

Sooners Invade Nebraska Diamond Today

I-M SOFTBALL TOURNEY BEGINS

Phi Psi's, Acacia, Sig Eps, Nu's, Sigs Win Opening Round Games

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 The 1953 intramural softball tournaments got off to a flying start Monday afternoon with all five scheduled contests being completed between the raindrops. Six more battles were slated for Tuesday night and a similar number Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as the I-M diamondmen attempted to name their champions before the end of the school year.

Behind the three-hit hurling of Larry Dunning, Sigma Chi upended previously undefeated Beta Theta Pi 6-4 to usher the Betas to the sidelines in the sudden-death action. Dunning limited the losers to a single harmless safety in the third inning and a pair in the fourth where coupled with two walks and an error, the Betas chalked up all their tallies.

The winners managed only four safe hits off the offerings of Tom Weekes, but used two of these plus three walks and four Beta errors to amass their winning six count-ers in the first two frames. Gene Merrigan's single in the second canto drove in the eventual winning tallies for the Sigs. A single and double by Clark and Place of the Betas drove in three of the four losing counts.

Acacia and Delta Sigma Phi joined up in a hitting spree that saw a total of 29 base hits clouted as Acacia won an 11-8 contest. It was a sore blow to the Delta Sigs, who entered the fray as decided favorites, with only one narrow loss in three games.

The Masons jumped off to a 5-0 lead in the first two frames and were never headed, although the Delta Sigs narrowed the gap with three tallies in the second and third stanzas and five more in the final two frames.

Clay led the winners at the plate, getting three of the Masons'

16 hits. Frates and Osmera each contributed two. Darrell Adamson collected three bingles for the losers while Bob Jones and Gerry Gottberg garnered two apiece.

Sigma Nu nipped a Sigma Phi Epsilon attempt of a steal of second base in the final inning Monday to quell a Sig Ep uprising and win an 8-7 contest. The Sig Eps had tallied four times in the sixth before Al Hansen, representing the tying run, overslid second and was tagged out to end the game.

The Nu's used ten bases on balls in the first two frames to run up a 7-0 lead before the Sig Eps got moving. Only two Sig Nu hits figured in these two big innings. They added the eventual winning tally in the fifth on an error and Larry Ross' second single of the game. The winners managed only four hits off the offerings of Hyle Thibault and Art Hansen, but it was all they needed.

The Sig Eps, on the other hand, collected a total of seven safeties off Ross and tallied twice in the fourth and once in the fifth before their rally was cut short in the sixth. Jerman led the losers at the plate, getting two for three.

Delta Sigma Pi ran up ten runs in the first two innings and then beat off a determined Delta Upsilon rally to win a 12-9 first-round victory. The winning Delta Pi's clouted a total of 13 hits, nine in those two initial frames, on the road to victory.

Delta Upsilon garnered 12 hits at the plate and were picking up momentum in the final frames. They tallied four times in the bottom of the sixth before bowing out.

Pi Kappa Phi remained undefeated as they won their first-round fraternity struggle with Sigma Alpha Mu, 12-1 in a five-inning game. It was the fourth straight win of the year for the Pi Kaps who used three big innings to topple the Sammies.

The winners notched four wins in each the first and fourth frames and added three more in the third on a total of only six base hits. Sammie hurlers were guilty of issuing nine bases on balls that helped pad the Pi Kap lead.

The losers managed only two hits, but made them count in the second frame where they picked up their only tally.

Many Past Athletic Greats Were Tapped NU Innocents

By HOWARD VANN
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Among the questions that arise when someone talks about Ivy Day will be whether an athlete will be among the thirteen honored innocents this year.

In the past, many famous names have been among the select few. The most recent athlete to be-

come an innocent is Dan Tolman. Tolman is on the track team now, running the high and low hurdles.

Other athletes who have been innocents in the past are Al Blessing, golf and basketball; Del Kopf, Baseball; Ted Randolph, high jumper on the track team; and Bob McNutt, former footballer and who is now in the Nebraska legislature.

Other oldtimers who were innocents are Blue Howell, All-American footballer; Sam Francis also All-American in football and now a Lt. Colonel in the army; Chuck Hartley, captain of the football team in the early twenties; George Sauer, now coach at Baylor and former football All-American; and Glen Presnell, All-American griddler in 1927.

Tapped along with Howell in 1928 was Elmer Holm. The two men were co-captain on the 1928 team, All-Big Six Conference players, and on the Conference championship team.

Other men to make the Innocents Society were Andy Schoepel, one of the greatest ends in the early 1920's, now a United States senator from Kansas and a former governor of the sunflower state; Clark Smaha, captain of the basketball squad in 1927-28 and an All-Big Six selection; and Mud Gardner, who played with the Husker football team in the early 1920's.

Clarence Swanson, who caught the winning touchdown pass against Pittsburgh the first time NU played them is another past Husker hero who also became an innocent.

Other innocents were Henry Schulte, great trackman and track coach; and George Farley, former captain of the Husker gridiron team.

The present innocents are under the coaching of an honorary brother in preparation for Ivy Days. Football Coach Bill Glassford is an honorary innocent and is holding tackling practice for the 13-man innocent squad.

Six Alum Cagers Qualify For Sports Day Prizes

Dick McCormick, pitcher from Silver Creek with a 2-1 record, is the "fireman" of the Husker mound corps. He has appeared in eight of the 12 games the Huskers have played. McCormick has an 0.92 earned run average in 19½ innings.

Six University of Nebraska Alumni basketball players qualified for the pocket watches which go to former Cornhusker athletes who have competed in three All-Sports Day games.



CLEAN-UP HITTER . . . Jim Cederdahl, Cornhusker centerfielder, is currently tied for Nebraska's batting lead with pitcher-first baseman Ray Novak. The soph speedster's percentage so far this season is .326. He also leads the Huskers in total bases with 31. Cederdahl was a reserve catcher last season.

K-State Nips Husker Netmen In Conference Meet Tuesday

Nebraskans Sweep Doubles

The University of Nebraska tennis team dropped a hotly contested net battle to the visiting Wildcats from Kansas State by the narrow margin of 6-4, 6-3.

The bright spot for the Husker standard-bearers came in the doubles action, where the Nebraskans swept both matches.

Holyoke and Andrews eased out a 7-5, 8-6 victory over Burnette and Penner. So far this year, the Holyoke-Andrews duo has lost only one match in Big Seven competition.

To end the action, Colson and Redman took the measure of K-Staters, Horning and Forrester, in two successive sets by the count of 6-3, 6-3.

This left the final team score standing at four for the Wildcats and three for the Cornhuskers. The next opposition for the Scarlet net squad will be furnished by Omaha University on May 13 on the Omahans courts.

Warren Andrews, playing his first year with the varsity, put the Huskers in the win column by soundly defeating Stan Burnette, 6-0, 6-1. The victory was the sixth consecutive triumph for Andrews in as many outings.

To round out the singles competition, Bill Hansen defeated Roy Colson by a 6-3, 6-3 margin. Jim Campbell dropped a close match to Bo Forrester of Kansas State.

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NU Plans Upset Of Loop Leader

Novak To Start For NU

By GLENN NELSON
Sports Editor

Nebraska's baseball squad, currently riding in third place in the Big Seven race, attempts to begin its sprint to the lead at the Conference halfway mark Wednesday and Thursday against the league-leading Oklahoma Sooners on the NU diamond.

The Huskers, who have now taken a 4-2 record into stride, are in a position to overtake the Sooners. The leaders have played only two loop contests, both against Kansas, and now boast a 2-0 record.

Nebraska divided with Kansas State at Manhattan, split another two-game series with the defending champion Missouri Tigers at home, and took a pair from Kansas. The Huskers' twin bill with the Iowa State Cyclones last week end was rained out.

Big Ray Novak, workhorse of the Cornhusker mound staff, will go after victory number four against the OU visitors.

Game time Wednesday is 3 p.m. The second game of the series is scheduled for the same time on Thursday.

Novak has a 3-0 record, including league triumphs over Kansas and Missouri. The big, all-around Husker ace who doubles as a first baseman when not pitching, also is tied with outfielder Jim Cederdahl for the batting lead among Cornhusker regulars, at .326.

Coach Tony Sharpe will pick either Dick McCormick or Charley Wright to hurl the Thursday game. McCormick, a senior letterman whose record now stands at 2-1, has pitched in relief in eight out of the 12 Nebraska games, although Novak has pitched more innings. Wright's record is one and one.

Sharpe listed the following batting order for the Wednesday game: Dirkes Rolston, (.267) shortstop; Virgil Gottsch (.316), third base; Fred Seger (.255), second base; Jerry Dunn (.277), right field; Ray Novak (.326), pitcher; Jim Cederdahl (.326), center field; Don Becker (.375) or Dick Olson (.500), left field; Murray Backhaus (.237), catcher, and Calvin Helme (.222), first base.

Eight games remain on the Nebraska slate. Following the Sooner series, the NU squad entertains Kansas State, then travels to Colorado and Iowa State.

McCormick's 0.92 earned run average surpasses the efforts of his fellow hurlers at this stage in the season, although he has not completed a game. Cederdahl leads the team in runs batted in, with a total of 16, followed by Dunn with 13.

Cederdahl also leads the Scarlet in total bases and home runs. Nebraska holds a team batting average of .273, as compared to its opponents' .227.

Bufs Wield Heavy Bats, Win String

Shortstop Zack Jordan and Centerfielder Carroll Hardy pace the Colorado bat parade after nine non-conference games.

Jordan is boiling along at a torrid .507 clip with Hardy hitting .488. Colorado's team average in those first nine games is a brisk .376.

Leftfielder Larry Horne, batting .371, is the RBI leader with 17 followed by Hardy with 16.

Seven Buff regulars top the 300 mark going into the Big Seven season. Three pitchers, John Quinlan, Ron Garramore and Tom Brookshier, have won two games each. Garramore's 2.12 earned run average is the best on the club.

Fischer Says Boy's Size Unimportant In Football
 Cletus Fischer would allay the fears of those who insist the new college football rules will knock the "little guy" out of the picture. Here to compete in the "All-Sports Day football game at the University of Nebraska, Fischer pointed out that he played more minute both offensively and defensively than any other player on the squad during his year with the New York Giants in the professional league.
 "The lad who really wants to play football can still play it, regardless of size," Fischer said.

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Cornhuskers To Meet Tigers Here Saturday

Starting Time Set At Noon

The Missouri Tigers, who coasted to a Big Seven dual meet victory over Kansas State last weekend, invade the Cornhusker oval Saturday to battle Coach Ed Weir's scarlet-clad cindermen.

The running events will start at 12 noon to allow some of the trackmen to participate in the University Ivy Day ceremonies and fraternity sing later in the afternoon.

The Cornhuskers have two more meets before the Big Seven Conference Meet later this month. Weir was very pleased with the fine performance the fieldmen gave against Oklahoma last weekend at All-Sports Day. The Husker fieldmen outscored the Sooners by 23½ points in the days competition but lost ground in the running events to fall along side of the rampaging Oklahomaans. The final tally showed the Sooners on top by 13½ points.

Weir was sceptical whether

Hobe Jones would run more than one event this Saturday.

"Hobe will run in the 880 and he also wants to double in a leg on the relay team. If he's in shape he will do it," stated Weir.

Weir also said that Hobe had given a creditable performance in the 880 last weekend. He pushed the Sooner's George McCormick to a new OU-NU dual meet record in that event.

After Missouri the Kansas State trackmen will invade the Husker campus on May 13. If the State's Towers runs in two events, Weir plans to use Hobe twice also.

Wendell Cole who was out of last weeks action with the flu is expected to return to competition against the Tigers. Cliff Dale has been getting numerous points in the discus event but an ankle strain has been keeping him from giving an all out performance in the shotput. Even with his strained ankle Cliff has been garnering some second and third places.

The use of Glenn Beerline in the broad jump Saturday is doubtful also. Beerline has been nursing a pulled muscle the past week.

Right now the coach is trying to keep his boys in top shape for the coming Big Seven Meet and also because the loss of one man hurts the Husker cause.

The Huskers have been faced with bad weather for their last four meets. Coach Weir is anticipating a stroke of luck and hoping for fairer weather this weekend.

The field coaching staff was especially pleased with the showing of the pole-vaulters last Saturday and are expecting another similar showing. The three men entered in the pole vault are Jim Hofstetter, Jim Sommers and Jim Tangdahl.

Filling in the broadjumping event will be Ladd Hanscom and Phil Heidtk.
 Entries in the high jump are Stan Matzke, sophomore Ray Kelly and Heidtk.

The field events start one-half hour before the running events.



CLIFF DALE . . . A consistent blue ribbon winner on Coach Ed Weir's NU track squad, Dale threatens both the discus and shot put winner's position in Conference competition.

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