



SPORTS

SPORT NOTES

By Norman Harris

Coch Wilbur Knight, Nebraska baseball tutor, has put a rather premature start to the Huskers' 1938 baseball season by getting under way this week. Husker baseballers have had very disheartening seasons the last few years, with the result that Mr. Knight desires to put a better trained, more homogeneous, as far as playing together is concerned, team on the field when spring games roll around.

Baseball, perhaps the greatest of all sports, when speaking of generalities and not collegiate angles, has failed miserably in colleges, especially throughout the middle west. Even 10 cents sports novels, containing thousands of collegiate baseball stories haven't been able to impress upon the minds of that intellect that does read the magazine, that baseball should be an important collegiate game.

Truthfully, the reason back of the dismal failure of collegiate baseball is student interest and lack of emphasis upon it by collegiate athletic departments. The Daily Nebraskan last semester made a Herculean attempt at trying to get fans out to games, but who in the hell ever heard of "baseball" in college?

Surely a dearth of material for fans is not the reason for the failure, for Nebraska has had players scouted by major league teams, so have other Big Six schools. Surely there is enough color in the actual playing of the game to attract fans for proof of that is shown clearly by the enormous numbers of fans who see games and the many who play baseball.

Athletic departments do not concentrate on baseball simply because it does not draw crowds, thereby, prohibiting any real gain from the game. Unethical, of course, but probably sound business. However, baseball players are never sought out and asked to come to school. It's an admitted fact that Nebraska does want good football players and basketball or track men, even tho they do not subsidize. Subsidization is a pretty serious accusation and should never be cast at a university unless there are loads and tons of proof to back it up.

The fact remains, however, that we do not seek good high school baseball players, and high schools (Continued on Page 4.)

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Husker Guns Set for Gopher Kill

Biff Polishes; Injured Brock Takes Lead

Injury-Riddled Team Shapes Up for Fray

Only one more practice left before the Minnesota game, and Biff Jones' proteges were sweating hard, polishing their offensive and defensive departments yesterday afternoon, looking probably the best they have looked so far in practice.

Out of suit, performing duties in dummy scrimmages, were Edsel Wibbels, Wolbach soph, with a slightly turned ankle; Bill Callahan, still bothered with a muscle bruise, Dodd, senior halfback, was in the infirmary with an infected instep, not reported as serious, however.

Charlie Brock, burly center, reported back in suit and took part in active scrimmage and defense practice, intercepting several frosh passes and playing bangup ball. Halfback Worrall, ridget who has been hobbled by an ankle injury since last week, reported in suit, but did not participate in active scrimmage.

Cather Looks Good.

First part of the session was devoted to passing, punting and fundamental drill. Then the Biffer split the squad into two units of two teams each, sending one to one end of the field to scrimmage freshman teams, running Minnesota plays. The two teams at the other end of the field spent their time running Nebraska plays over frosh defenders. Looking his best so far, little Bud Cather, 155 pound Lincoln halfback, caught several nice passes from the arm of George Parker. Thurston Phelps, apparently back in condition after a siege with a lame shoulder, was shooting rifle passes to ends and backer.

Lineups yesterday were as follows:

First String	Second String
Grimm	Seeman
Mills	Gostowski
Pfeiff	Hermann
Brock	Burruss
Dobson	Alfon
Belm	Schwartzkopf
Bob Kahler	Shindo
Phelps	Porter
Petich	Cather
Ploek	Robrig
Callahan	Wibbels
Third String	Fourth String
Prochaska	Kahr
Neprud	Knirkrehn
Klum	Lomax
Meier	Riser
Muskum	Iverson
Royal Kahler	Hitchcock
Ashburn	Schlescheit
Hopp	Knight
Luther	Niemberger
Thompson	Worrall
Anderson	Simmons

On one play, a backfield ball handler dropped the ball behind

the line, Arlo Klum scooped it up and ran down the field through the frosh defense and, as he was about to be tackled, laterated to Vernon Neprud, 235 pound tackle who caught the sphere and continued on down.

Stop Gopher Plays.

Spirit in the camp was at a high pitch, with "Beat Minnesota" the watchword of every play and every action. Frosh plays, given them by W. H. Browne, were stopped for the most part, with, however, a few of the plays getting through the varsity defenders.

Bob Luther, Cambridge halfback, still being worked on by the Biffer, hasn't shown much promise of correcting his butter fingered habits of looking for his holes before he takes the ball from center. His open field running is swell, in fact his whole game is, once he gets that ball tucked away safely. As usual, Marv Ploek looked good, along with Mills, Pfeiff and Brock.



The Jones Boys

BY JEAN A. WOLF.

When the call for freshman football players was issued in the fall of 1936, 116 men reported. Among these frosh hopefuls was a bushel basket of little town "big shots." From one of these little jerk water towns came a blonde curlyhead—Bob Luther.

Bob's rise was fast, and now, about to make the Minnesota trip, he is one of the Biffer's outstanding Sophomore backs. He is a hard hitter on offense, and is a deadly tackler on defense. One of

the fastest backs on the major's squad, Bob delights in outrunning his opponents.

Luther is an even 6 feet tall, and weighs 180 pounds. Born in 1918, he is now 20 years old. He has a collar size of 15, (which fact must be seriously noted because he is the D. U.'s "white collar man").

Bob is certain to be one of the stabled men on the team this year due to his fraternity training. He has three years of competition, this being his first year on the varsity. Luther said he would be grateful to the Biffer even to go to Minnesota, because he could then at least see some of his relation. I imagine they are blonde also.

Seriously Bob is one of the major's bright lights this year, and is already "steaming up" in preparation to mark his way across the markers of Nebraska's football history.

Poultry Association Hears Prof. Filley

Professor H. C. Filley, of the agricultural college, spoke to members of the Nebraska Poultry association when they held their fourth annual meeting in Lincoln, Tuesday afternoon.

Professor Filley's topic was "Economics of Competition in the Hatchery Business."

Weir Advises Tracksters To Workout

Cinder Athletes Should Prep for Indoor Season

Head Track Coach Ed Weir reports that all track and field men should take advantage of the excellent weather conditions prevailing to get in a few ticks at conditioning and practice work before formal indoor track practice is opened.

Cross country team candidates have been working out under Weir's supervision since the beginning of school, prior to the selection of the squad to run the first meet against Iowa State, the day of the football game with the Cyclones.

The day of the Indiana game will find the Husker cross country team pitted against Kansas State's Wildcat squad. After this meet, the runners will meet Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri at those respective schools on the days of grid clashes.

The conference meet will be held at Missouri the same day of the Iowa football game, Nov. 19.

Conditioning and endurance runs have been the activity for the most part for cross country candidates, many of them turning in from 12 to 15 laps per night.

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