

### Benchwarmer

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Coach Patsy Clark, looking a little tired after the long trip from Portland, had little to say about persisting rumors that he may not be coaching the Cornhusker football team next year.

The head grid mentor could only say that after traveling 60 miles per hour he wanted to slow down to about 30 m.p.h. for awhile.

Patsy used almost an all-sophomore squad in the last half of the Oregon State game with the exception of Junior Collopy, who performed well in his final appearance with the Huskers. He said squad members hope to start next fall where they left off in the Oregon State game.

The spirit and backing by Cornhusker fans was appreciated very much by the team and according to the coach Nebraska footballers are not going to forget it.

Returning to the coaching rumors Patsy declared he wanted to make no statement until he had a few days of rest.

However, it looks like Coach Patsy Clark won't be getting any rest for a few weeks at least. Beside holding invitations to numerous banquets throughout the state he'll journey to Kansas City, Dec. 3, for the Big Seven coaches confab.

That it is going to take time to rebuild the Husker grid team there is no doubt. No one can expect a change of coaches to bring about a miracle which would put Nebraska on top of the Big Seven. It just isn't being done—not even with modern day mass production methods.

Right now the football picture at Nebraska doesn't look too bright but that doesn't mean it is as black as some people have painted it. Patsy Clark is optimistic about the over-all picture and given some time the Huskers could have a team we could be very proud of.

Looking ahead, Coach Clark has some good prospects in Gerry Ferguson and little Don Strasheim. Ferguson is potentially an excellent prospect as a kicker, runner and passer. Others who are slated to return in the backfield next fall are Bill Mueller and Phil Young.

### Weir Asks for Cinder Talent

Track Coach Ed Weir once more made a plea to all interested trackmen to report for practice.

With a full indoor schedule facing the tracksters, Coach Weir is anxious for all prospects to report immediately. Some promising cindermen were lost from last year's squad and the track mentor is hoping that replacements

#### NEBRASKA INDOOR TRACK SCHEDULE

- January 22—Iowa State at Lincoln
- January 29—Minnesota University at Lincoln
- February 5—Kansas University at Lincoln
- February 12—Missouri University at Columbia
- February 16—Kansas State of Lincoln
- February 19—Oklahoma University at Lincoln
- February 25-26—Big Seven Conference Meet at Kansas City

will be found to bolster all-around team strength. Weir emphasized the importance of third and fourth-place winners on the NU team this year.

Weekly tryouts for the varsity tracksters and frosh members will be held from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. A light "feel-out" will be held this Saturday for some men. Coach Weir hopes to have the practice sessions in full swing within two weeks.

The Big Seven Conference indoor meet will be held this season during February instead of March. This track carnival will be a two-day affair, starting February 25, at Kansas City.

# Cage Opener Tonight

Coach Harry Good's 1948-49 Nebraska basketball team will open their cage season against Northwest Missouri State Teachers tonight in the Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

Tonight's game will open a 24-game schedule for the Huskers which includes ten games in December.

Northwest Missouri Coach Ryland Milner is bringing an experienced basketball squad to Lincoln has been out of early practices with an ankle injury, but has been responding to treatment very well.

Good's starting five should see Joe Malacek and Retherford at the forward positions with Milton "Bus" Whitehead playing center. Bob Cerv and Henry Cech will probably start at the guards.

Malacek is the only non-letterman having come up from last year's freshman squad. The other probably starters all played on last season's five which won 11 of 24 games.

Other Huskers who are expected to see action are: Rod Cox, Dick Srb, Bob Allen and BoB Pierce, forwards; Joe Malacek,

coln tonight. His roster lists only two non-letter winners.

The starting lineup will see four lettermen from last year's squad and a veteran of their 1945 club who has been in service. Milner's probable starting lineup will average 6-2, while Coach Harry Good's starting five will stand 6-4.

Claude Retherford, the team's high scorer for the past two seasons, is returning to form and has brightened the Husker outlook considerably. The 6-2 forward Dick Schleiger, Bus Whitehead, centers; Bob Gates, Larry Walsh, Kenny Anderson, Anton Lawry, guards.

#### NEBRASKA CAGE SQUAD

No. Name Pos. Hgt. Exp.

18 Allen, Bob C 6-4 2

10 Anderson, Kenneth	G	6-1½	2
19 Brandenburg, Darrell	F	6-1½	0
7 Cech, Henry	G	6-2	1
15 Cerv, Robert	G	6-1	2
12 Cox, Rodney	F	6-3	2
6 Gates, Bob	G	6-1	0
17 Juscel, Ray	F	6-4½	2
10 Lawry, Anton	F-G	6-3	2
9 Malacek, Joe	C	6-5	1
5 Pierce, Bob	C	6-6½	0
13 Retherford, Claude	F	6-2	3
8 Schleiger, Dick	C	6-4	2
3 Shields, Paul	F	6-2	3
4 Srb, Dick	F	6-3	2
11 Walsh, Larry	G	6-2	1
14 Whitehead, Milton	C	6-9	2

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