

# NU Baseballers Begin Workouts

## Sharpe's Team Opens 22 Game Schedule At Baylor On April 6

Nebraska baseballers, second in the Big Seven Conference race a year ago, got in their first intra-squad games this week with the help of a few days of spring-like weather.

Coach W. D. (Tony) Sharpe has less than three weeks to groom his crew for the southward swing that will open the Huskers' 22-game slate.

Baylor at Waco, Tex., is first on the Cornhusker diamond docket (April 6-7), followed by two-game stands at Tulsa (April 8-9) and Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater (April 10-11). The Huskers' initial Big Seven games will be with Kansas State at Manhattan April 17-18. Missouri is Nebraska's first home foe on April 27-28.

Ray Novak, Omaha, first baseman-pitcher; Don Becker, Lincoln, sophomore outfielder; and Dennis Uorinek, sophomore outfielder from Ulysses, have been the standouts at the plate during early workouts.

Showing up well on the mound have been pitchers Frank Holmaier, a lefthander from Crofton; Dick McCormick, Silver Creek; and Charles Wright, Scottsbluff, righthanders.

Novak, Holmaier and Wright lettered in 1952. McCormick earned an award in 1951 but was hampered last season by arm trouble.

Here's how Sharpe has tentatively lined up his squad for the trip south:

Dieterks Rolston, Forsyth, Mont., and Virgil Gottsch, Elkhorn, shortstops; Bob Reynolds, Grand Island, second base; Jim Cederdahl, Lincoln, left field; Novak, first base; Jerry Dunn, Stoughton, Mass., right field; Fred Seger, Omaha, third base; Korinek, centerfield; Murray Backhaus, catcher; and pitchers Holmaier, Wright, McCormick, Pat Mallette of Hooper and Bob Kremke of Millard.

Battling for one additional spot on the pitching staff are Harold Andrews, Beatrice; Bob Brun, Lincoln; Doug McPherson, Syracuse; Don Muenster, Omaha; Ken Moore, Mt. Vernon, Ia.; and Ray Wiegert, Wahoo.

From among five other boys Sharpe expects to choose three utility men for the trip. The five are Becker and Dick Christoph, Glenwood, Ill., outfielders; Cal Helme, Millard, first sacker; and Gerald Sandbulte, Sioux Center, Ia., and Charles Jensen, Pawnee City, catcher-outfielders.

Sixty-six freshmen have signed up for freshman baseball practice at Nebraska.

Practices will get going under the direction of Assistant Baseball Coach Ed Berg as soon as physical exams have been completed.

# Keystone Kid



STEADIES HUSKER INFIELD... Bob Reynolds, veteran second sacker for Coach Tony Sharpe's Nebraska baseball squad, is expected to be a mainstay for the NU team this spring. His consistently fine hitting and fielding helped the Huskers to a second place in loop standings last year.

# Two Jayhawk Cagers Placed On Nebraskan All-Loop Five

The University of Kansas Jayhawkers, winners of the Big Seven basketball pennant and worthy participants in the NCAA Western regional tournament at Kansas City this week, placed two players on the first team of The Daily Nebraskan's All Big Seven cage squad for the 1952-53 season. Four other clubs—Kansas State, Colorado and Iowa State were represented on the all-star five.

Dick Knostman, who was tabbed All-American on most polls both this year and last, heads the list of conference stars. The high-scoring Wildcat center scored 268 points during his final year of competition for a 22.5 point-per-game average. Knostman's point total is shaded by B. H. Born, 6-9 center for the champion Jayhawk club, who is tabbed for an all conference berth by the Nebraskan. Born led league scorers with 270 and a 22.5 average. He played second string last year as understudy for big Clyde Lovellette.

Art Bunte, sensational high-scorer from Colorado, holds down a first five position, adding a 22.0 points-per-game average to the powerful quintet. Bunte is just a sophomore at the Buffalo school this year, but his efforts have snappd the all-time Buff scoring record.

Another scoring king, Delmar Diercks of Iowa State, gains first team recognition. Towering Del reset Cyclone record books while scoring 234 points for a 19.5 scoring average in league contests.

Another Jayhawk, Captain Dean Kelley of the fiery Hawk squad, was selected on the mythical five for his brilliant floor game and team generalship. Although Dean was not among the top loop point-getters, his consistently scrappy play gained his first team recognition.

Five different universities are represented on the second five, which consists of hard-playing

## Daily Nebraskan All Big Seven Team

**FIRST TEAM**  
Dick Knostman, Kan. State  
B. H. Born, Kansas  
Art Bunte, Colorado  
Delmar Dierks, Iowa State  
Dean Kelley, Kansas

**SECOND TEAM**  
Bob Rousey, Kansas State  
Bob Waller, Oklahoma  
Fred Seger, Nebraska  
Win Wilfong, Missouri  
Gil Reich, Kansas

**HONORABLE MENTION** — Bob Reiter, Missouri; Med Park, Missouri; Sam Long, Iowa State; Carl Van Cleave, Iowa State; Frank Gompert, Colorado; Willard Fagler, Nebraska; Bill Johnson, Nebraska; Ron Blue, Oklahoma; Lester Lane, Oklahoma; Allen Kelley, Kansas; Harold Patterson, Kansas; Gene Stauffer, Kansas State.

men who are lacking in height but scoring Soonier who helped Oklahoma stay out of the cellar in the league of giant-killers; Fred Seger, stellar Husker guard whose fiery play kept Harry Good's team alive; Win Wilfong, sensational Missouri sophomore who scores heavily but whose injury kept his name from first team rating; and Gil Reich, hustling Kansas guard who was the dread of the Huskers both games, and who switched to the maples shortly after gaining an All-American defensive half-back position in football.

Gaining honorable mention are Bob Reiter, Missouri; Med Park, Missouri; Sam Long, Iowa State; Carl Van Cleave, Iowa State; Frank Gompert, Colorado; Willard Fagler, Nebraska; Bill Johnson, Nebraska; Ron Blue, Oklahoma; Lester Lane, Oklahoma; Allan Kelley, Kansas; Harold Patterson, Kansas; and Gene Stauffer, Kansas State.

# Ed Husmann To Compete In Nationals

## NU Grappler Is Grid Star

Ed Husmann, Big Seven heavyweight wrestling champion, will be Nebraska's representative in the NCAA mat championships to be held at Penn State College, March 27-28.

Husmann, 220-pounder and co-captain of the Cornhusker football team last fall, is a Johnny-come-lately to the wrestling mat. He did not attempt the mat sport until he was a junior. Ed did not wrestle in high school.

One of the standouts in the last East-West football game at San Francisco, Husmann had a season wrestling record of 12 victories and one defeat. He erased that one loss by beating the one heavyweight who had downed him during the regular season.

Husmann, in attempting a reversal, fell into a pin hold against Walden of Iowa State during the regular season. However, Ed won from Walden in the finals of the Big Seven tournament at Norman, Okla.

Husmann has done a lasting service for all aspiring freshman football players at the University of Nebraska. Because of Ed, Coach Bill Glassford says he will never cut the frosh squad.

When the Ogallala strong boy was first playing football it appeared that his future in that sport had come and gone. But Ed is a silent plunger. He listens to suggestions for improvement, then puts them into practice.

As a result, by the time he was a junior, Husmann was awarded the J. Gordon Roberts trophy as the most valuable player on the team.

Husmann has improved rapidly as a wrestler, as his record indicates.



DICK KNOSTMAN... Kansas State's high-scoring center, heads the Nebraskan selections of all conference players for the 1952-53 season. Knostman was selected on several All-American basketball teams this year.

# Three Win IM Handball Final Titles

Intramural handball closed out its 1953 season last week with the naming of its three championships. Leonard Singer in singles, and Carl Brasee and Verl Scott in doubles were the individual title-winners while Beta Theta Pi garnered a narrow team triumph. All three individuals are NU grid-ders.

It was the second year in the finals for Singer, representing Zeta Beta Tau. Last year he was defeated by Jack Andrews of Delta Sigma Pi, but this year Singer swept past all opposition in his run to the singles crown.

The new champion successfully met seven opponents during the tournaments which began Jan. 16. To win, however, he had to down the determined drive of Phi Gamma Delta Jack Shull in the finals by the scores of 21-8, 19-21, 21-14.

Brasee and Scott, representing Alpha Tau Omega, downed Jim Oliver and Ken Fisher of Phi Delta Theta in the doubles finals in two straight games, 21-3, 21-19.

The Betas won the team championship by a scant one-point margin over Phi Gamma Delta. The Betas amassed a total of 36 points while the runner-up Fijis coulr muster but 35.

Sigma Chi wound up in third place with a 12-point total followed by Phi Delta Theta with ten. The rest of the team scoring race saw Zeta Beta Tau and Alpha Tau Omega with seven, Sigma Alpha Epsilon with six, Delta Upsilon with five and Sigma Alpha Mu with one.

# Weir's Hall Of Fame Honor To Be Awarded At NU Game

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Head track coach Ed Weir has been nominated and accepted to the Football Hall of Fame at New Brunswick, N. J., the home of the first football game in the United States.

Weir will be honored between



ED WEIR... Head track mentor was named to Football Hall of Fame in New Brunswick, N. J., and will be honored during one of Nebraska's half-time ceremonies at one of their home football games next fall.

## AL Bosses Reject Brownie Proposal

American League baseball team owners issued a statement Monday which denied St. Louis Brown president Bill Veck the right to move his club.

Veck had planned to move his team's home field to Baltimore.

the halves of one of Nebraska's home football games next fall, announced John Bentley, Sports Publicity Director.

Weir was a member of the all-American team picked by Walter Camp in 1924. Back in those days it was an honor to make Camp's all-American squad since he was the only man picking a nationally recognized team.

Mr. Weir still has a beautiful gold football with a diamond in it hanging from his keychain with the words "All-American, 1924" engraved on it.

The following year an all-American board took over Camp's place after his death, and this board consisting of Knute Rockne and Glenn Warner picked Weir again for the second consecutive year.

Rockne, who coached some of the greatest teams ever to hit the gridiron from Notre Dame, paid Weir a great compliment. "Weir is the greatest tackle I have ever seen," stated Rockne years ago.

Weir played against Notre Dame when Nebraska beat the Fighting Irish in 1923 and in 1925.

After completing a very successful college career, Weir switched to the professional ranks of football. He joined the Philadelphia Yellowjackets and played three years for the city of brotherly love.

Toting 190 pounds Weir lettered three years in football at left tackle and three years in track running the low and high hurdles.

He held the Kansas Relay record for the 120 low hurdles

briefly in 1925 when he skimmed the timbers in 15 seconds flat. When he broke the record he beat Dan Kinsey, the Olympic high hurdle champion in 1924, and Morgan Taylor, an all-time track star from Grinnell.

Weir still holds the record from the old Missouri Valley Meet for the 50 yard high and low hurdles. These two events are no longer run.

Weir was assistant coach under Henry Schulte in 1926, helped coach football in 1929 and took over as head track coach in 1939 when Schulte resigned. Since taking over the reins, Weir has won 10 indoor and outdoor championships.

His first year in 1939 his team took fifth in the indoor track finals and first in the outdoor competition. In 1940, '41, and '42 his teams took both the indoor and outdoor titles. In 1949 and 1951 his Huskers took the indoor championships and in 1950 garnered the outdoor crown.

His trackmen this year after having a dismal indoor season stunned the other Big Seven teams by taking third place in the Indoor Championships.

Weir's tracksters open their outdoor season April 6th against the Colorado Buffs at Boulder.

## Hobe Jones Hurt; May Not Return

Coach Ed Weir's plans for a successful outdoor track season have received a disheartening blow. It was revealed that Hobe Jones, a top prospect for the distances for the university track squad, injured himself and may be sidelined for the entire outdoor season.

Jones was limping after the intramural basketball championship game that was played last Saturday. Jones injured a cartilage in his knee as he led his ATO fraternity brothers in winning the championship game.

If Jones is out for the season it will leave quite a big slot for Weir to fill. The Huskers showed a spurt of power in the Big Seven indoor championships held last month in Kansas City.

After failing to show much power during the season the Nebraskans upset the dope sheets and ended up in third place. Jones was not eligible to compete in the Big Seven championships because he just recently returned from the service.

# Johnson Tops NU Cage Scoring; Three Hit 200

Tall Bill Johnson, a 6' 7" Cornhusker pivot, paced Coach Harry Good's team in scoring during the 1953 basketball season.

The Lincoln lad dumped in 277 points for an average of 13.9 per game over the 20-game regular season. Johnson barely edged out guard Fred Seger, who scored 268 points, and guard Fred Seger, who scored 268 points, and guard Fred Seger, who scored 268 points.

As far as team performances went, Nebraska tallied 1398 points while their opponents racked in 1,432. The Scarlet and Cream had a 69.9 average, but their foes maintained a 71.6 pace.

Nebraska wound up with a 9-11 overall record and finished sixth in the Big Seven with a 4-8 mark.

## Final Husker Basketball Statistics

Player	G	FGA	FG	Pct.	FTA	FT	Pct.	RB	PP	TP	TP	Avg.
Bill Johnson, C	20	199	84	.422	176	109	.618	188	79	27	13.9	
Fred Seger, G	20	246	93	.378	139	86	.619	115	51	27	13.6	
Joe Good, F	20	222	86	.387	125	75	.600	86	70	20	10.4	
Willard Fagler, F	20	142	52	.366	111	41	.369	139	47	15	9.8	
Don Weger, F	20	137	47	.343	77	48	.623	105	55	12	6.1	
Gary Benzman, C	20	90	36	.400	45	31	.689	72	33	10	5.2	
Gerald Sandbulte, C	18	81	28	.346	37	25	.675	33	23	9	5.1	
Steve Matzke, F	19	104	32	.307	25	18	.723	33	39	8	4.3	
Paul Pradtrom, F	11	37	13	.351	38	30	.789	39	32	5	4.0	
Murray Backhaus, C	4	1	1	.250	2	1	.500	3	0	4	0.6	
Frank Falson, C	3	4	0	.000	4	2	.500	4	6	2	0.7	
Don Muenster, C	4	3	1	.333	0	0	.000	2	1	2	0.5	
Bill Southers, F	0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	
Dave Fahrback, C	7	3	0	.000	0	0	.000	3	1	0	.0	
Others	3	1	0	.000	0	0	.000	4	0	0	.0	
Team												
Nebraska Totals	20	1232	444	.355	795	510	.642	835	463	136	69.9	
Opponents Totals	20	1499	487	.326	707	458	.648	790	534	143	71.3	

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