

UNL's high jumpers clear 7 feet

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The crowd of 2,387 witnessing the circus-like atmosphere of the fourth annual Husker Invitational track meet did not voice their interest until two UNL high jumpers broke the school record.

Dean Herzog and Doug Phelps, both 7-foot high jumpers in high school, cleared the 7-foot mark for the first time at UNL.

Herzog was the first to clear 7-feet, skimming the bar, leaving it wiggling on its support. The applause erupted after Herzog broke the UNL record of 6 feet 11 inches.

Five minutes later, Phelps, Nebraska's first 7-foot prep high jumper at Hastings, cleared the mark bringing another roar from the crowd.

Although both Huskers broke the school record, Iowa University's Bill Hansen won the event with 7-foot 1-inch leap. Herzog placed second and Phelps tied for third place with Iowa State University's Tom Kieffer.

UNL field event coach John Korky said that the high jumping was excellent.

"Both of those guys deserved what they got today," Korky said. "They have both worked very hard and it's very gratifying to see that hard work pay off."

About 45 minutes later the crowd was brought to its feet again.

UNL's two-mile relay team, Ron Fischer, Mark Fluit, Paul McClain, and Scott Poehling, also won and qualified for nationals. The relay team ended with a 7:31.5 time, beating the national standard of 7:33.0

UNL's national champion Jeff Lee clocked a time of 7.2 seconds in the 60-yard high hurdles, winning the event. McKenzie also placed first with a 31.2 time in the 300-yard dash.

Overall, 11 Husker Invitational records and four Sports Complex records were broken.

Poehling, who ran on the mile relay team that qualified for nationals, said they were running for time, since no team scores were kept.

"I didn't really know what the competition was going to be like, the 5-foot-10-inch, 176 pound sophomore said. "We were more or less running for time. The watch was something to shoot for, too."

The Husker's distance medley team failed to qualify for nationals finishing fourth with a 9:58.7 time. The qualifying time is 9:53.0.

Big Eight schools Missouri and Iowa State were present Saturday to show UNL their talent for the Big Eight meet at the Sports Complex, Feb. 24-25.

"Iowa State looked really good," Poehling said. "I think this is going to be the closest Big Eight meet in history. It'll come down to us, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa State or Missouri."

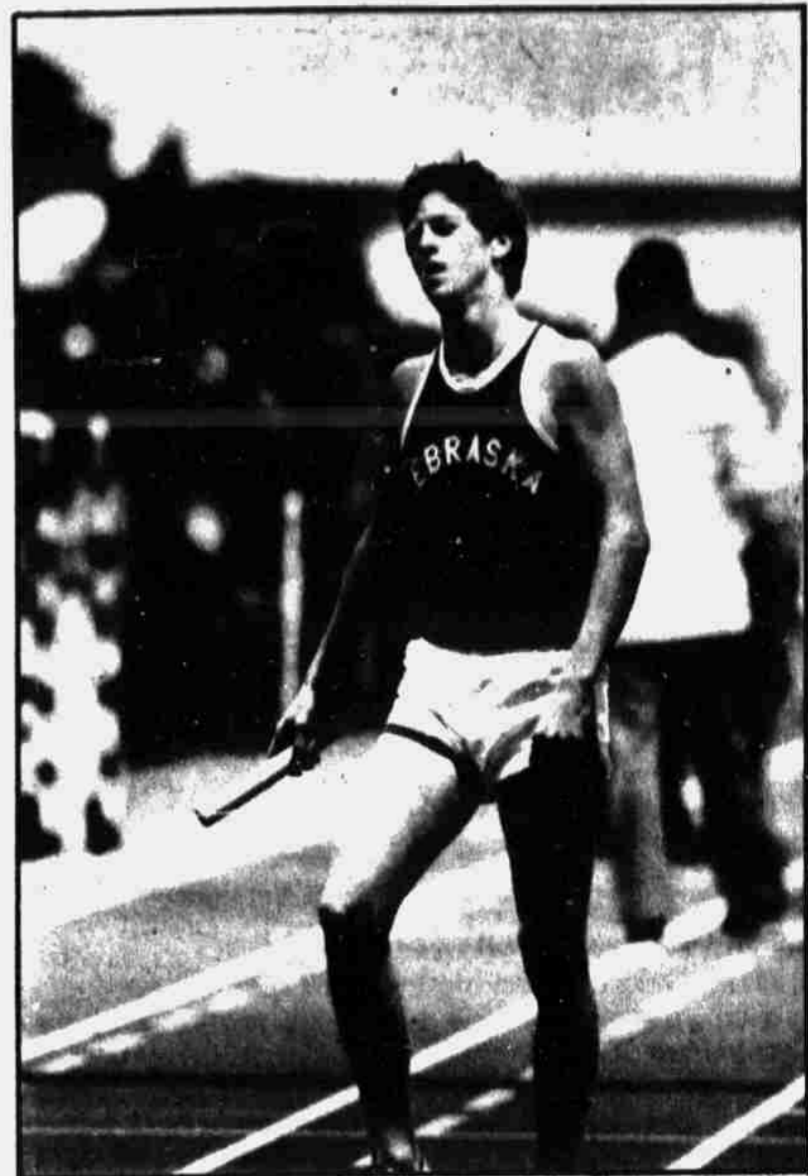


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UNL co-captain Harold Stelzer dejectedly walks off the track after the UNL distance medley relay team finished a poor fourth with a time of 9:58.7, failing to meet the NCAA qualifying time of 9:53.0.

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Columbia jinx holds true as Tigers maul Huskers

The UNL basketball squad entered Saturday night's game with the University of Missouri with a seven-game winning streak, an 18th national ranking, and sole possession of second place in the Big Eight.

But these ingredients did not help as the Tigers handed UNL its worst defeat of the year, 74-52.

The Huskers, who still own second place with an 8-3 mark, dropped two games behind Kansas University.

UNL had foul trouble as center Carl McPipe fouled out with nine minutes left. His substitute Andre Smith also was hampered with four fouls. UNL made two of five free throws for the game while Missouri hit 16 of 24 free throws.

While Missouri shot 53.7 percent from the field, UNL hit 39.1 percent, far below its league-leading 50 percent. The Cornhuskers made 25 of 64 shots.

Andre Smith led UNL scorers with 14 points while Mike Naderer and Brian Banks each scored eight points. Banks only hit four of his 16 shots and forward Curt Hedberg hit three of his nine shots.

In other Big Eight games Saturday, Oklahoma beat Colorado, 63-52, and Iowa State defeated Oklahoma State, 93-69.

UNL hosts Oklahoma Wednesday night at the Sports Complex while Missouri travels to Colorado. Kansas hosts third place Iowa State and Oklahoma State hosts Kansas State.

Down 36-28 at halftime, UNL came back to within six points 48-42. But the Tigers reeled off 15 unanswered points to take a 63-42 lead.

Clay Johnson led Missouri to its fourth Big Eight win with 23 points. Johnson hit seven of 10 free throws and grabbed nine rebounds.

Center Stan Ray hit eight of 10 field goals, good for 16 points, while Larry Drew scored 14 points for the Tigers.

Big Eight Standings			Overall Record
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Kansas	10	1	(20-3)
UNL	8	3	(19-4)
Iowa State	7	4	(12-11)
Oklahoma	6	5	(13-10)
Kansas State	5	6	(14-9)
Missouri	4	7	(11-12)
Oklahoma State	2	9	(8-14)
Colorado	2	9	(8-14)

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The women's track squad from UNL dominated the Husker Invitational held at the Sports Complex Friday night and Saturday morning.

The Huskers, winner of two dual meets ran away with the meet that included eight teams with 202 points. The University of Minnesota was the closest competitor with 88 points.

Cindy Tatum won the 60-yard dash and the 300-yard dash while Donna Fox was also a double winner. Foz won the 1,000-yard run and the 880-yard run.

Other first-place finishers for the Huskers included: Nancy Kindig in the 60-yard hurdles, Julie Seaton in the 440-yard run, Janet Bornemeier in the 600-yard run, Janet Bates in the long jump and Christie Lee in the high jump.

UNL's men's swim team got a taste of defeat again from two Big Eight schools over the weekend at the Sports Complex pool.

The team, with a 0-9 dual record, lost

65-48 to defending Big Eight champion, Iowa State University, Friday night. Saturday afternoon, Oklahoma University defeated UNL, 65-48.

In the ISU loss, senior Richard Maack won the three-meter diving competition. UNL's 400-meter relay team of Oklahoma.

Goran Westerlund won the 200-yard butterfly against ISU while Bob Hartford won the 200-yard backstroke Friday night.

Against Oklahoma, Mark Crowder won the 50-yard freestyle and diver Paul Sellon won the three meter diving competition. UNL's 400-yard meter relay team of Crowder, Maack, Jeff Keller and Dick Conradt outswam Oklahoma's team for first place.

UNL's women's tennis team, defending Big Eight champions, opened its season Saturday with a 7-2 victory over Iowa State University. The meet was in the Sports Complex indoor tennis courts.

Singles winners for UNL included Joyce McVicker, Sue Sloboth, Vicki Maseman, Dee Pavelka and Judy Huerter.

In doubles play, Sloboth and Maseman defeated ISU's Diana Troute and Jane Zarwell, 6-1 and 6-2. Huerter and Dolly Matthews teamed up to beat ISU's Martha Paysen and Lynda Johnson, 6-3, 4-6, and 6-0.

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