

'POWERHOUSE' ENDS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Greatest Team in Recent Years Runs Rough-Shod Over Big Six Opponents to Take Championship Title Of Newly Formed Conference

ARMY GIVES NEBRASKA ONLY GRID DEFEAT

Pittsburgh Players Hold Eleven to Tie Score While Huskers Eke Out One Point Win Over Invaders From Syracuse University

(By Jack Elliott)
Nebraska's scarlet-clad Cornhusker football team just closed a most successful season on the gridiron, one of the best in recent years. The Cornhusker eleven piled up more points during their victory campaign than any other Big Six team and also held their opponents to the lowest score in the conference, allowing but one Big Six eleven to cross the Scarlet goal.

The championship of the Big Six conference was won by Nebraska by virtue of its string of five victories over conference foes. It was the first year in the newly formed conference and it was evident from the opening of the season that the Husker eleven had one of the most powerful elevens in the Middle West. With a backfield composed of such men as Blue Howell, Reb Russell, Clair Sloan, "Dutch" Witte, "Bud" McBride and others, the Huskers inaugurated the season by taking in Iowa State and then on until the "Thanksgiving" battle with the Kansas Aggie Wildcats in the snow, the Huskers clearly demonstrated their prowess in Big Six football circles.

Critics were unanimous in their praise that he Huskers were one of the most outstanding gridiron teams in the entire country. The "powerhouse," as the name given to the Husker backfield, was earned throughout the first of the season as the Scarlet machine mowed down one opponent after another. The age-old rival, Missouri, was the climax of the conference season and it was in this game that the Cornhusker "powerhouse" ploughed down the Black and Gold Tigers from Columbia.

Huskers Open at Ames

Up on State field at Ames, Iowa, the Cornhuskers opened the 1928 gridiron season. It was hot out on the stadium field, that afternoon and the opening game of the season found the Husker eleven a trifle shy on the art of the collegiate game. But the Iowa State eleven was troubled with the same thing and when the referee sounded the end of the opening tilt, Nebraska had fallen in both attempts to make the extra point.

Blue Howell, co-captain of the Cornhusker eleven was the Husker back who ploughed through the Iowa line for repeated gains and victory. Twice the Husker back crossed the Ames line for touchdowns. "Reb" Russell, quarterback, and playing his first year with Nebraska completed the "powerhouse" tactics of the Nebraska eleven. The Husker eleven returned to Lincoln, more experienced than before the trek to Ames. The next game on the nine-game Nebraska schedule was with the Montana Grizzlies from Bozeman and opened the home season for the Nebraska eleven.

Saturday afternoon, October 13, Nebraska lined up against Montana State to show the home folks how the Cornhusker "powerhouse" really looked in battle. Before the game was well under way, it was evident that the Bobcat eleven was no match for the men of Coach Berg. The final count of the game found Nebraska with a 26 to 6 score. Nebraska led 13 to 6 at the end of the opening half but throughout the second period, the Husker eleven tore loose with a powerful offensive attack that could not be coped with by the men from the Rockies. Montana State's score came when Worden, fullback picked up a Nebraska fumble and raced 90 yards for the sole counter of the afternoon for the Bobcats.

Syracuse Gives Battle

Syracuse University was next on the Cornhusker slate and Coach Lew Andreas brought his orange-clad eleven to Nebraska touted as one of the foremost gridiron elevens in the east. Headed by Captain Hal Bayninger, one of the greatest passers in the east, the Syracuse eleven was out to avenge the defeat of the previous year. Here the Cornhuskers were to meet the first real inter-sectional test of the season. The first east-west conflict on the heavy schedule of nine games, as Coach Berg had worked his team into top condition for the Orange game and on October 20 the scarlet-clad Cornhusker eleven took the field against the Syracuse Orange of New York. With their attack built around "Sammy" Sebo and Hal Bayninger, the Orange had swept through three games so far during the season and no defeats.

The Syracuse-Nebraska game had not been under way more than ten minutes when "Dutch" Witte had flipped a sizzling 11-yard pass to Clair Sloan for the first Nebraska score of the game. A perfect kick from placement by Witte put the score 7 to 0 and later proved to be the winning point of the east-west game.

Bayninger to Lewis was the combination responsible for the Syracuse score which came late in the second quarter when a kick was missed bringing the score 7 to 5. This was the final score of the inter-sectional game and Nebraska did not put another game away in the win column.

Ed Cochran officiated the game and called rough penalties on the Nebraska team to cover the length of the gridiron. Time and time again the Nebraska team was penalized for offside, while the dazzling work of "Dutch" Witte also called the twenty-three thousand fans in Memorial stadium. Witte's work was one of the best exhibited on the Husker field all season. He tugged the ball, passed and kicked with the ability of a veteran.

With the Syracuse game put away, Nebraska now prepared for

the greatest conference game on the home schedule, Missouri. For three years, Nebraska had lost to the Tiger and even the game this year found an unbeatable spirit on the Nebraska campus. Beat Missouri was the slogan at every turn on the campus and Coach Berg drilled a Scarlet machine to take the Tiger and win the Big Six conference.

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Howell, Witte, Russell Star
The work of Captain Blue Howell, "Dutch" Witte and "Reb" Russell was the outstanding event of the afternoon. The three Husker backs pounded the Tiger forward wall until the 24 to 0 score was rolled up. "Reb" Russell, 205-pound quarterback on the Husker eleven, pounded and drove the Tiger wall for long gains. Hitting the center of the line was Russell's favorite play and he was the outstanding back of the game. His long drives were sensational and twice during the battle he broke through the Tiger line for 20-yard gains.

It was in the Missouri game that the traditional Missouri-Nebraska trophy was started. Before the game the bell was presented to the Missouri representatives for the victory annexed from Nebraska last season and after the game the bell was returned across the field to the bell until the Cornhuskers journey to Columbia next year.

Jayhawkers Fall Victims

Floundering around on a soggy field, the Nebraska eleven could not seem to get started against the Kansas eleven and twice let the Jayhawkers go through for a first down. But the second half proved that the Huskers were still the mighty team that they were reputed to be. Throughout the second period, the Scarlet and Cream eleven ran through the Jayhawkers at will and piled up a 20 to 0 score and again holding their opponent scoreless. Six wins and no defeats for Nebraska so far during the season.

The next game on the Nebraska schedule was Oklahoma at Norman. It was down in Soonerland that the Huskers piled up the largest score of the season, beating the Sooners 44 to 6. With the Husker offense revolving around Clair Sloan and Captain Blue Howell, the Nebraska tore through the Sooners at will to put their seventh game in the win column. Clair Sloan was by far the outstanding man of the game. The flashy Husker back accounted for ten points during the opening period. He scored from touchdown, dropkick and placekick.

Returning to the Husker camp from Soonerland, the Husker met the powerful and fast Pitt Panthers from Pittsburgh. It was a fluke game played in a downpour of rain and the field was a sea of mud, which made the Husker line driving attack futile. It was the first game of the season that the Nebraska eleven could not get away for a first down. Pitt used the utmost of their football strategy to put across a touchdown and a victor. The final score was 0 to 0 and the first game of the season that the Huskers had not put in the win column.

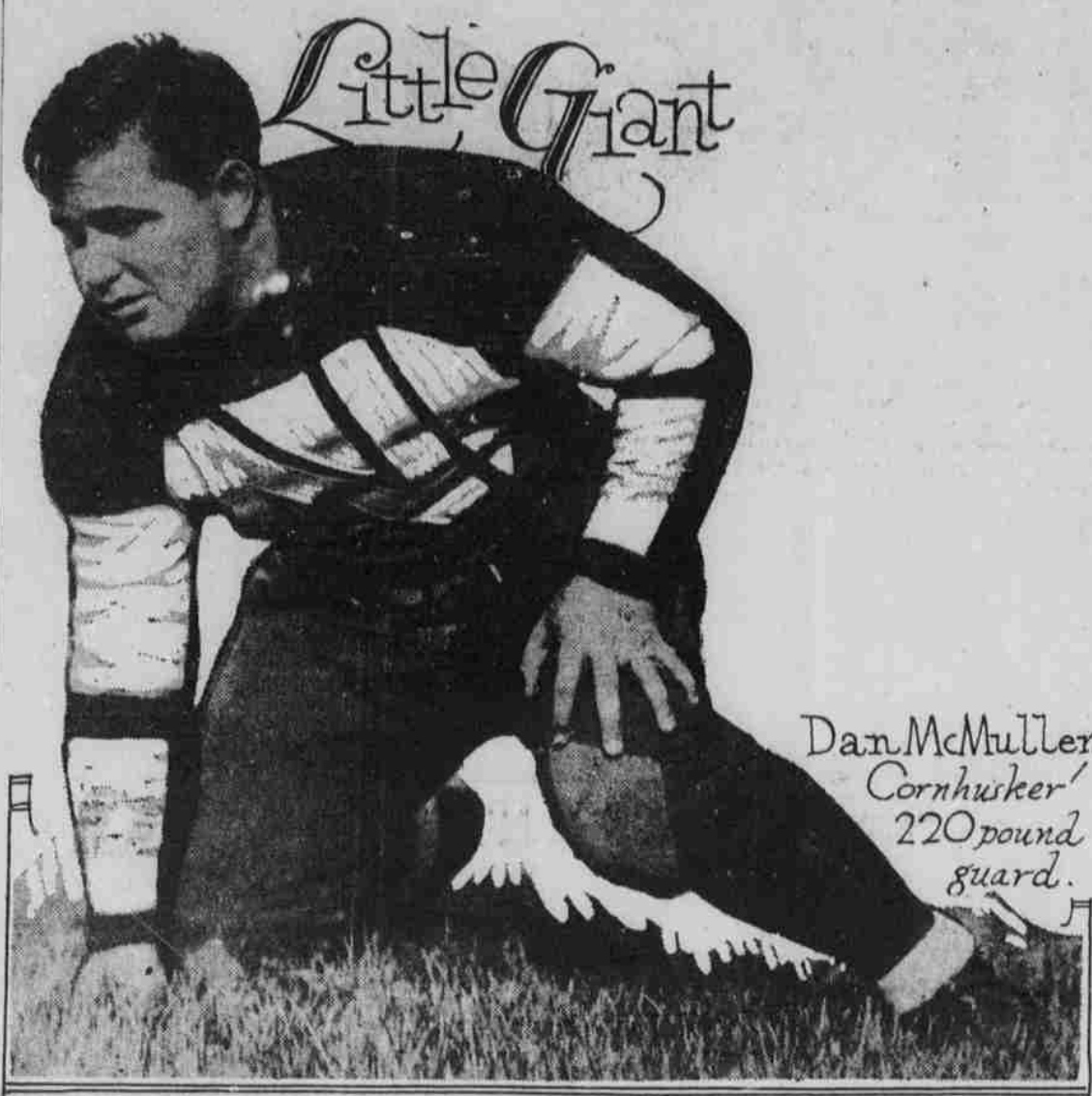
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A new battle on Memorial Stadium field with the Kansas Aggies closed the season for Nebraska. The final score of the game was 8 to 0.

The curtain was down, the 1928 football season was over and the Nebraska Cornhuskers had gone through a most successful campaign on the gridiron, one defeat, one tie and seven victories closed the season for one of the greatest elevens ever turned out at Nebraska.

All-American Guard



Dan McMullen
Cornhusker
220 pound
guard.

Dan McMullen, the most consistent player on the Cornhusker football squad and who has played his last game for Nebraska. McMullen has completed three years of playing with the Cornhusker eleven and this year he was one of the outstanding linemen in the country, receiving honorable mention on many of the All-Star selections of the country.

Dan weighs 215 pounds and is just about as high as he is wide. He played four quarters in every game of the season and only called time out but once for injury. He leaves a place in the Nebraska line that will be hard to fill next fall.

Cheering Section Is Big Success In Second Year Since Conception

Nebraska's cheering section in its second year became one of the leading organized cheering units in the country, being second to none in efficiency and with the doubling of its size over last season, one of the largest.

A total of eight hundred and seventy ardent fans from the Nebraska student body filled in the two other sections on the student side of the mammoth Memorial stadium. Co-eds as well as men students also helped to complete the total of students and formed letters and figures as designed.

Cheering Caps Worn

Cheering section caps in the Cornhusker colors, Scarlet and Cream, were worn by everyone in the section and helped add to the colorful display. Tickets in this section were at a minimum and the members of the student body clamored to buy the tickets.

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CHAUNCEY HAGER ASKS FOR RIFLERS TRYOUTS

Thirteen Registered to Date; Practice Sessions Begin Before Holidays

Chauncey Hager, captain of the 1928-29 Varsity rifle team, is calling for tryouts for positions on the team. Men can try out every afternoon between one and three o'clock. Thirteen have already registered.

Those who have been practicing this last week with the intention of filling a place on the university team were the following: Elton J. Fee, Merrill M. Flood, Chauncey Hager (captain), P. R. Hofferber, Richard A. Kossek, J. P. McKnight, F. G. Summers, F. L. Sundene, M. W. Towell, C. Webster, A. G. Williams, and E. Jerry Swoboda.

Girls' Annual Fun Fest Will Be Gala Affair

"Over thirty matches are to be fired this season. The first group will be fired the week after Christmas vacation so Captain Hager wishes that all students trying out will get as much practice before vacation. Four positions will be fired; prone, sitting, kneeling, and offhand (without sling). One's trying out should register with Sergeant McGimsey at the gallery and turn in to him a target fired in each position. The official N. R. A. target will be used.

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At Oxford Robert David Cohen, of San Francisco, was found underneath a window in his dormitory, from which he evidently had fallen in a fit of dizziness.

GLEE CLUB PRESENTS PROGRAM AT OMAHA

Twenty-Two Men and Girls' Quintet Make the Trip Wednesday Night

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The Cornhusker party is an annual affair for all university girls, and is the only affair of its kind during the year. Prizes are given for the prettiest, most original and funniest costumes. A girls' orchestra provides music for dancing.

New York University—Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Kenneth Elmer Strong, New York university football star, to a musical comedy actress known on the stage as Bella Harrison. Strong is a member of the all-east eleven that is to play an all-west team at San Francisco, Christmas Eve.



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