

Knaub The Best?

Several Records In Danger As Big Track Meet Nears

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The big show of Nebraska prep track circles will be run off this weekend. On Friday and Saturday the colorful State High School Track and Field Championships will be held on the cinders and sod of Nebraska's Memorial Stadium.

From nearly every angle this could be one of the closest and talented of all state championships. There are a number of teams who could emerge as the grand champion. Some of the existing state records are resting on shaky ground and could be wiped off the books when all the running, jumping and throwing stops late Saturday afternoon.

The 1954 version of the big affair also has in its midst some of the most versatile prep athletes of its long history. Yes, it could definitely be two days of tight, photo-finish competition with some of the top talent of all-time coming through with record-smashing performances. It simply shapes up to be that kind of meet.

If we were to pick a man to especially keep our eye on (and we are) it would be Scottsbluff's brilliant all-around performer, Dick Knaub. Dick, a starting guard and an excellent floor man on the Bearcat basketball five this winter, undoubtedly is one of the greatest Nebraska prep track and field athletes of anytime.

KNAUB IS currently the state record holder in the pole vault, having leaped a mighty 12-feet, 9 1/4 inches in last May's big meet and at the present holds the top season performances in the 180-yard low hurdles and the broad jump. In both of these events he is over the state record.

In the low hurdles Knaub has raced over the sticks in 19:8 which is six-tenths of a second faster than the state mark of :20.4 recorded by Knaub and his since-graduated teammate, Don Comstock, in last year's state tourney. In broad jumping 23 feet, 2 1/4 inches, Dick has outdistanced the state record of 22-10 3/4 hung up by Arapahoe's Jim Mather in 1936.

Knaub doesn't stop there! In addition, he is anchor man on the Scottsbluff 880-yard relay quartet which has sprinted off the second-best time in the state this season. The Bearcats' 1:33.6 performance is right behind Alliance's 1:33.5.

Personally we think the versatile Mr. Knaub is going to win three individual championships in the weekend attraction and if weather conditions are favorable, the Scottsbluff senior could easily have his name firmly placed in the record books in all three events.

THERE ARE a number of other athletes who also boast exceptional ability. One of those is Beatrice's Bill Marten, a dark-haired senior who looms as the gent to beat in the high hurdles and Knaub's number one threat in the lows. Marten's presence could be just a boost to send Knaub to a low's record or even vice versa. Bill also anchors the Orange and Black mile relay foursome which has the season's best time thus far, a nifty 8:32.3.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal

NU's Baseball Boss

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Versatile Mr. Knaub

This is Scottsbluff's Dick Knaub who many call the state's finest high school track and field athlete. The Bearcat ace holds the state record in the pole vault and has come up with the best performances in the broad jump and 180-yard low hurdles this spring. Dick and his Scottsbluff mates will in Memorial Stadium Friday and Saturday for the State Track and Field championships.

Dienes Also Homers

Boich Twirls Nifty No-Hitter Bordogna Blasts Two Homers

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Industrial Arts, behind the pitching of Arnie Boich, rambled to a lopsided 23-0 win over Sigma Gamma Epsilon. Boich twirled his third no-hit, no-run game of the last two seasons.

In helping his team ring up a new season scoring record, Boich struck out 11 of the 13 men facing him in the abbreviated contest. This brings his season total to 19 strikeouts in two contests and his career record to 85 strike outs in two years. An average of 10.6 fans per game over an eight game route.

The only man to reach base drew a base on balls and was promptly left stranded. In one instance Boich struck out three men with only 11 pitches.

Al Dienes and John Bordogna were the big guns for the unbeaten victors. Dienes hit three for four, one being a round-tripper. He also got on via a Sig Gam bobble in the last inning. Bordogna banged out two home runs and a triple and drew a free trip from the loser's pitcher.

Cornhusker Coop, behind the pitching of Stu Nelson, ran over the Pioneer Coop nine by a 9-2 count.

Nelson, one of the top chuckers in play for the last few seasons, allowed only two hits

and both of the loser's runs were unearned.

The victors tallied four times in the first inning, twice in the third and three times in the fifth frame.

Cornhusker will now tee off against the strong Pi Kappa Phi outfit for the right to enter the final game of the B tourney.

Pioneer, previously unbeaten will now drop to the loser's bracket for an attempted comeback.

Alpha Gamma Rho A tripped the Delta Upsilon crew 4-0 in a game that was close all the way. The win advances the victors to the second round in the loser's bracket and drops the DU's from the tournament.

Numerous walks and errors were the downfall of the DU team. Both pitchers, Arlie Waldo for the winners and D. Krommenhock for the losers, twirled good games but the AGR fielding proved better than the losers.

The winners tallied once in each of the first four frames to run up their winning score.

In the other three games scheduled there was no action with one of the teams forfeiting in each of the cases.

Delta Sigma Pi won by forfeit over L.S.A. while University YMCA took one from NROTC. Phi Delta Theta won by default from Kappa Sigma.

Bush Will Be Here For Big Track Affair

Jerry Bush, University of Nebraska's new basketball coach, will be here Friday and Saturday for the Nebraska High School Track and Field Championships. He will go on to Boulder, Colo., next week for the Big Seven Conference meetings, and will come here July 1 to remain permanently.

A meeting with the basketball squad, both varsity and freshman, along with press and radio representatives, is planned during Bush's stay here this weekend.

Phi Delts Win I-M Golf Tourney

Phi Delta Theta, with a new low score of 1037 for 46 holes copped their second straight golf title Sunday at Pioneer Park. Sigma Chi was second with a total of 1065.

The Phi Delts, outclassing all other competition, were led by Nelson Jensen who had an 80-78 for a two round total of 158. Sigma Chi's Warrnie Christensen was only two strokes behind with a 160 for the route with rounds of 79 and 81.

Snapping at Christensen's heels was the DU's Chuck Burmeister with an 84-77 tour for a 161 total. One stroke down was the previous leader, Al Blessing of Alpha Tau Omega with a 162 total. Blessing had a blistering first round of 76 and fell ten strokes to an 86 to cinch fourth in the medalist honors.



Sophomore Whiz

Jon McWilliams will be one of the Husker hopefuls in today's dual track meet with Kansas State on the Memorial Stadium layout. Jon will compete in the 100, low hurdles and broad jump.

Courtesy Lincoln Star

Hofmaier Gets Pitching Nod Against Iowa State Friday

Coach Tony Sharpe's Nebraska baseball club winds up its season this week-end with a pair of games at Iowa State and two more at Missouri.

Sharpe figures on Fran Hofmaier, the undefeated Crofton left-hander, to go against the Cyclones in Friday's opener at Ames, to be followed by Dick Geier, Lincoln, on Saturday. Monday and Tuesday the Huskers tangle with Missouri at Columbia.

The Cornhuskers has a 10-6 record so far, 6-4 in the conference.

Sharpe plans to take a squad of 16 on the road trip including (batting averages in parenthesis):

Murray Bachaus, catcher (.250); Bob Lohrberg, catcher (.250); Hofmaier, pitcher (.182); Geier, pitcher (.091); Jerry Shaw, pitcher (.000); Ray Novak, first basemen - pitcher (.200); Fred Seger, second basemen (.314); Dirkes Roitston, shortstop (.194); Virgil Gottsch, third basemen (.27); Jim Cederdahl, centerfielder (.327); Pat Mallette, rightfielder - pitcher (.290); Don Becker, leftfielder (.250); Don Brown, third basemen (.200); Norman Coufal, shortstop (.333), plus two of these, Brian Sievers, pitcher (.000); Charles Wright, pitcher (.143); Sylvester Harris, pitcher, or Dennis Korinek, outfielder (.143).

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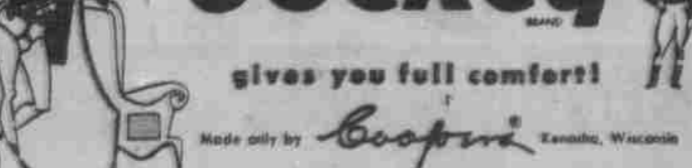
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