

Thinclads To KU Relays

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Sports Editor

Husker thinclads are off to compete in the 39th running of the Kansas Relays today and tomorrow in Lawrence.

Both varsity and freshmen events will be entered by Coach Frank Sevigne's Scarlet and Cream clad athletes.

Included in the contingent will be the mile relay team which led all qualifiers at the Texas Relays two weeks ago with a 3:14.3 clocking. They failed to place in the finals when sprinter Kent McCloughan was forced to the sidelines with a leg muscle injury.

But McCloughan, who sat out last week's dual with Iowa State to give the leg a rest, is expected to be in prime shape for the KU festival.

McCloughan will team with Dave Crook, Gil Gebo and Dick Strand for the mile relay and with Crook, Lynn Headley and Gebo for the sprint medley relay.

Nebraska's hopes in the sprint medley were considerably improved this last week when Missouri's Rick Beldner, 60 yard indoor dash champion, pulled a muscle and forced the withdrawal of the Tiger sprint medley entry.

The field now includes Colorado, Texas, Drake, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Nebraska.

Sevigne will send athletes into five field events. Competing in the high jump will be Jack Cramer, Jim Beltzer

will throw the shot, Roland Johnson will tackle the discus and Victor Brooks will take on both the broad jump and triple jump.

Brooks is currently tenth among the nation's broad jumpers according to National Collegiate Athletic Association records.

His leap of 24-6½ in the Texas Relays set a new varsity record as well as pushing him into the elite top ten circle.

Nebraska will be sending a 4-mile relay team composed of Peter Scott, John Portee, Larry Toothaker and Tucker Lillis.

Preston Love is entered in the 120-yard high hurdles and Toothaker will run in the 5,000-meter run.

Running in the open 100-meter dash is frosh flash, Charles Greene.

Ray Stevens, former Husker star and holder of the Big Eight outdoor mile record, has been entered in the Glenn Cunningham 1,500-meter race.

Others entered are Bill Dotson, former KU star who has run a sub-four minute mile, Pat Clohessy, ex-Houston great, Bob Cozens of Houston, George Brose of Oklahoma, Jim Dupree, ex-Southern Illinois runner and Howel Ryan of the Houston frosh.

Nebraska's frosh entries include a mile relay and sprint medley relay.

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From the Stick

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Here's 50 Thou, Kid

You're sitting in class. Your instructor is giving it his all but the lecture is drier than last week's popcorn.

Your mind is pleasurably considering the sweetie with the peroxide hair and shorter-than-usual culotte when the instructor mentions jobs. You've been hit right in the distasteful plexus.

"What am I going to do for a job when I graduate?" you ask yourself. Being the Walter Mitty type, you imagine some guy coming up to you at graduation and saying: "Here's 50 thousand kid; take it or leave it." Could that happen to you? The saga continues.

It could if you had an arm like Steve Renko's. Upon graduation from high school, the Los Angeles Dodgers thought enough of him as a pitcher to offer a \$50,000 bonus contract.

That's comparable to the number of Germans the Sarge, Caje, Kirby and Littlejohn bump off each Tuesday on the tube.

And the Kansas City A's were talking the same lingo. But Steve, now a sophomore, turned them down. He decided that he'd rather play football and get an education before signing. So now he's at Kansas University where his father was on the 1948 Orange Bowl football team, and is a three-sport star.

A Wise Decision?

Was Renko's decision a wise one? Our friend Walter may disagree, but you have to say, "yes".

"Why? Because Renko will probably be one of the all-time great college athletes, he'll have an education and when he graduates, the big league scouts will probably flock back to his doorstep to whistle that \$50,000 tune (give or take) — unless of course, he injures his arm.

What will help make Renko great is the fact that he could conceivably be on three Big Eight championship teams next season.

And such success will depend largely on Renko's right wing, secured to a 6-2, 210 pound frame.

He's the quarterback in football for KU which must be rated as a favorite in the conference race this fall along with Oklahoma and possibly Nebraska if coach Bob Devaney and aides can patch up a graduation-riddled interior line.

Renko used to be a fullback—and a good one—at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kan. But during his freshman year the Kansas coaches decided to switch him to quarterback to utilize his throwing arm. Their shift was successful.

Renko will probably play guard for the Jayhawk basketball team next winter. He played forward last season when he showed sophomore signs of inexperience but his rebounding and jump shooting made up for it.

And with Walter Wesley, George Unseld, Ron Franz and Dave Schittle back along with Renko, the Jayhawks will be tough.

And Baseball

Those lucrative offers speak for Renko's baseball ability. Along with two other sophomore pitchers — Chuck Dobson and Fred Chana—the Jayhawks are strong this season but appear to be a season away from the title. If they get that title next year—it could make three for Renko and friends.

Renko can be seen at the NU Diamond this weekend where the Huskers host Kansas in a doubleheader at 1:30 this afternoon and a single game tomorrow.

The last guy to play three sports was Oklahoma State's Dick Soergel, who, like Renko, was a quarterback in football, a starter in basketball and a pitcher in baseball. But he was on only one championship team—the baseball squad.

If you have three white sweaters (for Big Eight championships), who needs \$50,000? Quiet, Walter.

IM Results

Softball

There were two softball games Wednesday evening:

Phi Delta Theta beat Theta Xi 12-9;

Pioneer Beat Cornhusker 9-6.

Tonight's single contest finds Sigma Phi Epsilon versus Delta Tau Delta.

Monday brings a full slate of games:

NE Benton v. Bessey

NW Beta Theta Pi v. Phi Delta Theta

SE Triangle v. Delta Sigma Phi

SW Kisselbach v. Goodding

Volleyball

Double elimination volleyball moved into its crucial stages with Wednesday's games.

In Fraternity "A" Div. I: Beta Theta Pi beat Delta Upsilon 15-11, 15-5

Div. II: Sigma Alpha Mu over Triangle 15-6, 15-2

In Fraternity "B": Phi Delta Theta beat Sigma Phi Epsilon 15-8, 16-14.

Batsmen Tangle With Kansas U.

Kansas invades the NU diamond at 1:30 this afternoon for a doubleheader, and Saturday at 1:00 for a single game.

The Jayhawks, starting Steve Renko on the mound, have a 2-1 record in the Big Eight and a 7-2 overall for the season.

Nebraska will be trying for their first Big-8 victory after three straight defeats.

Tough Wrestlers Prepare For IM

Bob Besom will be shooting for his third consecutive title Monday as the preliminaries in the intramural wrestling tournament get underway.

Besom, wrestling for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, will defend the 147 pound championship which he won in 1962 and '63.

Five other 1963 champs will defend titles next week. Scott Rodwell and Bill Meeboer, who helped the Sigma Nu's pick up the 1963 team title, are returning champs.

John Cosier, Phi Kappa Psi, George McNeil, Ag Men, and heavyweight Larry Tomlinson, Kappa Sigma, are other '63 champs who help make up a field which tourney director Bill Rosenthal terms as one of the best in the Nebraska books.

Rosenthal expects "some" of the best wrestling this year as at least five freshmen grapplers are also among the better than 80 entries.

Final weigh-ins for the tourney will be held today. All



Besom

those entering the tourney must be weighed in by 5 p.m. today. The scales are available from 4 to 5.

The pairings will be posted tomorrow for the ten weight classes.

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Rookie Harris Leads In Hitting

Most sophomores find breaking into college baseball more than a little trying.

So did rookie Randy Harris, Nebraska's second baseman, but his record for nine games doesn't show it. Harris, a Kearney High School graduate, is blasting the ball to the tune of .363 with eight hits in 22 trips to the plate.

On the Texas swing two weeks ago, which included six games, he hit .545.

"I guess I was pretty nervous, but everybody was," Harris says. "But I'm getting settled down now. Most of us sophomores have."

And he feels his relaxation will help his hitting (if that can be done), "as long as I don't start pressing ... You've got to stay relaxed in there (the batter's box)."

College pitching hasn't awed Harris so far but he's quick to point out, "I've only played in nine games, but most of the guys up here throw pretty hard." And with that fat average the curve isn't bothering him either.

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Huskers dropped three, Harris' hitting tailed off (two for 11), but his fielding brought Sooner fans' ovations. On one play Harris raced behind second base, backhanded a groundball, leaped into the air and threw a Sooner out.

"He shows a lot of poise for a sophomore," says Coach Tony Sharpe of the 20-year-old. "He made some major league plays down at Oklahoma."

The Harris name is no stranger to the Husker scorebook. Randy's brother Jerry was selected the most valuable NU baseball player in 1961 as an outfielder for Sharpe.

The younger Harris is among a bank of sophomores Sharpe is counting on to improve Cornhusker baseball fortunes. Six of them—Harris, third baseman Joe Gaughan, left fielder Gary Tunnison, catcher Clayton Luther, shortstop John Roux and center fielder Curt Johnson—will be in the starting lineup when Kansas visits Lincoln this weekend.

The Huskers also boast improving sophomore pitchers in Bob Hergenrader, Pat Gorman and Bob Witte.

Husker Netmen Play In Omaha

Nebraska's tennis team, flashing a dual win streak of six matches, will drop in on Omaha University for a dual this Friday and will host Washburn of Topeka, Kan., April 24.

Last Monday the Husker netmen bumped Drake, 6-1, to up their season record to 7-2.

Linksmen Improve; Test KU, K-State

Kansas and Kansas State will test Hillcrest Country Club's course this Friday at 1:30 p.m. in a double dual golf match with the University.

Next Tuesday the Huskers will go to Omaha for a dual with Creighton.

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