

All-Time Greats:

# Alums Announce Grid Line-Up For All-Sports Day Festival

On April 28, the All Sports Day festival will not only provide the Husker grid faithful with a pre-season look at Pete Elliott's first Nebraska squad, but will also enable them to see a number of ex-Husker greats in action.

The alumni will offer a lineup that will include two former All-Americans and four men who were all Big Seven selections. Bob Reynolds is one of the All-Americans who will be present. The "Rambler" made almost everyone's All-

Tom Novak, Husker immortal who won the award three times for his trainwrecking duty at center; Charley Toogood, twice winner of the award for his play at tackle and now a mainstay of the Los Angeles Rams professional football team; Bob Smith, winner last year for his full back work and

now a member of the Cleveland Browns, professional football champions, and Rex Fischer, diminutive halfback from this year's Big Seven runners up who turned down pro offers to continue his education.

In addition to this formidable array of talent the alumni will be

able to call on perhaps on of the most underrated players in Big Seven history, Fran Nagle who was the quarterback whom Reynolds credited with helping him become All-American and who later led the West All Stars to a smashing

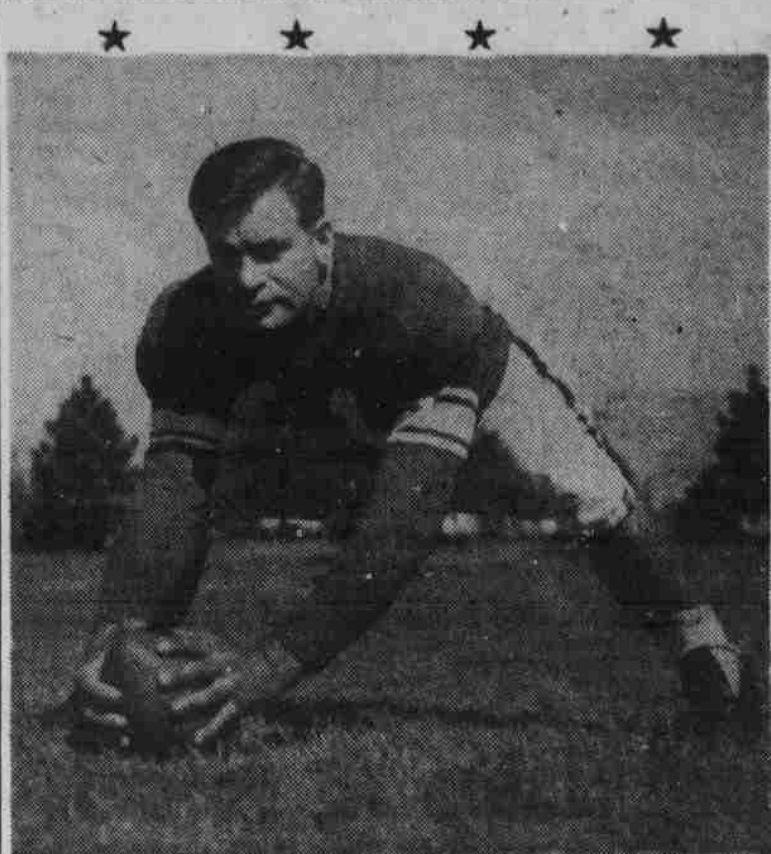


Courtesy Lincoln Journal  
MULLINS . . .

America team for his sensational running as a sophomore in 1950.

The other All-America squad member will be familiar to the older generation as one of the all time football greats of the nation. He is Ed Weir, who was called by the immortal Knute Rockne, "one of the greatest football players of the twenties, and was twice named to Pop Warners All-America team in 1926-27. Weir, who teaches at Nebraska in the Physical Education Department, will be called upon for kicking extra points

All Big Seven selections in the alumni's roster of talent include



Courtesy Lincoln Journal

Tom Novak, above, fiery Husker center and all-Big 7 performer in the late 1940's will be one of the members of the alumni squad who will oppose the Cornhusker varsity on all-Sports Day, April 28. Kick-off time is set for 2 p.m.. Other alumni who will play include Bobby Reynolds, John Borgdonia, Bob Smith and many others.

Shown below is coach Pete Elliott leading his young charges through a rough spring drill. It will be his eleven that will serve as the opposition for the alums. Last year the alumni-varsity tilt was cancelled. The varsity is yet to down the oldsters. The football clash will be one of many events going on that Saturday.



Courtesy Lincoln Star  
BORDOGNA . . .

victory over the East in the annual East-West game.

Backing him at the quarterback slot will be Sam Vacanti and John Bordogna and filling out the backfield will be such outstanding performers as Ron Clark, the Fischer brothers, Cletus and Kenny, Ray Novak and John Edwards.

Linemen who will oppose the likes of LaVern Torczon, who incidentally has stirred up the Big Seven a little himself, Don Rhoda, Jerry Wheeler, Don Kampe, are: besides Toogood and Novak, Bill Taylor, Doran Post, Moon Mullins, Andy Loehr, Frank Simon, Ralph Damkroeger, and Bill Giles.

## THE NEBRASKAN Sports

### Triangular:

## Husker Cinder Squad Opens Spring Season

Track takes the spotlight on the Nebraska sports scene this week as coach Frank Sevine's thin-clad trek to the Oklahoma campus for a triangular clash with the Sooners and Colorado.

Hoping to improve over their drastic winter schedule which saw the indoor cindermen win only

one contest, the track squad will be looking for their opening win of the outdoor season.

The Huskers met the Sooners and the Buffs on the winter agenda. They lost to Oklahoma by a margin of 65-38 1/2 and to Colorado by a 60-40 score.

With the return of only eight

lettermen, sophomores will occupy most of the Cornhusker roster.

Five first-year men to watch are Bernie Randolph in the pole-vault, Bob Elwood in the mile and two-mile, Larry Gausman in the high jump, Bill Hawkins in the hurdles and broad jump, and Bill Hawkins in the high jump.

Returning letterwinners include Bob Anderson in the middle distance events, Merle Brestle in the high jump, Charles Gibson in the 440-yard dash, Hugh Osmera in the mile, Ken Reiners and Leonard Rosen in the weight events.

Last year the spring track squad won only one duel meet, while losing four. They edged past Minnesota, 67-55. In the Big Seven outdoor championships, the Huskers finished last.

On the indoor schedule, the Huskers annexed only on win, that a 91-13 romp over the South Dakota Sodaks.

Again this year, the Kansas Jayhawks are the team to beat. The Kansans won both the outdoor affair last year and the indoor championships this year.

However, with new coach Sevine at the helm and a fine crop of sophomores and veterans, the Huskers track hopes could be looking up.

### Intramurals:

## All-University Volleyball Tournament Underway

Volleyball makes the biggest ripple in the intramural lake this week as the all-University volleyball tournament roars into its final stages.

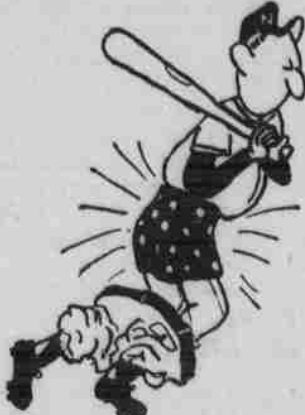
Games played last night found the Iranians, perennial v'ball favorites, downing Huskers 15-8, 15-11; Alpha Tau Omega over Phi Psi 15-8, 15-9; Alpha Tau Omega .B over Sig Alpha B 15-4 15-12; Delta Upsilon over Betas 15-6, 15-9; Theta Chi over Beta Sigs 15-4, 13-15, 15-10; Seaton over Bessey 15-15, 15-3, 15-10; Avery over Fairfield 14-16, 15-7, 15-8; and Gustavson I over Manatt 10-15, 15-11, 15-

3. Games scheduled to be played tonight include Riga vs. Iranians for the all independent championship; Phi Psi vs. Sig Eps; Gustavson I vs. Fairfield; and two teams whose opponents have yet to be decided, Norris House and Beta Theta Pi.

Elsewhere on the intramural scene, cold weather forced the cancellation of Monday's softball opener, but play was started Tuesday as Delta Sigma Phi went against the Betas and Alpha Gamma Sigma took on Cornhusker Cop. Wednesday Pioneer House will play Acacia; Norris House battle Tau Kappa Epsilon and Andrews will clash with Bessey.

## Sports Shorts

• bob cook



It has been stated that nowhere in the U.S. does the fierce beauty and intensity of sports car racing reach a higher pitch than during the 12 hours of endurance embodied in the annual competition at Sebring, Fla.

For the blare and blast of exhausts, the squeal of tires, the howling of high speeds there, have been exploited as Sports car Racing at its best.

A serious error has been committed here. How could the Grand Prix of NU be overlooked?

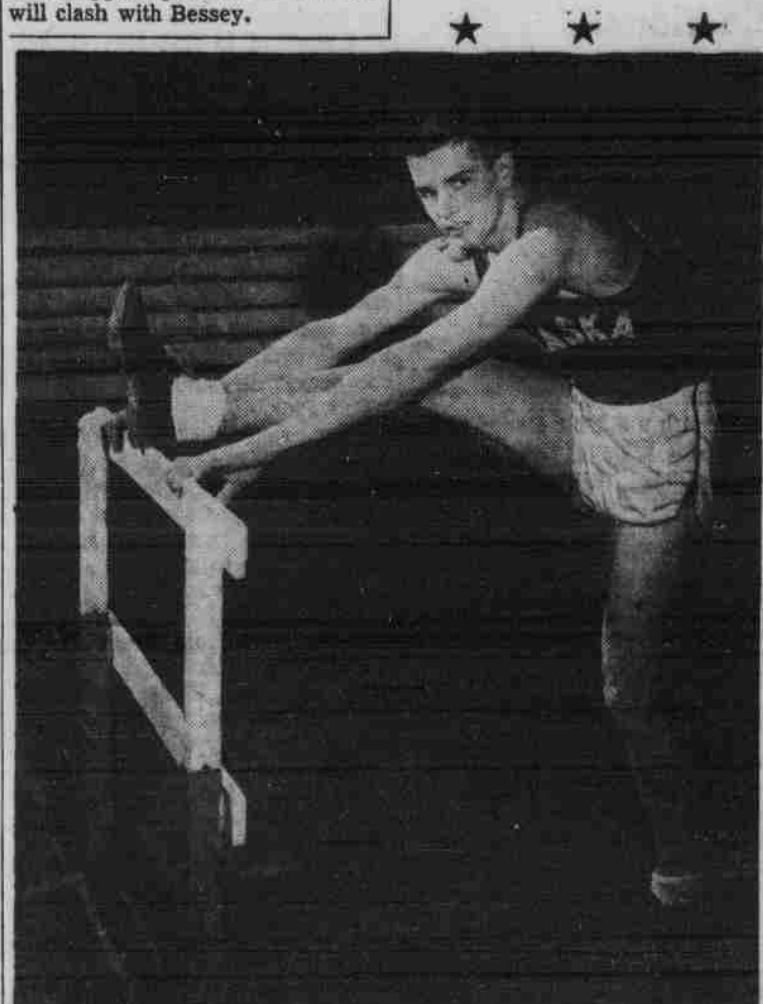
The time of year is nigh again; that fruitful season when the moonlight dips into the scenic sands and the gentle tapping of beer cans echoes in the distance. Yes, it's pit time again.

And during this vernal blessing upon University students, one of the greatest events of Sportdom takes place . . . The Grand Prix of NU. Competition starts promptly at 12:15 a.m. Friday nights and 12:45 a.m. on Saturdays. (Strange how the starting times correspond with the closing hours of University girls isn't it?)

But I digress. No were else can such an assembly of racing machines be collected. And with the addition of this year's new equipment competition should be at its best. Such things as plastic bug deflectors, chrome headlight hoods, mud flaps and that dreaded new addition; dual slanted aerals. Yes, indeed. It looks like a banner year.

There are a few changes that distinguish this event from most other racing competition. Usually alcohol is employed as a fuel for the cars, whereas here the drivers rate first. Also the participants take much longer pit stops than most racers, for it seems their interpretation of the pits is a bit different than the jargon used by most sports car fans.

So break out the crash helmets. . . It's that time again.



Courtesy Lincoln Star  
BILL MARTEN . . . sophomore timber-topper from Beatrice loosens up for stiff competition this weekend as coach Frank Sevine's Husker thinclads host a triangular cinderfest with Ok-

lahoma and Kansas. This is the opening of the 1956 outdoor track season for the Cornhuskers, who managed only one victory in the indoor season.

## Ping Pong Winners Awarded

Ernie English emerged as the winner in the final round of the annual Ag College Ping Pong Tournament. He defeated Jim Feather in the men's division to win the first place trophy. English is a freshman in Arts and Science College and Feather is an Ag College junior.

In the two semi-final games, English defeated Dick Kroll and Feather defeated Al Swedelson by close margins.

Jan Baker outscored Jan Swanson to win first place in the women's division. Miss Baker is a senior and Miss Swanson is a sophomore in Ag College. Both girls are Home Ec majors.

Winners and runners-up in each division were awarded individual trophies. First place winners names will go on the permanent trophies on display in the Ag Union trophy case.

## Nebraskan Want Ads

### From The Sports Desk

## Kreit's Korner

By MAX KREITMAN  
Sports Editor

duel-roles . . . . .

When the names of such men as George Kell, Robin Roberts, Carl Erskine, Dan Towler, Adrian Burk and others are mentioned, great sports-stars quickly come to mind.

But these names are connected with something just as wonderful as our great American sports heritage. They are part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes group that speaks before rallies at different high schools and colleges.

Their smallest crowd was 30, their largest, 2000. Their main thought was, "go to the church of your choice." Sometimes they got tied up in their words, but they displayed their sincerity.

The rally was a dream of Don McLanen. He thought that if some of the athletes could endorse certain foods and cigarettes, why couldn't they endorse Christianity.

At Denver, Colorado, such stars as Erskine, Towler, Burk, Kell and Roberts took the stand for the FCA.

They said . . . . .

Erskine, one of the great righthanders of the Brooklyn Dodgers brought out the fact from athletics, he has grown spiritually as well as physically and mentally.

Erskine continued by saying, "I have found I must discipline myself if I expect to grow and mature in the realm of the spirits.

The church is the training camp of the Christian and the clergyman is the manager who directs us in our work and play . . ."

Dan Towler, better known as Deacon Dan, said, "I have a God-given opportunity to point out to young people the guide posts to a better way. . . . If I can make contact with one kid and save him from my mistakes, save him from making the wrong turn, save him even one wasted moment, I will be proud of my association with this fellowship. It feels good to be on a team where everyone is a star."

Adrian Burk, speaking from a personal standpoint said, "If you have ever gone out on a playing field and had 30,000 fans boo you, you know what I mean when I say that is then I draw on my religion. . . . I pray to be more in God's character, to be more like He would like me to be. It helps me. It will help you. Try it."

Robin Roberts, the outstanding pitcher in the major leagues injected some humor into his speech by saying, "last season I gave up an all-time major league record of 41 home runs. . . . And to prove I was not prejudiced, I served up home runs to Negroes, Italians, Jews, Catholics alike. Race, creed, nationality made no difference to me."

A very deserving hurrah is due to these men. Whether on or off the field, they are definitely showing their great all-American ability towards themselves and their great American heritage. With men like these carrying on this tradition, the youths of today may very well find the road of tomorrow a smooth one to travel down.

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