



Experts Tab Mantle Flop

Some of the baseball "hotshots" are declaring that Mickey Mantle, the much publicized rookie of the New York Yankees, is going to turn out a flop.

At the present time he is hitting a meager .232. But Joltin' Joe DiMaggio is hitting .229 and Johnny Mize .167.

This is just another case of a young rookie being highly publicized without being adequately prepared to fulfill that publicity. The same thing happened to Clint Hartung of the New York Giants. He did not pan out either, and at the present time is doing part-time duty in the Giant outfield.

Mantle was not to blame for being rated the greatest rookie since DIMaggio came up in 1936. And had the pressure been off instead of on, he might have gotten off to a much better start. He is only 19 years old, and obviously his best days are still ahead.



IRVING THODE . . . sophomore broad jumper stretched far enough to take a third place at the Drake carnival. He was only three inches behind the winner.

AROUND THE LOOP...

Split T Widely Used By Football Teams

By Shirley Murphy

That something new, an attack mixed with a short punt, brought Missouri the Big Six title and a Sugar Bowl invitation in 1941.

Coach Don Faurot's Split T, the something, brought the Tigers another conference title in 1942. For ten years, Faurot's Split or Sliding T has been standard equipment at Missouri. It isn't exclusive Faurot's anymore.

In 1950, more than 30 major colleges used the Split T as basic formation. Four of Missouri's opponents for this fall will be giving Faurot a taste of his own medicine. Fordham, Maryland, Oklahoma and K-State out of Mizou's ten opponents will be using the same tactics.

Varsity-Alum Tilt Set for Saturday

Head Basketball Coach Harry Good and his cagers will cap their spring basketball drills Saturday night at 7:30 in the Coliseum when they meet an Alumni crew.

Next year's team will be built around five returning lettermen. They are Jim Buchanan, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Joe Good, Lincoln; Bob Mercer, Lincoln; Bud Ward, Plainfield, Ind.; and Norman Wilnes, North Platte.

This group will be supplemented by members of the freshman. Good considers the overall quality of his yearlings as only fair.

Among the better players up for a taste of varsity competition are Bill Johnson, 6-7 center from Lincoln; Jim Abernathy, 6-1 forward from Scottsbluff; Fred Seger, 6-2 3/4 guard from Omaha; Don Weber, 6-3 forward from Esterville, Ia.; Bud Exstrom, 6-0 guard from Holdrege; and Clark Smaha, 6-11 1/2 forward from Chicago, Ill.

Johnson Needs Work

Johnson, who prepped at Lincoln Teachers, is being groomed to replace the pivot post which was vacated by Bob Pierce. He has a lot of height in his favor but still needs a great deal of work on rebounding and defense.

Good believes he will have two capable guards in Mercer and Buchanan. Both men should improve with the added experience they got last season.

Joe Good should continue to be a stellar performer at forward. Originally scheduled to play guard, he switched over to the forward post last season and wound up as third high scorer on the team.

Good maintains the greatest need is for more height and experience at the center and forward positions.

"At the center post," he explained, "we could use another tall man to compete with Johnson in practice sessions so that both men will know what to do when they run up against tall men under game conditions."

He also believes the club will be strengthened by the new freshman rule which will allow first-year men to compete on the varsity.

More Help

Further help will come from Jim Snyder, Al Blessing and Andy Bunten who are currently competing in spring sports.

The Alums should provide a thorough test for Good's team. They will be bidding for a repeat victory. The Alums won the first edition of the annual contest by a 64-61 count.

They will anchor their team on the tall shoulders of Bus Whitehead and Bob Pierce. Whitehead set a new seasonal scoring record during his senior year only to have it broken by Pierce last season.

Points Scored

Whitehead scored 360 points during the 1949-50 campaign while Pierce meshed the nets for 384 in the 1950-51 season.

The grads will also have a pair of top-notch guards on hand in Joe Brown who is with the Standard Oil Company in Grand Island, and Neal Mosser, basketball coach at Omaha Tech.

Anton Lawry, coach at Cairo, and Kenneth Anderson, coach at Lexington, have said they will play.

Other former varsity performers ready to play are Henry Cech, Berwyn, Ill.; Paul Kipper, Lincoln; Jess Sell, Louisville; and Darrell Brandenburg, Liberty, Ind.

Meissner, Cooper, Thode Shine in Drake Carnival

By Marshall Kushner

Nebraska trackmen won their share of the glory and then some at the Drake Relays last weekend. Two Husker cindermen's names will be added to the list of Drake record holders.

In the feature event that 12,500 track fans anxiously witnessed on a perfect day for a meet, Don Cooper and Don Laz wound up their pole vault performance in a tie for first at 14'6".

Misfortune struck Cooper as he had progressed to the 15 foot mark without knocking the bar off once. He came up with an injured leg on his first attempt.

After resting for a while in hopes of regaining some strength, Cooper was forced to stop half way down the run way on his second attempt.

Laz Falls

Meanwhile, Laz, the Illinois flash, continued to make the 15 foot mark. He missed the bar on his first two tries and his third miss gave the crowd a real thrill.

Laz went over and nudged the bar. As he hit the pit he saw it waver back and forth and finally come crashing down in the pit.

Nevertheless, Cooper and Laz now share the Drake Relays record in that event, Cooper held the mark of 14'11" before he locked horns with the Illini star.

Cooper was crowned for the spotlight by Nebraska's blue ribbon high jumper, Dick Meissner. Meissner was battling his own conference opponents in this event with Oklahoma's Dick

Jones and Missouri's Bob Gordon leading all the way. Meissner was able to top the field with a great jump of 6'7".

This mark tops Meissner's old Nebraska high jump mark that he set last winter in an indoor dual track meet. It was the best height of his career and fell only one inch-and-a-half short of a new Drake record.

Had Meissner have been successful in his three attempts to clear 6'8 1/2", he would have erased the old mark set by Pete Watkins of Texas A and M in 1943.

Thode Places

Irv Thode was the only other Nebraskaer to place in the Drake carnival. He leaped 23'5 1/2" in the broad jump. Charlie Weeks was able to win the event by posting a mark only three inches better than Thode's effort. The Texas A and M flash also won the Kansas Relays high jump.

Jim Lavery of Calgary, Alberta, Canada was voted the outstanding performer of the Drake meet. He received 20 out of 21 votes from attending sports writers at the classic.

Other Nebraska performers found the competition rather rugged and failed to make a showing. Herb Semper of Kansas won the two mile run and joined the two Nebraska aces in sharing the honor of being the only Big Seven athletes to win blue ribbons.

The conference was also blanketed in all the relay events. This was especially surprising after Oklahoma's relay teams had won

four baton events at the Texas Relays and Kansas Relays. Drake University swept the 440, 880 and mile relays, setting a new half mile distance time of 1:25.5 in the preliminaries.

Penn Shades

In comparing the Drake times with the rival Penn Relay's marks, the records will show Penn times shading Drake's eight to seven, with two ties. The marks posted by Cooper and Meissner were top marks of both meets.

In comparison for all-time events, Drake now leads Penn 239 to 213 events, with 23 ties.

Nebraska's cindermen will be shooting for their first dual outdoor track meet of the season against the University of Oklahoma at Norman this Saturday.

MU Athlete Now Jumper

Sometimes, nothing succeeds like a change in sports scenery, and that's the story of Ladie Stovall, Missouri broad-jumper, who reported to the Tiger campus, athletically speaking, full of desire and determination to play basketball for Ol' Mizou.

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Veteran Halves Lead Jay Backs

When Kansas Football Coach J. V. Sikes metes out personal praise it's time to lend an ear.

The Tall Tactician, who believes in a Spartan routine on the practice field, handed down not one but two verbal accolades as his charges closed their fifth week of spring drills.

They were aimed at a pair of halfback veterans, Dean Wells and Hal Cleavinger.

"Our squad is showing a fine willingness to work this spring," Sikes smiled, after he watched it troop into the clubhouse following the final dress rehearsal for Saturday's game condition scrimmage. "But those two boys really want to play football. They've got their minds made up to be fine football players next fall and . . . well, right now, I don't know why they shouldn't be."

Wells and Cleavinger have furnished the bossman's new eyebrow-raising with their offensive flashes this spring. Both were defensive regulars last season, but their current pace is demanding attention in attack plans for 1951.

Wells carried the leather only 15 times last season from left halfback, netting 36 yards. Cleavinger packed it on only seven occasions, gaining 29 yards as a right-sider.

This spring the slender driver from Great Bend has been slashing so furiously his teammates have nicknamed him "Crazy Legs." Cleavinger, always an elusive number in the open, has picked up the quick acceleration which Sikes demands of his backs, and carries good power as well.

"You can say those boys are making a place for themselves," Sikes continued. "Sure, they're going to play some offense next season."

Wells will be a senior next season; Cleavinger, a former prep ace at Manhattan, a junior.

Both, of course, are running into heavy traffic at their respective spots. Charlie Hoag, who powered for 940 net yards as a sophomore last season, is returning on the left side. So is Pat Murphy, who earned a letter as a sophomore. Up from the frosh is John Konek, the rangy all-purpose buster from California,

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All-Americans on KU Alum Squad

Three famous Kansas basketball teams will be represented among the Alumni, when the Old Timers tackle the 1951-52 varsity here May 4 in a nocturnal attraction which will kick the lid off a huge sports weekend.

Returning from the 1936 quintet, which swept undefeated through 21 consecutive games until dumped out of the Olympic playoffs by Utah State's giant Aggies, will be Mitt Allen, oldest living son of Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen. The ringmaster was only in his 17th coaching season at Mt. Oread that winter.

Mitt, now Douglas county attorney here, quarterbacked that highly-polished five, which also contained Ray Ebling, Ray Noble, Francis Kappelman and Fred Fralle. Operating as the trigger man in Allen's three-out, two-in alignment, Mitt earned a lasting reputation as one of the most clever, quick-thinking playmakers in conference annals.

Paul Rogers, a member of the same squad, will keep Mitt company in the seniority tier.

Co-Captains Return

Both co-captains of the 1940 NHCAA runners-up, Dick Hary and Don Ebling, will come back for that renowned five. Harp is in his third season as Allen's aide hero. Ebling, now a Kansas City business man, hasn't played since a post-college career with that town's Phillips 66 unit.

Though most famed as a post-guard, Harp is best remembered that season for his looping two-hander in the final 30 seconds of an overtime that handed KU a 45-43 win over Oklahoma A & M in a fifth District NCAA playoff in Oklahoma City. The Hawkers then went on past Rice and USC for the Western championship, bowing to Indiana in the finals.

Coming up in the wake of his brother Ray, a two-time All-American forward, Ebling never let tough hoing bother him from the start. He was a three-year regular and there have been no consistently harder husters in Kansas annals.

Another All-American

They will be joined by a third teammate, Bobby Allen, now a Kansas City, Mo., surgeon, who was an all-American in 1941.

Two terrific hands, Charles "The Hawk" Black and Otto

Schellbacher, will return from the Iron Five of 1943. This was the third Allen team to sweep undefeated through a conference season for Kansas, and only the draft and enlistments ruined its NCAA potentialities.

Black, fresh from four seasons with the pros, still is regarded as the greatest all-around player in Jayhawk history. His career total of 1983 points was surpassed only last year by the greatest Midland's scorer of all-time, Clyde Lovellette. He still has not been matched as a defender and rebounder. Black was an All-American in 1943 and 1946.

Third Highest

Schellbacher, third high among Jayhawk all-time scorers, was a four-time all-conference choice at forward. He earned his first accolade as a sophomore in 1943. Then after a stint in the Air Force, he reached additional glory in 1946, 1947 and 1948.

The Old Grads will be coached by another famous KU figure, Dutch Lonberg, now in his first season as Jayhawk athletic director. Lonberg was an all-Missouri Valley choice in both football and basketball just before and after World War I. He came from Northwestern last July after 23 seasons as Wildcat basketball coach.

McCue Bids For Record

Arapahoe's Eugene "Hoppy" McCue will be bidding for a new broad jump record when the four winning leaps over the 22 feet mark this year.

The versatile McCue has had state track meet rolls around.

He jumped 22-6 3/4, his best leap this year, at the Kearney Invitational last Monday and stretched out 22-4 1/2 at the Arapahoe Invitational Friday.

McCue's jump at Kearney was nearly a foot past the 21-8 1/4 reported for Ladd Hanscom of Lincoln high, the second best performance of the week.

Bill Hawkins of Beatrice posted a 21-5 1/2 and Ron Byrd of McCook went 21-2.

Raymond Kelly of Danbury cleared 6-1 to share early season high jump honors with Walter Shafter of Harrisburg. The Banner County athlete did 6 feet at the Bayard Regional Friday.

James Hofstetter of Kearney wrote his name on the list of 12 foot pole vaulters. He topped this mark by 1/2 of an inch.

Mitchell's Elwood Weitzel, running on a straightaway, moved out front in the low hurdles with '21 at atyard.

Ken Reiner of Red Willow (McCool) became the first shot-putter to better 49 feet. He shoved the iron ball 49-2 at the Arapahoe Regional. Paul Fredstrom, Northeast's all-around performer, did 48-10.

Charles Jones, Boys Town frosh, turned in a dazzling 4:37.4 mile during the dual at Lincoln high.

Lavery Voted Best Athlete

Jim Lavery, the Canadian who anchored three victorious Drake Relay teams, was named the outstanding performer in the annual Drake Relays.

He ran anchor on the Drake teams that won the 440, 80 and mile relays and set a meet record of 1:25.5 in the 880 yard preliminaries.

A year ago he had the fastest indoor time in the country in the 440-yard dash. This year he won the 600 yard run at the Milwaukee Games and was undefeated in the quarter mile during the indoor season.

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Washington	7	3	.700	0
New York	6	4	.600	1
Boston	7	4	.636	1/2
Chicago	6	4	.600	1
Chicago	5	5	.500	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	4	8	.333	4
St. Louis	4	8	.333	4
Philadelphia	3	11	.214	7 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	10	5	.667	0
Boston	9	5	.643	1/2
St. Louis	6	3	.667	1
Philadelphia	7	6	.538	2
Chicago	5	5	.500	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	2 1/2
Cincinnati	4	7	.384	4
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American League (No games scheduled)

National League

New York at Brooklyn (night) (Only game scheduled)

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