

Benchwarmer

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This season the nation's leading newspapers and wire services have agreed on a new form for football summaries which better fits the new manner of play. The old style was to run the starting 11 names by position with the rival left ends opposite each other and so on through the lineup. Names of substitutes were grouped lower in the summary. The form was retained even though grid routine out-dated the system.

In the new form names of all ends who get into the game will be carried together as will the tackles, guards, centers and backs. No longer will a starter, who may play only a few minutes in the game be given more credit than a fellow who comes in late, but sees more action. Backs no longer will be broken down into quarters, left halves, right halves and fullbacks. Different formations now make the duties of quarters entirely different. No attempt will be made to separate the left tackles from the right tackles because on many teams the players work on both sides during the game.

This year football enthusiasts should see some real old-fashioned football campaigning. The wartime supermen have almost deserted the gridiron and the squads will be younger, faster, and easier for the coaches to handle.

The peacetime draft doesn't have coaches too worried. Some of the players are ex-servicemen and many others are enlisted in the active reserves. These boys will not be called for peacetime duty.

We'll pick Notre Dame to top Michigan again this year for top ranking in the national football picture. Then we'll pick Michigan, Texas, Southern Methodist, Penn State, Georgia Tech, California, North Carolina and Army to complete the top ten.

We don't like to pick favorites but Benchwarmer will really stick his neck out to pick these sectional champions: East, Penn State; Midwest, Notre Dame, with Michigan the Big Nine champion; South, North Carolina U.; Southeast, Georgia Tech; Southwest, Southern Methodist; Big Seven, Missouri; Rocky Mountain, Denver; Pacific Coast, California.

Since every other sports writer in the country is picking All-American teams Benchwarmer can be no different. Ends—Hart (Notre Dame) and Poole (Mississippi); Tackles—O'Reilly (Purdue) and Harris (Texas); Guards—Fischer (Notre Dame) and Franz (California); Center—Bednarik (Penn.); Backs—Walker (S.M.U.), Derricote (Michigan), Justice (North Carolina U.), Bill Elliot (Minnesota).

From the standpoint of a baseball spectator both Boston clubs may be monopolizing the baseball spotlight in the world series this fall.

The Braves hold a five-game advantage over the second place Pirates, while the Red Sox are one and one-half games up on the New York Yankees.

With ball players like Williams, currently hitting .377, Pesky, Spence, and Tebbets, the Red Sox are almost sure to increase their game and one-half lead.

Men like Torgeson, Elliot, Heath, and Holmes guarantee that the Boston Braves will win the pennant.

Experts (?)

Harold Abramson
Cub Clem*
Bob Phelps**
Fritz Simpson**
Lee Harris**
Jack Donovan†

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Here Are Your Winners

Tight Race in Big 7 Predicted

According to advance dope, the Big Seven conference will have one of its tightest football races in history. Optimistic reports from the conference schools show many lettermen returning to bolster weak spots at any position.

At Oklahoma Coach Bud Wilkinson has inserted many sophomores into the starting lineup. The Sooner backfield is composed entirely of sophs except for Darrel Royal, veteran halfback. Oklahoma opens its season Sept. 25 when they travel to California to meet Santa Clara.

Missouri again will be near the top of the conference scramble. The Tigers will make use of their fleet backfield in Coach Don Faurot's version of the "T."

Last year's co-champions, Kansas, have been hurt by graduation and the lure of the pro teams. With Ray Evans, Otto Schnellbacher, Red Hogan, Lynn McNutt, Don Fambrough and others missing, KU may have to be content with a runnerup spot.

Iowa State is ready for its opener against Nebraska, Sept. 25 at Lincoln. Twenty-two lettermen have reported to Coach Abe Stuber, and the Iowans will give their opponents busy afternoons.

Down at Manhattan, Kas., Coach Ralph Graham sees hope of breaking the Wildcats' 26-game losing streak, but admits that hopping out of the cellar will be a tough assignment. Morale is high and the team is willing.

Colorado U will make its debut in the Big Seven this year with 18 lettermen on tap. Lack of weight in the backfield is Coach Dallas Ward's biggest headache. With Harry Narcisian and Roland Gregory in the lineup the Buffs have speed aplenty but injuries may hamper them through the season.

All men interested in officiating intramural touch football games should see Hollie Lepley either in room 6 in the new physical education building or in the swimming pool in the coliseum Friday or Saturday morning.

Intramural managers will meet September 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the new Physical Education building to discuss plans for the year according to L. E. Means, Director of Intramural Athletics.

GAMES IN THE NATION

Friday, Sept. 17, 1948
Fry's, Sept. 17, 1948.
Utah at So. California.
Mont. State Col. at Utah State.
Saturday, Sept. 18, 1948.
Arkansas at Abilene Chr. Col.
New Mexico A.E. at Arizona St.
Santa Clara at California.
Colorado Col. at Colorado A.&M.
T.C.U. at Kansas.
N. Texas St. at Oklahoma City.
S. Barbara St. at Oregon.
Idaho at Oregon State.
San Jose St. at Stanford.
L. S. U. at Texas.
W. Texas St. at Texas Tech.
Bates at Toledo.
Wash. State at U.C.L.A.
Texas A. & M. at Villanova.
George Washington at Wake Forest.
Waynesburg at West Va.
Oklahoma A. & M. at Wichita.
Sunday, Sept. 19, 1948.
Loyola at St. Mary's.

Potsy Reveals Cage Schedule

University of Nebraska Athletic Director, George (Potsy) Clark that announced the 1948-49 basketball team will play 11 home games and 13 away.

The season's opener will match Northwest Missouri State college against Nebraska at home, Dec. 1. A road trip eastward during December will bring the Huskers against Purdue, Dec. 17 and will culminate with the meeting of Western Reserve at Cleveland, Dec. 21.

Coach Harry Good announced that the Cornhuskers will meet Kansas State, Dec. 27 in the annual pre-season Bib Seven Conference tournament to be held in Kansas City. Pairings for this meet were drawn at the May meeting here.

Nebraska's Basketball Schedule.
Dec. 1—Northwest Missouri State college at Lincoln.
Dec. 4—Minnesota at Lincoln.
Dec. 11—Iowa State Teachers at Lincoln.
Dec. 17—Purdue at Lafayette.
Dec. 18—Cincinnati at Cincinnati.
Dec. 20—Duquesne at Pittsburgh.
Dec. 21—Western Reserve at Cleveland.
Dec. 27-30—Big Seven tournament at Kansas City.
Jan. 8—Kansas at Lincoln.
Jan. 11—Washington (St. Louis) at Lincoln.
Jan. 1—Iowa State at Lincoln.
Jan. 29—South Dakota university at Lincoln.
Jan. 31—Kansas State at Lincoln.
Feb. 5—Colorado at Lincoln.
Feb. 12—Kansas at Lawrence.
Feb. 14—Oklahoma at Norman.
Feb. 19—Iowa State at Ames.
Feb. 21—Missouri at Lincoln.
Feb. 26—Colorado at Boulder.
March 1—Kansas State at Manhattan.
March 5—Oklahoma at Lincoln.
March 7—Missouri at Columbia.

1948 Football Schedule

Sept. 25 *Iowa State College at Lincoln (Dad's Day).
Oct. 2 University of Minnesota at Minneapolis.
Oct. 9 *University of Colorado at Boulder.
Oct. 16 Notre Dame University at Lincoln.
Oct. 23 *University of Kansas at Lawrence.
Oct. 30 University of California at L.A. at Lincoln (Homecoming).
Nov. 6 *Kansas State College at Lincoln (Band Day).
Nov. 13 *University of Oklahoma at Norman.
Nov. 30 *University of Missouri at Lincoln.
Nov. 27 Oregon State College at Portland.
Asterisk denote Big Seven Conference games.

Novak Shines In Scrimmage

Nebraska's footballers started their one-day football scrimmage sessions Thursday in a two hour practice which saw Tom Novak continue to sparkle in his role as a passer.

Coach Potsy Clark continued to rehearse his varsity plays against the scout squad. The scouts then ran Iowa State plays against the varsity.

The team will drill once daily between 4 and 6 p.m. for the remainder of the season. Coach Clark cut the squad to 40 men Wednesday.

A lengthy scrimmage behind locked gates is on the Saturday wered L. F. "Pop" Klein's call schedule.

Meanwhile 200 aspirants answered L. F. "Pop" Klein's call for freshmen.

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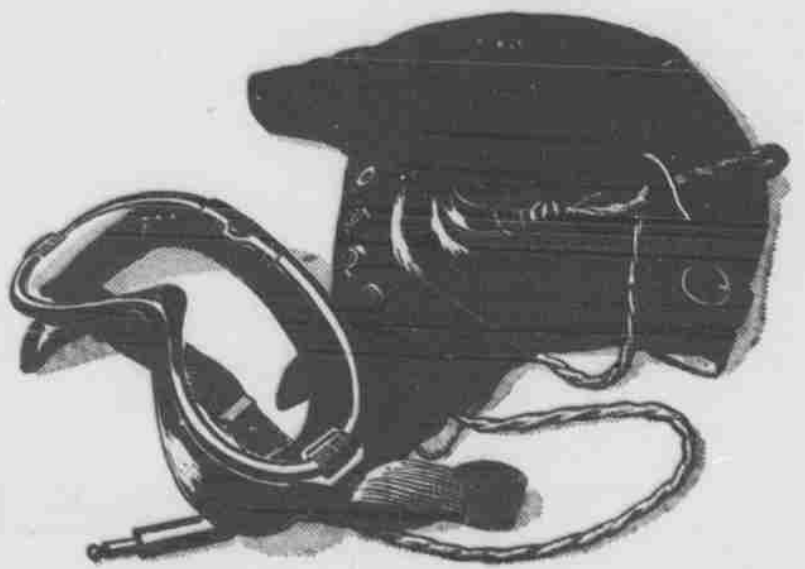


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