

Traveling Along The Sports Trail

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It happens every spring. Somebody will yawn and stretch in the Nebraska sunshine, squint at the Cornhuskers baseball team and their winning ways and ask:

"Wonder what has got into this group of fellows who weren't expected to win many games?"

The rambling Huskers will entertain Iowa State here this Friday and Saturday afternoon. The Friday affair gets underway at 3 p.m. while Saturday action is slated for 2 p.m. Tony Sharpe's crew of determined demons have rolled over Tulsa, 10-9 and 2-1, Texas, 18-15 and 16-14. Kansas State, 13-2 and 15-0, Kansas 13-1 and Houston 8-4. The Houston team holds the only win over the Huskers by the score of 7-2.



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All At Once . . .

Anyone that is close to the Nebraska team will tell you that the Huskers are fielding well, hitting the ball at a fast pace and Coach Tony Sharpe is receiving smooth pitching from a couple of newcomers on the mound.

The hitting department is anchored by veterans Jim Cederdahl, Don Brown, Bill Giles and Normal Coufal. These four are "seasoned" performers and have all seen summer baseball action in fast semi-pro leagues throughout the state.

A steady trained infield under the watchful eye of boss Sharpe has given the Huskers that defensive strength so much needed in the strong Big Seven Conference race. Old hands who are having a good season so far with the glove are Dirkes Rolston, the speedy second sacker, and Murray Backhaus, the veteran catcher, who is also hitting the baseball well this spring.

Pitching Newcomers . . .

A strong mound corps, headed by Fran Hofmaier and improved by the surprise showing of yearlings Willie Greenlaw, the footballer, and Roger Bottorff, the Lincoln sophomore, has shown at time signs of things to come.

A Fine Chance . . .

If the Huskers can continue at the present pace of action and keep that present spirit of "winning games more than anything else," Nebraska could well be on the track to their first Big Seven Title in several campaigns. Sharpe would probably snort at the thought so early in the season and say, "We haven't even faced Missouri or Oklahoma yet so how can anyone talk about a championship?"



Courtesy Lincoln Star Sharpe

Need Support . . .

Whether the Huskers give someone a run for their money or not in the conference only time can tell. Tony Sharpe's crew is opening the home season Friday with an impressive 8-1 record and a good way to show the team that the students are just as much for that treasured title is to show up and back the Huskers. The brand of baseball is at the finest, the weatherman should co-operate and seating is plentiful—so what's better than an afternoon of fast college baseball at the field behind the Nebraska Field House?

Welcome Back . . .

An old Nebraska workhorse is back. Ike Hamscom, the likable Nebraska coach, has just recently recovered from a serious operation and is now back at his post in the Cornhusker athletic plant. His cheerful smile and appealing personality are just two of the many fine qualities that have made him a favorite of the many thousands of high school and college athletes that have ever had the privilege of working under his coaching surveillance. He's a credit to the coaching field and we know that everyone is glad to see him back in action again.

DEFINITION OF THE WEEK: "BEHOLD—wrestling grip used on bees."

The 'Fairer' Side Coeds Change From Bridge To IM Togs

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When attractive dressed-to-the-minute coeds go out for a delightful and charming game of bridge, that's routine. But when these same ladies change suddenly from sophisticated dress to care-free unpolished tom-boys, that's intramurals.

Yes, many a petite young coed has let her hair down, buried her family pride and gone out for softball, badminton or tennis tournaments which start into full swing this week.

Can the Girl's Dorm successfully defend their softball crown? Which team can gain the badminton championship? Who's tops in the tennis field? These questions are all being asked by interested sportswomen.

Softball Entrance
For the benefit of anyone who has a tendency to forget, the new entrance to the softball field is across from the Elgin parking lot on 16th Street.

tournament by defeating the Alpha Omicron Pi-Sigma Phi Epsilon team.

Too bad for all who had hoped to rent a WAA bicycle this spring. There just aren't any. Lawlors gave us such a good price that we couldn't afford to pass it up. Sorry!

Aquaquetta Pageant
The Aquaquetta Pageant is Thursday and Friday April 28-29, at the Coliseum. The show theme is Aqua Daily. The front page news includes water ballet, a comic number or two (for the funny paper fans), novelty numbers with lighting effects, special dancing routines and —uh—the costumes do include some good-looking bathing suits.

Guaged financially to the end-of-the-month bank account, the show is well worth the nominal fee of fifty cents. If you want to get into the swim of things, don't miss the show.



Double Hurdles Win

'Hoot' Gibson Wins Nebraskan Award For 'Star Of The Week'

Doug "Hoot" Gibson sophomore hurdler and javeline thrower on the track team, has been selected by The Nebraskan as the "Star Of The Week" on the strength of his double win in the hurdles Friday as the Huskers won their first track meet of the year by defeating Minnesota.

Gibson, who didn't join the track team until the basketball season ended, is just starting to hit his stride. He was having trouble getting used to the extra three inch height of the college hurdles until All Sports Day. "For the first time," he said, "I felt right running the college height hurdles."

In his first meet, a dual against Colorado, Gibson placed third in both hurdle races and won the javelin with a toss of 179' 9". This was not a bad mark considering it was the second time he had thrown the spear this year.

Against Minnesota he tied the meet mark of :15.4 in the highs,

despite hitting the next to last hurdle. He came back to win the lows in 25.4, joining Minnesota sprinter Harry Nash as the meet's only double winners.

Gibson was a standout athlete at Falls City High where he earned four letters in basketball and three each in track and football. He was an All State second team selection in basketball and a third team selection in football his senior year.

Gibson started hurdling as a sophomore and put the finishing touches on a brilliant high school athletic career by winning gold medals in both the highs (14.9) and lows (20.3) in the State High School Track Championships.

Gibson's biggest thrill in high school came his senior year in football when Falls City defeated Nebraska City 38 to 12. Gibson, who played quarterback on the split-T, completed nine out of 10 passes and ran 81, 56 and 41 yards

for touchdowns.

His biggest thrill as a Husker came on All-Sports Day in 1954, when, as a freshman, he started for the varsity and scored 12 points against the alums.

"Hoot" as his teammates call him, got his nickname as a young boy, because he was such a devoted fan of the cowboy star "Hoot" Gibson.

Gibson gives much credit for his success in athletics to Jack McIntire, his high school coach, of whom he says that "he really made me work." He also learned a lot about hurdling from Bill Hawkins, Beatrice High School star who enrolled at Nebraska and later enlisted in the army.

Gibson also plays baseball and will pitch and play shortstop for the Falls City town team this summer.



Courtesy Lincoln Star

Gibson Skims Final Hurdle

Nebraska's Doug "Hoot" Gibson skims the final hurdle enroute to a first place in the 120-high hurdles in the Minnesota-Nebraska track duel Friday. At right is Warner Olson of Nebraska, who took second place.

Gibson, though he stumbled momentarily on the next to last hurdle, sped to a :15.4 mark which tied the meet record set by Hanson of Minnesota in 1939.

Tennis Team Wins

The Nebraska tennis team rolled to its second dual triumph of the season with an easy 6-1 victory over Creighton University Tuesday afternoon. The results:
John Schroeder (N) defeated Russ Schlotzhauser, 6-1, 6-1.
Steve Sutton (N) defeated George Spruce, 6-1, 6-3.
Sam Wong (C) defeated John Moran, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Al Ford (N) defeated Wally Song, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.
Tom Sitt (N) defeated Harry Meister, 6-4, 6-4.
Schroeder-Sutton (N) defeated Schlotzhauser-Spruce, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.
Sitt-Moran (N) defeated Jack Beltz-Meister, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Jensen Records 77 To Pace NU Linksmen Over Creighton

Chuck Jensen blasted a five-over-par 77 in the teeth of a strong wind at the Lincoln Country Club Tuesday afternoon to pace the Huskers to a 13½-1½ golf victory over Creighton University.

Jensen dropped Jim Hamilton, 3-0. Jack Moore, number two man on the University squad, defeated Art Siegfried, 3-0.

Other results:
Dick Lauer (N) defeated Jerry Dugan, 3-0.

Herb Mayer (N) defeated Everett Fogelstrom 3-0.
Nelson Jensen (N) and Art Rosse tied, 1½-1½.

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Huskers Sweep Kansas Series With 11-0 Win

By BOB COOK

Firing from the portside, Husker pitcher Fran Hofmaier faced a minimum of 27 Kansas batters as he shutout the Jayhawks with only three scratch singles. The Cornhusker clan whitewashed the Jayhawks 11 to 0 to sweep a two game series with the Kansas and run their loop record up to 4-0.

Nebraska's murderer's row continued to shell opposing mound corps as they amassed 15 hits during the onslaught. The Huskers now stand 9-1 for the season and have scored in the double digits in seven of these frays.

Hofmaier whiffed 12 in his sterling appearance as he flooked the strikeout pattern set by teammate Willie Greenlaw Monday who fanned 17. Husker hopes are running high now as only two hurlers saw action in the series, both going all the way for the win.

Coach Tony Sharpe's crew nailed down a big five runs in their sixth inning barrage of Jayhawk pitcher Bill Dalton to glide on to victory. Center fielder Jim Cederdahl banged out four singles to take the

batting honors for the series. First sacker Bill Giles and keystoneer Dirkes Rolston joined the hit parade with 3 and 4-6 respectively.



JIM CEDERDAHL

In IM Play

Manatt Shuts Out Maclean By 2-0 Count

By ED KEMBLE
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Monday's intra-mural softball activity saw everything from a tight pitcher's duel to several wild slug-fests.

In the pitchers' duel Don Tilley bested Fred Largen as Manatt shut out Maclean, 2-0. Manatt scored single runs in the first and fourth innings to post the victory.

Hitchcock Wins Singfest
Hitchcock nosed out Bessey, 14-13, in one of the high scoring contests. Hitchcock's big innings were the second, when they scored five runs and the fifth, when six more crossed the plate. Dick Pitner hurled the win.

Jack Ward threw a four-bitter at the Methodist Student House, as Phi Epsilon Kappa whipped the Methodists, 8-3.

Selleck scored six runs in the first inning on four walks, a triple and Joel Johnson's home run, but was blanked the rest of the way and fell to Gustavson I, 8-6. Gus I scored four times in the first, once in the second, once in the sixth and twice in the seventh for their come-from-behind victory. Sadowski and George homered for Gus I. Walt Beddeo and Loren Lindquist pitched for the winners, with Doug Hunter on the mound for Selleck.

Delta Alpha Pi blasted the Baptist Student House, 19-9, in a game which was called in the fourth inning. George Boomer was the winning hurler.

In another bat barrage Sigma Nu edged past Beta Sigma Psi, 18-17. Bob Murphy pitched for Sigma Nu and Keith Arndt went for the Beta Sigs.

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