

Prep Track Stars Bid In Record Meet

Over 800 Scheduled To Hit Campus For Two Day Show

More than 800 Nebraska high school athletes will invade the campus tomorrow for the annual state high school track meet. From the standpoint of schools and athletes entered, this will be the biggest show ever.

It may also be a record breaking show in the area of track performances. This has been a bad year for old records in Nebraska prep circles and the high schoolers could carry over their mark making penchant into state competition.

Most likely candidates to set new records in their pet events are Bob Cross of Boys Town, Ray Knaub of Scottsbluff and Merlin Lawrence of Alliance.

Cross will bid in the 440-yard dash. The Omaha star recently set a new state high school record in that event when he ran :49.5 in the Columbus district qualifying meet. The state meet record in the 440 is :50.5.

Knaub, whose brother Bob is a broad jumper on the University freshman team, will shoot for the 100 and 220 yard dash marks.

Best Time Ties
His best times in the 100 tie the existing state meet mark of :09.9. Knaub's best chance of a new state meet record is in the longer race however, where he has done :21.4, four tenths of a second faster than the present meet mark of :21.8.

Knaub will have competition in the 100 that may push him over the record time. Roger Sayers, Omaha Central flash, has also done :09.9 and has qualified in both the 100 and 220.

Lawrence's specialty is the pole vault. The Alliance smoothly has done 13'3/4" in his pet event to lead the state in this category.

Half Mile Duel
Although their times are not better than existing meet records, several lads have a chance to push the old standards lower given fair weather and the breaks. One of the top races should develop in the half mile where Gene Owen of Omaha Central and Tom Komarek of Creighton Prep will clash. Komarek has the best time in the state in this event, 1:59 flat, but Owen has beaten Komarek twice, both times running under two minutes. The existing state meet mark is 1:58 flat.

Conger Threatens
Jack Conger, last year's gold medal winner from Aurora, threatens the low hurdles record of :19.8. The class B speedster has done :20.1 and will have the advantage

NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Hodgson Decision To Aid Huskers Baton Team Underdog To Cowboys

By Randall Lambert
Sports Staff Writer
Nebraska's crack 440 yard relay team will be the underdog in the opening running event of the Big Eight track and field meet at Columbia, Mo. In order to win, the Husker quartet of Jahr, Hodson, Young, and Gardner will have to catch the Oklahoma State Cowboys, who were timed in :40.1 last week. This is only two-tenths of a second over the world's record. Nebraska has been close to :41.0 as have their arch-rivals, Kansas.

Break For Huskers?
Nebraska may have gotten a break when Oklahoma announced that Gail Hodgson, who runs as relaxed as a school boy strolling home after the 4:00 bell, probably will concentrate on the mile and two-mile, which will give him an hour and 15 minute rest, rather than the 800 which comes only 35 minutes after the finish of the mile. Hodgson has been under 1:50 in the half and could probably win both it and the mile. By running in the two-mile, where the Huskers are weak and Kansas is strong, Hodgson may beat Kansas out of a first place and push the Jayhawk point total down. It will also give Nebraska's half milers more chance to score.

Other contenders who could possibly upset Hodgson include the Jayhawk trio of defending champion Jerry McNeal, Berry Crawford, and Brian Travis plus indoor two-mile king Bernie Frakes of Colorado and Duane Holman of Kansas State who was fourth indoors. Frakes won in-

Kansas will be represented by Ray Wyatt, third outdoors last year, Mike Cummins, one place behind Wyatt outdoors last year, and Verne Gauby, who beat Wyatt in the Missouri-Kansas dual last weekend. Deloss Dobbs will also probably get a share of the quarter. The Kansas State star was fifth outdoors last year, fourth indoors this year and has been hitting around :48.0 this spring.

Don House is the only Husker close to :49.0. He will have to beat his previous marks to even place. Other Nebraska entries are Bruce Skinner and Don Ficke.

LaFleur In Javelin
Bill LaFleur holds Nebraska's hope for points in the javelin. Last year LaFleur placed third in the big show with a heave of 189'-10 1/2". Against Michigan State, last weekend, LaFleur threw the javelin 202 feet. However, he may have trouble duplicating his 1957 finish. Ralph Willard of Kansas State has been over 210 feet several times this spring and rates the favorites role. Jim Lunderholm of Kansas finished third at the Drake relays with a 208'-5 1/2" mark and teammate John Book was fourth at Drake with a 204'-11 1/2" throw. Roger Francke of Colorado has also been near the 200 foot mark and should place.

Coach Frank Seignie pretty well summed up Nebraska's chances at Columbia when he said, "Everything will have to be going exactly right for us, but we could win the conference. I can't believe that Kansas will have its usual runaway this time."



Courtesy Journal-Star Printing Co. Hodgson . . . Two mile

doors in 9:15.3 after a stretch duel with McNeal.
McNeal won the Henry Schulte award, which is given to the most outstanding performer in the Big Eight outdoor track meet, for his record breaking 9:09.1 two-mile last year. Fast improving Bill Melody, Nebraska's lone entry, may find the going a little too tough.

Help Needed
Nebraska may also need help in the quarter. Last year Kansas took four of the six places, but will have trouble doing it this year. Tops on the quarter list is Chuck Carlson of Colorado. Last weekend Carlson blocked to a 47.2 timing in the Rocky Mountain A.A.U. meet. Right behind Carlson is Ken Covert of Oklahoma State and Hi Gernert of Oklahoma. Both have been under :48.0.

of being pushed by another standout performer. Larry Brockhaus of Madison has done 20.5, a time which was Conger's best before the district qualifying meets, and may pull an upset for the gold medalion.

The two will also duel in the Class B high hurdles. They have identical 15.6 clockings in that event.

Track Slate
Friday (Track)
10 a.m.—Class B Vault
1 p.m.—High hurdles preliminaries
1:40—100-yard dash preliminaries
2:10—880-yard run finals
2:50—440-yard dash preliminaries
3:30—Low hurdles preliminaries
4—220-yard dash preliminaries
Friday (Field)
12:30 p.m.—Class A pole vault finals
1—Class C high jump, Class A broad jump, Class C shot put, Class C discus finals
2:30—Class D high jump, Class B broad jump, Class D shot put, Class C discus finals
3—Class C pole vault finals
All competition in vaulting and broad jumping will be conducted inside. Other field events will take place outside, weather permitting.

Outstanding Athlete: Reimers, Brand First Nominees For Award

First nominations for the Daily Nebraskan's Athlete of the Year award are Dan Brand and Gary Reimers. Both athletes earned Star of the Week awards earlier in the year for their outstanding performances.

Brand, a fifth year man in his final year of competition on the Husker wrestling team, was one of the most successful matmen produced at the University in several years. Originally a basketball player, he did not become interested in wrestling until his junior year.

In his first two years he improved consistently. He opened this year's season with a strong winning streak which earned him the Star of the Week honor.

The agile heavyweight finished fourth in the Big Eight conference matches. He also won the heavyweight title at the Midwest AAU Wrestling tournament at Omaha after the college season had ended.

Reimers was one of the leaders in Nebraska's successful basketball campaign. The 5'9" playmaker was high scorer for the team, with a total of 240 points.

Gary captained a spirited Cornhusker squad to startling upset victories over the first and third top teams in the nation, Kansas State and Kansas.

He was selected on the All Big Eight first team lineup by the Daily Nebraskan, and he was recognized by nearly all the major sports publications as one of the finest players in the conference.

The hustling senior from Millard is also a standout baseball player. He has started in center field on Tony Sharpe's Scarlet baseball team for the past two seasons. He has been hitting consistently around the .300 mark for the past two years.

Fans are urged to submit their nominations as soon as possible, so that the choice of Athlete of the Year may be made next week. Any varsity athlete is eligible for the award regardless of his class in school. Submit your entries to George Moyer, room 20 of the Student Union.

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Higgenbotham: Draw To Decide Chances In Loop Tennis Meet

"We'll know a lot more Thursday night." That's what Nebraska's tennis coach, Ed Higgenbotham had to say about the coming Big Eight tennis tournament in Columbia Missouri this weekend.

"How we do depends in a large measure on the luck of the draw, and we won't know how that will go until Thursday night at 8 p.m.," Higgenbotham commented.

Two Day Meet
The meet, a two day affair on the University of Missouri's courts, is really a combination of seven tournaments. Each squad enters five singles players plus two doubles teams. The number one singles men meet each other in a single elimination tournament, as do the number two's three's and so on. The overall winner of the tourney is the team scoring the most wins in all of the seven tournaments.

Oklahoma won six of the seven individual and doubles titles here in Lincoln last year to take the first place crown. Only title the Sooners lost was the number four singles which went to Ron Latta of Colorado. Art Weaver was the only Husker to nab a victory last year, taking a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 match from Allen Chaplin of Kansas State. The Huskers picked up one win on a bye in the first round of the number one doubles.

Prospects Improved
Prospects for Nebraska have improved considerably this season. The Huskers go into the Missouri tournaments with a 7-5 mark for the year and victories over Kansas and Iowa State in conference play.

Colorado, second place finishers last year and winners two years ago, appear

to be the team to beat. The Buffs dealt Oklahoma a 4-3 loss in Norman April 3 and roared to five wins in their first six contests. Latta will be back to defend his number four crown while Bob Wright will bid strongly in the number two spot.

Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, are expected to give the Buffs a run for their money. Oklahoma's coach, Bernie Walraven, commented that "Colorado has better balance but Oklahoma State is better at the top with Polzer and Ramming."

Cowboys Win Twice
Oklahoma State has bumped the Sooners twice in dual competition, both times by 4-3 margins. The Sooners were without their rangy ace, Joe Harris in both of those defeats, however. Harris was number two champ in Lincoln last year, but his availability at Columbia remains in doubt.

Other squads which may break through are Kansas State and Iowa State. They both downed Kansas by identical margins, 4-3. Nebraska won from Iowa State, but suffered a 6-1 pasting on the outdoor courts in Manhattan two weeks ago.

Higgenbotham will send George Fisk into the scramble as his number one man. Bill North will play number two, Art Weaver number three, Bruce Russell number four, and Charlie Kress, number five. Fisk and North will team for the number one doubles while Weaver and Russell will pair up for the number two doubles.

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