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Roommates Poehling and Kunz share a mutual goal

By Mary Ryan

Teammates Scott Poehling and Lee Kunz have mutual respect and a mutual goal—to compete in the 1980 Olympics.

Poehling, a junior who competes in the 880-yard run, and Kunz, a senior who throws the discus, were conference champions last year, but had their troubles in the NCAA meet.

"I got boxed in," Poehling said. "An experienced runner would have run his own race. . . . The guys that beat me, I had beaten before, it was a case of me not being ready."

Kunz threw the discus about 196-197 feet, but crossed the boundary line.

"I had a lot of momentum across the ring and I just couldn't stay in," he said. "I barely scratched. The third place throw was 188 feet."

In early summer both competed in the Olympic Summer Festival in Colorado.

Poehling said it was a good experience that helped open his eyes to the possibility of competing in the Olympics.

"I finished third in a field of world class runners," he said. "And I was on the second fastest mile relay team in the world."

"I ran a :45.5 quarter mile split in the relay so I know the potential is there. Up to then, I didn't think I had it in me. It opened a lot of doors that would have been shut."

For Kunz, starting linebacker on the Cornhusker football team, the meet was a disappointment.

"It was not too good," he said. "I had really been working out for football and was not working out on discus a lot. But it was super that I got to go."

At 6-foot-3 and 220 pounds, Kunz said all he thinks he has to do to make the Olympic team is to gain weight and strength.

"I think all I have to do is gain about 20 to 25 pounds," he said. "If I can accomplish that, I can throw 215 to 220 feet in a year. The only problem is to maintain the weight. I'll have to get into a lot of weight lifting to put it on."

A throw of 215 would "definitely get you there," Kunz said. His best toss is 192 feet 6 inches at the Big 8 meet.

"I feel I am better than most in technique and speed across the ring," Kunz said. "The strength is where the others have it over me."

"Now all of my energy is into football, but I maintain a certain amount of strength and will give total concentration to track



Photo by Mark Billingsley

Discus thrower Lee Kunz, along with roommate Scott Poehling, hopes to be able to compete in the Olympic Games someday—hopefully by 1980.

as soon as football is over."

He said he will start working out on the discus "as soon as we have won the Orange Bowl."

Among other things, the 5-foot-11 Poehling said he thinks he has to lose a few pounds of his 175 pounds and try to be consistent.

"I think a 1:45-1:46 race is in reach

provided in the next 18 months I put in a lot of work and run about 12-15 miles a day in the off season," he said.

Each has to place in the top three in their event to make the Olympic squad.

And it all depends on what happens in one day at the Olympic trials.

"The trials are what I am aiming for," Poehling said. "The Olympics are a dream, but the trials are reality. You have one shot to compete and if you are not mentally and physically prepared, you have to wait four more years. There is no tomorrow."

Both said competing with a team next year up until the Olympic trials will be a help.

"It takes a lot of self discipline to have graduated in 1976 or '77," Poehling said. "I am fortunate not to have that. I am in a good program."

Kunz has another year of eligibility in track because he was listed as a hardship case his freshman year when he dislocated his shoulder in winter conditioning. "It'll give me a little time to give full concentration to the event, which is something I have been never able to do," he said.

Poehling, who has never been injured, said, "I don't worry about injuries. A lot of it is mental. If you think you will get hurt, you will. You have to be physically and mentally strong enough to bypass them."

Kunz said he only saw one obstacle to his making the team.

"It is possible a pro contract could be an obstacle," he said. "But that is only if I am drafted. It could be a temptation, but then that is so unpredictable."

One thing that both said will help them to reach their goal is rooming together.

Kunz said, "We got to know each other through track. I respected him and how hard he worked. He runs 12-16 miles a day and is a good competitor. We got to be very good friends and rooming together will help in track."

Poehling said, "My roommate strives for self-discipline. And we talk. . . . We have the same goals and even if we compete in different events, it is the same. I work hard and push myself—I like to call it "beyond beyond"—and Lee does that too."

UNL soccer club loses games

The UNL soccer club dropped two games to schools in Colorado over the weekend, including one game that was played in two inches of snow.

Nebraska played the University of Colorado soccer team on Folsom Field following the UNL-Colorado football game. Colorado, defending Big Eight Conference and Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Soccer League champions, downed the Huskers, 5-1.

Nebraska was behind 2-0 at the half but came back early in the second half to score on a goal by forward Dave Lueth. But the

Buffs held UNL at bay and scored three more goals in the closing minutes to salt the game away.

The Huskers traveled to Greeley on Sunday to play Northern Colorado University on a field of newfallen snow.

UNL's Lau Rosborg, here from Denmark, gave an assist to freshman Jim Sanders for one Nebraska goal and scored the Huskers' other two goals in a 5-3 loss.

The soccer team hosts Creighton University Saturday morning at 11 a.m. on Mabel Lee Field. The Huskers will host UNO on Sunday.

Fourth victory sought by JVs

UNL's junior varsity football team will be looking for its fourth straight win of the season tonight at Dodge City Community College in Kansas.

The Huskers won their first three games, beating the UNL JV (30-6), the Iowa State JV (19-17) and the Kansas State JV (39-13).

Dodge City is 3-4 overall with wins over Independence Junior College, Hutchinson Community Junior College, and Cowley County Community College. The Conquistadors have lost to the Colorado JV. Butler County Community College, Garden City Community College, and Ft. Scott Community College.

Leading the Husker attack is freshman I-back Walter Wallace, from Aviano, Italy. Wallace, whose father is in the U.S. military service in Europe, has gained 436 yards on 65 carries and scored five touchdowns.

With two games remaining on the Husker JV schedule, Nebraska hosts the Missouri JV on Nov. 3 and Wallace is well within reach of the Cornhusker JV rushing

records. The current record holder is Tim Wurth, now a junior I-back with the varsity. In 1976, Wurth rushed for 529 yards on 91 carries and scored three times.

Probable starters

| Nebraska JV | Dodge City CC |
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| Offense | Offense |
| TE—Dan Hill | TE—Wes Trent |
| LT—Randy Theiss | LT—Tom Atkinson |
| LG—Mike Mandelko | LG—Joe Caliquire |
| C—Brad Johnson | C—Rich Hatfield |
| RG—Kurt Glathar | RG—Paul Lorenson |
| RT—Jeff Kwapick | RT—Brian Hingst |
| SE—Anthony Bush | SE—Joe Castaneda |
| QB—Bruce Mathison | QB—Dave Hellweg |
| FB—Dave Moravec | HB—B.J. Moore |
| IB—Walter Wallace | FB—Ric Matkin |
| WB—Randy Huebert | HB—Hal Woodson |
| Defense | Defense |
| LE—dan Reiners | LE—George Clay |
| LT—Randy Druba | LT—Fred Maier |
| MG—Felix White | MG—John Anderson |
| RT—Tom Gdowski | RT—Doug Schnieder |
| RE—Maje Williams | RE—Wilbert Hunt |
| LB—Scott Poppe | LB—Vic Hodge |
| LB—Dennis Wees | LB—Troy Johnson |
| LC—Dan Fischer | LC—Carl Parker |
| M—Kris Van Norman | S—Chris Orr |
| S—Rusty Poppe | S—Dave Vossman |
| RC—Pat Larsen | RC—Terry Cooper |



Photo by Bob Pearson

Freshman I-back Walter Wallace (31) leads the UNL Junior Varsity in rushing with 436 yards on 65 carries and five touchdowns in three games. The JV travel to Dodge City Community College for their fourth game of the season tonight.