

### GRIDMEN PREPARE FOR INITIAL TILT

**Bearg Puts Teams Through Dummy Scrimmage; Stress on Pass Formations**

With the initial scrimmage game of the spring practice only one day hence, Coach Bearg sent two teams through a dummy scrimmage, laying stress on the pass formations.

The game, Saturday afternoon, is scheduled to start at 3 o'clock. Cornhusker supporters will have their first opportunity to see the 1927 Nebraska football team in action. Don Elliott, Earl Johnson and W. H. Browne will officiate the game.

Coach Bearg had James and Reeves tossing the ball back to Howell, Bronson and Sloan were taking turns at booting the ball down the field. Brown and Presnell were on the receiving end. Captain Brown, however, will not be seen in the scrimmage Saturday because of the bad knee that he has been nursing for some time.

The two teams that Bearg sent through the dummy scrimmage last night will undoubtedly start the Saturday game. The A team consisted of Presnell and Veris at the half positions, Farley at fullback, and Lewandowsky at quarterback. In the line Sloan and Lawson were holding down the wing positions, Randels and Richards tackles, Holm and M. Mulien at the guards and James at the pivot. The B team found Marrow and Beck at fullbacks, McBride at fullback and Binay at quarterback. Penker and Sinc were playing the ends. Busch and Lucas tackles, Dr. Pitt and Whitmore guards and Reeves at center.

### TWENTY REPORT FOR TENNIS

**Coach Sets Men to Work Practising Strokes in Basement of Coliseum for Time**

Twenty tennis aspirants reported for the first meeting of the season, yesterday afternoon. Elliot and Schildneck, letter men from last year were absent.

Coach Bearg set the men to work practicing strokes against the walls in the basement of the Coliseum. A full-sized court is being marked out on the stage in the Coliseum and will be ready for use next week. As soon as the weather becomes favorable the clay courts will be put into shape and work outs will be continued out of doors.

The schedule for the season, according to Coach Bearg, will include Grinnell, Ames and Oklahoma Aggies, here. Kansas Aggies, Washington and Missouri will be played away from home. The Missouri Valley tennis meet will again be held on the local courts.

### IN THE VALLEY

By JACK ELLIOTT

The first call for varsity football men has been issued at Iowa State College by head coach Noel Workman. During spring practice, men with no previous experience will be given a chance to show their wares as well as members of last fall's freshman squad, and varsity reserves from last year's squad.

In the 50 yard low hurdles at Des Moines, where the Oklahoma Sooners

took the Missouri Valley indoor track meet, judges were at a loss to find out who won the 50 yard low sticks. This event was the one that gave the Sooners the championship. Dunson of Oklahoma and Witmer of Ames finished so close together that judges were at a loss to know which was the winner. Timers and bystanders at the tape declared that Witmer finished ahead of the Oklahoma runner but the judges finally awarded first place to Dunson. The time credited to the Oklahoma runner was six seconds flat. This equals the valley record for the event.

At a meeting of the football rules committee in New York City, a number of changes were made in the football rules for the coming 1927 season. A penalty of 15 yards for having a man in motion when the ball is passed is one of the outstanding changes made in the 1926 rules. This rule will almost nullify the shift play. The second ruling is that the football official may count "one-two-three-four" to measure the period players must be at a dead stop after a shift and before the ball is passed. The third ruling is that the captain of the team is allowed to call time out but three times during each half. Fourth, a team may be penalized if it stays in the huddle for more than 15 seconds or delays for more than 30 seconds calling their signals and getting the ball in play. The fifth rule is that a backward pass if fumbled will still belong to the side making the pass except on the fourth down, when it goes to the other side at the point where it first touched the ground. Another grave change in the 1927 rules is that the goal posts will be set back ten yards from the goal line, adding ten yards to all kicks for goal.

As a result of a poor showing of the University of Minnesota's basketball team this year, losing 11 out of the 12 Big Ten games they played, there is a demand for a change of coaches. Because of this dissatisfaction, the athletic department did not renew the contract of Harold Taylor, who coached the Gopher team the last three seasons.

The Washington Bears still continue to reign supreme as Missouri Valley swimming champions, when they won the fifth Missouri Valley conference swimming title last Saturday at Ames, Iowa, by amassing a score of 60 points, compared with the Iowa State swimmers who trailed in second place with 25 points. Drake won third place with 22 points, Grinnell placed fourth and Kansas fifth. The Washington swimmers placed in every event, and won eight out of the nine events. Heideman, Washington ace, clipped seven seconds off the

150-yard back-stroke record, which was established the previous year.

With 95 amateur wrestlers already signed up for the National A. A. U. championship tournament to be held at Iowa State College on March 24 and 25, and an increasing number of entries coming in daily, the Cyclone camp is preparing for the biggest sport event held in Iowa State in years. Entries for the national meet close March 22, and by that time, Coach Hugo Otopalik expects over 200 grapplers to be entered. The 95 wrestlers entered now do not include the Iowa State quota of about 30 men.

### BEARS WILL TRY CINDER ARTISTS

**Los Angeles Will Test Strength Of California Men at Meet Saturday**

**FIRST TRIAL OF SEASON**

Berkeley, Calif., March 17.—California's meet with the Los Angeles Athletic Club Saturday afternoon will go a long way toward determining the strength of its track team. The Bear track men have been practicing as regularly as the weather would permit during the last month, but the meet with the Alumni team two weeks ago is the only test of abilities of the various men, and considerable interest has already been manifested in the outcome of the sprints Saturday, for in these events the strength of the Blue and Gold is doubtful at best. Homer Van Gelder, counted upon as the ace of the squad, has not been running well this season, having failed to come

close to 10 seconds in trial races. Russ Ewing stepped an encouraging 9.9 century against the Alumni two weeks ago, but his effort may have been a fluke.

Another event that will bear watching is the pole vault. Nibs Hill vaulted 12' 11 1/2" against Stanford last year, but at other times he could not better 12 feet. His mark of 11' 6" against the alumni team may be due to the fact that Hill is not in condition yet, or it may be an indication of future inconsistencies.

Signs of strength have been shown in the efforts of Roger Segure, a new man, in the broad jump. Segure has been approaching 22 feet quite consistently, and may develop into a real point getter.

Excepting the javelin, the Bears have tried veterans in all of the remaining events.

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