

# Prospects of the 1914 Team

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At the close of every football season, no matter how successful it may have been, the loyal enthusiast can not help but commence a speculation upon the prospects for the following season. We are just closing what has been one of the most brilliant records ever made by a Nebraska team upon the gridiron and this has come in spite of the fact that when the school year closed last spring the lack of veteran material gave the football dopsters very little hope for even a Missouri Valley championship.

For this reason alone it may be readily seen that "dope" no matter how hot it is at the close of one football season, has a tendency to grow cold before another twelve months has rolled by. We may figure now that 1914 will even surpass the wonderful work of the present aggregation and by the time for the opening practice find that our plans and hopes have been upset by unforeseen circumstances, such as sickness of players, failure of stars to return to school or just common every-day hard luck, such as has pursued the Cornhuskers in times past.

However, no matter how things will actually shape themselves by next fall, at the present time Nebraska has never had rosier outlooks for a winning eleven than she now has for the 1914 team. Nine members of our all-victorious 1913 machine are eligible according to the rules of the Missouri Valley to compete another year, and of these seven are almost certain to return. The other two have given out statements which at least lead us to hope that they intend to do their best to be in the old red and white uniform in next fall's battle with the Gophers at Minneapolis.

Besides this formidable nucleus we have probably the greatest array of freshmen stars for many years, who will be in a position to represent the varsity next year. They give promise to form a combination as powerful as any of the old-time aggregations that have carried the Scarlet and Cream to all victorious seasons. Several of the first year men are showing speed and strength enough in the daily scrimmages with the varsity to assure them of places upon the team of 1914.

Two of these are undoubtedly as great a pair of football players as has ever donned the moleskins at any western institution, not excluding Minnesota, Chicago, Wisconsin, or Michigan.

Of the present regular team Purdy and Ross are the only players that we will lose by the three-year rule, while Towle and Beck, the little quarterback and speedy end, are eligible for another year of competition, but can graduate at the end of the present school year if they so desire. The loss of Captain Purdy will mean that the Cornhuskers lose a two and possibly three-year all Missouri Valley player, who is a hard line smasher, a fleet end dasher, and a demon defensive tackler. Clinton Ross, while not a flashy performer, is a pillar of strength in the line and but for the wealth of material which we may expect to report next fall, his absence would probably become a blow from which the team would not recover.

With Howard and Rutherford remaining for backfield positions, Mastin at one end, Halligan, Thompson, Abbott and Cameron in the line and possibly Towle at quarter, and Beck at end, the present freshmen will be called upon to fill but four positions, at the most, upon the 1914 squad.

This they are abundantly able to do. Chamberlain the 192 pound halfback is a wonderful player, with a combination of speed, weight and aggressiveness which equals that of the mighty Brickley of Harvard, according to experts who have seen them both perform. He can plunge through an almost unmovable line, skirt the best of ends, or stop the most terrific runners while on the defense. He has a quick head and is shifty enough to take advantage of every opportunity. He will make a great running mate for Rutherford.

H. H. Correy, the 200 pound freshman tackle, has been a bug-bear to the varsity men all season and has broken up more plays unassisted than any regular collegian which Nebraska has met upon the gridiron. He will be respected by all of the Cornhuskers' opponents as soon as he becomes a member of the team and can class with Westover, Shonka or other of Nebraska's famous line men.

Rasmussen and Norris are brilliant first year performers who have shown varsity ability from the first practice of the year. Norris is from Halligan's home town and out there in North Platte they claim that he is the equal of the "Thunderbolt." Porter, if Towle fails to return, should develop into a second Johnny Bender at the general's position. He has shown a remarkable amount of speed and "pep" during the long grind of practice.

If everything breaks in our favor, and there is no reason why everything should not, Nebraska for the first time in the history of the school should humble the mighty Minnesota team two years in succession as well as annex the fifth straight Missouri Valley championship.

## "JUMBO" STIEHM.

*"Jumbo" Stiehm, the wonder-worker of the Missouri Valley, the one man towards whom all instinctively turn when football is mentioned in the midwest, has completed his third year as football coach at Nebraska. For three years the wearers of the Scarlet and Cream have brought Valley honors to Nebraska under his tutelage, and in the third year they have sent Minnesota back to the north, defeated.*

*Who is this Merlin of football and from whence does he come? From the obscurity of a tiny college in Wisconsin, after four years on the gridiron of Wisconsin U. and four years on the basket-ball floor, he stepped almost unheralded into the shoes of "King" Cole. In the three short years at Nebraska he has come to be recognized as the biggest man in western football circles. And football is not his only hobby. As an all-year coach he has twice brought the M. V. basket-ball championship to Nebraska's trophy case.*

*Now he predicts, this man who says so little and does so much, not only another year of glory in the Missouri Valley, but a second successive defeat for the Gophers on their own field. All hail to "Jumbo" Stiehm, the Prophet.*

## Girls' Cornhusker Party

The girls of the University will celebrate en masse on the evening of the Cornhusker banquet, since they are not invited to help in the general celebration for the team. This was decided at a meeting of the Girls' club, held last night in the Y. W. C. A. rooms, and the executive body of the club is perfecting plans for the largest meeting of co-eds ever held.

Miss Gittings, Miss Conklin, and Miss Hrbek, the advisory board of the Girl's club, are assisting in the plans.

It will be an all-University girls' party, and while there will be a general Cornhusker air to it, the girls will celebrate by "costuming," rather than by dining and "speechifying." It will be a costume party, held in the girls' gymnasium, and the date is December 5th.