

# Clayburn To Name Lineup As Game Opens

Football fans here will take their first look at the 1953 Plattsburgh high school grid team in action Friday night when Coach Gerald Clayburn's Blue Devils are host to Auburn.

But the fans won't know until game time who will be in the starting line-up. In fact, Clayburn was still doubtful about the starting eleven yet this morning. He pointed out that the starting lineup will depend considerably on whether the Devils will kick or receive.

Part of Clayburn's doubt is reflected in an injury sustained by Junior Fullback Grover Cundall. It is doubtful if Cundall will be ready for full-time duty Friday night. As a result, some adjustments will have to be made in the starting eleven.

With Cundall sidelined, Jon Schuetz has been running from the tailback spot in grid drills this week. He'll also see action from the quarterback slot. If hot and cold packs relieve the swelling and pain in Cundall's ankle, he may see limited duty Friday night.

For the most part, Clayburn hasn't been too happy with drills this week. The new grid mentor found that the Monday morning drill was virtually a flop, while the Tuesday workout was only a little better. That night a 2 1/2 hour scrimmage ended at 7 p. m. It was followed by 1 1/2 hours of hard contact Wednesday night.

The squad will be out on the field again tonight for last minute brushing up under the lights. Clayburn said the squad will run through signals tonight, go down under punts, practice kickoffs and will also go through some contact work.

While he declined to name a starting lineup, Clayburn listed some of the players that have been showing up well in practice. While they may not draw starting assignments, they are certain to see a lot of action in the Auburn opener.

The squad is generally in good physical shape except for Cundall. Dan Huebner is back in suit after missing practice when he suffered a cracked nose, and End Byron Finnerfrock has been having some trouble with his teeth.

Clayburn seemed pleased with the defensive play of Don Hutchinson, ex-sixman griddler at end; and reports that J. D.

Druecker, a junior, and Larry Pierce, also a junior, have checked out equipment. Pierce has been learning plays at halfback and Druecker has been showing promise at guard and tackle.

Freshman Mike Lewis, burly 210-pounder, though inexperienced is scheduled to see a lot of action during the coming campaign.

Picking the starting lineup isn't Clayburn's only problem. He was still wondering this morning what suits the Devils will wear. New suits, delivered several weeks ago, had to be returned for alterations. The new suits, silver fronts and blue backs, are expected to arrive today. The Devils will wear their blue jerseys with silver numerals from a year ago.

Athletic Director Merle Stewart learned late Wednesday that the new suits will be delivered today, Thursday.

Plattsburgh is expected to field a starting lineup that will show weight up front, but will be light in the backfield. With Cundall doubtful starter, Jon Schuetz will be the big man in the backfield. The Devils will average about 170 pounds in the line.

The game is scheduled for 8:15 at Memorial Athletic field Friday night, September 11.

## Schedule

Friday, September 11  
Auburn at Plattsburgh  
Table Rock at Weeping Water

Ralston at Louisville  
Waterloo at Eagle  
Dunbar at Nehawka  
Alvo at Union  
Elmwood (open)

## Snake Dance Slated Tonight

Plattsburgh high school Pep Clubbers have scheduled a snake dance through the streets here Thursday night as a prelude to the Plattsburgh-Auburn football game Friday night.

The pep club and student body will parade through the downtown business district. The event is slated for seven o'clock.

# Gridders Will See Action Friday



Slated to see duty as the Plattsburgh Blue Devils open the fall football campaign Friday night are these three veterans, who have shown progress during the three weeks of drills which end today. Shown are Byron Finnerfrock, senior

end; Jim Graves, junior halfback; and Harold Demaree, senior tackle. Demaree and Finnerfrock will form part of that heavy frontline which the Devils will throw at Auburn. They'll hit around 175 and 190 pounds.

# Thirty - Four Answer Call For Junior Hi Football

A 126-pound variation is recorded in the weights of junior high grid candidates who have reported to Coach Merle Stewart for the start of grid practice.

Michael Lewis, freshman 210 pounder who has been working out with the varsity, dwarfs Roger Sutton, 84-pound eighth grader. Four pounds heavier at 88, is Ronald Reimer.

Thirty-four candidates have checked out suits in the junior high grid program, according to a list compiled early this week by Coach Stewart. On the whole, the juniors show size and speed.

Reporting to Stewart for the start of drills last week were:

Freshmen — David Anderson, 138; Robert Beverage, 165; Jim Grosshans, 136; Michael Lewis, 210; Larry Long, 155; Cody McDermott, 130; Roger Mickels, 151; Glen Nickles, 100; Carey Rohlfis, 125; Donald Winscott, 142; Alan Wiles, 140; Robert

Wilson, 111; Darrell Yenny, 140.

Eighth Grade — Toby Allbee, 132; Larry Cundall, 129; Tom Dunham, 130; Walter Davis, 93; Kenney Dasher, 93; Doyle Eraas, 98; Lauren Fleischman, 108; Jim Holoubek, 125; Henry Hughson, 126; Gary Haron, 130; Bob Hutton, 129; Ronald Kruntorad, 91; Jim Lamaseus, 143; Billy Long, 114; Tommy Martin, 145; Norman Meints, 97; Richard Neal, 110; Donnie Pierce, 97; Ronald Reimer, 88; Roger Sutton, 84; and William Wetenkamp, 110.

A schedule for the juniors is still incomplete but they are expected to play four or five games during the season. Distinctive red, white and blue suits have been obtained for the junior gridgers.

# Ex-County Gridders Seek Berths On College Elevens

Several former county athletes are now seeking grid berths in Nebraska colleges.

Peru State Teachers college claimed the biggest number with some choice players from the Alvo six-man team. The Alvo gridgers seeking college berths include Junior Weichel and Roger Kinney from last year's team, and Larry Bell, a graduate in 1952.

Rich Gibson, Weeping Water star a year ago, is listed as a promising candidate at Doane college.

Fred White of Nebraska City escaped serious injury when his car rolled over on Highway 75 south of the Murray corner early Saturday. According to Patrolman August Inde of Nebraska City, the car left the road and rolled over after going out of control.

# Ak-Sar-Ben Loop Officials Meet Here Saturday

Ak-Sar-Ben conference officials met here Saturday night to establish conference regulations for the coming school year and to elect new officers.

P. D. Pyle, superintendent of schools at Ashland was elected president; Merle Stewart, Plattsburgh, vice president; James C. Thompson, Blair, secretary-treasurer; Tom Gillespie, College View, and Rex Mercer, Omaha Westside, publicity.

Coach Merle Stewart made his bid for the conference basketball tournament here in 1954-1955. The new high school auditorium-gymnasium will be completely ready by that date.

Conference officials also named Wahoo as the site for the conference basketball tournament in January along with other arrangements for the tourney. An annual vocal and band clinic were also discussed for conference schools but details weren't worked out.

The meeting followed an evening dinner at Hotel Plattsburgh.

# Louisville Lions Green as Opener Set Friday

Coach Darrell Brandenburg's Louisville Lions will play their first real home game in many a moon when they entertain Ralston Friday night at the Louisville new athletic field. The Lions, a young, green team, have eight games scheduled, four at home.

Seven lettermen, four backs and three tackles, are all that Brandenburg has had to work with from last year's team. He's well fortified at those two spots only as the first game arrives.

Lettermen are Don Dobbs, senior fullback; Bill Nessen, junior; and Bill Workman, sophomore, halfbacks; Hank Airey, junior, quarterback; Eugene

Zeorian, Larry Wilton, seniors, and Bud Funke, junior, tackles. Nessen and Workman have also seen action at end.

Brandenburg lists two candidates as very promising. They are Bob Davis and Fritz Franke, both seniors. Davis, a good, hard runner, wasn't out last year, while Franke, a good defensive performer, is making his first attempt at grabbing a starting berth.

Other squad members include Jack White, senior, another first year man with pass catching ability; Jerry Gray, sophomore end prospect; Jerry Proctor, senior transfer student; Harry Armbrust, senior center who didn't report a year ago; Mike Schlater and Frank Koterzema. Rich Koterzema, and Lloyd Vogler, juniors; Bing Kobler, Norman Baker and Garry Welton, sophomores; Glen Schliefert, senior; Doyle Leroy, Dick Cushman, Tom Robbins and Jerry McGill, freshmen.

Leroy, Cushman and Kobler are listed as good line prospects

and have been showing up well defensively in pre-season grid drills, according to Brandenburg. The Lions' first opponent will be Ralston, tutored by Oliver Mayfield, successful grid mentor at Alvo during the past three seasons. It's Ralston's first year in the sport.

Other games scheduled by the Lions include: At Home—Weeping Water, Sept. 25; Humboldt, Oct. 9; Sidney, Ia., Oct. 26.

Games Away — Table Rock, Sept. 18; Waverly, Oct. 2; Syracuse, Oct. 16; and Westside, Oct. 21.

Brandenburg's team will be seeking Southeast Five conference honors. Their four conference games are Table Rock, Weeping Water, Humboldt and Syracuse.

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# Weeping Water Has Ten Games On Grid Slate

Darwin Salestrom's Weeping Water Indians will open defense of its Southeast Five conference championship Friday night when the Indians are host to Table Rock. It will open a ten-game schedule for the Indians.

Salestrom, who has a rebuilding job at the Quarry capitol city has a strong schedule that includes Louisville and the Plattsburgh Reserves.

Here's the Weeping Water grid schedule:

At home — Table Rock, Sept. 11; Peru Prep, Sept. 18; Syracuse, Oct. 9; Waverly, Oct. 23; and Humboldt, Nov. 6.

Games away—Louisville, Sept. 25; Pawnee City, Oct. 2; Plattsburgh Reserves, Oct. 16; Cathedral, Oct. 30; and Barneston, November 13.

# Alan Wiles to Head Boys Club At Plattsburgh

Alan Wiles was elected commander of Boys of Woodcraft, Sportsman Club No. 628, Tuesday night at the club's regular meeting. He succeeds David Anderson, past commander of the Plattsburgh unit.

Other officers elected were Bill Palmer, advisor; Dennis Meisinger, escort; Kenneth Aylor, banker; Duane Kaffenberger, clerk; Paul Anderson, guard; Jimmy Eledge, sentry; and William Wetenkamp, captain.

During the meeting ten boys also were passed on their pre-ange sheets. They were Jimmy Grosshans, John England, William Wetenkamp, Jimmy Eledge, Duane Kaffenberger, Paul Anderson, Dennis Meisinger, Alan Wiles, David Anderson and Bill Palmer.

The Sportsman's club meets twice each month at the ORC armory.

# Auburn Shy Vets; Earned 19-0 Edge Over Devils In '52

Auburn will have only four regulars from last year's squad when they take the field against Plattsburgh Friday night. The Nemaha county crew dumped the Devils 19-0 a year ago.

Of the six lettermen returning to Auburn, two have already been sidelined with injuries and won't see action Friday night.

Del Miller's Bulldogs, always a tough opener for the Devils, will have two vets in the line and two in the backfield to meet the Plattsburgh threat.

The team lists experience in Frisman and Kimball, ends; Bratcher, Russell and Pasco, tackles; Ernst and Oestman, guards; and Paulk, center. Backfield experience is listed in Dishong, quarter; Clark and Farrow, halves.

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