

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.

Missouri's power-laden squad will take to the auditorium boards favorites to wrest the crown from defending champion Kansas. The Tigers have eight returning point winners from last year's fourth place squad, while their best first and second place Kansas and Nebraska can muster is four each.

Records Broken Adding luster to the indoor highlight is the possibility of eight of the 12 records either being broken or tied. Old marks include in the mile, two-mile, 440, 60-yard dash and low hurdles, pole vault, and broad jump.

Pole vault, broad jump, and two-mile marks already have been bettered in dual competition this spring, while the high jump record has been tied.

Although he will have to do it in the indoor meet to make it official, Nebraska's Don Cooper has bettered the old pole vault of 13' 11-7/8," set by Bill Carroll of Oklahoma in 1950, four times with his best effort being 14' 5-7/8" against Kansas State last week. That work not only is an outstanding conference feat, but also one of the best indoor vaults ever recorded.

Herb Hoskins, Kansas State's stock broad jumper, is another potential record breaker. The Wildcat star's leap of 24' 1-7/8" in the Michigan State relays this spring tops the second oldest mark on the books—a 24'-1/8" 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' 5-7/8" recorded by Tom Scofield of Kansas in 1948 has been equaled by

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:
Friday
7:00—High school 60 yard dash trials.
7:30—High school 100 yard dash trials.
8:00—High school 200 yard dash trials.
8:30—High school 400 yard dash trials.
9:00—High school 800 yard dash trials.
9:30—High school 1600 yard dash trials.
10:00—High school 3200 yard dash trials.
10:30—High school 6400 yard dash trials.
11:00—High school 12800 yard dash trials.
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