

1908 Big Year In Cornhusker Sport History

Nebraska Hopes For Birth In Big Nine But Joined Valley Conference

TRACK TEAM DEFEATS MINNESOTA IN 1909

(Editor's Note)
This is the ninth chapter of an historical resume of Nebraska athletics which has been compiled by a member of The Daily Nebraskan sports staff. A chapter of this account will appear in each issue of The Daily Nebraskan for the remainder of the school year.

By Jack Elliott

We are now on the football field back in 1908 after Nebraska had been in the Big Seven for one year. The Big Seven or the Missouri Valley conference had been in existence for only a short time and had well served its purpose by bringing seven of the large institutions of the Missouri valley region into close and friendly athletic relations. It had greatly stimulated the interest in track athletics, baseball, and basketball, and has made possible championship series in all branches of college sports.

Owing to the successful opposition of a few members of the athletic board, Nebraska did not join in the movement looking toward the formulation of a Missouri Valley Intercollegiate conference, and only when forced, a year later, to show their hand by a formal invitation from the already organized conference, did they unwillingly vote to accept the invitation in order to avoid athletic ostracism. Nebraska had hopes of obtaining a position in the Big Nine, now the Big Ten, and was very reluctant to enter the conference which had been formed in the Missouri valley region.

In numbers, Missouri was Nebraska's nearest athletic rival, but Missouri had not been putting out successful teams in the past and had not given the Huskers much competition on the football field. During the ten years from 1898 up until 1908 Nebraska had developed stronger and more consistent football teams than any of her sister teams in the Missouri Valley and was the best recognized institution of the Valley conference. But it was said that Nebraska had developed football alone and had let her other major sports slide.

Schools in 1908 Big Seven
The schools which composed the Big Seven or the Missouri Valley conference were, Nebraska, Ames, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Washington, and Drake. The men who composed the Cornhusker team of 1908 were as follows: Cooke, Bentley, Minor, S. Collins, Chaloupka, Frum, Sturtzenger, Beltzer, Ewing, Harvey, Bowers, Slaughter, Elliott, Birkner, Kroger, Hart, Temple, C. Collins, and F. Johnson. The average weight of the team was 161 pounds.

In most respects the season of 1908 was one of the most remarkable seasons the Nebraska football eleven ever experienced. It did not win every game nor did it win the championship of the Missouri Valley conference, but from the standpoint of the student body it was a successful season.

Coach "King" Cole, who had developed a championship team in 1907 was back at the helm of the Cornhusker squad as the director of Husker gridders. There were ten games booked for the season, five of which were real battles and the Husker eleven all season pointed towards the

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Minnesota game which ended in a scoreless tie.

Conference Was Divided
Nebraska was going through the third year of the new football rules, and the forward pass, on-side kick and ten yard rule had by this time been thoroughly tested by Husker pigskin luggers. The changes of the football game of that day had been most successful in abolishing abuses to the great collegiate pastime.

The Missouri Valley basketball conference was divided into two sections, the northern and southern section. Nebraska won the northern section and the Kansas Jayhawkers won the southern section so the two ancient rivals played for the championship in a series of three games.

The first game of the series was played at Kansas City, Kansas, the Jayhawkers winning 28 to 22 and the second game was also annexed by the Kansas five thus giving them undisputed championship of the Big Seven for 1908-09.

The Cornhuskers opened their baseball season with a win over the Wesleyan nine, 3 to 1. Coach "Bilby" Fox was coaching the Nebraska sandlotters, and was captain of the Western league baseball team. One of the big complaints about baseball at Nebraska in the past had been that the players had been selected by the captain and not by the coach. But when Coach "Bilby" Fox took charge of the Husker nine, he had quite a lot to say in picking the baseball line that was to represent Nebraska on the diamond that year.

The Nebraska baseball field was at Antelope Park and it was here that Nebraska won the "comedy of errors", as the Missouri-Nebraska game was termed. The Missouri nine was beaten 11 to 7 by the Husker ball tossers.

Saturday May 15, 1909 was the day of double wins for Nebraska. Nebraska's cinder path athletes maintained the tradition of the Cornhuskers for beating Minnesota on the track and in the field events. The baseball proteges of Captain Beltzer took a second championship contest from Drake University. The score in the track meet was 55 1-2 to 42 1-2 with the Minnesota Gophers on the short end. In the ball game Drake barely escaped a shutout getting one score, while the Cornhuskers touched home plate four times.

(To be Continued.)

Y.M. and Y.W. Officers Meet With Community Chest Members Friday

University Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. officers and board members represented their respective organizations at a luncheon meeting given by the Community Chest members Friday noon.

Under the Community Chest arrangements the community support of the University Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. is given through the Community Chest. Recently the chest committee has experienced difficulties in raising the amounts requested by the several organizations. The difficulties facing the chest, and the formulation of plans for the overcoming of these difficulties, were discussed by several speakers. Hope and belief was expressed, that this situation could be remedied by the full support of the financial interests of the city, and a greater cooperation among the participating agencies.

IN THE VALLEY

By JACK ELLIOTT

The University of Kansas tennis team, undefeated this season, met Drake University at Des Moines last Saturday. Already this season the Kansas team has defeated Baker University, the College of Emporia, and the Kansas Aggies.

May 20 and 21 will find the Missouri Valley tennis teams in Lincoln for the conference meet in connection with the Missouri Valley outdoor track meet.

At the Kansas Relays Iowa State carried home the largest number of the white gold watches given to winners of firsts, having a total of nine through victories in the half-mile and the one mile relays and a first in the broad jump in which Everingham leaped 22 feet 7 1-2 inches.

Six major sports events have been arranged for Veishes, Iowa State's exposition, May 12 to the 14. Of the six headlines will be the special mile race between Ray Conger, of the Iowa State team and Alva Martin, former Northwestern captain and one of the greatest middle distance runners in American colleges.

The Oklahoma Sooner thinclads collected two places in the fifth Annual Kansas Relays. The Oklahoma mile team took a third place and Mullins got a fourth in the broad jump.

Coach Johnny Maulbetsch of the Oklahoma Aggies is another one of the Missouri Valley coaches who speaks very unfavorably in regard to the new 1928 basketball rules which restricts the player to but one bounce. So far the new rule has but one defender of the new rule and that is Coach Chandler of Iowa State. The Stillwater Aggie coach expressed doubt that the rule would ever be adopted in the Missouri Valley conference or approved by a necessary majority of Valley conference or approved by a necessary majority of Valley coaches. He thinks the rule will slow up the game and instead of an improvement it is a backward step.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen of Kansas University is opposed to the new ruling, and in a recent speech hinted that the rules committee had railroaded the dribble rule through without giving the coaches in the west a chance to voice their opinion.

Besides Allen, Coach Black of Nebraska, Edwards of Missouri, McDermott of Oklahoma, and James Nain-smith, originator of basketball, are all strongly opposed to the new rule.

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Mr. Harold Holtz has promised to furnish an alumni team that will endeavor to give the college champs a few of the finer points on the game May 27, as a feature of the Round-Up on Friday morning. Equipment and assignment of diamonds may be obtained at the Athletic office.

Team managers are requested to get in touch with the rival managers and schedule their games. Any Arts and Science players are requested to leave their names with "Jimmy" Lewis as the team roster is not yet filled. All games should be reported to the Athletic office so that an accurate record of standings may be kept.

The following pairings have been made for the tournament:

- League 1:
1. College of Pharmacy.
 2. College of Engineering.
 3. College of Agriculture.
- 1st game—Team 1 plays Team 2.
2nd game—Team 3 plays Team 4.
3rd game—Team 2 plays Team 3.
- League 2:
1. College of Dentistry.
 2. College of Business Administration.
 3. College of Arts and Science.
 4. Teachers College.
- 4th game—Team 1 plays Team 4.
5th game—Team 4 plays Team 2.
6th game—Team 1 plays Team 3.
The committees in charge are:
Pharmacy—Raymond Johnson and Raymond Bartek.
Engineers—Merritt Collins and Lyman Jilson for Sigma Tau.
Laws—Bill Hein, Ernie Raun, Franklyn Yearsely, and John Comstock.
Agriculture—Coach W. W. Knight.
Biz Ad—Geard Wirsig and Bob

DuBois for Alpha Kappa Psi. Arts and Science—Joe Reeves, Chairman, Marion Shewe and Fred Ekstrom. Teachers College—Dutch Witte and Glenn Presnell. Dental College—John Brauer.

The revenue derived from the cigarette tax in South Dakota is used to erect new buildings at the State university and the State colleges.

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A student of Stanford University was dropped from the university because he was seen taking alcohol from the chemistry laboratory.

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