

# Same old story-Osborne is still looking for starters

By Mike McCarthy

Before the 1977 Huskers hit the grid-iron next fall, overall improvement and starting positions need to be resolved. That was Husker coach Tom Osborne's verdict after Sunday's three-hour scrimmage at Memorial Stadium.

Osborne has echoed the same message throughout spring drills. But finding a quarterback who can run and throw well poses a problem, Osborne said.

Tim Hager, Randy Garcia, Ed Burns, Jeff Quinn, Tom Sorley and Brad Humphrey all are trying to fit Osborne's quarterback mold of the starting quarterback. "They all did some good things and

some bad things today," Osborne said. "The good thing about it is that it's not a matter of having bad quarterbacks." "The problem is with that many quarterbacks, there's not enough repetition," he added. "We have to give everyone a chance."

Osborne said the position is still wide open but "the odds are fairly good we'll red-shirt Brad Humphrey."

Osborne cited sophomore Quinn for his scrimmage play.

"He did a good job of scrambling around," Osborne said. "He makes things happen."

"He runs better than he passes, but

somebody like Randy Garcia and Ed Burns pass better than they can run."

Husker I-back Rick Berns scored the scrimmage's first touchdown on a short run up the middle. Another touchdown came on a short quarterback sneak by Burns.

The longest run and touchdown of the day came when Hager pitched out to junior I-back Byron Stewart. The Oxen Hill, Md. native swept around right end for 65-yards into the end zone.

"I was tired and I wasn't counting the yards," Stewart joked.

"The blocking was there. We've been working all week on outside blocking," he said. "All I had to do was run straight up the field."

Although Stewart said he was pleased with his 100-yard plus rushing performance during the scrimmage, he added there's need for improvement.

There's also a need to perform well to keep up with the other I-backs, he said. Berns, Stewart, Isaiah Hipp and Tim Wurth all are vying for a starting role at I-back.

"You have to perform well to stay with the group," Stewart said. "Everything's about even. Nothing is locked up."

Wurth also had a 100-plus rushing day and Hipp was on the way to one before he jammed an achilles tendon early in the scrimmage. Osborne said the injury is not serious.

Osborne also said he might release a depth chart today, but it won't be final.



Photo by Ted Kirk

It was another rough day for the Husker offense Sunday as the defense dominated the last scrimmage before the annual Red-White game Saturday.

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# UNL's Sevigne named to World Cup I games

UNL track coach Frank Sevigne received another honor in his coaching career when he was named liaison for the United States Track and Field Team at the World Cup I Games in Dusseldorf, Germany.

Sevigne, in his 22nd year at UNL, said he will help the U.S. track team and the foreign teams attending the meet.

"I don't know specifically what I'll be doing yet," Sevigne said. "I'll be helping out the U.S. amateur team in Germany and the foreign teams, also. I may be helping out with the coaching but I just don't know that many details yet."

The executive director of the Amateur Athletic Union, Ollan Cassell, named Sevigne Wednesday for the first World Cup track meet scheduled for Sept. 2 through 4.

Sevigne said the meet will have eight teams.

"The United States and the Soviet Union will have teams," he said. "Europe, Africa and other continents will compete."

"I don't know that many details yet, but it should be a unique meet. There will

be no trial heats with one person per event. All events will be final."

Sevigne said the meet is to be an annual event except during Olympic years.

"I feel it is an honor to be selected," he said. "I'll be leaving in August for Germany before the team does."

The United States' team will be selected from the national championships in California in June.

Sevigne said the occasion will be nothing new for him. Sevigne, who is the chairman of Track and Field Region VII for the AAU, has been involved in numerous national track events.

He was the meet director and referee in 1975 when the United States met the Soviet Union in a dual meet. He also served as an advisory coach for Jamaica during the Commonwealth Games and served as Chef-de-Mission of the U.S. Junior national team that competed in the Soviet Union and West Germany.

Sevigne also was a member of the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Committee in the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

# Relays hold surprises, disappointments for UNL

Lawrence, Kan.—It was a weekend of surprises and disappointments for coach Frank Sevigne and the Husker track squad at the 52nd running of the Kansas Relays Friday and Saturday.

"I'm not elated with our performance but I'm not totally disappointed either," Sevigne said.

One of the biggest surprises in the meet for the Huskers came when Lee Kunz finished third in the discus. Kunz, a sophomore and a linebacker on the football team, threw the discus 175 ft., 9 in.

"Lee finishing third in the discus for as much time as he has put in is really good," Sevigne said.

"I don't know whether Lee is going to Drake with us next week," Sevigne said. "I don't think he is going, he wants to stay here (Lincoln) and play football and that is his decision."

Scott Sorchik, the two-time defending Kansas Relays champion in the javelin, finished second to Bud Blythe of the University of Alabama.

"Obviously I'm disappointed," Sorchik said. "I just don't know what happened."

Sorchik said he thinks he still is capable of throwing the javelin 270 feet this season. Sorchik's second place toss Saturday, 257 ft., 10 and three-fourths in., was second to Blythe's throw of 268 ft., 11 and one-fourth in.

The Husker two-mile relay team of Keith Whitaker, Ron Fisher, Matt Reckmeyer and Scott Poehling finished third behind New Mexico State University and Bowling Green University. The Huskers' time of 7:25.7 was the fourth best effort in UNL track history.

"I was a little disappointed that we didn't get the job done," Sevigne said. "We

have a new member on the team (Whitaker replaced Paul McClain) and we are hoping they will do better at Drake next week."

High jumper Dean Herzog qualified, but failed to clear the opening height of 6 ft., 9 in.

The Husker distance medley relay team started badly and finished ninth in the event.

# Women tracksters win meet; national qualifiers increasing

By Jim Kay

UNL's women's track team scored 100 points to sweep a triangular meet from Northwest Missouri State University (52) and Fort Hayes State College (29) Saturday in addition to qualifying in three more events for the women's national meet in May.

Coach Carol Frost's track team has qualified in eight events for the national meet. Sophomore Pam Baker qualified in two events Saturday by running the 100-meter hurdles in 14.7 seconds and running a leg on the 440-yard relay team. Other members of the relay team are freshmen Toni Midder, Jean Essman and Liz Lee.

The third qualifier was junior Doris Hiltz in the 880 with a time of 2:17.6.

"We figure we're pretty well on schedule," Frost said of the qualifying performances. "We could have as many as 12 qualifiers."

Frost added that freshman Cindy Vickers and Kelly Hiatt were just coming back from injuries and have a chance to qualify in their events.

"The girls in the jumps, Peggy Liddick and Linda Frazee, also have a chance," Frost said. "Also Jeanne Boller in the shot-put and our mile relay may qualify. If we could run our mile relay fresh instead of at the end of the meet they could do it."

Double winners for the Huskers Saturday were Baker and Midder in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles and Midder in both the 100- and 220-yard dashes. Baker also was on both the winning 440 and mile relay teams.

Jeff Lee, the 60-yard high hurdle champion, failed to qualify for the finals in the 100-meter high hurdles.

The Huskers will travel to Des Moines for the Drake Relays next weekend and return home May 7 for their only home dual of the year against the University of Missouri.

Other winners were Maria McAlpin in the 440, Pam Koontz in the discus, Essman in the long jump, Deb Raddatz in the shot-put and the two-mile relay team.

"It was a beautiful track day," Frost said. "There was no wind which is rare in Nebraska. A lot depends on the weather in the coming weeks too."

Frost said the meet provided some excellent competition from the other schools, especially Northwest Missouri State in the distance events.

"We're getting to the point where we're getting some fine performances in," she said. "It seems like we're breaking records every time we step on the track."

The track team travels to Kearney State College Tuesday and then has a meet with the University of Kansas before the Big 8 Conference meet in Lawrence, Kan.

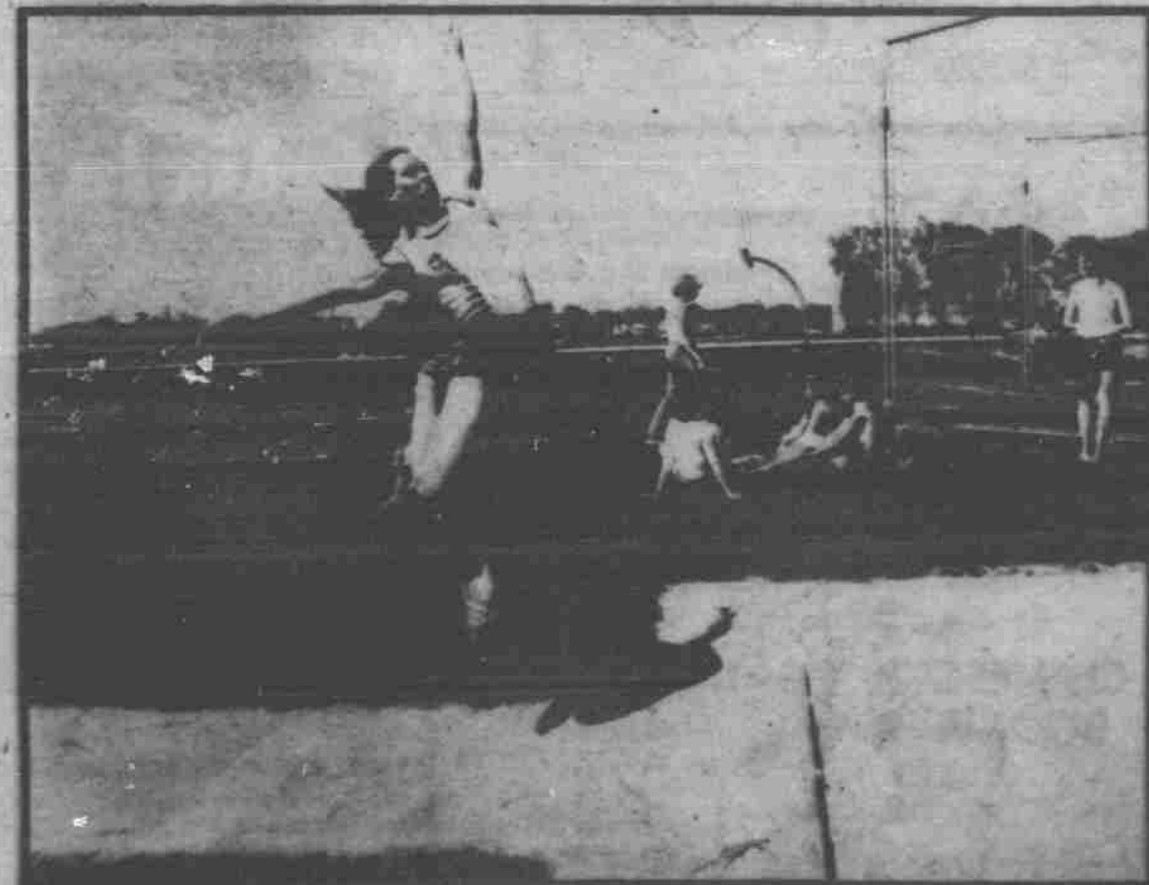



Photo by Ted Kirk

They fly through the air with the greatest of ease . . . Jean Effman won the long jump as the Huskers beat Northwest Missouri State University and Fort Hays State in a triangular meet, Saturday at Ed Weber Stadium.



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