

Varsity Team Toes Line

Makeup of Nebraska Eleven is Already Virtually Determined. LARGE NUMBER OF VETERANS ARE ON HAND. Second and Third Elevens Stand Ready to Reinforce Varsity When Any Weakness May Make Itself Apparent.

Every day of practice as it passes illumines with a stronger light the promise that the University of Nebraska foot ball team will this year rank far and away above anything that it has attained in all its years of ups and downs on the western gridiron.

With an average of forty men out for practice every day the last week and with a dozen more husky stalwarts watching the scrimmages from the sidelines with tears in their eyes because there are not yet quite enough to accommodate them all, with all of last year's material to work on and a vast glist of new rough diamonds to cut into shape, it now seems assured that the champions of four states last year will extend their domain of superiority over a far greater extent of territory by next Thanksgiving day.

Two great games are in prospect and every student at the university seems to realize that this is the critical year for the foot ball team of its alma mater. Of course there are many other scheduled contests and one or two of strong minor importance, but in scanning the list the Nebraska enthusiast cannot but let his gaze wander over to the dates October 12 and November 2, for these are the days on which their favorites will meet the champions of the north, the Gophers of Minnesota and the Badgers of Wisconsin.

As the time for the Minnesota game approaches less and less anxiety concerning the outcome is felt on the state university. Reports from the northern school, instead of growing more favorable, are each day a little gloomier, and there seems to be little in the work of the Gophers from which even the most sanguine of their backers can derive much comfort.

Of course it is possible that the press reports are distorted from the real facts, for the men of the north realize that they have the game of their lives before them and nothing could please them better than the installation of a victor against their Nebraska opponents.

However, figures cannot lie and in the face of what showing the Gophers made a week ago against the high school teams of Minneapolis and St. Paul it is hard to believe that their chances are so far from being very great.

For an entire half the eleven from the Minneapolis Central High school compelled the university men to keep a respectable distance from the goal line, which the school boys guarded so zealously. Not once could the Gophers score in that half. Then, the boys from the St. Paul Central High school came against them to finish the game and because these youngsters had not the spark and determination of those whom they succeeded the varsity was finally enabled to score, making three touchdowns. And of these Mr. Knowlton, fullback, missed no goals.

That is not such a fine showing for a much vaunted championship aggregation to make against high school boys and it has not served to raise the hopes of Minnesota men very high. Wisconsin will undoubtedly give the Gophers a terrible drubbing this year and it will be a pity if the Cornhuskers cannot do the same.

The fact that there will this year be three organized elevens at the University of Nebraska instead of two as formerly is of great importance. It simply means that the second eleven will be so nearly equal to the first that the latter will have the championship contests every day in practice. The teams will be run on a system of merit strictly. The eleven men on the second eleven will have to work very hard to keep the stars of the third team from displacing them and all this will conduce to the good of the varsity men themselves.

Never before has the first team been outlined as quickly as this year. This is possible because of the fact that so many old men returned and also because those who are already slated for places stand out so strongly above other competitors. It now seems almost certain that the following fifteen men will be first team players during the early season at least:

For the line, Koehler, Ringler, Westover, Brew, Moloney, Stringer, Sheild, Cretzkyou; for quarterback, Drain; for backs, Crandall, Kingsbury, Bender, Lehmer, Bell and Williams.

However, this personnel is by no means assured. So far these men have shown themselves the worthiest and best, but they can hold their positions only as long as they continue so to do. The plan is civil service strictly. As soon as any man on the second team begins to shine with a bright light he will be tried in his respective position on the first eleven and if he does better than the man whom he has displaced there he will remain as long as he exhibits the same superior class of work.

No games other than mere tryout affairs will be played by the university team until the Minnesota contest. That with the Lincoln High school a week ago was the beginning of this class of work. The game with the osteopaths at Kirksville, Mo., yesterday was another such. This coming Saturday the team will continue the preliminary work in a game with Doane college

and that is the last before the Minnesota game at Minneapolis on October 12.

After that event is past the team will commence work for Wisconsin and on October 19 Cornhuskers will be given an opportunity to see the Nebraska champions in a game with the Omaha Medics here. The next Saturday will see them at Lincoln pitted against the Ames agricultural college team. That will be October 26 and no more games will then be played until that is Milwaukee against the Badgers on November 2.

It is expected that the boys will be taken to Wisconsin some days before the game, for they could hardly be in good shape immediately after a ride of 700 miles on the train. Every precaution to insure perfect condition for that game will be taken.

After that is over two games and probably three more important ones remain. Missouri Tigers will come to Lincoln on November 9 and the Kansas on November 16. Then, provided Nebraska has succeeded in playing as good as a tie with either Wisconsin or Minnesota, Northwestern university has promised to come to Nebraska for the third series of games. Students down at the university already think it a cinch that Northwestern will be called upon to keep its promise.

SIXTY MEN SEEK FOR PLACES

Host of Missourians Strive for Preference on the Eleven Which Wears Tiger's Stripes.

In the matter of candidates, the Missouri state university has Nebraska disgraced and discouraged. Eighty men are now clamoring for places on the team which is to represent the Tigers this year. Nebraska considered itself in unusual luck with forty-five aspirants on hand.

Coach Fred Murphy is already confident that the team will consist largely of new material. He has some of this on hand, he says, that is too good to be neglected and only four or five places will go to old men. With the increased prosperity of the school and a larger attendance comes naturally a higher standard of football and the team of last year is to be outclassed by the present. It coaching and unlimited material can do it.

A superabundance of big men among this year's candidates causes the team as picked out thus far to look rather unyielding and unadaptable. It is as soon as the ball is in play that these big men display surprising agility and it is on this unusual combination of dash and weight that Mr. Murphy bases his highest hopes.

Captain Charles Washer has just arrived from Kansas City where he has been ill, and his return has given added impetus to the work. He will be unable to play for several days yet, but can assist materially in the training. The old players now in practice are McCaslin, Ellis, Stach, Hoxon, Sandberg and Frimpton. The Tigers' schedule reads:

October 5, Kirksville at Columbia. October 5, Nebraska at Lincoln. October 12, Simpson at Columbia. October 19, Warrensburg at Columbia. October 26, Drake at Des Moines. November 2, Hastings at Council Bluffs. November 9, Tarkio at Tarkio. November 16, Texas at Columbia. November 23, Haskett at Council Bluffs. November 23, Kansas at Kansas City.

MANY DROP FROM THE RANKS

Only Six of the Minnesota Squad of Fifteen Giants Show Up This Year for Practice.

The interest of the Nebraska centers now in the Minnesota team as first of its big opponents. October 12 is the date on which the Cornhuskers are scheduled to meet the Gophers at Minneapolis. The northerners were if anything even a little ahead of Booth's men in starting training. It was about August 25 when a score of candidates began preliminary work at Grand Marais, Mich. But it was not till Thursday, September 12, that the first practice was held on Northrup field at the university.

If the returning of many old men is any great advantage, Minnesota has certainly received a hard blow. Only six of that terrible squad of fifteen giants will be back in school. However, Nebraska's well remember the second team of the Gophers. Just before the game at Lincoln last Thanksgiving day, when a vast crowd was anxiously awaiting for the teams to appear, a bunch of stalwart strangers in red sweaters and molasses trotted out on the gridiron. Nebraska's were appalled at the size of the men, for they were giants compared with the sturdy Cornhuskers. Nevertheless they were applauded to the echo and much admiration was expressed.

But there were also some Minnesotans present on the benches, and when the local enthusiasts emitted gasps of admiration for the Gopher players these turned to their southern neighbors and said:

"But that's only our second team. Wait till you see the real thing."

And it was true. Not long afterward the real thing came and the advance guards were consigned to the oblivion of the side lines. The men who took their place were wonderful to behold. It was a terrifying sight. But it did not make so much difference in the end, and this year there are about forty cornhuskers working hard each afternoon who say it won't make any.

But the sextet of remnants is a powerful

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Nothing could have been more instructive to a golf player than to follow the contest at the Country club last Tuesday afternoon and note the work of Nicholls as compared with that of his opponents, Foye and Lawrie. The feature of it all was his steadiness. Every drive he made was a good one, every approach, save one, was superb. It was on the last drive before the green and even in this his defect was noticed to be due to a peculiar condition. Direction was not what bothered him, but force. Every put of his that missed holed out hit the hole all right, but was shot just a little too hard to drop, so that it either rimmed or jumped across.

Change of Links May Explain It

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Nicholls' power in a drive seems almost incredible because of the force of his stroke. He takes all the time he can to address his ball, but does this with his club heeled out beyond his ball, not directly behind it. Then he makes a couple of short passes above the ball, swinging jerkily back and forth within a small arc. The next thing the stroke has been made and the ball is gone. One would think that the Boston man had not drawn his club back around his shoulder at all, but close watching of the next shot will show that he does so. What seems as peculiar about it is that he does not swing up slowly, as do most players. His up stroke is as fierce as his downward one on the ball, though not so heavy. The tremendous distance he makes would seem to be a direct result of his method of rapid swinging. Both with the wind and against it his drives were very long, and the remarkable thing was that he always got better direction than his opponents. At the ninth hole, 205 yards, he went away over to a small area, with practically perfect direction. Foye and Lawrie, too, were right up on the green at that hole.

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Only once was the visiting player bunkered. At the second to occur at the same hole at which the hole was made, both Foye's shots of the day were made, both by Foye. It was at eleven, the Hillsides, where one looks from the tee down a steep slope, across a ditch at the bottom, up another to a bunker, behind which is enclosed the hole on a pretty green, several feet deep. The bunker is a long one, broken in the middle, leaving a clear pathway to the green about eight feet wide.

How It Was Done

Foye had just topped his drive at the fortress and he repeated the stroke, merely rolling down the hill to the bottom and stopping in the long grass just at the edge of the bunker. Nicholls proved clear up the slope to the bunker, rolling the ball with a spoon and cupped his ball out of the grass on a bee line up the slope. It was not high enough to clear the bunker, carrying only about two feet from the ground, and it seemed that he would go in beside Nicholls, one stroke to the hole. But the wind entered into the contest and swung the flying katty north so that it skimmed the bunker, taking advantage of an eight-foot gateway from a striking distance of more than 100 yards.

Foye says he did not try to do it, but it was a wonderful shot. He was on the green in two, then he went past the hole. Nicholls went into the bunker, intending to scoop his ball out and land it right by the hole in two. At the bottom of the ditch the ball lay in a little hollow and Nicholls looked for his mark. But the current was away from the hole, so he played it with the approach iron he was carrying. The first attempt hit the bank and came back. The second hit barely scraped over the rim and landed on the green. Another shot brought Nicholls to the hole distance. A trial of instruction will assist him throughout the season, while graduate players and coaches will be numerous.

Harvard people also have cause to mourn. The loss of men like Daly, Hollowell, Ellis, Lawrence and Savin is a trial not to be calmly endured. But the rest of them are hard at it, being out twice a day for practice three times a week. Yale has been a heavy loser of good men and starts the season with chances considerably reduced. Coaching has therefore been more careful and thorough than ever before. A radical change in the line-up recently made was taking Ocleit back from center to fullback. As a result, last year's championship team as a plunging back and Ocleit seemed best for the place. He is most active, and as his weight has been reduced to 175 pounds, he is of an ideal build for the place.

At Princeton alone is found real jubilation. Every Tiger is certain that last year's defeat at the hands of Yale is to be wiped out this fall with a vengeance and to that end some of the whole list are they looking forward especially.

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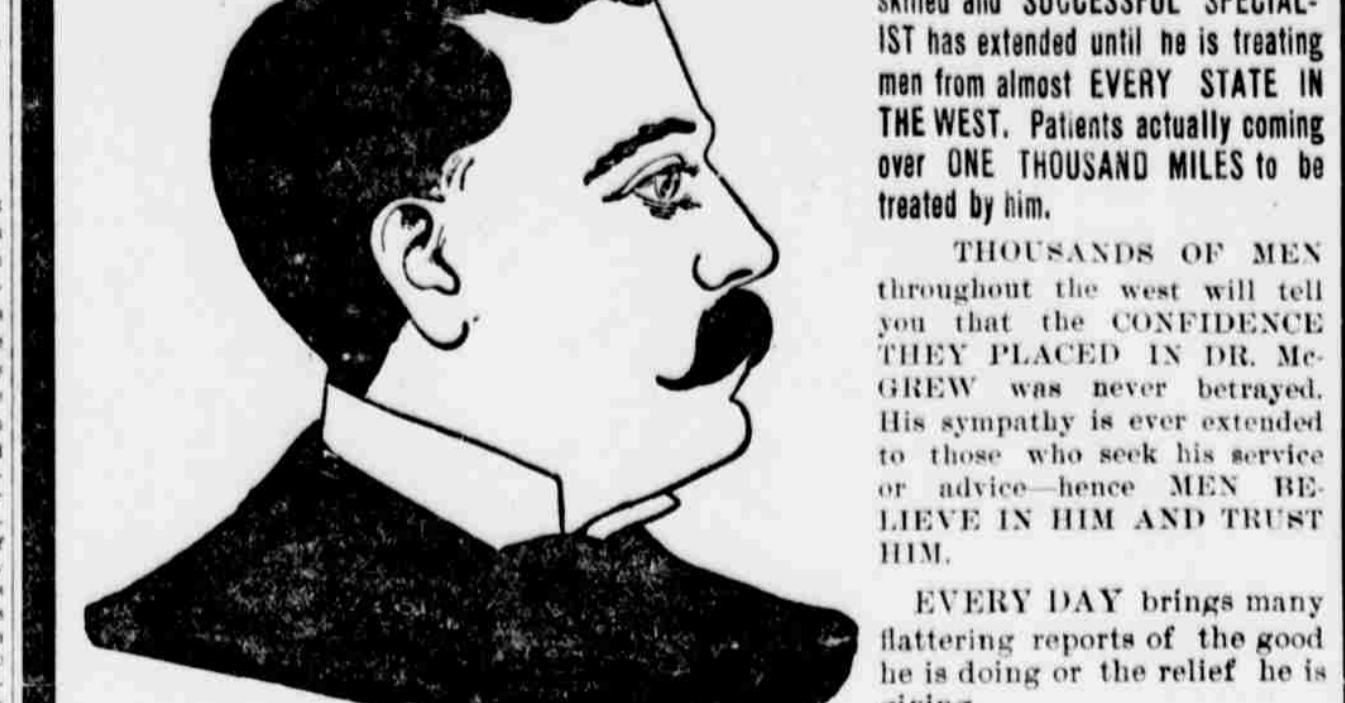
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TIPS ON THE SHOOTING IRON

Field Sportsman Gives Some He Harvested from Experience.

FIRST THING IS TO GET GUN THAT FITS

Adjustment Should Be in the Piece. Not in the Man—Then There Are Things to Remember About Its Care.

If there is anything as essential to a sportsman as a knowledge of how to use a gun it is how to buy one and to take care of it afterward. On this subject a prominent field sportsman has this to say: Every man who shoots a gun believes as a rule that the particular make of weapon he uses is the best that could possibly be turned out. This of course is natural, as otherwise he would not have bought it. It can be safely asserted, however, that all makes and grades of American shotguns will bag the game and kill it just as dead as one costing sixteen times as much. The closeness with which a gun will shoot—that is to say, the number of pellets it will place in a thirty-inch circle at a given distance—is simply a matter of boring the barrels. It is not so many years ago that the hammerless was only shot by a few sportsmen who could afford to pay from \$100 upward for a weapon. Now, however, that gun is the accepted type, and a double hammerless of good make and workmanship may now be had for as low as \$25.

Get One That Fits

The man who goes directly to a sporting goods store and picks out a gun without determining whether it fits him or not has handicapped his shooting at the very outset. No man would go into a clothing store and come out with a \$25 suit of clothes, wrapped up in a package, without having previously tried them on. Yet the same man has often been known to purchase a gun costing double that amount, which no more fits him than would a youth's suit of clothes.

Gun stocks vary in length from 14 to 14 1/2 inches from the center of the butt-plate to the forward trigger, while the drop of the stock—that is to say, the difference in level between the top of the barrels and the top of the butt-plate will run from two to three inches. A man with a long neck will of necessity require more drop to a stock than a man with a short one, and the length of stock will vary according to the length of one's arm. Of course it is possible for a long-necked man to content himself so that he may shoot with a comparatively straight stock, while his shorter-necked friend may manage to do fair shooting with a gun in which the drop is too great for him, but the correct way is to get the gun to fit the shooter, and not to the shooter to twist himself into attitudes to fit the gun.

Some Other Things to Get

Don't by any means use all of your appropriation on the gun itself. There are one or two other items that are needed, and whose possession makes all the difference between a well kept and a slouchy looking firearm. No gun, however cheap, should be without a gun case, not only to protect it from dents and nicks when traveling, but also from dampness and dust when put away in a closet between shooting seasons. A waterproof canvas case, with two compartments—one for the stock and another for the barrel, and in which are attached one pocket for holding fifty cartridges and another for the accommodation of a cleaning rod, costing \$1.50 is for all practical purposes just as serviceable and good as a handsome leather case costing from \$10 to \$20.

How to Keep It

To keep the gun in good condition a three-joint birchwood rod, with a screw at one end, to which may be fitted a wool swab, a wire brush and a slotted joint for holding a cleaning cloth will keep a gun in good condition. A rod with the implements mentioned may be had for about 75 cents and will do the work just as well as a handsome ebony rod costing more than twice as much. In addition to the canvas case a pair of canvas covers, one for the barrel and one for the stock, in which the gun is to be placed before putting in the outside case, may be had for \$1.25 and are almost a necessity in the neighborhood of salt water. Even with these cases eternal care and constant examination and cleaning of one's firearms are the price of keeping it in good condition and no man who expects to get the best results and have a decent looking weapon will think of putting his shotgun away at the end of a season and giving it no care until the beginning of the next.

Be very chary of oil. A little lubricant is a good thing, but too much only clogs and makes the locks work badly. Speaking of locks, it is well to select a shotgun from which the locks may be removed readily, so that they may be occasionally wiped off with a soft cloth and just the tiniest drop of oil applied at intervals when needed.

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