

## PROMISING MATERIAL UNFOLDED IN RIDDELL'S FRESHMAN SQUAD

### Yearlings Strong in Varsity Scrimmage and Played Two Successful Games

All honor is due John Riddell's valiant squad of freshmen. Playing only two games the entire season, they were loyal to the last and displayed true Nebraska spirit. Coach Schulte is enthusiastic in his praise of the work of the first-year men. They furnished excellent scrimmage practice for the varsity throughout the season, were frequently able to hold the first-string team and the smashing freshmen backs made sizable openings in the varsity line. Some of the most promising material ever seen on a Nebraska field is to be found in the freshmen ranks of this year.

In the past it has usually been customary for freshmen teams to play several match games with other schools but this season various circumstances combined in making this impossible and only two games were played. On November 6 the Yearlings journeyed to Bethany and clashed with the Cotner Bulldogs. It was a cold, windy day and neither team played its best brand of football. They outplayed the Cotnerites, however, and won by a score of 16-0.

This victory only made the freshmen the more eager for games and finally a game was scheduled with the strong York College team, the acknowledged champions of the state. Saturday, November 22, on Nebraska field, the first-year men and York battled to a scoreless tie. The freshmen had the better of it throughout the contest but were unable to register a score.

It is likely that a brief description of the individual freshmen performers will be of interest to readers of

the football edition.

#### Captain Hartley

Hartley played fullback last year on the S. A. T. C. team but was ineligible for the varsity this year. He is a heady quarterback and his brilliant open field running is always one of the outstanding features of every game he plays. "Chick" is an excellent drop-kicker and passer, a valuable all-around player. His work in the York game was particularly notable. He weighs 175 pounds and obtained his high school experience at Harvard.

#### Martin

Martin hails from Broken Bow, the home of Nebraska's greatest gridiron hero, John Dalton, and bids fair to follow in the steps of the famous Irishman. A smashing line plunger and a deadly tackler, he proved himself a very valuable asset to the Freshman team. He is clever at receiving forward passes, as was demonstrated in the game with York College.

#### Strain

Two years at quarterback with Cotner University, is Strain's record. He is a brainy general and good at returning punts. Although bothered somewhat with a bad ankle, he is a clever open field runner and a sure tackler. His home is at Bethany.

#### Doty

Doty is a line plunger of exceptional ability. He tore up the Cotner and York lines at will. He played one year with Creighton, where he established a gridiron reputation by running sixty-five yards for a touchdown on one occasion. He is a valuable man in running interference. He calls Missouri Valley, Iowa, his home.

#### Perry

Perry is a clever halfback. He

starred with Stanton high school and made good on the Freshman team. He is a good line smasher and interference runner. Perry is an N man in wrestling and great things are expected of him in Cornhusker athletics. He tips the scales at 175 pounds.

#### Hoy

Another worthy yearling performer is Hoy. He was captain of the Falls City high school team. Weighing 170 pounds, he is a good line bucker and is on the receiving end of many forward passes. Hoy will be a welcome addition to the varsity squad next year.

#### Garden

Garden is one of the best punters who ever performed on Nebraska field. He is also a drop-kicker of rare ability. He played on the strong Camp Funston team with Ed Shaw. He is very fast and shifty. A great gridiron career is ahead of this Freshman star.

#### Moore

Moore also is an excellent punter. He is an ex-captain of a Lincoln high team. "Dinty" is a vicious tackler and very adept at completing forward passes. He played an end position on the Freshman team and many a runner failed to gain around Moore's end.

#### Nelson

Nelson played center for three years with the Principia Academy team at St. Louis, Mo. He is an accurate passer and played the pivot position on Riddell's team in a satisfactory manner. He has an uncanny ability to size up a play quickly and in this way caused many runners to be thrown for losses.

#### Nixon

Nixon was a star performer with South Omaha high. He weighs 182 pounds, is a powerful linesman, and good at opening holes. He is heady and fast.

#### Weller

Weller is a brother of John Weller, captain of the Cornhusker team in 1907, and will be as good as his

brother. He is a good linesman, very fast, and a sure tackler. He can open holes in any line. His home is at Seward where he played with the Seward high team.

#### Bassett

With his 203 pounds of beef, Bassett was a tower of strength in the Freshman line. It is impossible to gain through him and he is a powerful offensive player. He starred with the high school team at Falls City.

#### Sturm

Sturm played two years with Bethany College, in Kansas. He did not enter school until the middle of the season but soon convinced the coaches of his ability. His work in the line against York was notable. Sturm is excellent varsity material. His home is at Gordon.

#### Thompson

Thompson was a member of the Minden championship basketball team in 1917. He had experience on an army football team. He is very fast and will make good varsity material. He is just recovering from typhoid, but is developing rapidly.

#### Wenke

Wenke is big, fast, and aggressive. He weighs 196 pounds and will fill a position in the varsity line next year. His flying tackle in the York game saved his team a defeat. Wenke's home is at Pender.

#### Gross

Gross is very fast, shifty, and a clever open field runner. He is a brother of John Gross, star linesman on "Jumbo" Stiehm's 1913 team. He weighs 175 pounds and is of varsity caliber. Gross claims Wisner as his home.

#### Scherer

A shifty wing man is Scherer. He is very fast and clever at the aerial game. He will write his name in Husker football history.

#### Kenworthy

A clever, speedy end. He is hard to go around and good on forward passes. His home is at Greenfield, Iowa. His weight is 165 pounds.

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