

### Benchwarmer

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Clair Bee, a leading basketball coach, didn't stay in his own backyard when asked to forecast this season's All-American team.

The Long Island university mentor, writing in a current sports magazine issued the following predictions:

**First Team:** Kevin O'Shea, Notre Dame, forward; Tony Lavelli, Yale, forward; Ed McCauley, St. Louis, center; Vince Boryla, Denver, guard; Ralph Beard, Kentucky, guard.

**Second Team:** Dike Eddleman, Illinois; Bob Cousy, Holy Cross; Jim McIntyre, Minnesota; Alex Gsoza, Kentucky; Slater Martin, Texas.

Coach Patsy Clark's statement left a lot of room for speculation as to who and when a new coach is to be named. As to when, that is a question which can only be answered by Patsy himself—and he hasn't been doing much talking lately. Except that is, at official banquet functions.

Who seems to be the biggest word in the dictionary right now. Husker fans have narrowed the coaching prospects down to three or four and are pulling for Paul Brown. Why they think it is Paul Brown seems to be a mystery.

We think Patsy will come up with somebody that is least suspected. Whoever the high moguls pick let's hope he'll get plenty of co-operation from all the university fans.

We are still of the opinion that if and when a new coach is picked he will not be any circle man. It will still take time to rebuild the once mighty Cornhusker grid machine and will take all the cooperation of everyone concerned.

Students here at the university can do just as much in helping this process by talking up the university when they are at home. It will take time but Nebraskans have always been noted for their optimistic viewpoints.

### Frosh Tankers Test Varsity

Coach Hollie Lepley's frosh swimmers will test the varsity mermen in a pre-season warmup in the Coliseum pool Thursday night.

The Cornhusker swim coach realizes the two week Christmas vacation period is approaching and the U. of N. splash master is hastening to hold dress rehearsal for his varsity tankers before the holiday spirit takes over.

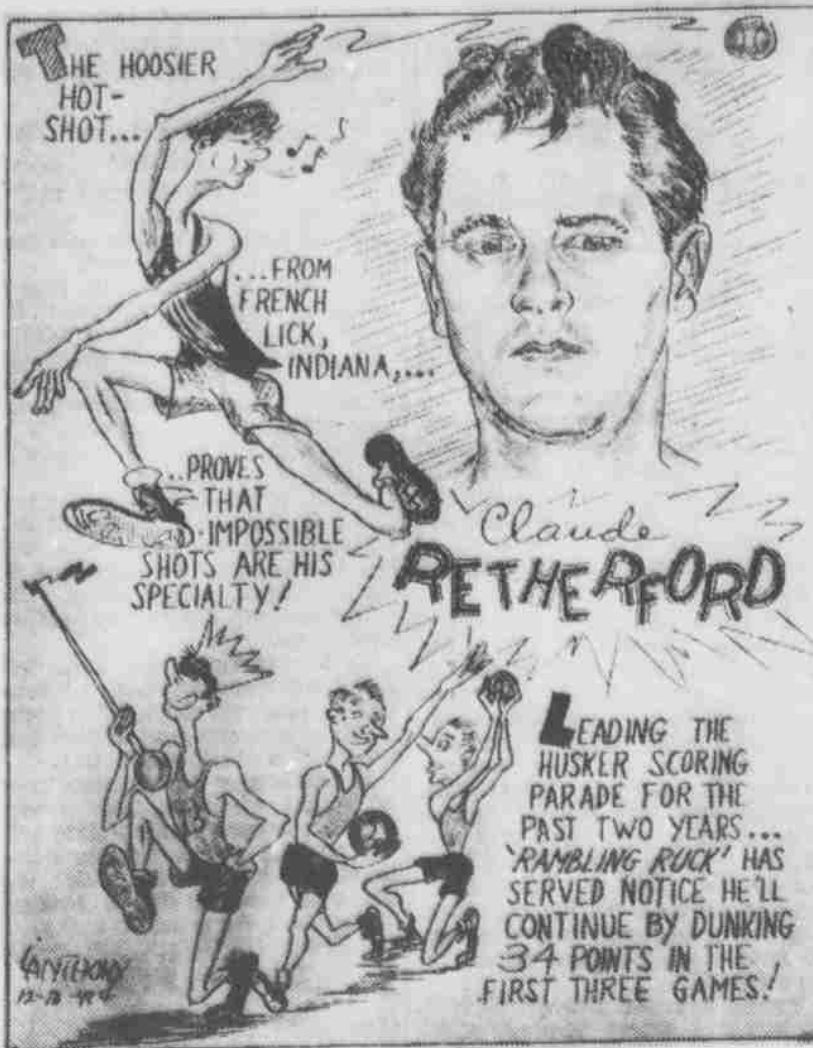
Heading the frosh contingent is Paul Goetz, Omaha, intramural record holder in the 220 yard freestyle and 150 yard backstroke.

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### No NU Football Coaching Contracts to Be Renewed . . . Says Clark

Dougal Russell, assistant varsity football coach at Nebraska, resigned the post which he has held for the past two years, effective Feb. 1, 1949.

The date of his resignation coincided with the end of his contract.

Meanwhile Athletic Director George "Patsy" Clark issued a statement. He said, "To clear the decks for the advent of a new coach, when one is signed, we are not renewing contracts now in force."

Clark's statement blasted previous rumors and made wide open expectations as to who the next Cornhusker football coach might be.

Those who have been named most recently to take over the football coaching reins from Clark are Paul Brown, Ray Elliot, Abe Stuber, Bert LaBrucherie and George Sauer.

Russell is 36 years old, married, and the father of a nine-year-old son. He previously was an assistant coach at Kansas State in 1946.

**Former Wildcat Star**  
He played three seasons under "Bo" McMillin at Kansas State. In his senior year at K-State Russell was an all-Big Six backfield selection. After graduation he played five years with the Chicago Cardinals and one season with the Cleveland Rams.

While playing for the Cardinals, Russell wrote his name in the National Professional Football

league record book three times. He has the longest kickoff return—102 yards, second longest completed pass for a touchdown—98 yards, and third longest punt—84 yards.

### Mat Squad Visits Tutors

Husker wrestlers will take part in the Iowa State Teachers invitational meet at Cedar Falls Saturday afternoon.

Coach Pat Patterson will probably take six men for the competition in the one day meet.

These include Louis Caniglia, 121 pounds; Pee Wee Yambor, 128 pounds; Harold Gilliland, 136 pounds; Herb Reese, 175 pounds; Mike DiBiase, heavyweight.

Fifteen Iowa State college wrestlers, all competing unattached, will take part in the AAU meet held at Iowa Teachers.

Coach Hugo Otopalik listed the following men for competition in the one day meet at Cedar Falls.

They are Dave Maney, 121 pounds; Ralph Van Eaton, 128 pounds; James Melas and Bob Whithurst, 136 pounds; Bob Kucera, Don McCormick, Bob Wilson, 136 pounds; Jack Parsons, Don Bahr, 145 pounds; Ken Parker, 165 pounds; Don Thomas, 175 pounds; Charles West, John Stout and Wayne Seibold, heavyweight.

# Husker Cagers Meet Boilermakers

## Gridders Get Letter Awards

Nine seniors are among the 30 Cornhuskers winning football letters during the 1948 season.

The graduating letter men are: Alex Cochrane, Scottsbluff; Jack Hazen, Omaha, ends; Darwin Salestrom, St. Edward, and John Sedlacek, Swards, guards; Bob Costello, Lincoln, center; and Frank Collopy, Scottsbluff, Dick Hutton, Auburn; Gerald Moore, Walthill, and Cletus Fischer, St. Edwards, backs.

### Backfield Toll

Of these nine, only Fischer, Collopy and Costello were consistent starters, leaving almost a complete team returning for the 1949 season. The most serious toll will be taken in the backfield, with the loss of such fine all-around backs as Cletus Fischer, Frank Collopy, and Dick Hutton. Fischer, who won his fourth letter this year, has always been a threat to Husker opponents. During his four years of competition, he has been chosen on several All-Big Six teams in spite of the injuries that have plagued him.

Frank Collopy, alternating at almost any position in the backfield, lettered in 1944-46-47-48. He has been a standout in every phase of the game, defensively and offensively.

### Hutton Gone

Third key back to be lost is Dick Hutton, three year letterman, the fastest man on the Husker roster. The Auburn speed boy had his greatest year as a sophomore in 1946, and was chosen on the All-Big Six team. His return to form in the latter part of the 1948 season was one of the bright spots of a dismal year.

Returning lettermen: Ralph Damkroger, Mike DiBiase, Gerald Ferguson, Ken Fischer, Howard Fletcher, Jim Godfrey, Richard Goeglein, Fred Golan, Fred Hawkins, Bob Lipps, Ray Magsamen, Arden Means.

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## Take On Cincy Saturday Night

Coach Harry Good's basketball squad start their road play tonight at Lafayette, Ind., where they meet Purdue's Boilermakers. The Scarlet cagers take on Cincinnati Saturday night to fill their week end schedule.

Good indicated that he would start the same five he has started in the last three games. That means Henry Cech, Bob Cerv, Joe Malecek, Claude Retherford and Bus Whitehead will be on the floor when the fun begins at Purdue tonight.

The squad moved to Lafayette this morning after spending the night in Chicago. Good hopes to hold one more workout before game time on the Boilermaker court.

Purdue is undefeated in first three starts with wins over Detroit, Marquette and Kansas.

Saturday's tilt with Cincinnati will put the Huskers in the underdog role. The Cincinnati squad led by Ralph Richter is rated as one of the top teams in the midwest.

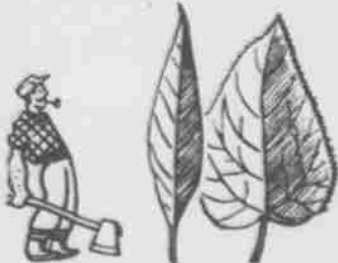
Purdue's Boilermakers will floor a strong team which lists nine returning lettermen, Bill Banks, 5-10 guard, is the only player on the squad under six feet.

Other Purdue returnees are Rich Axness, 6-3 forward; Bill Berberian, 6-0 guard; Andy Butchko, 6-4 center; Bill Butterfield, 6-5 center; Norris Caudell, 6-3 forward; Julius Ritter, 6-3 center; Ralph Theissen, 6-3 guard; Howard Williams 6-0 guard.

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