

# Husker Gridsters Get Stiff Work-Out

## Professionalism Must Be Barred if Sports Succeed

In view of the fact that the Nebraska baseball team for the coming year will suffer from the loss of at least two men who are ineligible on account of participating in professional games, the following story reprinted from the student publication at Denver University is especially interesting to Nebraska students:

The government of college sports has been a great question since athletics have become so popular. College athletes, it is generally conceded, should come under the head of amateurs, but it is now becoming known that most college athletes must be classed under the professional head, which is a great detriment to sports and also athletes themselves.

In the last issue of the "Strength" magazine, Walter Camp, who picks all-American teams and makes rules which govern sports in every line, has written an interesting article on the government of college sports. There is a season every year when,

states Walter Camp, from the time snow flies until the ground gets soft in the spring, college athletics receive their annual overhauling. The National Collegiate association holds its annual meeting, and the great conference leaders west and south have their conventions. Some of the good effects continue—some, unfortunately, are lost sight of when actual play begins. The new Southern intercollegiate conference, at its meeting here this year, put this paragraph in its proposed constitution:

### Tries to Better Sports

"It is the purpose and function of this conference to promote intercollegiate athletics in every form, to keep them in proper bounds by making them incidental and not the principal feature of the intercollegiate and university life, and to regulate them by wise and prudent measures in order that they may improve the physical condition, strengthen the moral fiber of the students and form a constituent part of that education for which universities and colleges were established and are maintained."

This is the new attitude. The association that can make a boy of eighteen love study better than sport has yet to come into existence. We must face things as they are.

Just after the war, "Daniel," in the New York Sun, December 13, 1918, wrote as follows:

"It looks very much as if the colleges will have to follow the advice of Dr. Angell of Chicago, and resume sport slowly, in the meantime cutting out the bad features. This means that every college will have to be the master of its own athletic destinies. Training tables will go, and the seasonal professional coach will go, too. The temporary coach truly is a serious evil and must be displaced by the year-round man who combines the proper moral, technical and other qualities to make him a fit teacher for young men. The colleges will make this versatile coach a member of the teaching staff, paid out of the college funds. In this respect Columbia must be given credit for having shown the way to other big institutions."

### Rules Not Enforced

It appears we are to have a revival of the so-called "Summer Ball" question which has perennially stirred the athletic committees of the colleges for ever a decade. Until the matter takes on more definite shape it is futile to discuss what rules could be adopted that would permit of an amateur playing for money and still remaining an amateur. But there is one point brought out quite clearly, and that is that the athletic committees will have to answer charges that are being so freely made to the effect that they are making no effort to enforce their present rules.

Hugh S. Fullerton, the baseball scribe, says: "Every college man knows, or should know, that four-fifths of the college baseball players are professionals under any strict interpretation of the amateur rules. The director who desires this fact either is innocent to the point of imbecility or worse than the players." In fact, it forms by all odds the strongest argument in the case against the college ball player for permitting him to augment his exchequer openly by playing for money. In other words, the charge is that

those who make the rules and in whom rests the duty of protecting the name of the university are asking no questions, but winking at this playing for money.

### Athletic Board Blamed

It seems impossible that men of the standing of the chairmen of our athletic committees at our institutions of learning are guilty of such laxity as is described. There have been and always will be cases that may escape any ordinary inquiry and hence lay open to suspicion the good faith of the best men; but when the charge is that men are not even asked by the athletic committee to sign the usual papers or to make a statement that they have not played for money, that charge grows very

grave and reflects upon the bonafides of the entire body of alumni of the university, and should be promptly and squarely met before any consideration of future rules or regulations. If the existing rules are ignored or allowed to stand as dead letters, with no effort at all to even ask their enforcement, what must be them as to the integrity of their professors? Moreover, if present rules are not even put before the students, what assurance is there that any new rules would share a better fate; and why should there be any more hypocritical placing of them upon the statute books of a university?

Many college athletes enter amateur athletic union contests, and the opening wide of the money-taking

end would run up against snags of a decided nature in this quarter.

No such "amateur" is defined in any of the various associations, athletic, tennis, golf, rowing—in fact, all amateur organizations have as their keynote that a man may not receive money for the exercise of his athletic ability and still remain an amateur. Only a few years ago, just before the

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## Nebraska's Grid Candidates for 1922

The roster of candidates for the Cornhusker football team is as follows:

**CENTERS**—Gordon House (N), Bryan Nixon (N), Ross McGlasson (N), Carl Peterson (N), Bert Spiece.

**GUARDS AND TACKLES**—Raymond Weller (N), Joy Berquist (N), Adolph Wenke (N), Henry Bassett (N), D. L. Halbersleben, Noel Rorby, Earle Frasier, Herbert Green, Sturm, Henrickson, Skold, Reed, Trout man, Packer, Spickler.

**ENDS**—Leo Sherer (N), Dewey Klemke, "Terrible" Thomsen, Andrew Schoepfel (N), Dean Higgins, Melvin Collins, Eugene McAllister, "Mutt" Volz, Cameron, Hubka, Addison, Robertson, Hodgson, Raun, Lundin and Steinhelmer.

**BACKS**—Captain Harold "Chick" Hartley (N), Glen Pedeston (N), Dave Noble (N), Dewey Hoy (N), "Herb" Dewitz (N), "Red" Layton (N), Verne Levellen (N), Sed Hartmann (N), R. C. Russell (N), Rufus Dewitz, "Bud" Randolph, Springer and Junior Hinman.

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