

—Huskers figure in 8 events—

Nine marks in danger at KC this weekend

Kansas City, Mo.—As many as nine Big Eight Conference indoor track meet records could be broken this weekend during the championships in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium, according to final event-rankings going into the meet.

Already two all-time indoor Big Eight bests have been beaten and another has been tied. In addition, the difference between the leaders in the various events is less than ever before, indicating the keenness of competition for the individual and team titles.

2 already beaten

Already bettered are the marks in the mile and the pole vault with Kansas' Jim Ryan and Colorado's Chuck Rogers. Kansas' George Byers has twice equalled his world record in the 60 low hurdles.

Trying to figure what events Ryan will end up in is virtually impossible. Whichever he runs, it is for sure that the records for the races are in trouble. He's run a 4:48.6 two mile and a 2:10.7 in the 1,000 to go with his mile all-time league low of 3:57.5.

If he doubles, the time schedule demands it be the mile for the start. His record on the Auditorium's ms12-lap track is an exceptional 3:58.8. If it is the 1,000, he'll be tangling with Missouri's Craig Endicott, the event leader, with a 2:10.2. The record of 2:08.8 could be beaten with Endicott pushing.

If it is the 800, he'll be fighting within the tightest of all the events. Less than a second and a half separates the top nine individuals—not including Ryan, who hasn't run the half in a dual-meet this year.

Morran leads

Leader is Nebraska's bright newcomer, Dan Morran, who has logged a 1:53.4. Right with him are Colorado's Paul Edstrom, Oklahoma State's John Cook, and Missouri's Bill Wells. All their times indicate Ryan's record of 1:52.0 is close. If Ryan runs, and the others hit their previous best, the all-time mark of 1:48.3, held by the Kansas ace, could go.

Just as heated a race with record potential could develop in the 440 where the headliners have to be Nebraska's Clifton Forbes, Kansas' Ben Olson, the defending champion, Missouri's Steve Halliburton, and Kansas State's Terry Holbrook (Oklahoma's Jim Hardwick, who has the league's leading quarter time,

a 48.2, is entered in the 600 dash). All four are capable of dipping below the league mark of 48.0.

With all these quartermilers present, the mile relay mark of 3:16.8 is in trouble, too. Oklahoma, anchored by Hardwick, has a seasonal low of 3:16.1. In record range are Missouri (3:17.1) and Kansas (3:17.5). Nebraska has a 3:19.8 best, but most figure the Huskers are capable of better — when they hit the low. Forbes had a 47.5 anchor.

2-mile balance

Great balance is again the main reason for record expectancy in the two mile. Colorado's all-American distance pair, Rick Trujillo and Craig Runyan, plus Missouri's Glen Ogden and Greg Tsevis, and Kansas' Glenn Cunningham, have all been under 9:12 on dirt tracks. The 9:00.2 record could go when these five start their last-lap pushes.

Byers is almost all alone in the low hurdles, but in the highs he'll get his basic competition from teammate Dave Stevens, a late comer for the Jayhawks. Both Byers and Stevens have .07.2's as bests, a clocking which equals the current Big Eight record.

The high jump has the tall and short of it. Ron Tull, the lanky Sooner senior, has a league best of 6-11 this year, just an inch shy of the league mark — Tull has the outdoor record at seven even. Nebraska's Steve Krebs, a 5-9½ leaper, is also after the 7-foot

level. He holds a seasonal mark of 6-10½.

With the tightly bunched field already shedding great performances, the potential is great. Friday's preliminaries begin at 6:00 p.m.; Saturday's finals at 7:30 p.m.

60 High Hurdles	
Byers, KU	7.2
Stevens, KU	7.2
Colmer, OU	7.4
Keller, CU	7.4
Orduna, CU	7.4
Gregory, KU	6.2

60 Low Hurdles	
Byers, KU	6.9
James, CU	6.9
G. Long, OU	6.1
Orduna, CU	6.1
Stevens, KU	6.9
Gregory, KU	6.9

Mile Run	
Ryan, KU	3:57.5
McClain, KU	4:09.6
Olsen, KU	4:10.0

100-yard Dash	
Hardwick, OU	1:11.2
McGovern, NU	1:11.8
Nykiel, MU	1:12.0

400-yard Dash	
Hardwick, OU	4:48.2
Forbes, KU	4:48.2
Holbrook, KSU	4:48.8

Two-mile Run	
Ryan, KU	8:48.6
Trujillo, CU	9:06.6
Runyan, CU	9:06.8

1,000-yard Run	
Endicott, MU	2:10.2
Ryan, KU	2:10.7
Houck, KSU	2:11.6

800-yard Run	
Morran, KU	1:53.4
Edstrom, CU	1:53.5
Cook, OHS	1:53.7

Mile Relay	
1. Oklahoma	3:16.1
2. Missouri	3:17.1
3. Kansas	3:17.5
4. Nebraska	3:19.8

Long Jump	
Rainwater, MU	24' 11 1/2"
Oswald, OSU	24' 3 1/2"
Smith, KU	25' 8 1/2"

Pole Vault	
Rogers, CU	36' 9 1/2"
Steinhoff, KU	36' 10 1/2"
Smith, KU	35' 9 1/2"

Shotput	
Hagin, NU	50' 10"
Cain, KSU	52' 10 1/2"
Smith, KU	52' 3 1/2"

High Jump	
Tull, OU	6' 11"
Krebs, KU	6' 10 1/2"
Todd, NU	6' 7 1/2"

Petty for President? (on 'race relations' platform)

By Tom Henderson Sports Columnist

Daytona International Speedway exploded again last Sunday, kicking off the 1968 stock car season in all the splendor of screeching tires, grinding gears and the smell of burnt oil with the Daytona 500.

And when the roar of the engines was just an echo, the Ford-Mercury combination, led by a pair of Yarboroughs, Cale and Lee Roy, had again dominated the field, winning the four top positions.

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Products finished fifth through eighth, but surprisingly, Richard Petty's Plymouth did not hold that fifth spot.

Petty, who won this same Daytona 500 in 1964 and 1966, was considered the No. 1 threat to the Ford-Mercury domination, but the Randleman, N.C., veteran developed engine trouble and finished in eighth place.

Won 27 races

Petty's failure, although not a major catastrophe, is unusual, because in 1967 he won 27 races, making his name as well-known in stock car circuits as Lew Alcindor's is in college basketball.

In fact, his name even appeared on bumper stickers in Virginia and Alabama last year which read: "Richard Petty for President."

Along that line, one salty veteran of the stock car wars commented, "Don't laugh about that sign. May-

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he he couldn't win president, but put him on the ticket with Billy Graham and that'd be a winner for sure."

We doubt that, but Petty's popularity on the stock car circuit stands unquestioned.

New breed

Ignoring the fact that he races only stock cars, Petty, a 30-year-old father of three, is typical of the new breed of engineer-drivers who made 1967 the most

successful year in the history of motor sports and who will be trying to better that performance this year.

Others include Formula One builder-drivers Jack Brabham, Dan Gurney and Bruce McLaren.

Brabham, who won the World Driving Championship in 1966 in his Brabham-Repco, seemed to be the first to find the winning combination after the Formula One standards were changed that year, while Gurney put his Eagle-Westlake Ford in the victory circle in the Belgium Grand Prix to become the first American driver in an American-built car to win on the world circuit.

McLaren teamed with Brabham's Formula One

teammate, Dennis Hulme, who won the World Driving Championship in 1967, to run off with the Canadian-American Challenge Cup series for Group 7 sports-racers.

Switches sports

There is another driver who is a breed all his own this year.

Jean-Claude Killy, the French skier who won three gold medals in the recently completed Winter Olympics in Grenoble, will be driving one of the five Chevrolet Corvettes entered in the 24-hour LeMans race, June 15-16.

Whether it is these men or others who become the stars of '68, it is certain that auto racing will be more spectacular than ever.

Lantz gets invitation

Nebraska's Stuart Lantz and two other Big Eight basketball standouts were among the 48 players named to try out for the U.S. Olympic team April 4, 5 and 6 at Albuquerque, N.M.

JoJo White of Kansas, high scorer on last summer's Pan-American Games U.S. squad, and Iowa State's star center Don Smith were the conference's other two picks.

Colorado upends I-State, 91-76

The Colorado Buffaloes somewhat made up for their rude treatment of the Huskers last Saturday as they upset Iowa State, 91-76, at Boulder Wednesday night.

The loss is the Cyclones' fourth, the same as NU, and Coach Cipriano's cagers get their shot at Iowa State here Friday night.

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