

# HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

New members of the Nebraska coaching staff wasted no time jumping into the swing of spring football workouts. Expecting an easy time, the Scarlet grid candidates found themselves in the midst of plenty of activity when they showed up for the first day's session Monday.

Line Coach Tony Blazine had the linemen working with the blocking sled and practicing charges before the spring drills had been underway for much more than an hour. The former Illini tackle mentor was amazed at the size of the Husker linemen, and declared that he had never had so many big men at the Champaign school—Rose Bowl or no Rose Bowl.

Backfield men got the same treatment from Dougal Russell. The personable newcomer directed calisthenics and then turned to the T formation explanations without a wasted moment.

The March issue of "The Amateur Athlete," official publication of the Amateur Athletic Union, contains a roundup of Missouri Valley track and field stars by John Bentley, university athletic publicity director.

Setting off the article, which mentions Bobby Ginn, Monte Kinder, Herb Grote, Ralph King and Dick Miller, is the memorable picture of Ginn straining for the tape in the NCAA mile run to nip Leroy Weed of Southern California by inches. The gritty Husker distance star won that race on the Nebraska track in 1942 before going into the service.

In the same article, Bentley mentions Edsel Wibbels as a possible entry in the National AAU discus event. Wibbels holds the Big Six discus mark at 162 feet 4 inches and will try to round into form for the AAU outdoor championships which will be held in Lincoln on July 4 and 5.

Now that Bruce Drake's Oklahoma Sooners are qualified representatives for the NCAA tourney, the Norman cagers can point with pride to a couple of victories over other NCAA entrants. Wisconsin, Big Nine champ, and CCNY, District Two representative, have

## Scarlet Grid Squad Split For Practice

The second day of football drills for Cornhusker athletes brought the first cut in the 150-man squad which had turned out for six weeks of spring practice.

Coach Bernie Masterson sent about 70 of the pigskin hopefuls to the freshman field where Coach Pop Klein, Jerry Kathol and Bob Kahler took over the tutoring duties. The rest of the squad continued to workout on the practice field south of the varsity field.

Joe Partington stayed at a quarterback spot, as backfield candidates ran through play formations en masse. Several other lineup shifts were evident in Tuesday's session.

### Adams Shifts

Dale Adams, Randolph freshman who showed plenty of promise last fall on the varsity and rubbins lineups, was running with the fullback candidates, and Tom Novak, regular fullback last fall, was drilling under Coach Tony Blazine with the rest of the line candidates.

Some serious blocking work

fallen to Gerald Tucker and his mates during the season.

Oklahoma will meet Oregon State in the first round of the western playoff at Kansas City. Star of the Pacific coast team is Red Rocha, giant center, who displayed his wares with the Beavers against Nebraska in the 1945-46 season. The Huskers were at their best that night and trimmed the visitors by a 48-40 score for one of the outstanding performances of an unimpressive season.

Three Big Six athletes are listed in the summary of the 10 best track and field performances in the world for 1946. The conference broad jump champion in 1946, Whitey Peterson of Iowa State, ranks sixth with a leap of 24 feet 10 inches; Tom Scofield of Kansas is tied for second in the high jump with a mark of 6 feet 7 3/4 inches, and Mel Sheehan of Missouri is tenth in the discus with a toss of 153 feet 2 3/4 inches.

Peterson has dropped out of competition, but Scofield is expected to be ready for a big season in outdoor track after passing up the indoor action because of a leg injury.

# Novak Slams Mandula In I-M Boxing Feature

## BOXING

### Tuesday Evening's Results

- 125: Ray Roth won by TKO from Bob Carlson 1:20 third round.
- 130: R. C. Connell won by decision from Bob Easter.
- 145: Tom Loisel won by decision from Bob Dealey.
- 165: Harlan Cranston won by decision from John Hakanson.
- 145: Hal Haldeman won by decision from Gray Novak.
- 145: Ray Simmons won by decision from Leon Pearson.
- 145: R. A. Scochdopole won by TKO from Don Cochrane 1:10 first.
- 155: Jim Wolford won by decision from Roi Herman.
- 155: Paul Coder won by TKO from John Ogden 1:10 of first round.
- 155: Del Wiegand won by decision from Ernie Moehart.
- 165: Ron Metzger won by decision from Bud Kathol.
- 145: C. W. Roberts won by TKO from Dwight Byers, third round.
- 165: Harlan Cranston won by decision from Rod Wagoner.
- 165: Fred Turner won by TKO from Stan Bartuska, first round.
- Hvt.: Tom Novak won by decision from Francis Mandula.

Opening night of the all university boxing tournament was highlighted by broad shouldered

gave linemen their second taste of real work, as the Husker forwards paired off for contact drills.

Running together in one backfield were Joe Partington at quarterback, Cletus Fischer and Bill Mueller at halfbacks and Darwin Salestrom. Another quartette had Ken Fischer at quarter, Bill Reidy and Jim Meyers at halves and Wally Hopp at full. Del Wiegand and Carl Dillidine shared signal-calling duties on a third outfit, with Charles Harrington and Dick Hutton at halfbacks and Bob Mullen and Dale Adams at fullback.

In still another group Joe Gutschow and Bruce Bergquist were at quarterback, Bob Ackerman and Junior Collopy were at halfbacks and Ken Eollins was at fullback.

Tom Novak's victory in the heavy-weight class over Francis Mandula. With Sam Vacanti quarterbacking from the corner Novak slugged his way to a well deserved decision over the never quitting Mandula. Both boys were swinging wildly from start to finish with Novak landing by far the best blows.

The winner relied mostly on a free style slugfest for his first victory of the tourney, which will pit him against the winner of the semi-finals in the heavyweight bracket Friday night.

The opener of the evening found Ray Roth pounding out a TKO victory over Bob Carlson in the third round in the 125 pound class. Both Roth and Carlson were willing mixers all the way, with Roth's greater reach spelling the difference.

In the next bouts, R. C. Connell beat out a handy decision over Bob Easter in the 130 pound class. Tom Loisel then came on to take a close decision away from Bob Dealey in the 145 weight division. In the next match, Harlan Cranston took the play away from John Hakanson in the middleweight class to advance to the quarterfinals. Cranston later came back to gain an easy decision over Rod Wagoner. The second win gives Cranston the right to

meet Ron Metzger in the semi-finals Wednesday night. Metzger slipped past the game Bud Kathol with a close decision.

In the other 165 pound bouts, C. W. Roberts and Fred Turner looked good as they both advanced by virtue of TKO's. Del Weigand won by decision from Ernie Moehmert in the best of the senior welterweights bouts.

- ### Tonight's Pairings.
- 125: Bob Yambor vs. Howard Purdy
  - 130: Bill Boch vs. Hugh Cooks
  - 135: John Brower vs. John Rushton
  - 135: Al Helke vs. Don Theil
  - 145: Ray Simmons vs. R. A. Scochdopole
  - 145: Hal Haldeman vs. Tom Loisel
  - 155: Del Wiegand vs. Jim Wolford
  - 155: Paul Coder vs. Gerald McDonald
  - 165: Ron Metzger vs. Harlan Cranston
  - 165: C. W. Roberts vs. Fred Turner
  - 175: Dale Preston vs. Bernie Snora
  - Hvt. Dick Gerglein vs. Stan Daffer
  - 175: Harlan Cranston vs. Duane Anderson

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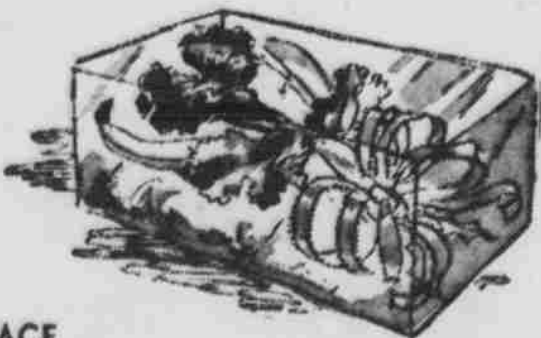
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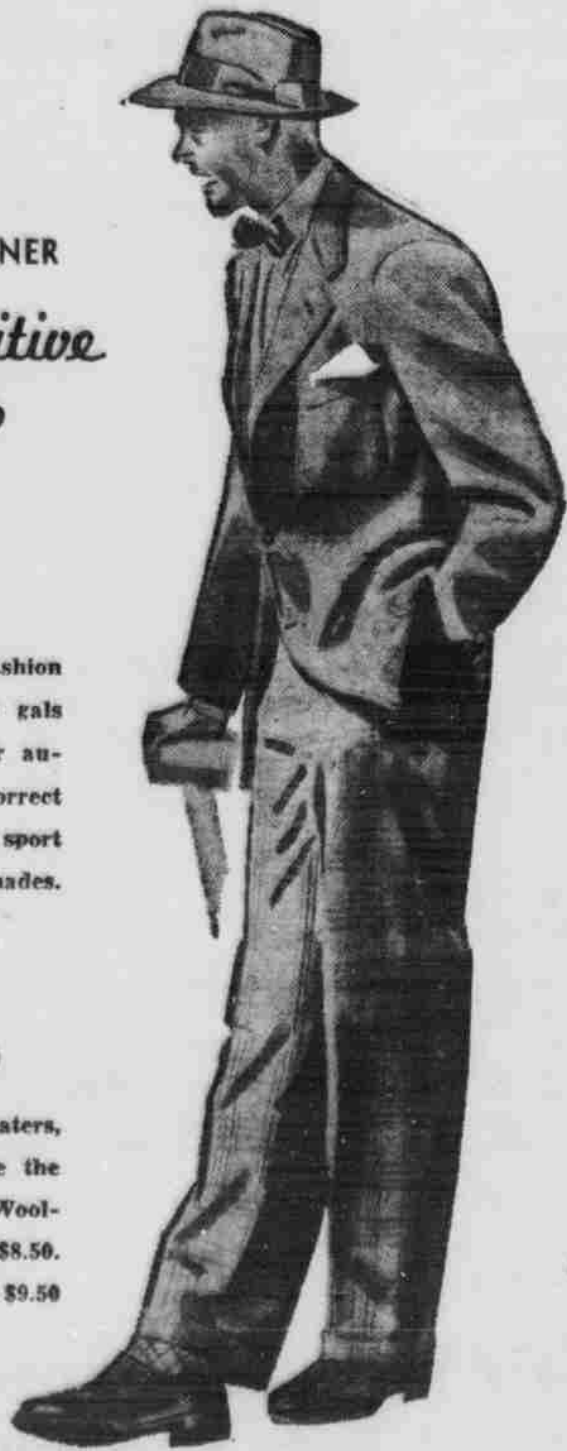
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