

# HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

The Nebraska team may be garbed in their new game uniforms after all for Saturday's game. Although present plans call for the Huskers to be fitted out in khaki pants, a special effort is being made to get the new togs to Minneapolis for the season's opener.

While the Minnesota fans may not be certain of viewing Nebraska's new suits, they will be assured of a look at Sammy Vacanti, regular Scarlet quarterback.

If Saturday is anything like the Vacanti appearance in 1943, the Norsemen may be in for a long afternoon. Playing for Purdue that season, Vacanti was the man who rifled a touchdown pass to Halfback Brios Dimancheff in the last seconds of the game to give Purdue a 14-7 victory and a share of the Big Ten championship.

The Gophers had been hanging on throughout the game and were ready to settle for a 7-7 deadlock before Vacanti came through with the payoff toss.

Minnesota center Warren Beson has a new outlook on things this season.

Last year Beson reported to the team in mid-season after regular Gopher center Dick Van Dusen had been sidelined with a shoulder injury. The first Saturday after he came out, Beson was shoved into a game as the Minnesota plight was serious.

Bierman tells it this way. "We were so desperate that we put him into the game despite the fact that he had never played any college football. But the worst part of it was that he couldn't see, either. Guys would run right past him and he never knew they were there."



BERNIE BIERMAN—Minnesota's wily coach, back at the helm of the Gopher gridiron machine after a leave of absence during the war while he was in the Marine Corps.

"Beson's back this year and is he happy. He has contact lenses and he can see. He came up to me the other day and said: 'Gee, coach, it's a lot more fun playing now. I can really see what's going on!'"

Back on the campus yesterday was Don Yocum, promising Nebraska distance runner from North Platte, who entered the army during the summer. Yocum was one quarter of the Nebraska two-mile team which captured mythical Big Six honors in the cross country sport last fall.

All other members of that team are also gone. Dean Kratz has graduated, Stan Martin dropped out of school to teach and Wayne Roads is tied up by scholastic requirements in the engineering college.

The practice fields north and west of the coliseum are getting plenty of usage these days, with all kinds of Nebraska athletes utilizing the space.

Nubbins' mentors Ray Prochaska and Bob Kahler drill their charges in one corner of the area, Pop Klein has his freshmen gridders spread over another portion of the sod, Coach Harry Good's early season basketball drills take up the volleyball courts along the south border, and several touch football fields are laid out for use in the extensive intramural program.

## Jumbo Laundry Bundle Ready For Illini Team

By the time Notre Dame and the Fighting Illini square off on the Memorial Stadium sod at Urbana next Saturday, some 7,340 pieces of gridiron haberdashery will have gone into the Illinois team's weekly wash.

When the Illini trot onto the field, their orange and blue regiments will be part of a jumbo-sized laundry bundle which will total more than 110,100 pieces of the season—plus 15 miles of ankle wraps and bandages for the flying legs of Buddy Young and Company.

Glen Freeman, manager of the Memorial Stadium equipment room, and the man who makes out the Illini laundry lists, said that the team will dirty at least 1,468 pairs of sweat socks, and the same number of T-shirts, supporters and bath towels during their week's campaign to wreck the Fighting Irish. He pointed out that that's washable items alone. If it rains next Saturday, anywhere from 50 to 100 mud caked jersey and football pants will have to be tossed into the bundle for cleaning.

That's what it takes, from the

## Husker Teams Always Tough For Minnesota

A review of the Nebraska-Minnesota football relationship which extends over a string of 27 games and dates back to 1900, the first year in which the late Dr. Henry L. Williams was at the Gopher coaching helm, reveals that the Cornhuskers have always been tough in non-war years, even when Minnesota was rolling along to undefeated national championship.

The fact that Minnesota has won 21 of the engagements while losing 4 and being tied twice can't be taken to mean that the Gophers have had easy going in this extended non-conference rivalry. Until 1945, which must be classed as a war-time football year because of the large number of athletes in service, Bernie Bierman has had a particularly difficult time in subduing the Cornhuskers.

**Tough Opposition.** In 1932, his first season at Minnesota, the Gophers ooked out a 7-6 victory. The teams didn't meet in 1933, but the undefeated national championship Gopher eleven of 1934 triumphed 20-0 for Bierman's largest pre-war margin.

The 1935 Maroon and Gold aggregation which was the undisputed national champion and one of the greatest teams in Minnesota's history, barely squeezed by the Cornhuskers, 12-7. Again in 1936, when Minnesota topped the nation in the A.P. national championship poll, only a brilliant, memorable last minute run by Andy Uram on a lateral from Bud Wilkinshin pulled out victory, 7-0.

In 1937, at Lincoln, the Nebraskans came from behind an early 9-0 deficit to win 14-9 in a stunning upset. Minnesota copped in '38, 16-7, in another close battle, but was stopped cold in 1939, 0-6. In the undefeated and national championship campaigns of 1940 and '41, Bierman's high-gear Gold-clad athletes found the going tough against Nebraska, winning by the close margins of 13-7 and 9-0.

Minnesota overwhelmed the all-civilian Cornhuskers during the war years, but Bernie Masterson's 1946 crew aims to put the series back on its former basis. That means trouble—and plenty of it—for Minnesota Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

laundryman alone, to keep a top-flight team rolling along the football warpath.

The two Champaign laundry-owners (Harry Millard and Hardin Boulware) who annually split the Illinois job, expect to be in the stands when the whistle blows at kick-off time. On which side? Which side do you think?

## Intramural Program Opens With Football

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE. Tonight's Games.

- 1 Cornhusker Co-op vs. Alpha Tau Omega
- 2 Phi Kappa Psi vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- 3 Phi Delta Theta vs. Phi Gamma Delta
- 4 Pioneer Co-op vs. Beta Theta Pi
- 5 Delta Upsilon vs. Alpha Gamma Rho.
- 6 Brown Palace vs. Sigma Nu.

The Intramural Touch Football League officially opens this afternoon at 5 o'clock when the athletic field becomes the scene of six league contests. Teams from all three leagues are scheduled to see action.

### Independent Teams.

Representatives of independent touch football teams not yet listed or those wishing to organize are advised to contact Mr. Means at the coliseum. New teams will be incorporated into one of the leagues and new schedules drawn up. All men interested in touch football should see Mr. Means immediately.

### TOUCH FOOTBALL LEAGUES.

#### League I.

- Brown Palace.
- Sigma Nu.
- Phi Delta Theta.
- Phi Gamma Delta.
- Sigma Phi Epsilon.
- Zeta Beta Tau.
- Kappa Sigma.

#### League II.

- Pioneer Co-op.
- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Upsilon.
- Alpha Gamma Rho.
- Sigma Alpha Mu.
- Delta Tau Delta.
- Beta Sigma Psi.

#### League III.

- Cornhusker Co-op.
- Alpha Tau Omega.
- Phi Kappa Psi.
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
- Sigma Chi.
- Theta Xi.
- Farm House.



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MIKE DIBIASE—Burly tackle weighing 230 pounds is one man the heavy Minnesota line is going to have trouble moving out of the way. Mike is listed as one of Nebraska's second string linemen.

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