

Sports Suffer Slump During Period of War

Draft Includes Majority of Athletes; Government Eliminates Trips

LETTERMEN ORGANIZE 'N' CLUB IN 1916-17

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This is the sixteenth chapter of an historical resume of Nebraska athletics which has been compiled by a member of The Daily Nebraskan sports staff. A chapter of this account will appear in each issue of The Daily Nebraskan for the remainder of the school year.

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Athletics at Nebraska took a decided slump during the war-time years but the year of 1917 was not called an unsuccessful season on the Nebraska football field.

One of the most outstanding men of this year's team was Captain Edson Shaw, All-Missouri Valley tackle in 1916 and 1917 and selected as captain of the mythical all-valley eleven. Shaw was one of the chief factors in the Cornhusker football machine of 1917 and the remarkable success of the season. Another outstanding Cornhusker football star was Hugo Otoupalik, who played three years as end on the Nebraska team. Besides being a great gridiron star Otoupalik was national amateur wrestling champion at Nebraska and coached the 1917 and 1918 Husker wrestling team.

John Cook, field general of the Husker football eleven, was another prominent player in 1917. He was one of the best open field runners at Nebraska and his famous 80-yard return of a punt in the Missouri-Nebraska game went down in Nebraska sport history as one of the big plays in Nebraska sportdom. Cook was selected as the All-Missouri Valley quarterback and was given honorable mention in Walter Camp's All-American selection. Ed Kositsky was the third Nebraskan to make an All-Valley team, getting a position as half-back.

Dobson Was Great Fullback
Paul Dobson, Husker fullback and one of the best backs that ever traversed the Nebraska field, was picked by Walter E. Eckersall for his second All-Western team and was picked by C. E. McBride for the All-Valley team. Along with the famous football men at Nebraska the year of 1917 was Harold Wilder, another All-Valley man and the most feared guard in the conference. He refused to wear shoulder pads in the games and his name goes down in history with the many other Cornhuskers who made Nebraska famous for its glorious football eleven.

The team was made up of the following men: Lawrence Shaw, Walter Kriemelmeyer, John Teter, Herbert White, Stanley Henry, Wayne Munn, Edson Shaw, Ted Riddell, Hugo Otoupalik, John Cook, Roscoe Rhodes, Paul Dobson, Harold Wilder, Harold McMahon, Ernest Hubka, Sam Kellogg, Farley Young, Al De-tau.

"N" Club is Organized
The world war put athletic conditions at Nebraska in a poor condition, the draft taking nearly every football man from Nebraska that played on the 1917 eleven.

The "N" club was organized during 1916-1917 by Husker athletes at Nebraska, who had won varsity letters in one or more of the major sports. It was organized under the direction of Dr. Stewart, director of

athletics and head coach at Nebraska. During the war like every thing else the "N" club slumped and most of its members left school. However it was reorganized in 1919 and since then had been one of the main organizations in Nebraska athletics.

Stewart Was Head Coach

In 1919 Dr. E. J. Stewart completed his third year at Nebraska University as head coach. He came to the Husker school from Oregon Agricultural College, where he had won fame for turning out championship teams in football. He placed Nebraska back on her footing as one of the foremost athletic teams in the country. Stewart's policy was to play the best teams in each section of the country, teams with reputations such as Southern California, West Virginia and Syracuse. All these teams were on the Husker schedule during the war but on account of the world conflict these games were cancelled.

"Doc" Stewart had charge of every major sport at Nebraska and directed his teams personally through each season. Most schools had a coach for each individual sport but Stewart coached them all and believed in keeping in close contact with all his athletes and before he left Nebraska for the war, he had won the confidence of all Cornhusker athletes like no other coach ever did before.

Kline Fills Vacancy

In the spring Coach Stewart enlisted with Uncle Sam and was put in charge of athletics at one of the camps in the United States. W. G. Kline was secured to fill his vacancy until his return. Upon the shoulders of "Bill" Kline fell the task of bringing a team out of chaos that the war time conditions had wrought. With Captain-Elect Rhodes in France and five lettermen back with which to mould his team, Coach Kline took the helm of the Husker sports. Paul Schissler was called from Hastings to assist Kline in his task of building a team to represent Nebraska in football.

Captain Ernest Hubka was elected to fill the place as pilot of the war-time Husker team in place of Captain-Elect Rhodes and the team was made up of the following men: Paul Dobson, Elmer Schellenberg, Harry Howard, Richard Newman, Harold McMahon, Roy Lyman, Clarence Swanson, Raymond Jobs, Everett Lamphere, Burch Reynolds, Edward Hoyt, Emmet Ross, Wade Munn, William Lanta, Clarence Cypreanson, Monte Munn.

Freshmen Allowed to Play

Nebraska's 1918 football season was a success despite the fact that the war put things in an uncomfortable position. The most serious loss of all Cornhusker sportdom was the leaving of Captain-Elect Roscoe Rhodes, who was called to Camp Funston in April, 1918. He was killed in action on October 25, 1918.

When the first call was issued in September, sixty men responded to the whistle, among which 30 were freshmen. The ban on freshmen playing football was lifted in the Missouri Valley this year on account of the war. But the blow of the

BULLDOGS CAUSE HUSKERS LITTLE WORRY IN MEET

Nebraskans Easily Outclass Tracksters from Drake in Saturday Tussle

TIMES HAMPERED BY WIND

Cornhusker track and field men had little difficulty in defeating Drake Saturday morning at the Stadium 92 to 38. Wind kept the times down, although Glen Johnson sped through the half-mile in 1:57.4 for the best performance of the morning.

Wyatt finished first and Wirsig third in the 100-yard dash to give Nebraska a lead that was never endangered. Wyatt eased in, in the 220, to let Lowe, sophomore sprinter win. It nearly cost Wyatt third place, Chew of Drake failing by inches to squeeze in between the two Huskers.

Johnson Stars

Johnson and VanLaningham of Drake, put up a great race at the first of the 880, VanLaningham leading to the last curve. Johnson

government when they took charge of Missouri Valley sports and cut the Husker football schedule was the hardest of all. They took the Husker schedule and cut, taking away the West Virginia game and the game with Syracuse. This left the Nebraska team with but one road trip all season, and that to St. Louis to meet Dick Rutherford's Washington Bears on December 7, 1918.

Nebraska Ties Notre Dame

October 5 opened the season with Iowa University, the Husker eleven losing to the Hawkeyes 12 to 0. Kansas was the next team and the Jay-hawkers were defeated by Kline's eleven 20 to 0. Notre Dame was a scoreless tie and the defeat of the Washington eleven closed the season.

"Doc" Stewart came back to Nebraska in time to coach basketball and the Missouri Valley season opened in Iowa with the Husker five cleaning Drake 34 to 13. Grinnell had been taken into the conference and the Husker quintet met the Pioneer five the next night and were beaten by the baby member of the Valley by the score of 24 to 14. Nebraska finished third in the Missouri Valley race, Kansas Aggies getting first and Missouri second.

The track season of 1918 was a very successful one and the Nebraska thirlclads managed to win second place at Kansas City at the Kansas City Athletic club meet, collecting 21 points. Ames was beaten 79 to 35 in a dual meet and likewise Kansas was beaten also 88 to 36. Minnesota and Nebraska met on the track, the Gophers taking the count 70 to 55. The Cornhusker track team won second place in the Missouri Valley meet with 38 points.

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matched stride with him until they came out of the last curve, when the lanky Cornhusker cut loose with a beautiful sprint as he pulled away from the Bulldog runner. VanLaningham completely broke after Johnson pulled away, finishing well to the rear.

Bob Davenport won the 440 handily, but Hobbs of Drake, nosed out Campbell at the finish after a spectacular pick-up on the last straight-away.

Wirsig Off Form

Frank Wirsig couldn't get going in the pole vault and had to be satisfied with a tie for first place at 11 feet 6 inches. Brunk and Carlo, Drake high jumpers, fulfilled expectations. Brunk took the leap event at 6 feet 2 inches, the best mark made at the Stadium since Poor of Kansas and "Hobb" Turner of Nebraska finished collegiate competition.

Huskers cleaned up in the distances, taking first, second, and third in the mile and two-mile, and first and third in the half-mile. Drake had the edge in the hurdles, however, Penquite winning both races. Krause had the edge to the next to the last barrier in the highs but lost out at the finish. He lost his step in the lows but finished an easy second. Penquite showed that he will be hard to beat next week in the valley meet.

Weight Men Have Big Day

It was all Scarlet and Cream in the weights. Ashburn won the shot put with Hurd third. Pospisil, Hurd, and Durisch finished one, two, three in the discus. Almy, Mandary, and James respectively, carried off the first three places in the javelin. Andrews made a leap of 22 feet 11 1/4 inches to win the broad jump with Doty taking second.

The Husker relay team took the

measure of the Bulldogs in a sensational race. Lowe, running lead-off, finished three yards to the rear. "Stew" Campbell picked up half of the distance. Then Frank Dalley collected most of the remaining distance, giving Wyatt the baton almost on a par with Drake. Wyatt battled his way to the pole and increased his lead on the final stretch.

Summary

100-yard dash: Wyatt, Nebraska; Coekayne, Drake; Wirsig, Nebraska. Time: 10.6.

1 mile run: Johnson, Nebraska; Chadderton, Nebraska; Sprague, Nebraska. Time: 4:42.6.

220-yard dash: Lowe, Nebraska; Wyatt, Nebraska; Chew, Drake. Time: 23.3.

16-pound shot put: Ashburn, Nebraska, 44 feet 1 inch; Boettger, Drake, 42 feet 7 3/8 inches; Hurd, Nebraska, 41 feet 6 1/2 inches.

120-yard high hurdles: Penquite, Drake; Krause, Nebraska; Fleming, Nebraska. Time: 16 flat.

High jump: Brunk, Drake, first; Carlo, Drake, second; Page, Nebraska, third. Height: 6 feet 2 inches.

440-yard dash: Davenport, Nebraska, first; Hobbs, Drake, second; Campbell, Nebraska, third. Time: 52.1.

2-mile run: McCartney, Nebraska, and Hays, Nebraska, tied for first; Sprague, Nebraska, third. Time: 10:26.0.

Pole vault: Wirsig, Nebraska, and Dalby, Drake, tied for first; MacVeety, Drake, third. Height: 11 feet 6 inches.

220-yard low hurdles: Penquite, Drake, first; Krause, Nebraska, second; Sherer, Drake, third. Time: 26.3.

880-yard run: Johnson, Nebraska, first; VanLaningham, Drake, second,

Chadderton, Nebraska, third. Time: 1:57.4.
Discus throw: Pospisil, Nebraska, first; Hurd, Nebraska, second; Durisch, Nebraska, third. Distance: 146 feet 6 1/8.
Broad jump: Andrews, Nebraska, first; Doty, Nebraska, second; Myers, Drake, third. Distance: 22 feet 11 1/4 inches.

Javelin throw: Almy, Nebraska, first; Mandary, Nebraska, second; James, Nebraska, third. Distance: 174 feet 8 1/2 inches.

1-mile relay: Nebraska (Lowe, Campbell, Dalley, Wyatt.) Time: 3:30.6.

EXPERT CONFERS WITH FACULTY ON MACHINERY

Prof. H. B. Walker, senior agricultural engineer of the United States Department of Agriculture has just completed his conference visit with the faculty of the agricultural engineering department of the University of Nebraska concerning the research work in farm machinery being

done at the Nebraska Experiment station.
Professor Walker is visiting all of the agricultural experiment stations that are doing experimental work with farm machinery in an attempt to find out the best methods used in this work and investigating the possibilities of such work in the various agricultural engineering departments of the country.

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