

Mile Relay Gives K.U. 117-114 Win

BY NORRIS ANDERSON.

In a photo finish that seemed cut from a tingling fiction plot, the University of Kansas track and field squad staved off a brave challenge from the Nebraska Cornhuskers to annex the 18th Big Six outdoor sweepstakes Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

By nosing the Cornhuskers by three yards in the mile relay, last event on the program, the favored Jayhawkers outscored a gallant Nebraska squad, 117 to 114, for their first Big Six outdoor crown since 1934.

• • •

Only one record went by the boards during the day. Tom Scofield of Kansas University and Dwayne Feekin of Iowa State, former Omaha Central trackster, cleared the bar at 6-feet 4½ inches to establish a new high jump archive. The previous mark of 6-feet 3¾ inches by William Newblock of Oklahoma had stood since 1933.

Norman Pederson, the Iowa State towhead, propelled himself 24-feet 10-inches in the broad jump for a mark two inches over the record, but officials ruled the strong wind was too favoring.

• • •

MISSOURI finished third with 95, followed by Iowa State with Oklahoma with 53, and Kansas State with 30.

For three hours in Memorial Stadium, Nebraska, fighting for points like the Cornhuskers we like to remember, seemed to have an inside track to their first title since 1942. Then came the javelin event.

Coach Ed Weir's straining squad had won only one first place up to the javelin toss, but were leading the Jayhawkers by 92-88 with only the mile relay left. Cornhusker Herb Grote, Big Six javelin record holder, won the event with 189 feet 9 inches for ten Nebraska points. Three University of Kansas spear-tossers, LeRoy Robison, Karl Ebel and Bruce Henoch finished 2-3-4, however, for 18 big points and the Jayhawkers led by 106-107 and only the mile relay remaining.

How They Scored

Track Events.

	Kas.	Neb.	Mo.	Okl.	I.S.	K.S.
100	1	8	10	4	8	0
220	2	12	11	6	0	0
440	16	10	4	1	0	0
880	1	10	14	0	0	6
Mile	8	14	3	0	0	6
2-mile	0	5	2	8	10	6
120 h.h.	0	12	11	6	2	0
220 l.h.	1	4	16	8	2	0
Relay	10	8	6	4	2	1
Totals	39	83	77	37	24	19

Field Events.

	Kas.	Neb.	Mo.	Okl.	I.S.	K.S.
Shot	19	6	0	6	0	0
Discus	11	2	10	0	8	0
Javelin	18	10	1	2	0	0
Vault	3	9	6	0	3	10
H. jump	13	4	1	4	9	0
B. jump	14	0	4	4	12	1
Totals	78	31	18	16	32	11
Gr. total ..	117	114	95	53	56	30

9-7 century and 21.6 were among the gems of the day, even tho a favoring wind whistled him along. Crowson was the only defending champ to successfully defend his title.

Other defending champions who were dethroned Saturday were Dick Miller of Nebraska in the pole vault, Kratz in the 880 and mile, Robison of Kansas in the javelin and Norval Barker in the hurdles.

Harvey Stroud led the Nebraska scorers with the 16 points he scored on seconds in the 220 and 440. Ralph King, Husker hurdle veteran, was edged by Missouri's Floyd Gaultney in a fast 14.6 high hurdle flight.

Kansas strength in the weight events told the story today. The Jayhawkers outscored the Cornhuskers, 78-31, in the running, jumping and tossing.

The summaries:

TRACK EVENTS.

120 high hurdles: Won by Floyd Gaultney, Missouri; second, Ralph King, Ne-

led by 106-107 and only the mile relay remaining.

Some of the screaming crowd of 5,000 remembered how fiery little Red Littler had given the Scarlet and Cream the 1941 title with that memorable anchor leg when the outcome of the meet hinged on the mile relay.

BILL MOORHOUSE ran the Husker baton into a one yard lead on the first leg of the relay. Blaine Young handed the baton to Fritz Ware slightly arrears of Jayhawker John Jackson on the second lap and young Ware, after a bad start, gained back the early lead.

The 18 year old Omahan was two yards ahead of his Kansas opponent when he shoved the baton to Harvey Stroud, the Cornhusker anchor man. A brilliant anchor leg by Wally Desterhaft of the Jayhawkers was more than Stroud could handle, however, and the lean Kansan hit the finish tape with two yards to spare.

Thus did the 1946 championship escape the Cornhuskers by two yards. Several bad breaks during the afternoon gave the word "if" some emphasis for wistful thinking.

One bad break that might have swung the meet to the Huskers occurred when Norval Barker, defending low hurdle champion, fell down and failed to qualify in the prelim. Another misfortune eliminated certain points when Dean Kratz, defending 880 and mile champion, became ill after finishing fourth in the mile and was scratched from the half-mile, his favorite race.

That sturdy thimbleful of distance runner named Bobby Ginn, national NCAC champ in 1942, set the Cornhuskers off to a running start with a brilliant 4:24 mile victory in the first race of the day. His performance seemed to inspire his mates for the underdog Cornhuskers never gave up.

IT WAS SYMBOLIC that the only other Cornhusker victory of the day was scored by Grote, teammate of Ginn's on the champion 1942 team. The Cornhusker veterans were both rounding into shape after long hitches for Uncle Sam.

LeRoy Robison of the Jayhawks was the high individual point collector of the day with 22 points, based on seconds in the shot and javelin and third in the discus. Bob Crowson, defending Missouri sprint champion was the only double winner of the day. His

120 high hurdles: Won by Floyd Gaultney, Missouri; second, Ralph King, Nebraska; third, Jon Sharp, Oklahoma; fourth, Norval Barker, Nebraska; fifth, Dwayne Feeken, Iowa State; sixth, Bill Day, Missouri. Time, 14.6.

220-yard low hurdles: Won by Dick Ault, Missouri; second, Jon Sharp, Oklahoma; third, Floyd Gaultney, Missouri; fourth, Ted Randolph, Nebraska; fifth, Dwayne Feeken, Iowa State; sixth, Dexter Welton, Kansas. Time 24.2.

100: Won by Bob Crowson, Missouri; second, Norman Pederson, Iowa State; third, Dick Hutton, Nebraska; fourth, Laddie Harp, Oklahoma; fifth, Fritz Ware, Nebraska; sixth, Owen Peck, Kansas. Time, 9.7.

220: Won by Bob Crowson, Missouri; second, Harvey Stroud, Nebraska; third, George Edison, Oklahoma; fourth, Fritz Ware, Nebraska; fifth, John Jackson, Kansas; sixth, Jim Whitacre, Missouri. Time :21.6.

440: Won by John Jackson, Kansas; second, Harvey Stroud, Nebraska; third, Wallace Desterhaft, Kansas; fourth, Dick Ault, Missouri; fifth, Bill Moorhouse, Nebraska; sixth, George Edison, Oklahoma. Time 50.1.

880: Won by Dick Killough, Missouri; second, Blaine Young, Nebraska; third, James Cunningham, Kansas State; fourth, Dick Schmidt, Missouri; fifth, Al Brown, Nebraska; sixth, Andy Lunsford, Kansas. Time 2:00.8.

Mile: Won by Bob Ginn, Nebraska; second, Hal Moore, Kansas; third, George Lelsure, Kansas State; fourth, Dean Kratz, Nebraska; fifth, Bill Cronister, Missouri; sixth, Eugene Friel, Missouri. Time 4:24.1.

Two-mile run: Won by Bill Arlen, Iowa State; second, John Canaris, Oklahoma; third, Floyd Gaultney, Missouri; fourth, Bob Ginn, Nebraska; fifth, Ed Neer, Missouri; sixth, Stan Martin, Nebraska. Time 10:18.9.

Mile relay: Won by Kansas (Andy Lunsford, Hal Hinchee, John Jackson, Wallace Desterhaft); second, Nebraska; third, Missouri; fourth, Oklahoma; fifth, Iowa State; sixth, Kansas State Time 3:29.8.

FIELD EVENTS.

High jump: Tie for first between Tom Scofield, Kansas, and Dwayne Feeken, Iowa State, 6 feet 4 1/2 inches (new conference record); tie for third between Maurice Fitzgerald, Nebraska; Dick Cavnar, Oklahoma, and Norbert Zimmer, Kansas, 6 feet, 3/4 inch; tie for sixth between Jim Howard, Missouri, and L. D. Howe, Missouri, 5 feet 10 inches.

Shot: Won by Charley Black, Kansas, 46 feet, 4 in.; second, Leroy Robinson, Kansas, 46 feet, 2 in.; third, Plato Andros, Oklahoma, 46 feet, 1/4 in.; fourth, Don Hansen, Nebraska, 45 feet, 9 in.; fifth, Ned Nutzman, Nebraska, 45 feet, 7 in.; sixth, Karl Ebel, Kansas, 42 feet, 11 1/2 in.

Broad jump: Won by Norman Pederson, Iowa State, 24 feet, 10 inches; second, Tom Scofield, Kansas, 23 feet, 3 3/4 inches; third, Mel Stevens, Kansas, 23 feet, 1 in.; fourth, John Phillips, Oklahoma, 22 feet, 10 in.; fifth, Ray Clark, Iowa State, 22 feet, 4 3/4 in.; sixth, Jim Danielson, Kansas State, 22 feet, 4 1/4 in.

Pole vault: Won by Ernie Nelson, Kansas State, 13 feet; second, Dick Miller, Nebraska, 12 feet, 6 in.; third, Dick Higgins, Missouri, 12 feet; tied for fourth, Charles Neidt, Iowa State and Charley Black, 11 feet, 6 inches; tied for sixth, Ted Randolph, Nebraska and Warren Elsenhart, Nebraska, 11 feet.

Discus: Won by Mal Sheehan, Missouri, 153 feet, 2 1/4 in.; second, Leonard Thomas, Iowa State, 144 feet, 1 1/2 in.; third, Leroy Robinson, Kansas, 138 feet, 1 in.; fourth, Charley Black, Kansas, 133 feet, 5 1/4 in.; fifth, Warren Elsenhart, Nebraska, 133 feet; sixth, Karl Ebel, Kansas, 129 feet, 8 1/2 in.

Javelin: Won by Herb Grote, Nebraska, 189 feet, 9 in.; second, Leroy Robison, Kansas, 185 feet, 11 in.; third, Karl Ebel, Kansas, 182 feet, 4 in.; fourth, Bruce Henoch, Kansas, 179 feet, 5 1/2 in.; fifth, George Kerbo, Oklahoma, 176 feet, 2 in.; sixth, Ray Tatum, Missouri, 175 feet, 7 in.