



Photo by Don Tremain

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Jamaican in motion... Horace Levy's win in the 100 dash was one of the few bright spots for Nebraska in the Huskers' loss to Oregon Saturday.

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The Nebraska baseball team climbed out of the Big Eight cellar this weekend as they captured two of three games against Missouri at Columbia.

The Huskers won Friday's opener 13-2 with 15 hits, including a three-run homer by second-baseman Sam Sharpe and four hits in five attempts by center fielder Gene Stohs. Missouri came back in Friday's

second game by blanking the Huskers 9-0.

Nebraska came alive again in Saturday's game when they scored seven runs in the first inning enroute to a 7-1 victory.

The Huskers are now 3-6 in conference play.

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The Nebraska defense put on a show of strength during Saturday's scrimmage as the Husker football team ended its second week of spring practice.

The aggressive defense took its toll. Second-string quarterback Steve Runty suffered what was believed to be strained shoulder muscles when he was tackled following a 15-yard gain, the longest run in the scrimmage.

While last Saturday's scrimmage produced 14 offensive touchdowns, only six scores were made Saturday—including only two by the first two offensive units.

Jamaicans lead Husker effort

by Steve Kadel

When Saturday's dual track meet with Oregon ended, most people went away talking about two-miler Steve Prefontaine and his 8:35.2 solo effort. True, Prefontaine is in a class by himself as the premier distance runner in America.

But Horace Levy and Leighton Priestley, a pair of Jamaicans running for Nebraska, also had good performances in the Huskers' 105-40 loss to powerful Oregon.

Levy was the meet's only double winner, taking the 100-yard dash and the 220. Levy, completing his first year in medical school at Omaha, trains by himself and only sees the Husker track team at meets. So far the arrangement hasn't hurt him.

"It's different with a sprinter," he explains. "We don't have that much training to do. My studies haven't been much of a problem yet."

Running with the wind Saturday in the 100, Levy clocked 9.5, one-tenth slower than his personal best. In the 220 Levy ran 21.8 to nip Oregon's Al Hearvey.

With Garth Case out of the meet with a pulled muscle, Nebraska looked vulnerable in the 440. No problem. Leighton Priestley ripped off a 46.6 to win the event.

"I felt bad before the race," Priestley said. "I thought it would be about 47.3 or 47.4. I tied up a little about 25 yards from

the finish, but that was because of the cold weather."

Priestley's best time this year came two weeks ago at a dual with the University of Texas at El Paso. He ran 46.2 there and has been running consistently lower times this season than last.

"Cross country work last fall helped a lot," he said. "I ran miles and half-miles in Pioneers Park. I'm also working with weights now and doing something extra every day besides what the coach gives us for a workout."

After running in Case's shadow for the past two years, Priestley is making people notice him this year. He says it's possible that he and Case could go 1-2 at the Big Eight meet in May.

"Travis Newsome from Oklahoma and Mike Norman from Missouri will be tough," Priestley said.

Priestley came to Nebraska after being recruited by former Husker stars Lynn Headley and Ray Harvey, both of Jamaica. He is now one of four runners from Kingston, Jamaica, on Frank Sevigne's squad.

With a best freshman time of 47.3 and 46.5 as a sophomore last season, Priestley is hoping for a clocking of 45.5 this year. If he gets that low by NCAA time he'll be thinking of a spot on Jamaica's Olympic team.

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