

The Sports Mill

By Bob Miller



Echoes Are Dying.

With the exception of a few games that will be played this week and the bowl games that will be played on the first day of the new year, the 1941 session of gridiron wars is now past history. Looking back, it has been a rather disastrous one for many teams, Nebraska included in the lot. There are fewer teams on the elite roll of the undefeated this year than in many years previous.

Gophers on Top.

Topping the list of the undefeated and untied is Minnesota, national champions. The Gophers were picked by every system as the top team in the nation and boast a record that consists of eight wins with nary a loss. Also on the list of major teams with the same record are Duke, Duquesne and Notre Dame, a tie marks the Irish record, and these teams have proven that they are national leaders. Midland and Kearney, both Nebraska colleges, were listed with the previous teams for neither team has bowed in defeat.

Thompson at End.

Speaking of the Gophers, the Minnesota aggregation paid a high tribute to a Husker lineman at the end of their season. Marvin Thompson, 171 pound end, was the player. In the Gopher contest, Marv stood out with his precision tackling which was good enough to be pointed out by most of the Minneapolis papers following the game. Bernie Bierman singled Thompson and Wayne Blue out as the individual standouts of the day. As is the custom at the end of the season, the Minnesota team goes into a huddle and out of the huddle comes an all-opposition team. At the end spot was Marv Thompson and at the other wing was Bob Motl of Northwestern. Quite an honor considering it was his first start of the season.

Remember Him?

George Sauer, former All-American fullback at Nebraska and now a coach at New Hampshire, was accorded a place on the All star East-West A team, a team that was composed of the best players to perform in the California classic for all time. The team was chosen by the members of the northern California football writers association. Sauer was a member of the 1934 team and was the standout in that year.

Lack of Color.

Major Jones hit the nail on the head when he said that the Rose Bowl game between Oregon State and Duke would not be as notable as it might have been had the Oregon school chosen Missouri. The midwest far surpasses the east in color and on top of that the Duke coach, Wallace Wade is definitely not liked on the west

coast. His Alabama team was not the right team for the Bowl game back in 1931 and Wade bore the brunt of the sports scribes' attack. He took quite a beating and for that reason has been berided ever since. It seems that after he had shipped his team into the California district some days before the game, and the western scribes were all primed for fireworks in the shape of scrimmage and so forth. The fireworks failed to come and all that Wade could do was let his team stretch their muscles. This gave the scribes a starting point that terminated in Wade's riding at their hands.

Another opponent team has come out from Iowa State with five Tigers, three Huskers and one Oklahoma, Kansas and Kansas State player. The three Nebraska players that were named include Preston at end, Abel at guard and Zikmund in the backfield. What surprises me is that Dale Bradley, the All Big Six Husker, was not included. Dale accounted for both touchdowns against the Cyclones and did plenty of broken field running against them.

A. P. Ratings.

The A. P. final grid ranking for the year are as follows: Minnesota, first; Duke, second; Notre Dame, third; Texas U., fourth; Michigan, fifth; Fordham, sixth; Missouri, seventh; Duquesne, eighth; Texas A. & M., ninth; Navy, tenth. With the exception of placing Michigan before Texas and Missouri before Fordham, these were our sentiments too.

Shucks—

Not since 1917 has a University of Nebraska football team missed a conversion try against Iowa University. ReVoe Hill, star of the Midland unbeaten team, is a mar-

Huskers Cop Second Place In Conference

Win Over Sooners Puts Nebraska in Two-Way Tie For Runner-up in Big Six

With the final standings of four of the Big Six conference teams decided ten days ago, Nebraska cinched a second place tie with Oklahoma in the Husker's season wind up last Saturday when they nosed out the Sooners.

Coach Don Faurot's Tigers from Columbia, running true to pre-season doping, were undefeated in their five conference games and won the Big Six crown for the second time in three years.

Oklahoma Starts First.

Oklahoma won their first three conference games, defeating Kansas U., Kansas State, and Iowa State, and finished the season by taking a sound thumping from Missouri and dropping a one point decision to the Huskers.

Getting off to a good start, Nebraska opened their Big Six competition by beating Iowa State and K. U. on successive Saturdays, followed by two point losses to Missouri and Kansas State, and wound up their season with a win over Oklahoma.

K. U. in Third.

Playing good ball on alternate Saturdays, K. U. dropped their first, third and fifth conference games to Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri, and took decisive thumpings in all three. In their second game, the Jayhawks outpointed Iowa State and bounced back from a drubbing at the hands of the Sooners to beat Kansas State and provided the biggest conference upset of the season in their fourth game.

Defeated by Oklahoma and Mis-

ried man. He kept it quiet during the entire season and announced it Monday. Quite a speech the little Colonel, Bo McMillin made last night. Dale Bradley and Fred Preston were named on the INS Big Six All Star team.

Nebraska U. Basketball Roster

Player	Home	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.
Artman, Allen	Kearney, Neb.	F	6-0	156	20	0
Bottom, John	Lincoln, Neb.	G	6-2	163	19	0
Bramson, Robert	Omaha, Neb.	F	5-11	164	19	0
Dworak, Tom	Lincoln, Neb.	F	5-9	151	18	0
Elson, Kenneth	No. Platte, Neb.	F	6-0	147	19	0
Fitzgibbon, John	Tobias, Neb.	F	5-11	181	19	1Mj
Fuller, Perry	Hastings, Neb.	F	6-0	147	10	0
Goetze, Hartmann	St. Joseph, Mo.	C	6-1	185	22	2Mj
Gribble, George	Greenwood, Neb.	F	5-10	143	18	0
Hay, John	Lincoln, Neb.	F	6-1	162	20	2Min.
Held, Sidney	Lincoln, Neb.	G	6-4	194	21	2Mj
Heinzelman, Robert	Falls City, Neb.	G	6-0	165	19	0
King, Lyle	Lincoln, Neb.	C	6-3	195	21	2Min.
Leiminger, Wm.	Loup City, Neb.	C	6-2	172	19	0
Livingston, Leslie	Hastings, Neb.	G	6-3	156	21	1Mj-Min.
Marquiss, Warren	Omaha, Neb.	G	5-11	152	21	0
Rice, Thomas	Lincoln, Neb.	F	6-0	154	20	0
Rupp, William	Gr. Island, Neb.	G	6-1	146	27	0
Thompson, John	Lincoln, Neb.	F	5-10	161	19	1Mj
Vacanti, Charles	Omaha, Neb.	G	6-0	177	21	1Min.
Young, Max	Lincoln, Neb.	G	6-3	185	20	1Mj

Coach—A. J. Lewandowski.

souri in their first two starts, Kansas State came back in their third Big Six game to stun the Huskers 12-6, then followed this with a loss to Kansas U. In their season finale, the Wildcats earned a tie when Iowa State surprised them in another upset.

Iowa State on Bottom.

Lowly Iowa State, with no conference wins, went thru a long season, losing to Nebraska, Missouri, K. U., and Oklahoma, on successive conference weekends.

then came back to tie Kansas State in their final game.

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