls. Schumaker grounded out to Hayes. Dave Bremner was safe on first with a single and then went to second on Cerv's error.

Reitemier barely caught the ball on the end of his bat to get a fluke double into left field to score Bremner from second.

Bob Renner grounded out to third and Scannell and Specht flied out to short. The seventh produced one run for the Wildcats and ended their scoring for the day.

Double Play Coach Tony Sharpe's crew

connected for two hits and a run in their half of the seventh. Grogan pounded out a triple and Cerv batted him in with a double. Denker walked and then the side was retired.

Nebraska stopped a K-State rally in the eighth with a double play. Schumacher went to first after he was hit by a pitched ball and D. Bremner hit into a double—Grogan to Hayes to Mladovich.

The Huskers went down in order there last time at bat.

The top half of the ninth brought a little trouble to Sharpe's nine. Mayer flied out for Reitemier before B. Bremner was safe on first. Scannell was safe on a fielder's choice as Novak pegged Bremner out at second.

Specht flied out to Vrbka to end the game.

Again Today

Denker led the hitters with two hits on three official times at bat. Diers and Powley each connected on two for four.

Johnson and D. Bremner also hit two for four.

The two teams will meet again this afternoon on the local diamond. Game time has been set for 3 p. m.

## NU Tennis Squad Bows to K-State

### By Bob Banks

The Cornhusker racketmen found the flavoring of their opening tennis contest a little bitter yesterday.

They were forced to their knees by a determined band of Kansas State Wildcats who won six out of seven matches to record a final score of 6-1.

A handicap to both squads was the state of the weather which forced all matches but one to be played in the limited quarters of the Coliseum.

Victories in Singles

The Kansans took a unanimous verdict in the singles event by emerging victorious in all five matches. They simply clawed their way to the win column with their slashing services, arrow straight shots, and slamming volleys.

Among the Husker's looking best in the singles were Andy Bunten and Bob Radin.

Bunten won his first set and put up a strong argument for the other two. His service is improving and he possesses a sharp forehand. Only a sophomore, Bunten could make a name for himself in tennis before he hangs up his racket.

Radin Fights

Bob Radin also put up a good

bid for his match before finally succumbing. He may be the key to the Husker hopes for this year if he keeps improving as steadily for the remainder of the year as he has during the early workouts.

The Slezak squad had better treatment in the doubles. They took one match to force the Wildcats to accept a tie in this event.

The men turning in the winning performance for Nebraska were Radin and Jerry Magee. They were in the driver's seat all the way, taking the nod in two straight sets. The two men work well together and have good timing and coordination for so early in the season. They also defeated an Alumni team last Saturday to post the Husker's only victory in that contest.

K-State Favorites

The Huskers need not feel too badly over the rough handling accorded them by Kansas State. The Kansans have been established as one of the favorites for Big Seven honors. They have a team star-studded with sophomores who will be even more dangerous in the next two years.

After the matches were over Coach Slezak was still quite satisfied with the overall showing of his men. They have been



## Water BB Playoffs Get Under Way

Wednesday marks the opening play in the 1950 Water Basketball playoffs with ten teams competing for the top honors.

A little deviation has been introduced into the playoffs than what was previously printed.

Two teams will vie for the Independent championship and eight other teams will clash in a tournament of their own.

The winners of the two will battle for the All-University honor of champion.

At 9:30 p. m. Wednesday the Student Union and the Lilies clash for the Independent championship. The game will be the last of five playoff contests tonight.

Betas vs. Deltas

Beta Theta Pi and Delta Tau Delta inaugurate the playoffs at 7:15 p. m. followed at 7:50 p. m. by the tussle between Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Psi.

At 8:25 p. m. the Alpha Gamma Rho's meet Sigma Alpha Epsilon and at 9:00 p. m. Sigma Nu faces the Presbyterian Student House.

The semi-finals of the eight team tournament will be played on Monday, April 24, following the Interdenominational Swimming Meet preliminaries.

The winner of the SAE-AGR contest will face the winner of the Beta-Delta battle, and the winner of the Phi Delta-Phi Psi struggle will oppose the victor of the Sig Nu-Presby tussle.

Finals of the eight team tournament will be held on Wednesday, April 26, following the Interdenominational Swimming finals, and the All-U finals and championship game will be on Wednesday, May 3.

The ten teams were chosen by where they placed in the leagues of regular season play.

The two independent teams were chosen to vie for the Independent championship.

The Interdenominational defending champions, InterVarsity, kept on the winning track by handing the University YMCA a 15-5 setback.

Other Denom contests saw the Lutherans smacking the Methodists, 9-2, and the Baptists upsetting Newman Club by the score of 8-7.

Preby House went on a scoring spree in trouncing Cotner House by the score of 20-9.

Seven errors marred the play of both teams, Cotner getting their nine runs on only two hits. The Presbys' batting eye was not stilled, however, as they banged out 21 safeties.

Al Short and Bob Shuler were the hitting stars for the winners, getting five for five and four for five, respectively.

## Coach Franklin's Golfers Defeat K-State in Opener

By Ira Epstein (Staff Sports Writer)

The acid test for Coach Marvin Franklin's young golfers proved a success yesterday as the Cornhuskers defeated Kansas State, 10-3 on the Hillcrest greens.

This is Franklin's first year at the helm of the golf team. With an all sophomore team consisting of Joe

In the individual matches yesterday Dick Atkinson of Kansas defeated Gifford, 2 1/2-1 1/2; Bob Batt of Kansas downed Spangler, 2 1/2-1 1/2; Doug Dale shut out Mike Miers, Kansas, 3-0; and Blessing and Bob Funk of Kansas hit a deadlock with 1 1/2-1 1/2.

In the team pairings, the Husker team of Gifford and Spangler tied the Kansas team of Atkinson and Batt, 1 1/2-1 1/2; and the team of Blessing and Dale snowed under Kansas' Funk and Miers, 3-0.

Today the golfers are traveling to Omaha to meet the Creighton aggregation.

On April 21 the golfers will again hit the road and journey to Topeka to meet Washburn; on the 22nd, they will be in Lawrence to vie with Kansas; on the 28th Omaha University will tangle on the Lincoln greens; on the 28th, the golfers will again travel, this time to Salina, Kansas, to meet Kansas Wesleyan; and on April 29, they will meet Kansas State at Manhattan.

Busy During May The golfers will also have a busy schedule during the month of May. May 1, Creighton will come to Lincoln; on the 6th, Iowa State will be in Lincoln and on the 9th, Kansas is slated to be in Lincoln.

On May 12 and 13, the Huskers will again travel, meeting Oklahoma, Colorado and Colorado College at Colorado Springs.

The golfers will play host to the Big Seven Conference teams on May 19 and 20th as they conclude the spring golfing season.

Balk Rule Difficult For Umps, Players There will be a lot of balks called on the pitchers during this major league season if the spring training and first day's contests are any indication.

Hereafter when listening to a radio announcer broadcasting the game it will have to be "here's the stretch, here's the pause, here's the pitch," as that one second intermission between the stretch and the pitch is going to

## Many Expected At 'O' Banquet

NORMAN.—Largest crowd ever to see the annual "O" club banquet sponsored each year by the University of Oklahoma sports lettermen's club is expected for the 1950 session May 16 at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Frank Leahy, coach of the Notre Dame football team that plays a two-game series in 1952 and 1953 with Coach Bud Wilkinson's Oklahoma squad, will be the principal speaker,

be very important. Some pitchers who have been throwing for years and paying little attention to the pause are going to find it difficult to concentrate on the brief stop.

It looks like the umpires are in for a rough season, as every time they call a balk the pitcher is going to yell that he is the victim of a fast count. The second hand is going to be as important as second base.

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## Seven Records In Danger At Kansas Relays; Jays Favored

LAWRENCE.—One American record and seven Kansas Relays standards will be imperiled here Saturday when top track athletes from the Southwest and Midwest unravel the twenty-fifth annual show at 1:15 p. m. in Memorial stadium.

Kansas, the host school, will be involved in a three-cornered clash with Michigan and Texas A & M, in a co-feature of the meet's most brilliant baton field, the Four-Mile relay.

The Jayhawks, with Pat Bowers, their terrific half-mile runner, contributing a 4:16 No. 3 carry, smashed the Texas Relays record to bits two weeks ago, with a blazing 17:20.9 performance. Illinois' old mark was 17:40.1.

4.8 Seconds Off

It should be noted that Bill Easton's troupe was only .048 seconds off the American record of 17:16.1 hung up by Indiana's iron-legged foursome of Mel Trutt, Jimmy Smith, Tom Deckard and Don Lash, at the 1937 Penn Relays. The Kansans' performance also was far under their own Relay carnival mark of 17:37.8, which that same Illinois team of Bill Gould, H. C. Garrison, Bob Woolsey, and Paul Evans erected here in 1931.

There is only one older record, Cy Leland's .94 figure in the 100, on the Mt. Oread books.

And the Jayhawks figure to do better. Anchor-man Bob Karnes, one of the nation's better milers, traveled only 4:20.8 in the anchor leg at Texas. Under pressure it is a good bet he can better his all-time low of 4:16.5.

He probably will be obliged to do so Saturday if the Jayhawks are to win. Running anchor for Michigan will be Don Ewen, the nation's premier sophomore distance ace. The young Wolverine already has kayoed records in a march through the Big Ten indoor season. He set a new conference standard of 9:07.2 for the Two-Mile and bettered even this in a dual against Wisconsin with a 9:06.9 performance. He thumped Don Gehrman, Wisconsin's great two-time NCAA mile king, 200 yards in the Western conference cross-country chase last fall.

Fast Team Running in front of him will be two more sophomores, Charles Whitaker and Aaron Gordon, and a senior, Justin Williams, all capable hands. The latter was fourth in the Big Ten Indoor Two-Mile. Whitaker was third

in the half. The Cadets will be anchored by J. D. Hampton, the Southwest's top distance horse, who turned a 4:15.0 closing leg against Kansas at Austin. They own two other capable milers in Julian Herring and John Garmany.

Here are the other Relay marks which are even bets to feel the axe:

Glenn Cunningham Mile—4:10.1. Don Gehrman, Wisconsin, 1949 and Blaine Riedout, North Texas State, 1949.

High jump—6-8 3/16. Bob Walters, Texas, 1949.

Broad jump—25-4 1/2. Ed Gordon, Iowa, 1931.

Pole vault—14-2. Beefus Bryan, Texas, 1939.

Mile relay—3:15.6. Texas A&M (Don Cordon, Erwin Bilderback, Ray Holbrook, Art Huvden) 1948.

University Sprint Medley—3:25.2. Indiana (Roy Cochran, Paul Riley, Bob Burnett, Campbell Kane) 1941.

Oklahoma A & M, with Harold Tarrant at anchor, rambled 3:24.9 in the Sprint Medley to win at Texas, even though Tarrant ran a comparatively slow 1:54.1 closing half. Oklahoma's world record is 3:23.0.

Rice, with Tom Cox smoking a brilliant :46.5 anchor leg, ran 3:14.5, to snap the Mile Relay record at Texas. This is :01.1 under the current Kansas standard.

Owls Favored The Owls will be pressed by the same fleet foes that dogged them at Austin, Oklahoma, Texas A & M, and Oklahoma A & M, plus Missouri.

How sorely the Glenn Cunningham Mile mark is threatened will depend on how hard Wisconsin's great Don Gehrman is pushed. The defending champion has broken that figure four times, the latest being the 4:09.5 in the Bankers Mile.

Top favorite in a brilliant high jump field will be Kansas State's Virgil Severns. He beat the present Kansas Relays record by a fraction at Texas with a leap of 6-8 1/4.

Denver's Jerome Biffle is the major threat to Gordon's ancient broad jump mark. He spanned 25-7 1/4 at the Colorado Invitational Indoor trials two weeks ago. This is 3 inches beyond the present Mt. Oread mark. Biffle will have to be at his best to beat such worthies as Herb Hoskins of Kansas State, and Oklahoma A & M's John Volght, Bill Carroll, of Oklahoma, and Minnesota's Harry Cooper, defending Relays pole vault kings, will at least graze Bryan's standard. They both hit 14-0 here last year and Carroll has done an inch better.

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