

# Cornhusker Gridiron Squad Which

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Frank Mielenz

Those who saw the Kansas bout were impressed with the playing of Frank Mielenz, '27, Stanton, and the way in which he carried the ball for good yardage on line plunges. He finishes his football career for the Huskers this season.



Leroy Lucas

Leroy Lucas, '25, Omaha, was another big youngster from the freshman squad of last year who made good in Varsity competition. He handled a tackle position in a commendable manner and should make a strong bid for regular honors on the 1927 squad.



Glenn Presnell

When yardage was needed the ball was usually given to Presnell, a junior from DeWitt, who could always be depended upon to make substantial gains through the line. Glenn first attracted comment upon this exceptional ability in the Kansas game where he gained more yardage than the entire Kansas squad.



Joe Weir

Playing his third and last year of Varsity competition at an end position, Joe Weir, '27, Superior, has completed a successful and satisfactory undergraduate career on the gridiron. Although simply known as "Ed's" brother in his first Varsity struggles, Joe soon made a name for himself at his wing position. When the outlook was rather dreary for the Huskers in the Kansas Aggie struggle, Joe changed the tide by catching a Husker pass that placed the ball in scoring territory.



Elmer Holm

In an effort to find the best place for the notable defensive and offensive work of Elmer Holm, a big, rawboned youngster from Omaha, he was placed in nearly every position on the squad during the early scrimmages and games. He was finally placed at a guard position, where he made an especially good showing in the New York game. He has two more years on the squad.



Front Row—Left to right: Sprague, Lamm, Mielenz, Roy Mandery, Stephens, Shaner, Burdick, Cameron.  
Second Row—Bronson, Howell, Whitmore, DuTeau, Cameron.  
Third Row—Ed Weir, Black, Oakes, Wilson, Reeves, Carcock, Andrews, Lucas, Stasch, Lindell.  
Back Row—Scherer, Hunt, Pecker, Mullen, Hooper, Schewe, Coach Bearz, Dr. Oliver Evers.



Avar Mandery

Avar Mandery, '27, Tecumseh, played a consistent game in the backfield. He had a scoring punch, was a good interference player, and was strong on defensive work. This was Avar's final season in Cornhusker football.



Victor Beck

Victor Beck, '29, Broken Bow, is another first year backfield man who gained a place on the regular squad and made a good showing, especially on defensive and interference work. Beck will be eligible for two years of action with the Huskers.



Robert Whitmore

Although Bob Whitmore, '28, of Scottsbluff, was the lightest guard on the squad, his aggressive playing drew favorable comment from the coaches in the first game of the season. He has another year of competition and will make a strong bid for another regular position in the line.



Don Lindell

Another first-year quarterback who merited considerable attention was Don Lindell, '28, from Wakarusa, Kans. Don had an opportunity to get into action during the late games of the season, and should make a strong bid for quarterback honors on the 1927 squad.



Arnold Oehrich

Oehrich, regular fullback from Columbus, was an outstanding player on defensive work. His presence in the backfield was a good protection against forward passes. He was capable of making good yardage on line plays, but his interference playing made him a more valuable player in clearing a way for the runner.



Dan McMullen

There may have been a few men that went around McMullen, '29, but there weren't any that went through him. Dan is built low to the ground in a powerful fashion that makes him a bulwark on defense and enables him to slip through the line and grab backfield men before they get under way. Dan was placed on the mythical All-Western team picked by Becker-sall for the Chicago Tribune.



Cliff Ashburn

In early workouts it was evident that Cliff Ashburn, '29, Tilden, was the mate for Stiner at the tackle positions. Cliff played a great game in the Drake clash, his first taste of Varsity contests. An injury in the Missouri game kept him out of the later struggles, but he has two more years of competition.



George Shaner

When Coach Bearz wanted an end that could slip away and grab an unexpected pass he usually relied on Shaner, '28, of North Platte. His scrappiness more than made up for his size. Shaner has another year of competition.



Frank Dailey

When speedy end runs were needed, Frank Dailey, '27, Alliance, was generally called upon to carry the ball. Frank broke away for several good runs and attracted much attention, especially in the early games, during his last year on the Husker field.



Merle Zuver

When Merle Zuver, '28, started the season he aspired to hold down a center position. But in early scrimmages he made such a good showing at offensive work in the line that he was changed to a guard. He will be a likely candidate for that position next year.



Vint Lawson

Lawson is an end man from Omaha, and earned his second football letter this season. He plays the game for all it is worth and made good at a position where the competition was about the keenest on the squad. Early season injuries kept Vint out of several of the Valley contests. He is another one of the numerous end lettermen who will be back on the gridiron next season.



The men, left to right, are: Leo Scherer, head line coach; and Bunny Oakes, head line coach.

## Nebraska Finishes Valley Race Second In Percentage Column--But Successful

By Jack Elliott

Finishing the Valley season of 1926 in second place in the percentage column, and winning more Valley games than any other valley team, the Cornhuskers closed a most successful season. They started off with a win over the Drake Bulldogs which ended with a 21 to 0 count. The next game was a different story and the only Valley defeat for the Scarlet and Cream. The Cornhuskers in their next encounter were victors over the Washington Bears at St. Louis. With "Jug" Brown at quarter and Blue Howell at the half back position, the Nebraska's smashed through for a 20 to 6 victory.

The Kansas Jayhawkers were the next to fall before the onslaught of the Cornhuskers, going down to a 20 to 3 defeat before the driving and ploughing work of Glenn Presnell, who featured the game. Then the Cornhuskers trampled on the Iowans in an easy game which ended 31 to 6. The Ames squad were unable to penetrate the Nebraska wall and resorted to aerial attacks which also proved in vain.

Then in the homecoming game the Nebraskans wrestled a 3 to 0 victory from the Kansas Aggies on a water-soaked field that made impossible any driving attacks by the Nebraska backs. It was in the Kaggie game that Stephens made known his educated toe. New York was the last team to fall before the Huskers, then the Thanksgiving game with Washington closed the season for Nebraska.

Although the Oklahoma Aggies finished in the one thousand percent column, it seems to mean nothing in this case, as they only met four Valley teams, where the majority of teams met six and seven Valley opponents. The Oklahoma Aggies are

given first place in the Valley standing because they did not lose a game this year in the race. Out of their four Valley encounters they turned in three wins, failing to win over the Sooners, but could only tie them 14 to 14.

Take a glimpse of the Oklahoma Aggies' record for the past season of football. The data follows: The Oklahoma Aggies started eight football games this season winning three. They scored seventy-nine points to a total of 114 scored by their opponents. Their record shows four defeats in four combats with outside opponents. The Aggies have won three conference victories and have not been defeated in conference competition, but the record shows that these victories have been registered at the expense of weaker teams in the conference. The best the Oklahoma Farmers could get was a 14 to 14 tie—this with a team that finished fourth in the Valley race.

The Oklahoma Sooners finished the season in fifth place, with a percent standing of 600. They overcame three Valley opponents and lost to two and tied with one. Oklahoma had some stellar players in Roy LaCrone, end, Frank Potts, half back and captain, and "Polly" Wallace, center. Wallace and Norris were given honorable mention by the New York Sun in their All-American eleven.

The Grinnell team ended the season in fourth place with a percent of seven hundred and fifty. Grinnell won three, lost one and tied one for their Valley record. The Pioneers had one of the best teams that they have had in years. Meeter, Pioneer half back, drew the half back position on several All-Valley teams.

The Missouri Tigers, the only Valley team to defeat the Cornhuskers,

finished the season in third place with a percent of 800. The Mizou Tigers lost to the Oklahoma Sooners, (only game to mar their record) and a big upset in the Valley dope bucket. Six Valley teams met the Missouri men in which Missouri scored eighty-eight points and their opponents scoring twenty-six.

The Kansas Aggies who were early season Valley champions went down to defeat before the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Ames Cyclones, finished the season in sixth place with a percent of 500. It was in the Kansas Aggie-Nebraska game that Kansas Aggies were toppled from their position as Valley leaders. Iowa State played more Valley games than any of its valley members meeting seven of the other Valley teams. They finished the season in seventh place with a percent of five hundred—tying with the Kaggies, with three games won, three lost, and one tied.

The Drake Bulldogs finished the Valley season in eighth place with one game to their credit and four on the lost column. The Bulldogs were the Nebraskan's first foe, and went down to a 21 to 0 defeat.

Kansas and Washington were fighting for the cellar position and the Jayhawkers win over the Sooners gave the last position in the Valley standing to the Washington Bears.

Boz Norris, sports editor for the Grinnell Scarlet and Black says that there are many who are displeased with the outcome of the race, since the Oklahoma Aggies are not of championship caliber, and it does the reputation of Missouri Valley football no good to have a champion team beaten four times by non-conference schools, only one of which, Michigan, was a first class team.

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