

# Trackmen Duel KU Powerhouse Kansas Team Favored To Win Meet

# Intramural Softball Will Open On April 16

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A squad plagued by illness and injury will head south Thursday for a dual track and field engagement with the University of Kansas Jayhawkers, winners of the Big Seven indoor carnival this winter.

Several of Coach Ed Weir's top team members will be unable to make the trip or at least not in top form for participation.

Coach Weir commented Tuesday that in spite of the facts that the squad is made up of a majority of freshmen and a great many of the men are either out for the meet or at least out of condition due to sickness and injury, the Husker squad should be able to pick up their share of field event points.

Weir gave three reasons why the team is weak at the present

time: 1. The squad lacks of veteran manpower in the first place, 2. Sickness and injury plague the team, 3. Inexperienced freshmen who are just developing into better competitors are being called upon for veteran assignments.

Clayton Scott, top two miler on the team and some good competition for KU's conference champion Herb Semper, is out with measles. Bob Krueger, another

two-miler, has been unable to do any, running since the indoor championships and therefore will be unable to compete against Jay Coach Bill Easton's top-ranking team.

Bob Barchus was forced to drop out of track to concentrate on school work. Barchus was a quarter-miler.

Bob Sand, high jumper, is recovering from measles and likely will not be available. Bob

Falchld, top Husker sprint man in indoor meets, has not recovered from a muscle pull suffered during the indoor season.

Nebraska's entries:  
Mile run: John Denny, Gene Yelkin and Lee Moore.  
440-yard dash: Buele Balderston, Jim Hurley and Gaylord Smith.

100-yard dash: Brien Hendrickson, Hoppy McCue and Hurley.  
120 high hurdles: Don Tolman, Smith and Don Bedker.

880-yard run: Moore, Dale Schnackel and Yelkin.  
220-yard dash: Hendrickson, McCue and Hurley.

2-mile run: Don Wilcox and Harold Sampson.  
Shot put: Paul Grimm, Cliff Dale and Tom Stoup.

Discus: Dale, Hyle Thibault and George Frochaska.  
Javelin: John Bordogna and Bob Arnold.

High jump: Phil Heldek, Darrell Moreland, Stan Matzke and Raymond Kelley.  
Pole vault: Jim Hofstetter, Bob Seldon and Jim Sommers.

Broad jump: Glenn Beerline, Irv Thode and McCue.  
The team will leave early Thursday morning for the meet, which is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. They will leave Lawrence immediately after the dual, and head home after stopping off at Topeka for dinner.

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Wednesday, April 16 will mark the opening of the 1952 intramural softball season, it was learned from the I-M department today. Sixteen teams will take the field on that date to inaugurate this year's play.

A total of 42 teams are entered in competition this season, 22 in contention for the fraternity title and 20 in the battle for the independent championship. The two champions will meet at the conclusion of the playoffs to determine the All-University champion with the trophy going to the winner if it is an organized house or the I-M medals to the champion if the victor is an unorganized outfit.

Four teams from each of the eight leagues will gain entry into the playoffs. All games postponed because of the weather will not be rescheduled, but managers can arrange to play these games providing they will inform the intramural office in advance to playing the game.

The eight leagues of action are:

Fraternity

LEAGUE I  
Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Sigma Chi  
Phi Delta Theta  
Alpha Tau Omega  
Delta Tau Delta  
Sigma Nu

LEAGUE II  
Kappa Sigma  
Phi Kappa Psi  
Theta Xi  
Alpha Gamma Rho  
Beta Theta Pi  
Beta Sigma Psi

LEAGUE III  
Farm House  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Delta Upsilon  
Brown Palace  
Pi Kappa Phi

LEAGUE IV  
Delta Sigma Phi  
Cornhusker Co-op  
Acacia  
Pioneer House  
Theta Chi

Independent

LEAGUE V  
Ag Men's Club  
Vocational Ag  
InterVarsity  
Doan-Nuts  
Lazy Farmers

LEAGUE VI  
Norris House  
Lillies  
Nebraska Co-op  
Navy ROTC  
Ramblers

LEAGUE VII  
Presby House

Baptist House  
Newman Club  
Methodist House  
Lutheran House  
LEAGUE VIII  
Practical Arts  
Dental College Fresh  
Delta Sigma Pi  
Psychology Department  
Sigma Gamma Epsilon

## Kansas-Bound



FRESH SPEEDSTER... Brien Hendrickson, freshman sprinter will compete in the 100 and 220-yard dashes at KU Thursday. He won fifth place in the 440 in the conference indoor meet. (Daily Nebraskan Photo)

## Iranians, Phi Psi's To Meet In Finals

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### Quarterfinals

"Who will stop the Iranians?" became the cry as the intramural volleyball championship playoffs advanced to the semi-finals Friday night. The unbeaten men from Iran were one of four teams that remained in the volleyball struggle entering the last two days of play.

In advancing to the semis, the Iranians had to hurdle one of the toughest and surely the most surprising team in the playoffs, Sigma Chi. The Sigs had made upsets their business in the first two rounds as they shattered the DU's and the Betas on successive nights when they were supposed to be beaten easily.

The Sigs couldn't keep up the pace Friday, however, and bowed to the dope-bucket in the form of a flashing Iranian onslaught. The victors chalked up wins number 20 and 21 as they humbled Sigma Chi, 15-2 and 15-6.

Alpha Tau Omega took up the challenger's role against the Iranians in Monday's semis as they copped a hard-fought Friday match from Cornhusker Co-op. The Coco boys momentarily stunned the Taus by winning the first game, 15-11, but bowed to the Tau spikers in the next two frays, 9-15 and 6-15.

Phi Kappa Psi kept in the thick of things in the upper bracket by taking two from Brown Palace on scores of 15-6 and 15-12. The Phi Psi's offer the greatest threat to the Iranians and providing both get by their Monday semi-final foes, the finals on Tuesday should present quite a battle.

Phi Delta Theta rounds out the fourth team to reach the semis Friday as they got a free pass from Sigma Alpha Epsilon "B" which failed to appear.

### Semifinals

It will be the Iranians against Phi Kappa Psi for the All-University volleyball championships. The two spiking outfits advanced to the All-U finals Monday night by throttling Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Theta, respectively.

The Iranians took the necessary two games from the Taus to win the semi-final clash, but not until the ATO spikers handed the boys from Iran their first defeat of the year. The Iranians, riding 21 straight victories into the semis, easily racked up number 22 before the Taus caught on. The score of that first game was a lopsided 15-3.

It was nip-and-tuck all the way in the second game. The Iranians jumped to a 3-0 lead and then saw the ATO's whittle away at it until the Taus held a 6-5 margin. It was Iran again for the next few minutes and the ATO's were behind once more, this time 7-9. From then on, it was two points for Alpha Tau Omega and one for

the Iranians until the Taus had accomplished what no other team had been able to this year. The Iranians had gone down to a 13-15 defeat.

It appeared in the third game that the Taus knew a good thing when they saw it, because they quickly ran up a 4-0 count before the favorites could muster their forces. It was too good to last, however, as the Iranians practically forced the ball down the ATO throats and walked to the 15-6 deciding victory.

Again it was the spiking of Faz Haghiri and Eddie Sarkissian and the placing-shots of Mort Solhoo that spelled doom for the Iranians' opponents. Al Blessing gave the victors a taste of their own medicine throughout the match with some superb spikes of his own and was well backed up by Veri Scott and the surprising play of Bill Weber and Bob Osborne.

Phi Kappa Psi took two quickies from Phi Delta Theta. The Phi Psi's easily streaked to a 15-5 first game win and then ran up a 9-4 second game lead and coasted in to a 15-8 triumph.

All six of the Phi Psi spikers performed well, but it was the smashes of Jerry Anderson with help from brother Larry and Bob Bachman that broke the Phi Delta hopes.

Tuesday's finals will pit two teams who have suffered but one defeat this year. The Iranians will carry a 23-1 record into the title fray as opposed by the Phi Psi slate of 22-1. The Phi Psi's suffered their lone setback during the regular season at the hands of Beta Theta Pi.

## Office Holder



GEIER ELECTED... J. G. (Jake) Geier, Husker gymnastic coach, has been elected vice president of the National Division of the American Gymnastic Coaches. Coach Geier's gym team concluded their season on March 29 with a 6-3 season record. (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

## Cage Team To Be Improved; Forward Spot Weak-Good

By GLENN NELSON  
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Nebraska's basketball team should be improved greatly during the 1952-53 season, despite their loss of all-conference guard Jim Buchanan, according to head basketball coach Harry Good.

"Our greatest weakness will again be in our forward positions," the Husker strategist said. "And the guard spots will continue to produce our main source of scoring power."

The Huskers are currently engaged in post-season workouts. Under Big Seven rules, a conference team is permitted to hold 12 practice sessions during a three week period.

"Although the Easter vacation period is included during the three week practice period which we are allowed, I believe that we will be able to complete our 12 practice sessions before our permitted time expires," Coach Good said.

"Our forwards are not hitting as consistently as they should, putting the heavy part of the load on the center and guards. In competing in the Big Seven, any team that hopes to make a good showing will have to have consistent scoring power in the guard, center and forward positions," he commented.

The Nebraska cage boss said that he believes the team to have made a "fair showing against the alumni, although the center position was confronted with some top veteran competition, which put more responsibility for rebounds upon the guards."

Good's varsity lineup includes forwards Stan Matzke, Paul Fredstrom, Willard Fagler, Don Weber, Lee Dobler, Dave Fahrback, Clarence Cook and Don Muenster.

Centers are Bill Johnson, Chuck Ott, Gary Renzelman and Bill Soelberg.

The guards are Joe Good, Fred Sezer, Bud Extrom, Jerry Sandbulte, Pat Mallette and Clark Smaha.

Lettermen for the season were Jim Buchanan, Extrom, Fagler,

## Husker Grad Coaches KU Track, Field

Jim McConnell, former Cornhusker track man, became the first full-time track and field assistant coach in KU history when he joined the University of Kansas staff two years ago.

While in school at Nebraska, McConnell was twice winner of the Kansas Relays decathlon. He had a sparkling total of 7,120 points in 1950.

The three-year track letterman from Huskerland is described as one of the finest all-around track athletes in Nebraska history.

Primarily in charge of field men, Jim produced his first Big Seven champion this year in Jim Floyd, Jayhawk indoor pole vault champion who sealed 13-6½ in this year's conference indoor carnival at Kansas City.

McConnell was graduated from Central City, Neb. high school in 1944 where he earned three letters in football and four in track. During his senior year in high school, McConnell won a strong second place in the Class B state track and field championships for Central City almost single-handedly.



JAYHAWK ASSISTANT... Jim McConnell, former University of Nebraska track star, is on the University of Kansas coaching staff, as assistant coach of track and field. Jim won the Kansas Relays decathlon championship twice as a Husker.

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