

CAGESTERS HOLD FIRST PRACTICE

Thirty-Six Candidates Report For Opening Basketball Work Out

FIVE LETTER MEN BACK

A squad of thirty-six candidates greeted Coach E. E. Bearg in the initial basketball practice of the season in the Army yesterday afternoon including the five letter men Beerkle, Smaha, Eckstrom, Anderson, and Black.

The practice schedule announced by Coach Bearg yesterday sets practice daily at 4 to 6 each afternoon with the exception of Saturday when the squad will practice from 3 to 6. Freshmen will practice from 6:30 to 8 every evening. Assisting Coach Bearg in training this year's basketball squad are Owen Frank, who has helped coach basketball for a number of years and Dick Newman.

With the scheduling of a game with the University of South Dakota for December 18, work will start in earnest in order to get the squad in shape for the opening although the regular schedule will not begin until after the Christmas holidays. The game with South Dakota will probably be the last game in the Army as the new field house is expected to be completed in time for the opening conference game.

By the time of the opening game, it is anticipated that a good line can be obtained on what to expect from the team this year. Drill in fundamentals and a weeding down of the squad to a more workable size will occupy the early part of the season.

The men reporting for the initial practice yesterday were: Norling, Hull, Eggert, Cass, Dana, Chaiken, Goretick, Rigglebarger, Peterson, Lawson, Beerkle, Elliott, Dwyer, Wirsig, Whitesell, Holesovsky, Griffin, Schram, Alabaster, Roth, Maaske-Ekstrom, Tomes, Smaha, Black, Kiffin, Johnson, Higgins, Hyatt, Fisher, Astbloom, Barrett, Page, Brown, Pressnell, and Anderson.

THE RULES OF BASKETBALL

Editor's Note—This is one of a series of Articles by Robert Lasch explaining the recent changes made in the basketball rules by the rules committee.

2. Abolishing of the Hand-Behind-the-Back Rule.

It has long been a rule that in the jumping at center or in other "jump-ball" positions, each player shall hold one hand behind his back. This has been ruled because of the liability of interference on the part of either of the jumpers.

The new rule, however, abolishes this on the theory that it is not now needed. Each player, as before, must stand with both feet within his half of the center circle, or, if the ball is thrown up at any other point on the court, within an imaginary circle corresponding to the regular center circle.

The ball must be tapped when it reaches its highest point.

If a player leaves the circle before the ball is tapped a technical foul is called, and the regular penalty for this offense is chalked up against the player's team.

A personal foul is now charged against any player who rushes in or in any other way interferes with two men who are jumping for the ball, whether at center or elsewhere. A penalty of one free throw is awarded to the offended team in this case.

When players are in position to jump for the ball they need not face their respective goals, but they must be placed in the same relationship to their goals as their respective centers stand when jumping at center.

The next article will explain several more changes in the rules of the court sport.

Texts Hopes to Play Notre Dame

The University of Texas has aspirations of booking a game with Notre Dame for the 1926 football schedule.

MISSOURI VALLEY COACHES TO MEET

Will Decide Athletic Schedules With Representatives from Other Schools

Nebraska's 1926 football schedule, basketball schedule, and the remaining athletic events during the spring of 1926, will be decided in St. Louis on December 4 and 5 at the annual meeting of the representatives of schools in the Missouri Valley conference.

Three delegates will be sent by the University of Nebraska: Coach E. F. Bearg, Herbert Gish, director of athletics, and Prof. R. D. Scott, faculty representative.

Missouri Valley games will be scheduled first. The remaining games cannot be secured until after the Missouri Valley conference. It is a very important part of the successful season of a football team to have a well balanced schedule, with the proper amount of travel and rest between difficult games.

Wrestling events and track meets will also be planned, for all the Valley contestants. Baseball, swimming, and golf contests have been abolished at Nebraska.

Women Arrange Hikes For Coming Week End

The weather is fine for hiking, and the W. A. A. hiking leader, Helen Clarke, announces that it is not too late to get in the forty miles necessary to earn the twenty-five points by hiking. There will be several hikes conducted this week end, and women interested are invited to sign up for the hike, and be there on time. Lists are posted on the W. A. A. bulletin board, and new lists are posted daily, so watch the bulletin board, and come out for hiking.

Hawaii's Team Wins Games

University of Hawaii's football team has won twenty-one straight games.

Sports Writers Choose Nebraska Men for Places on Mythical Teams

Two Nebraska players were picked on All-American teams by Davis J. Walsh, International News Service sports writer of New York.

Ed Weir was placed on the first mythical All-American team, and Harold Hutchison on the second. The same writer picked two other Missouri Valley men, Lindenmeyer of Missouri for tackle, and Sloane of Drake for end.

Speaking of Ed Weir Walsh said: "Oddly enough there are few outstanding figures among the forwards, barring Weir of Nebraska and Brown of Michigan. Both will come pretty close to being unanimous choices for the team this season, although some have questioned the consistency of Brown's passing at center. Weir, however, is foolproof."

"Weir is the great tackle of the year, the others being merely good. Lindenmeyer of Missouri probably was the most consistent and the writer places him on the first team, although Chace of Pittsburgh is a most highly esteemed individual. Sprague of the Army, Parker of Dartmouth, Erickson of Washington, Wilcox of Oklahoma, Henderson of Chicago, Nelson of Wisconsin, Lyons of Amherst, Kearney of Cornell and Sieracki of Pennsylvania was among the leaders at the position, but the quality of tackle play was not high this year, on the whole."

Hutchison who was placed on the second team was considered a close rival of Brown of Michigan who was given the honor. Of him Walsh has this to say: "Brown has two great rivals in Hutchison of Nebraska and McMillan of Princeton, and Lowry of Northwestern is a third. Hutchison and Weir are the men who stopped 'Red' Grange for two straight seasons, while McMillan's play against Yale and Harvard was beautiful to behold. It seems almost a misdemeanor to put him on third team." Choppy Rhodes was another Nebraska man whom Walsh considered sound All-American material, who failed just by a little of making the grade in comparison with some of the other outstanding players.

Weir, Rhodes, and Hutchison were named on the first mythical All-Valley team chosen by C. E. McBride, sports editor of the Kansas City Star.

Scholz, Husker guard was selected for a guard position on the second team, Stiner, tackle and Pressnell, fullback, on the third All-Valley team of the same writer. McBride reversed the order of tackles as made by Walsh who placed Ed Weir ahead of Lindenmeyer of Missouri. He justifies his choice with the following exposition of Lindenmeyer's prowess. "The greatest tackle Missouri ever has had," said a critic of Lindenmeyer. "This powerful Tiger weighs 195, stands six feet, two, is fleet as a deer and has starred in every game Missouri has played. 'Bigger and faster than Weir and just as aggressive,' writes a Valley coach. Not the Missouri coach, either. 'Big, aggressive, willing, a fair punter and carries the ball well,' is the way another expert passes on Lindenmeyer."

Ed Weir in this writer's opinion suffered from too much All-American publicity, and had the added burden of being captain of the team for two years. Being forced to punt most of the season his spectacular speed down field under punts was missed. "Nailing punt catchers in their tracks was spectacular stuff, but this season nearly all of Weir's showy play has been in pass snatching. But on the inside he has been alert and aggressive all the way and richly deserves his first team rating."

Of Hutchison at center, McBride quotes one expert as saying "One

of the greatest players in the history of Nebraska football," and goes on to say himself:

"One of the greatest players in the history of Nebraska football," writes one expert in regard to Hutchison, the first team center. Only one symptom of weakness is there in the general all-around remarkable play of Hutchison. That is a tendency to pass inaccurately at times. He is a 192-pounder, backs up the line on defense, is a wicked tackler and diagnosing the play of opposition. So keen is this display on the scent of the opposing offensive tactics that occasionally other coaches have believed Nebraska had their signals."

Words of praise are given for Rhodes by the same writer who devotes the following long paragraph

Beginning his career three years ago as an end, John "Choppy" Rhodes has been one of the most consistent stars of Nebraska football. Never since the first game in which he was eligible has Rhodes failed to star. Until this season he has borne the brunt of Nebraska's rushing attack. As a driving, plunging back, the Valley conference in all its history has numbered few better ones. From powerful lines this driving power is generated. Like Jackson of Missouri, Choppy Rhodes is good for three or four yards whenever that distance is needed.

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