



DICK MEISSNER . . . senior high jumper came through with a 6-7 leap at the Drake Relays to take the blue ribbon. He is the outstanding high jumper in Nebraska history.

## NU High Jumper Seeks Big 7 Crown

Sometimes, in the shuffle of sports, the great feats which an athlete accomplishes are almost overlooked.

That has been the case of Nebraska's number-one high jumper, Dick Meissner. Perhaps some of this negligence can be attributed to the fact that he is competing in the shadow of pole vaulting Don Cooper.

But even so, his own performances are good enough that he need not feel embarrassed or ashamed.

As a high school student Meissner won the Intercity meet at Omaha with a leap of 5-7.

That means he has improved exactly one foot since his migration to the University. His top mark was, of course, at the Drake Relays which he won at 6-7. That is one of the best performances in the country to date. And it was set in a talent-loaded field.

As a fresh cinderman he did not show a great deal of promise.

He says he was "just not good enough, so I gave up." As a result he did not report for varsity track in his sophomore year. But he won the intramural high jump with a 5-10 effort. And that was where he came to the attention of Head Track Coach Ed Weir.

### Tries for Varsity

The Husker mentor finally talked him into coming out for the varsity team, and since that time his hard work has made him a stellar high jumper.

His first performance as a member of Weir's team came late

## Hogan Story In Lincoln

"Follow the Sun" is just what Ben Hogan did during his illustrious golf career portrayed in the movie by the same name at the Lincoln theater.

The movie is the story of Hogan and his wife in their trek across the country playing in invitational golf tournaments.

Hogan's courageous comeback after the accident that almost crippled him and his hope that the fans will like him creates a poignant, heart warming story.

Hogan, portrayed by Glenn Ford and Val, his wife, played by Anne Baxter show the sportsmanship typical of the great American athletes.

## Cornhuskers to Colorado For Two Diamond Contests

Nebraska's baseball Cornhuskers, rained out of the second straight contest with Iowa State Tuesday afternoon, turn their attention to the University of Colorado this weekend. The Husker diamondmen leave for Boulder Thursday morning for a two-game series with the Buffs on Friday and Saturday.

The Scarlet are currently sporting a 2-1 record in conference play. Three scheduled contests have already been washed out by the spring torrents. These games may not be made up if the weather continues its present form.

Victories for the Huskers were chalked up over Kansas university and Kansas State while the one loss was the first encounter with the Jayhawks. The second K-State affair was rained out along with the two Cyclone games this week.

### First Loop Contests

The Buffs' conference record has been unaltered since the season's start. The Coloradans have not faced a loop opponent to date so the Husker frays will inaugurate CU's Big Seven season.

Their non-conference frays have come out too non-successful. In seven games they have copped only two, over Fitzsimmons Army and Colorado Mines.

They have dropped two to Colorado A & M and three to the University of Arizona. The first Buff-Arizona encounter was quite a scoring spree with the final score reading 31-11.

Oklahoma is currently leading the Big Seven race with a 4-0 record. They own two wins over Missouri and two over Kansas.

Husker Coach Tony Sharpe has not named his traveling squad as yet, but it is probable that it will be the same that journeyed to Kansas for the Wichita and Jayhawker contests.

**Mccormick and Kopf**  
Coach Sharpe will undoubtedly send control artist Dick McCormick into the pitching chores in the first game and Del Kopf as pitcher in the second contest. McCormick and Kopf were slated to start against the Cyclones and so have had plenty of rest. Kopf owns the top Husker pitching record, winning two and

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## IN THE NEWS

### Cornhusker Tracksters Duel Oklahoma Saturday

By Marshall Kushner

Oklahoma University's track team will host to the Nebraska Cornhuskers in a dual track meet Saturday, May 5. The meet will mark the Huskers' third attempt in conquering a conference foe in dual meets in outdoor season competition.

With the exception of a few of the squad members who traveled to the Texas, Kansas and Drake Relays, the meet will mark the first appearance of the cinderne since April 22 when the scarlet thincade fell to powerful Missouri University, 65-53.

The Sooners have flashed considerable relay team performances during the past few relays that they entered teams in.

They were partially stymied at the latest Drake Relays, however, led the conference in placing in all relay events at that carnival.

It will be up to Leonard Kehl to carry the brunt of the parade of points in the pole vault event.

Kehl has consistently stayed over the 13 foot mark and will be favored to take top honors in that event.

### Changed Style

He has changed his style somewhat this season. He now approaches the bar at a sharper angle than previously, to allow himself more time for his kick over the bar.

His coaches term him as a hard worker, fine trainer and competitor, and intelligent athlete.

He is a cadet captain in advanced ROTC and plans to enter the University medical school this fall.

Weir will not predict on Meissner's chances to go higher. Meissner believes he may be able to if his timing remains as consistent as it was at Drake.

Spectators at Des Moines said

Meissner had room to spare when he cleared 6-7. And he missed 6-8½ by a thumbnail.

He has a great deal of admiration for Walter Davis, the 6 foot 8 inch giant jumper from Texas A & M. Davis went 6-9 at the Texas Relays but could reach only 6-3 at Drake.

**Two Men Better**

He is one of the two men who have surpassed Meissner's 6-7. The other jumper is Virgil Severs of Kansas State who did 6-7½ at the Texas Relays. Oklahoma's Dick Jones has also cleared 6-7 this year.

Meissner is setting his sights on the Big Seven outdoor meet.

He will probably be competing against the best field of any conference in the nation.

At least it will be the best high jumping corps in the Missouri Valley, Big Six, or Big Seven history. Four Big Seven athletes—Severs, Jones, Meissner, and the 1950 conference outdoor winner, Bob Gorden of Missouri, have done 6-7 or better.

Meissner has never won a conference title, so this may be his year.

**Sooner Track Fans Received the Disappointing News that They Will not be Able to Witness the Pole Vaulting Prowess of Nebraska's Nationally Renowned Don Cooper**

Cooper is suffering from a pulled muscle received while attempting 15 feet at the Drake carnival.

Nebraska fans also share the gloom of the Oklahoma rooters as their chances for victory are definitely hurt without the Yorkie.

Cooper is taking heat ray treatments in a Lincoln hospital and there has been no report on



(Courtesy of Journal-Star)  
**DAN TOLMAN** . . . hurdler has had an added burden since Wendy Cole was called to the air force. He failed to place in the Drake Relays but should be in top form for the Sooners.



**BOB BARCHUS** . . . A transplanted footballer, the cinderne should add points to the Husker cause in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. He was an outstanding sprinter in high school.

when he will be set for more vaulting action.

Meanwhile, the spotlight will remain on a field event for the meet. It will be Dick Meissner, Nebraska's record holding high jumper, facing Dick Jones, the pride of Soonerland.

These two clashed during the indoor season at Lincoln last winter and Jones nipped Meissner that time. Jones then went on to leap 6-3½ to take the conference

crown at Kansas City.

In a recent meeting, Meissner soared to 6-7 inches to win the Drake Relays, while Jones had to be content to follow on Meissner's heels.

Nebraskans, and especially

Track Coach Ed Weir will be anxious to see how Dale Schnackel fares in his 880 yard run. In his appearance against Missouri, the Omaha star breezed through in 1:58.8 on the indoor track.

Lee Alexander, Bob Barchus,

and Jack James will comprise the Husker hopes in the 100 yard dash. Alexander failed to score in recent Texas and Drake relays. Coach Weir will also depend on this crew for points in the 220 yard dash.

**Coaches Help**

As the school year draws to a close the sports department wishes to thank Cornhusker coaches in general and Bill Glassford in particular for their assistance in giving us information on Nebraska athletics.

Without their help our sports page would be next to impossible to produce. And to Glassford we take special tribute because in spite of the great amount of work he has, the Husker grid coach is never too busy to give a little time to our reporters.

**Barney Does It**

Rex Barney had the courage to do something which many men would have avoided.

The husky pitcher wrote the Brooklyn Dodger officials a letter saying he wanted to be placed on the voluntary retired list. He took this step because he did not believe he had the ability to pitch major league ball.

When he first migrated to big time baseball, Barney was hailed as having the fastest ball since Bobby Feller.

But this speed ball was completely ineffective because of his control. "The Wild Man from Omaha" simply could not find the plate.

His best season was in 1948 when he won 15 games and pitched a no hitter against the New York Giants.

A man has to possess a few guts to admit he is a failure at his profession. Barney had the guts, and he is to be highly commended for his action.

**THE BENCH WARMER**

By Bob Banks  
(Assistant Sports Editor)

The Battle of Journalists will be staged Friday afternoon in the form of a softball game between the Cornhusker and the "Rag."

Even though they were quacking and moaning at their typewriters, the Cornhusker staff somehow found courage to accept The Daily Nebraska challenge.

Experts are predicting the Cornhusker staff will be at just as great disadvantage against the Rag staff in softball as it is in high quality journalism.

Post records show the Cornhusker has failed to win a single game. It came close to victory back in 1952 when only two members of the Daily Nebraska staff were able to play. The remainder of the staff was forced to take over in the Cornhusker office so the annual could meet its deadline.

The 1951 game will not be played according to standard rules for the benefit of the Cornhusker. The revision will be in the hitting and pitching departments.

The "Rag" has promised to hit no more than ten home runs per

inning, 15 triples, 20 doubles, and no limit on the singles. It has

also promised to lend two mem-

bers of its staff to the Corn-

huskers. These two members are

of no use to the "Rag" since they

have been able to hit only five

homers per game.

In the pitching department the

Daily Nebraska has assured the

Cornhusker that it will limit its

strikeouts to twenty. Since the

game will last nine innings, the

Cornhusker will have an oppor-

tunity to get seven hits.

P. S. This portion of the

column was written by one who

is merely an uninterested by-

stander. The Daily Nebraskan staff unanimously agreed that it was completely objective, accurate, and impartial which is according to the high principles of journalism, something our staff always practices.

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