

The Sports Mill
By Bob Miller

One look at the calendar on the wall brings something home with sufficient force not to be overlooked . . . That something is that there will be only 23 more days until Nebraska's opener with the Cyclones of Iowa State on October 24 . . . Out of these 23 days subtract four Sundays and if my arithmetic is the same as yours that means 19 more days of practice . . . True there will be six days left which will be double-barrel practices but that still isn't a very long time in which to get a team of partially inexperienced footballers ready to go and to defend the Big Six championship in true Nebraska style . . .

Let's take a look see into the condition of the line in regard to experience . . . The first line stacks up well with George Abel, guard, Clarence Herndon, tackle, Freddie Meier, center, Bob Ludwick and Fred Preston having won their spurs in the form of the block "N" for two years . . . Vic Schleich will be at tackle and he has one letter to his credit, Herb VonGoetz is the other starting choice, being recruited from last year's scout squad . . . The situation doesn't seem too alarming but when these boys leave the game their positions will be taken by some inexperienced player who may be good basically but who would be much better with a little college playing time . . . There are only two minor letter winners and four squad members of last

Cornhusker football roster for '41 season

Name	Home	Position	Height	Weight	Age	Experience
Abel, George, Lincoln	Lincoln	Guard	6-2	200	21	2
Athey, Marvin, Wauneta	Wauneta	Back	6-2	190	20	0
Bordy, Phil, Silver Creek	Silver Creek	Tackle	5-9	196	21	0
Byler, Joe, Alma	Alma	Tackle	6-4	212	19	0
Bradley, Dale, Lincoln	Lincoln	Back	5-10	174	20	1
Bottorff, Don, Lincoln	Lincoln	Guard	5-11	194	20	0
Backman, Forrest, Lincoln	Lincoln	Center	6-0	188	20	0
Blue, Wayne, Tecumseh	Tecumseh	Back	6-0	205	22	0
Bryant, Bill, Ashland	Ashland	Guard	5-11½	180	21	1
Cooper, Bob, Omaha	Omaha	Back	6-0	176	19	0
Deviney, Bob, Sioux City	Sioux City	Guard	5-11	167	19	0
Debus, Howard, Lincoln	Lincoln	Back	6-1	195	20	0
Domeier, Dwayne, Grafton	Grafton	End	6-1	188	19	0
Duda, Charles, Sioux City	Sioux City	Center	6-0	186	22	0
Francis, Vike, Lincoln	Lincoln	Back	6-2	208	23	2
Gissler, Bert, Osceola	Osceola	End	6-7½	197	21	0
Hanisch, E. C., St. Paul	St. Paul	Guard	5-11½	195	20	0
Hazen, Jack, Omaha	Omaha	End	6-2	182	20	0
Hennings, Glen, Silver Creek	Silver Creek	Tackle	6-2	199	20	0
Hansen, Wilmer, Loomis	Loomis	Back	5-8	175	23	0
Herndon, Clarence, Grand Island	Grand Island	Tackle	6-0	200	25	0
Hyde, Robert, Omaha	Omaha	Guard	6-0	196	19	0
Jackson, Dean, Lincoln	Lincoln	End	6-0	175	20	0
Kelly, Howard, Grand Island	Grand Island	Center	6-2	190	23	1
Kathol, Gerald, Hartington	Hartington	End	6-1	178	20	1
Leik, Francis, Hastings	Hastings	Tackle	6-1	201	22	1
Long, Roy, Blair	Blair	Back	5-11½	189	19	0
Ludwick, Robert, Lincoln	Lincoln	End	6-0	175	20	2
Martig, Howard, Omaha	Omaha	Tackle	5-10	210	20	0
Meier, Fred, Lincoln	Lincoln	Center	5-11	185	21	2
Metheny, Fred, Lincoln	Lincoln	Back	5-11½	173	19	0
Myers, Lynn, Lincoln	Lincoln	Guard	5-11	168	21	1
Nelson, Jack, Omaha	Omaha	Guard	6-2	188	21	0
Nyden, Ed, Lincoln	Lincoln	End	6-3	180	21	0
Preston, Fred, Fairbury	Fairbury	End	6-3	190	24	2
Prochaska, Jerome, Ulysses	Ulysses	End	6-1	175	23	1
Shubert, Charles, Shubert	Shubert	Guard	5-11	178	20	0
Sindt, Wayne, Naponee	Naponee	Back	5-11	168	19	0
Salisbury, Randall, Elwood	Elwood	Back	6-0	185	19	0
Schleich, Vic, Lincoln	Lincoln	Tackle	6-2	234	21	1
Simmons, Ken, Valentine	Valentine	Back	5-7½	165	23	2
Thompson, Marv, Mitchell	Mitchell	Back	6-1	175	21	1
Tichy, Harold, Wilber	Wilber	Tackle	6-2½	198	19	0
Von Goetz, Herb, North Platte	North Platte	Guard	5-11½	191	19	0
Waddick, Don, Grand Island	Grand Island	Guard	5-11	192	23	0
Wilkins, Gene, Omaha	Omaha	Guard	6-1	186	19	0
Yakal, Phil, Lincoln	Lincoln	Tackle	5-11	227	21	0
Zikmund, Allen, Ord	Ord	Back	6-1	185	19	1
Remmenga, George, Adams	Adams	Tackle	6-1	188	Not Available	0
Irick, Bud, Lincoln	Lincoln	Guard	5-6	169	Available	0
Mackey, John, Ansley	Ansley	Back	6-0	176	Available	0
Broberg, Roy, Newman Grove	Newman Grove	End	6-0	179	Available	0
Harris, Floyd, Norfolk	Norfolk	Center	6-0	177	Available	0
Harvey, Dale, Lyons	Lyons	Back	5-10	168	Available	0
Buckley, Les, Lincoln	Lincoln	Guard	5-11	190	Available	0
Hooper, Jerry, Scottsbluff	Scottsbluff	Tackle	6-1	272	Available	0
Rounds, Warren, Blair	Blair	Center	6-0	170	Available	0
Lewis, Leo, Lakeside	Lakeside	Back	5-10	166	Available	0
Salisbury, Harold, Beatrice	Beatrice	Back	5-10	156	Available	0
Peters, John, Omaha	Omaha	End	6-0	175	Available	0
McDowell, Wallace, Hardy	Hardy	Back	6-0	179	Available	0

Jones inaugurates fifth year as Nebraska coach

When the opening whistle blows on October 4 over at Iowa State, Major Lawrence McCeney (Biff) Jones will inaugurate his fifth year at the reins of the Cornhusker bandwagon.



Lincoln Journal. **BIFF JONES.** . . . story at left.

head football coach at Nebraska, has coached two Big Six championship teams and has had one team in the famous Rose Bowl in the four years he has held this position.

Starting out his grid career in the coaching field in 1917 when he coached a soldier team in San Antonio, Major Jones has coached teams representing Army, Louisiana State and Oklahoma. "The Biffer" as he is affectionately termed by the sport fans of Nebraska came to Nebraska in the fall of 1937 and immediately captured the state by storm when his team paraded out on the field in the first game and sunk the Minnesota Gophers, a feat which had not been performed for 24 years. During his four years at West Point, his teams won 30, lost eight and tied two. At Louisiana in three years they won 20, lost five and tied five. While at Oklahoma they won nine, lost six and tied three in two years.

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Behind the line, the backs are beginning to shape up but here is where the major bit of inexperience comes in . . . The Viscount Francis has two letters to his credit while Dale Bradley and Allen Zikmund have one apiece . . . Marvin Athey, the sophomore back, is slated to take his place with these three and his college experience is nil . . . The sports enthusiast can remember last year's squad and the two units that were practically interchangeable, so closely matched were they in skill and experience . . .

Weakness lies in reserves. Those days are gone for this year and at least since the second team cannot begin to duplicate the experience of the first string . . . Therein lies the weakness of the 1941 team and while they look good in practice it all boils down to one veteran sport writer's comment, "They may look good on the practice field but you can't tell anything until you see them against an opposing team. That's when their experience comes out."

Grist . . . Vike Francis was a busy man this summer . . . What with his juke boxes strung all over town demanding his attention and then getting married . . . It seems that he has been

even busier since getting married, this time it concerns washing dishes and to top it off his pretty wife drove him down to the stadium track each night to see that he took three laps and finished with two round trips to the top of the stadium . . . Which all put together should put him in good condition for a big year . . .

Through the mail . . . Orv Matthews, Big Six 100 yard champion, played a little joke that backfired on him recently . . . Knowing that his track coach was in town visiting friends, Orv decided to disguise his voice and pull a gag on John Jacobs, Sooner track coach . . . Calling up his coach he asked in an unnatural voice if Jacobs was in need of printers at Norman and when he got an affirmative reply, he said, "I'm a sprinter, myself, but I'm not in very good shape."

"Schucks!" laughed Jacobs, don't let that worry you. I found out last spring that a good sprinter doesn't have to be in shape. I've got a sprinter named Orville Matthews that won the Big Six 100 yards and he didn't get in condition all year." . . . "Pardon me, coach, this is Orville Matthews," was the sheepish rejoinder . . .



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