

# Coaches Hammer Defense in Husker Grid Camp

## BIBLE BARS GATES ON TUESDAY DRILL

### Mentors Stress Blocking, Tackling in Stiff Workout.

Tuesday was a rough day for Coach D. X. Bible's Cornhuskers when they went through a workout that included a long session on blocking and tackling with stress laid on the defensive play. Visitors were once more barred from watching the Huskers on the south practice lot. Wednesday's scrimmage is open to the public.

With a group of stout freshmen serving as dummy ball carriers, varsity backs and ends were put thru a strenuous tackling lesson. The yearlings received some stiff jolts from the hard tackling of the experienced varsity men.

Group work in blocking and tackling was the feature of the linemen's program. Helmets were securely adjusted as Assistant Coaches Lyman, Schulte and Browne pitted the men of the forward wall against one another in blocking, and tackling was confined to the tackling dummies.

**Tackle Berth Uncertain.**

A lively scrap was in evidence for the empty right tackle berth. Fred Shirey, veteran tackler, looks like a sure starter at left tackle, but whether Jack Ellis or Ted Doyle will open at right tackle is the question before the house. Ellis has won one major letter and Doyle has made his minor letter. Doyle is a mite heavier than Ellis, but Ellis can seemingly move faster than Doyle.

Tackle reserves aren't too plentiful or over experienced. Rolyne Boschulte, Bill Doherty, Jack Hutcherson, and Bob Mills comprise the meager stock of tackle supply, which doesn't appear plentiful enough to withstand the offensive onslaught inside and outside tackle that Nebraska's nine grid foes will ultimately offer.

Ken McGinnis is the sole returning veteran in the guard lineup. Either Bobby Mehring or Lowell

English will pair up with McGinnis for the opening game. Mehring will likely get the call, as English is on the mend from a recent rib bruise, but should see plenty of action. English holds nearly a 25 pound weight advantage over Mehring.

Anxious to see game action in the doubtful left guard berth are Gus Peters and Perry Franks, smaller men but prepared to fill the position quite capably. Three sophomores—George Seeman, Paul Baumann and Ed Sauer—are also promising guard candidates.

With Les McDonald as game captain for the Ames tilt and playing his regular left end post, either Virg Yelkin or Elmer Dohrmann will start at the opposite wing. Since tall Elmer's recent injury, Yelkin looms as the natural right end starter. Paul Amen and John Richardson are prepared to step in for McDonald and Lloyd Grimm, Jack Mercier, Ken Shindo and Bernie Smith are additional flank reserves.

Center Charley Brock looks like the only sophomore who will start. Bob Ramey and Bob Ray, two more sophomores, are well equipped to substitute for Brock. Ramey has been giving Brock a run for his position and should see considerable game action this fall.

## SOONER GRIDSTERS BEGIN SCRIMMAGES IN CHILLING RAINS

### Coach 'Biff' Jones Pleased With Work of Squad in Early Drills.

NORMAN, Sept. 23.—Pelted almost every day by cold rain, Maj. Lawrence "Biff" Jones' Oklahoma Sooners are sliding thru the mud in daily scrimmage against a brownly eager squad of freshmen and are handling the wet ball pretty well for boys who have just been out nine days.

The Sooners open the 1936 season against Coach Vic Burt's Tulsa university aggregation at Norman Sept. 26. The "Golden Hurricane," Missouri Valley conference co-champions last year, will shoot a world of forward and lateral passes in the inaugural of the "Aerial Circus" offense, which Coach Hurt learned last year as assistant coach of the Rose Bowl Southern Methodist team.

Major Jones is expecting to see the air blue with Tulsa passes and has concentrated on forward pass defense. However most of his time has been spent burnishing the strong running game Oklahoma had last year.

In scrimmage against the freshmen this week and the Sooners were clicking despite the mud. With Bill Bredend hitting off guard and tackle on vicious splinters and Jackie Bauer running cleverly off reverses, the first team began Thursday's workout by driving 75 yards to a touchdown on the first ensuing play. Elmo "Bo" Hewes, rangy right wing-back, whipped 81 yards thru the muddy Bermuda for a score off a reverse, crossing and running beautifully behind the deadly blocking of Al Corrotto, and Connie Ahrens.

Major Jones' first string lineup for this scrimmage included Walter Young and Herb Mathers, guards; Jack Reaves and Ralph Brown, tackles; Fred Ball and Ahrens, guards; William "Red" Conkright, center; Corrotto, front back; Bauer and Hewes, wingbacks; and Bredend, tailback.

The Sooner third string, a much greener aggregation, then took the field and although the freshmen resisted stubbornly, managed to wheel down the sodden turf to one touchdown with Woodrow Huddleston, 165 pound, Indian triple threat, running and passing well. However the feature of this set-to was the sharp tackling of Buck Simms, a freshman back from Henryetta, Tex., who once nailed the varsity ball lugger five times in a row from his position as defensive halfback.

### Lorenzo Dow Receives Appointment to Ohio Geography Department

The department of geography has been notified that C. Lorenzo Dow who took his doctor of philosophy degree at the University in 1933 has been elected to a professorship in geography at the University of Ohio, and has already entered upon his new duties. During the past three years, Dr. Dow has been chairman of the department of geography at the Clarion, Pennsylvania State Teacher's college.

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## Ball Bearing BY Ed Steeves

From all appearances it looks as though the bucket brigade may as well turn out this year and set their vessels under the respective coaches of the country to save this land from a severe inundation of tears. Already the ether is laden with mentor's wails of weak teams, anemic centers, fragile tackles, and what have you. The competition this year is seemingly not between the grooming elves, but between the tonsil lustiness of their guardian coaches.

Last spring as the flowers had stopped blooming, tra la, an identified roster of the Huskers was published along with the 1936 schedule. The latter included the usual array of the countries finest grid blood, plus an addition of Indiana, a fine Big Ten aggregation. The former gave such bright prospects that an instantaneous chatter broke out like rain. Everyone was telling everyone else of the world beaters coming up in the Scarlet camp.

Twelve lettermen so primed the Husker mind that already 9,500 season tickets have passed over the counter, not including the student sale to be instigated this week. Three-fourths of all single admissions for the Pittsburgh game have been exhausted. This alone is a criterion of the confidence in the Bible boys, for no one has ever seen a Nebraska fan with the urging desire to barter for a ticket to a game of certain defeat. Few are the crying towels found by the stadium cleanup men after games on the Husker side.

With dimmer prospects last year only 8,200 season books were sold all season. But now, buoyed to a pinnacle higher than the roof to a rumbly seat due to our 186 pound backfield and our 200 pound line, we are suddenly down by the pessimistic pen of Coach Bible and staff.

"The fans have no cause to get so optimistic of an undefeated schedule," quoth Bible, "the boys have a good chance to lose three games."

The trio of bad spots were not divulged so we are left to draw our own conclusions. If any are to be lost, we will name Minnesota, Pittsburgh and Indiana. The latter gets the nod due to its location on the slate. This, if you will notice, follows the Gopher entanglement, which should, unless the cat ravel's mother's knitting, produce much exhaustion.

The majority of opinions of last Saturday's scrimmage was smooth play, but Bible's was, "everybody was lousy; there was no snap to our plays, and many of the men did not know their assignments."

The only injury of the practice last pay day was a chest injury to Lowell English, which proved to be of the minor type.

The staff furthers its convictions with the glum statement that the team is not as far advanced as last year. Something was said to the effect that the mental processes were not so abundant this year, at least so far as gridding tonsil to tonsil with the running tonsil to tonsil with our own mentor is Bernie Bierman of the Minnesota Gophers. His latest wall runs along thusly: "This is the poorest Minnesota team I have coached yet." He claimed he was not yet ready for Washington as he stepped to the platform of the train, for Andy Uram his best halfback was limping and Earl Svenson, center; Bob Weld, guard; Bob Reed, end; and one other man were under team physician Geo. Hauser's care.

All we can say is this—our hopes are still riding the crest after watching the big, powerful Scarlet eleven go thru its paces night after night and we sincerely hope that the many cash customers do not get cartocha of the knees and strap their change purse to a six foot pole or ask John the Seizeck to return the down payments. We believe that "mentor's mourning" is highly contagious and pathogenic, that Bernie Bierman is a potent carrier, and that—in brief—it don't mean a thing, this pessimism.

### CYCLONE LINE MEN TWO INCHES TALLER THAN TEAM'S BACKS

AMES, Ia., Sept. 22.—If the Iowa State College football squad can be taken as a typical example, line men are on an average nearly two inches taller than their teammates in the backfield.

The average height of the 30 Cyclone candidates for the forward wall is just 6 feet, while the 12 backfield candidates average only 5 feet 10 inches.

Furthermore, 20 of the 30 line candidates are 6-footers, while only five of the 15 backs equal the 6-foot mark. To Oscar Baerenwald, Sioux Falls, S. D., sophomore tackle, goes the honor of the tallest Cyclone, while Russell Coundriff, Gary, Ind., veteran guard, is the "shorty" of the squad. Baerenwald is 6 feet 4, while Coundriff is just 5 feet 1-2.

### VEENKER DEMANDS BURST OF SPEED, BETTER BLOCKING

AMES, Ia., Sept. 22.—"We must develop more speed and better blocking," Coach George F. Veenker said after he had viewed his Iowa State College Cyclones in a

## Huskers' Biggest Frosh Athlete



Freshman Rudy Becker of Schuyler, standing with Frosh Grid Coach Ed Weir, stands out as the biggest yearling yet to report for workouts in the Cornhusker stadium. Becker is 6 feet 4 and sends the scales up to the 245 pound mark. He's 22 and plays tackle. Track Coach "Pa" Schulte is looking him over as a shot put prospect.

## Bible Reviews Grid Calendar With Enthusiastic Optimism

### Husker Coach Lauds Players Of Players in Alumnus

"As long as the Cornhuskers attempt this type of a schedule, the thetic friends of our institution may well expect interesting games and sometimes the final results may not be to our liking. However, competition with teams of the caliber Nebraska has been meeting the past few years, I believe challenges the best that is in our athletes, followers and coaches. Therefore, it is with a spirit of optimism the varsity sets itself to the task of preparing for the 1936 football campaign."

Thus, Coach D. X. Bible expresses himself to Husker graduates in an article titled "Earliest Optimism" in the September issue of the Nebraska Alumnus regarding the representative nine-game football program scheduled for this fall.

**Lauds Cornhusker Spirit.**

Lauding the Cornhusker squad for their pre-season enthusiasm, Coach Bible writes: "This splendid spirit of the Nebraska squad was reflected in the excellent response to the first practice call. Forty-three boys were invited back of a full-time intra-squad scrimmage Saturday afternoon."

And the development of these weaknesses was begun in earnest as the Cyclone mentor sent his men through long workouts Monday morning and night. Several of the Cyclones were limping about the field with slight injuries that will keep them out of scrimmages for a day or two.

Complete satisfaction with the cyclone passing attack was expressed by Coach Veenker, who proclaimed it as better than last year's aerial thrust. He was especially well pleased with the passing of Everett Kischer, Albert City, sophomore, whose tosses were both accurate and easy to catch. Elwin Snell, Mason City, quarterback for the first team, George Bazik, Gary, Ind., second string signal-caller, and Charles Heilman, Fort Dodge, sophomore end, looked great on the receiving end.

With classes at Iowa State beginning today, practice sessions will be reduced to one afternoon drill daily. Since Sept. 19 the Cyclones have toiled through 2-hour drills on the practice field both afternoon and morning to get in perfect physical condition for their opening game with Iowa State Teachers on State Field at Ames Saturday.

**TOPPING SHOWS TRAVEL EXHIBITS TO CAMERA CLUB**

Showing 3,000 feet of film recording travels thru Japan, China, Egypt, France and England, E. W. Topping, world traveler, featured the year's first meeting of the Lincoln Camera club, held Tuesday evening in Merrill hall.

Mr. Topping also displayed a number of colored prints. Twenty prints which the club has exhibited in other cities were shown.

Plans for another meeting will be announced at a later date.

## ED WEIR SHAPES FROSH GRIDSTERS FOR VARSITY TILT

### 110 Aspirants Enter Last Rehearsals for Mix With Regulars.

Faced with the difficult and almost impossible job of picking the linemen, out of the squad of 110 candidates who will be most likely to stand up under the attack of the varsity Saturday, Sept. 26, in the annual freshman-varsity game, Coach Ed Weir has almost decided to turn the job over to someone else and start work immediately on a book called "Why Freshman Coaches Go Nuts."

With only three more drills on schedule before the varsity game and with everything and every position still wide open to those capable of filling them, Weir anticipates plenty of changes and a good deal of shapup during the next two or three days of practice, and is hoping to be able to give every one of the 110 aspirants an equal chance of being on the starting lineup Saturday.

**Names Possible Starters.**

In the session held last night Weir used the following lineup quite frequently and seemed pleased with the showing it made. This team included Bob Kahler, Grand Island, and Bert Cramer Superior at ends; Warren Alfson, Wisner, and Rudy Decker, Schuyler, at tackles; Adna Dobson, Lincoln, and Leland Yant, Wauneta, at guards; and Robert Burruss, Omaha, and Bob Moody, Omaha, alternating at the center position. In the backfield Otto Huebner, Glenwood, Iowa, was directing the plays at quarterback, Rusty Bradford, Mitchell, and Jim Mather, Arapahoe, were at the halfback positions; and Marvin Koller, a newcomer who has been outstanding in the opening drills, was performing at the fullback post.

Standouts among these boys are Bradford, an all-state back from Mitchell, who has been going at full speed since the first session; Decker, a 6 foot 4 inch 245 pound tackle from Schuyler, who seems to be headed for a big season; and Dobson, the 190 pound guard from Lincoln, who is almost certain of a starting berth Saturday.

**No Hard Scrimmages.**

Several teams were used during the practice and all the possible combinations were tried. However, no hard scrimmage has been held as yet and until there has been it will be impossible to uncover the best eleven, states Weir.

One of the outstanding things

about this year's team is that there are a great many likely boys who have never had hold of a football until they checked out a suit as a Cornhusker this fall. This means that it will take a lot of drilling on fundamentals and basic plays before these gridsters will be seasoned enough to be able to qualify for a position on a regular team.

When asked of the possible starting lineup of Saturday's game Weir said that every position was still wide open and that he would not know definitely until the game had started. He also stated that he would probably use four or five complete teams during the battle in order to give everyone a little experience.

### FROSH ENGINEERS ASKED TO ATTEND OCTOBER MEETING

All freshmen taking chemical engineering are invited to the first meeting of the Chemical Engineering society which will be held about the first week in October, the exact date will be announced later. Purpose of the organization is to get the chemistry students interested in the practical side of chemical engineering.

The society's meetings are usually held about once a month in the lecture room of chemical hall, officers pointed out. At the meetings a speaker is usually invited from some industry in which chemical engineering plays an important part. Occasionally members of the chemistry department faculty give the address.

In the spring the society has charge of the chemistry department's display on Engineers' Night. Membership fees are \$1.00 per semester.

Officers are elected at the close of every semester. At the election last spring, William Reichardt was elected president, Donn Grono vice president, Harold Hafner, secretary and treasurer, and Miller Sidwell publicity manager.

### ELY'S GRIDSTERS GET INITIAL TEST IN KEARNEY FRAY

Coach Lawrence Ely's "B" gridsters will get their first taste of competition when they meet Pop Klein's Kearney Teachers. The squad leaves Friday noon by bus and will return that night, thus enabling some of the performers to take part in the Freshman-Varsity game Saturday.

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