

Indoor Track Competition Tough for NU Cindermen

One of the finest arrays of stars in conference history will parade into Kansas City's Municipal auditorium this weekend for the twenty-third revival of the Big Seven Indoor Track Championships.

Outstanding track athletes from all Big Seven schools as well as representatives from eight Kansas City, Mo., and four Kansas City, Kan., high schools will participate in the annual carnival which gets under way Friday at 7 p.m.

Preliminaries and semi-finals in the dash events, hurdles, shot put, 440 and 880-yard runs are scheduled Friday night along with the preliminary and final broad jump competition. Championship events will start Saturday at 8 p.m. before an expected full house.

Dick Meissner of Nebraska. Other potential recorders are Bob Garden of Missouri and Dick Jones of Oklahoma—both of whom have bettered 6'4".

Record Holder
Two other returning record holders are Byron Clark of Missouri and Merwin Hodel from Colorado. Clark tied the dash mark of :06.2 last year which was chalked up the year before by CU's Don Campbell. Hodel tied the record of :07.4 in the 60-yard high hurdles set by Bnd Gartiser of Missouri in 1948.

Clark has hit 6.3 twice this season, with Augie Raso of Colorado also turning in a 6.3 time. Other challengers in the dash could be Thane Baker of Kansas State, Lee Alexander of Nebraska, and Quanan Cox of Oklahoma, all of whom have recorded 6.4 in duals this campaign.

1950 first place winners back for another title bid are: Clark, MU, 60-yard dash; Hodel, CU, 60-yard low hurdles; Jerry Meador, OU, 440; Spencer, KU, two-mile; Hoskins, KS, broad jump; and Gorden, MU, high jump. Virgil Severns of KS, co-titled in the high jump, is not expected back because of participation in the Pan American games now being held at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Oklahoma will be defending champion in the mile relay and John Jacobs' long-legged Soomers appear probable repeaters. The quartet of Cox, Jones, Meador and Charles Coleman are undefeated this season with victories at the Sugar Bowl and Michigan State indoors and a dual with Kansas.

Schedule of events:
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7:00—High school 60 yard dash trials.
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Herb Hoskins, Kansas State's stock broad jumper, is another potential record breaker. The Wildcat star's leap of 24' 1 1/4" in the Michigan State relays this spring tops the second oldest mark on the books—a 24' 1/4" spring by Norman Pederson of Iowa State in 1946.

Back to defend his title in the two-mile will be Captain Herb Semper of the Kansas team, but he'll be hard pressed to beat old challengers by his low of 9:26.4. An able challenger will be Missouri's Bob Fox who galloped the distance event in 9:25.3 against Nebraska.

The high jump mark of 6' 5-3/4" recorded by Tom Scofield of Kansas in 1948 has been equalled by

Bob Pierce . . . nears the all-time Husker basketball scoring mark. Bob annexed 13 more points against Kansas State Monday night to up his total for the year to 347 markers.

This is only 13 shy of the record established by Bus Whitehead last year. Seven points in each of the remaining contests with Oklahoma and Missouri will give the Husker senior the new all-time scoring mark of 367. Nearest NU competitor in the scoring department for Bob is Jim Buchanan with 267 markers to date.

C, D Cagers Begin Regional Play This Week

The "sudden death" march will begin for Nebraska's Class C and D basketball teams this week.

The lower division schools start things rolling in district tournament play.

Regional meets are listed at 16 Class C and 30 Class D sites. A total of 418 teams start the three-week qualifying grind. There are 142 in the C division and 276 in Class D.

Class A and B schools will start their district tournament next week, the same time the C and D regional winners are holding playoff battles.

The 1950 state Class C champion, Chadron Prep, begins its bid for a return ticket to Lincoln at the Hayo Springs regional Wednesday. Coach Archie Conin's crew is paired against Morrill. They are favored to win the Hay Springs tournament.

The Glenvil ball club, 1950 champions in Class D, are entered in the regional tournament at Hastings. They will open their bid for a repeat against Fairfield. Coach Howard Zook's squad are favored to win this tournament to despite the loss of their 1950 star, Ronald Zook.

The schools will forget their past-season records when they bid for trips to Lincoln for the state tournament basketball in March at Lincoln. The state tournament is scheduled March 14-17 at the coliseum.

Auburn Hires Georgia Man

Auburn early Monday signed Ralph Jordan of Georgia to a five-year contract as head football coach. The salary was not disclosed.

Nebraska Wrestlers Rout Omaha

The University of Nebraska's wrestling team branded Omaha university 24-8 Friday night in the Coliseum. Coach Al Partin's men were beaten in only two contests as they gained their third straight dual victory.

The Huskers were never headed as they swept the lighter weights to gain a 21 point lead before the Omahans scored.

Ken Brown won the shortest match of the evening by pinning Bill Moore with 42 seconds gone.

In the only other fall on the card, Lynn Farris, OU's 167-pounder, threw Al Johnson of the Huskers in 3:07.

Charles Mancuso, the Indians' 177-pound entry, defeated Harley Richardson in the closest bout of the meet. As time ran out, Mancuso slyly kept away from the game Richardson to hold on to his slim 3-2 lead.

Herb Reese extended his undefeated string to ten straight in decided Omaha Howard Byron 8-0 having near falls in the first and third rounds.

Turning in his first varsity performance, Darrell Adamson, Husker sophomore, completely outclassed Leonard Schuller to win the 130 pound event.

In the 137-pound class, Perry Leitel staved off a late bid by Indian Frank Mancuso to take a 9-7 decision. Mancuso nearly pinned Leitel in the final minute, but Perry escaped.

Ken Fisher, representing Nebraska in the 147-pound tussle, overpowered Bob Grau to win a 7-1 decision.

Dave Mackie, 157 pound Nebraska, led OU's Paul Bashus 4-1 before a sprained ankle forced the Omahan to forfeit.

In an exhibition bout held prior to the dual, Ron Martis, NU freshman, fought to a close 3-2 decision over Christianson of Omaha.

The Huskers are slated for another dual this Friday when they tangle with the University of Oklahoma. The Soomers defeated Oklahoma A. & M. earlier this year to hand the Aggies their first loss in some 78 consecutive duals. The meet will be held in the Coliseum.

Sooner Meet Last Warmup For Tracksters

The University of Nebraska cindermen had their last warmup for the Big Seven Indoor Track Meet when they dropped a 54-50 decision to the University of Oklahoma track team last Saturday. The conference meet is scheduled for Kansas City, Kas., this Friday and Saturday.

But even in their defeat, the Huskers didn't lose the meet until the last event. Although they had trailed the Sooners throughout the entire meet the Husker hopes soared when both Glenn Beerline and Irving Thode bettered 23 feet in the broadjump. These two leaps were better than Sooner Jimmy Smith had been able to put out. However, on his last leap, Smith passed both Husker marks to give the meet to Oklahoma. Smith is the only senior on Coach Jacobs' squad.

Hawaiian Sets Swim Marks

Will Ford Konno atted NU next year?

There is one chance in a million that the Hawaiian high school swimming champ might decide to come to Nebraska. If he does, it will be because Hawaiian students on campus have urged him to. One of his friends from Honolulu has written him, urging him to enroll at Nebraska next year.

Sixty colleges and universities, among them Yale, Harvard, Princeton, and Ohio State, have made juicy unofficial offers in attempts to snare the young merman.

Ford Konno set two new national high school records on Feb. 16, when he swam the 200-yard and 220-yard free-styles in 1:55.2 and 2:07.7 respectively.

Last year Konno became the only American ever to defeat Hironoshin Furuhashi, the "Flying fish of Japan." He broke Furuhashi's world record for the 880-yard water dash.

Konno is now a senior at Hawaii's McKinley high school. He has been described as being "five foot four, weighing less than 140 pounds."

Hawaiian students, from a territory famous for producing phenomenal swimmers, would be understandably proud if Ford Konno could join them here. The holder of two national and one world's record would be quite an addition to the University's swimming team.

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Wildcats Master NU To Win Loop Title

Kansas State took clear-cut ownership of the 1951 Big Seven basketball championship Monday night by blasting the Nebraska Cornhuskers, 74-48. It was the third straight win for the Wildcats over the Huskers this year and stretched their loop record to 9-1. Their all-over count this season stands at 18-3, good enough to give the Cats fifth place in the nation last week.

The Cats started off slow in dropping the Nebraskans Monday night. They grabbed an early 4-0 lead on shots by Jack Stone and Guard Ernie Barrett closed with a rush to add 11 more.

The margin and score were practically the same as in their meeting in Lincoln earlier in the month. That contest ended 79-50.

Stone was the point-getter for the Kansans with 17 markers to his credit, seven in the first half and ten in the second. Ed Head and Jim Iverson each contributed 12 to the Wildcat cause and Guard Ernie Barrett closed with a rush to add 11 more.

Pierce Leads

Although scoring only two field goals, center Bob Pierce again led the Huskers in scoring. Bob got 13 markers on the two goals and nine out of ten free tosses.

Joe Good and Jim Buchanan each upped the Husker total by 11 points. Joe annexed his on five goals and one charity toss while Buchanan's came on four fielders and three free-throws.

Other scorers for the Harry Good crew were Bob Mercier with four, Jim Snyder with three, Jim Walsh and Bernie Akromis with two and Bud Ward and Jesse Sell with one apiece.

Still Fifth

Although losing, the Huskers remained in fifth place tie with the Iowa State Cyclones who also lost their Monday night encounter. The Missouri Tigers measured the Cyclones 58-54. The Missouri win moves the Tigers into sole possession of third place in the loop standings, Oklahoma being idle.

The Husker meet the same Oklahomans in their last home contest this Saturday in the NU Coliseum. The Huskers cagers have won their last two home starts, but will be hard pressed to gain their third from the Sooners. The Okies are the only conference team owning a victory over the champion K-Staters this year. The Okies also handed Oklahoma A. & M. their only defeat this season.

Close the Gap

Nebraska closed the gap a trifle in the waning moments on a couple of nifty shots by Jim Buchanan and three free tosses

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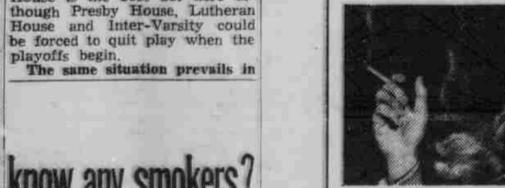
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