

# Benchwarmer

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Nebraskan's opener with Iowa State is only one week away and the Cornhuskers will be trying for their third successive win against the Cyclones. The Iowa State team was pastd 33-0 in 1946 and droppd their 1947 tilt by a 14-7 score. Looking back at past performances the Cyclones have managed to win only eight out of the 42 games played. The two teams tied 6-6 in 1911.

The Iowa State opener should bring out the "Bugs" in the Husker grid machine. It will be Nebraska's first real test after weeks of preparation in practice sessions. Coach Abe Stuber will have a slight edge over Patsy Clark in proving what his team can and cannot do. His squad beat Iowa Teachers College 27-7 Saturday.

Looking through the records we see that Oklahoma needs a win over Nebraska this year to match a Cornhusker streak of six straight, compiled from 1931 through 1936. The Sooners are working on the longest streak of all-time against Nebraska—five in a row from 1943 through 1947.

Through 1942, Oklahoma owned only three wins and three ties in 22 outings. This gives Nebraska an all-time record of 16 won, eight lost, and three tied.

Comparing last year's grid squad with this season's we find that there have been fewer injuries and that the spirit which was so sadly lacking on the '47 team is much more evident this year.

Coach Patsy Clark is an advocate of team, rather than individual play and he seems to be proving this with every passing day of scrimmage. Patsy has certainly convinced many of the onlookers at the daily practice sessions that a football team moves largely on spirit. We hope the football team will be able to prove it in the coming season.

We like to remember what Mr. Clark said early last spring when he succeeded in organizing one of the largest and most successful spring drills the Cornhuskers have ever held. According to the grid mentor the Huskers will not be playing to beat one team on the schedule but will be playing each opponent as they arise on the roster. He believes the squad can put over some surprises but also hopes that Nebraska followers will not become "too optimistic."



WEBB HALBERT — Cyclone's all conference back and team's leading ground gainer to lead Iowa State against the Huskers Saturday

# Huskers Test Iowa State In Opening Loop Meeting

THE BIG SEVEN PROGRAM.

Denver U. ....	Kansas 0-9
Friday	
Nebraska .....	Iowa State 14-7
Saturday	
Illinois .....	Kansas
Ohio State .....	Missouri 13-7
Santa Clara .....	Oklahoma
Colorado .....	New Mexico

All Big Seven conference members will enter competition this week, but only Nebraska's game with Iowa State will have any bearing on the league race.

The grid card will be completed with five outside games. Kansas travels to the Rocky Mountains to play Denver U., Kansas State goes to Illinois, Missouri meets Ohio State, Oklahoma will be at Santa Clara, and Colorado visits New Mexico.

Iowa State will go into action Saturday as an underdog but the Cyclones will definitely be pointing for an upset over Coach Patsy Clark's Huskers.

Coach Abe Stuber's Iowa Staters are seeking revenge for last year's game.

Reason for such feeling is the 14-7 score Nebraska made at Ames last season. Stuber believes it was as much a "moral victory" as could be expected in being defeated.

Iowa State had an edge in game statistics and held the Huskers without a single first down until the closing minutes of the game.

The Cyclone game is a must for the Searlet. They were one of the only two teams Nebraska beat last year. If the Huskers are

to do better than they did in 1947 they must repeat a win over Iowa State.

Coach Patsy Clark is doing a good job of keeping his players' minds centered on the Iowa State game and not taking an easy victory for granted.

Missouri's Tigers will know more about its chances for national ranking after they uncork their split-T formation. Because of their high pre-season rating the Tigers will go against Ohio State as an even choice.

Kansas will tackle Denver U. under the lights at Denver Friday night. The Jayhawks managed a 9-0 score last year and may have a tough time doing it this time.

Oklahoma will rate a slight edge when they travel west to play Santa Clara. The Sooners may be on a par with last year's team if their key sophomores live up to expectations.

Colorado will be favored over New Mexico.

Kansas State has little chance of breaking its losing streak as the Wildcats go against Illinois on the Big Nine team's home field.

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## Boston Series Appears Likely

The close of the 1948 baseball season is drawing near with two of the most bitterly-fought pennant chases in major league history. The standings now show an all-Boston series, but neither team is definitely in.

In the American league especially, the fight has been close and hard fought. Three teams are now separated by a margin of one game. Boston is leading with 11 games yet to play; Cleveland is only one-half game back with ten to play; while New York is a game out with 11 left. Cleveland holds the advantage in schedule as they wind up their season with lower division clubs.

In the National, the Braves are in a commanding lead of six games, and need only to win seven of their remaining 12 to clinch the flag. The race for second is tight, with Brooklyn and St. Louis in a tie, and Pittsburgh trailing only two games back.

An interesting fact about the race shows the American league's top trio monopolizing the leaders in home runs, batting averages, and RBIs. The Braves, however, have no representatives in these three important departments, showing instead, a well-rounded team.

## Frosh Gridders Look Good to 'Ike' Hascomb

The freshman football situation looks good, according to "Ike" Hascomb, who has been acting as head mentor during L. F. "Pop" Klein's absence. Klein has been scouting varsity foes.

After only a couple night's practice, there are approximately 45 boys who have caught the eye of Hascomb and his assistants.

Centers Virgil Adle of North Platte and Rich Reese of Omaha have shown lots of zip. The rest of the line has not been split up into regular positions, but in a few days they will be listed as guards tackles and ends. Among those contending for key spots are Ted Britt, North Platte; Harold Boswell, Falls City; Tracy Busch, Pender; Jim Hildenbrand, Lincoln; Don Laux, Omaha; Bernie McDermott, Falls City; Harley Rector, Falls City; Ed Weir, jr., Lincoln; Dale Young, Red Cloud; Bob Fester, Fredonia, Kansas; Richard Caba, Cambridge; Cecil Voils, Lincoln; Don Mattox, Tecumseh; Bob Schultz, Hebron; Ed Voda, Wauneta; Don Woods, Haigle; and Mark Dittman, Lincoln.

Leading the arrays of backs are Nick Adduci, Chicago, Illinois; Bob Diers, West Point; Bob George, Lincoln; Warren Jensen, Cozad; John Litesides, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Charles Buehrer, Harvard; Dick Gifford, Pawnee City; Jack McCartney, North Platte; Merwin Roeder, Hickman; Harold Sommers, Cambridge, Tom Hopkins, Weeping Water; Rich Yost, Omaha; Jerry Beranik, Milligan; Joe Gurnett, Omaha; Charles Eustis, Hayden, Arizona; Jim Elliott, Mitchell; Jerry Henderson, Scottsbluff; Willie Schleusner, Pender; Bill Darnell, Alliance; and Dick Regier, San Louis Obispo, California.

Two games have been scheduled, one with the Iowa State frosh, and the other with Kansas State.

**Baseball Standings**

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Boston	50	54	.625
Cleveland	50	55	.621 1/2
New York	49	55	.618 1/2
Philadelphia	43	44	.565 3/4
Detroit	31	51	.500 18
St. Louis	55	86	.394 33
Washington	51	95	.349 40
Chicago	46	86	.324 43

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Boston	84	55	.602
Brooklyn	79	54	.552 3/4
St. Louis	78	55	.549 5
Pittsburgh	75	67	.528 5
New York	64	68	.521 10
Philadelphia	63	81	.438 32
Cincinnati	58	82	.414 25
Chicago	57	84	.404 26 1/2

**Monday's Scores**

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Boston 7, Detroit 2.  
New York 8, St. Louis 7.  
Cleveland 6, Philadelphia 3.  
Only games scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Brooklyn 4, Chicago 2.  
Philadelphia 8-7, Pittsburgh 7-4.  
Cincinnati at Boston postponed, rain.  
Only games scheduled.

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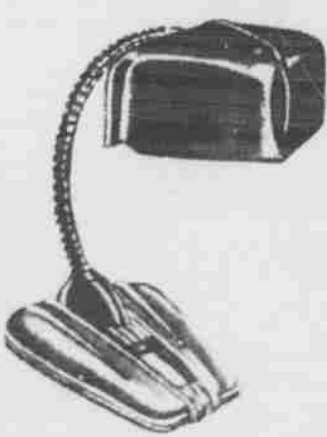
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