

# Husker Trackmen May Battle Flood

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Everyone else seems to be taking a hand in fighting the flood waters of the once muddy now mighty Missouri river and the Nebraska track team will probably get their chance this weekend.

The Husker trackmen are presently journeying down to Columbia, Mo., for their dual meet with the Tiger thincloids Friday and the Kansas Relays Saturday. On route to Columbia, the team was re-routed through St. Joseph because of the flood dangers.

The squad, traveling by bus, is hoping to make it back to Lincoln before the highways become inundated with the products of the muck and mire that are accompanying the disasters.

The Cornhuskers will be far from their peak of performance against the Tigers. Missing from Friday and Saturdays will be Clayton Scott, with Bobby Fairchild and Bob Sand very doubtful.

The Cornhuskers chances sagged even lower when the Huskers went into "show-me-land" without the services of a javelin thrower. The Tigers are equipped with first, second and third place spear-tossers.

Nebraska's high jumpers will face a tough test when they compete against high flying Bob Gordon. Gordon has been hitting the 6'3 mark consistently and is capable of going a few inches higher.

The Nebraska broad jumping trio of Irv Thode, Glenn Beerline and Hoppy McCue gives the Huskers their best chance to monopolize any single event.

Don Bedker, after winning the high hurdle and losing the low hurdle race to Bob De Vinney of Kansas, will face tough timber-topping foe in Bill Fessler. Bedker, who won the indoor high and second in the low, did not meet Fessler at Kansas City because of the Bengal's leg injury.

## IM Tennis Dates Set

The pairings and deadline dates for intramural tennis competition have been completed according to the Intramural department. The tourney cards have been posted on the wall near the I-M office, room 102 in the PE building.

May 1 is the deadline for the first round action. All matches must have been completed by then or both participating teams will drop from competition. A match is two out of three sets for the spring doubles play and for reporting the results as well as the scores, of each match.

Teams must schedule their own times with their opponents, the individual matches will not be scheduled by the I-M department.

The tennis court will be available for match-play on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Physical Education classes and the varsity team will occupy the courts during the afternoons during the week.

Intramural badminton will see the end of first-round play and the beginning of second-round action on Thursday night. Monday will see the remainder of second-round play with third-round action scheduled for Tuesday.

All participants in the tennis, badminton and squash tourneys are asked to keep watch of the tourney sheets posted on the bulletin board in the PE building. Any matches not completed by the scheduled dates or deadlines will be forfeited.

## OU Represents Big 7 Grapplers

Qualifying five first place and three second place winners in district competition, the University of Oklahoma will represent the Big Seven conference in the finals to select the American Olympic wrestling team.

The finals are to be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Ames, Iowa with the winners in each weight being forced to wrestle from six to eight bouts.

The Sooner contingent, which includes many of the wrestlers who helped Oklahoma win the National Collegiate championship in both 1951 and 1952, left Port Robinson by automobile for Ames.

125½—Billy Borders, NCAA and Big Seven champ; and Don Zink, 136½—Harold Reese, Big Seven conference champ and third in NCAA. 147½—Tommy Evans, NCAA and Big Seven champion and Bryan Rayburn, 160½—Frank Marks, Big Seven champ; and Gene White, 190½—Ramon Lawtrey.

A Heavy Sticker



THIRD SACKER . . . Bobby Decker clouted a three-run homer against the Oklahoma Aggies on the Cornhusker's latest southern baseball trek. Fran Hofmaier and Ray Mladovich were on base when Decker cut loose with the 390-foot drive.

## Baseballers Try For Win Against KU

Nebraska baseballers hope to continue their winning ways in the Big Seven conference as they host the University of Kansas Friday and Saturday at 3 p.m. on the University diamond.

The Huskers gained their second Big Seven victory Wednesday as they swamped Kansas State 14-1 for the second straight day on the K-State diamond.

Tony Sharpe's diamond men garnered single runs in the second, third and fifth innings with Bob Diers and Ray Mladovich supplying the needed power.

Diers broke out of his batting slump with a resounding inside the park home run while Mladovich parked a Bob Dillman pitch over the right center field fence in the second and third innings.

Dillman's mastery over the Huskers was shattered in the sixth inning when Bob Reynolds singled, Milt Frei walked, and Ray Novak doubled both runners home. Jerry Dunn singled Novak home and before Dillman could retire the side, five runs had scored.

This virtually clinched the win as Pat Mallette, Husker right-hander, kept the K-State batters well in check as he limited them to two scattered hits. The Huskers added six more runs in the ninth inning.

The Husker record now stands at five wins and two losses.

## Kansas Next



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LOOKING AHEAD. Coach Tony Sharpe is looking forward to keeping his Big Seven conference baseball slate clean as the Nebraska baseball team comes back to Lincoln after a southern journey to play host to the Kansas Jayhawks. Sharpe has not announced his starting hurler, but Charlie Wright (2-0) is about due for another starting assignment in the first game of the twin bill.

Kansas Basketball Coach Phog Allen surpassed Marvin Small's former long-distance speaking engagement record last week when he drove into Smith Center Wednesday night following his arrival from New York with his Olympic basketball team.

## Ontogeny Recapitulates Phylogeny

Associate professor Joe Murphy of the zoology department was quoted as saying in a recent zoology lecture:

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# Rain Fails To Slow Opening Softball Play

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Intramural Sports Columnist

Intramural softball swung into action Wednesday afternoon right on schedule, in perfect timing with the April showers, a must in the past several years. Despite the cold drizzle, seven of the eight scheduled contests were entered into the record books.

A field day for the batters and a horrible inaugural for the pitchers and fielders were foremost in the majority of the opening-day clashes.

Five of the seven games reached conclusions on the Ag College fields with four teams winning decisive victories. The only close contest was won in the last inning.

Alpha Tau Omega pushed across six big runs in the bottom half of the final frame to capture a 13-10 win from Phi Delta Theta. Fred Cady took the hero's laurels for the Taus as he slashed a three-run home run far over the left-fielder's head to send the winning runs across the plate.

Going into that fateful sixth inning, the Taus trailed the Phi Delt sluggers 7-10. Al Blessing led off the frame with a single and took second on the Phi Delt center-fielder's error. Bill Sloan was sent in to pinch-hit for Bernie Scheer and flew out to left. Phi Delt hurler Ken Fisher lost the next two batters on walks to load the sacks. Leo McKillip grounded out and the Phi Delt cause appeared brighter.

It dimmed quickly, however, as Veri Scott lashed a base-clearing single to tie the count at 10-10. Dick Watson also worked Fisher for a walk and then up to the plate strode Cady and the game was over.

McKillip was the batting leader for the Taus, collecting three hits in four trips to the plate. Cady and Bailey each contributed two more safe blows to the winning attack. Stan Gerlach was the only Phi Delt able to get more than one safety, getting two in three times at bat.

Fisher allowed the Taus nine hits and walked six while Watson gave up seven safeties to the losers, walked 13 and hit one batter.

Sigma Nu let Delta Tau Delta earn a run in the top half of the first inning and then took over to win going away, 17-7. Sigma Nu hurler Lyle Altman limited the Deltas to six hits, but eight bases on balls upheld the run-total. His hurling opponent, Keith Skalla, was tagged for 12 safeties and also eight walks. In addition, Skalla hit three of the NU batsmen.

Bob Roesar led the way for the victors by hitting for the cycle, a single, double, triple and home run in five trips to the plate. Bill Best also swung a heavy bat with three safeties in four attempts. Besides the circuit clout of Roesar's, Howard Herbst and Gary Martin also hammered homers. Olson and Lander led the Delt batters with

two hits apiece, one of Olson's being a home run.

Sigma Phi Epsilon had no trouble disposing of Sigma Chi in their opening day affair. The Sig Chi's had outfield trouble all afternoon and wound up on the short end of a 7-20 score.

The Sig Eps took care of the scoring right from the start, collecting four runs in their first frame, six in the second and another four in the third inning. Six more runs crossed the plate in the fifth frame, but they were far from being needed.

Dave Brandon hurled seven-hit ball for the victors and although allowing the Sigs at least one run per frame, kept the losers under control throughout. The Sig Eps clubbed Bob Espergen and Carr Trumbull for 18 base hits including three home runs by Ted Kratt, Al Hansen and Art Hansen.

Gale Teller and Royce Tonjes led the hitting parade for the victors with four singles apiece.

their first contest and went on to a 12-4 triumph over Alpha Gamma Rho. Six hits, including pitcher Shelby Johnstone's homer spelled doom for the Aggies in that second frame.

On the city campus Farm House won an abbreviated four-inning contest from Tau Keppa Epsilon by a 16-4 count. The game was shortened because of the ruling that states the contest is officially over if one team owns a ten-point lead after four innings of play.

The Farmers blasted a total of 17 hits off the offerings of Teke hurler Ron Sterkie while the Aggie hurler held the losers to but four hits. Five bases on balls and one hit-batsman in the four innings helped the Tekes to their four runs.

The Delta Upsilon diamondmen captured a four-inning contest from Brown Palace by a 17-2 count. Five home runs by the DU's helped produce the route.

## Sooners Top Athletic School

A compilation of Big Seven athletic standings shows the Oklahoma Sooners the top all-around athletic school in the conference. Nebraska ranked sixth.

Dividing six championships with Oklahoma, Kansas is posting the most serious challenge in years to Oklahoma's domination of the league's all sports table.

Oklahoma leads the combined autumn and winter program with a low of 15. Kansas has 17, Colorado 22½, Kansas State 25, Iowa State 26, Nebraska 30½ and Missouri 32. The Sooners won football, swimming and wrestling titles.

Kansas won basketball, annexing the NCAA title, and also claimed indoor track and crosscountry crowns (Nebraska does not have a crosscountry team). Baseball, outdoor track, golf and tennis still remain on the athletic schedule before the table can be completed.

	O	K	C	IS	N	M	KS
Football	3	2	4	5½	7	5½	7
Crosscountry	2	1	5	6	7	3	4
Basketball	5	1	5	5	7	3	2
Indoor Track	5	1	3	7	4	6	2
Wrestling	1	6½	3	2	5	4	6½
Swimming	1	4½	4½	2	3	6½	6½

Kratt and Al Hansen each collected three base blows. Marv Bridges and Jack March each garnered two hits for the losers.

Another 20-7 score was recorded in the books as Phi Kappa Psi blasted Kappa Sigma in their first go at the spring sport. The Phi Psi's tallied five runs in the first two frames and then coasted to the win, with an anti-climatic eight runs crossing the plate in the sixth inning.

Four home runs were clouted in this game, three by the victorious Phi Psi's. Bob Brittin, Ray Clement and Chuck Betzelberger each blasted circuit clouts for the winners. Betzelberger's clout being one of the biggest blows in intramural softball history, traveling 300 feet in the air and rolling another hundred. George Wilcox, the Kappa Sig pitcher, collected the other homer.

Theta Xi erupted for seven runs in the second inning of

Tom Tolen and Rathke each collected a pair of homers while Chuck Burmeister clouted the other. The first two Palacers to come to the plate banged homers for the losers. They were Darrell Montgomery and Don Stake.

The eighth victory of the opening day was awarded to Cornhusker Co-op on a forfeit from Delta Sigma Phi.

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