

Kansas Favored:

Big Seven Track Meet Features Ace Thinclads

By DEL RASMUSSEN Staff Sports Writer At 3:00 p.m. Friday afternoon the shot put and javelin events will begin to commence a two day carnival of track and field events for Big Seven athletes.

At this time the 29th annual Big Seven outdoor track and field championships will get underway for 1957. This year the University of Kansas Jayhawks will be bidding for their fifth consecutive outdoor title and if they should turn the trick, they will become the first team ever to accomplish this feat. Nebraska won the two day contest four times in a row starting in 1939 and continued through 1941 but failed to cop the banner for their fifth bid. This year Kansas will be attempting to do what the Huskers could not do 15 years ago.

Memorial Stadium will host the athletes from the rest of the loop during the weekend and will witness an unprecedented array of stellar thinclad performers.

The 100-yard dash event will have some very fast speedsters from the conference in the competition for the ribbon including Donald McDaniel of Kansas State who has posted a :09.7 time in the event which is the top performance for that race in the outdoor season, Larry Chance of Colorado, Don Phillipps of Nebraska, and Keith Gardner also of Nebraska. Gardner has not posted a top contention in the century running in the outdoor season but he did gather a second position in the running of the 60-yard dash in the Big Seven indoor this year and should be in the money.

Mark Endangered

The winning time of the century will not endure the mark posted by Hubert Meier of Iowa State in 1930 for that clocking is a sparkling :09.4.

The Big Seven mark in the 440-yard dash could suffer alterations in this year's running of the outdoor however, as Gary Parr of the Oklahoma Sooners invades the stadium. The record for the Big Seven is :47.1 set in the preliminaries by Thane Baker of Kansas State in 1953 and :47.9 by Frank Cindrich of Kansas University on two curves in 1954. Gary, however, has blistered the track with a :47.0 time clocking of the cinder oval distance as he ran a leg of a relay. This equals a mark of Memorial Stadium in that event set by Jim Lea of University of Southern California in 1953.

Other runners who have posted top containing times for the first place laurels are Chuck Smith, Colorado; Pete Orr, Missouri; Bill Prichett, Oklahoma; and Jim Denton, Oklahoma.

Nebraska's entries to the 440-yard running are Keith Gardner, Robert Niemann, Dan Farrington, and Bruce Skinner.

The 220-yard dash top contender is Husker sprint ace Keith Gardner. The Jamaican Jet has scorched the cinders with a blazing :21.2 timing of that event. Gardner has this time faster by four tenths of a second than his next competitor Chuck Smith of Colorado who has a :21.6 clocking.

Last year the Huskers did not even place in the money in the running of the 220, but Nebraska could very easily place two men as they are entering Dick Jahr, Don Phillipps, Don House, Don Ficke, and Dan Farrington in the race besides the illustrious Gardner.

Record Safe

The Big Seven record for the 220 seems out of danger and the :20.8 time by Thane Baker of Kansas in 1952 during the preliminaries should remain on the record books. The mark of Memorial Stadium which stands at :20.5 should stand as Roland Locke of Nebraska left it in 1926.

The 800 spotlight falls to Oklahoma's Gary Parr again. The lad from the Sooner squad has posted a 1:50. flat time on a relay leg which could endanger the mark set by the fleet-footed Wes Santee in 1953. Santee holds both the Stadium and the Big Seven marks with a 1:50.8 clocking but if Parr can produce as he is capable he could rewrite the record book. Lowell Janzen of Kansas has the next best time with a 1:51.6 clocking as does Bob Greenfield of Colorado and in open competition these two could give Oklahoma's Parr a close race.

Nebraska will enter Knolly Barnes into the competition to gain a ribbon. Knolly has churned out some fine performances for Nebraska in both indoor and outdoor competition and in the Big Seven indoor race he nabbed a third place position, finishing be-

hind Lowell Janzen and Hal Long of Kansas.

Santee Holds Mark

Wes Santee's mark of 4:06.3 in the mile run is more than likely to remain on the books after the week-end carnival and his Memorial Stadium mark of 4:03.7 is likely as not to even come within close time. Jerry McNeal of Kansas has posted the best time in outdoor competition this year with a 4:12.3 running followed by Hal Long and

Track Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Time and Event. Includes Preliminaries (3:00-4:40) and Saturday Finals (1:30-3:25).

Bernie Gay of Kansas with a 4:12.6 clocking. In this event Kansas could well place these three men in the first three places. Husker Bob Elwood has a 4:20 time as his best performance but he could surprise and earn one of the upper positions. He is the Husker's best chance of scoring in this event.

Jerry McNeal, Kansas top-notch distance runner seems destined to win these long run events as far as the statistics show. Jerry has been caught with a 9:05.3 time in the two-mile run which reflects his strong contention for the tape-breaking laurels. The Big Seven record for the event is 9:19 flat and McNeal's time should best that by a good 10 seconds. Next contender for the first place ribbon is also a Jayhawk Tom Skutka of Kansas who has a 9:14.2 time. Bob Elwood could very easily finish in money in that race. He proved his worth in that distance during the running of the 1957 indoor when he gathered a third place ribbon for the Sevigne honored crew.

The Big Seven mark in the 120-yard high hurdles could easily fall as Charlie Batch of Missouri takes to the sticks. Batch has breezed over the high sticks in a :14.0 time which threatens the old Big Seven mark of :14.2 set by Bud Gattiser of Missouri in 1948 and Pat Hindman, Colorado in 1954.

Husker thinclad Keith Gardner will also be in the top contention for the winning time as exhibited by his outdoor running of the hurdles with a :14.3 clocking. Gardner's talents will also be accompanied by those of Bill Hawking and Bill Marten who will be in contention with the front runners.

Batch Favored

Charlie also stands in the 220 lows spotlight with his :23.3 clocking. This time is four tenths of a second better than his next competitor, Gene O'Connor of Kansas State who has posted a :23.2 time to stand out in pre-meet contention.

Kansas mile relay team is picked as the logical winner in that event with a 3:22.3 clocking for the race in the 1957 indoor meet in Kansas City. Last year the Jayhawks copped the top laurels in the event with a 3:16.2.

Al Oerter, Olympic Games winner in the discus, will be on hand over the weekend to display his talents in the platter throwing contest. Oerter has flipped the plate a 184-1 1/2 distance to far outdistance his closest competitor, Ralph Yoder of Iowa State who owns a 158-5 toss. Oerter owns the Big Seven record with a 185-5 flip and could easily break the mark. He needs a little more distance to break the Memorial Stadium mark of 190-7 1/2 set by Sim Iness of the University of Southern California in 1953.

Nebraska's entries in the event are Max Kitzelman, Clarence Cook, and Al Fosen. Rosen has been among the top contenders in pre-meet contests and stands a chance to earn some points for the Scarlet and Cream.

Pole Vault

In the pole vault competition, the big name is Undlin. That is Jesse Undlin of Colorado and any of spectators who are interested can find the young lad Saturday after 1:30 p.m. trying for the 14 foot barrier. Jesse has cleared the 14 foot ceiling, but has not been able to go any higher in competition. Nebraska's Ken Pollard has reached the 13-5 mark and has been consistently winning for Coach Frank Sevigne. Pollard just

missed scoring for the Cornhuskers in the 1957 indoor but could add points to the Nebraska point total this weekend.

Dale Knotek, wearing a Nebraska uniform, could and should, win some points for the Husker cause this week as should another Husker, Goose Gausman. If the two could jump as they started off the season they may earn the second and third slots in the scoring column. Wilt Chamberlain of Kansas seems the logical contender for first place with a jump of 6-6 1/4 in outdoor competition. Jim Green of Missouri has a 6-5 bar clearing mark but after that the Huskers take over on top performances.

Bob Land of Missouri set a mark last year of 6-8 1/2 that will be in no immediate danger.

Shot Put

In the weights division, the spotlight is centered on Phil Delavan of Iowa State who set the shot put sailing a 54-3 distance during outdoor competition. Phil finished a disappointing fifth in the indoor meet with a 49-6 1/4 flip but he has been steadily improving since then and should take the laurels easily.

Neither the Big Seven mark nor the Stadium record will be under fire from the field of athletes, however, as the former stands at 63-3 1/4 by Bill Neider of Kansas last year and the latter mark is a 58-7 1/4 heave by Parry O'Brien of USC in 1953.

Ken Yob of Colorado stands as pre-meet favorite in the javelin throwing competition. Yob is one of the best throwers in the country and the decision of the blue ribbon should be determined before the meet takes place. Yob has authored a 222-10 Big Seven last year and this year his best effort has been a 226-6 1/4 toss. He could break his own mark but the Stadium mark is a 248-10 flip by Steve Seymour of LAAC in 1947 and seems more than likely to stand unmolested. Husker entrants in the javelin competition are Frank Nappi, Bill Lafleur, and Dean Brittenham.

Wollaston Contender

The final event, the broad jump, should produce more points for the Husker cause. Chuck Wollaston of Nebraska has produced the second best leap in outdoor competition with a 23-6 1/4 jump. Bill Hawkins, versatile harrier for the Husker squad also owns a top contention jump with a 23-6 effort.

The Big Seven mark of 25-4 inches is out of danger for this year, and even further out of reach of the competing athletes is the mark of Eulace Peacock, Shore A. C. in 1935, for the Stadium record.

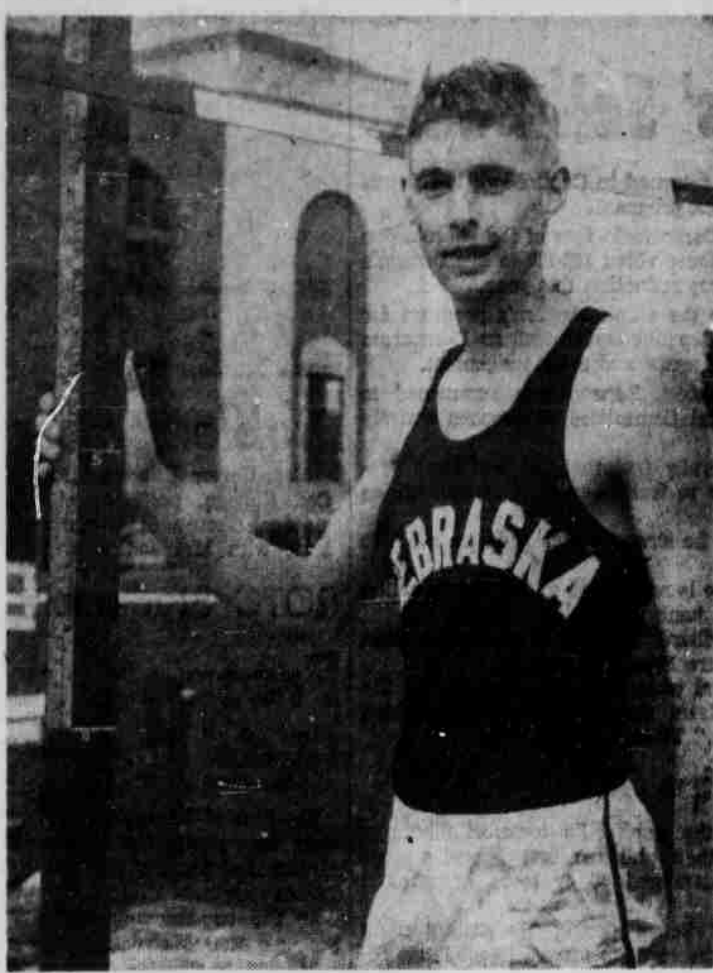
After an overall look of the competition the Kansas Jayhawks seem the ones to extend their string to five consecutive outdoor titles. Nebraska with ten titles holds the all-time high for titles won, Kansas has eight, and Missouri has won the classic six times.

Kappa Phi Elects New Officers

Kappa Phi, Methodist service organization, announced its new officers at its Spring Banquet. The new officers are: Donna Purbaugh, president; Shirley Hirschfeld, first vice-president; Myrna Richards, second vice-president; Colleen Schnitter, treasurer; Betty Heather, recording secretary; and Jo Wecker, corresponding secretary.

Six pledges and one honorary member have been initiated. The new initiates are: Irma Kluge, Arlene Johnson, Dolores Lovell, Janet Mahlman, Sandra Bryan, and Caroline Skopec. Mrs. Don Bliss was initiated as an honorary member.

Although Hi Gernert, Oklahoma's freshman 440 runner, hails from Casper, Wyo., his father, H. B. Gernert, manager of a Casper oil company, graduated from high school at Atoka, Okla., and attended the University of Oklahoma. Young Gernert is a petroleum engineering major. He is a former schoolboy dash champ in Wyoming.



(Nebraskan Photo.)

High Jumper

Dale Knotek will represent the Huskers in the High Jump event at the 29th annual Big Seven Track Meet in Lincoln tomorrow.

Among Knotek's advisory's will be Wilt Chamberlain, fabulous Kansas basketball player.

More Action:

Linksters, Netters Compete For Conference Crown

By STAN WIDMAN Staff Sports Writer

Three teams are favored in the Big Seven Tennis Tournament being held today and tomorrow here in Lincoln. Oklahoma, the perennial favorite in everything, Colorado last years champ and Kansas, winner of eight straight matches are expected to carry the results right down to the wire.

Colorado will be hampered by the loss of four of the five starters who last year won twelve matches. Jim Landin is the only returnee and on his racket the hopes of the Buffaloes rest. Landin will be entered as the No. 1 singles man and on the No. 2 doubles team with Ron Latta.

Oklahoma has last years singles winner Barry Walraven to bolster improve over their last years third place showing. Kansas will be led by Bob Riley and Bob Peterson. Riley was the singles runner two years ago and runner up last year to Dave Stewart of Colorado. Peterson has been one of the major factors in the eight match winning streak of the Jayhawks. In their first match of the year they lost to Oklahoma but have improved steadily since then. The Jayhawks were fourth last year.

Last year's runnerup, Iowa State, has one of the favorites for the singles title in little Ed Huffman. Earlier in the year, he upset Bob Riley of Kansas and figures to be right in the thick of the action. The Cornhuskers will be led by

Bill North and Art Weaver. North was won 14 out of 17 matches this year and should come quite close. Weaver has performed quite consistently and could pull several upsets.

Six Big Seven golf squads have hit Lincoln in quest of the Conference Championship running to day and tomorrow at the Hillcrest Golf Course.

Back to defend its crown will be Oklahoma who won the meet last year with a four man score of 890. Low scorer was Sooner Bob Richardson with totals of 69-72-73-214 and he will be one of the favorites in this year's version of the championships.

Oklahoma is not the sole favorite however as the Kansas Jayhawks, who were runners up in last years meet totaling 901, have a foursome who could be equal to any occasion. Gene Elstun is the leading Kansas lingsman who is figured to pull the Jayhawks into the title. He has shot several sub-par rounds during the regular season including a 68 against Nebraska. He is favored along with Richardson to win the individual award.

The Cornhuskers will be out to advance from the poor fourth place of last year. Leading the Scarlet linksmen will be Mike McCuiston who has shot consistently low scores throughout the season. John Butterfield, who finished sixth in last year's meet, will also carry some of the Huskers hopes with him.

Game Time 3 PM: NU Hosts Oklahoma; Ziegenbein Hurls Today

By BOB WIRZ Staff Sports Writer

Thursday morning's rain did not help the baseball picture in Lincoln one bit. The Huskers three game series with Oklahoma starting this afternoon, provided the weather man cooperates, is another crucial one in the conference race.

As Jack Baer, friendly Oklahoma coach puts it, "Both Nebraska and Oklahoma must play their very best week end if they want to stay in the race."

The Huskers currently are tied with Iowa State in the conference race only a half game behind pace-setting Missouri. Oklahoma is fourth, a game behind the Huskers. A double loss for either squad will virtually eliminate it from the race.

The three game series should be a real thriller between the two squads that have good hurling and fair hitting.

Tony Sharpe has nominated Charley Ziegenbein to hurl the Friday nine inning game as usual. Ziegenbein pitched and batted the Huskers to a 8-6 win over Missouri last week end. He now has a record of three wins and only one defeat.

Ziegenbein's opponent on the hill will be righthander Eddie Fisher. The six-two, 200 pound letterman has had good success for the Sooners thus far in the campaign.

On Saturday Sharpe will probably go with Dwight Stebler (3-1) in the opener and possibly Jim Kubacki will hurl the nightcap. So far Kubacki has only worked in

relief and his throwing has been excellent. Whether the little man will start depends on how much he is needed in relief on Friday.

Baer will use his ace Tony Risinger in one of the Saturday contests. Risinger has been a regular hurler on the Oklahoma staff now for three years. His control stands out along with a good fast ball. Basketball player Don Schwall will probably pitch the other game of the twin-bill.

The Friday contest will start at 3 p.m. if the diamond dries out after its soaking. The Saturday doubleheader has been moved up to 10:00 in the morning so that it will not interfere with the track meet.

Table titled 'Probable Starting Lineups' showing players for Oklahoma and Nebraska.

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