

The DAILY NEBRASKAN

Injury Jinx Finally Halted

... Regulars Back

Nebraska's varsity grid eleven, beaten five times in the last five starts, has finally overcome the injury bugaboo.

The Husker team will be at full strength against Iowa U. here Saturday when Allen Zikmund, injured in the Minnesota game, and Herb von Goetz, incapacitated since the Indiana fray, return to active duty.

Zikmund Adds Speed.

Zikmund's return to the Husker backfield should add speed to the Husker running attack. The Ord blond's defensive work also missed Saturday against Pitt. Von Goetz, who adds weight to the line, looked like a definite comer in the early frays.

Wayne Sindt, Naponee halfback received the only Husker injury in the Pitt game. Sindt, who had the top backfield rushing average, bruised his side but should be active against the Iowans.

The University of North Carolina, although an institution of the state, did not receive state appropriations for nearly 100 years after its founding.

The Sports Mill

By Bob Miller

Not since 1658 or some year equally remote has a football crop shown greater possibilities and less actualities than the Huskers, 1941 vintage, have exhibited. There must be a reason for this and we have endeavored to figure it out. Five losses in a row! Ouch, that begins to hurt everyone concerned and we have developed our theory to explain it.

When a team loses five straight games there is going to be the invariable statement, "It must be the coach." Right here we would like to nip this in the bud as quickly as possible. We have been on hand at all but a very few of the practice sessions this fall and consequently we have been able to see what has been happening. Injuries, ineligibles, tough breaks have all conspired to send them down the losing trail. It has not been any lack of coaching skill, experience or anything connected with the coaching staff and the sooner that all of this talk blows over the better it will be. Jones has turned in some good football teams at the Husker institution.

Consider the Record.

In 1937, the Biffer's first year here, he started with a bang by defeating a vaunted Minnesota team, 14-9. Other wins that first season were turned in at the expense of Iowa State, Missouri, Indiana, Iowa U., and Kansas State. The only loss was to Pittsburgh

and two other contests against Kansas U. and Oklahoma ended in ties. That was his first year here.

The next season started off with a loss to Minnesota and at that time, the sports writers knew that there would be a poor season due to the loss of such a number of the preceding year's seniors. The sophomores did their best but ended up with only three marks in the win column as opposed to five in the loss section with one tie. In 1939, the juniors showed that their sophomore year had taught them a lot as they steamed through for seven wins, one loss and one tie. The loss was to Missouri and the tie with Indiana. Three were wins over Minnesota and Pittsburgh in the seven. No one said anything about the coach then.

Last year was the same with eight wins and one loss credited to the Huskers. A bowl bid was in the offing also when the 1938 sophomore team were seniors. This year comes another sophomore team into the line-up. They are having reverses but are showing the kind of stuff that leads to bowl bids. They have to have the right kind of support however or this cannot be accomplished. If all of the knockers would think of one thing they would be all right. It takes a lot to back a losing team because anyone can support a winner.

Experience Counts.

Another factor that contributes to the losses besides having a lot of inexperience in the ranks is the injury jinx. Not for a long time has a Husker team been riddled with so many injuries. Kathol with his broken leg, Zikmund with an injured kidney, von Goetz with a collapsed lung, Ludwick with a bad ankle along with Athey, Herndon out for a time with a shoulder and leg injury, Simmons out with a broken cheek bone and then with a torn knee-joint, Abel was limping for two contests. Vike Francis becoming ineligible didn't help the cause any besides.

With all these things taken into consideration, they have been putting out to the best of their ability and have sacrificed in an attempt to put a winning team on the field. Nobody can ask for more.

Iowa Comes Forth at Full Strength Here

... Saturday

Immediately following the face-off with Pitt, Nebraska began to make plans for the tussle on tap in Memorial Stadium next Saturday when Iowa university's Hawkeyes come here to do battle with the Huskers.

Getting off to a slow start, the Hawkeyes in the last two weeks have come to life, coming to life in the last half of their game with Indiana's Hoosiers to take a 13-7 decision. Last weekend, the boys from Iowa City soundly thumped their Big Ten conference opponent Illinois, to the tune of 21-0.

Farmer Shows Off.

Main sparkplug in the Hawk revival to date has been Junior Halfback Tom Farmer who figured in all 21 of the points chalked up against the Illinois team. Pitching two scoring aeriels to Junior End Bill Parker, Farmer scored the last touchdown on a short smash after setting the pins with a 36 yard sprint, adding each of the point after touchdown to his scoring total by placements.

An understudy of Nile Kinnick, 1939 wonder-boy, Farmer is flanked in the backfield by such standouts as Senior fullback Bill Green, and Quarterback Al Coupee, who both saw service with the '39 squad.

Seniors Have Memories.

Other seniors who carried over from the great team Coach Eddie Anderson fielded two autumns ago include three 200 pounders: Tackles Jim Walker and Bob Otto, and Center-Captain Bill Diehl, who alternates with Senior George Frye at the pivot post. The magic of Anderson, as illus-

trated by the Indiana and Illinois games, and the unusually long afternoon the Hawkeyes gave Minnesota's mighty Gophers Saturday will call for much attention on the part of the Biffer and all the Jones boys, come next Saturday.

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At noon Wednesday the Union will sponsor a forum luncheon with the lecturer. The discussion will be held in parlor X. All students and faculty members are invited to attend provided they make reservations in the Union office before 10 a. m. Wednesday. The cost per plate will be 45 cents.

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