



Tennessee's Hance...challenges stadium record.

## Thinclads face powerful Tennessee, Iowa State in triangular Saturday

In past years Nebraska's final track meet before the Big Eight Championships was a dual with Iowa State—usually not one of the league powerhouses.

The Cornhuskers would win easily and were provided with a little rest before the big one in Kansas City. Not so this year.

Tennessee, a national championship contender, joins the Cyclones this year to form a triangular at the Nebraska indoor track Saturday at 1:30 p.m. The Vols are a potent track squad—with quality and depth in almost every event.

**IN THE SEASON** opener Nebraska managed to squeak by Big Ten champion Indiana in the final event at Memorial Stadium. And Husker coach Frank Sevigne warns that Tennessee is definitely stronger than Indiana.

"We'll have to count on getting good performances in everything from the 440 on up to win," said Sevigne.

Tennessee believes it has the strongest sprint contingent in

the school's history. Heading the list of flyers are sophomores Merlyn Hood, Bob Hawk and Trevor James who all have lifetime bests of 9.5 in the 100.

**HOOD HAS** a 6.1 clocking in the 60, which is Saturday's distance. James has recorded a 21.1 in the outdoor 220.

Lonnie Hance, an all-American high jumper, could be a threat to Memorial Stadium's indoor high jump record of 6-10½ set in 1968 by Steve Krebs of Nebraska.

Hance tied for third in the 1968 NCAA meet at 6-10 and currently holds the Tennessee indoor record of 7-0 which he set in January, 1970.

Nebraska's stable of fast, young half-milers will be pressed by Tennessee senior James Craig and sophomore Dennis Flood. Craig, the defending Southeast Conference 880 champ, has a swift 1:48.0 timing to his name. Flood has also dipped below the 1:50 mark.

"They've done a 7:35 two-mile relay indoors on an

11-lap track," pointed out Sevigne, "so we know they have a good crew of middle distance runners."

Best of the Tennessee distance runners is Doug Brown—a freshman with an 8:52 two-mile and 4:11 mile already to his credit.

**CONTINUING THE** great hurdling tradition started at Tennessee by Richmond Flowers is senior Bill High. High is co-holder of the school 60-yard high hurdle record at 6.9.

Two years ago High ran 13.5 in the outdoor highs to place second in the NCAA.

Iowa State brings a 22-man roster to Lincoln led by Fran Long, shot-putter George Amundson, half-miler Rick Freese and vaulter Steve Leonhardt.

University of Nebraska all-sports student tickets will be honored for the triangular which is the last home indoor meet for the Cornhuskers. Field events start at 1:30 and running at 2 p.m.

## Big Red wrestler faces Reds

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Bobby Orta, Big Red's 118 pound star of the wrestling squad, received an invitation Wednesday to compete against Russian wrestlers.

Orta will compete with the United States Wrestling Federation that meets the Soviet Union next month.

**IN THE MATCH**, Orta will probably meet the same man that beat him in the first round of the world's championships last year. The Russian took third place in the championship meet.

But before the Russian meet, Orta will compete in the NCAA regionals at Ames, Iowa. Then he'll have to lose eight pounds to get down to 110 before the Russian match the following week in Waterloo, Iowa.

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Losing the weight should be "no problem" according to Orta.

"Actually, he's tougher at 110 than 118," said Husker wrestling coach Orval Borgianni. "Bobby carries a little weight around the waist which he'll easily lose. You can say he was a 105 pounder who wrestles at 118."

**A TWO-TIME** state champion at Lincoln High, Orta has compiled a 30-4 record in three seasons at Nebraska. Since his opening loss to a wrestler from South Dakota State, Orta's compiled an 8-1 record this season.

With the conclusion of the wrestling season, Orta will go into training for the Pan-American Games in Colombia in July. Following that, it will probably be the same team that travels to

Bulgaria for the world's championships.

Ultimately, though, Orta's goal is a berth on the U.S. Olympic wrestling squad.

"**THE OLYMPICS** are always the dream of any athlete," said Orta. "That has definitely been my goal since I was in the ninth grade."

In the Pan-Am Games and the world's championships, Orta will be competing in free-style wrestling. "It's different in that there's more emphasis on exposing the back to the mat to get two points," explained Orta.

Nebraska's next home wrestling match will be Saturday afternoon against Northwest Missouri State. The match is scheduled between the consolation and finals of the state high school wrestling tournament in the coliseum.

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