

Scrimmage Sessions Show Blue Devils Improving

A hot and cold varsity eleven, showing signs of speed and power, fought under game conditions for nearly an hour Friday against an undermanned reserve unit as the second full week of grid activity came to a head for Plattsmouth high school gridgers.

But the varsity eleven had relapses at times and still showed need for drills in blocking assignments as well as in methods. The 175-pound line average which Coach Merle Stewart threw at the Reserves succeeded in opening the holes, but lacked the finesse and savvy in close contact work.

Soph half Jim Graves gave the big boys a few moments of despair early in the Friday scrimmage. Working with the Reserves, Graves fielded a varsity kickoff, easily outmaneuvered the entire line and threatened to go all the way.

Coach Merle Stewart had reason to rejoice three minutes after the scrimmage session opened. The varsity, powered by DaWayne Noell's running scored in only three plays. From then on the scrimmage session settled down and thrill-pack action was generally missing.

With only three good days of

practice remaining before the opener against Auburn on Friday night, the Blue Devils can expect heavy contact work. Blocking will be stressed in drills this week to smooth out the attack. Coach Merle Stewart said. Linemen would have drawn nearly 200 yards in penalties in the Friday clash had rules been enforced.

The varsity unit had John Ahrens and Grover Gundall at ends; Dick March, Dick Glaze at tackles; Lyle Wood, John Kruse and John Carper at guards and Willard Christensen at center. Tom Conis was at quarterback; John Blotzer and DeWayne Noell at the halves; and John Schuetz at full.

Working with the Reserves were Byron Finnetrock, Jerry Fulton, and Eugene Dasher, ends; Charles Kerns and Kenneth McIngr, tackles; Dale Schiber, Ed Ulrich and Harold Demaree, guards; and Elwood Johnson, center. Backs were Douglas Reno, Jim Graves, Don Bockoc, Tom Livingston, Melvin Wilson and Denny Peak.

Stewart said that a night practice tilt will be carded Wednesday night, starting at 6:30 and finishing under the lights. The public is invited to witness the workout, but Stewart asks that no cars be brought on the field.

Gridgers Will Travel By Bus

Plattsmouth high school gridgers will travel by bus to the four road games this year. Game prices of 50 cents and bus fares were accepted by the board of education for transporting the gridgers.

In addition, bus facilities will also be used for traveling to Blair for the Football Jamboree next week.

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Season Grid Ducats Available

Season football tickets to Plattsmouth high school football games go on sale today, according to Coach Merle Stewart.

Tickets for the five home games sell for 75 cents each, or the five-game season ticket may be purchased for \$3.

Plattsmouth will open the home schedule on Friday night, September 19, against College View.

Orioles Ready To Defend Record Against Union

An eight game schedule, including an invitation to the Stephen Elder Classic at Chester on October 2 has been announced for the Alvo high school six-man football team.

One of the top teams in the state last year, Coach Oliver Mayfield's Orioles earned the Chester visit through a two year record marked by only two losses, one in the Apple-Box game to top-ranked Lincoln Cathedral now playing 11-man ball.

Mayfield isn't predicting an undefeated team such as he coached last year, not with only 12 boys reporting for football. "It makes it kinda tough when you only have 12 boys in high school, but we'll do our best," Oliver commented in announcing Alvo's schedule and prospects.

Included in the 12 candidates are five boys who saw a great deal of action last year. They are Roger Kinney, Junior Weichel, Dick Printz, Dick Clark and Jim Hermance. Other returning lettermen showing promise are James Morgaridge, Richard Morgaridge and Bob Kellogg.

Mayfield lists Bud Herrman, Lee Fischer, Arden Nebel and Noble Fischer as promising candidates for the team.

The Orioles will open defense of their Cass county crown on the home field against Union on Friday, September 12. The Orioles rate the favorite role.

Other scheduled games for Alvo include:

At Home—North Bend, September 19; Talmage, October 17; and Eagle, October 22.

Away—Elmwood, September 26; Chester, October 2; Nehawka, October 31; and Sterling, November 7.

Alvo has one open date on October 10, which will be filled if possible.

Conference Meet Held Here; New Officers Named

Suggestions for changing the name of the conference, electing officers, discussion of awards and certificates, and name admission were among highlights of the meeting of school officials of the Eastern Nebraska Eight conference held at Plattsmouth Saturday night.

Meeting at Hotel Plattsmouth, conference coaches compared football notes in individual group discussions before opening discussion on a variety of topics during the meeting.

Election of officers highlighted accomplishments of the group. Glenn Lungstrom of Blair was elected president replacing Willard Smith of Ashland. Other officers elected were Ken Ackerman of Wahoo, vice president; William Floyd of Plattsmouth, secretary-treasurer; and Tom Gillespie and Jerry Pangburn, publicity directors. Gillespie is from College View and Pangburn from Bellevue.

Attempts to establish a color system for games at home and away died in its infancy, when a group of school colors showed too many alike. However, coaches generally pointed out that such a system could become operative in two or three years.

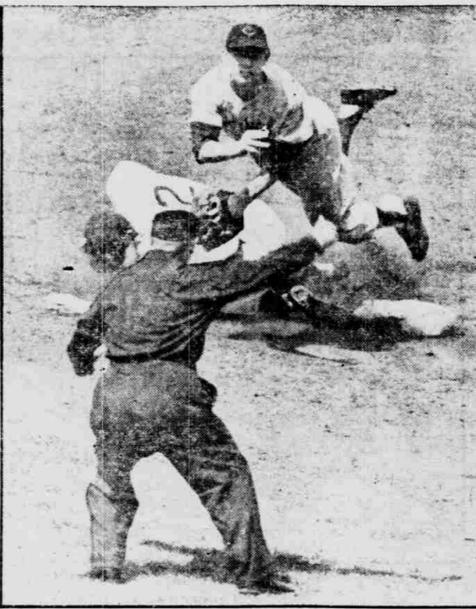
Conference heads also named a committee to consider methods of awards and certificates for honoring conference athletes. Headed by Smith of Ashland, the committee includes Merle Stewart of Plattsmouth, Sup. Piekrel of Westside Community School of Omaha; and Jerry Pangburn of Bellevue.

Basketball coaches held a short conference following the Eastern Nebraska Eight meeting.

In other action at the conference session, the school officials attempted to select a new name for the conference, now composed of eight teams. The league was previously known as the East Nebraska Seven conference. No decision was reached.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Warren W. Campin was standing on a manhole cover while tending to a small weed fire. The flames evidently touched off a small pocket of gas in the manhole and Campin was blown about 4 feet into the air, while standing on the cover. He was treated for burns and injuries.

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HORIZONTAL KEYSTONER—Hovering over second base, Roy McMillan of the Cincinnati Reds fires the ball to first base in a game at Chicago. Cub Tommy Brown is called out by the umpire, but the toss to first is too late to catch runner Bob Addis.

Full Schedule Slated As Grid Season Opens

Most Cass county football fans will have to wait another week before seeing their favorite teams in action on the home field.

Schedules for this week indicate that most county teams will be playing away from home.

Plattsmouth will open its season Friday night when the Blue Devils travel to Auburn. Rated one of the most improved teams in southeast Nebraska, Auburn promises to be a formidable opening foe for Coach Merle Stewart's charges.

The feature six-man game on opening week will take place at Alvo on Friday afternoon. The Orioles, defending kings of the Cass County Conference, will be host to Union, one-time powerhouse in six-man circles now seeking comeback. Coach Ollie Mayfield's Alvo sextette has its crown at stake.

In other six-man football games, St. Joseph of York will invade the Elmwood field. Coach Johnny Johnston's crew will be seeking to avenge a last year loss to the Yankees. Meanwhile Nebraska Union's freshman coach, Ted Schuessler, will travel to Dunbar for the opener Friday.

In Southeast Five conference play, Weeping Water will meet conference foe Table Rock, while Coach Darrell Brandenburg's Louisville Lions will play non-conference foe, Westside of Omaha.

Louisville was number two team in the conference a year ago and will have to battle to keep that standing. Meanwhile Darwin Salstrom, Weeping Water coach, has a full-team of lettermen that he can throw against Table Rock Friday night. The Indians travel to Table Rock.

Coaches Hear Jamboree Plans

East Nebraska Eight conference coaches, meeting here Saturday night, heard details of the upcoming "football jamboree" to be held at Blair next week. The details were outlined by Rufus Olson, Blair newspaperman who is promoting the jamboree.

Seven of the eight conference teams, all but College View, will compete in the jamboree.

Olson explained that a short ceremony will precede the game, and that four teams will oppose four other teams in the contest. Plattsmouth will meet Tekamah in the third quarter. A luncheon will follow the game, according to Olson.

If successful, Olson said the paper plans to make the jamboree an annual event.

Stanley Cole To Enroll At State Wesleyan University

Stanley Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. "Shorty" Cole, one of the graduates of the class of 1952 of the Plattsmouth high school, departed Friday for Lincoln. Stanley is entering the Nebraska Wesleyan University for the fall term. With his outstanding record in basketball he should make a fine addition to the team for the coming season.

GRENADE HURTS TWO

BALTIMORE, Md.—Two boys found a hand grenade, and eight detonators on the Fort Meade Reservation. They took them to a nearby bridge, to set them off in the water. The grenade suddenly exploded and George Sterling, 15, of Gambrills, Md., lost the tips of two fingers and the other boy, Ernest Zuknick, 15, of Odenton, Md., was injured.

Since 183 the Norfolk and Western Railway has hauled over 1 1/2 billion tons of coal.

For the Canning Season

As the spring and summer season progresses, homemakers throughout the country are canning garden produce to preserve during the seasons of plenty for the seasons of scarcity. These homemakers will be eager for the latest canning information from the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture as they want to be sure of using the most-up-to-date methods to safeguard the results of their canning efforts. The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Farmer's Bulletin No. 1762, Home Canning of Fruits, Vegetables and Meats states as follows:

"Successful canning is based on an understanding of the important causes for rapid spoilage of fresh foods and on a knowledge of the methods by which this spoilage can be prevented. Two agents that cause food spoilage are enzymes and microorganisms, including bacteria, yeasts, and molds.

To prevent undesirable changes due to enzymes, fruits and vegetables should be canned as soon as possible after they are gathered, 2 hours from garden to can is a good rule.

The second and more important cause of food spoilage is the action of the three groups of minute organisms that are present in air, soil, water, and in fact on everything. They are yeasts, molds, and bacteria. Yeasts and molds are easily destroyed by heat in canning.

In killing bacteria by heat, both the degree of temperature and the length of time it is to be applied must be considered. While bacteria are growing actively they are easily destroyed at the temperature of boiling water (212 degrees F). But some bacteria go through a dormant or spore form in the course of their life cycle and in that stage are very resistant to heat. It may take 6 hours or more at boiling temperature to kill these spores but at 240 degrees F the temperature obtained in the steam pressure canner they may be destroyed in 30 minutes.

Whether foods are acid or non-acid also makes a difference in the rate at which bacteria may be killed. With the non-acid foods, such as meats and corn, peas, beans, and practically all vegetables except tomatoes, these heat-resistant bacteria can be killed with speed and surety only at high temperatures obtainable in the steam pressure canner.

The types of bacteria vary with different foods, also with the year, locality and the conditions of production. For example, some of the most heat-resistant forms of bacteria are in the soils."

Pearl L. Schultz,
Home Extension Agent

Airman Transferred To Mississippi; Will Study Radio

A-3c Sherrill L. Wondra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wondra, has been transferred from Parks Air Force Base, Calif., to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., where he will attend a radio operators technical training school.

Upon completion of the course he will fly as a member of an airplane crew. His address is A-3c Sherrill L. Wondra, AF-17366948, 3389th Tech Training Wing, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Extension Notes

Certified Seed Show at State Fair

A certified seed show will be held at the Nebr. State Fair Aug. 31 - Sept. 6, for the first time. Exhibitors may make entries of 1 peck of wheat, oats, barley and sorghum, and not less than 5 lbs. of grass and legume seed. Containers for each exhibit will be furnished by the State Fair Board.

All entries must be sent to the office of the secretary, State Fair grounds, Lincoln, by Friday, August 22. Entries also may be sent to C. R. Porter, superintendent of the certified seed show, administration office, state fair grounds. In addition to cash awards the state fair board will award a trophy or plaque to the champion exhibitor of each crop.

What Planting

University of Nebraska soil specialists are advising farmers to add plenty of fertilizer at the time of planting wheat and seeding grass-legume mixtures. They say the fertilizer will pay off in bigger yields of grain and better seedling next year.

When wheat plants are well nourished, the specialists say, they are in better shape to stand up against the winter. The same goes for legumes. The soil specialists are recommending the use of fertilizer carrying 30 to 40 lbs. of nitrogen and 30 to 50 lbs. of available phosphate per acre. The nitrogen also will help the stooling of the wheat next year and give more heads per acre. Farmers, the specialists advise, should order their fertilizer as soon as possible because of the short supply in comparison with the demand.

Late Mowed Red Clover Stands Winter

Farmers having red clover in wheat stubble should delay mowing the legume until late in the fall, according to Extension agronomist, J. D. Furrer of the University of Nebraska.

He says that during the past several years red clover has come through the winter when little or no top growth was left on it as it went into cold weather. In fact, he says, the late mowed red clover has come through the winter better than stands which had considerable growth remaining during the cold weather.

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NU Safflower Breeding Program Is Stepped Up

An intensive breeding program is in progress at the University of Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station; transfer of rust resistance to varieties of safflower which have a high oil content, high yielding ability and other desirable characteristics. Irrigated plantings were affected seriously by rust last year.

Dr. Gerrish Severson, head of the University's chemistry department, said experimental varieties resistant to present races of rust have been developed and should be available commercially in the next two or three years.

He added that N-10, a new strain which has been tested widely for several years, was increased during the past year for possible release in 1952. Although this variety is not rust resistant, it compares favorably in yielding ability with N-852 and has a higher oil content. N-852 is one of the better certified varieties. Almost all safflower grown in the United States in 1951 was from seed of varieties developed by the Nebraska chemistry project and certified in the state.

A uniform regional safflower nursery is being conducted and seed for 26 tests was sent last year to 10 other states and to Canada. The nursery project is being continued this year. Data from these tests are used to evaluate varieties as to yield, oil content, area of best adaptability, disease resistance and other

desirable characteristics. The chemistry department cooperates with the University's plant pathology department and the U. S. Department of Agriculture in research on safflower diseases.

Dr. Severson said the reasons for the reduction in acreage of safflower in Nebraska last year were the lack of dependable markets for seed and the poor yields of the crop in 1950. Yields in 1951, however, were average or better on dryland and below average on irrigated land, despite rust infection. Rust has become a serious problem in raising safflower in the midwest, particularly on irrigated plantings.

STALIN'S SUCCESSOR?

According to a broadcast by the Voice of America, the chief purpose of the forthcoming Communist party congress in Moscow is to set up machinery for Premier Stalin's successor, but it predicted that his successor would be unable to take office without a bloody struggle.

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