

Big Eight Track Meet Edition

Sprint, Middle Distance Men Promise Record Slashing Meet; Championship Close Contest



MILLER MOVES OUT — Colorado's defending high and intermediate hurdle champion Jim Miller will go after both crowns again this weekend. Miller, shown above winning the 400 meter intermediates at the Kansas Relays, sat out the first month of the outdoor season with a pulled leg muscle but is back at top strength.

RUNNIN' ROBIN—Mizzou's Robin Lingle, below, who owns one of the top mile times in the nation, will go after the Big Eight record of 4:04.9 tomorrow. He is defending champion in the event and also in the three-mile run.



Program Honors Top Contributors

The official program for the 1965 Big 8 Track and Field Championships at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium will be dedicated to three outstanding contributors to conference athletics—the late Don Pierce, former Kansas publicity director and loop historian... retiring Colorado athletic director Dr. Harry Carlson... and Bill Easton, Kansas track coach who will be making his final appearance as Jayhawk headmaster after a sensational career.

Four Nebraska coeds—all candidates for the "N-Club Sweetheart" title—will serve as "Big 8 Track Sweethearts" during the confere meet at Lincoln, May 14-15... The quartet of beauties will present medals to event winners on Saturday... The girls—all Lincoln coeds—are Kay Kramer, Georgia Merriam, Kathy Weber and Diana Foelt.

A track and field meet first will be established at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium Friday and Saturday when the 37th annual Big 8 championships unfold.

Closed-circuit television, with instant play-back apparatus, will be used to film all the short races. Immediately after the races officials will be able to view the race again in slow motion to make sure of the finish order.

This revolutionary process has never been used before, either in the Big 8 or anywhere else. University of Nebraska television station KUON-TV, Channel 12, equipment and personnel will provide the closed-circuit facilities and equipment.

By Peggy Speece

Track is a sport of lonely dedication, solitary interest and only momentary fame.

And this weekend nearly 200 athletes will be vying for that momentary fame as the Big Eight track championships are launched this afternoon at Memorial Stadium.

This year's meet could go down as one of the greatest as it appears that record after record could tumble particularly in the dashes and the middle distances. But the winner of the team championship remains a big question mark. Indoor king Missouri, whose handsome aggregation caused one coed to comment, "Do they have to pass a test as well as have athletic talent?", will have a tough time adding the outdoor crown to his laurels.

The Kansas Jayhawkers, with fired coach Bill Easton working in a lame duck capacity, will cause the feathers to fly before they concede victory to anyone. And Coach Ralph Higgins of Oklahoma State hopes his Cowboys can turn the affair into a championship rodeo.

But no matter which team wins, it will take peak performances and outstanding effort to do so.

The dashes, always crowd pleasers, should bring the fans to their feet this year. Colorful, unpredictable, but fantastically fleet Charlie Greene will be in his element. Running on his home track, this dynamic runner is more than capable of shattering the 35-year-old 100-yard dash record of 9.4. Top challengers include Oklahoma State's Mickey Miller who, with Greene, owns a wind-aided 9.4 clocking. Oklahoma's Jim Jackson and Husker Lynn Headley with 9.5 times are likely to be in the traffic jam at the tape.

The 200-yard dash men will have a hard time getting at Keith Gardner's 20.0 record set in 1958, but all six places could easily be under Husker Kent McCloughan's winning 21.3 of last year. Bill Calhoun of Oklahoma and Charlie Allen of Missouri both have times of 21.0. Miller, Jackson, and Jayhawker Ron Suggs have run 21.2 this season. Greene, who has yet to be clocked in this event, certainly is not to be counted out. Track fans might find a real surprise in this event.

Nebraska's Dave Crook, defending outdoor 400 champ, will be trying to make it two in a row. Defeated indoors, he will seek to atone the loss. Calhoun, current chart leader, has a 46.7 time and Crook's best thus far is 47.2. Third among the leaders is Iowa State's Steve Carson with the Tigers' Bob Kneile fourth. All will be after Colorado Olympian Ted Wood's record of 46.1 set in 1962.

Jim Miller from Colorado, who looks like he belongs on the football field instead of on the track, flew over the 330-yard intermediate hurdles to an American record of 36.1. The only time approaching Miller's is that recorded by Missouri's Ilike Ron Peters of 36.3. Miller and Peters ran 1-2 in last year's meet. The Cowboys' Jess Tier with 37.6 and Headley with 38.0 are next on the chart. Miller owns the record of 36.4 set last year.

In the high hurdles, Cyclone speedster Darryl Green owns a 13.9 time to lead Mizzou's Cal Groff with a 14.1 and Bill Chambers of Kansas with 14.2. The record of 14.0 is held jointly by Nebraska's Keith Gardner and K-State's Rex Stuckler.

Oklahoma State will try to rope in points in the middle distances in their assault on the crown. Nebraska's 880 indoor king, Jim Wendt, is the current leader with a 1:50.7. And KU's Lowell Paul

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has a 1:50.8. The Cowboys have been concentrating on a fabulous two-mile relay but the Perry brothers took time out to run individual clockings of 1:51.0 (John Perry) and 1:51.1 (Dave Perry). However, both have run 1:50 or under on relay legs, as have teammates Jim Metcalf and Tom Von Ruden.

And while the Cowboys were building up to that record-shattering two-mile baton team, their Big Eight cohorts have been doing dizzy things to the mile. Tiger Robin Lingle owns the best mile time in the country this season by virtue of his 4:01.7 time two weeks ago. Herald Hadley and

John Lawson of Kansas follow with 4:09.6. Runner-up to Lingle in the Big Eight indoor was Cowboy Von Ruden who isn't to be counted out of this race. The mile record, set by Nebraska's Ray Stevens in 1963, is 4:04.9.

Lingle owns the unusual, if not unenviable distinction, of being not only the mile chart leader but also the three-mile leader. A 14:38.4 clocking was made the same day he ran his great mile. Colorado's Dave Wighton is second with 14:41 and KU's Hadley is third with 14:47.1.

As it appears on the pre-meet charts, the only field event records in much dan-

ger of falling are the high jump, where a trio of jumping jacks could better the current 6-8½ standard, and the javelin where K-State's Bill Floerke could put on the best show of the meet. Floerke hoisted the spear 286-5½ at the Kansas Relays; Big Eight record is 256-10 by Jayhawker Bill Alley in 1959.

Three high jumpers have already cleared 6-9 or better with Sooner Jim Johnson owning the leading height of 6-9¾. Steve Herndon of Missouri, indoor champ, has cleared 6-9¼ but may have trouble with a muscle injury first incurred at the Drake Relays. O-Stater Russ Laverty, last year's winner, has gone 6-9 this season.

Looking at the triple jump, it appears Glenn Martin of Kansas, who owns a wind-aided 48-7¼ leap, has a chance to Husker Vic Brooks 47-7 47-7 record. Teammate Bill Chambers, Ken Harris of Oklahoma and ISU's Larry Hills have all gone 46-11.

Wildcat Bob Hines leads the broad jumpers with a 24-4. Farris and Calhoun, both of the Sooners, are second and third with leaps of over 23-6.

Big Eight indoor winner in the shot, Missouri's Gene Crews, is the current favorite in that event. He has been consistently throwing the shot over 57, his best being 57-¾. The Buffaloes' Barry King has a 55-7 and his teammate Terry Ten Eyck has 54-11½. However, it seems likely that the record of 60-3¾ by Kansas' Bill Neuler in 1956 will stand.

In the discus throw, Miles Lister of Oklahoma State leads challengers with a 177-0 toss. Carl Pelligrini of OU is right behind with a 176-3 and Gary Schwartz of Kansas has a 171-6½.

Oklahoma's Jim Farrell owns the best pole vault of the season at 15-9. His nearest competitor, Phil Manuel of Kansas, has cleared 15-0.

Lots of excitement could be provided in the relay events. Nebraska tops the chart in both the 400 and mile relays. The Huskers have been timed

in 40.5 twice in the quarter mile relay—the same time Colorado set a record with in last year's Big Eight meet. Running for Nebraska are Tom Millsap, Dave Crook, Lynn Headley and Charlie Greene.

Giving the Huskers a run for their money will be Kansas and Oklahoma whose baton crews own 40.7 clockings.

But the last event of the meet, the mile relay could prove the most exciting. Nebraska has run the distance in 3:09.3 and Oklahoma State is just three-tenths of a second over that.

It could be quite a meet.

- 500 Run**
1. 4:01.7—Robin Lingle (Missouri)
 2. 4:09.6—Herald Hadley (Kansas)
 3. 4:09.6—John Lawson (Kansas)
 4. 4:10.0—Tom Yezhovik (Kansas)
 5. 4:10.8—Charles Harper (Kansas State)

- 100 Dash**
1. 9.4—Charlie Greene (Nebraska)
 2. 9.4—Mickey Miller (Okla. State)
 3. 9.5—Jim Jackson (Oklahoma)
 4. 9.5—Lynn Headley (Nebraska)
 5. 9.6—Charles Allen (Missouri)

- 400 Dash**
1. 46.7—Bill Calhoun (Oklahoma)
 2. 47.2—Dave Crook (Nebraska)
 3. 47.2—Steve Carson (Iowa State)
 4. 47.8—Bob Kneile (Missouri)
 5. 48.0—Dick Strand (Nebraska)

- 200 High Hurdles**
1. 13.9—Darryl Green (Iowa State)
 2. 14.1—Cal Groff (Missouri)
 3. 14.2—Bill Chambers (Kansas)
 4. 14.3—Doug McDougall (Okla. State)
 5. 14.3—John Adams (Iowa State)

- 800 Run**
1. 2:07—Jim Wendt (Nebraska)
 2. 2:08—Lowell Paul (Kansas)
 3. 2:10—Dave Perry (Oklahoma State)
 4. 2:11—John Perry (Oklahoma State)
 5. 2:14—Bill Rayvon (Missouri)

- 200 Dash**
1. 21.3—Bill Calhoun (Oklahoma)
 2. 21.3—Charles Allen (Missouri)
 3. 21.2—Mickey Miller (Oklahoma State)
 4. 21.2—Ron Suggs (Kansas)
 5. 21.2—Jim Jackson (Oklahoma)

- 200 Intermediate Hurdles**
1. 36.1—Jim Miller (Colorado)
 2. 36.3—Ron Peters (Missouri)
 3. 37.6—Jess Tier (Oklahoma State)
 4. 38.0—Lynn Headley (Nebraska)
 5. 38.0—Darryl Green (Iowa State)

- 100 Mile Run**
1. 14:38.4—Herald Hadley (Missouri)
 2. 14:41—John Perry (Oklahoma State)
 3. 14:47.1—Ray Stevens (Nebraska)
 4. 14:50.2—Larry Farmer (Okla. State)

- Pole Vault**
1. 15-9—Jim Farrell (Oklahoma)
 2. 15-0—Phil Manuel (Kansas)
 3. 14-6—Mike Burdick (Kansas)
 4. 14-6—Nick Kowner (Colorado)
 5. 14-4—Ron Fecht (Nebraska)

- Discus**
1. 177-0—Miles Lister (Okla. State)
 2. 176-3—Carl Pelligrini (Oklahoma)
 3. 171-6½—Gary Schwartz (Kansas)
 4. 169-5—Bob Ammons (Oklahoma)
 5. 162-4—Barry King (Colorado)

- Javelin**
1. 286-5½—Bill Floerke (Kansas State)
 2. 256-10—Tom Purvis (Kansas)
 3. 227-6½—Glen Arbau (Colorado)
 4. 218-2—Bud Roper (Kansas State)
 5. 215-0—Henry Bell (Oklahoma State)

- Shot Put**
1. 57-¾—Gene Crews (Missouri)
 2. 57-¾—Barry King (Oklahoma State)
 3. 56-11½—Terry Ten Eyck (Colorado)
 4. 52-9½—Tom Valler (Iowa State)
 5. 51-6½—Jim Belzer (Nebraska)

- High Jump**
1. 6-9¾—Jim Johnson (Oklahoma)
 2. 6-9—Steve Herndon (Missouri)
 3. 6-9—Russ Laverty (Oklahoma State)
 4. 6-7-A—Cortez (Kansas)
 5. 6-6—Trey Smith (Kansas)

- Broad Jump**
1. 24-4—Bob Hines (Kansas State)
 2. 23-7—Ken Farris (Oklahoma)
 3. 23-6½—Bill Calhoun (Oklahoma)
 4. 23-6—Glenn Martin (Oklahoma)
 5. 23-4—John Wagner (Iowa State)

- Triple Jump**
1. 48-7¼—Glenn Martin (Missouri)
 2. 46-11—Bill Chambers (Kansas)
 3. 46-11—Ken Farris (Oklahoma)
 4. 46-11—Larry Hills (Iowa State)
 5. 46-0½—Art Cotez (Kansas State)

- 400 Relay**
1. 40.5—Nebraska
 2. 40.7—Kansas
 3. 40.7—Oklahoma
 4. 41.1—Missouri

- Mile Relay**
1. 3:09.3—Nebraska
 2. 3:09.6—Oklahoma State
 3. 3:10.2—Kansas State
 4. 3:10.5—Oklahoma



Diminutive Miss Speece Sparks Sports Desk

By Bob Samuelson
Daily Nebraskan Sports Editor

This semester, I have been fortunate to have as my "man" on the track scene, a diminutive, freckle-faced, carrot-topped female in the personage of Peggy Speece.

Peg, a journalism major and former sports editor of the Daily Nebraskan, is a graduate ('61) of York High School. Peg attributes her interest in sports to her father Roy Speece, and a seventeen-year-old brother, Todd.

Peg will graduate from the University this June, and will work for the Kansas City Star as a general assignment reporter. She hopes to work into sports writing, however. "That's where my real love lies," she grins.

Like all girls, Peg runs fastest when being chased, but has only had one official clocking in the 100-yard dash. Charlie Greene reported that her time in the clocking was a meager 12.8 seconds. "I had a bad start out of the blocks, and the track was slow," complained Peg.

If not exactly an athlete herself, Peg has come into ready acceptance by the athletes around the Big Eight Conference once they get over the initial shock of a girl track reporter.

"I still get an occasional stare," says Peg, "but then the guys remember who I am and think no more about it."

Peg has an interest in all sports, but her true love is track. "Those big strong guys running around just... Oooooo!" says Peg like a true sports writer.

This spring, Peg was named recipient of the Nebraska

Press-Woman's Award for the outstanding senior women in news. She is the possessor of the James Lawrence Journalism Scholarship, and has a 6.5 accumulative average — about a B.

I'd like to extend my personal "hats off" to Peg for her fine coverage of the Cornhusker track meets, as well as the Kansas and Drake Relays. She can be on my team anytime.

Locke's Run, Peacock's Leap May Fall To Future Memories

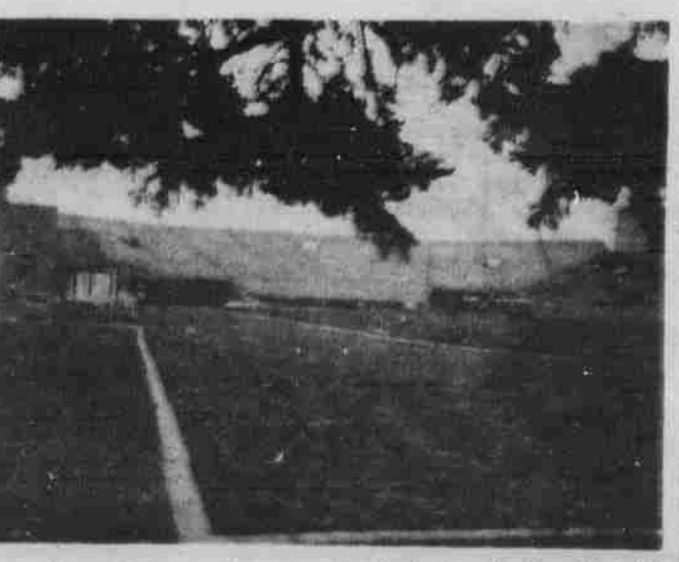
By Bonnie Bowneau

The old man strolled through the iron gates of Memorial Stadium... He glanced at the weather weary walls of the concrete structure, but his main interest was the newly cindered track. He bent over, crumbled a few red cinders between his fingers and thought... Like a movie, scenes flashed on his memory.

Just 42 years ago they were building these walls and the deep foundation of this track was being laid.

He stooped to examine the starting blocks more closely, they have not always been here—in 1926 Roland Locke ran a 20.5 220-yard dash without the blocks and set the stadium record that is standing today.

The new green rubbery surface of the broad jump runway brought the upset of '35 into focus. Eulace Peacock did the impossible... out-



broadjumped Jessie Owens.

A smile spread across the old man's face as he recalled being one of the few that took his eyes off the 3,000 meter steepchase long enough to see Steve Seymour's 248 foot

ten inch javelin fly. That '47 meet was almost like a circus.

He remembered the stadium before the south section with its peak-a-boo tunnel was added. The whole track is visible as the best miller in



"We'll be in the top division!" predicted Oklahoma State coach Ralph Higgins. And part of the reason is shown above. He's senior Dave Perry who only last week anchored the Cowboy two-mile relay team to a world's record. Their time of 7:18.3 toppled the old mark of 7:19 held jointly by Oregon State and Villanova.

Leading off the team was Jim Metcalf, followed by another Perry, John, and Tom Von Ruden. All four runners should help the Cowboy cause considerably this weekend.

Gov. Morrison To Referee

Gov. Frank B. Morrison of Nebraska will serve as honorary referee of the 37th annual Big 8 Track and Field Championships to be held at the University of Nebraska Memorial Stadium, Friday and Saturday.

Ward Haylett, retired Kansas State track coach, is the official meet referee, while Willard (Bill) Greim is the official starter.

Recall starter will be Gene Gross, while Woody Greeno will be the head field judge and Jim Thorell will be clerk of the course. Clerk of the finish will be Bob Hanner, Fred Biele will be in charge of wind measurement, Dick Klaas will be in charge of medals and the scorers will be Al Papik and Orval Borgialli.

Joe DeNatale, veteran track meet announcer at Memorial Stadium, again will man the microphone.

Other officials: Timers—(Head) Gerry Rosenberger; Kent Sherman, Don Betts, Bill Jennings, Jack Andrews.

Judges of Finish —(Head) Harry Meginnis; Bob Berkshire, Dean Kratz, Dean Wallace, B. E. Bell, Bob Ross, J. Winston Martin, Don Bergquist, Charles Wright, Bob Burton, M. G. Volz, Bob Lund, Ed Dosek.

Inspectors —(Head) Frank Karnes; Jerry Bush, Clarence Mitchell, P. M. Anderson, Gene Murray, Max Polsky.

the '53 Big 7 ran his laps... He saw a close up of a little boy looking up as his father shouted "Go West! Go!"

As the fan examined the pole vault boxes and noticed the sinking sun, that dark night in 1959 became clear. With the aid of the fire departments generator for the uplights, Jim Graham vaulted into the night to a record height of 15 feet two inches.

There were cheers from a distant crowd as a blurry picture of a man running a :09.2 hundred, 1:48 half mile and a sub-four minute mile flashed across the screen. These are memories of the future, but maybe he can see them — perhaps tomorrow...

As the shadows lengthened on the field, the old man wandered out, while the stadium rang with unheard thunder.