

Swimmers Take Best Mark In 20 Years to Big 8 Meet

By Hal Brown
Nebraska's swimmers will enter the Big Eight swimming meet beginning tomorrow at Norman, Okla., with the best dual record since 1940.

Coach Dick Klaas's tankers compiled a 9-4 dual record this season for the best mark since the 1940 Husker squad that went through a six-meet season unbeaten.

"It still will be necessary for our swimmers to have their best performances at the conference meet," he adds.

The Husker swim mentor sees Colorado and Kansas as the chief threats to a third place finish for his team.

Two sophomores, Jay Groth and LaVern Bauers are expected to be among the top Nebraska point makers.

Groth owns varsity records in the 220 and 440-yard free style events and has swum the 1500-meter free style under the Nebraska record in practice.

Groth Swims 1500
The 1500-meter event is not contested in dual meets but Klaas says he expects Groth to break the Husker varsity record in the conference meet.

"We expect Jay to hit his peak in the conference meet," Klaas said, "but there is more depth than ever at this distance and it will be tough to earn a place."

To illustrate, Klaas points out that a 22:05 clocking was good enough for sixth place in the 1500 meters in the 1960 Big Eight meet. Klaas believes this year's sixth place time will be well under 21 minutes.

Klaas also figures the 440-yard free style to be much tougher this year and says a time of five minutes will be necessary for sixth place.

Last year's sixth place time was 5:21. Groth holds the varsity record in the 440 at 4:53.6 and in the 220 at 2:16.3. These marks are 19 seconds under the former 440 mark and five

seconds better than the old 220 mark.

Bauers never competed in swimming at York High School but he is the first Nebraska swimmer in 10 years to swim the 50-yard free style under 24 seconds.

Bauers Holds Record
He broke a 14-year-old record Saturday in the 100-yard free style with a 53.0 clocking.

The Husker sophomore swims the 50 in 23.7 and the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:35, second only to teammate Joe Stocker in Nebraska swimming history.

"Bauers will improve tremendously in the next two years," Coach Dick Klaas believes, "because the only swimming he had done in competition prior to coming to Nebraska was some summer AAU swimming."

Klaas figures Bauers will place in the Big Eight championships in the 50-yard free style with Baron Housel and Garrett Marris of Oklahoma and Eldon Ward of Kansas providing the toughest competition.

Ward is defending champion and swims the event in 23.2. The conference meet which ends Saturday will be the final competition for the swimmers.

Probable Nebraska entries:
Joe Stocker, medley relay, 100-yard breaststroke, 200-yard breaststroke; Larry McClain, medley relay, free style relay, 100-yard butterfly; Roger Borveid, 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard backstroke, individual medley; Branch Walsh, one and three-meter diving; Joe Garstana, 50-yard free style, 100-yard free style, free style relay; Larry Ferrell, 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard backstroke, medley relay; Phil Swain, medley relay, free style relay, 100-yard free style; Jay Groth, 1500-meter free style, 400-yard free style, 200-yard free style; LaVern Bauers, 50-yard free style, 100-yard breaststroke, free style relay; Bob Mitchell, 50-yard free style, 100-yard free style.

Sports Signals

By Hal Brown

When the Board of Regents and Chancellor Clifford Hardin meet later this month to discuss a replacement for departing Athletic Director Bill Orwig, we hope they give the matter some serious thought.

Some talk has arisen regarding combining the posts of head coach and athletic director. This arrangement has worked well at several schools and probably would work at Nebraska.

If this setup were followed it would mean that either the football coach or basketball coach would also assume the duties of athletic director. Basketball coach Jerry Bush says he definitely is not a candidate for the head position and this leaves only football coach Bill Jennings.

With the record Jennings has compiled in recent years as head grid coach it would be a foolish move to give him the added responsibility. Another possible move would be to hire someone else as head football coach and athletic director.

A solution that we recommend would be to appoint an interim director until next February when Jennings' contract expires and then act according to the football record of the coming season.

If an interim director is appointed it should be someone who is familiar with the athletic setup at this University and the logical choice here would seem to lie between L. F. "Pop" Klein and A. J. Lewandowski.

Both men are thoroughly familiar with the athletic program. Klein is presently assistant to Orwig and Lewandowski is business manager.

Whatever is done there is only one month in which to do it.



Brown

Too Many Guards

For those of you who wonder why Nebraska did not get Al Peithman, the Hebron ace. It is our understanding that he chose Kansas State over Nebraska because at the time Nebraska had an abundance of guards and the Wildcats did not.

Nebraska had Al Maxey, Phil Barth, Jim Kowalke, Al Roots and Rex Swett and prospects were dim for breaking into that lineup. But Maxey tripped scholastically, Barth signed a professional baseball contract and Kowalke has been bothered since Christmas with an ankle injury.

Husker coach Jerry Bush made a determined effort to get the Hebron star, but you can't get them all.

The first casualty of the college baseball spring training season was a broken arm suffered by a pitcher at Oklahoma State.

Battling practice was held up at the Cowboy camp when pitcher "Iron Mike" was temporarily sidetracked when his throwing arm broke at the elbow.

Mike, an automatic pitching machine, snapped the metal arm in a recent workout and coach Toby Greene's experienced mound staff was rushed in for temporary relief.

A disgruntled batter, who had just ducked a few wild southpaw sophomore slants, was heard to mutter upon leaving the batting cage, "I wish that danged plumber would get here with that new pipe, bolt and washer, so we can relax a little in the batting cage."

Oklahoma Cops Queen Prize Again

For the third straight year, a University of Oklahoma co-ed has won Sport magazine's national queen contest.

Patti Bledsoe, the Sooners' sophomore cheerleader from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., won the most votes of Sport readers. Her hobbies are skiing and cooking. In 1958 Deanna Erwin of Henryetta, Okla., won and in 1959 Trudy Shulkin of Sioux City, Iowa, took the top prize.

Radio station KSP1 of Stillwater, Okla., began airing the Oklahoma State wrestling matches this season and the experiment has been so well received that they are planning to broadcast the NCAA championships from Corvallis, Ore., Mar. 23-25.

Burnett Tops Phi Gams For Weight Lifting Crown

Burnett House beat Phi Gamma Delta, 31-28, in the Olympic lifts division of the intramural weight lifting contest.

Burnett boasts three class champions. Charles Szmercsanyi, Gary Peterson and Pablo Kirven won the titles of the 132, 148, and 181-pound classes.

Kirven also won the outstanding individual lifter award as he broke records in the snatch, press, and clean and jerk. He lifted the record breaking total of 745 pounds in the 181-pound class.

This Olympic weight lifts division win will be combined with Burnett's victory in the elementary lifts division to give Burnett the all-University weight lifting team title.

Sigma Alpha Mu won the fraternity division of the elementary lifts competition, but didn't compete in the Olympic lifts contest and were outscored by Phi Gamma Delta in the final tally of team points, 42-37.

The top teams of the contest were Burnett, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Mu,

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Nebraska Sophomore Says 880 Toughest

One of Nebraska's top hopes in the Big Eight indoor track championships Friday and Saturday at Kansas City, Mo., will be sophomore Bill Kenny.

Kenny has run every race from the 440 to the 1000-yard and he rates the 880-yard run as the toughest.

"The 880 takes more endurance and you have to be keyed up all the way," he says.

The Waterloo, Iowa, native was unbeaten in the 100-yard run until Saturday when he finished second to Oklahoma Buddy Stewart in the first loss of the season for Coach Frank Sevigne's Huskers.

Kenny's best time in the 1000 was 2:21.7 against Colorado and Kansas State two weeks ago. He had a mark of 2:18.8 as a freshman. The latter mark is approaching the stadium record of 2:15.7 held by Joe Mullins.

Kenny's best time in the 600 is 1:13.8, only .024 seconds off the record also held by Mullins.

Kenny was state champion in the 880 as a high school senior with a 1:57.8 clocking. He has lowered his time in this event to 1:55.7 since coming to Nebraska.

Kenny says he prefers to let someone else set the pace when he is running the 1000.

"I like to run second or third, but never first until the end of the race," Bill said. "If the pace is slow I generally start my kick in the final 150 yards, but if it is fast I just try to hang on and then kick the final 50 yards."

Bill runs to win without thought of setting records.

"The important thing is to win and I try to run that way without thinking about the time," Kenny said.

The Husker sophomore is

Freshman Baseball Meeting Thursday

Nebraska baseball coach Tony Sharpe will conduct a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Nebraska Fieldhouse for all freshmen interested in participating in freshman baseball this spring.

All baseball prospects are urged to attend, according to Sharpe.

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NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Russell Boosts Nebraska Outlook in High Jump

By Janet Sack

Using a new style of high jumping in one of the AAU meets last summer, Tom Russell cleared the bar at 6-5.

Russell, a native of New York City, wants to put the new style of jumping to its best use so he can jump higher.

In the fall of 1956 he started high jumping "because I was wild and willing to try almost anything once." Russell also ran cross country to build up his endurance.

As a sophomore he ran so many 880-relays that he took up high jumping again to escape running them.

In his junior year Russell placed 12th in the Bronx cross country championships in a field of 250 runners.

In the indoor season he ran the 880-yard run for the first time and turned in a clocking of 2:10. Russell corrected his mistake, and in a second attempt ran a 1:59.8 in a post-season meet.

Throughout the indoor season Russell ran the 880 in 1:59.8, the 1000 in 2:23, and high jumped 6-0. Russell said he developed faster in the high jump because it was something he taught himself.

In the outdoor season of his junior year, he gave up running the 880 and changed to the 440. He also concentrated on the high jump and taught himself to hurdle.

Russell's fastest 440 out of the blocks for that year was a :50.2. He said, "It seems that I had the strength, but I didn't have the speed."

In the county championships he won the high jump with a leap of 6-1 and took third in the 120-yard high hurdles in :15.4. In the city championships, comparable to Nebraska's state meet, Russell took third in the high jump with a 6-1 mark.

During the summer he kept running so he would be in shape for his final year of

cross country at Morris High.

In his senior year Russell was co-captain of the cross country team. At the county cross country championships Russell placed third. In the city championships he placed fifth.

Place in National
In the national cross country championships Russell placed 18th in a field of 500-600 runners from along the entire East coast.

In the last indoor meet for Morris High Russell won the city championships in the high jump with a 6-3 effort.

In the first outdoor meet of

the season, the Queens-Iona Relay Carnival, Russell ran the third leg on the mile relay and was clocked in :49.0. For the 440 out of the starting blocks Russell was timed in :49.9, the fastest of his career.

In the county meet he pulled his first double. He won the high jump in 6-3 to set a new record, and he placed second in the 120 high hurdles with a :14.9.

Russell, a five sport letterman at Morris High School, was elected Athlete of the Year as a senior.

After he graduated Russell spent the summer and fall "just loafing." In April of 1960 he started working out with the New York Pioneer Club. While he was with the Pioneers, Russell ran the 400-meter hurdles in :56.8, his first and last attempt.

"One day I saw the hop, step, and jump. I entered for the fun of it, and the first time I leaped 42-1. It wasn't much, but it was enough to win my first gold medal in AAU competition," Russell said.

Betters Mark
Since that first time Russell has increased his own hop, step, and jump record to 46-2.

Russell said, "Everyone has a best day in track. I had my worst. Looking back, my worst day in track and field was in the AAU Junior Metropolitan Championships in the spring of 1960. I ran the 400-meter hurdles in :56.8 and placed fifth.

"I broad jumped 22-4 and placed fourth. I high jumped 6-3 and placed fourth. I did the hop, step, and jump in 46-2 and placed fourth. I was on the field all day and the only thing I got was tired!"

Russell's best season was a last summer when he took part in seven AAU meets and went undefeated in the high jump. He averaged 6-3, and his best jump, a 6-5 mark, he did using a new style of jumping.



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