

Nebraska on 1926 Football Map

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Molten, Brown, Captain Stiner, Dailey, Randels, Gehrich, Veris, Hecht, Lee, Avarad Mandery, Fish, Strak, Brand, Drath, Johnston, Ayres, Beck, Bird, Betis, Nimma, Westoupal, Morrison, Busby, McMullen.



Bill Bronson

Bill Bronson, '27, Lincoln, was another triple-threat man placed at the quarter position. Bill could run, pass, and punt in commendable fashion, and saw considerable action against Valley squads.



Bobbie Stephens

To Bobbie Stephens, '27, Hastings, goes much of the credit for the defeat of the Kansas Aggies and the New York Violets. Stephens was truly a triple-threat player. He could equal the best of the backs in gaining yardage by line-plunges and end runs; he could place passes where Nebraska men could get them; and his kicking was a feature of the 1926 season.



John Brown

Alternating at quarter and halfback positions, "Jug" Brown, '24, Lincoln, was a consistent ground-sainer on off-tackle and end runs. Jug's specialty was broken-field running and he provided considerable thrills for spectators by breaking away for long runs. Jug was injured during the early part of the season and thus did not get into as much action as expected. He will be on the squad next season.



Ray Randels

If Ray Randels, '24, Anthony, Kan., could not take his man out of the play by physical force he could talk him out of it. Besides his aggressive playing at a tackle position, Ray had a knack of "talking it up" on the field that was equally as important and effective as his position in the line. When given an opportunity to start in one of the middle-season games, he made such an impressive showing that he was made a regular running mate of Captain Stiner.



Wallie Marrow

There seemed to be so many lettermen for positions in the backfield this season that chances seemed rather slim for first-year men grabbing full-time positions. But when Wallie Marrow, '29, Omaha, got into action in the early games he attracted sufficient attention by his ground-winning methods to get plenty of action in later games.

Another out-of-state player who made the home boys sit back and watch his aggressiveness is Evard Lee, '27, of Edgemont, So. Dak. Very few wide swinging end runs were made on his end of the line by opponents. Evard is a senior but would be eligible for another year at end as he did not turn out for football until his upperclassmen year.



Ted James

Playing his first game of Varsity competition in the Drake contest, Ted James, '29, of Greeley, Colo., made such an impressive showing that he landed a regular berth at center for the remainder of the season. When the ball was slippery, James could be depended upon to pass with accuracy. Ted should make quite a name for himself during the two more years remaining for action on the squad.



Cecil Molzen

Opposing players soon found that it did not pay to impose on Molzen, for when his temper was ruffled there was no stopping him. An early season injury kept him from action in the first games, but he made a good showing at a tackle position in the later contests.



Roy Mandery

Roy Mandery, '27, of Tecumseh, took care of his side of the line from his end position in a capable fashion. Roy had a little trouble in holding on to the ball in early practices, but when he solved this problem he made good, as he was a mighty big fellow for the opposition to run over.



Clarence Raish

As a mate for McMullen at the guard position, Clarence Raish, '28, Grand Island, held down a position at guard in the true heavyweight fashion. Raish proved to be a difficult man to push out of the way when opposing backs desired yardage. He receives his second football letter this season and will be a likely candidate for the squad of next season.



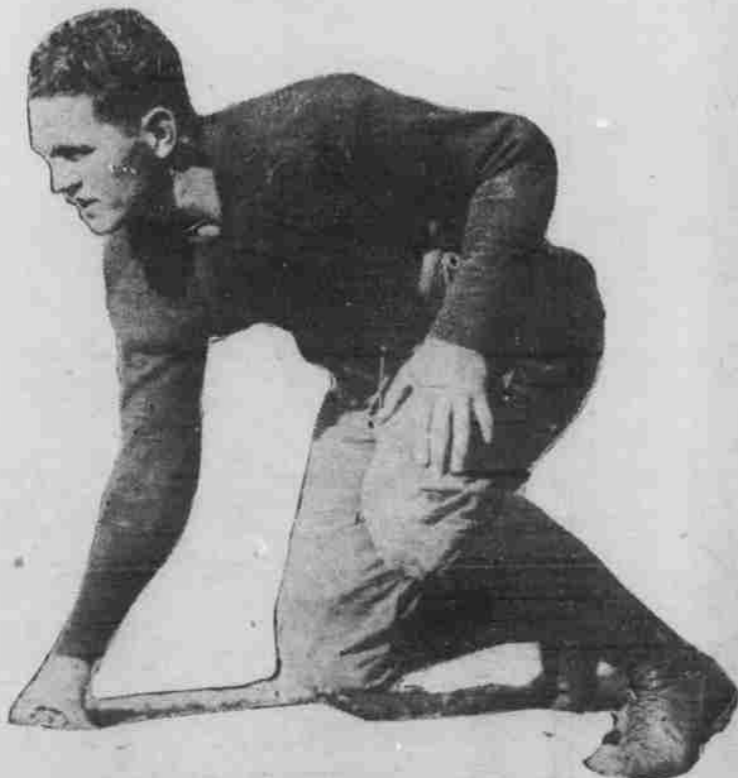
Blue Howell

When Blue tackles them, they stay tackled. The general comment made on Howell's defensive work. And his offensive playing is even more effective. Blue, playing at half position had a line drive and a score punch that is unequalled in the Valley. He received honorable mention on Varsity selections, and should make a power-factor in the Husker backfield during the next two years.



Leon Sprague

"Lonnie" Sprague, '28, of York, was another successful candidate at the much sought-after end position. Sprague is another two-letter man in football who has been playing a consistent game that has drawn favorable comment from the coaches and fans. Sprague will be back for another year at the sport.



Captain Lonnie Stiner

Much of the credit for the outstanding record made by the 1926 Husker football squad is justly due to the captain, Lonnie Stiner, of Hastings. Lonnie's playing on the field and his earnest work in the practice workouts was an inspiration to the other players on the squad. Captain Stiner's work in the forward wall was an important factor in the Husker football machine. When he was injured in the Washington struggle, his last contest for the Scarlet and Cream, and had to be carried from the field, the effectiveness of the Nebraska team was considerably weakened. Stiner received places and honorable mentions on several of the mythical teams selected by coaches and sport writers throughout the country.

Ten Cornhusker Football Men Lost by Graduation; Stiner and Stephens Go

By Jack Elliott

Thanksgiving day held a sad meaning for ten Cornhusker football men—it was the farewell day to Nebraska football and the men they had played beside for the past three years. The light that flared for them during their three years of struggle and victory blazed for them the last time on Thanksgiving day. These loyal sons of Nebraska have made their exit, but their names will be remembered for the Nebraska spirit that has made the University famous from coast to coast.

Capt. Alonzo "Lonnie" Stiner, who led his men into every battle and through a most successful season for the Scarlet and Cream, will leave a vacant place in the Nebraska forward wall that will be hard to fill. Stiner was placed on several All-Valley teams, and was selected by the New York Sun as a tackle of All-American caliber. His consistent and brilliant work was one of the outstanding features of our games.

"Bobby" Stephens, the boy with the educated toe—the toe that beat the Kansas Aggies, piloted the Nebraska eleven through the 1926 season. Punting, passing, circling the ends, and returning punts were only a few of the things that Stephens handled with a brilliance that thrilled the Nebraska fans. The Ames game showed that Stephens made good on all the possibilities of a triple-threat player. He broke away for several good gains through the line and was on the tossing end of most all the passes, booted the kick-offs and punts, and featured the game with a place kick from the Ames 46-yard line in the last quarter. Again in the New York game Stephens drew com-

ment from the New York players and fans who were seeing him in action for the first time. His ability to return punts, gain yards on line plunges, and booting the ball drew considerable comment. The position at the helm of the 1927 team will be left vacant with the graduation of Stephens this year.

Strong Back

Frank Dailey, brilliant half-back, was one of the outstanding backs that Coach Bearg figured on for gains through the line and around the end. It was the driving work of Dailey that ran up the score on the Drake Bulldogs early in the season. This is Dailey's last year for the Scarlet and Cream and he not only won his letter, but will take several Nebraska track letters with him when he leaves school.

Avard and Roy Mandery, lettermen from 1924 and 1925, played their last year for Nebraska. Roy Mandery, three-year end, will make his third football letter this year. Avard Mandery played half back alternating with Dailey, Presnell and Marrow.

Other valuable lettermen who will be lost via the graduation route are Joe Weir, stellar wing man whose deadly tackling and defense work brought comment from all Valley officials and coaches. Evard Lee, who held down the other wing position, will be lost this year. Lee played in nearly every game this season and the men on the opposing line knew they were bucking a man when they were up against this valuable end.

Mielenz Goes

Frank Mielenz, half, is the third back to be lost this year. Mielenz

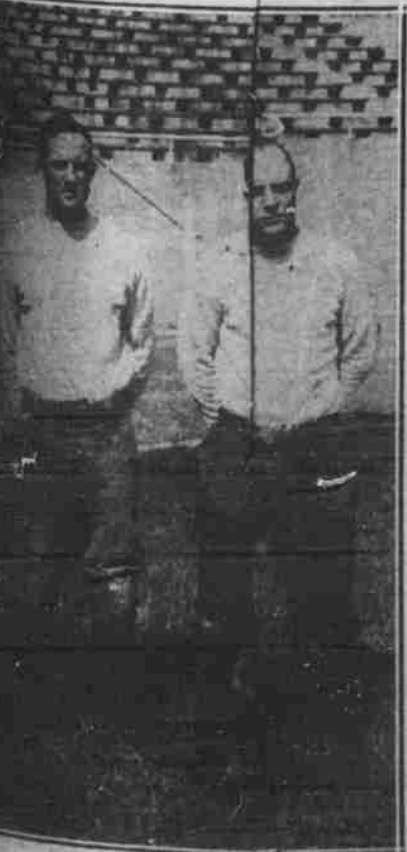
was one of the hard-working persistent backs of the Nebraska eleven and could always be counted on to come through with a gain. Willard Burnham and Cecil Molzen are other lettermen who graduate this year.

It has been indicated from the athletic officials that the Nebraska lettermen of 1926 will probably be awarded the white sweaters emblematic of a Missouri Valley championship team. There will be 31 Cornhuskers who will receive honorary letters in recognition of their playing during the past season. This will set a new record for the initial awards, the previous high number having been 22 in 1925. Thirty players are eligible for letters and it is very probable that Roy Mandery, three-year end, will make the thirty-first. Roy lacks a few minutes of the total time necessary but his services have been such as to merit recognition.

Of the prospective lettermen, only seven have completed their careers. They are captain Stiner, Frank Dailey, Frank Mielenz, Avard Mandery, Joe Weir, and "Bobby" Stephens.

In the last game of the season the team may have set a record by taking the ball on a touchback from the Nebraska 20-yard line, after Shaw of Washington had failed in his attempt to place kick. The Nebraskans, with "Blue" Howell bearing the burden, in exactly five minutes drove to the Washington three-yard line. This is believed to be a record for speedy accomplishment of a series of line plunges and short passes. The other record deals with the running-off of the last eight plays in forty-nine seconds.

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