

Huskers Capture Third:

Smith, Randolph Shine In NU Track Outing



Courtesy Lincoln Journal Smith . . . second in shotput

By BOB WIRZ Nebraska Sports Reporter The University of Nebraska track team opened its 1956 outdoor season Saturday by finishing third in a quadrangular meet at Norman, Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Sooners emerged as the winners by capturing the final four events. They compiled a total of 67 1/2 points, while runner-up Colorado finished with 51 1/2 to 27 for the Huskers, and 18 by the Arkansas Razorbacks.

Although Arkansas finished last they had the only double winner on the track. Ed Morton won both the mile and 2-mile runs.

Big Bob VanDee of the Sooners captured the shotput and discus events. Coach Frank Sevigne's thinclads failed to win a single event but placed at least one man in each of the events with the exception of



Courtesy Lincoln Star Brittenham . . . scores in javelin

Golfers Lose: Tennis Squad Cops Two Wins

While the Nebraska track squad was competing in a quadrangular meet at Oklahoma, two Husker teams were also in action here in Lincoln.

On the golf links, the Cornhusker crew bowed to Kansas, 15 1/2-2 1/2 and to K-State, 10 1/2-7 1/2, while downing Fairbury Junior College, 7-0 and Creighton, 5-1.

In the Kansas affair, only two NU golfers were able to score. Warren Christenson of Nebraska and KU's Jim Davis tied, 1 1/2-1 1/2.

In the doubles, the two Moore brothers, Jack and Jerry, barely lost to the Jayhawk team of Richards and Ed McGee.

Against the Kansas Staters, Christenson had the best luck in defeating KS's Rich Young, 3-1. Christenson also teamed with Herby Mayer to down Young and Dave Plutze.

The double loss brought the Huskers record to 2-3 for the dual meets and a 16th place finish in the Southwest tournament.

The tennis crew managed to bring their record to 3-4 with a double sweep.

Against Creighton, George Fisk and Art Wesver, the Huskers number 1 and 2 men, copped easy wins.

Fisk had the most trouble, before downing Tom Kilker, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0.

Weaver downed Ray Aspri, 6-4, 6-3.

Against Fairbury, all five NU performers had an easy go.

Fisk defeated Larry Bowker, 6-2, 6-0; Weaver won over Dudley Smith, 6-1, 6-0; John Moran beat Harvey Rossmiller, 6-1, 6-0; Al Ford won over Leland Knobel, in both sets by a 6-0 count and Tom Stitt defeated Charles Sugden, 6-0, 6-1.

Next outing for the golfers is April 19 against Washburn. The tennis crew also takes on the Ichabods that day on the Husker courts.

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This Spring: Gridders Near End Of Drills

The Nebraska football team went through its second full dress rehearsal Saturday afternoon and the results produced both some good and bad news.

The Red squad outscored the Whites in the scrimmage, 19-7 and the contest was bright from the fact that the number of fumbles was cut from about thirty of one week ago to a dozen, a number which is about average for a spring drill session.

On the bad side was the fact the Huskers have lost two of their brightest prospects for the remainder of the spring drills.

Roger Krhounek, brilliant frosh ace from Lincoln, who was working with the first White team, suffered a badly sprained ligament in his right leg after being tackled. A cast was placed on the leg and the young speedster was to undergo surgery early this morning. His future with the Huskers is greatly in doubt.

The other injury was suffered by Rich King of Baden, Pa. King, a center for the White team suffered a severe ankle sprain. His ankle was also placed in a cast.

The White team scored its only touchdown in the first period for a 7-0 lead when George Harshman, junior quarterback, went over from the one yard line on a sneak. Harshman also booted the extra point.

The Reds got back into the game in the second period when Dick Prusia intercepted a pitchout and went eight yards to score. Claire Boroff converted and the score was tied.

Leo George and Larry Naviaux scored the final two touchdowns for the Reds in the fourth period.

George scored from the one to cap a 70-yard drive and Naviaux went over from five yards out. Each time a conversion try by Naviaux was bad.

Naviaux had the longest run of the game, a 34-yard gallop on a pitchout which set up his touchdown run.

Darrell Pinkston, ex-Grand Island whiz, was one of the games standouts. The speedy halfback won nine letters during his prep career in the Grand Island city. He was running with the number one backfield and looks very much like a top prospect for next season.



(Nebraska Photo.) Rosen . . . gains third in discus

the mile run, high jump and broad jump.

Although not winning a single event the Huskers did have several bright spots.

Larry Smith, senior from South Sioux City, placed second in the discus and surprised by finishing ahead of teammates Ken Reiners and Leonard Rosen in the shotput.

Smith placed third and Reiners fourth in this event. Smith was Big Seven discus champion in 1953 before taking a tour with Uncle Sam.

Other bright spots on the initial outing included, Bernie Randolph, Lincoln sophomore, who pole vaulted 13 feet 6 inches for a third place in his pet event, Dean Brittenham of Brady, who placed third in the javelin with a toss of 179 feet and Bob Anderson's :50.7 quarter mile which was good enough for a fourth place.

Bill Hawkins of Beatrice and

McWilliams Signs To Play With Regina

Jon McWilliams, ex-Nebraska back end, signed a contract to play football with the Regina football team of the Canadian League.

McWilliams, a three year letterman from Sidney, Nebraska, signed for a reported eight-thousand dollars.

He will play defensive halfback and offensive end. He reports to the ballclub in July.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal Randolph . . . soars 13-6

Don Ficke of Lincoln were the only two Huskers outside of Smith who placed in two events. Hawkins placed third in both the high and low hurdles while Ficke placed in both dashes. He ran third in the 220 and scored a fourth place in the 100 yard dash.

Bill Marten also of Beatrice was second in the 220-yard low hurdles.

Husker results:

100 yard dash—Ficke, fourth

220 yard dash—Ficke, third

440 yard dash—Ficke, third

440 yard dash—Anderson, fourth

880 yard run—Ben Gadd, fourth

Two-mile run—Bob Elwood, third

130 yard high hurdles—Hawkins, fourth

220 yard low hurdles—Marten, second; Hawkins, fourth

Shot put—Smith, third; Reiners, fourth

Discus—Smith, second; Rosen, third

Pole vault—Randolph, third

Javelin—Brittenham, third; Lee Roberts, fourth

Mile Relay—Nebraska, third

(Bob Neiman, Anderson, Ficke, Chuck Gibson).



Courtesy Lincoln Star Ficke . . . shines in 220

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

From The Sports Desk Kreit's Korner

By MAX KREITMAN Sports Editor

The time is nearing . . .

All-Sports Day is just around the corner and Cornhusker followers will be given an opportunity to see the Husker athletic squads in action.

Leading off the day's sporting events will be a baseball game with Offutt Air Base furnishing the opposition. Game time is set for 10 a.m.

At 11, the Nebraska tennis team will play host to the Iowa State Cyclones.

At noon, the Stadium will be the scene of the varsity-freshman track meet.

Here the fans will have the chance to see the cinder crew of next year show their talent against the varsity squad. All eyes will be focused on the outdoor running of freshman sensation, Keith Gardner. The youngster showed great running ability on the indoor boards.

The highlight of the all-day affair will be the varsity-alumni football tilt. Assembled for the alumni is a crew that could rank with the tops in the nation.

Included on this list are such names as Charlie Toogood, Bob Smith, Tom Novak, Don Strasheim, Fran Nagle, Bobby Reynolds, Bob Wagner, John Edwards, Moon Mullins, Bob Oberlin and a host of others.

Never in the history of this tilt have the alumni emerged victorious. However, taking everything into consideration, I feel almost safe in predicting an alumni win.

At 4:30 p.m. Jake Geier's gymnastics crew will give an exhibition at the Coliseum. This will be followed by a swimming demonstration that will end the day's festivities.

So from ten in the morning until five at night, Husker backers will be treated with sporting events from almost every phase of athletics. It promises to be a fine day and the men who are responsible for this ensemble are to be highly congratulated. A good way of saying thanks for their efforts will be to get out and support these teams. One ticket will allow a spectator to all the events.

Give them time . . .

A small tidbit was found in one of the area newspapers that set me to thinking.

A so-called Nebraska booster commented after watching the scrimmage two Saturdays ago that the Husker football bosses are in for a long winter.

After watching the two squads fumble throughout most of the workout he felt the team wouldn't be able to field eleven players of conference caliber.

If this man was a real booster, he might have realized that this is really too early to draw any conclusions, good or bad, about the gridders.

Coach Pete Elliott said, "These boys have the desire to play and never seem to give up. This is one trait you can't teach a fellow, it has to be inside of him."

This editor only hopes that the "big" backers don't forsake the new mentor in midstream.

I feel that if they stick by him and work with him instead of against him, the former Oklahoma assistant will bring the Huskers to the top where they belong. The Nebraskan staff will be in back of him 100 per cent, win, lose or draw . . . let's hope the rest of the crowd follows.

Finals Reached In Volleyball

By GEORGE MOYER Nebraska Sports Reporter

Intramural head, Ed Higginbotham, announced Monday that there will be a one day intramural golf tournament held at Pioneer Park Saturday, April 21.

All managers must go to Pioneer Park to register personnel before Saturday.

Higginbotham also asked softball managers to check the schedule board in the PE building for schedule changes. Because of the recent cold weather some postponements have been made, but all games have been rescheduled for later dates.

Elsewhere on the intramural scene, the volleyball tournament rushed to a conclusion with one championship to be decided Monday and three more Tuesday.

The all-University championships will be played Thursday evening on Court 2, PE Building.

Scheduled to be played Tuesday are Riga vs. Iranians in the independent championship, Betas against the winner of the Monday night clash between Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon for the fraternity A championship and Avery and the winner of the Selleck-Gus match, also a Monday night encounter, for Selleck Quad laurels.

Volleyball results last week saw DU triumph over the Betas 15-6, 15-10 in a B league scrap. The Betas then turned around and beat the Sig Eps 15-12, 15-7 in the second half of the double elimination tournament.

In Selleck Quad play Avery A dropped Fairfield A 15-7, 15-9 to move into the Selleck Quad finals.

On the softball front Avery clipped Gustavson II, 19-5, Burnett won over Fairfield in a thriller, 1-0. Manatt bounced Boucher, 22-4, Hitchcock over Selleck, 13-5, Benton forfeited to Gustavson I.

Andrews forfeited to Bessey, Delta Sigs over Beta Sigs, 19-14, Alpha Gamma Sigma over Cornhusker, 17-1, Pioneer House, 10-Acacia 5, Norris House 23-Tau Kappa Epsilon 17, and the Sig Alpha forfeited to Farm House.

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