

# Sooners Master Huskers In Series Opener, 7 to 5

By Marshall Kushner

Nebraska's baseball team fell before the powerful Oklahoma Sooners 7-5 in their opening of their two game series that might well decide the conference championship.

The Husker diamondmen found themselves hoping and praying for rain about the eighth inning when they were still in the lead, however the weatherman got stingy with the precipitation that held the Huskers indoors for a good part of the early season.

The Sooners opened the game with two runs in the first inning. Nebraska starting hurler Dick McCormick allowed a base on balls to Wich and Margosh and Sheets followed up with a single.

### First Homer

It wasn't until the third inning that the two clubs were able to get any more runs. The Sooners Sheets smashed out a circuit clout over the 360 foot left field fence. The fourth inning was a big one for the Huskers. Bob Diers and Jerry Dunn both drew walks, Fitzgerald single and advanced to third on an error. Jensen walked and was the victim of a trap play. The play did net the Huskers a run, as Fitzgerald scored from third before Jensen was tagged out. At the end of five innings of play the teams were locked in a 3-3 deadlock.

In the sixth the Huskers moved into the lead when Fitzgerald powered a double between center and right field gardens. Ray Mladovich followed up with a sharp single to score Fitzgerald.

**Pitcher Helps Cause**  
The lead changed hands in the seventh. The Sooners struck back to tie up the game when pitcher Shirley smacked a single and lead off man Wich duplicated the feat. Shirley scored on a passed ball.

Not to be outdone, Nebraska catcher Bob Ledhrberg pulled a screaming four bagger over the left field fence to put the Huskers in the lead again.

Then came the tragic eighth. McCormick gave up three walks, a single and a double which pulled the Sooners into the lead for the first time since the fourth inning. Unfortunately the rains didn't come and the inning went to completion.

The Huskers had nothing to counter with in the eighth and ninth, while Sheets slammed another home run for the Oklahoma nine.

It was the fifth straight win for the Sooners in the conference while the Huskers defeat showed the Husker ledger at 4-2.

**Sheets Top Slugger**  
Sheets gunned the Oklahoma attack by cracking four hits in

# Preach Turns Deaf Ear on Homer Record

Preacher Roe is a bit teed off about the gossip concerning his home run record. He has a 4-0 record for the season.

Even so, the only talk that comes to his ears concerns the home runs he gave up last year. "Makes me think I'm lucky to be here," he said. "As long as I'm winning I won't worry about the homers. Let them talk all they want."

"They got to beat me with a bat if they do. I walked two against St. Louis the other night and they both scored. That hurt me more than the home run."

The Preacher was tied for giving up the most home runs in the league during 1950. His porters were hit for 34.

The Dodger hurler gave up his seventh this year to St. Louis Catcher Del Rice with two out and two strikes on him when the homer came.

"All you got to do is slip six inches with your control," he said, "and you can kiss it goodbye."

"The way I figure every pitch in the strike zone is potentially a home run. If you can perfect a way to throw to them they can perfect a way to hit it. And they do more hitting than we do pitchin'."

"You got seven men out there behind you. And they're going to catch a lot more than will fall in. The fellows we got out there (in the outfield) who can get 'em."

### Main Features Start

State: "Belle Le Grand," 1:00, 3:58, 6:56, 9:54. "Twilight in the Sierras," 2:48, 5:46, 8:44.  
Husker: "Blazing Bullets," 1:20, 3:35, 5:55, 8:05, 10:20. "Insurance Investigator," 2:11, 4:26, 6:41, 8:56.  
Varsity: "Second Woman," 1:47, 3:45, 5:43, 7:41, 9:33.



RAY MLADOVICH . . . came through with a timely single Wednesday to get credit for a run-batted-in.

five appearances. Included in the barrage was two homers and two singles.

Fitzgerald collected a double and a single to lead the Huskers at the plate. Aside from Lohrburg's homer, Mladovich and Reynolds were the only other Husker batsmen to hit.

Shirley went the full distance for the win, striking out five and allowing five hits. McCormick is charged with the loss, allowing nine hits and striking out four.

Coach Tony Sharpe has indicated that he will start Del Kopf on the mound for the Cornhuskers in the two game series finale this afternoon. Game time is set for 3 p.m.

# Junior Legion Baseball About Ready to Go

A total of 118 junior teams and 128 midget teams have been entered in the 1951 American Legion Junior and Midget baseball program according to John Ditter of Grand Island, chairman of the Legion's athletic commission. American Legion posts must have their entries in by midnight, May 12. Ditter said.

League play will get underway June 3 for Class A, Class B and midget teams. Class A teams will compete in league play until July 22 when the district tournaments begin to determine Nebraska's state champion.

Class B and midget nines will compete in league play until Aug. 5 when their tournaments swing into action.

Ditter said that leagues would be organized and a playing schedule arranged for all teams. A double round-robin schedule will be set up. Each league will consist of four to six teams. "Teams may schedule as many additional games as possible," Ditter said, "as long as they do not conflict with a regular scheduled game."

Posts who have not entered teams in the 1951 season should do so at once, Ditter warned. Entries should be sent to Warren E. Baker, American Legion headquarters, state capitol, Lincoln, the state chairman concluded.

# Russia To Try Hand at Tennis

The world is beginning to wonder whether Russia, who seems to be challenging for supremacy in everything else, is going to make a bid for the Davis cup, which is the plum of international tennis.

According Soviet Sport, the official organ of the Soviet committee on physical culture and sports, tennis should become a leading sport in Russia.

# Relays Could Decide State Track Crowns

Fast relay teams may be the answer to state track titles in the 1951 high school carnival.

A half dozen schools have qualified relay teams in two events. These teams will represent Scottsbluff, Lincoln high, Omaha Central and Fremont in Class A. Albion and Broken will have double entries in class B.

According to Nebraska cinder rules, relay teams do not need to use the same relay quartets which ran in the regions, so personnel who will represent their schools in the two has not been determined yet.

The prep rules limit a runner to two races and one relay.

This handicaps the Lincoln high aggregation which holds the best time in both the 880-yard and mile relays (1:33.1 and 3:31.3).

These clockings were registered at the Grand Island Relays. Brian Hendricks, the Link's star sprinter, ran anchor on both teams.

Coach Bill Pfeiff must choose Saturday, and he will probably select the mile relay since the Links are trying to better their 1950 State record of 3:32.8.

# Fraternities Complete First Round; K Sigs, Tekes Win

Fraternity softball competition completed its first round of tournament play Tuesday afternoon with six more outfits advancing to the second-round.

Kappa Sigma won its first encounter by dropping Sigma Chi by an 8-4 score. The Kappa Sigs jumped on Sig hurler Espergen for three hits and three runs in the opening frame and were never headed. They added another in the second and two stanzas.

The Sigs made a game of it in the first two frames by tallying three counters but were rudely stopped by Kappa Sig chucked Wagner.

Wagner hurled three-hit ball to win the contest and struck out nine. His only weakness was his wildness and he allowed nine men free passes to first base.

The Sigs stood out defensively with rightfielder Ofe making the play of the game, a sensational over the shoulder catch of a smash by Munk.

**Ten Hits**  
The victors relied on power at the plate and speed on the basepaths to win. They clouted a total of ten safeties.

Hughes, Schaberg and Wagner each contributed two hits to the winning cause. Munk clouted a homer for the victors.

Holder was the only Sig to collect two safeties.

Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Xi hooked up in a real duel in their first round encounter. The Tekes managed to outlast a beleaguered TX rally and won a close one, 5-4.

**Theta Xi Leads**  
Theta Xi took charge at the first and held a 2-0 lead for two innings. A hit by Bob Bale and two errors on the Teke shortstop paved the way for the two tallies in the initial frame.

The victors bounced right back in the third and took the lead with a four-run outburst. Hits by Jones, Sterkle, Marquart and Fisher led this rally.

They added what proved to be the winning run in the sixth inning as Sterkel's single drove home Jones who had doubled.

The TX men were far from beaten, however, and roared back with two counters in the sixth. An error and a mighty home run by catcher Pat O'Dea produced the tallies.

**Left Stranded**  
Leadoff man, Jim Jensen doubled to open the "do-or-die" inning for Theta Xi, but the Tekes bore down and left him stranded there for the win.

Finlay hurled a good five-hit contest for the Tekes. He struck out three and walked none.

McCracken twirled for the losers and issued ten hits, walked seven and struck out three.

Phi Kappa Psi struck early and then held on to down Beta Theta Pi, 6-5. The Phi Psi's bunched all their scoring in the opening two frames and then staved off all Beta threats to take the lead.

**Lehman Winner**  
Buster Lehman was on the hill for the winners and hurled seven-hit ball. He struck out four and walked ten. His mound opponent Weeks gave up only four hits and struck out three. He issued five bases on balls.

**Snow of the Betas led all the hitters in the contest with three hits. Teammate Smaha collected two. Bob Britton garnered two safeties for the Phi Psi outfit.**

Alph Tau Omega repeated an early season win over Phi Gamma Delta to make the tourney opener a successful one. The Taus blasted the Fijis, 13-6.

**Fijis Roll**  
The Phi Gams looked like they were out for an upset of big proportions as they tallied four times in the opening frame and added another in the third to take a 5-0 lead.

The Taus proved they could come from behind, however, as in their half of the third they pushed six runs across the plate and then sent the game into the rout stages by bashing five more in the fourth.

Altogether, the Taus collected a total of nine safe hits, the Fijis getting four off the ATO hurler. Eight glaring Phi Gam errors were a major factor in their downfall.

**Scott Leads**  
Verl Scott led the Taus with a double and two singles while teammate Bick had three singles. Hunt also was a big factor in the Tau win with a double and a

single. Ron Raitt led the losing hitters with one double.

**Sigma Phi Epsilon bunched five runs in the fourth inning of their first round contest to sew-up their victory over Beta Sigma Psi. The Sig Eps were winners by an 8-2 score.**

The losers tallied first with one run in the first. They saw the Sig Eps take the lead in the second with two counters and then tied the count at 2-2 in their half of the third. The Sig Eps tallied what proved to be the winning run in their half of the same stanza.

**On The Mound**  
Dannehl toiled on the mound for the losers and gave up seven hits while striking out five and walking four. Jim Walsh was the

winning pitcher as he hurled a neat three-hitter and struck out four.

Maskell, Sig Ep second sacker, led the hitting attack with three hits including a four-bagger. Anderson also had a home run for the Beta Sigs.

The other first round fraternity contest went to Acacia via a forfeit from Norris House.

**Thursday's schedule calls for the second round for the fraternity tourney with seven games on tap, four slated for the Coliseum grounds and three on the Ag College fields.**

Friday's action is highlighted by the interdenominational finals and the Independent semi-finals. The fraternity quarter-finals will also take place on Friday.

# Huskers Have Track Woes In Preparing for Loop Meet

For a coach whose squad won last year's conference outdoor track meet, and followed with an indoor triumph last March, the Huskers' Ed Weir is operating under surprisingly little strain as the Big Seven outdoor carnival draws nigh.

In reference to Weir's stripped-down track forces, Nebraska Publicist John Bentley would be bold indeed to apply the historic watch-word, "We're loaded!"—his highly-quotable allusion to the 1950 Nebraska football team voiced at the pre-season press and radio session.

Nobody ever dares sell the Cornhuskers short, but most track observers agree it would take some stupendous effort by the Scarlet and Cream squad to snare a third, straight loop crown when the conference's trophy hunt takes place here May 18 and 19.

**Friday Action**  
Preliminaries in all events except the mile, two-mile, mile relay, pole vault and high jump will be held on Rollins Field here Friday beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday's finals get under way at 1:30—and if, when the final returns are in, Nebraska has to yield to a new crown-holder, the reasons will be pretty obvious.

Perhaps the most appalling statistic confronting Coach Weir is the knowledge that he does not return a single performer who corralled points in the running events at Lincoln last spring. Of the sixteen men sharing in the Huskers' total bag of 105 1/2 points, only four are back. They are: Don Cooper and Leonard Kehl, pole-vaulters; Dick Meissner and Robert Sand, high-jumpers. Last May this quartet gathered in 17 1/2 points.

**Handy Men Gone**  
Gone are such hustling, handy guys as Harry Meginis, 100 and 220-yard dash kingpin; Bob Berkshire, winner of the highs and third in the lows; Wendy Cole, third and fourth respectively in the highs and lows; Loyal Hurlbert and Harold Kopf, middle-distance "money" runners; versatile Jim McConnell, who placed in four field events; Wayne Sees, discus; Warren Monson and Ray Magmen, javelin.

Tough shoes to fill, these, but Weir somehow managed to put his 1951 track affairs in order, and a keyed-up Nebraska outfit tallied 40 1/2 points to make off with the indoor bunting at Kansas City two months ago. Then the roof fell in when Air Force reserve calls took three key Cornhuskers—Hobe Jones, Wendell Cole and Ken Jacobs.

**Jones Wins**  
Jones, an outstanding newcomer, had won the league's 880-yard crown indoors, and was fifth in the mile. Cole, who placed in both outdoor hurdle events a year ago, ran second in the indoor lows. Jacobs finished third in the mile. Together, they con-

tributed 13 points to the N. U. cause, almost one-third of the team's winning figure.

While Nebraska's team potential has been sapped both by graduation and military demands, the Lincolinites still should field at least three individual standouts here in the persons of Don Cooper and Leonard Kohl, pole-vaulters, and Dick Meissner, the Big Seven's most-improved high-jumper.

Cooper elevated himself into elite vaulting society at the Kansas Relays, sailing over the bar at 15 ft. 1/4 inch. That's more than a foot above the existing conference record of 13 ft. 1 1/4 inches, marked up by Oklahoma's Bill Carroll just last year.

Bespectacled Don is another of the loop's extraordinary performers, and is currently nursing an ailment. He pulled a muscle at Drake after bailing out at 14 ft. 6, but should be ready for the Big Seven trackfest.

Kehl, the brush-haired south-paw, is a two-time indoor champion who'd be headline material in any other camp except Nebraska. His 13 ft. 6 1/2 inch hoist won the indoor meet two months ago.

Scarcely a threat to the Bob Gordon-Virgil Severns high jump monopoly last year, Nebraska's Meissner went 6 ft. 7 at Drake recently to defeat Mizou's Gordon, the 1950 outdoor titlist, and Dick Jones, Oklahoma's stellar and highly-consistent entry. Jones paced the 1951 indoor field with a winning leap of 6 ft. 3 3/4 inches.

# Feller Burned; Out of Action

Bob Feller, the Cleveland Indians mound star, is nursing burns on his legs and lower torso—along with a previous back injury and may be out of action for another two weeks.

Feller suffered the first and second degree burns as he prepared to take a whirlpool bath for the back injury. He lost control of the hose and the near boiling water squirted on his body.

Feller's loss is only one in the growing list of injuries that are striking at the American League contenders.

It had been hoped that Feller would be ready to start against the league-leading New York Yankees this weekend. His record this year stands at three wins and no losses.

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