

Foot In Mouth

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Here's hoping that I'm not putting my foot in my mouth when I predict Coach Tony Sharpe's young Husker baseball team to win the Big Seven pennant this year.

There is a gigantic "if" to add to that statement.

Missouri's team, currently leading the conference race with a spotless record, has quite an advantage over the Husker nine. The Kansas Jayhawks, who led the league earlier in the season when they handed the Cornhuskers their only defeat, have dropped out of the picture.

Should the Tigers succeed in winning every league contest which they play until the Nebraska-Missouri series, they would need only a split in the series to win the conference title.

The Huskers could win the Big Seven crown by beating Missouri both games of the series and winning all other conference games.

Another obstacle confronting the Nebraskans is the fact that the series is scheduled to be played at Columbia. Any team is at an advantage while playing on their home diamond.

Defensively, the NU team ranks probably at the top of the Big Seven ladder. Although many teams will lag defensively when they hold a great scoring advantage over an opponent, the Husker nine has been consistently good on the field during many lopsided games this season.

Nebraska's pitching staff, dominated by sophomore talent, has been tops this year. Ray Novak leads the pitchers with a record of three wins against no defeats.

Shortstop Ray Mladovich is the only senior on Sharpe's infield, while the outfield will require a complete changeover next season. With veteran battery men and infielders, the Cornhusker team should be the team to watch during the 1953 season as well.

K-State Invades Tuesday

Kansas State, second place winners in the Big Seven indoor carnival last winter, will stage a dual meet Tuesday with Coach Ed Weir's Cornhusker trackmen.

With a few breaks, the Huskers are in a fine position to defeat the Wildcat thimblets.

The Huskers possess a much greater depth potential, while the K-State team counts on a few individual stars for their bulk of points.

Big gun for the Wildcats is Thane Baker, one of the nation's best college sprinters.

Nebraska's improved relay team will need to give their anchor man a good lead in order to beat the speedy Kansan.

Possibly the best group of broad jumpers to ever assemble at a college dual meet will compete Tuesday.

Nebraska will of course have their top-notch trio of Glenn Beertline, Irv Thode and Hoppy McCue on hand, and Kansas State will bank on Verle Switzer and Gene Wilback.

Switzer, star halfback man on MU's football team, leaped 23 feet 7/4 inches to win the broad jump event in an indoor dual against Nebraska last winter. Wilback, who stars on K-State's nationally ranking basketball team, has beaten Switzer on several occasions.

Hurdler Don Bedker will be gunning for a new all-time University record in the 120-yard high hurdles, and will have some top-flight competition in Missouri's Hi Fabuon.

The Scarlet high-stepper was robbed of an all-time record by a six mile per hour wind during Monday's dual with Colorado. Buff hurdler Merwin Hodel pushed Bedker to a :14.4 clocking, which went into the record books as a new dual meet record.

Nebraska Coach Ed Weir is hoping that some of his injured squad members will be in condition to compete against Kansas State Tuesday.

Clayton Scott, who holds the indoor dual meet record in the two-mile, pulled up Monday with stomach trouble. The distance iron man set the record at 9:49.6 in last winter's indoor meet.

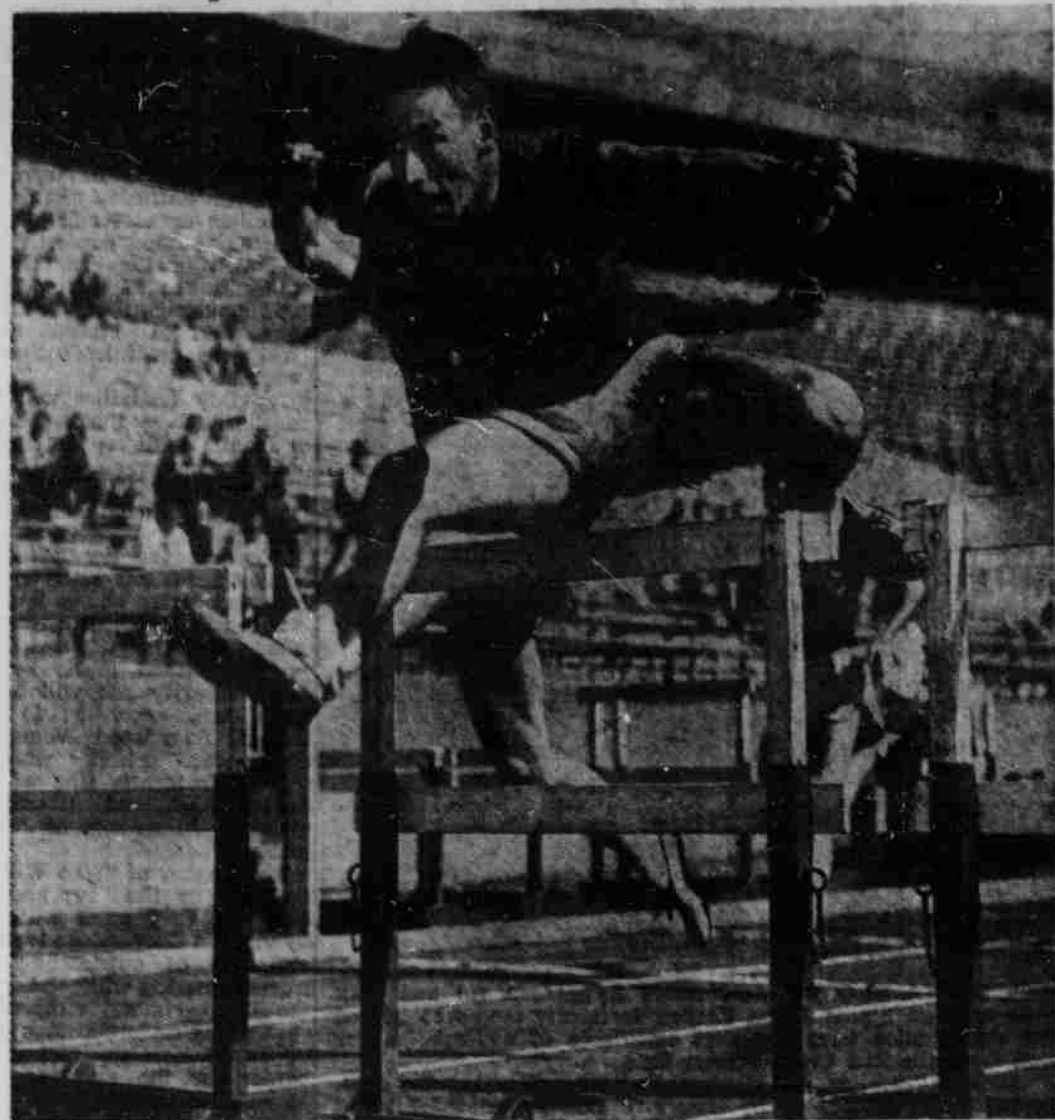
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HUSKER HURDLE GREAT . . . Don Bedker, who won both the low and high hurdles events in the Big Seven indoor track meet last winter, nosed out Colorado's Merwin Hodel in the high sticks Monday to establish a new record of :14.4, erasing the old mark of :14.7 set by Bob Berkshire of Nebraska in 1950. The time also surpassed the school record of :14.5, but a slight wind nullified the all-time record.

Intramural Softball Playoffs Feature Upsets, Surprises

By BILL MUNDELL
Intramural Sports Columnist

Intramural softball re-opened the 1952 season Monday with seven first-round tournament contests reaching completion minus any rain, showers or dew. Rain and wet weather forced the abandonment of the regular season play last week after 36 of the first 46 scheduled games were cancelled. A single-elimination tournament, which is hard on the losing teams, is now in progress.

Phi Kappa Psi put away its softballs for the year as Delta Upsilon came through with a surprising 7-6 triumph in that first-round battle. The Phi Psi's had taken two easy victories during the abbreviated regular season and appeared to be one of the better outfits, but the DU's had other ideas.

Bill Giesler, on the mound for the victorious DU's spaced eight Phi Psi hits effectively. He allowed the losers two runs in the first and fourth frames and was never in serious difficulty. The DU batsmen gave Giesler a big margin to work from by crossing the plate six times in the opening inning. The victors got only two hits in this frame, but sandwiched around five bases on balls, they did the trick.

Phi Psi chucker, Bob Brittin, limited the winners to but six hits and was master of the DU's after the first, but the damage had been done.

Paul Pfisterer, DU catcher led the swinging attack for the victors with two hits in three times at the plate. Don Frei, Bud Extrom and Smith all collected two bingles for the Phi Psi's, Frei leading off the game with a home run.

Acacia pulled off perhaps the biggest upset of the day by drubbing the highly-touted Sigma Nu outfit by a 10-4 count. The Masons were never in trouble as they chalked up four tallies in the first frame and two more in the second.

Acacia hurler, Ewing, gave the Nu's ten hits but scattered them well, except in the third inning when the losers scored all their runs. The Mason slugs battered Lyle Altman for 13 bingles and bunched them at the right time with all but one of the starting nine collecting at least one hit.

Only Don Brym of the Nu's solved the offerings of Ewing, the

Nu shortstop getting three for three. Dryda punched a two-run homer in the second to further the Mason cause.

In the wildest game of the day Alpha Gamma Rho and Beta Theta Pi battled an extra inning before the AGR's emerged with a 17-16 victory.

It was a see-saw affair all the way. The Aggies started things rolling with a five-run first and then saw the Betas roar back and tie the count. The losers took their first lead in the second frame, a two run margin at 8-6. It was the Aggies again in the third, 11-10 and the Betas again in the fourth 15-12. The fifth frame saw the Betas holding a 16-14 margin.

The Aggies got the necessary two points in the top of the sixth and held the Betas scoreless in the bottom half to force the game into overtime. A booming triple by Roger Essman and an error on the Beta third-sacker produced the winning run in the top of the seventh. No more could be read from the scorebook.

Spike Dannehl hurled and batted the Beta Sigma Psi softballers to a first-round victory over Brown Palace Monday. Dannehl limited the Palacers to two hits and smashed three of his own, including two round-trippers to lead the Beta Sigs to a 17-3 triumph.

In holding the Brownies to two scant bingles, Dannehl struck out 13 men and in the five inning game, that was all but two of his teams putouts. Two errors allowed by Bill Moates hit in the fourth frame paved the way to the three losers' tallies, but it was of little significance because the Beta Sigs were already on top by an 11-0 count. Schroeder got the only other Palace hit as Dannehl mowed them down.

Les Roberts, R. Beiseck and R. Eggert all contributed two hits to the winning cause to back up Dannehl's efforts. One of Roberts' was a homer with bases empty.

Alpha Tau Omega blasted Sigma Chi, 12-4 in their first-round encounter. Although the Taus won handily and in a four-inning contest as well, the victors had to come from behind in the third frame to sweep on to the second round.

The Sigs surpassed the Taus' one run in the first inning with three of their own and after the ATO's had notched two more in

the second, the Sigs upped their total to four.

That was their last gasp, however, as Tau hurler Dick Watson held them hitless in the next two frames while the winners were banging Sig chucker Espersen for six hits and nine runs and victory.

All told, the Taus clouted nine hits while Watson held the Sigs to four. Verle Scott led the winning sluggers with two safeties in three trips. Sig Downey led the losing cause with a similar effort.

Phi Delta Theta came from far behind to whip Tau Kappa Epsilon in a wild 19-15 contest. The Tekes had chalked up six big runs in the opening frame only to see their lead dissolve under a seven-run Phi Delta first.

The Tekes went ahead once again in the third inning by a 13-12 count, but that was the beginning of the end. The Phi Deltas pushed five runs across in their half of the same period and added two clinchers in the fourth to win.

Both hurlers, Fisher for the Phi Deltas and Goodman for the Tekes were touched for plenty of hits. The winners collected 13 while the losers punched ten for safeties.

Louie Roper led the victors' batting assault with three hits, including a pair of homers. Secord, Kiekhaefer, Fisher and Carlson each contributed two hits for the winners while Nakagawa collected a pair for the Tekes.

Kappa Sigma spotted Theta Chi three runs in the top of the first and then ran all over the TC men in garnering a total of 15 tallies in their half of the opening frame and went on to win 19-4 in a four-inning contest.

Smith led the victorious attack at the plate with a perfect day and three hit. Brothers Doug and George Wilcox added to the TC misery by blasting home-runs.

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NU Baseballers Club K-State Wildcats, 16-0

By ED BERG
Sports Staff Writer

Nebraska's talented baseballers racked up their fifth Big Seven victory in six starts by drubbing an outclassed Kansas State nine 16-0 Tuesday night on the Husker diamond.

Big Ray Novak and Freshman Bob Krenke combined to stifle the Wildcat's bats with three harmless singles. Novak, the starter, chalked up his third straight win of the season.

Nebraska clinched the contest with a six run outburst in the first frame. They added seven more in a wild third inning that saw eleven men parade to the plate.

A defensive collapse on the part of the Kansas State infield led to the lopsided score. Ten miscues along with ten free passes from the Wildcat hurlers, Gene Kubicki and Bob Parker, allowed the Huskers to waltz to the win.

Nebraska hitters combed the Kansas State offering for a dozen blows. Big stickers were Catcher Murray "Mert" Backhaus and Outfielder Milt Frei with two hits in three trips. Backhaus, Bob Diers and Ray Mladovich each were credited with a pair of runs batted in.

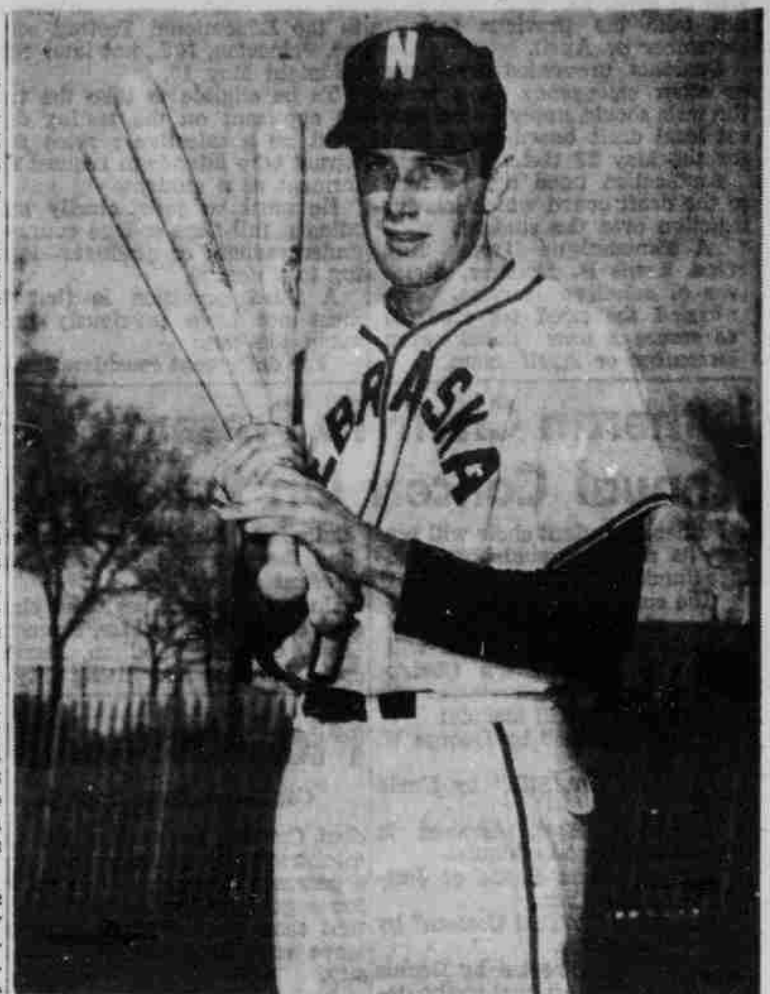
Novak completely silenced the Wildcat regulars. Giving up only two bingles in seven frames, Novak had a no-hitter until Joe Arnold lined one past first in the fourth inning. Third Baseman Don Prigmore collected the other safety during Novak's stint. The righthander from Omaha Tech gave up four walks and struck out three.

Krenke, appearing in his first Big Seven game, allowed Earl Woods to connect for the remaining Kansas State hit.

Kubicki felt the full force of the Husker attack. Starting on the hill for the boys from Manhattan, he was charged with the six run first and seven run third. He retired in the third with the bases loaded. Parker came in to retire the side.

Bobby Decker, Mladovich and Bob Reynolds all looked sharp in the field for Nebraska. Decker came up with the play of the day on Don Childs' grounder in the fifth inning. He went far to his left to spear what looked like a sure hit.

Frei drove out the only extra



SHOWS IMPROVEMENT . . . Bill Giles, Husker baseballer, was commended Tuesday by baseball Coach Tony Sharpe for his improvement during the last week. Bill plays the first base position while Ray Novak is on the mound for the Huskers. He has looked good both offensively and defensively against the Sooners and the Wildcats, and has credit for one home run, which he hit at Oklahoma.

base hit of the ball game, a double to left-center.

Decker, Jerry Dunn and Reynolds each stole two bases in the contest. One of Reynolds' thefts was a steal of home.

Professor (irritated)—"If there are any morons in the room, please stand up."

A long pause, and a lone freshman rose.

Professor—"What, do you consider yourself a moron?"

Freshman—"Well, not exactly that, sir; but I do hate to see you standing all alone by yourself."

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