

Baseball At Manhattan

# Huskers To Test K-State Wildcats In Game Today

By BRUCE BRUGMANN  
Sports Editor

Nebraska's rampaging baseball team will cut their Big Seven molars on the Kansas State diamond Friday afternoon in the first of a two game series at Manhattan.

The conference opener for both squads; the Wildcats will enter the contest with a 2-1 win margin as compared to the Huskers' 5-1 victory skinned in a southern road swing during spring vacation.

The Kansans opened the season with a grand slam of Wichita at K-State, 6-2 and 4-3, but lost to Memphis Naval Air Station at Memphis, 9-3. A second Wildcat game with Memphis and one with Mississippi University at Oxford were rained out.

**Huskers Win 5 Of 6**  
The Husker leather-slapping combine, unleashing a 78-hit barrage for an average of 13 hits and 11 runs a game, clipped through the citrus circuit with double wins over Tulsa and Texas and a split with Houston. In two games with the Texas Longhorns thirty-four Husker runs crossed home plate.

The Wildcat team is young and we don't know much about them, Coach Tony Sharpe told a Nebraskan reporter Tuesday. "They haven't been too tough in the conference for the last four years but they can beat us."

In the last two years K-State has won three of four games on their home field. "When they beat us in 1953," Sharpe said, "they knocked us out of first place."

**Solid Hitting Corps**  
Sharpe has a solid corps of stick-

men, who collectively cuffed Gulf Coast hurling at an unofficial .309 gait, to use in Friday's game. Don Brown, dependable Husker third sacker, leads the club with a .560 average, including three doubles and a brace of home runs.

Brown is followed by Jim Cederdahl with a .462 mark and Bill Giles, slick-fielding first baseman, with a .423 average.

A question mark still blankets the Husker mound corps. During the oil derrick jaunt, no Nebraska pitcher covered the full distance as Sharpe juggled his hurlers to give them all work and loosen up their arms. Roger Bottorff, a cool sophomore finger, was the most effective chucker, going eight innings and allowing five hits. He recorded two wins. Fran Hofmaier was also credited an unblemished 2-0 slate.

Looking for notches five and six on the NU victory belt, Sharpe plans to start either Frau Hofmaier or Roger Bottorff, pitcher; Bill Giles, first base; Murray Backhaus, catcher; Dirks Polston, second base; Norm Coufal, shortstop; Don Brown, third base, Olson or Don Becker, left field; Jim Cederdahl, center field, and either Willie Greenlaw or Dennis Korinek, right field.

K-State plays the Cornhuskers in a two-game series Friday and Saturday. Saturday's contest is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. as the preliminary half of a baseball-football duo-sports day. Saturday afternoon K-State's varsity grid team meets Wildcat alumni in a game climaxing spring football drills.

# THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

## Huskers Slight Underdogs

# Nebraska Thinclads To Meet Buffaloes In Big Seven Dual Match At Colorado

By BOB COOK  
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Coach Jerry Lee's thinclads will square off against a favored Colorado squad on the Boulder cinders Saturday night. Despite the mid-April date, competition is docketed for the Buff's fieldhouse.

Both teams should be fully recovered from the floggings they received in their last outings. The Cornhuskers were clobbered by a strong Oklahoma squad in an outdoor dual 98-33. Colorado was the victim of the same malady and took second place honors in a triangular affair finishing 77 points behind powerful Arizona.

So it should be a pair of victory starved cinder crews haggling for a mythical "second division" championship. Neither squad can be figured as contenders for this year's Big Seven outdoor laurels.

No meet records are in apparent danger as the contest will take place indoors. Husker pace-maker Brien Hendrickson, fresh from his stellar performance in the 220 last week will run in the 60, 440, and nail down a leg on the mile relay team. Hendrickson, who was clocked in the fastest time of the nation will not get to enter his specialty as a 220 is not run off indoors. Carroll Hardy, all around Buff athlete will make use of an open date from the Colorado base-

ball squad with whom he's been competing and make an attempt at bettering the old broad jump mark he set two years ago.

Colorado's point getting machine

COLORADO-NEBRASKA INDOOR DUAL RECORDS	
60-yds. Hutton (N), Kell (C), Bass (C), Gray (C)	1:06.3
80-yd. H.H. Hindman (C)	1:07.0
60-yd. L.H. Cole (N), Tolman (N)	1:06.9
140-yds. Jones (N)	1:59.5
880-yds. Kopf (N)	1:59.7
Mile, Scott (N)	4:52.0
Two-mile, Starvo (C)	10:01.8
High Jump, Gold (C)	6-3 1/2
Broad Jump, Hard (C)	24-2
Shot Put, Tanner (C)	51-3 1/4
Pole Vault, Cooper (N)	14-9 1/4
Mile Relay, Nebraska	5:22.3

depends greatly on several vital cops. The Buffs can show power in several events although they lack the team balance and depth to be a first-class cinder threat.

Hurdler Fritz Hageboeck and pole vaulter Stew Walker can hold their own with most of the Big Seven competition. From the sophomore crop, miller Jim Funk, and high jumper Terry Berg appear as solid contenders for medalist performances. Berg soared 6-5 1/2 in a varsity - frosh dual early in the indoor season. Funk recently won the mile with a 4:27.2 clocking. The Bisons however, have only one entrant in the pole vault, discus, and shotput. This should give the Huskers a chance to pick up a few extra points.

Husker hopes lie on the shoulders of their jumpers and weight men. Cornhusker strength is not up to par in the sprints. Coach Lee stated that the Huskers "have not performed up to their capacities"

Coach Lee announced these entries: 2 mile, Lee Carter, Blair; mile, Hugh Osmera, Lexington; 880-yard run, Robert Anderson, West Point; 440-yard run, Charles Gibson, Lincoln; Bob Niemann, Hebron; 60-yard dash, Brien Hendrickson, Lincoln; Gibson; High hurdles, Warner Olson, Holdrege; Doug Gibson, Falls City; low hurdles, Olson, Gibson.

Shot, Leonard Rosen, Omaha, discus, Rosen, Javelin, Carl Vondra, Omaha; Lee Roberts, Omaha; pole vault, Jim Hofstetter, Kearney; Alan Aden, Gothenburg; High Jump Ray Kelley, Danbury, broad jump, Kelley.



Courtesy Lincoln Star  
**BRIEN HENDRICKSON**



Courtesy Lincoln Journal  
**RAY KELLY**

## Union Ping Pong Filings Due Friday

Friday is the final deadline for the Union ping pong tournament entries, announced Dianne Knotek, recreation committee chairman. Entries may be filed in the Student Union Activities office for singles or doubles.

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From The Pressbox

# BB Player Depicted As Strange Composite

By BRUCE BRUGMANN  
Sports Editor

With the advent of major league baseball and the Husker's Big Seven opening game at K-State today, I thought it would be fitting for an article on "What Is A Baseball Player?" This is written with apologies to Charles Loftus, who penned, "What Is A Football Player."

Between the innocence of boyhood and the dignity of man, we find a rather spindly, angular, loose-jointed sort of creature called a baseball player.

Baseball players come in assorted weights, heights, jersey colors and numbers, but all baseball players have pretty much the same open stance, the characteristic twirl of the bat, the same clatter of cleats against cement in the dugout.

Baseball players are in great abundance these warm spring days and are found most anywhere—sliding underneath, stepping on top of, jumping up, falling down, twisting around, crashing into fences, running into dugouts or falling into chuckholes.

Teammates rib them, officials strike them out, students cheer them, kid brothers idolize them, coaches criticize them, faculty members tolerate them, coeds go for them and mothers sometimes worry about them.

**Eats Like Big Leaguer . . .**  
A baseball player is a composite. He eats, sleeps and dreams, like a big leaguer, but more often than not plays like a Nebraska Cornhusker. To the opponent's publicity man, he has the speed of a gazelle, the strength of an ox, the size of an elephant, the cunningness of a fox, the agility of an adagio dancer; the quickness of a cat, the nimbleness of a grasshopper, legs which drive like pistons in a steam turbine and hands with the grip of a vise on the manual training bench.

To his own coach he has, for press purposes, the stability of muck, the fleetness of a snail, the mentality of a mule, the ruggedness of excelsior, the cohesive force of adhesive tape, baling wire and sponge rubber and absorbent cotton and has about as much chance of playing in the next doubleheader as might a renegade from La Fittie's buccaniers.

**When Home Team's Behind . . .**  
When the home team is behind, a baseball player is incompetent, careless, indecisive, uncoordinated, stupid, lazy and a fugitive from the ice cream parlor.

Just when your team threatens to turn the tide of battle, he muffs a pop fly, goes down swinging, gets picked off third, kicks a ground ball into the bleachers, gets caught stealing home, slams the batter with a pitched ball, or completely forgets an assignment.

When your team forges into the lead, he is a brilliant fielder, a dangerous hitter, a slick base thief, a great competitor a terrific clutch performer and a classy ball player.

To an alumnus, a baseball player is someone who will never hit as well, steal as many bases, catch as many flies, score as much, fight as fiercely nor generate nearly the same amount of spirit as did those participating players of his own yesterday.

**Baseball Players Like . . .**  
A baseball player likes game films, trips away from home, easy practice sessions, hot showers, pop flies, home runs, the roar of the crowd, the crack of the bat against horsehide, the smack of ball against glove and the quiet satisfaction that comes from being a small part of a well played game. He's not much for wind sprints, sitting on the bench, strikeouts, aftergame compliments, ankle wraps, calisthenics, sore arms and batting slumps.

No one else looks forward so much to March or so little to October. Nobody gets so much pleasure out of making a couple of good hits, snagging a long drive, backhanding a sharp grounder or two or outguessing an opposing player. Nobody else can cram into one mind an assignment for a hit and run, a double steal, a pitchout, a pickoff play, a double play combination or a high inside curve on the cleanup batter.

Nobody else can spend hours cataloging a pitcher's weaknesses or a batter's faults. No one else can stand in the sun, drenched with perspiration and the sun's blistering rays, during a hot spring afternoon. No one else can toss down as many bottles of pop or stash away as many hot dogs after a game is over.

Nobody, that is, except a baseball player.

## BB Team Feted

A group of Lincoln businessmen and professional men feted Jerry Bush and the Nebraska basketball team at a dinner Wednesday night at the University Club in Lincoln. Gary Renzleman and Bush gave short talks.

## Bazant Receives WAA Scholarship

Shirley Bazant, sophomore in Teachers College, is the 1955-56 recipient of the Women's Athletic Association Mabel Lee Scholarship. At the annual banquet Wednesday evening Miss Bazant received the award for her contribution to the organization's program.

Miss Bazant was a sports board member and is the newly selected intramural co-ordinator for WAA.

## Sports Reporters Needed

These persons interested in writing for the sports page of The Nebraskan are urged to talk with Bruce Brugmann, sports editor, in the office. No previous experience is necessary.

## Union Movies

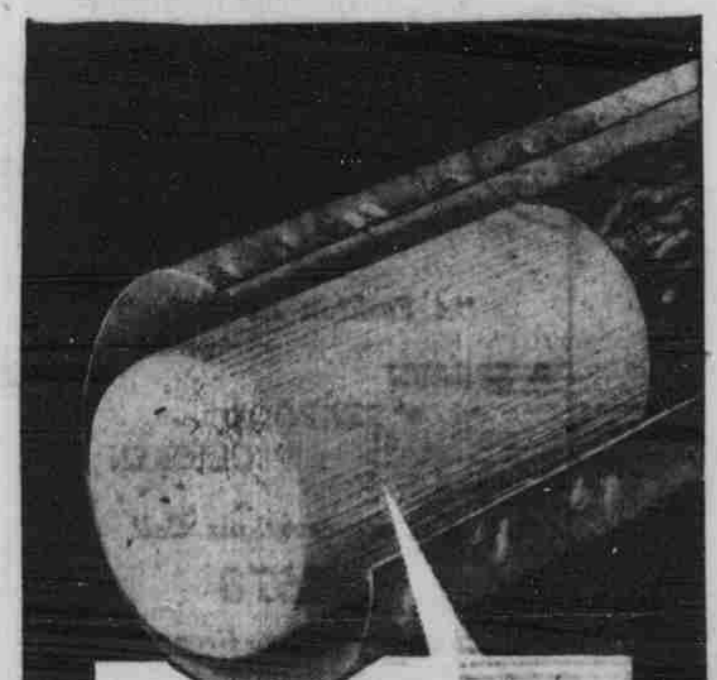
"A Streetcar Named Desire" is the Union Sunday night film for this week. The picture stars Marlon Brando, who won an Academy Award for "On the Waterfront," and Vivien Leigh. The picture will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

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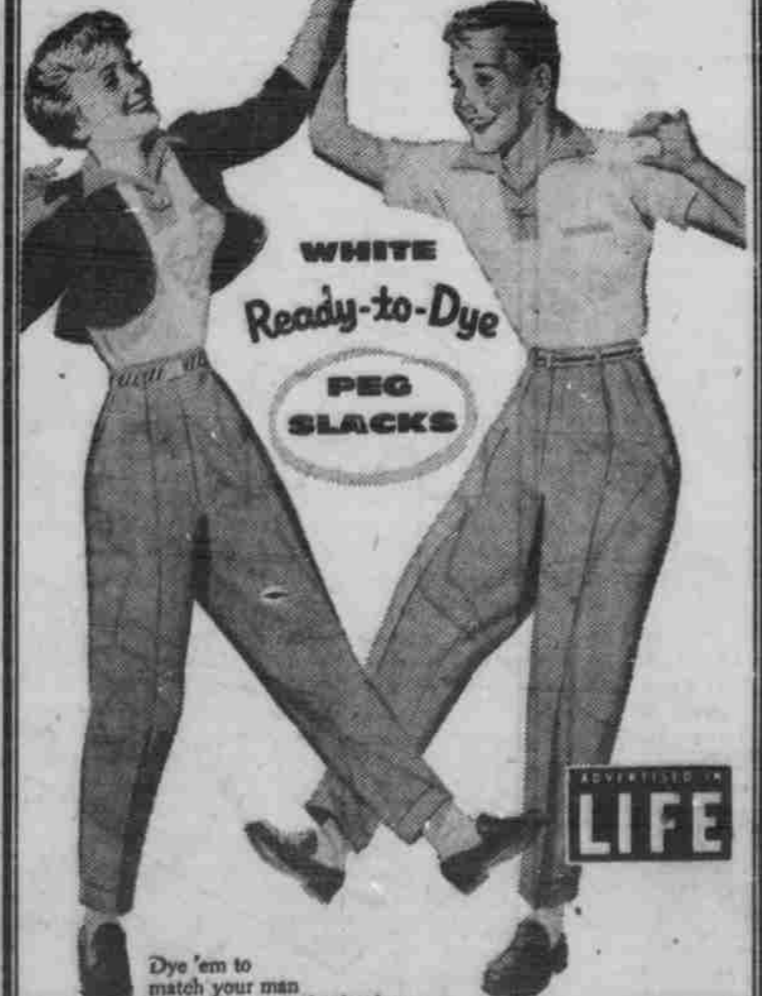
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