

# LA signs ex-Husker Geddes

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The Los Angeles Rams, thinking of the future, sent a veteran trio of linebackers to the Washington Redskins for their No. 1 and 3 draft choices this year and picks 3-7 next season.

The trade places the Redskins into more of a power position for next year, but future years may be in doubt.

"None of this building," said new Washington coach George Allen who was recently fired by the Rams. "The future is now."

But new Los Angeles coach Tommy Prothro, who left his head job at UCLA this year, likes to think in terms of a future that lasts more than one or two seasons. Prothro knows the Rams will need to rebuild their linebacking corps, however.

Los Angeles received linebacker Marlin McKeever from the Redskins and drafted Southern University linebacker standout Isiah Robertson in the first round.

And, in an effort to help rebuild the linebacking department, the Rams signed

former Nebraska Cornhusker standout Ken Geddes a week before the draft.

"They didn't say anything about trading their linebackers to Washington when I signed with the Rams," said Geddes. "I have been in contact with them since September but didn't sign until a week before the draft."

"I was surprised to hear of the trade, but I think it will give me a good chance to play some pro football with the Rams."

Geddes, who had an outstanding linebacking career at Nebraska in 1967-68 before switching to middle guard in 1969, was drafted by the Detroit Lions after the 1969 season. He was eventually dropped on the final cut.

"I didn't get an even break at Detroit," said Geddes. "When they cut me they said it was because I didn't have enough experience. I don't know how you're supposed to get any experience if they don't give you a chance to play."

But Geddes is confident things will be different in Los Angeles.

"I think I'll get an even

break with the Rams," said the former Nebraska star. "It's a new coach and I'll be competing for a position against some new players to the Los Angeles organization."

Geddes has kept his signing quiet. "There was an article in the Detroit papers when I tried out for the Lions," remembered Geddes. "I'd just as soon not get all that publicity until—well I guess I mean if I make the team."

Geddes, who helped coach the Nebraska freshmen this year, said he was contacted by the Rams early in September.

"They said they might call me up if anybody got hurt," he said. "Now I'm glad I didn't go earlier. I will graduate in June, but I may never have graduated if I would have made it with the Lions or been taken by the Rams in September."

Geddes will graduate from teachers college in elementary education. He is a 6-4, 225 product of Boys Town and earned All Big Eight honors his junior and senior years at Nebraska.

He did not disclose the amount of his contract with the Rams.

## Thinclads turn to Big 8 competition

The Nebraska track squad will get into Big Eight action for the first time this season when they host Colorado in an indoor dual Saturday. And after last week's encounter with Indiana, Husker coach Frank Sevigne is hoping his thinclads leave a little margin for error.

Against the Big Ten Outdoor Champions, Nebraska needed a victory in the mile relay, the last event of the afternoon to gain a narrow three-point victory and preserve a ten-year unbeaten string on the home track.

In that meet, Nebraska freshmen scored 25 points, a fact that delights Sevigne and may aggravate other conference coaches for four years. One of the strongest performances was turned in by freshman pole vaulter Mark Cooper who soared 15 feet to finish second, two inches from the school record.

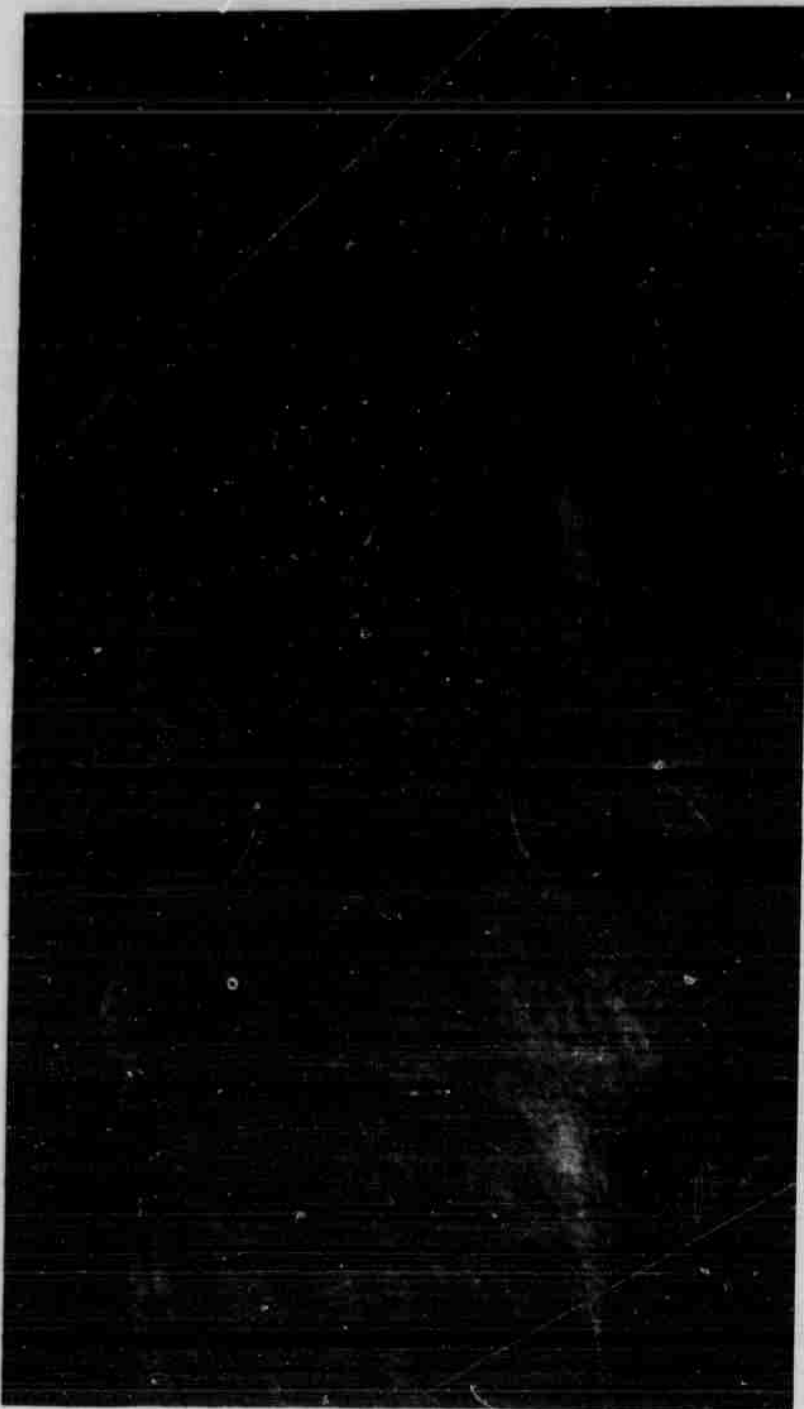
Cooper, a native of Wheat Ridge, Colo., will have a special interest in Saturday's meet since he almost enrolled at the University of Colorado.

"I came real close to going to Colorado," he said, "but my father graduated from

Nebraska and influenced me to come here."

During his father's days at Nebraska he dominated Big Eight vaulting and became the first collegian to go over 15 feet.

"What he did gives me something to live up to," said Cooper. "I'd like to go 15' 5" this Saturday and if conditions were right, like at the Astrodome in two weeks, maybe get one over 16 feet."



Cooper . . . vaults high

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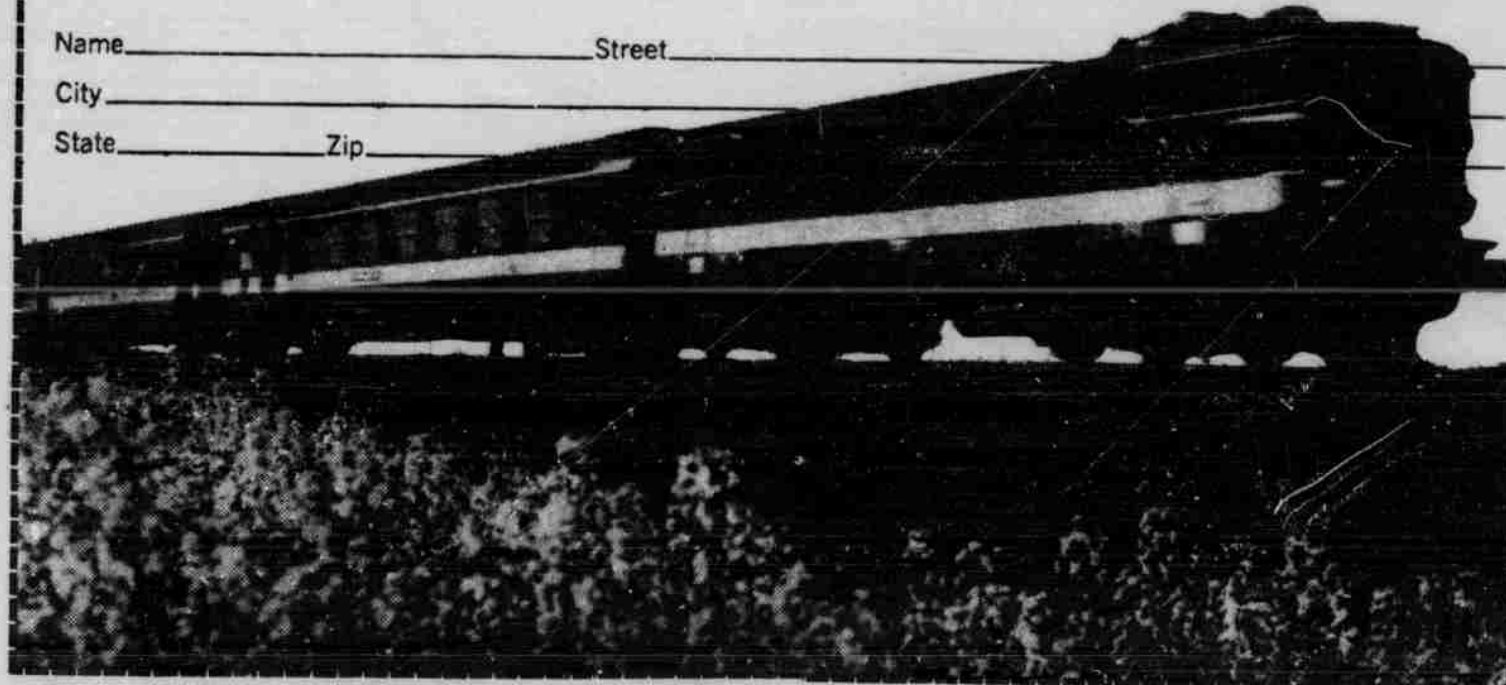
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P.E. Court No. 1: 5:00 Sigma Chi-C vs. Sigma Nu-C; 6:30 Charlies Boys vs. Juicers; 7:30 Incisors vs. Buds; 8:30 Rage Men vs. Varsity Golf; 9:30 Triangle-C vs. Farmhouse-C.

P. E. Court No. 2: 5:00 Ballers vs. Ducks; 6:30 Trojans vs. Insiders; 7:30 Mexican-American Students vs. Crabs; 8:30 Team vs. Bombers; 9:30 Playboys vs. Kengers.

Varsity Court: 6:30 Wheaties vs. Walt Ones; 7:30 Warriors vs. Cardinals; 8:30 Monads vs. Gunners; 9:30 P.J. vs. G.D.I.

Freshman Court: 6:30 Triangle-B vs. Delta Tau Delta-B; 7:30 Farmhouse-B vs. Theta XI-B; 8:30 Delta Upsilon-B vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon-B; 9:30 Gus I-B vs. Avery.