

# CORNHUSKERS OF 1917

## Brief Sketches of the Missouri Valley Champions

### Captain Edson Shaw

Captain Shaw played right tackle in his first game at Nebraska, he will probably play right tackle in his last game and he has played right tackle in every game that he has been in since the first. His playing has been as consistent as he himself has been in his position. For three years he has been a stumbling block to all opponents, and they all looked alike to him, except that the bigger ones are the ones Ed likes to meet. Shaw has never been a brilliant player and for that reason will probably be overlooked when it comes to picking star Nebraska tackles, but there has never been a man in his position that could be as surely depended on to make the right play at the right time as Captain Shaw. Shaw played with Tecumseh in his high school days.

### Hugo Otoupalik

"Otie" has occupied the fullback berth most of the time he has been in school. He had the honor, and its an honor no man will sneeze at, this year of making a touchdown against Notre Dame from that position. Until this season Otoupalik has not lived up to the reputation he established when a freshman, but in the games he has played in this year he has gone at top speed and showed that he really has the stuff that he was suspected of having. Besides being a line-smasher and a valuable man on the defense and in interference, Otoupalik is a kicker of no mean ability and did all the punting for the great 1915 team. Otoupalik lives in David City.

### John Cook

Cook is another third-year man who is just coming into his own this season. His end runs and returns of punts have been nothing short of stellar on many occasions this year. To Cook must go the greatest amount of credit for the Notre Dame touchdown, as well as the first touchdown against the Jayhawks. His head-work in directing the team this year has been the equal of any generalship shown by a Nebraska quarterback. Johnny will be missed next year because he is the only backfield man who has shown the real stuff of which field generals are made. Cook was formerly a Beatrice quarterback.

### Ed Kositzky

"Kositz" is another third-year man who has been playing extremely efficient but not sensational football throughout his varsity days. Playing

at left guard where his main duties are supposed to be opening holes and stopping enemy plays sent through his position, Kositzky frequently breaks all precedents and is the first man down on punts, and when he gets down first the runner makes but short returns. It was due to Kositzky as much as to any other man on the team that Notre Dame made only one first down in the great battle this year. Coach Stewart has been heard to remark that he is willing to wager any amount that there is not a man playing guard on any team in the country that plays lower than Kositzky, or could get under him, to lift him out of a play. Kositzky played high school football in a South Dakota town.

### Ted Riddell

Ted has been followed by one of the most persistent jinxes this year that has ever appeared on the Nebraska field. He has in all played only about ten minutes of football in a game since the season started. As a running mate to Captain Shaw, Riddell has proved to be an end second in ability to only Guy Chamberlain. Ted was always a heady player and possessed more than ordinary speed for one his weight. His injury has caused a big loss to the squad, just how big will never be known at Ted's presence may have been all that would have been needed to stave off the Michigan disaster. Riddell is a former Beatrice player.

### Paul Dobson

value as any man on the team this year, and probably more indispensable than any man on the eleven. "Dobbie" has all the requirements of a good backfield man, speed, kicking ability, forward passing ability, can either do a good job of side-stepping and dodging in an open field or can smash the line. Dobson has been able to play in every game during the season and has not failed to give a good account of himself in every battle. Dobson used to live at Ulysses.

### Roscoe Rhodes

"Dusty" has been accorded the position as the hardest smashing end he ever saw, by one Missouri valley official, who has seen him work in several games this season. One of Dusty's biggest drawbacks is the fact that he is willing to admit that he is one of the rottenest players in the world, and then he will go into a game and proceed to smash the opposition to pieces. The only time Dusty has been

known to miss a tackle was when he was going down so hard under a punt that he could not change his direction quick enough to meet the runner. Rhodes played high school football at Ansley.

### Harold Wilder

The "cave-man" has been probably the most conspicuous lineman on the Nebraska team this year, for his ability to get into nearly every play. It a play is sent through Wilder it is sure to go wrong and if it is sent somewhere else it is a safe bet that he will be near the bottom of the heap when the whistle has blown. Wilder has been noted among the members of the team all season for his refusal to wear shoulder pads, considered a necessity for linemen. In spite of that fact, however, he has been one of the few men on the team who has been always ready to play at his best on the day of the game. Wilder is a product of Central City.

### Bill Day

The midget center has endeared himself to the hearts of all Cornhusker rooters since the opening game of the season, by the way in which he backs up the line, on defense. Bill is built all in a bunch and it is a bunch of bone and muscle of the very best quality, backed up by a head full of the best football knowledge. Poor passes have been few this season despite the fact that when Day gets spraddled over the ball there is barely room for the pigskin to pass between him and the ground. Day played his high school football in Beatrice and has seen one year of service at Grinnell college.

### Harold McMahon

"Mac" has had but little chance to show what he can do this year. His speed is undoubted and it is known that he has a head for football, but aside from the Michigan and Missouri games the coach has not had room to use him regularly in the backfield. In the game with the Wolverines, however, he showed that he would be a hard man to head off if once in an open field. "Mac" will be expected to hold down the quarterback job next year, and if he does Nebraska supporters will see sensational work in all departments of the game from the field general. McMahon is an old Lincoln High school star.

### Elmer Schellenberg

"Schelly" has attracted more newspaper comment about his playing this year than any other man on the team.

His sensational end runs and line smashes in the early season games and his sure, short, off-tackle bucks in the big games have brought him all kinds of honorable mention with a few enthusiastic writers declaring him eligible for a berth on the all-western eleven. Schelly has been one of the few men on the team who has played at one position most of the season. For this reason it has been easy for opposing teams to concentrate on stopping his gains.

### Ernest Hubka

"Hub" is one of the biggest men on the team and at the same time one of the youngest. He has played end, tackle and fullback positions and he made good at all of them, but looked the best at the latter. Hub's ability to grab off forward passes has been nothing short of marvelous, although he has had but little chance to show his real worth in games along this line. Hubka's first name is his greatest asset and gives the most perfect description of him. He is earnest in everything that he does and especially in working hard in practices. Hubka has missed but few practices this season and whenever present is always ready to get into a scrimmage and "work his head off" to learn the game.

### Wayne Munn

"Big" can place kick and kick-off farther than any man Nebraska has ever had on her squad. His place-kicking ability, however, has not been brought into play this year because he has been unable to control his boots with any degree of regularity. Munn is one of the fast linemen of the squad and has been known to out-sprint some of the backfield men. His strength has stood him in good stead in many a battle and will, with experience win him a steady place in the line, where he should be a real star. Munn received his first football experience at Fairbury.

### Al DuTeau

"Al Do-It-All" or "Alibi Ike" as he is familiarly known, has talked himself into the squad and then nearly talked himself off again, but by getting down to real work Al has developed into a dependable man for the vacant tackle position which has appeared on the left side of the Nebraska line. Al has been down under punts oftener than any line man except the ends, if the number of games and the length of time he has played are considered.

### Waite Kriemelmeyer

Kriemelmeyer showed the stuff he was made of this season by working off a seemingly hopeless pile of incompletes and flunks and getting himself eligible to play in the Missouri

game. Since that time he has been used on the first team regularly and has done well enough to insure his continued use there. Kriemelmeyer receives less "bawling-out" from the coach than any man on the squad, that is because he is always working for all there is in him, whether in scrimmage or in game. Kriemelmeyer comes from Cambridge.

### Sam Kellogg

"Sam" has been repeatedly voted the first prize, by his teammates, for being the laziest man on the squad. Those who have seen him in the daily workouts during the season can only guess what Kellogg could be if he would take football seriously. It is the solemnly-expressed opinion among many close followers of the Cornhuskers that Sam possesses more ability than any other man on the squad. He has weight, is the next to the fastest man on the squad and has plenty of nerve.

### Farley Young

Farley, who used to be called "Fat" was unknown by his friends when he returned to school this year, because he had lost so much superfluous flesh. In an attempt to get into condition for an officers' training camp he got into the finest kind of condition for football. When he was refused admittance to the camp because of his youth Farley returned to school and until he sustained a sprained ankle was a valuable asset to the squad as a lineman. Young is an ex-Lincoln High captain.

### Lawrence Shaw

"Larry" is the story-teller of the squad, but does not let that interfere with his ability to play football. Shaw, although lacking weight, which is considered essential in a lineman, makes up for it in fight. He has been subbing at various positions in the line during the season and has done a good job in all of them. Shaw calls Osceola his home.

### John Teter

An early-season injury to "Tet's" eye has made it impossible for him to be at his best during the season and has kept him on the sidelines many times when he should have been in the game. John has been willing to do his best whenever called on and should prove to be a valuable man next year. Teter comes from Cambridge.

### Pete Anthes

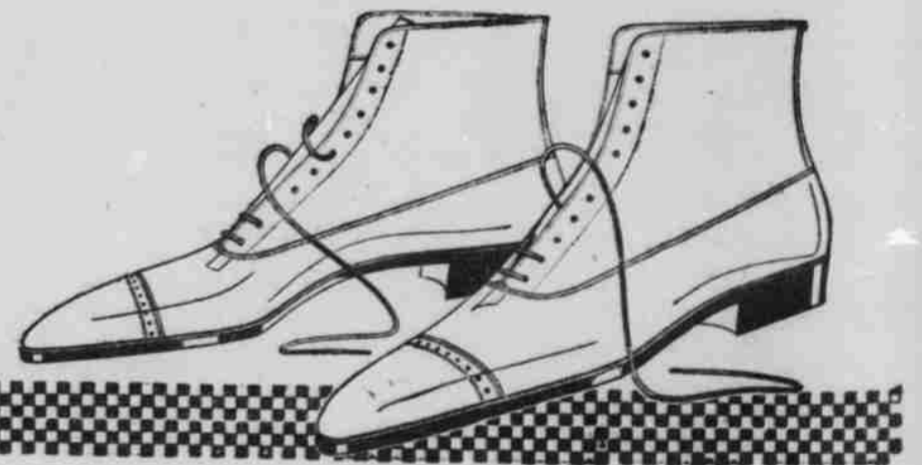
Anthes is the latest addition to the varsity squad and has played in only one game. He is the lightest man but among the fastest of any of the candidates, and with experience will develop into a useful end. Anthes is from Sutton.

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