### Stevens Is Selected Athlete Of The Year



CLIMAXES CAREER-Ray Stevens climaxes his college track career by winning the Big Eight mile in 4:04.9, the fastest mile ever run in conference competition.

By Jan Sack A consisten performer and one who gives his all in every meet is the 1963 Outstanding Varsity Athlete as voted by the sports writers of the Daily Nebraskan. For three years Ray "Skip" Stevens has been a main cog in the Husker varsity track team.

His most recent achievement is the fastest mile ever run by a Big Eight athlete in conference competition, Skip said his 4:04.9 time "peaked my college track career." Career highlights as seen

through Skip's eyes:

SOPHOMORE - eighth in conference cross country runing a 15:13. Tied for first in 4mile cross country in Omaha with arch rival Dean White of Doane in 21:06. Placed fourth in indoor conference mile in 4:15.5 which is the first time he ran under 4:20. Ran 4:11.3 mile against Barrie Almond of Houston outdors.

This was Skip's fastest mile until the 4:04.9 last Saturday.

JUNIOR-Placed fourth in conference cross country meet with a 15:22. Climaxed indoor season with second in the mile in 4:21.4 behind bill Dotson of Kansas at the conference. After the mile came back for third place in 880 1:58.0.

"I sure feel good when I can come back in the same meet," he said. Placed fourth in outdoor conference with 4:12.9. Set three records at Cozad meet: two mile relay of Bill Kenny, Clarence Scott, Mike Fleming, and Stevens in 7:54.5; won mile in 4:12.6 for fastest mile of the year; mile relay team of Fleming, Tom Saunders, Ray Knaub comment on Coazd, "It was

SENIOR-Placed second in

"This was the first time I outdoor conference last Satur- 14-15.



WINNING COMBINATION-A good track coach like Frank Sevigne coupled with an athlete with a burning desire to do his best like Ray Stevens results in a winning combination. Stevens is one of the few milers who crouches at the start of a race.

ever beat Fleming," Stevens | day. recalls. "I got my leg hurt and Stevens in 3:21.4. His in the first indoor meet and Stevens said his parents, the couldn't really recover,"

Stevens said. Placed fourth in conference conference cross country be- mile and fifth in the 880. On ence J. Kubicek have given hind Fleming in 15:01. Went to the NCAA cross country at the Texas Relays with championships in East Lans-ing, Mich., and placed 27th on two-mile relay at Drake Meet in Houston, Tex., June in over 100 runners with despite mud and rain. Cli- 7-8 and then it the NCAA in

During his track career boys in the house, University coach Frank Sevigne and high school track coach Clar-

him untiring support. Skip will participate in the maxed career with 4:04.9 at Albuquerque, N. M., June



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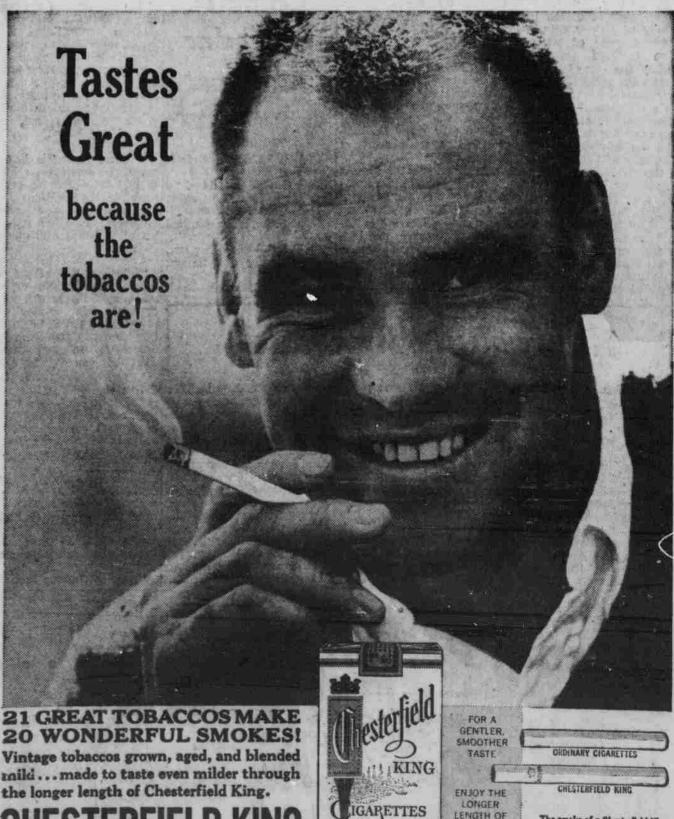
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