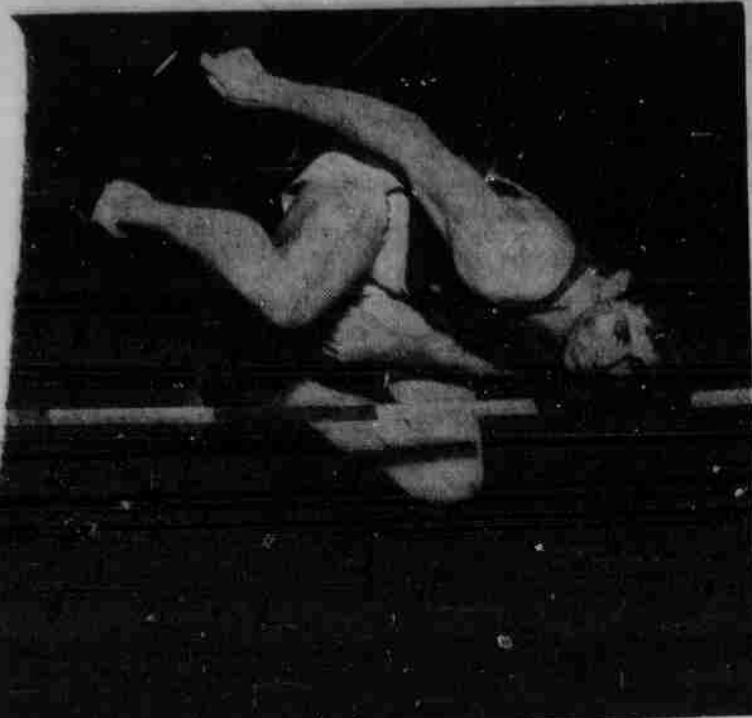


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"SPORTS IN THE NEWS"

Busby Leads Junior League

The Chicago White Sox are surprising the other American League teams by owning four of the five top hitters. Jim Busby is leading the circuit with a very healthy .462. This mark puts him 14 points ahead of Eddie Robinson, also of the White Sox, who is swatting the ball at .445. Luke Easter of Cleveland is third with .423; Nelly Fox fourth with .400.



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 vaulter 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 freshman 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.

Trials 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 in 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 Coloradoans have not faced a loop opponent to date so the Husker frags will inaugurate CU's Big Seven season.

Their non-conference frags have come out none too successful. In seven games they have topped only two, over Fitzsimons 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 to have had plenty of rest. Kopf owns the top Husker pitching record, winning two and

Cornhusker Tracksters Duel Oklahoma Saturday

By Marshall Kushner Oklahoma University's track team will play 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 cindermen since April 22 when the scarlet thinclads 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. 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 York case. Cooper is taking heat ray treatments in a Lincoln hospital and there has been no report on when he will be set for more vaulting action.

THE BENCH WARMER

By Bob Banks (Assistant Sports Editor) The Battle of Journalismists will be staged Friday afternoon in the form of a softball game between the Cornhusker and the "Rag." Even though they were quipping 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. Past records show the Cornhusker has failed to win a single game. It came close to victory back in 1892 when only two members of the 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 members of its staff to the Cornhuskers. 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 Nebraskan has assured the Cornhusker that it will limit its pitching to twenty. Since the game will last nine innings, the Cornhusker will have an opportunity to get seven hits. P. S. This portion of the column was written by one who is merely an uninterested bystander. 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.

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 pay 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 Wold Man from Omaha" simply could not find the plate.

His best season was in 1948 when he won 15 games and struck out 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.



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 cinderman should add points to the Husker cause in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. He was an outstanding sprinter in high school.

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 6-3 1/4 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. Nebraskaans, 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.

Distance Runs Bill Hein and Jack Scoville will represent the Huskers in the 440. Scoville is almost completely recovered from a leg injury he received in early April. The power in the longer distances will be built around Gene Yetkin, Schnackel, Buele Balderston, Bob Krueger and Jess Sell. These men will all face the

AROUND THE LOOP . . .

Jays Feature Cagers At Sports Weekend

All-Sports Weekend at the University of Kansas will feature a Varsity-Alumni basketball game, KU and K-State baseball games, a track meet with K-State and tennis matches with Nebraska.

Twenty varsity basketball candidates started spring drills last Monday in preparation for the 1951-52 season. Coach "Phog" Allen's boys are expected to give the alumni a rough time. His team features Clyde Lovellette and B. H. Born, from the freshman team, at double-post positions.

The javelin championship of the Big Seven conference has been won by the Colorado Buffs every year since they entered the league. In 1948 and 1949, Jack Todd won the event. George Holley came out first in the 1950 meet.

Missouri football coaches are quite satisfied with the development of a couple rookie quarterbacks. The Tiger coaches named Jim Hook and Bob Schoonmaker as the most promising backs. Bill Wilkening, veteran halfback was given especial mention.

The best forwards named are Bob Castle, a letterman, and Don Rutter. Bob Morse was named the most improved lineman. Tom Makin is the coach's choice for most improved back.

The Tiger varsity took a 7-0 drubbing from the alumni in their annual spring tussle. Hook and Al Androlewicz were top goal gainers in the varsity line-up. About a dozen top-flight candidates on the Mizzou team from 1951 were not in uniform for the game.

Track coach at Oklahoma, John Jacobs, can be mighty proud of his cindermen. So far, the Sooners have won seven of the fourteen university-class relays at the Texas and Kansas carnivals despite the loss from a pulled muscle of Charles Coleman, Big Seven conference outdoor 440-yard champion.

They also won the Sugar Bowl mile relay from a picked field as an added starter. Coleman helped them win the Michigan State Indoor Relays, too.

Before the Kansas Relays, Coach Jacobs told his boys, "This ain't no county meet. The boys will be running for the jewelry." He must have got his point across to them because Oklahomaans brought back 12 gold wrist watches from the meet and took the team championship.

rugged Oklahoma distance aces. Paul Grimm, Lowell Nielson, Jack Greer, Hyle Thibault, and George Prochaska will all help the Husker point total in the weight department.

In their indoor meeting February 23, the Sooners were expected to thrash the Huskers, but had to hit their peak of performance to win the dual meet, 54-40. The Sooners again will be favorites on the basis of Nebraska's considerable loss of strength to the army air force.

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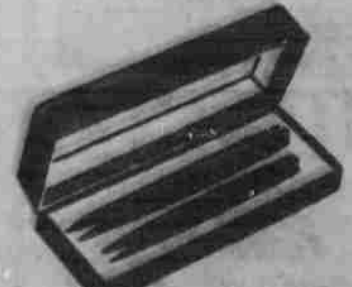
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