

Sprinter discounts size

By Mark Derowitsch
Staff Reporter

Baseball may have lost a swift player, but track gained a record-breaking sprinter.

Bob Jelks was playing baseball when his grade-school coach suggested that he run in a recreational track meet. Jelks' track career began then, but he still managed to play baseball.

"I love baseball," Jelks said. "Last year was the first year that I didn't play baseball. I still miss playing baseball, but track is what I'm really good at."

"I miss playing baseball but only during baseball season, since I played it from grade school until last year," he said.

While running for his high-school track team, Jelks broke the Illinois state record, previously held by Greg Foster, in the 200-meter dash. Foster is a world-class hurdler and an Olympic medalist.

Breaking Foster's record was a primary reason that Nebraska recruited him.

"When he beat Greg Foster's record in the 200-meter dash in Illinois, we knew he had a lot of potential," Nebraska assistant track coach Bob Cervinka said. "And he hasn't disappointed us."

Jelks was heavily recruited by Kansas, Indiana, Ohio State, Illinois, USC, UCLA, Nebraska and about 10 other schools. He chose Nebraska because of the emphasis placed on academics.

"All the other schools I went to stressed mainly track," Jelks said, "but when I came here, they asked me what I was interested in. They took me around to hear people speak about classes even though it might not have been my major. I was impressed with that."

"Also, the track team was an up-and-coming team," he said. "It's one that may take three years to get to the top or it's not one that's right on top. But it's in the right spot to really become something nationally."

Jelks said college track differs a little from high school, but he has adapted well.

"My high-school coach gave us the basic weight programs that they use in college," Jelks said. "That part was easy, but the workouts are a little different. The workouts are longer, and I've lifted more weights this year than I ever have."

Cervinka said the weight room is still one place Jelks could visit more often.



Jelks

"He needs to lock himself in the weight room," Cervinka said. "He needs to get strong. All great sprinters are powerful. Bobby needs to grow in size and strength."

But Jelks said he thinks his size doesn't matter.

"People have always talked about my size," Jelks said, "but I just do what the coach says. If that's what it's going to take, then that's where it's at. I don't get intimidated easily, so my size really doesn't matter."

Jelks didn't qualify for the indoor national meet, but that's not because he can't, he said. He said his best event is the 300-meter dash, which isn't run at the NCAA Championships. But that doesn't discourage him from competing during the outdoor season.

"I maybe could have qualified this year," Jelks said of the spring events. "I was really coming on strong at the end of the indoor season. When I get my starting technique down, I should be OK. I should qualify for the outdoor season."

Sprinter wants Seoul

By David Mussman
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Nebraska sprinter Michelle Milling is taking a Big Eight conference record with her to the NCAA Championships this weekend.

Milling, a junior consumer science and advertising major, ran an NCAA qualifying time of 1:19.00 in the 600-yard run. At the NCAA Championships she will compete in the 500-meter run. Milling said she hopes to complete some of her track goals while competing in the national championships.

"I want to at least get All-American," Milling said. "If I make it to the finals (the top six) I automatically get All-American."

Milling said she is working to meet more goals in the 400-meter dash and the mile relay during the outdoor season. She said she wants to qualify for nationals and become an All-American in both events.

To meet these goals, Milling said, weight training is becoming more important. She credits Nebraska's weight program as an important part of her success.

Milling was a member of the 1985 and 1986 All-American 1600-meter indoor relay teams. She ran the lead-off leg for the Cornhuskers in the 3200-meter relay team that placed No. 4 in the 1986 NCAA indoor. Milling also placed second in the 600-

yard run at the 1986 Big Eight indoor with a national qualifying time of 1:20.33.

Next year, Milling said, a lifetime dream could come true when she attempts to qualify for the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea.

"I'd love to go to Seoul," Milling



Milling

said. "That's every athlete's ambition, to make it to the Olympics. It's just something I really need to work on doing."

However, all of Milling's goals are in track. She said that her first priority at UNL is to get her degree. Starting a career, possibly in an advertising firm, is more important to her than continuing in track, she said.

Huskers advance in NIT

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Marquette led 44-38 at half-time, but the Huskers began the second half by outscoring the Warriors 8-4 in the first three minutes. Nebraska tied the game 48-48 on a layup by Carr with 17:04 left, but Marquette again took the lead and extended its advantage to as much as six points in the second half.

Nebraska took a four-point lead, 64-60, with 9:25 remaining after Carr stole the ball and fed it to Anthony Bailous for the layup. The Warriors fought back, however, regaining the lead with 6:00 left on a jumper by Smith. The teams traded the lead after that until Smith

tied the game 76-76 with his three-point shot.

Bernard Day led Nebraska with 18 points while Bailous and Derrick Vick added 14 points each. Carr added 12 points for the Huskers.

Marquette was led by Smith's 18 points and Kevin Johnson's 16. Copa scored 14 for the Warriors and David Boone added 12.

Nebraska shot 55.6 percent from the field while Marquette hit 60.4 percent.

"So many things can happen at the end of a game," Carr said. "Having a chance to win a basketball game — that's all you shoot for. That's been our goal all year. . . to find a way to win."

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