

HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

Sooners Next For Nebraska Baseball Team

Pitchers and outfielders on the Scarlet baseball team were pleasantly surprised when they discovered the fence erected in the outer reaches of the UN diamond prior to the Kansas University series last Saturday.

Heretofore the Husker ball ground has been without a fence, and any ball getting between the outfielders was always good for more than the rightful number of extra bases. Thus outfielders got plenty of road work chasing well hit balls, and pitchers sweated every time a ground hit looked like it might evade the outer gardner.

But hitters too had their grief when the fence was lacking. Without a target to shoot at, some sluggers had difficulty finding the range.

Dale Mitchell of Oklahoma, now playing center field with the Cleveland Indians, was a notable exception. Mitchell threatened to disturb massive walls of the coliseum with his tremendous clouting against the Huskers as he led his Oklahoma mates to a sweep of two game series last spring.

There will be nothing cheap about home runs over the present barriers, for the distance from home plate to fence ranges from 360 to 375 feet at different parts of the outfield.

The likeable Junior Collopy, Scarlet gridiron prospect, has another chance to show his versatility. Now listed as a quarterback on the Husker gridiron roster, Collopy is making his third stop on a tour of backfield positions.

Junior opened his college career as a fullback back in 1944 and took up his stand at the bucking spot when he returned to school after a hitch in the service. Midway thru the 1946 season the Husker board of strategy decided that Collopy would be used to better advantage at a halfback post where his height would be valuable on defense.

The Scottsbluff athlete made the shift and turned in a workmanlike performance as a halfback. It was as a halfback that he began the spring practices, but now he seems destined to become a signal caller.

Junior is keeping out of the way of line mentor Tony Blazine, for his next stop will have to be a forward wall stop, should any more shifts occur.

Students at Harvard university have urged that the university save Leo Durocher from a year without baseball activity by signing The Lip as an assistant diamond coach.

According to an open letter in the Harvard Crimson, the students appealed to Athletic Director William J. Bingham to offer Leo a place of refuge after the Dodger pilot had been suspended for one year.

The letter pointed out that not even Umpire George Magerkurth, a frequent target for Durocher arguments, was able to ban Leo for more than one game. But 154 games, declared the students, is a different story.

Perhaps Husker Coach Tony Sharpe would welcome Leo as an assistant should the Harvard offer fall through.

tennis and golf teams swing into action. The tennis team will travel south for its opening contest with the Oklahoma A. & M. Cowboys on April 25, followed by a match with the Sooners on April 26. The golfers will also go south to engage the Oklahoma U. linksmen on April 26.

N Club Initiation, Noon Luncheon Slated for Today

The University of Nebraska N Club will hold an initiation tonight at 8:00, according to Al Brown, secretary of the organization. The initiation will take place in the N room of the coliseum. Initiates will be men who earned letters during the past football and basketball seasons. Several men who earned letters before

Gridmen Get Indoor Work

The sudden shift in the weather threw a monkey wrench into Nebraska football plans.

Swirling snow and wet grounds forced the Scarlet gridders indoors for a chalk talk and strategy session instead of a rousing outside drill. After Monday's fast start, the Husker coaches had hoped to give the football candidates plenty of work during the final three weeks of practice.

A week of spring vacation gave going into the service will also be initiated.

The announcement was also made that an N Club luncheon will be held this noon in Parlor X on the third floor of the Student Union.

two Nebraska halfback standouts a chance to recover from injuries sustained earlier in the campaign. Charley Harrington, Auburn athlete who was a regular at Washington and Lee last fall and Bill Moomey, Scarlet regular at the same time, rejoined the team and participated in Monday's workout.

Harrington had been sidelined since the first scrimmage of the spring season, and Moomey had been troubled with pulled leg muscles sustained during the indoor track season.

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