

# Spears And Kortus Bow Out— Fifth Place Slot Possible

By James Pearse

"These two boys are a real credit to the University and I hope we get more like them." So spoke Coach Joe Cipriano when asked about Nebraska seniors Jerry Spears and Joel Kortus, who will be carrying the Huskers colors into competition for the last time tonight.

Commenting further on the former Pius X grad, the Coach said, "Kortus has more desire than any boy I've coached."

The Nebraska mentor then spoke of Spears in terms of the amount of work the Columbus, Ohio, native has done over the past two campaigns. "He came in forty pounds overweight last year, but wanted to play. Through work-outs and dieting he brought that down, but then he was weak. We feel Jerry has developed real well for us this season." A statement that is solidly supported by his big man has shown on the pressing defense and the consistency with which he has held down the boards on both ends of the court this season.

When questioned about the team as a whole, both Spears and Kortus agreed that this year's outfit is the best of the groups they've played with.

"We've got much better personnel now than when I started," offered the P.E. major from Lincoln, who plans to continue into graduate school next year.



Joel Kortus . . . Senior guard goes into last Husker game.

Spears, who is going into season's triumph over Michigan. He added that with a few breaks the Huskers might be in a loftier position from which to crow about that early win. Without a bad break, Mr. Kortus would have been in a better position to help the Huskers up to such heights. From this autumn work intently for the team on the practice floor while fighting a tender knee, goes a tip of the hat.

Leaning back onto the bleachers behind him, Jerry Spears savored the win at Kansas State early this semester as his personal high point. To one who has been down the rough road to Manhattan a few times, the 62-57 count in NU's favor is indeed a peak to be remembered. Jerry helped key that win with a team-leading total of ten rebounds.

Fifth place is now within sight for Nebraska, and with some aid from a Missouri team who has done nothing for NU all season, the Huskers could have the number five slot all by themselves.

Coach Cipriano promised his two seniors an extra large steak and plenty of potatoes for their last game meal. All that is needed is the gravy, which can be added by a Nebraska victory.

## Tankers Take Fourth Place

Mike Jackson Wins Butterfly

The Nebraska swimming team made a good showing at Iowa State in the Big Eight Swimming meet by finishing fourth.

The Huskers were in third place after two nights of the three day meet, but faltered to third in the face of record setting paces by Kansas.

The race for third place was overshadowed by the close contest between Iowa State and Oklahoma for the winners circle which Oklahoma entered for the eleventh straight time.

Kansas' final day strength came primarily via records in the 1,650 yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly. Don Pennington set the Big Eight record in the former at 17:57.3 and Mike Downey butterflyed the latter in 54.6 for another conference record.

While these Jayhawkers were setting their records, Husker swimmers were falling off the pace. In the 100-yard butterfly Jon Burchill finished fourth in 56.3. Tom Nickerson finished fourth in the 1650 yard freestyle in 19:05.4 with teammate Taylor Withrow finishing sixth in 19:33.

Mike Jackson was a bright spot for the Huskers on the last day as he won the 100 yard breaststroke in one minute three and five-tenths seconds. Only other point getters for Nebraska the final day were Dave Frank and Terry Tice who placed fifth in the 100 yard backstroke and three meter diving respectively.

Iowa State threatened Oklahoma near the end on the strength of a one-two finish in the three meter diving by Wayne Oras and Ken Knapp, but couldn't match the Sooners' 400 yard free style relay team which won this last event in the record time of 3:18.9.

## Prepster Soars 16

Not long ago, a fifteen foot pole vault was considered 'impossible', but with the advent of new methods and materials, the impossible becomes the ordinary.

Paul Wilson of Warren High School shattered his national prep pole vault record Tuesday March 2, when he soared 16 feet 4 3/4 inches.

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# SAM'S SALVOS

By Bob Samuelson

The Husker basketballers wrap up a successful season tonight against the same hapless Kansas State ballclub which was predicted in most quarters to be among the top two or three teams in the nation before the start of the season. The Wildcats have ended up battling for the cellar in the Big Eight. The Huskers have previously conquered K-State at Manhattan earlier this year overcoming a low ebb in their campaign.

But I said a 'successful' season, and one may ask how a team with a losing win-loss slate can be termed as having a successful year.

On the basis of the Michigan victory alone the season would have to be regarded as an unmitigated success. The top team in the nation came on the Colesium floor acting and looking like gods and went off shaking their ungodly heads in disbelief.

Nebraska has fared respectably in the Big Eight Conference as well, and with a little better foul shooting, Cipriano's proteges could easily have finished in the first division.

Tonight is our chance as Cornhusker boosters to show our appreciation to the basketball team for an exciting and colorful season if not a flawless one. It is our chance to give seniors Joel Kortus and Jerry Spears the kind of send-off that the two dedicated athletes deserve.

Instead of booing these boys as they play tonight let's give a cheer for the fine efforts these boys have given all season and in many hard hours of practice the fans never see. Spears and Kortus have had to play under a handicap that is regarded with wide-eyed awe by the other basketball players around the Big Eight — that their home fans boo them as they try to win basketball games.

As fans, we've got one last chance to rectify this abominable situation. Instead of booing Spears and Kortus, let's cheer them.

We have received an intramural all-star ballot without the name of the submitting team attached. Unless the ballot is identified, we will be forced to throw out the ballot, and some team will not be given credit for handing one in. Consequently any players from that team who may receive votes will be dropped from consideration.

The intramural championships will probably be determined this week, and in that event, all-star ballots are due on or before Monday, March 15. In event that the competition is not completed by Saturday, March 13, the submission date will be moved up one week to March 22.



Jerry Spears . . . senior pivot man to see last action.

## Thinclad Freshmen Show Promise For Next Year

By Bonnie Bonneau

The NU frosh made a good showing in the Nebraska Track and Field Federation Meet Saturday afternoon at the NU indoor track but high schooler Randy Reeves stole the spotlight.

The Omaha Benson junior pole vaulted 13 feet 4 inches to finish third behind Mike Knab of Nebraska Wesleyan, 14-4 1/2, and Juris Jesifers 14-0 who competed unattached.

Nebraska freshman Dave Kudron swept the hurdle events. He won the 60-yard lows in :07.3 and the 60-yard highs in :07.8.

Ron Lee another NU frosh won the 600 in 1:15.1 and anchored the winning mile relay team. The other members of the relay team were Stan Packer, John Houghton and Neil Knolle.

The high jump was taken with a 6-2 1/2 leap by another Nebraska freshman, Steve Krebs.

Athletes from Wesleyan, Doane, Peru, Midland, Concordia, and Dana competed alone with the NU freshman and the NU varsity. Several unattached athletes competed also.

Peter Scott won the mile run and tied for first with Jim Scherzberg in the two-mile run.

Victor Brookas was another unattached double winner. He won the broad jump with a jump of 24-2 1/2 and came in first in the 60-yard dash with a time of :06.4.

First place in the 880-yard run was taken by Norval Jones, a transfer from Missouri.

The NU varsity relay crews won the two-mile relay and the four-lap relay.

Lowell Stratton, Joe Zellers, Larry Toothaker and Mauro Altizio made up the two-mile relay team.

Dennis Walker, Jim Wendt, Dick Strand and David Crook

turned in an exciting four-lap relay.

### RESULTS:

Track Events

Mile—1, Peter Scott, unattached; 2, James Wendt, Nebraska; 3, Orlando Martinez, Nebraska Frosh; 4, 13.

60—1, Victor Brookas, unattached; 2, Ray Harvey, Nebraska; 3, Rick Wood, Doane; 4, 06.4.

600—1, Ron Lee, Nebraska Frosh; 2, Dennis Walker, Nebraska; 3, Wendell Wilson, Wesleyan; 4, 1:15.1.

440—1, Ken Te Selle, Wesleyan; 2, John Houghton, Nebraska Frosh; 3, Roger Crook, Peru; 4, 3:24.

880—1, Norval Jones, unattached; 2, Pete Sura, Doane; 3, Bob Roche, Doane; 4, 1:56.4.

60 High—1, Dave Kudron, Nebraska Frosh; 2, Lonnie Sherlock, Nebraska Frosh; 3, Gene Noel, Peru; 4, 07.8.

Two miles—1, tie between Peter Scott, unattached, and Arnold Scherzberg, Nebraska; 3, Larry Ribble, Wesleyan; 4, 12:05.

60 Low—1, Dave Kudron, Nebraska Frosh; 2, Roger Crook, Peru; 3, Dave Seward, Peru; 4, 07.3.

Mile relay—1, Nebraska Frosh (Stan Packer, John Houghton, Gary Knolle, Ron Lee); 2, Wesleyan; 3, Seward Concordia; 4, 7:34.

Two-mile relay—1, Nebraska (Lowell Stratton, Bob Zellers, Larry Toothaker, Mauro Altizio); 2, Wesleyan; 3, Doane; 4, 8:15.5.

Four-lap relay—1, Nebraska (Dennis Walker, James Wendt, Dick Strand, Dave Crook); 2, Wesleyan; 3, Doane; 4, 30:7.

Field Events

Shot—1, Sam Cowan, Wesleyan, 49-2 1/4; 2, Henry Dilly, Nebraska Frosh, 47-1 1/2; 3, Terry Thatcher, Nebraska Frosh, 46-2 1/2.

High Jump—1, Steve Krebs, Nebraska Frosh, 6-2 1/2; 2, Jim Booher, Wesleyan, 6-1 1/2; 3, Buddy McCrea, Peru, 5-11 1/2.

Broad Jump—1, Victor Brookas, unattached, 24-2 1/2; 2, Lowell Brown, Peru, 21-2; 3, Mike Knab, Wesleyan, 20-7 1/2.

Vault—1, Mike Knab, Wesleyan, 14-4 1/2; 2, Juris Jesifers, unattached, 14-0; 3, Randy Reeves, Omaha Benson, 13-4.



## More Tractors Tested This Year

The University tractor testing laboratory will test about 65 tractor models this year, compared to a yearly average of about 30.

The laboratory is largely self-supporting, said engineer-in-charge L. F. Larsen, with testing fees, averaging about \$1,500 per tractor, defraying costs of operation.

One of these costs is a new dynamometer, valued at \$60,000 and installed to test the larger tractors.

Trends include more four-wheel drive tractors, more tractors in the 100-plus horsepower range and more diesel tractors, Larsen said.

The laboratory is the result of a bill passed by the Legislature which provided that all tractors sold on the Nebraska market must be tested at the University of Nebraska with test results made public.

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