

Former Nebraskans Francis, Sayers are named to 'fame'

Former University of Nebraska (NU) All-American Harrison Sam Francis was one of 11 players selected to the National Collegiate Football Foundation's Hall of Fame Tuesday.

Francis, along with Gale Sayers, who played high school football at Omaha Central, will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame at a New York City ceremony in December.

Francis lettered in football, basketball and track at NU. He was an all Big 6 Conference selection in 1935 and 1936 and was a consensus All-American for the Huskers in 1936.

Francis, a native of Dunbar, led the fans' voting for the 1937 College All Star game in Chicago and was second in voting for the Heisman Trophy in 1936 behind Larry Kelley of Yale.

In track, Francis earned three letters and was a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1936, finishing fourth in the shot put.

Francis was the Big 6 indoor and outdoor shot put champion in 1936 and 1937 and won the NCAA outdoor title with a put of 53 ft. 6 in., in 1937.

He will be inducted into the Drake Relays Hall of Fame this spring. He won the shot put grand slam in 1936 by taking the Texas, Kansas and Drake Relays shot put titles.

Francis is one of four athletes to be named All-American in both football and track, joining notables Jim Thorpe and Ollie Matson.

Francis received his BS from NU in 1937 and an MA from the University of Iowa.

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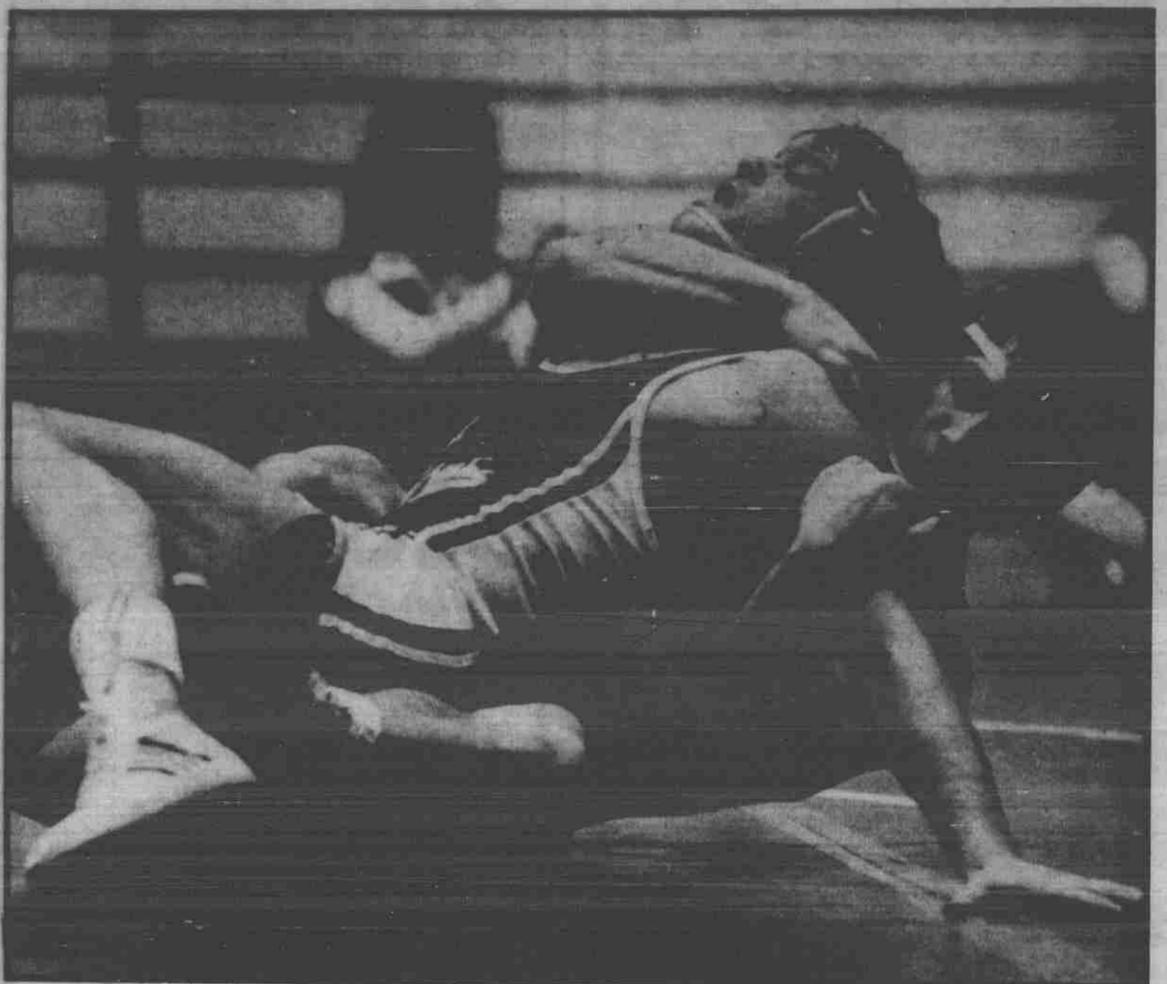


Photo by Ted Kirk

The Husker wrestling team will be in action twice this weekend when they wrestle the University of Colorado, Friday, and the University of Wyoming, Saturday.

Wrestling foes have UNL traits

By Kevin Schnepf

When the UNL wrestling squad meets the University of Colorado Friday and the University of Wyoming Saturday at the UNL Sports Complex, there will be some similarities among the teams.

The Huskers host CU at 7:30 p.m. Friday. "They're a relatively young club like ours," said UNL coach Orval Borgialli. "They recruited seven high school All Americans two years ago and 3 high school All Americans last year."

When the Wyoming Cowboys come to Lincoln Saturday for a 1:30 p.m. meet, its squad will be missing some wrestlers because of academic ineligibility.

"They've had problems with grades like our squad did and they also had problems with injuries," Borgialli said. "They're going to have to forfeit the 118-pound match."

Two weeks ago, nine Husker wrestlers were declared scholastically ineligible. Borgialli said it was a devastating blow to the team.

Out of the nine wrestlers declared ineligible, he said, three were starters.

"We haven't turned over and played dead," he said. "We haven't wrestled to our potential but these boys have come to fight."

Double dual losses

Borgialli said that in last week's double dual with Southern Illinois University and the University of Minnesota, UNL had only 12 wrestlers for 10 events.

The Huskers lost to Southern Illinois, 25-18, and to nationally ranked Minnesota, 43-3. The losses dropped the Husker's dual record to 5-5.

Borgialli said the Huskers performed well against Southern Illinois but were the opposite against Minnesota.

Against Southern Illinois, Husker sophomore Jim Calvert pinned returning All American Mark Hattendorf in seven minutes.

"I didn't even know he was an All American," Calvert said. "The coach kind of made a joke of it but I didn't realize it until later."

Borgialli said Calvert was moved from the 167-pound class to the 177-pound class last week.

"Jim showed some spunk in his match", Borgialli said. "His attitude is so important for our team."

Recoveries needed

Borgialli said the Huskers have a possibility of winning both meets this weekend if some of the wrestlers recover from injuries.

"Cliff Myles will hopefully heal from his strained knee and Mike Brainich had the flu last week," he said. "If we can get them all healed up and perform to our potential, we could definitely win both meets."

Borgialli said Wyoming has two good wrestlers in Dan Godbehre and senior captain Paul Reed.

Godbehre, a junior in the 158-pound class, has a 24-0 record and Reed has a 19-2-0 record in 167-pound class.

"It's still questionable who we'll use against Godbehre," Borgialli said. "We may move Doug Redding down from the 190 class or we may use Steve Hill."

Borgialli said Reed won the Colorado Open championship and placed second to a defending national champion from Oklahoma State University in the Air Force Invitational.

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Track

1. What Western Athletic Conference school was John Korky, Husker assistant track coach, an assistant coach at before coming to UNL?
2. True or False. Charlie Greene was a three time Big 8 Conference champion in the 100- and 220 yard dash for UNL.
3. Which Big 8 school has produced more NCAA outdoor national champions than UNL.
4. Which Husker holds the Big 8 record for the indoor 600-yard run?
5. UNL has had only two NCAA indoor champions. Name them.
6. Head track coach Frank Sevigne is entering his a) 20th, b) 22nd, c) 25th, d) 27th year at UNL.
7. True or False. Sam Francis, an All-American football player at Nebraska, competed in the 1936 Olympic Games.
8. What was Charlie Greene's fastest time in the 100-yard dash?
9. Who holds the Husker record for the javelin toss?
10. Which former Husker holds a world record in the indoor 600-yard run?

Answers

1. The University of Texas-El Paso.
2. True.
3. The University of Kansas.
4. Dave Crook.
5. Charlie Greene in the 60-yard dash and Lennox Burgher in the triple jump.
6. b) 22nd year at UNL.
7. True. Francis competed in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.
8. 9.1 seconds, which at the time tied the world record.
9. Scott Sorchuk threw the javelin 243 ft. 7 in. in 1974.
10. Dave Crook holds the world indoor record for the 600-yard run on a 12 lap to the mile track with a time of 1:09.2.

Swimmers strive to change the tide against KU

By Rob Barney

UNL's men's swim team dives into a busy weekend schedule tomorrow with a dual meet against Chicago State University (CSU) at the UNL Sports Complex pool. Starting time is slated for 2:00 p.m.

Saturday John Reta's team ventures to Lawrence, Kansas to battle Big 8 Conference power University of Kansas (KU).

"Chicago State is very strong in the sprints and diving," Reta said. "They're not quite as strong in the distances, but our relay times compare favorably."

Reta is cautious, however, about comparing teams on paper.

"On paper we should have won our meet last week (a loss to Northern Iowa)," Reta said. "But you have to consider the circumstances."

Pleased with performance

Despite a 1-3 dual record Reta said he is pleased with his team's performance so far this season.

"I've been pleased with our times," Reta said. "Our freshmen have had good times, and not only the fresh-

men. The guys that were on the team last year have better times this year too.

"(Pat) DiBiase is only two seconds off the national qualifying time in the 200 meter breast stroke. He has the same time now that he finished with in the Big 8 meet last year."

DiBiase, a senior, is looking forward to the weekend's competition.

"Chicago State is a good team, but I think we're a little stronger," he said. "I'm looking forward to the Kansas meet. I always do well down there."

Extra incentive

DiBiase has a little extra incentive to do well in the Kansas meet. As a freshman he swam for KU.

"I'll be psyched up a little more for the Kansas meet," he said. "Of any team we (the team) want to beat, we want to beat Kansas the most. It's a good rivalry."

The rivalry has been a little lopsided the past few years. The Jayhawks had won eight straight Big 8 swimming championships before being dethroned by Iowa State

University last year. DiBiase feels the tide could change this season.

"We have a lot more talent this year," he said. "We have a chance to beat Kansas this year. They've gone downhill a bit."

Freshman talent

Some of the talent mentioned by both Reta and DiBiase that, according to DiBiase, should move the Huskers up in the Big 8 standings this year are freshmen Robbie Ingle (200 and 500 freestyle), Bob Harford (backstroke), and walk-on Mark Shapland (breast stroke).

Ingle will attempt to break his school record in the 500 freestyle for the fifth time this season. He has broken the standard in every dual meet this season. The current record is 4:47:1.

Another new face for the Huskers is junior Rick Maack (backstroke and freestyle). Maack became eligible this semester after transferring from Auburn University.

"Maack had a real good time last week for swimming in a bad pool," Reta said. "We're young and inexperienced but I've been pleased with our progress."