

The Cornhusker Basketball Squad

RESUME OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON EXPERIENCED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.—BRIEF SKETCHES OF THE VARSITY PLAYERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UNPRECEDENTED 1920 CAMPAIGN.

The greatest and most successful season ever enjoyed by a Cornhusker basketball team is about to end. Today and tomorrow mark the last mile stone of a victorious campaign. Fortune has smiled on the Scarlet and the Cream and given her a basket team the equal of which does not exist today. Such is the unanimous belief of the sons of Nebraska. Undoubtedly the fightful champions of the West, if not the entire nation, the fighting Huskers class their schedule tomorrow and the 1920 basketball season goes down in the annals of history as a shining light in Nebraska athletics. All hail the conquering Cornhuskers.

The Husker school was exceedingly lucky to have a number of veterans on hand at the beginning of the season. Captain Schellenberg, Patty, Bailey, Newman, and Pickett remained from last year's varsity team and Russell, Smith, "String" Jungmeyer, Munn, and Paynter, were stars on the 1919 freshman five. Other welcome additions to the squad were Bekins, Hussey, and Walt Jungmeyer. With this abundance of excellent material Coach Schissler has produced a team that has caused critics and students of basketball everywhere to sit up and take notice.

Morningside was the first victim to fall prey to the wily tactics of the Huskers. The Maroons journeyed to Lincoln and were soundly trounced in two games. Then came Warren Howard and his Omaha Athletic Club team. The Huskers won by an overwhelming score the first night but in the second encounter the metropolis tossers held Schissler's men to close score.

The University of South Dakota came wandering into Lincoln one day, believing that they could take the measure of the Huskers on the basketball floor. Great was the surprise of the mislead Coyotes, however, when they went tralling back to Vermillion nursing low end of the score of both games. The South Dakota institution had a great team, be it understood, but was hardly in the same class with the Scarlet and Cream.

Western Trip Successful

The first road trip of the season was now inaugurated. The victories started in a five-game invasion of the golden west and returned with four wins and one defeat. Stopping at Hastings they played a combination of the Hastings College team and the Hastings All-Star quintet in which the Huskers rung up as many points as the forty minutes of play would allow. Only the referee's whistle kept the score down. In the games with Colorado College came the first defeat of the season. After winning the first battle, the Huskers weakened and dropped the second to the Colorado tossers. The atmospheric conditions of the Colorado city were no doubt partly responsible for the Tiger victory. Nebraska gets another chance at the C. C. tossers today and tomorrow and revenge will be sweet. Two victories over the University of Colorado five at Boulder wound up the trip.

Home again, the Husker tossers faced a siege of six stiff battles. Indiana, Michigan Aggies, and Notre Dame formed a trio of dangerous opponents but the undaunted spirit of the Nebraskans was equal to the occasion. Indiana came first and managed to effect an even break with the Huskers. The Hoosiers grabbed the first fray by a four-point margin but Schissler's men came back the following night and played Jumbo's tossers off their feet, winning by a handsome score. The Michigan Aggies could do nothing against the demon-like Nebraskans and were handed two decisive defeats. Notre Dame, too, was unsuccessful and twice took the low end of the score.

Conquer the East

After winning five straight games on the home floor, the Cornhuskers again took the road for a trip through Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana. Morningside was the first stop and the Maroons again bowed to the Huskers twice in rapid

succession. At Galesburg, Illinois, the Husker team encountered a formidable opponent in Knox College but managed to win by a seven-point margin after an extra five minutes of play. Two more victories were chalked up when the Schissler team stacked up against the Valparaiso University quintet at Valparaiso, Indiana and the Hoosier fans were unanimous in declaring the Husker team to be head and shoulders above anything in the Big Ten.

Such is the history of the 1920 basketball season and prospects are indeed rosy for the 1921 season. Only Captain Schellenberg and Pickett will be missing when Schissler calls the roll next year, but now let us stop and admire the individuals on the Husker squad, as Lincoln says, with charity toward all and malice toward none.

On the 1919 five Jesse was used as a kind of all-around utility man, being shifted around from one position to another. Coach Schissler stationed him at a forward position, however, and here was his rightful place. Patty's basket shooting was one of the features of the season. In three games he rolled up over sixty points, and these were three of the hardest games on the schedule. His uncanny accuracy at shooting free throws swelled the Husker score on many occasions. Patty has another year on the varsity. His previous experience was obtained with Omaha Central High.

AUSTIN SMITH

Smith is another man who stared with Omaha Central in his younger days. Small in stature, Smithy is mighty in deeds. He faced the best of guards all during the season but the name of Smith always stood high in the scoring column. His fighting spirit was a potent factor in more than one Cornhusker victory. Smith is possessed of an unerring eye for baskets and has a high total for the season. This

RUSSELL BAILEY

An excellent running mate for Schellenberg is found in the person of Bailey. He played a guard position and very few shots were allowed opposing forwards. In the Notre Dame games, Coach Schissler placed Bailey against the famous Mehre, Catholic forward, and very seldom during both games did the Irish star get a shot at the basket. Various critics rate Bailey as the closest guarder that ever played with a Husker five. Bailey received his early training with Hebron high school. He has another year on the varsity and threatens to become one of the most talked of basketball players in this section of the country.

DICK NEWMAN

Yes, this is the same Newman who lead the Husker gridiron warriors to victory against Missouri, Kansas, and Syracuse. And he is just as valuable a man on the basketball court as he is on the football field. At a guard position, Dick was a terror to all forwards who ran up against him and often hit the hoop for scores. His

husker pep and spirit. This is his initial appearance with the varsity and has plenty of time to come to establish an enviable reputation. Floyd is another Omaha boy.

MONTE MUNN

Another valuable member of the Husker varsity is Monte Munn. The big center was prohibited by illness from participating in the majority of the important games, but whenever the occasion was afforded, Monte did his best. His height and speed enable him to easily elude opposition. Two more years of varsity basketball will develop Munn into a great center. He is a Lincoln High product.

WALT JUNGMEYER

While Walt was stationed on the sidelines a good deal of the time, he was a valuable man on the squad. Whenever he worked at a guard position he held down the score of the opponents and played a good all around, try next year and will no doubt hold down a first-string position.

FRESHMAN TEAM

Plenty of material from the Freshman squad of this year will be available for Coach Schissler when he starts to mould his 1921 basketball team. With only two men leaving the present varsity team, and the excellent crop of fresh material that will present itself, next year's basket team should be a wonder.

Although the first year men were seriously handicapped by illness, coal shortage, and inadequate gymnasium facilities, every man on the squad worked hard and earnestly and the results were very beneficial. Under the able direction of John Riddell, a team was developed that was easily capable of taking the measure of any college team in the state. The strength of the yearling five was demonstrated when they handed the Armstrong Clothing Co. five, champions of the city league, a decisive drubbing to the tune of a 23-15 score.

Coach Riddell had planned several games for the Freshman five but illness of the various players prevented a complete execution of the schedule and consequently but one game was played. Only one man on the entire Freshman squad escaped the influenza.

Much credit is due the Freshman squad. They furnished excellent scrimmage practice for the Varsity whenever called upon by Coach Schissler and in every way showed themselves possessed of the true Cornhusker spirit and every man gives promise of becoming a valuable addition to Cornhusker athletics in the future. It is fitting that the individual players of the yearling aggregation should be characterized. The following notes on the various men will give some idea of the caliber of material from which future Husker basket teams will be developed.

CARMAN

Carman plays a forward position and is cool, steady, and unexcitable. He is an excellent basket shot and his floor work is exceedingly clever. He comes from Minden where he played with Minden High School and all Cornhuskers are well acquainted with the kind of teams Minden sends to the annual state tourney. He played one year with Wesleyan University before coming to Nebraska.

CORR

Corr hails from South Omaha where he played high school basketball. He is a goal shark, and his tall, rangy build enables him to follow his shots well. Here is a man who will be a valuable varsity athlete.

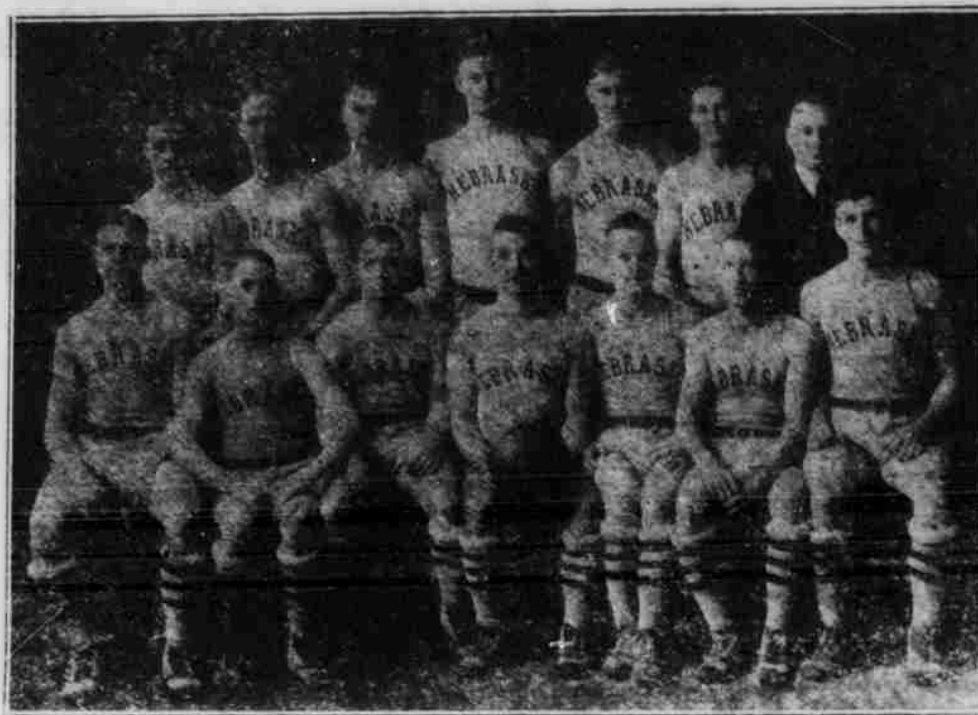
HARTLEY

"Chick" is a star guard and a flashy dribbler. He was captain of the freshman gridiron machine and is equally as able on the basketball floor as on the gridiron. His home is at Harvard. Cornhuskers who saw him play in the finals on the inter-fraternity tournament have evidence of the caliber of his playing.

GARDNER

Gardner is a Fremont product and played with Fremont High and Midland College. He is aggressive and fast, and an accurate goal shooter. He is a fighter of the best type. Schissler will find valuable material in this man for next year's varsity.

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Top row—Paynter, Pickett, W. Jungmeyer, Munn, Wesley Jungmeyer, Hussey, Coach Schissler.
Bottom row—Bekins, Smith, Newman, Captain Schellenberg, Patty, Bailey, Russell.

CAPTAIN SCHELLENBERG

One of the greatest athletes ever produced at Nebraska is Elmer Schellenberg. He has played three years of varsity football and is now playing his third year of varsity basketball. Schelly is generally recognized as one of the greatest guards the West has ever known. The cleverest forward registers no field goals when he is guarded by Schellenberg. Whenever the Huskers exhibited, both at home and abroad, Schelly was the nemesis of opposing teams. All who came in touch with the clever Nebraska player were at once convinced of his ability. At handling the ball, the Nebraska captain was exceedingly clever and his dribbling down the floor resulted in more than one counter for Nebraska. This is Schellenberg's last year of varsity basketball. Nebraska is losing a wonderful athlete and his place will be difficult to fill. Cornhusker athletics will never seem the same with the absence of Schellenberg.

JESSE PATTY

Patty was one of the veterans who were on hand from last year's team.

being his first year on the varsity, great things will be forthcoming from Smithy in the two years that remain.

BOB RUSSELL

Russell in one of the cleverest forwards who has graced a Cornhusker team for a long time. His agility at handling the ball his goal-shooting ability make him an exceedingly valuable man to any squad. Bob is also from Omaha Central High, where he played several years of varsity ball. This is his first year with the Cornhusker varsity and in the next two years he is bound to develop into one of the greatest flippers in the country.

MELVIN BEKINS

Bekins is recognized by all a wonderful jumping center. During the entire schedule, he never met his match at the center position. With Beke at center, Nebraska always got the tip-off. His eye for basket shooting was also a great help to the Nebraska team. On several occasions he was the high scorer for the Husker tribe and his name always stood prominently in the column of point getters. Bekins is good for two more years at Nebraska. He, too, hails from Omaha.

lightning-like floor work was always in evidence and contributed greatly to the success of the Husker team. Newman is a Columbus product and has another year of varsity basket tossing.

WESLEY JUNGMEYER

Nebraska is very fortunate this year in having two centers who are both capable of lining up against the strongest of opposition. "String" Jungmeyer was often placed at the pivot position. String is a dead shot at baskets and at registering free throws is in a class all by himself. He played with Lincoln High before coming to the university and last year starred on the freshman team. "String" has two more years on the varsity and will prove a very valuable man.

JOHN PICKETT

It was John Pickett who went in to the first Notre Dame game during the last ten minutes of play and shot four field goals in rapid succession, thereby grabbing that game out of the fire and turning it into a Cornhusker victory. John played good basketball all season and could be depended on whenever he was needed. His work against Notre Dame and Colorado is particularly deserving of praise. This is the last year with Nebraska and the Husker school will keenly feel his loss. Pickett previously played with the Scottsbluff High team.

BILL HUSSEY

Hussey came to Nebraska after starring at Wesleyan, in the glorious days before the war. Nebraska fans are well aware just what kind of teams were turned out at the Methodist school in those days, too. Hussey is a very dependable man at forward and in the years to come should write his name deep in Nebraska basketball.

FLOYD PAYNTER

Paynter was often seen in the Husker lineup at guard. His presence assured a low score for the opposing forward and Floyd was always good for several points himself. He is a good fighter and has plenty of Corn-

Results of 1919-20 Season

Nebraska 37, Morningside 14.	Nebraska 20, University of Indiana 24.
Nebraska 39, Morningside 9.	Nebraska 38, University of Indiana 18.
Nebraska 51, Omaha A. C. 10.	Nebraska 43, Michigan Agri. College 28.
Nebraska 26, Omaha A. C. 23.	Nebraska 39, Michigan Agri. College 20.
Nebraska 47, Hastings College 9.	Nebraska 25, Notre Dame 18.
Nebraska 32, Colorado College 21.	Nebraska 31, Notre Dame 15.
Nebraska 23, Colorado College 25.	Nebraska 40, Morningside 12.
Nebraska 27, University of Colorado 16.	Nebraska 50, Morningside 12.
Nebraska 24, University of Colorado 17.	Nebraska 31, Knox College 24.
Nebraska 41, University of South Dakota 12.	Nebraska 30, Valparaiso University 17.
Nebraska 33, University of South Dakota 12.	Nebraska 35, Valparaiso University 20.