

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Nebraska Track Outlook Takes On Brighter Glow

Huskers To Challenge In Big Eight Indoor With Good Sophomores, Seasoned Regulars

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The future of track at Nebraska is on the upswing. This year's squad is composed of top athletes from Nebraska, neighboring states, the commonwealth of Canada and Jamaica, and Trinidad.

Under the astute leadership of Frank Sevigne, and Freshman coach Ike Hanscom, the Huskers have already made their strong points known via good showings in the triangular meet against Iowa State and Kansas State, and at the Michigan State Relays last weekend.

The Huskers, who finished third in the 1957 indoor meet at Kansas City, figure to be in the middle of things at this year's conference meet.

Sevigne has repeatedly stated

that Oklahoma and Kansas will be the teams to beat this year. Kansas won last year's indoor meet with Missouri in second place followed by Nebraska.

There seems to be an air of optimism about Nebraska's chances this year. Look for the Huskers to be in second place if not first when the final gun has sounded at Kansas City this March 1st.

Heading the list of varsity members this season is Keith Gardner, mainstay of last year's team and Olympic performer of 1956. Keith is the leading Big 8 hurdler as well as being an excellent sprinter and relay man.

Right behind Gardner is Joe Mullins, sophomore from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. Joe is an important point getter in the 440, 880, mile run, and relays. Mullins, with past marks of 4:12 in the mile, 1:50.6 in the 880, and :47.1 in the

440, promises to be one of the best athletes to ever run on Nebraska's track.

Bill Hawkins, who is completing a brilliant athletic career at Nebraska, will be an important cog in the hurdles and the broad jump.

One must examine the Huskers even by event in order to get the true picture of Husker chances this year.

In the distance races, Mullins is the leader followed by Bob Elwood, Bill Melody, and Frank Morrison.

In the 880, Knolly Barnes, leads the field. Knolly's best time is 1:53.5. Mike Fleming, Ken Ash, and Don House, aid Barnes in giving the Huskers tremendous strength in this event. All of these men have run in 1:54 or better.

The 440 field has, in addition to Mullins, Fleming and Don House, along with Dick Jahr, Don Ficke, and Bruce Skinner, are returning lettermen who also add strength in this event.

Gardner leads a formidable crew in the sprints. Don Phillips, has done 6.3 in the 60 yd. dash and he will have able assistance in Dick Jahr, and Tom Hodson, transfer from New Mexico. Hodson, who has been slow to recover from a leg injury incurred last fall, may be the darkhorse of the Husker squad. Tom has done 9.5 in the 100 yd. dash and 21.3 in the 220.

Nebraska's timbertoppers promise to be the best in the Big 8 and maybe throughout the Midwest. The hurdle relay team's showing at Michigan will support this statement. Behind Gardner, Keith Young, Hawkins, and Marten will make up Nebraska's entries in this event.

The field events may prove to be the Huskers weak spot. Loss of Dale Knotek in the high jump was a severe blow. Hale Kreycik and Bob Lammel will try to make up for Knotek's departure.

The broad jump looks a little more promising. Back and improved from last year are jumpers Hawkins, Charles Wollaston, Don Phillips and Lammel.

The Huskers are also spread thin in the pole vault. Ken Pollard and Don Blank are the main Husker hopes in this event. Pollard promises to be one of the best vaulters in the Big 8. He has cleared 13-8 this year.

The shot, like the vault, is weak. Main Husker hope is Don Olson, ace Husker tackle of last fall's football team. Olson is also aided by Don Nelson.



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

KU Buries Nebraska Wilt Sets Record In 102-46 Romp

Big Eight

	W	L	Pct.
Kansas State	4	0	1.000
Oklahoma	3	2	.600
Kansas	3	2	.600
Iowa State	3	2	.600
Missouri	2	3	.400
NEBRASKA	1	5	.167
Colorado	1	5	.167

The combined efforts of 12 Nebraskans added up to the point production of just one Kansas as the Huskers fell Saturday night, 102-46 to the Kansas Jayhawks at Lawrence.

The one man, of course, was seven foot Wilt Chamberlain, who scored 46 points for a new Big Eight scoring record. In doing so, the Big Dipper gained revenge for the onslaught of another Nebraskan, Omaha's Bob Boozer, who last week outscored Chamberlain, 32-25, as Kansas lost to Kansas State.

For Nebraska, sophomore center-forward Bob Harry dropped ten points in his best performance of the year. The 6'6" Harry, who missed competition last year because of a knee injury, hit two field goals and six of ten free throws. Herschel Turner backed him with eight while Al Graves chipped in with seven.

Harry

Courtesy Lincoln Star

Big Eight Coach Named

Jack McGuire, veteran Iowa State swimming coach, has accepted an appointment on the NCAA swimming rules committee, it was learned Friday.

Frank Gardner, Drake, is the NCAA president.

Wrestling Mentor Ex World Champion AAU Ruling Hurt Repeat Chances

By KENT WALTON
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Except for a desire to teach, Husker wrestling coach, Bill Smith might have been a two time Olympic champion. Smith won his weight class in the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki and was chosen again for the 1956 games but the AAU ruled that he was a professional for having coached a high school team.

He had coached at Rock Island, Illinois, for 4 years and in his last year, 1956, his team won the state championship. Last year before coming to Nebraska, he coached at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Smith, who was graduated from Iowa State Teachers College, was two time NCAA champion and three time AAU champion and had an undefeated career in college wrestling. He wrestled at the 167 pound class although he went down to 160 for the Olympics. Besides the trip to Helsinki, he has also toured with a group of U.S. wrestlers in Turkey and Japan. He was also elected to the Helms Foundation Wrestling Hall of Fame. Smith is married and the father of five youngsters, two boys and three girls.

One of the most noticeable characteristics about Smith is his radiant enthusiasm. He never tires of talking about wrestling, and is conducting a campaign to increase interest in the sport throughout the state. On March 21, he will conduct a Wrestling Clinic for physical educators in Nebraska at Grand Island. He is also conducting his own scouting and recruiting program in Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota. Just this year he has gotten 10 tuition scholarships for wrestling and has three out at the present time.

In some of the meets this year, Smith has had only three with high school experience. He compares this with sending a team of high school football players to play

against Colorado. Commenting on the outlook for the year, Smith predicted a 1-10 record for the team, with better results from hard extra work. Incidentally the record is now 1-5 and the one victory was not one he had anticipated so his hard work must have paid off a little. Among the remaining meets of the season are one with his old Alma Mater, Iowa State Teachers, on Feb. 28, and the Big 8 meet on March 14 and 15.



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