



Sports Arena By Jim Eringer

We've reached the end of our run for this semester and so this conductor is going back and recollect a few things and also gaze into the future.

At the start of the football season, there were whisperings that Nebraska was going to have a truly great season. Then Minnesota got in the way and squelched those words of hope.

As the autumn Saturdays rolled by, the Huskers gained momentum and by December first, there was a clamor for a bowl bid. The Rose Bowl was the ultimate climax to a football season that was the best in well over a decade.

A few Huskers personally gained nation-wide recognition—notably Warren Alfson, Harry Hopp, Hermie Rohrig, Vike Francis, and the Major himself.

Turning to the basketball season, the outlook for a rosy future dropped after the first few Big Six conference games. The road ahead may be of a brighter hue but the season of 1941-42 and the winter after appear to be the years for Husker cage glory.

The other winter sports are looking bright. The swimmers, aided by a strong sophomore contingent, seem to be in the mood for a possible Big Six championship.

The westlers appear to be content with a mediocre season. The National Guard took away several of the better grapplers and the future lies another year in the horizon. The gymnasts are due for another good season with a fine squad of veterans returning.

In the spring, there is real hope. The track team, minus a few 1940 lettermen, will be out to protect its championship and should do the trick.

The tennis team will be out to repeat last spring's performances and has a good chance of repeating past victories—which were so numerous last year.

The golf team will be on the upgrade this year despite the loss of its 1940 number one man by graduation.

Yes, looking back and ahead, one can plainly see that this has been and will be a year in Nebraska athletics to really crow about.

Our hope is for continued success such as we have enjoyed in the past. The athletes themselves have done their part in making the records bear out these successes. The student supporters have stood behind athletics but still need greater emphasis in showing their appreciation.

Like death and taxes, everything must come to an end. We may be back looking again with you from this angle next semester and we may not. If not, then it's goodbye and good luck to all good sports. As Paul Sullivan would say, "Goodnight and '30'."

Fitz leads scoring

Don Fitz still continues to lead the Husker cage scoring altho he is closely followed by Sid Held. The tall senior guard has tipped in 104 points thru the meshes in 12 games. Held has 99 counters. The nearest scored to this pair is John Fitzgibbon with only 45 points. The list:

Table with columns: Name, Pts, Rebs, Sts, Fts, Totals. Lists players like Don Fitz, Sid Held, John Fitzgibbon, Les Livingston, Al Randall, John Thompson, Max Young, Hartman Goetze, John Hay, Charles Vaccanti, Lyle King, Ted Greene.

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Couple of Cyclone eagers...



DALE DEKOSTER



GORDON NICHOLAS

Above are Dale DeKoster and Gordon Nicholas, two mainstays of the Iowa State basketball squad. In the first meeting between the Cyclones and Nebraska's eagers this year, Ames will be the host. The game will be played on Jan. 25. Nicholas is a co-captain on the Cyclone five and serves as center. DeKoster is one of the steady guards for the Ames quintet. These are just two reasons to show why Iowa State figures high in the Big Six basketball race and why Nebraska will have a tough time with the Cyclones this season.

Cornhusker mermen drown Carleton swim team 52-27

By Bob Miller.

Paced by a letterman, Bill Edwards, and a sophomore, Don Hilgert, Nebraska annexed first place in the initial swimming meet of the year against Carleton college of Northfield, Minn., in the coliseum pool Monday afternoon by a score of 52-27.

The Huskers took eight out of nine possible first places in winning with Edwards and Hilgert taking two first places apiece.

Starting the afternoon off, the swimmers took first in the 300 yard medley relay with Oldfield swimming back stroke; Foster, breast stroke; and Woods finishing in the anchor spot swimming free style. Their time was 3:22.5.

Don Hilgert came into the spot light when he came in first in the 220 yard free style and then four events later won the 200 yard breast stroke. This is Hilgert's first year on the team and he is destined to play havoc with Big Six records.

Bill Edwards did his bit for the squad when he won the 50 yard free style and later when he came in to the shore in the first position in the 100 yard free. He also was third in the 440 yard free.

Oldfield stars.

Les Oldfield, another sophomore, was the outstanding single winner on the team. In his specialty, the back stroke, Oldfield took first place from Captain-Coach Fred Riegel of the Carleton team and at the same time broke the existing Big Six record which Davis

of Oklahoma set in 1936. The mark, however, can not be placed in the record book since any new mark must be made in the Big Six championships. His time was 1:45.5, two seconds better than the present one.

In the diving event Ralph Worden, Nebraska former Big Six titleholder, nabbed the coveted position with 109.6 points, Bill Hull was second for Nebraska and Bob Lea was third for Carleton. Hull, a sophomore, also took first place in the 440 free and third in the 100 yard free.

Carleton gained most of its points by seconds and thirds and one first. On Saturday night the vanquished team took a defeat from the hands of conference title holding Iowa State by a 33 to 51 count. The summary:

- 300 yard medley: Won by Nebraska (Hilgert, Foster, Woods) Time 3:22.5. 220-yard free: Won by Hilgert (N); Solberg (C) second; Chapin (C) third, Time 2:39.5. 50-yard free: Won by Edwards (N); second, Moersch (C); third, Plummer (C). Time: 24.4. Diving: Won by Worden (N); second, Hull (N); third, Lea (C). Points 109.6, 81.9, 68. 100-yard free: Won by Edwards (N); second, Moersch (C); third, Hull (N) Time: 1:45.5. 150-yard back stroke: Won by Oldfield (N); second, Riegel (C); third, Kendall (C). Time: 1:43.5. 200-yard breast stroke: Won by Hilgert (N); second, Foster (N); third, Deason (C). Time: 2:50.2. 440-yard free style relay: Won by Carleton (Hull, Moersch, Solberg, Kendall). Time: 4:12.3. Starter and referee: Tom Leake. Timers and judges: Cliff Cunningham, Bill Coder, Wilbur Knight, Charlie Miller and Don McDowell. The meet was under intercollegiate rules.

A new quartet to Husker quintet...



Livingston Fitzgibbon J. Thompson Max Young - Lincoln Star and Journal.

ABOVE ARE THREE SOPHOMORES and one junior who are finding their way very frequently into the Nebraska basketball lineup. John Thompson is a first year forward from Jackson high of Lincoln. John Fitzgibbon is a sophomore from Tobias and he has been teaming with Thompson to form the forward wall. Max Young is a sophomore from Bethany high of Lincoln and works at both center and guard. Les Livingston spent his time with the Husker "B" team last year but has been seeing considerable service this winter as first replacement at a forward station.

Beginning enrollment in Spanish is up 40 percent at the University of Vermont. Rensselaer Polytechnic institute is planning to build an astronomical observatory.

Another 'Philadelphia Story' that concerns all Nebraskans

In 1935, a big fellow came back to the Nebraska football scene again. He was a REAL big fellow and he had a REAL big job to do.

Since that year and for the past six football seasons, every Husker pigskin follower has taken this big fellow for granted.

But just last week news concerning this big fellow brought his name into the light again. He made the headlines in the Nebraska papers and also in the Philadelphia papers.



"LINK" LYMAN

The headlines read something like this:

"PROS BIDDING FOR 'LINK' LYMAN."

And consternation among Cornhusker football followers made much of the report. In short, here is the essence of the story:

The Philadelphia Eagles, members of the National Professional football league, are out after a new head coach. Lyman is an old friend of Bert Bell, co-owner of the Philie pros. And Tuesday, Lyman received a telephone call from Bell to meet him in Chicago.

To Chicago went Lyman. After some lengthy conversation of mixed business and old times, Lyman returned to Lincoln. The report was non-committal on Lyman's part.

In considering a new coach, Bell asked Philadelphia sports writers about what should be done in regard to the future destinies of his club. The writers answered that he should get a "name" coach.

Lyman was one of the "name" coaches interviewed. Pete Cawthorn, recently resigned head of Texas Tech, was another coach of whom interest for the Eagle coaching position was stirred.

Lyman would give no inclination one way or another upon his return from the Windy City last Friday, but stated he wanted a few weeks to think over the offer.

When Link retired from active service in the pro circuit as a player for the Chicago Bears, Dana Bible brought Lyman to Nebraska, the stomping grounds of his college football playing days.

In bolstering up the Nebraska line, Lyman received national recognition for himself and his boys by the success they maintained together.

Facts to regard.

Here are some facts Roy "Link" Lyman should consider while contemplating the prospect of taking over the task of being the head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles:

In 1940, the Eagles finished in the cellar of the National Professional football league. The ace player, Dave O'Brien, is pulling up stakes and will be a G-man by the time football season rolls around next fall.

Lyman has been strictly a line coach. He would have to hire a special coach to instruct the Eagle backfield talent.

In signing the contract to coach the Eagles, Lyman would have to beware of a special clause which would be included in the paper.

Fearful that the selective service act might leave him (Co-owner Bell) with a corporation, a schedule, a coach and no football team, the owner said that he would put in a "draft" clause.

Bell stated, "As a result of the draft, we may not have any team, and I'm going to insist on a clause stating that if we can't put a team on the field, the contract is void."

Because of the above facts and for almost certain future success and because of his many Cornhusker well-wishers, Lyman is hoped, by his admirers, to reject the pro offer and continue on with the task of instructing the big fellows that apply for positions in future Nebraska lines.

Union settles ground so class gets new answer to problem

When a whole class in surveying gets the same answer to a problem and that answer is wrong, something else is definitely wrong. Utah engineers, so says the Utah Chronicle, were assigned to measure with one of those three-legged spy glass arrangements the slope between their civil engineering building and the Union. They all got the same answer, but, according to all calculations by previous engineer classes, the answer was wrong.

How did they get the same answer? That's what the prof wondered, so he sleuthed around to find the guy who worked the problem and the rest of the students who copied his erroneous calculations.

The prof got fooled though, and this year's engineer class at Utah knows what the score is as fat as surveying is concerned.

The Union building has settled a couple of inches.

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