

Huskers Take Third:

Kansas University Cops Track Crown For Sixth Straight Win

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The University of Nebraska track team, under the able guidance of Coach Frank Seivigne, gained four rungs on the ladder of cinder strength from last year and finished third in the running of the 25th annual Big Seven track and field competition.

The Husker squad could account for only one first, reaped by the speed king, Keith Gardner, but the rest of the harriers filled in the spaces in respectable fashion and earned 63 1/2 points to edge the Missouri Tigers by one half point.

The University of Kansas surprised no one as they breezed to their sixth consecutive crown in the conference contest. The Jayhawks were blanked in 100 and 220-yard dashes and the javelin event but still earned enough points to smother their nearest competitor, Colorado, by 76 points.

The Kansas crew earned wins in nine of the events out of the total number of 15 contests while their reserve depth easily gathered 70 more points to bring their complete score to the 160 mark, one of the highest scores in conference history.

The crowd of 5,000 spectators saw a meet to behold with a talented array of stars performing. Such men as Ken Yob of Colorado, Al Oerter of Kansas, Wilt Chamberlain of Kansas, Pete Orr of Missouri and the Jamaican Jet, Keith Gardner.

In the close race of the day, Keith Gardner hustled under the wire to edge Kansas State's Gene O'Connor in the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 14.4. Gardner's comment after the race was, "That was awfully close, old chap, I got a poor start and had to hurry . . . it was quite close."

The high jump event featured the lanky basketball star, Wilt Chamberlain. When Wilt cleared the 6 foot 4 inch barrier with only Husker Dale Knotek in the running he quipped, "I got what I want." (first)

At this point of the day Knotek took off with wings and eased over the bar at a stratospheric height of the same as Chamberlain's leap.

The Wilt "wilted" . . . But he came back to clear the obstacle at 6 feet 5 inches and to win first place laurels and regain his big grin. Knotek missed his tries and had to be content with second place.

Husker thincald Dick Jahr

Cereal Chemists

Two University faculty members will present papers at the annual meeting of the American Association of Cereal Chemists in San Francisco, Cal., May 19 to 23.

R. M. Sandstedt, professor of chemistry in the Biochemistry and Nutrition department, will present papers on "A Comparison of Straight Dough and Sponge Dough Test Baking Procedures" and "Further Observations on the Growth of Synthetic Starch Crystals."

Paul J. Mattern, assistant biochemist, will present a paper concerning dough mixing properties of flours.

Top Husker Scorer:

Ekwall Nominated For Cage Action

Fourth nominee for the Daily Nebraskan "Athlete of the Year" award is a very hard working and deserving basketball player by the name of Rex Ekwall.

You might call Ekwall "Mr. Basketball," at least, for the Husker campus.

The Holmesville senior was for three years a star on coach Jerry Bush's Husker hoop squad. He finished in a blaze of glory by breaking the all-time Nebraska scoring record. Ekwall tallied 854 points in his varsity career and thus topped the mark set by Jim Vuchanan in 1950-51-52 by some thirty points.

Ekwall started his basketball career in his home town and was good enough to be on the reserve high school team when he was still in the eighth grade. Ekwall admits that this was definitely one of his most exciting minutes in the sport and he certainly has had his share of them.

Like so many of the present basketball squad, "The Horse" starred for a small high school instead of attending a larger one as is usually noted.

From his first college game back in 1954 until his final varsity contest last March against Iowa State he was an established star.

Jerry Bush has always said that Ekwall was one of the easiest men to handle that he ever saw.

The 6'4" lad possesses a good basketball eye, a lot of hustle and is a good team man. Many times, perhaps even too many, Rex passed up a good opportunity to shoot and passed off to a teammate instead.

He also is versatile and played both the post and forward positions in his career. Being a good rebounder, Ekwall was always under the basket on both offense and defense.

turned up with some serious running and earned himself the second slot in the 220-yard dash and nabbed fourth place in the century running. Don Philipps added to the Nebraska point total by placing sixth in that event.

Bill Hawkins grabbed two fifth place ribbons in the low stick obstacle course and the broad jump. Chuck Wollaston leaped 22-6 to finished one place behind Hawkins in the broad jump event.

Big Max Kitzelman, man of all sports, heaved the discus 140-4 1/2 to earn a fifth place ribbon while Bill Lafleur and Dean Brittenham grabbed third and fourth places respectively in the javelin contest.

Conference To Admit New Team

In a move waited for 29 years by Oklahoma A&M the faculty representatives of the Big-Seven extended an invitation to the Oklahoma school to be a member of the conference. The invitation was immediately accepted by school president Dr. Oliver Willham and thus the Big-Seven became the Big-Eight.

The Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College is now being renamed Oklahoma State University. It is located at Stillwater, Oklahoma, and had an enrollment of 9,113 for the 1957 school year. Their football stadium can seat 40,000 fans and the basketball field house has a capacity of 9,000.

The school will be able to compete in all sports except football and basketball starting the winter and spring sports in 1958. Just as soon as they can schedule the other seven schools, they will begin in the championship races in the two sports. They will enter the tournament in 1958 and participate in the championship race that year. Football will begin no later than 1961.

Husker fans will be able to see another big college in the world teams have consistently been among the top in the country especially on defense. Their wrestling team is also tops having finished second in the NCAA behind Oklahoma last winter.

At one stretch between 1944 and 1946, the Aggies won the Cotton and Sugar bowl games, earned championship honors in basketball and wrestling and had a very fine track team.

Bill Orwig said of the admission: "I feel Oklahoma A&M will be a very fine member of the conference. We know their athletics are strong and well-organized and they will make a fine contribution to the conference."

Chancellor Hardin also commented: "We are pleased to welcome Oklahoma A&M to the conference. I have a very high personal regard for President Willham and have been much impressed with the progress that has been made at A&M both academically and athletically, under his administration."

Iowan Bob Elwood in a Nebraska uniform paced Jarry McNeal of Kansas for the first portion of the two-mile race but he couldn't keep up the blistering pace set by McNeal as he raced to a 9:09.1 to better the mark of that race by 10 seconds. Two other records fell also during the two-day classic; those in the 440-yard run and the mile relay.

In the 440 Pete Orr of Missouri churned the distance in a :47.1 time to better the mark set by Frank Cindrich of KU and Thane Baker of KS in 1954 and 1953 respectively.

The mile relay mark was authored by the Kansas crew of Louis Stroup, Mik Cummins, Lowell Janzen, and Ray Wyatt. These men shattered the old record of 3:15.4 set by Kansas State in 1953 and replaced it with a 3:12.6 mark. Nebraska earned a third position in that running.

The finals points were reaped by Ken Pollard, Husker pole vaulter, who tied for fifth and sixth place with Carl Cox of Oklahoma at a 13-1 1/2 ceiling. Pollard, by doing this, figures to be the hero of the day for the Cornhuskers as his earnings for the afternoon brought the point total of the Seivigne squad to better the Tigers by a scant one half point.

None of the thincalds that donned a Nebraska uniform can be discredited, however, when they have brought the Husker track team from a dismal last place finish last year to a respectable third place this year.

The second place finisher was slated to be Missouri but it was Colorado who furnished the closest competition for the Jayhawks with 84 points.

Sooners Accumulate New Crown

The Oklahoma Sooners added another championship to their already star studded belts as they completely outclassed the other six teams in winning the Big-Seven tennis tournament held here in Lincoln.

The Sooners won 19 matches and six of seven finals to finish far ahead of second place Colorado, last year champion, who won 9 matches. Behind these were Kansas 7, Iowa State and Kansas State 5 each, and Missouri and Nebraska with two wins apiece.

Barry Walraven salted away two Big-Seven crowns as he won No. 1 singles, equivalent of the Conference championship, and the No. 1 doubles with Joe Harris. He defeated Iowa State's Ed Hoffman 6-4, 6-2 for the crown in singles while he and Harris defeated Hoffman and Dick Sahr 6-4, 6-1 in doubles.

Joe Harris also enjoyed two titles as he won the No. 2 singles from Bob Wright of Colorado, 8-6, 6-2.

The two Cross boys, Dennis and Don, each had a hand in two of the Sooner victories. Don won the Number 3 singles from Keith Andler of Kansas State 6-3, 6-2 and then teamed with his brother to win the No. 2 doubles crown from Bob Peterson and Lynn Sieverling of Kansas 7-5, 6-1.

Dennis won the No. 5 singles defeating John Whisler of Colorado, 6-1, 5-7 and 16-14 in the longest match of the tournament.

Ron Latta of Colorado was the only man of the oother six schools to garner a victory in the finals. He defeated Jim Holwerda of Kansas State 9-7, 6-3 for the No. 4 singles title.

Art Weaver was the only Cornhusker to gain a victory in the two day affair. He defeated Kansas State's Allen Chaplin 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in the first round of the No. 2 singles on Friday. He then lost to Harris of Oklahoma in the second round, 6-1, 6-0.

The other victory given to the Huskers was the bye Weaver and North had in the first round of the doubles. They lost to the Gross duo 6-1, 6-0 in the semi-finals. All other Huskers lost in the first round of their respective singles and double classes.

Bob Riley of Kansas who won a singles crown two years ago, met defeat at the hands of Walraven in the semi-finals for the second year in a row. Their scores were 6-3, 6-2.

Jim Landin, Colorado's main hope in singles lost to little Ed Hoffman in one of the closest matches of the day, 11-9, 4-6, 6-2.

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Al Karle

Al Karle, veteran Husker second baseman of Tony Sharpe's diamond crew was injured when he collided with the Oklahoma first baseman in the second

game of a double header Saturday. Karle's injury was not serious, however, an examination revealed.

Smith Gets Cup:

Oerter Chosen As Outstanding Star

Oerter Receives Award . . .

Al Oerter, husky young man from Long Island, New York, who wore a Kansas uniform in the two-day track and field carnival here last week end, won the Henry F. Schulte Memorial Trophy Saturday.

Oerter was one of two men who gathered double wins during the meet. His winning toss in the discus throw of 179 feet 10 1/2 inches, was no surprise to most folks when it is noted that he flipped the plate a mighty 183 feet 5 inches last year to set a new conference record, but at the time of the throwing Al was experimenting with a new way to throw the plate.

Al also won the shot put competition with a heave of 53 feet 6 1/2 inches to win that contest by three-quarters of an inch.

Oerter set the stage beautifully to win the shot. He was the last man to toss the weight and Phil Delavan of Iowa State was leading the field with a 53-5 1/4 heave. Oerter had failed in his other attempts but had one more chance. A mighty heave of the 16 lb. iron ball put it to the ground a scant three-quarters of an inch past Delavan's try.

Individual Champions, . . .

100-yard dash — Chuck Smith, Colorado, :10.

220-yard dash — Chuck Smith, Colorado, :21.9.

440-yard dash — Pete Orr, Missouri, :47.1 (betters record of :47.9 set by Frank Cindrich in 1954 (KU) and Thane Baker in 1953 (KS).

880-yard run — Lowell Janzen, Kansas, 1:54.4.

Mile — Hal Long, Kansas, 4:15.

Two-mile — Jerry McNeal, Kansas, 9:09.1 (betters record set by Bruce Drummond (O) in 1953, 9:19).

High hurdles — Keith Gardner, Nebraska, :14.4.

Low hurdles — Gene O'Connor, Kansas State, :24.1.

Stroup Mike Cummins, Lowell Janzen, Ray Wyatt), 3:12.6 (betters record of 3:15.4 set by Kansas State in 1954).

Discus — Al Oerter, Kansas, 179-10 1/2.

Pole vault — Dave Tams, Kansas, 13-7 1/2.

High jump — Wilt Chamber-

lain, Kansas, 6-5.

Shot put — Al Oerter, Kansas, 53-6 1/2.

Javelin — Ken Yob, Colorado, 213-3.

Broad jump — Blaine Hollinger, Kansas, 23-10 1/4.

Oerter laughed when Delevan came over to congratulate him and said, "I didn't do anything on the last one except throw the hell out of it." Then he trotted off to earned top place laurels in the discus.

The weighty lad of Coach Bill Easton's crew was in contention for the Schulte award with one of his own teammates, Jerry McNeal, who shattered the two-mile mark by more than nine seconds.

Others in contention for the honiton were Chuck Smith of Colorado, who doubled in the 100 and 220; Pete Orr, who broke a conference record in the 440-yard run; and Gene O'Connor who nearly swept nor who starred for the Kansas State Wildcats handily won the low hurdles but was nosed out by Nebraskan Keith Gardner for the high stick laurels.

Oerter is the Lympic Games winner in the discus competition. He is working on a new style in hopes to repeat his past performance in the coming Olympics.

Smith Wins Big Seven Sprint Cup

Chuck Smith from Denver, Colorado won the Big Seven Sprint Cup for his victories in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. The cup has been awarded since 1920 by Jack Grover Washington '09; Shannon Douglas, Missouri '10; and guy Reed, Nebraska '11.

Dick Blair of Kansas copped it in 1955 and 1956.

Smith, proud father of a two-week old baby girl, grinned when he received the award and said, "My little girl will sure be proud of me now."

(2) wrestlers Danny Hodge and Dick Delgado, who won national championships at Pittsburgh, Pa., with Hodge being voted the nation's best the second year in a row; and (3) swimmer Julian Dyason, who won the national collegiate championship in the 100-yard breast stroke in the recent NCAA meet at Chapel Hill, N. C.

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Ziegenbein, Siebler Victims: Husker Hurlers Lose Two Top Performances

By BOB WIRZ Sports Staff Writer

Just what does a pitcher have to do to win a baseball game? This is what two Husker pitchers were wondering after they were handed setbacks in the first and second games of a important Big Seven series in Lincoln this weekend.

Lefty Charley Ziegenbein hurled a two-hitter on Friday in a nine inning contest but lost 4-3 to Oklahoma when teammates committed six costly bobbles. The situation was even worse on Saturday when sophomore Dwight Siebler hurled

a no-hitter at the Oklahoma batters only to lose 1-0 on his own error in the second inning.

The Huskers came back in the second half of the Saturday double-header to win 7-3 but they were already virtually eliminated from the Big Seven race.

Oklahoma jumped to a quick lead in the series by scoring three unearned runs in the first ball game. They received their first unearned tally in the opening frame with out the aid of a base hit.

The Sooners upped their lead to 3-0 in the third inning when they bunched their two hits with an error.

Meanwhile, Eddie Fisher had the Huskers eating out of his hand. The big Nebraska bats did not get started until the sixth when they picked up two runs. Larry Lewis drove both runs home with a single. Nebraska tied up the game the next frame only to fall behind again in the eighth.

Once more the visitors scored without the aid of a base hit.

Nebraska threatened in the eighth but some faulty base running beat them out of a chance to score.

The Saturday opener was harder to face for the Huskers, Siebler was simply magnificent all the way. The crafty righthander walked just three men while striking out nine and not allowing a single hit.

The sole run came in the second frame as Bob Burr scored on Siebler's overthrow of first base. Burr had walked opening the inning and advanced to second when Frank Nappi fumbled Bob Gregory's grounder. This brought up first baseman Don Stiller and the lanky football co-captain bunted. Siebler hustled off the mound and fielded the ball cleanly and then threw over the head of Al Karle who was covering first.

The Huskers were held to one hit by Tony Risinger until the seventh inning when with one out Kane doubled and it looked like the home favorites had a life.

First baseman John Beideck was due to bat next but coach Tony Sharpe chose to go along with lefthander Roger Bottorff. The Lincoln senior drilled a single between third and short and everyone thought Kane could score from second. Everyone that is except leftfielder Jim Leeper. He scooped up the ball and fired a strike to home plate cutting down the Wisner catcher.

Nebraska finally salvaged the final game of the series after the major damage was done. Lewis and Nappi carried the big bats in this contest each driving in two runs.

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