

# Riddled Huskers' Hopes Dim in Conference Meet

Anyone who accuses Nebraska track coach Ed Weir of being optimistic about his track team's chances in the approaching Big Seven conference outdoor track meet, couldn't be any farther from the truth.

"We'll have to work hard to finish in fourth place," said the Husker track mentor, who has been slowly recovering from a back operation.

The squad had failed in their attempts to conquer a conference foe in their dual track meets during the competitive season. Now, the chips are down and the performances must be up if the Huskers are to surpass the skeptical outlook set forth by Weir.

### 18 Men To Go

Doctor Weir has prescribed an 18-man travelling squad as the cure for strengthening the Huskers' inherent weakness in collecting points.

The Huskers will enter the meet a comparatively riddled squad. Not only have the loss of cindermen to Uncle Sam knocked the foundation out of the squad structure, but the loss of several consistent point-getters will also be felt.

Dan Tolman will remain home for the meet. Tolman injured his leg early in the outdoor season and the sophomore will not be able to compete in his hurdle specialties. His absence will greatly impair Husker hopes in the hurdle races and leave the job up to teammate Don Bekker.

Don Cooper has been favoring his pulled muscle this week by simply running through his step

in practice. The record-breaking York ace will probably go into the conference meet "cold." That is to say that he will not actually do any vaulting until the meet itself. His performance will have to more than match his determination with his leg condition as it is.

Heavy points will have to come from the field events if the Huskers want to make any showing. Butch Nielson and Paul Grimm will again carry the scarlet colors in the shot put.

Dick Meissner will close his college high-jumping career against stiff competitors from Oklahoma and Missouri, namely Dick Jones and Bob Gorden. Meissner holds the Nebraska high-jump record at 6'7".

### Broad Jumpers

Irv Thode and Glenn Beerline will show their sophomore ability against conference stars. Kangaroo-like Herb Hoskins from Kansas State will furnish most of the trouble for this pair.

George Prochaska will aid in the shot put; Warren Monson and Dean Brittenham in the javelin; and Leonard Kehl in the shot put to finish the list of Husker field entrant hopefuls.

It will also be the collegiate finals for Lenny Kehl. The conference indoor pole vault champion has his eyes set on adding the outdoor blue ribbon to his collection.

Counts Today  
For the track events, Weir will count heavily on his distance men for points, Buele Balderson will enter the half-mile with Dale Schnackle. Balderson and Gene



**Broad Jump Hopes**—Nebraska's hopes in the broad jump in the Big Seven outdoor carnival will rest upon the shoulders of Irv Thode, above, and Glenn Beerline.

Yelkin will carry the load in the mile run. Bob Krueger will be set to collect points in the two-mile run.

For the shorter races, Lee Alexander and Bob Barchus will carry out their attempt for victory in the short sprints. Both boys will face mercurymen in the form of Thane Baker of Kansas State and Dole Kelley from Colorado.

Barchus and Kehl may combine to run with Jack Scoville in the

sophomore has been hampered by a leg injury.

### Traveling Squad

The squad will leave early Thursday morning. The travelling squad: Lee Alexander, Bob Barchus, Buele Balderson, Don Bekker, Glenn Beerline, Dean Brittenham, Don Cooper, Paul Grimm, Leonard Kehl, Bob Krueger, Warren Monson, Dick Meissner, Lowell Nielson, George Prochaska, Jack Scoville, Dale Schnackle, Irv Thode, and Gene Yelkin.

### Theta Chi, Phi Kappa Psi Elect Next Year's Officers

Theta Chi fraternity held an election of officers for the coming fall semester. They are: Dale Link, president; Dwayne Van Pelt, vice president; Jack Nichols, secretary and Robert Gebhardt, treasurer.

Phi Kappa Psi also held an election of officers. They are as follows: Jim Stevenson, president; Bob Meyers, vice president; Don Noble, secretary and Jerry Schiermeyer, treasurer.

### Baptists to Hold Open House Thursday

"Passing in Review" will be the theme for the Baptist students' open house Thursday. Refreshments will be served from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

All students and faculty are invited to attend.

# Broad Jumpers to Be Busy During Big-Seven Carnival

At least four broad-jumpers will be busier than a telephone line to the girls' dorm in the Big Seven track and field sweepstakes here this weekend—and their activity won't be confined to the jumping pit.

The quartet of leap-frogs, who'll have few challengers for the "lard-workingest" sobriquet, include: Herb Hoskins, Kansas State's 1950 titlist; Quannah Cox and Jimmy Smith, Oklahoma's State's 1950 titlist; Quannah Cox and Jimmy Smith, Oklahoma's State's 1950 titlist; and Laddie Stovall, competent Missouri veteran.

If Kansas' Bob DeVinney joins the jumping clique, he'll not yield one whit to the others in versatility; however, the Jayhawk junior, just ten weeks out of the hospital after an appendectomy, may compete only in the sprints and hurdles.

Use of Hoskins in the sprints—he finished fourth in the outdoor 100 last year—is clouded by the fact that a bad ankle sprain may limit his competition to the broad jump. The Purple Jack-in-the-box, who packed away 1950 laurels with a 24-ft. 2 3/4-inch span, has altered his style to spring off his sound left foot. Using the new take-off, he just barely scratched two leaps against Kansas which were taped at 23-8 and 23-11 3/4.

Oklahoma's Cox, holder of the loop's second-best outdoor jump at 24-ft. 2-inches, is expected to double in the 100 and 220. Smith, his Sooner sidekick, will move into both hurdle races. Hurting 23-8 3/4 at Drake, Smith is best in the highs with a .14.9 time to his credit this spring.

Ability of this pair to finish high among the jumpers, and then to rack up points in their sideline events, could boost Sooner title hopes considerably. With Missouri's top sprinters—

Byron Clark and Randy Vanet—alling, Stovall emerges as the Tigers' chief threat in the dashes. Clark will be making his first experimental start this weekend after a two-month layoff, the result of a pulled muscle. He was third in the century last year. Vanet probably will enter only the quarter and mile relay, after pulling up lame in a practice run just last week.

Stovall catapulted to his all-time best of 23-ft. 6 1/2-inches for a second-place in the conference indoor meet. He went 23-5 to get second in the Kansas Relays. A 10-flat dash-man, his fastest during this season was a .22.6.

# Buff Hopes On Kelley

Anybody here seen Kelley? Ask that question of any Colorado track fan, and the prompt reply, accompanied by a directional thumb, would be: "He went thataway."

The reference, of course, is to Dole Kelley, the Big Seven's newest dash sensation. He currently shares marquee billing with Thane Baker, the sophomore specter from Kansas State, and Boulderites already are likening the 155-pound swiftness to Don Campbell, the Buffs' illustrious sprinter of two seasons back.

Kelley now is one-up on Baker, after flashing home ahead of the Wildcat ace in the Colorado Relays century three weeks ago.

Originally a Southerner, but now residing in El Monte, Calif., Kelley enrolled at Colorado on the recommendation of his high school coach. Completely unimpressed by frequent Rocky Mountain snowfalls, he admittedly yearns to be back "where the oranges grow."

Some Big Seven coaches, duly noting Kelley's .09.7 triumph in the CU Relays, and subsequent sorties of .09.8 and .09.9, probably would shell out train-fare to accommodate the warm-blooded Californian.

Kelley, however, will travel east out of Boulder this week—one of the more-heralded members of Coach Frank Potts' cinder delegation to the Big Seven track and field showdown to be held on Rollins Field in Columbia this Friday and Saturday.

The second reason for revising the eligibility rule is undoubtedly sound. The average prepster would tend to enroll where the grass was the greenest.

# Practical Arts Halts Lilies To Take Independent Title

## Cornhusker, Kappa Sigs, Delta Sigs, Nu's Victorious

Practical Arts is the 1951 intramural independent softball champion. The Practical boys edged the Lilies 2-1 in the title game Tuesday to capture the coveted crown.

It was a close, thrilling ball contest all the way with the outcome never certain. The champions were never behind, but had to push a run across in the bottom of the final frame to win.

The Lilies came through with their "score or else" run in the top of the seventh to tie the count at 1-all. Two champion er-

rors and a base on balls paved the way for the Lily score.

The game was apparently headed for extra innings as in the final half of the same frame, the first two PA boys at bat were sent back to the sidelines in a hurry.

### Levendusky Starts Things

PA catcher, Jim Levendusky started things rolling at that point. He lashed out a single to left and up came Joe Penseigo. Penseigo drew one of the six walks issued by Lily hurler, Weber and with the same two out,

there were men on first and second.

Nick Adduci had the key to the championship throne. With a 1-1 count, Nick smacked the ball game.

Weber opposed Darrel Brandenburg on the mound. Both turned in sparkling performances with the slight edge to winner Brandenburg. Brandie allowed two hits over the seven-inning course and sent ten Lily batsmen down swinging. He walked but one.

Weber allowed only four hits over the distance and struck out six. He issued six bases on balls, however.

### Brandenburg Hits, Too

Pitcher Brandenburg led the hitting way for the winners, too. He collected a pair of the four the winners earned. Art Bauer and Bernie Akromis got the only two safeties off the PA hurler.

The newly crowned independent champs were scheduled to meet Interdenominational champion Presby House for the All-Unaffiliated title Wednesday, but that title clash was again halted by rain.

It has been rescheduled for Thursday and may have to be cancelled for good.

The fraternities narrowed down their title-bidders to four Tuesday afternoon and with Wednesday's rain were wondering if their champion was going to be named before the Friday deadline.

### Delta Pi's Fall

Defending champion Cornhusker Co-op met the challenge of Delta Sigma Pi successfully and reached the semi-finals. The Co Co men dropped the Delta Pi's by a 5-1 score.

The defending champs were never headed but had to fight all the way. Winner Stu Nelson and loser Hinkley waged a pitcher's duel with only five hits coming off the two hurlers.

Nelson was superb as he allowed but two safeties and struck out 12. He was a little wild through the middle innings, however, and issued six walks. Hinkley was touched for only three hits and one walk, but the winners took good advantage of several Delta Pi errors.

### Strike First

Cornhusker struck first in the first frame and stretched their lead to 3-0 in the fourth. The only loser's run was pushed across in the fifth inning but the victors matched that and added an insurance run in the sixth.

Dick Hungerford led the batting way for the winners with a home run in the fifth. Courtney was all the losers had to offer in the line of batting as he collected both safeties off Nelson.

He led off the third inning with a booming triple and died on third. He again led off in the fifth with a smashing double and was left stranded on second.

Kappa Sigma won the right to meet Cornhusker in the semi by blasting Alpha Tau Omega, 15-8. The Kappa Sigs, behind the neat three-hit pitching of Wagner, clouted Tau hurler, Dick Bick, for 15 base hits.

### Fade Fast

The ATO's made a game of it for the first three frames and at that time trailed only 8-9, but it was soon apparent that Wagner was going to allow no more runs.

The victors started off fast in the opening frame and grabbed two quick tallies. The Tau narrowed the gap to one with a line counter in their half of the first.

The roof caved in on the losers in the second stanza. Seven big runs crossed the plate for the Kappa Sigs in a rout that featured five hits and two walks.

### Flurry of Hits

Krogh led off with a single and moved to third on two consecutive walks by Bick. Three successive singles by Hughes, Reich and Mink sent four runs across the plate and Bud Schaberg sent the other three home with a mighty home run.

# THE BENCH WARMER

The Big Seven, following in the footsteps of other conferences around the nation, voted last February in favor of permitting freshmen to compete in Varsity sports.

Two specific reasons were given for revising the eligibility rule which previously barred yearlings from Varsity competition.

1. It was believed that freshmen would have to supply most of the manpower in collegiate sports because of the draft.

2. Freshmen would tend to enroll in schools where they could immediately step into Varsity berths.

However, it is very likely that this new ruling will have only a slight effect on the fate of the Husker football team next year.

There is little reason to believe that freshmen will be manning the most important roles on our football squad in 1951.

In the first place the majority of gridderers who played on the Husker eleven last year will be deferred through ROTC. The military department increased its quota and now will be in a position to handle many more men.

### Athletes Deferred

It certainly seems logical enough to assume that a good many athletes will be included among this enlarged quota.

Others who are not in ROTC already belong or will join organized reserve units which will automatically defer them unless their group is called to active duty.

The deferment tests also open another door to athletes. They can be deferred for at least a year by making scores above 70 on the examination.

A high scholastic rating will defer them as long as the defer-

ment test will.

The conference was basing its first reason on the basis of the last year when the Nebraska squad consisted largely of young and inexperienced high school graduates who were able to earn Varsity letters during their first year.

Draft Laws, Reserve's Help  
But this situation should not develop at the present time with the new draft laws, reserve units and ROTC.

And the average freshman will not have the ability to step into big-time competition during their first year. It is rather difficult to imagine an 18-year old replacing Bobby Reynolds in the backfield.

The second reason for revising the eligibility rule is undoubtedly sound. The average prepster would tend to enroll where the grass was the greenest.

Just three years ago, Atkinson missed out on every hurler's goal—a no-hitter—when Mantle, then with the Baxter Springs Whiz Kids, singled off him in the fourth inning of a Ban Johnson championship game.

"That was the only hit Baxter Springs got off me that day," is Atkinson's rueful recollection, "and Mantle eventually scored on errors. But we won the game, 3-1, with my brother Ted driving in the winning runs."

Even though Mantle did ruin his no-hit bid, Atkinson—a lanky fast-baller from Scammon, Kan., still rates that game as his greatest baseball thrill.

The Tau were not yet finished, however. Two walks, a fielding error and Knox Jones' home run gave the losers four runs in their half of the same frame.

The ATO's added three more in the third on a walk, two errors and a homer by Weber.

Wagner's wildness on the throwing end and the Kappa Sig fielding on all ends led to the Tau's eight runs. Wagner struck out four, but walked ten. Bick turned in a better performance in this department, striking out six and walking four, but 15 hits cannot be overlooked.



**LAST CHANCE** . . . Husker Don Cooper will get his last chance this weekend to erase the Big Seven pole vault mark, working under the handicap of an injury suffered in the Drake relays. He by-passed this individual honor in the indoor meet to help the Huskers to a team championship.

# AROUND THE LOOP...

## Buff's "Novelty" Sports End for This Season

Colorado's "novel to the Big Seven" sports have come to the season's end. Phil Puchner of the Buff College captured the open division giant slalom race sponsored by the Winter Sports club in Estes Park. He finished the course in 63 seconds to capture the fastest score of 20 entrants.

Colorado's Fencers club was defeated in the fourth annual Colorado-Denver junior foil team Match Cup meet. The Denver men scored a 7-2 victory for possession of the cup another year. The series now stands with two wins for each team.

The Buff soccer club team fell with a 3-0 score to the Colorado Mines. This put the winning team in the final round for the coveted Spaulding Cup. The goals were scored after a scoreless first half tussle. The Buffs stand third in the eight team regional league for the 1951 soccer season.

How're they going to keep them in K-State athletics after they get the urge to become business men?

Ralph Graham, K-State's head grid coach from 1948 to 1950, plans to go into business at Wichita, Kansas. Thurlow McCurdy, former director of athletics for K-State, will soon be a manager for a firm in Hastings and Alliance.

McCurdy was coach and director of athletics at Hastings college for ten years before going to K-State in 1947. Graham was publicly booted as "the finest football player in the United States" by Bo McMillin. He later was assistant coach to McMillin. He climaxed a coaching position in Wichita by taking his team to the Raisin bowl at Fresno.

Kansas has captured all cross-country meets in the Big Seven conference. The conference has had three meets. These are two-mile runs usually taking place during the half of fall football games.

# Banquet to Honor Prof. Schramm

Eck F. Schramm, professor of geology, will be honored at a banquet Thursday, May 24 at the Union.

Friends are giving the banquet since Professor Schramm will not be with the University staff. He is retiring this coming June. Professor Schramm has been with the University since 1908.

Students and colleagues are invited to the banquet.

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