

MATMEN PREPARE FOR AMES MEET

Seven Universities Have Entered in Western Conference Tourney.

INDIVIDUAL MATCHES TO COME MARCH 14-15

Coach "Doc" Clapp and his staff of assistants have been hard at work during the past few days preparing the Husker grapplers for their pair of championship meets at Ames Friday and Saturday and at Chicago, March 14 and 15. Nebraska matmen will leave for Ames this afternoon to enter one of the strongest wrestling teams in the Valley competet that has ever represented the Cornhusker state. The local mentor pronounced his proteges in top shape with the exception of the 135-pound performer who will be unable to wrestle on account of injuries.

Next week the curtain will be lowered on the mat season at the University when Husker maulers will uphold the Scarlet and Cream at the Western Intercollegiate conference individual championships at Chicago. This meet is not a team contest and only the outstanding wrestlers of the season will be entered. The Missouri Valley meet is a team meet with the individual titles being awarded at the same time in an elimination contest.

Win First Two Matches.

The local artists copped the first duet of matches winning from Northwestern at Evanston 13 to 7 and taking the Kansas Jayhawks down for a trimming on foreign soil 18 to 5. In the initial meet of the season, Highly, heavyweight representative, was injured when his opponent ran him into the scoring table. Just before the Ames meet, Uhlir, welterweight grappler, was added to the injured list when he dislocated his left shoulder in daily workouts and was kept out of the next two dual meets.

When the University of Iowa met the Huskers, three regulars were outside the ropes with injuries. Coach Clapp announced yesterday that Uhlir would not be in the Ames compet, Highly and Robertson have fully recovered.

The Valley titular affair will be the first contest that Highly has wrestled in since the first of the season and is expected to cinch his letter. Five matmen have already made their "N" recognition, Captain Kellogg, Blore, Uhlir, Skinner and Robertson.

Lose Three Straight.

After winning the two opening contests, Nebraska dropped three straight to Ames, the University of Iowa and Minnesota. In all three of these dual meets the Huskers led at the end of the lightweight matches. Ames took a close 17 to 9 win, Iowa won 19 to 10 only after the Hawkeye heavyweight performer pinned Hamsa to the mat with a body chancyer when the Husker had a time advantage, and Minnesota upset the dope container by winning from Nebraska, 9 to 8, for the first time since the two schools have met on the mats. This lone tally margin came in the final bout when Nebraska led 8 to 4.

Captain Kellogg has not lost a single match for two seasons in the 125-pound division. Blore, bantamweight has lost two contests on time decisions. Uhlir entered the Gopher compet after being out of the game for three weeks to lose his only season match by a time advantage winning from all his other opponents by falls.

Skinner and Mooberry Even.

Dale Skinner and Mooberry have been on nearly even terms all season for the honor of upholding the 145-pound colors and either can be depended upon to boost the Cornhusker totals. Mooberry has trained down to the 135-pound class during the absence of Uhlir.

Thomas and Robertson in the 158 and 175-pound classes have developed into excellent defensive artists.

Nebraska Captures Third in Valley Basketball; Kansans are Champions

The Missouri Valley conference pennant race was definitely settled by the game played last week. Nebraska eased Washington out of third place by victories over the Pikers and Iowa state. The titular position was won again by Kansas University for the third consecutive year. The Jayhawkers lost only one game in the entire season, the first defeat in two years. Oklahoma increased its hold on second place by a victory over Grinnell.

The first three games of the 1924 season on the home floor were Husker victories by such decisive scores that fans began early to expect a pennant winner. The winning streak was stopped on the first trip, which resulted in three defeats. After that the Huskers took a brace and won the remaining games on the schedule with exception of one at the end of a long trip and the Drake game tonight.

Win From Tigers.

Missouri was the first Valley opponent on the Nebraska schedule. The Missourians came heralded as the coming champions of the Valley. At the end of the second half, Nebraska held the better end of an 18 to 24 score. In this game the Huskers uncorked a defensive style that has worried opponents throughout the whole season. The offensive tactics of the Huskers were a puzzle for the Missouri team.

Oklahoma fell before Nebraska by a score of 35 to 21. The Huskers kept up the same brand of basketball that won the Missouri game. Usher and Tipton were the main cogs in the Husker machine.

The Kansas Aggie game a week later was a repetition of the first two, Nebraska winning 27 to 14. An airtight defense, and an offense good from any part of the floor marked Husker play. Nebraska was tied for first place in the Valley with Kansas and Washington.

Trip Is Disastrous.

The following week the Huskers undertook their first trip, an invasion into Kansas and Oklahoma which tur ed out disastrously with defeats at the hands of Kansas Aggies, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The Aggies won 26 to 23 in one of the closest games ever seen on the Manhattan floor. Kansas University nosed out the Husker five at Lawrence 19 to 18 with a one-point lead made in the last minute of play. Oklahoma turned the tables on Nebraska in the game the following night, taking the Huskers into camp by a 32 to 20 score.

A return game a week later with Kansas, Valley champions, was no better than the first. The Jayhawks again won by a close score of 13 to 10.

With four defeats behind them, two of them administered by the same teams which had been decisively defeated in the initial games of the season, and with sport writers predicting a defeat by at least ten points at the hands of Creighton, styled the "Wonder Basketball Team of the West," the Cornhusker cagemen turned the proverbial Nebraska trick of coming from behind in the face of overwhelming odds, and beat the far-famed hoopsters of Omaha 25 to 21 in a game which was described by sport writers of the metropolis as the best game of basketball ever played on an Omaha floor. Cozier and Goodson were Nebraska stars in the game. The guarding of Tipton was a factor in the Husker victory.

Huskers Lose to Drake.

Tired out from the Creighton struggle, the Huskers dropped the next game to Drake at Des Moines, 19 to 15. Nebraska lead in the first half but was unable to keep up the pace when the Bulldogs staged a comeback in the second period.

A rest over Sunday at Des Moines put the squad into shape for the Grinnell game on Monday night. The Pionell game on Monday night. The Pionell game on Monday night. (Continued on Page 4)

1925 BASKETBALL OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Huskers Will Have Eight Letter Men and Large Freshmen Squad.

LOSE ONLY TWO MEN THROUGH GRADUATION

Nebraska prospects for the 1925 cage season are the rosiest in many years. Only two men will be lost by graduation and eight letter men, four of whom were first string men on the squad this year, will be back in the harness. In addition there is a freshman squad of more than ordinary quality to contest for places on the team.

In Goodson and Eckstrom, the Cornhusker team will have a pair of centers hard to beat. Goodson was rarely outjumped in Valley games, and Eckstrom is a tall, lanky man, built just right for center.

Have Five Forwards.

There will be a quintet of forwards to make a scoring machine in 1925 which should again put the Huskers in first division. Usher, Black, Beerkle, Goodson, Eckstrom, and Tipton were some of the heaviest scorers in the Valley this year. With the exception of Tipton and Usher, each has two more years of varsity basketball.

For guard positions there will be Volz, Tipton and Wyant. All three made names for themselves by their defensive work this year. Tipton and Volz were the main factors in the low scores made against Nebraska by Valley teams. Tipton was adept at blocking shots for the basket. Volz played a fast defensive game in which he wore down the opposing forwards.

Lose Two Men.

Nebraska loses only two men by graduation. Cozier, one of the best forwards in the Valley, played his last game for Nebraska against Drake Wednesday night. DeWitz, guard,

also played his last varsity game Wednesday night. These two men will be hard to replace, but Coach Kline will have the remaining eight veterans, and the freshman squad from which to build up a new team.

The 1924 freshman turnout was one of the best in several years. Some eighty frosh candidates answered Coach Frank's initial call for practice early in December. Of this number, fifteen stuck through the season to the last scrimmage night. All of them are promising material.

FIFTEEN TRACKSTERS COMPETE AT KANSAS

Tigers and Jayhawkers Are Strongest Teams in Indoor Meet.

Coach Henry F. Schulte announced Wednesday afternoon that Nebraska would be represented at the Missouri Valley indoor meet at Kansas City Saturday by the following fifteen track artists: Roland Locke, Al Bloodgood, "Red" Layton, Carl Whipperman, Everett Crites, Dean Higgins, Jimmy Lewis, Ted Slemmons, Ed Weir, Wilmer Beerkle, Hobb Turner, Ced Hartman, Hobart Davis, Louis Trexler, and "Duke" Gleason. The team will leave Friday afternoon at 1:30 on the Rock Island for Kansas City.

Missouri and Kansas University are doped to fight it out for first place in the indoor meet. Missouri, by virtue of her victory over Kansas last week in a dual meet, is the favorite. Nebraska, winner of second honors last year, is relatively weak this year. The Cornhusker tam has been handicapped by the loss of Captain Gardner, Valley champion in the half-mile, Zimmerman, and Hein, all on the injured list and by unfavorable training conditions.

Locke and Bloodgood are the Nebraska entries in the 501 yard dash. This pair of flashes have been doing (Continued on Page 4)



COACH W. G. KLINE.

Coach W. G. "Bill" Kline finished his first season as basketball mentor at Nebraska with the Drake game yesterday. Kline came to Nebraska from Florida University. Before that he was coach at Nebraska Wesleyan. He is the inventor of the five-man defense which has been adopted by almost every team in the country.

Coach Kline has made an enviable record with the Husker five, bringing Nebraska up from second division standing of last year to third place in the Valley this year.



WILLARD USHER.

Willard Orin Usher is captain of the 1924 basketball team. Usher plays a forward position on the Husker five, and ranked among the high twenty forwards in the Valley conference this season. This is Usher's second year on the team, and he will be back next year. Usher's home is in Omaha where he attended Central high school. Usher is a junior in the College of Business Administration, a member of the N club, and Alpha Kappa Psi. He belongs to Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.



KENNETH COZIER.

Kenneth Cozier, stellar forward on the Husker quintet, played his first basketball in Montana on the Kalispell high school team. "Kenny" played a great game on the team last year, specializing in accurate basket shooting and fast floor work. This year he did even better, and chalked up enough goals to place him well within the first fifteen forwards in the Valley. Cozier is one of the two men on the squad who graduate, and his place will be hard to fill. He is a Bizad, an Innocent, Alpha Kappa Psi, member of Scabbard and Blade, and belongs to Detal Tau Delta fraternity.



ORR GOODSON.

Orr Goodson is high-point man of the Husker team. This was Goodson's second year on the varsity five, and there was never a game in the whole season that he did not break heavily into the score column. Orr was the main point-maker on the Husker squad, and placed near tenth place in Valley basket shooting records for the season. In his work at center, Goodson was outjumped very few times, and Nebraska generally had the ball from the tipoff. Orr is a junior in the College of Business Administration. He belongs to Beta Theta Pi fraternity. His home is in Lincoln.



MILO TIPTON.

John Milo Tipton came to Nebraska University from Tabor, Iowa, where he attended high school and played on the basketball team. This is Tipton's second year on the varsity squad. He won his letter in the cage sport last year, playing a brilliant game up to the time he was injured and forced to retire for the season. This year Tipton has continued his brilliant style of play and has done airtight guarding all season. Milo is a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences. He is a member of Alpha Sigma Phi, and N club.



MATHIAS VOLZ.

Mathias George Volz, more commonly known as "Mutt", played his second year of varsity basketball this season. Volz is usually stationed at guard. When he is in the game there is always action ahead for the opposing players. He scores invariably. Volz played on the South Omaha basketball five, in prep days, and will be a big unit in the team next year. He is a junior in the College of Business Administration and a member of the N club. He belongs to Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.



CARL C. KRUGER.

Carl C. Krueger is student manager of the basketball team, a position that he has held for the past two years. "Adam", as he is known to the squad, attends to the physical welfare of the players on trips and at home. As a side-line, he keeps track of the score during the game. Krueger came to Nebraska from St. Anthony, Idaho. He is a sophomore in the College of Law, and belongs to Sigma Nu fraternity.



WILMER BEERKLE.

This is Wilmer Beerkle's first year on the varsity squad. He holds down a forward position, and has played consistently good basketball. Before coming to the University, Beerkle was a star athlete at Central high school, Omaha, where he played on the basketball and football teams and was one of the best high school track men. Beerkle is a sophomore in the College of Business Administration, and has two more years of varsity basketball ahead of him. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.



LEO BLACK.

Leo Black first came to notice in basketball circles when he was all-state center on the Grand Island basketball team of which he was captain in 1922. Black played conspicuous ball on the freshman squad last year, and has continued the same form this year on the varsity. He is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Science, which gives him two years more to play on the Husker quintet. He belongs to Kappa Sigma fraternity, and is president of Iron Sphinx, and sophomore member of the student publication board.



FRED EKSTROM.

Fred Ekstrom was the reserve center on the varsity this year. Besides taking care of the center position, Ekstrom was a forward, accounting for a number of field goals in the games he played. Fred has two more years of varsity basketball before him, and will be a valuable asset to the Husker cage machine. Ekstrom played high school basketball at Newman Grove, and was mentioned on the all-state high school teams of that year. He is a sophomore in the College of Business Administration, and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.



RUFUS DEWITZ.

Rufus DeWitz made two letters in football before trying his prowess on the Husker cage floor. This was his first year on the varsity five and he figured in almost every game played this year. He played a guard position on the team, and was a good basket shooter. DeWitz would make an invaluable addition to next year's squad if he could play another year on the varsity. Rufe came to Nebraska from Stanton high school where he made a name for himself in high school athletics. He is a Bizad, and member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.



HARLAN WYANT.

Harlan "Swede" Wyant, guard, is another player from Newman Grove. Wyant was all-state man on the Newman high school team three years ago. This is Harlan's second year on the varsity squad, and he has one year left to make another letter. Wyant is a fast defensive player, adept at breaking up passes. He is a junior in the College of Business Administration, and belongs to Kappa Sigma.