

# NU track shifts emphasis to half mile

The Nebraska track scene is changing. Formerly the Cornhusker cinder squad was dominated by speed, with enough lightning fast sprinters to chase down every jackrabbit in the Sandhills. Charlie Greene types dominated the picture.

And while the Jamaican flyers are still around - Garth Case, Horace Levy, Leighton Priestly and John Mottley - along with a few newcomers like Jim Novak of Pender, NU's strength is shifting to the middle distances with special emphasis on the half mile.

Already this year rookies Jeff Wisemiller, Dan Speck, Roger Chadwick and Larry Cimato have churned half miles that when combined into a two

mile relay would easily smash the freshman world record.

Speck (1:52.9) and Wisemiller (1:52) are Nebraska natives while Cimato (1:48.5) is from New York City and Chadwick (1:51.9) from upstate Hudson Falls. Their combined best times would produce a 7:25.3 relay, five seconds under the world best for a freshman team.

The quartet is anxious for a chance to run together outdoors since these times were all set on indoor tracks.

"We almost had four freshmen at the Texas Relays," said Cimato, "but Carlberg ran instead of Wisemiller. Maybe we'll get a chance at Drake."

Cimato, who took

advantage of the Houston Astrodome's huge track for his 1:48.5, must rate as the biggest surprise of the four. He's lowered his high school best by nearly five seconds in less than a year and picked up second place in the Big Eight Indoor Meet, his first big test.

"I learned a lot during the indoor season," he admitted. "A lot of things like how to run on a board track will help me next indoor season, but the experience I got last winter will pay off this spring in the outdoor season."

Cimato had scholarship offers from Ohio State, Florida and Houston but chose Nebraska because he knew of the Big Eight's reputation as a good track conference and he wants to compete against the best.

"I read about guys like Jim Ryun and Ken Swenson and figured the Big Eight was the place to go," he said. "But before I got here I really didn't know what to expect in overall competition. I'd say the biggest thing about running in the Big Eight is that the guys who are good, like Larry Rose from Oklahoma State, are really super."

Cimato and the rest of Nebraska's half milers get their

next challenge Saturday against Minnesota. In order to give more runners a chance to compete the meet will follow Big Ten pattern and include a 660 yard run as well as traditional 880.

The 1:30 p.m. meet will be on Nebraska Wesleyan's track.

## CALENDAR

- 12:30 p.m.- Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Nebraska Union
- 12:30 p.m.- CSL Comm. on Disciplinary Procedures, Union
- 2 p.m.- Arts & Science Hearing on Requirements, Union
- 3:30 p.m.- Builders Tours, Union
- 3:30 p.m.- Hyde Park, Union
- 4:30 p.m.- Union Board, Union
- 5 p.m.- Builders Student Faculty Relations, Union
- 6 p.m.- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Union
- 6 p.m.- Special Services Tutoring, Union
- 6 p.m.- AUF, Exec. Union
- 6:30 p.m.- Bowling Organization Meeting, Union
- 6:30 p.m.- AUF, Union
- 7 p.m.- Presidential Search Committee, Union
- 7 p.m.- Christian Science Org., Union
- 7 p.m.- Traffic Appeals Board, Union
- 7 p.m.- Union Talks & Topics, Union
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