

Indoor Track News

(Note: This is the first of a four-part series on Big Eight Conference track, leading up to the indoor track and field championships, February 25-26, in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium. Subsequent features will deal with the field events, middle distances, and distances.)

Never before has a field with such a great potential been assembled for the Big Eight Conference indoor track championships, February 25-26, here in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium, as this year.

Seven men who will be competing in this talent-stacked meet have won a total of 10 national championships, either of the NCAA or the National Track and Field Federation variety, since last year's meet. In all, eight of the individual champions and 42 of the possible 65 point winners from last year's Conference meet are returning, an all-time high.

Included on that national-champion list is Nebraska's quick-talking and quick-stepping Charlie Greene, the league's defending 60-yard dash winner and a co-holder of the world's .05.9 record in the event.

By winning his specialty last Friday at the Federation Invitational in New York City, Greene took his second step toward becoming the best of the sprinters. Numbered now among his victims are Fresno State's Darel Newman — Green beat him en route to his record-tying mark — and Fordham's Sam Perry, one of the losers Friday. That leaves only Bob Hayes and Kentucky State's Craig Wallace.

Because Hayes is a professional footballer now, Greene will have to best him by running a .05.8. After winning in New York City, Greene flatly said, "I'm sure I can do .05.8 — if I have the competition."

60-Yard Dash
That competition could be right in his own back yard and develop at the league indoor affair. Such swifties as Oklahoma's James Jackson, Kansas' Bob Hanson, Kansas State's Ron Moody, Missouri's Charlie Brown, and his own teammate, Lynn Headley.

Jackson is the current holder of the Conference's record for the 60 haul, a six-flat timing in a preliminary race at last year's meet. He beat Greene in this race, marking one of two times the Nebraska whippet has been beaten indoors — his other loss came the night Hayes ran his record-setting .05.9.

Greene has never really gotten over the beating by Jackson and he intimates he probably won't until he beats the Sooner on the Kansas City boards and puts a new record beside the name of Charlie Greene. In their only meeting so far this year, Greene has taken Jackson on the Nebraska runway.

Headley is the second national champion in the 60 field, winning the Federation century last June, and the second place finisher to Greene in the 1965 meet. In the same class with Headley, who is also an Olympian, are Moody and Brown.

Moody slipped to a .06.1 clocking, a freshman record. Brown has been the picture of consistency, hitting .06.2 in all his starts until the Conference meet when he trimmed his best to .06.1. A newcomer calling for consideration is

Colorado's Estes Banks, who, like Brown, is perhaps better known for his football exploits. Banks and Kansas' Bob Hanson have both gone .06.2.

60-Yard Low Hurdles
Hanson is maybe the most underrated sprinter in the league. He was third in the 60 last year before winning his 60-yard low hurdles bid, bettering, among others, Brown.

However, Hanson is one of the league's six defending champions returning who has had his best effort for the year beaten. His greatest barrier now could be another Nebraskan, Ray Harvey, Harvey, a native Jamaican, heads the field with the Conference's top mark in the event, a .06.8, which equals Hanson's winning time of last year.

A definite threat is Oklahoma's Bill Calhoun. Mainly a quarter-miler, Calhoun has hit .06.9 twice, both off a dirt surface. Out of the shadow of the great Jim Miller for the first time, Colorado's Warren Houghton has also scored with an .06.9. Hanson's top for the year is a good .07.0.

60-Yard High Hurdles
Just beyond the realm of another race for the sprinters and involving a little more finesse when it comes to clearing the barriers is the 60 high hurdle race. This event is almost unique in this year's meet — it doesn't have a defending champion.

Harvey and Houghton get away from the sprint races in this one, but will have to best Iowa State's Darryl Green for the title. Houghton is the early leader with his .07.4. Harvey and Oklahoma's Art Younger have gone .07.5, putting three ahead of Green in the rankings.

However, Green, who won the 120 high hurdles in last spring's outdoor, has tried the 60 distance only once this year, getting an .07.6. His 120 title was the first on the track for the Cyclones since the old Big Six days.

"One of these days Green is going to realize he is a pretty good hurdler and then he'll become a great one," says Bob Lawson, the Cyclone coach. The potential is there as he counts a .07.4 of last year among his best efforts.

The threat to all the high stickers could be Kansas State's Harold Wooten, a lithe sophomore who swept in an .07.3 in winning the Big Eight's freshman telegraphic title in record-tying fashion.

Also on tap in these events will be the 60 dash and the 60 high hurdles for the Big Eight freshmen, two of the new events added to this year's schedule.

In the short sprint, Oklahoma's Long brothers, Glen and Wayne, and Kansas State's Terry Davis appear to be among the leaders. Glen Long has had a .06.2, while Wayne Long and Davis have .06.3's. Best of the hurdlers has to be Kansas' George Byers, who carded a world-record tying .06.7 in the 60 lows.

Tickets for the meet are now on sale, either by mail or at the Auditorium's box office. All seats for Friday night's (February 25) preliminaries and semi-finals—plus the finals in the varsity broad jump and all freshman events—are \$1. Tickets for Saturday night's (February 26) finals are \$2, \$3, \$4.

Tourney Moves Smoothly

The university intramural basketball tournament is moving along smoothly according to Intramural Director Joel Meier.

The paddel-ball tournament started Tuesday and house managers are asked to check the schedule posted in the intramural building to avoid forfeits.

Basketball Schedule:

Thursday, February 17
P.E. Building Court 1

5:00 Governors vs. Fallon
6:30 Sigma Nu B vs. Kappa Sigma B
7:30 Huskers 90, 1 vs. Gamblers
8:30 Matlis vs. Mauraders
9:30 Carson vs. Penn

P.E. Building Court 2

5:00 Thorau vs. Rogers
6:30 Huskers 90, 2 vs. Phi Epsilon Kappa
7:30 Sigma Chi A vs. Alpha Tau Omega
8:30 Glenn vs. Pike
9:30 Seaton vs. Fairfield

Varsity Court

6:30 Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Phi Gamma Delta A
7:30 Triangle A vs. Alpha Gamma Sigma A
8:30 Brown Palace A vs. Sigma Alpha Mu A
9:30 Sebeck vs. Smith

Ac Court

6:30 Beta Theta Pi C vs. Phi Delta
7:30 Alpha Tau Omega C vs. Phi Kappa Psi C

Friday, February 18
P.E. Building Court 1

5:00 Sigma Alpha Epsilon C vs. Delta Upsilon C
P.E. Building Court 2

5:00 Phi Gamma Delta C vs. Sigma Nu C

Scores, February 15

Abel IV A 40, Abel VI A 35
L.A.A. 64, Abel VI A 35
Abel XII B 35, Abel IV B 33
Pharmacy 90, Civil Engineers 51
Marauders 50, Psych. Dept. 25
Abel VII A 52, Abel II A 32
Abel VII A 38, Abel V A 29
Abel III B 46, Abel VII B 36
Huskers 147, Varsity 35
Huskers 90, 2 vs. Unicorns 33
Glenn 47, Governors 40
Thorau 39, Carson 32
Rogers 51, Penn 50

Freshmen Tourney To Missouri

The University of Nebraska's freshmen basketball team will be seeking its second win of the season when it plays Missouri's frosh at Columbia Saturday, Feb. 19.

The Husker yearlings, paced by Roger Leitner's 18 points, avenged an earlier loss by Iowa State by beating the Cyclones 77-65. Newcomer Earl Page and Tom Line sparked the Huskers' victory.

Page, a second semester recruit, from Los Angeles, Calif., caught a number of people by surprise. Page graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School at the beginning of February and immediately enrolled at the University of Nebraska. He arrived about a week later than Tom Line and Mike Jordan, both also from Los Angeles, but scored 13 points for the frosh, second high for the night. Line scored nine points and led the Husker attack on the floor.

The Husker frosh's record stands at 1-5, with Saturday night's game at Columbia and a date with the K-State frosh in Lincoln on March 1 remaining on the schedule. The Huskers will be trying to reverse an earlier 67-53 victory by the Wildcat frosh.

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The Happening Of The Comic Stuart Lantz Lifts Nebraska

By James Pearce
Sports Editor

"I guess you could say I sort of developed all at once," you hear as you talk with Stuart Lantz, a quiet, thoughtful man off the court.

"The summer I was a sophomore (in high school) I was 5'6". Then something happened." Now you're certain you are talking to the most explosive member of this year's Nebraska Cornhusker basketball team.

A natural character with superb talent, Stuart, 6'3", is still just kind of happening, as he did over that summer five years ago back in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, about forty-eight miles from Pittsburgh.

Take for example last Saturday night against Iowa State. Stuart took the ball on the wing of a fast-break and, without so much as head fake, left the floor and began to soar toward the basket, some ten feet away.

"I thought I'd taken off too soon," says 'Stu', whose elbow was above the rim by the time he reached the basket, and it appeared he could have kept right on sailing up to meet the American flag hanging on the north wall of the Coliseum.

After hammering the ball down through the basket ("I can't think of a better percentage shot," said Coach Joe Cipriano afterward) Stu sprawled on the floor beyond the endline. ISU and over eight thousand fans were bug eyed with amazement. Stuart had just happened again.

Stu was a high jumper in high school, but "I only reached 6'3". And what's wrong with that? "That's only my height." Oh.

Playing for Uniontown High School isn't the easiest way to be a star in high school basketball. Abe Everhart, the coach at Uniontown, is one of the five winningest high school coaches in land.

While Stu was there, Uniontown amassed records of 24-1, 29-1, and 28-0 while winning two state titles.

Most of the boys who Stu played with no play college ball somewhere. One plays with Ohio State of the Big Ten, and others at various smaller colleges in the East.

Stu did not win a starting position at Uniontown until his senior year.

But in his senior year his happening's began to be noticed and the colleges came calling.

"Because I was in track as well as basketball I didn't get to visit too many schools. Coach Cipriano came to see me at the same time Coach Melton came to see Ben Gregory (Nebraska football half-back also from Uniontown)," Stu recalls.

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STUART LANTZ... "I do things I don't even believe I do."

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And so Stu came to visit Nebraska in the spring. "It was May 8. The day of the spring football game," continues Stu. "It must have been 81 degrees. I loved the weather. I didn't know it could get down to twenty below."

So, Stu and his friend Ben Gregory, chose Nebraska.

Among the things that make Stu an attractive basketball player, Coach Cipriano cites "his great timing to go with his jumping ability."

When Stu came to Nebraska he had never played anywhere but center, because of his jumping ability.

"I couldn't picture playing guard. I never handled the ball. I had always gone down the floor and waited for someone else to bring it up," says Stu. "I had to learn to play guard."

Stu has learned well while not forgetting how to play the post. Says Coach Cipriano, "Stuart can play any position on the court. This is very unusual for a sophomore. He stepped right in the post for us when Willie (Campbell) was hurt."

And how does Stu feel about his new role?

"I don't mind playing guard. You get a real beating at the post," muses Stu. Then with a sense of sympathy that

he wants us to do, and we do it. He's the boss."

Stu credits his summer pick-up games with Rod Thorn (New York Knickerbockers) as helping him learn good defense. And Stu firmly believes in defense. "I thought maybe you could slack off a little on defense. But you've got to watch it. You can't imagine how tough defense is in the league. You can't get room to breathe."

Again on the Cipriano style of basketball, Stu continues "I love to run. We kill a team. We run them to death. Our fast-break surprises me sometimes. The thing about it is that all our guys can fast-break." Stu explains.

When questioned about his own performance on the court, Stu modestly replied, "I get rebounds because all our guys are good jumpers. The defense can't concentrate on screening out one man. Each man has to take his own man."

With that witty looked creeping back into his eye, Stu explains his technic. "I can't do my man. It's like a psych. I don't get psyched out, though."

He continues, "I talk to guys. It makes them mad. There was this one guy from Oklahoma City who talked to me all night. I just laughed. I hurt him that way. He was talking, and I was laughing."

The reason Stu doesn't 'psych' his opponents more is because "I want to consume all my energy. It takes a lot out of you to talk when you're running."

Stu's ambition is for Nebraska to win all the rest of their games, "one at a time."

"Sure would like to get into some post-season action. Then we'd get a chance to show that we could beat some of those teams ranked ahead of us," says Stu, emphasizing that the conference race comes first.

"They are all good guys, good natured. Coach Cipriano joins in on the trips. I like that. I really do. The Coach knows when to joke, and when it is time to get serious. He's the boss, all the time," says Stu admiringly.

Speaking of Nebraska's style of play Stu comes alive. "I'd like to keep running, but we have no need to. We slow it down to wait for a good shot. Sometimes we get impatient and take a bad one though. The coach tells what

Gymnasts Go To KU

Nebraska's gymnastics team closes the regular season this Saturday with a dual at the University of Kansas. The freshmen and the varsity squads will compete.

The Huskers were on the short side of the score in a triangular meet with Air Force and Colorado last Saturday. Air Force scored 168.55 points, Colorado 161.90 while Nebraska gathered 152.15 points.

Kansas has three seniors back from a 4-4 season last year. The Huskers walloped the Jayhawks, 88.5 to 31.5, last year. Coach Jake Geier has no seniors on this year's team but the young Huskers have evened their record at 4-4 for the season.

The gymnasts will perform for the home crowd once more at the annual Freshman-Varsity meet to be held March 12 at the men's physical education building. Nebraska then heads for Lawrence, Kan., again for the Big Eight Championships. Nebraska has two of the three Big Eight championships. Iowa State finished first last year and is expected to successfully defend its title.

ISU Host To NCAA

Entry blanks for the 1966 National Collegiate wrestling championships to be held at Iowa State, March 24-26, were placed in the mail February 15.

Coach Harold Nichols, meet manager, and Director of Athletics Gordon H. Chalmers, meet director, are expecting a record entry of more than 300 wrestlers. Iowa State is the defending champion.

The three Big Eight powers — Iowa State, Oklahoma State, and Oklahoma—are expected to continue domination of the meet. One of the three has won all but four of the 35 meets that have been held. The last time an "outsider" won the meet was when Penn State captured honors in 1953.

Wrestlers Lose 20-9; Missouri Here Next

The Northwest Missouri State College wrestlers, who had a string of 42 dual match victories broken last Friday at Hays State College, beat Nebraska Wednesday night 20-9.

Nebraska now posts two wins against 11 losses for the season.

The only pin in the match came when Northwest Missouri's 160-pounder Rich

Downing put down Nebraska's Bill Foster in 4:10.

Results:

145—Harvey Hallum (M) dec. Ron Thorn (NU) 6:4
135—Jerry Langdon (NU) dec. Jerry Mason (M) 6:1
127—Rick Allgood (NU) dec. Bill Adams (M) 6:4
119—Arnold Thompson (M) dec. Kent Jensen (NU) 11:0
113—Bob Jones (M) dec. Duane Tolson (NU) 4:10
107—Rich Dowling (M) pinned Bill Foster in 4:10
101—Allan Parker (M) dec. Harry Gray (NU) 4:0
117—Bob Decker (M) dec. John Hallgren (NU) 4:3
117—Carl Smith (NU) dec. Al Rowbottom (M) 1:14

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