

Huskers Mix-it-up in Lengthy Skirmish

Biff Sets Gridders In Action

Athey, Bradley, Metheny and Debus Are Leaders in Hour, Half Practice

BY BOB MILLER.

"Scrimmage today" was the word passing around the Husker dressing room Saturday afternoon while shoulder pads, hip pads and helmets were being donned in preparation.

And scrimmage it was, for after the Biffer had sent the grid-ers thru some calisthenics, pass practice and play running he sent his first team out to do battle with the third team.

Given the ball on their own 30 the first did battle and Marvin Athey, the sophomore quarterback from Wauneta, was in the driver's seat. His first act was to connect by the aerial route with Dale Bradley for 10 yards and then for 20 yards.

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COACH DEWEY LUSTER

Dewey Luster Takes Charge

Line Presents Problem; Backfield Speaks for Self

NORMAN, Okla., Sept. 20.—A brilliant backfield operating behind an average line, that's the way Mentor Dewey "Snorter" Luster's Oklahoma Sooner first eleven lines up as it hurries to ready its attack for the Oklahoma Aggie opener here Sept. 27.

Oklahoma's mercury-gear backfield combination equals any in the nation for speed and deception. Carrying the pigskin for the Sooners in the seasonal opener will be Marvin Whited, 190-pound senior fullback and blocker; Orv Mathews, 162-pound slippery quarterback; Jack Jacobs, 185-pound triple-threat tailback; and Joe Colding, 175-pound sophomore wingback.

Line Lacks Experience. The Sooner starting line this fall lacks the excellent material of the famed Sooner forward walls of 1937-38-39. Line tutor Lawrence "Jap" Haskell has been using Dub Lamb, a junior who played behind Bill Jennings last year, and Soph Jim Tyree at ends, Roger Eason and Howard Teeter at tackles, Ralph Harris and Mitch Shadid at guards, with lanky Max Fischer at center.

A real challenge to the Sooner coaching staff's talent is development of the second team line. The second team line includes five men who didn't see action last year, Tackles Plato Andros and Chad Vallance, Guards Clare Morford and Dick Beopple and Center Jack Marsee.

Work on Defense. Having devoted the first week's practice to improving the Oklahoma striking power, Coach Luster and his staff have been concentrating more on improving the defense instead of the already-competent offense. Oklahoma was a mediocre defensive club last season with a distressing habit of buckling late in the game to opponents with an abundance of reserve power. It's Coach Luster's problem to develop a competent line. The backfield can take care of itself.

two good plunges by Blue, a second pass like the first and then Blue rushed 12 yards to score. Debus Makes Conversions. Debus converted both times. The firsts were recalled and within a few seconds had run across two more touchdowns with Francis gaining 35 yards in three plays. Wayne Sindt dented the scoring column on a five yard reverse. Francis took the ball and went the 25 yards needed for the second touch. When the fourths tried stopping the seconds, they found Blue and Debus too much for them with Blue carrying it most of the way and Debus tallying on a 16 yard sweep.

To gain the 25 yards for the second touchdown, Metheny called Blue twice for 22 yards and Debus for three yards and a score.

Defense and offense alike showed marked improvement in the fray and coaches' humors also were on the upgrade as another result.



MARVIN ATHEY

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FRED METHENY



WAYNE BLUE

Courtesy of Lincoln Journal. Francis take the pigskin thru the middle for 12 yards. When Vike deposited the ball, it was but four yards from the goal and Athey took it over on a quarterback sneak.

Vike Lights Out. The ball was brought back to the 30 again and Vike hit his right tackle for 11 followed by an Athey to Ludwick pass good for 20 yards. Athey next showed his sprinting prowess around his own left end going for 20 yards and falling yards short of the goal.

This time Bradley took it over with a plunge off tackle for four yards and a touch. On both touches, Francis' kick for the extra point was good.

Metheny Leads Seconds. These two teams were given a breather and the seconds and the fourths paraded out. On the first play from their own 30, Fred Metheny dropped a pass into Howard Debus' arms and the former Lincoln high athlete galloped 60 yards untouched to score.

On the next exchange, Debus tossed to Metheny for 23 and then Wayne Blue crashed thru and made 15 yards in several tries. A pass, Metheny to Kathol, netted the seconds 15 yards and Metheny's end sweep was good for all of 18.

Blue finally carried the fourth team across three yards to score. To score the next touchdown, the second team used Hansen, Debus, a pass from Metheny to Debus,

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