

Nebraska has three leaders going into Big 8 indoor meet

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Each year as the Big Eight Indoor Track and Field Championships roll around, various coaches start saying the same thing—Kansas can be beat. But when everybody gets down to business on Kansas City's creaky board track, KU proves them wrong.

This year, though, even Jayhawk boss Bob Timmons is sending up storm warnings. He's never lost a Big Eight indoor championship, but several key performers from last year's squad are missing and Timmons is worried.

"I CAN SEE four other teams besides ourselves who could score 40 points," Timmons said this week.

"Nebraska, Kansas State, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma are all capable. With Missouri coming off a championship in cross-country and with Mel Gray back in competition they'll have a good team, too," he said.

"There isn't a single event in the Conference that won't be highly contested individually," continued Timmons. "The really interesting thing is trying to figure out where everybody is going to put their athletes. There are going to be all kinds of guessing games going on about where to put your own people."

ONE THING THAT will hurt KU in their quest for

another title is the absence of Jan Johnson and Doug Knopp. Johnson, who recently transferred to Alabama, won the 1970 NCAA outdoor pole vault and Knopp would have assured a 1-2-3 Jayhawk finish in the shot put.

No one is happier about these losses than Husker coach Frank Sevine. He figures his squad, heavily loaded with middle distance runners, might be in position to pick up its first indoor championship since 1963.

Nebraska has three event leaders going into Friday's trackfest.

Wes Leonard has posted the swiftest quartermile time (48.0) and holds a one-second bulge over KU freshman Mark Lutz, runnerup on the 440 form chart. Six more runners have posted times under 49.8. NEBRASKA SENIOR Greg Carlberg inherits the favorite's role in the mile on the strength of his 3:59.6 at the Houston Astrodome. Carlberg expects his top challengers to be Oklahoma State's Peter Kaal (4:03.5) and Jerome Howe of Kansas State who logged a 4:01.9 mile for K-State's distance medley relay at Houston. Carlberg will return an hour later in the 1000 yard run.

Although better known as a triple jumper, NU's Hopeton Gordon leads heading into long jump competition. His 24-10

tops Mel Gray by an inch and betters defending champion Phil Reaves' seasonal best of 24-2 1/4.

Sevine is also counting on veteran Garth Case in the 600-yard run. Case, a junior, has won the event the last two years but lies only second on the form chart this season. Kansas State's Dale Alexander has posted a 1:11.0 effort to lead Case by three-tenths of a second.

"I'M NOT WORRIED about Alexander," Case stated flatly. "According to my times I'm running better this year than ever before. My goal for the Big Eight is 1:10.0."

Case will also anchor the mile relay, an event that NU won last year in Kansas City but have been beaten in twice this season by Oklahoma State. Teaming with Case in the relay will be Bob Pierce, Leighton Priestley and John Mottley.

"They won't beat us again. We're the best team in the Big Eight and we're going to prove it Saturday," promised Case. "They beat us at Houston when Stan Stolpe ran a 45.5 but he won't do that on Kansas City's track."

If the Huskers are to win Saturday night Sevine points out that several freshmen must come through in their first big test. The NU coach is counting on Bob Unger, two mile; Dan Speck, 1000 yard run; Mark Cooper, pole vault and Larry Cimato in the 880.

Huskers head for one-day season

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A one-day season has worked its way into sports dictionaries. It usually refers to football.

Sports Illustrated called New Years Day a one-day season when Nebraska climbed from third to first after Ohio State and Texas had been upset.

BUT SATURDAY at Columbia, Mo., a one-day season refers to Nebraska's basketball team. And Texas, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Stanford or Louisiana State don't have anything to do with it.

The Cornhusker basketball team, which was enjoying a dream world season until Tuesday's loss to Oklahoma, puts its second-place hopes and a trip to the NIT on the line against Missouri in a 2:10 p.m. televised game Saturday.

"You can't actually say it's a must game," said Cornhusker coach Joe Cipriano, "because even if we lose we wouldn't be out of it mathematically. But it would sure help if we won."

A NEBRASKA WIN would place the Cornhuskers in a tie with Missouri with 7-4 records. But whether that tie would be for second or third place depends upon what Oklahoma does against Iowa State.

The Huskers could come home tied for second with Missouri. They could come home tied for third with Missouri. Or they could come home a solid fourth with a 6-5 record.

But of all the possibilities and all the problems going through Cip's mind, he's not worried about the attitude of his squad.

WE'VE HAD OUR ups and downs all season, said Cip, "but this team has always been able to come back. We lost at Kansas State and Oklahoma, but were able to come back. We lost to Kansas, but were able to come back.

"If this is the trend maybe its time for us to come back Saturday at Missouri."

Cip says there are two things the Huskers have to "iron out" before Saturday's televised date with the Tigers.

"WE HAVE TO get into the right frame of mind and we have to start playing together offensively," said the Husker coach.

Cipriano, who was concerned about the lack of timing in the Nebraska offense against Oklahoma, may go with a different starting lineup against Missouri.

"We're thinking about changing the lineup," said Cip, "but we probably won't know for sure until Saturday. But if there isn't a change in the lineup, the starters won't get as much time to produce as they have in the past.

"THEY MUST EITHER get the job done or someone else is going in there."

Missouri, which survived a 69-67 overtime scare by Oklahoma State Wednesday, may be at a slight disadvantage against Nebraska.

The Tigers will have only two days to prepare, while the Huskers have three. But Cip knows the confines of Brewer Field House (in its last year) should take away any Nebraska advantage.

"It will be easier to win at Missouri than it was at Colorado," said Cip. "But that's not saying it will be easy."

Seniors form McGovern group

The presidential election is still 20 months away but supporters of Senator George McGovern have already begun to organize at the University.

The political group is being started by University seniors Ron Alexander and Kristi Chappelle.

Chappelle, a South Dakota resident, said she first became interested in McGovern during Christmas Vacation.

"I was contacted by McGovern's national student coordinator Edward T. O'Donnell and asked to

establish a "McGovern for President" organization at the University of Nebraska."

The student organization will be provided with free campaign material, but operating expenses will be a problem. According to Chappelle they get no money from the national organization and must depend on private contributions.

"Once these money problems are solved," said Chappelle, "serious consideration must be given to planning our campaign

approach."

The coed indicated a low key approach aimed at the university community would probably be used.

Citing a possible McGovern visit next fall, Chappelle said they were depending on student support to give them a victory in Nebraska's Presidential Primary.

When activated, the group will become part of the 225 college and 50 high school campuses with "McGovern for President" organizations.

ON CAMPUS



WITH MAX SHULMAN
(By the author of Rally Round the Flag, Bugs ... Dicks Girls ... etc.)

ESP; or Extra-Sensory Pollution

Physicists tell us there are three basic forces at work in the universe: matter, energy and chopped liver.

But I, for one, am no longer satisfied with this narrow definition. How do physicists classify ESP? Certainly it falls into none of these categories, but just as certainly it exists. And not as a mere theory; ESP is a proven, demonstrated fact.

For example, how many times have you walked into a place you never saw before and yet recognized everything? How many times have you known the exact words someone was going to say before he ever said them? How many times have you been absolutely certain something was going to happen hundreds or even thousands of miles away and, sure enough, it did?

Let me tell you about a case I am fortunately able to document. Some years ago I went fishing with my dear friend Donald L. Fromkiss at a virgin lake deep in the Canadian wilds. It was hellishly difficult to get there, but we did not mind, for the moment we dropped our lines we each caught a splendid crappie. Mine weighed just over 300 pounds. Donald's was somewhat smaller, but by far the friendlier.

Imagine my surprise then when, before we could throw our lines back for another try, Donald suddenly leaped up and cried he'd had a premonition that he must go home immediately. He could not tell me why. He only knew that some one or some thing was calling him back and he had to go at once. Apologizing profusely, he left me alone on the lake and portaged to the nearest town (Moose Jaw, well over a thousand miles, and poison sumac every inch), and there he chartered a Ford Tri-Motor and flew home.

Well sir, at first he felt like an utter dolt. Everything was perfectly normal at home. His wife Edith was quietly reading *The Sensuous Woman*. His son Herschel was taking his daily glassblowing lesson. His dog Trey was eating his leash.

And yet the premonition would not leave Donald. Carefully, he went through the house, inch by inch, room by room. Sure enough, when he got to the back hall he suddenly heard a faint whimpering noise outside. He flung open the door. And there, by George, he saw where the whimpering was coming from: someone had left a basket on the back stoop!

Well sir, who can blame Donald for crying a cry of joy and triumph? What a find! A whimpering basket! That's something you don't see every day, let me tell you!

And so today, as you know of course, Donald L. Fromkiss and His Whimpering Basket is one of the highest paid acts in show business. Next Sunday, in fact, he completes his 84th consecutive year on Ed Sullivan.



As for me, I too was a beneficiary of Donald's ESP, for when he left me alone on the lake I figured I would get to drink all—not just half—of the goodly supply of Miller High Life Beer we had brought along, and as you know of course, Miller High Life is never so welcome as it is on a tranquil sylvan lake while a flock of Canada geese darkens the sky above. Of course, Miller isn't bad in a noisy bar either while a flock of American coeds darkens the jukebox. For that matter, it's even great in the dorm while your cruddy roommate darkens the tub.

But as it happened, I never did get to drink all our Miller High Life because I forgot how well sound travels across a sylvan lake. No sooner did I pop my first can of Miller when—lo and behold!—ten Mounties galloped out of the forest singing selections from *Rocky Mountain*. Of course, I shared my Miller with them, and gladly, because I know it's hard being a Mountie, especially if you're an alto. And so by the time they polished off my Miller and said adieu, we were all fast friends. One of them, in fact, let me slide down his hat.

We, the brewers of Miller High Life Beer and the sponsors of this column, are like the Mounties in one respect: we too always get our man—that is, if our man wants a beer that always makes it right—Miller High Life, the Champagne of Beers!