

NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Gardner Named 'Nebraskan' Outstanding Athlete Of Year

Keith Gardner, the Jamaican speedster who has found a home in the hearts of many a Nebraskan, has been chosen as the Athlete-of-the-Year by the sports staff of the Daily Nebraskan. Keith has won the award not only because of his world record breaking track performances, but also because he has probably done more than any other one athlete toward restoring pride to the Nebraska sports scene. Gardner, recently dubbed the Caribbean Comet, has set records on the track both outdoors and indoors. This past winter he set two world records indoors only to have one of them topped the very next day. At the Chicago Daily News Relays Gardner ran the 60-yard high hurdles

in 7.1 breaking the old record he had set by a tenth of a second. In the finals he ran them in an identical time only to be beaten by a half step and a tenth of a second. He holds the world's record in the lows with a time of 6.7 on both a dirt and a board track. He has been one tenth of a second over the world's record in the 60-yard dash twice with timings of 6.1. Gardner is even more versatile outdoors. He ran the 100-yard dash on a wet track in 9.6. He has a relays 120-yard high hurdle time of 13.6, which is equal to the world mark and high hurdle time off the blocks in 13.8, the best in the nation this year. He also has another best in the nation in the 220 yard dash. Last week at the Big Eight out-

door carnival, Gardner flew over the furlong course in 20.4, a new conference record. Keith even went farther when he ran the quarter mile two weeks ago in 46.6, the fastest 440 ever run on the Memorial Stadium track. He had previously run the quarter in 45.5 while running a leg on the sprint medley relay team. The Athlete of the Year award was started by Bob

Cook, who was Daily Nebraskan sports editor in 1954-55. Previous winners have been Bruce Riley, outstanding gymnast in 1954-55, and Rex Ekwall, all-conference basketball in 1956-57. There was no award given in 1955-56. Other nominees this year included Gary Reimers, Wilson Fitzpatrick, Jim Kubacki, Dan Brand, Jim Kane, Dwight Siebler, Jerry Brown, Bill North, and George Fisk.



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... Out of the Blocks

**Gardner:
An Athlete
In Action**



... Over the Barriers



... and Across the Line

Coliseum Beat

... by George Moyer

Whew! It is all over. Definitely all over at last. No more deadlines, no more pounding a beat, no more fighting the copy desk for my bottle of paste. (Fie on you Diana Maxwell!)

Seriously, it has been a great privilege and an honor to serve the Daily Nebraskan and the students of the University as sports editor this semester.

With that statement for a lead, I can get around to the usual acknowledgment and thank you's. They are well deserved and the people who are getting them have done a wonderful job for me this semester.

First off, there are my reporters: Randall Lambert, Elmer Kral, Larry Novicki, Ken Pocras and Carry Laupheimer (I hope we spelled that right for once). Many's the time when the sight of one of their beaming faces has gladdened my weary typewriter fingers. (Typewriter fingers is the atomic age version of writers' cramp.) They have done a good job and I hope they will all be back next fall to give my successor a boost.

Then there are my friends in the advertising department. Often, when I was faced with a positive dearth of ideas and a monstrous news hole, Stan Kaiman, Tom Neff or Bob Smidt would bound into the sports cubbyhole with the cheering words, "Hey, you want a Gold's three by ten?" Of course, the darn thing turned out to be a three by 12" just as often as not and then there would be much cursing among the printers at the Journal.

Also, just as often as not, the business side would put their ads in there whether they told me or not, totaling up to more confusion. Nevertheless, thanks anyway, men.

Nothing I say about the business side would be complete without mentioning their worthy leader, Jerry Sellentin. Jerry and I scrapped constantly about discounts and overtime, but, thanks to him, the sports page was well enough organized so that it didn't collapse in complete confusion about the middle of the semester. Thanks Jerry.

Another well deserved thank you goes to the copy editors. (Bless their confused little hearts.) It is a tough job, slinging together a page that has little meaning for most of our copy editors (the distaff side) as a book of Greek, but they have done a fine job.

Last of all, come my peerless leaders, Mack Lundstrom and Dick Shugrue. It has been a real pleasure to work under those worthies this semester.

And of course there are the coaches and the athletes themselves who made this a great semester to write about.

How About Next Year?

Speaking of the coaches and players reminds that I meant to say a few words about prospects for next year. The football scene appears to be coming into hand. Coach Bill Jennings and his men appeared to be a much better squad throughout spring practice this year, and the enthusiasm and willingness to work point to at least an improvement over this year's dismal season.

The trouble is that, with Nebraska's schedule, the Huskers will have a hard time making their improvement show in the win column. The schedule opens with Penn State here in September and from there on there is no letup.

Another fall sport that receives little attention but should be a good one for Nebraska is cross country. Joe Mullins, Mike Fleming and Knolly Barnes return to lead the way for coach Frank Sevigne. The Huskers will be shooting for the conference championship and stand a good chance of coming through.

Race Track

The mention of the Madison County Agricultural Society recalled to me that the horse racing season in Nebraska has already opened. Grand Island is through, having had a highly successful spring meeting. Ak-Sar-Ben track in Omaha has now taken over and indications are that the state's largest track will have another record year. Interest in the ponies in Nebraska is phenomenal. And that interest is good for the state as a whole.

Nebraska's law governing horse racing provides that no track can make a profit. All the money left over after salaries are paid and improvements in the physical plant are made must be put to some charitable use.

Most of the money goes to support the county fairs and 4-H shows around the state. E. J. Moyer, secretary of the Nebraska Racing Commission, estimates that the county fair in Nebraska would quickly have become a thing of the past had it not been for the support gained from the fairs.

So the next time you drop a few shekles on the ponies, remember it's for a worthy cause. (Now isn't that salve to your soul?)

Freshman Talent Boosts NU Young Diamond Stars To Help Varsity

By Larry Novicki
Staff Sports Writer

After the season's baseball final this weekend, coach Tony Sharpe will be faced with somewhat of a problem. He will be watching five of his starters play their last games as Cornhuskers.

All of these five starters are among the top eight on the Husker batting list. Three of them, Gary Reimers, Larry Lewis and Gene Torczon, make up the outfield. Jim Kane, all conference catcher, will be catching his last game after a three-year stretch as Scarlet backstop. Al Karle will bow out of his second base position.

Although things may not seem too bright when one looks at who is going, they take on a slightly different light when one glances over the roster of the freshmen who will be coming up.

There are three fine candidates bidding for the vacated catching spot. With both Kane and his understudy Milen Shaw gone, Ely Churchich of Omaha, Saylor Smith of Lyons, and Earl Oltman of Lincoln will be the fresh who will fill in at that important position. Churchich played on Omaha Storz' state champion American Legion team when he was a sophomore in high school, and he lettered for four years on the Omaha North high school team. He is also contending for a line position on Bill Jennings' football squad.

Smith caught for the Fremont Legion team. He is son of a famous Nebraska semi-pro catcher, Milo Smith. Oltman played on the Lincoln Optimist team that advanced to the final game of the national American Legion baseball tourney three years ago.

Loaded With Infielders
Again this year the freshman team is loaded with infielders and short of outfielders. Since most of the regular infielders will be returning from this year's varsity squad, some position changes will have to be made to fill the three big holes that

will be left in the outfield. Dick Becher of Hastings, who is now playing third base for the frosh, may move to the outfield next season. He played on Hastings' national regional championship team in the 1956 American Legion tourney.

Larry Isaacson of Lexington, a transfer student from Kearney State, has been showing up quite well in the outfield and will be a prime candidate for one of the empty spots in next year's outfield.

Vogel Playing Well
Another transfer student, Don Vogel of Omaha, has been playing good ball on the infield, but may well be switched also. Other outfield candidates are: Tom Kutilek, a converted first sacker from Creighton Prep; Wayne Minkus, also of Omaha, Gail Peterson of Newman Grove; and Elmer Walin of Lincoln. Peterson and Walin have both had pitching experience.

Among the top infield bidders is Dave Murakami, a pint-sized Hawaiian who received high praise from Coach Sharpe. He is quick and sure with a glove, fast on his feet, and he has a good batting eye. While he was still in high school in Hawaii he was chosen to play with a team of all stars that toured Japan.

Orvis Larsen, who played on Central City's two-time state champ class B ball team, can play first and pitch. Another first sacker is Jim Wahl of Bradshaw. He played for York in the semi-pro Cornhusker league last summer. Bill Fitzgerald of Fullerton, Jimmy Fox of Lincoln, Jerry

Harris of Kearney, Bob Lee of Omaha, Gerry McGill of Wisner and Sidney Strohs of Scribner round out the list of infielders.

In addition to Peterson, Walin and Larsen, the pitching staff includes Neil Pocock of Ord and Dick Welch of Lincoln. Welch also played on the Optimist's team that won the state, regional, and area American Legion titles.

Eligibility No Problem
Problems of eligibility won't be too acute with this year's frosh squad. Several of the players are taking difficult engineering and science courses and are getting good marks. Harris was a winner of a National Elk's Scholarship award. Larsen and Becher are both top students, and Strohs was honored at the annual Honors Convocation this spring.

Championships

The Midwest Soccer League championship will be at stake this Sunday afternoon as the University of Nebraska Soccer Club takes the field against the defending champs, Lithuania of Omaha. Lithuania will be after its second straight crown and will be shooting for its second undefeated season. The Husker team has been beaten once in five outings.

The starting eleven for Nebraska will be: Steve Georgan, Martin Carranecado, Steve Takasa, Bob Bone, Les Heatcote, Ron Korsakas, Al Arregunaga, Martin Bowden, Mansour Danashre, Christensen Vagn and Larry Persed.

Orwig Reveals Football Slates

Football schedules for the 1961 and 1962 seasons have been completed with the exception of one game in the 1962 schedule, according to athletic director, Bill Orwig.

North Dakota, Arizona and Michigan plus a tentative date with the Air Force Academy are the new names on the Cornhusker slate, Orwig announced.

- The schedules:
- 1961**
- Sept. 22—North Dakota in Lincoln.
 - 28—Arizona in Lincoln.
 - Oct. 7—Kansas State at Manhattan.*
 - 14—Syracuse in Lincoln.*
 - 21—Oklahoma State at Stillwater.*
 - 28—Missouri at Columbia.*
 - Nov. 4—Kansas in Lincoln.*
 - 11—Iowa State at Ames.*
 - 18—Colorado in Lincoln.*
 - 25—Oklahoma in Lincoln.*
- 1962**
- Sept. 22—South Dakota in Lincoln.
 - 28—Michigan at Ann Arbor.
 - Oct. 7—Iowa State in Lincoln.*
 - 14—Air Force in Lincoln. (tentative)
 - 21—Kansas State in Lincoln.*
 - 28—Colorado at Boulder.*
 - Nov. 4—Missouri in Lincoln.*
 - 11—Kansas at Lawrence.*
 - 18—Oklahoma State in Lincoln.*
 - 25—Oklahoma at Norman.*
 - * Big Eight Conference Games.

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