

CRITICISM IS THE SPICE OF LIFE.

But I Stick To My Guns in One Final Salvo.

By Arnold Levin. Oct. 15, 1935

Arnold Levin, Daily Nebraskan sports writer. Dear Arnie: Just a comment or two concerning your column in yesterday's paper: (1) In Saturday's game Sam Francis as a football player exhibited the latest table tennis form. In plain words, he played very poor ball. Perhaps the blocking was poor, but if so it was poor for Lanoue and Cardwell, too—and they played consistent ball. Judging by results, and results are all that remains to be counted, Francis was an "in-and-out" in the Minnesota game. Bible took this into account when he withdrew and subsequently withheld Sam. Maybe Francis could have scored, but from the way he played in the first quarter Minnesota would have added a safety to its margin of victory. The coach might be right, you know. He kept out an indifferent player in order to play a more consistent man.

(2) Years ago Nebraska students demanded a tougher football schedule for the Huskers. Notre Dame, Army, Oregon State, Syracuse, Texas, N. Y. U. and Northwestern replaced Lincoln High, Drake, Grinnell, and the like. For years Nebraska has better than broken even in its games outside the conference. Now that we lose an important game you suggest we revert to the old type schedule just so that we may have an all victorious season. Nebraska fans, students and alumni alike, would object heartily to the cancellation of either the Pitt or Minnesota games (the teams to which we have lost the past few years). For them one victory would atone for the many lean years. One victory, but how wonderful that one. Just as the teams in the Big Six consistently lose to Nebraska and then look forward to the year when their season be remarkable by virtue of triumph over the Scarlet and Cream, so too do Nebraska fans look forward to the Pitt and Minnesota games.

Sometimes we win, sometimes we lose—but let's play good teams. Anyone can win with a bunch of set-ups on the schedule, but how doubly precious becomes that year of victories over really good and really tough teams. We asked for harder games. We have them. Nebraska is not omnipotent, and we must expect to lose once in a while. D. X. Bible's record here speaks for itself.

In thirty-one conference games his teams have won 25, lost 3, and tied 3. Outside the conference the Biblesmen have won 14, lost 9, and tied 3. A percentage of .764.

Nebraska has a good team, and it plays good teams. Do you want to be a quitter and back out of the tougher games after a good sock in the nose? Wake up, let's boost Nebraska and Bible.

A FOOTBALL FAN.

Oct. 16, 1935.

Mr. Football Fan. Someplace in Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

In this land of freedom and liberty, each and every man has the right to his individual ideas and thoughts. I disagree with me—very well, I'll disagree with you. You say Francis shouldn't have been put in the game, that he didn't do anything when he was in, that he gave a nice imitation of paddle tennis on the field, that Cardwell and LaNoue went places even if they didn't have blocking and Francis couldn't.

Well, Francis didn't carry the ball enough when he was in to even give him an average. The Nebraska team was fighting on the defensive while big Sam! graced its backfield. And it was Sam who, along with Johnny Williams, was stopping all the Minnesota plays that ripped the Nebraska line to shreds. Again and again the announcer blared "stopped by Francis." And those two poor punts of his? He'd kicked them straight into the end zone, blocked by charging Gopher forwards. His line wasn't holding back the heavy drive of the gigantic Norsemen, and he was rushed on both attempts. That disastrous fifteen yard punt would have been blocked for what might have been a touchdown then and there if he hadn't kicked it off the side of his foot.

Mr. John Bentley, in the Journal, brings forth the altruistic idea that Francis should have remained on the sidelines because his understudy, Ron Douglas, was doing such a magnificent piece of work blocking and punting. I don't say Douglas didn't—he did. Just as fine work booting the ball and taking out his opponent as any man on the field. But because Jerry LaNoue can swivel with dizzy speed in an open field is no reason to believe his 170 pounds can split a beefy forward wall open. The same holds true in the Douglas-Francis case. Francis was the boy to use there because he was feared by the Minnesotans as a plunger. The threat of his being in the backfield might have opened the defense to a series of end runs or laterals. But Douglas, 170 pounds of flash, couldn't begin to cross thru those beefy forwards.

I'm reminded of the Purdue-Michigan game of some years ago when Purdue needed this one win to clinch the Big Ten championship. The Boiler-makers' quarterback called on a blocking half to smash the line for a yard and a touchdown. The blocking half called to a young fullback to change positions with him. "You take it, I'll lead you thru," he said. "This is all 'might.' But it's my belief and my conviction. I'm not

Huskers Recovering From Gopher Fray

BAUER ONLY MAN ON INJURED LIST

Nebraska Quarterback May Not Play Against Kansas State Saturday—Johnny Howell Nominated For Signal Calling Position.

TAKE LIGHT WORK; 'STILL TIRED'—BIBLE

Scarlet First Stringers Find Reserves Coming Up Fast To Take Their Posts; LaNoue Named Captain Against Wildcat Big Six Champs.

Those Gophers Saturday afternoon were tougher than the Nebraska scoreboard account would indicate. Tuesday in the Husker grid camp found the squad which lost their first battle of the season, 12-7, still recovering from the effects of the terrific licking they took from the Bierman boys.

Henry Bauer, head passer on the Husker squad, was the only personality on the injury list when Coach Bible turned to the very important task of preparing for Kansas State this Saturday. Chief was still limping about the stadium dressing room Tuesday with the aid of a cane, earning from Floyd Bortoff the monicker of "Pappy."

Howell May Start. Bauer's injured ankle, which forced him to leave the field in the first quarter Saturday, was probably one of the major factors in the Husker defeat. It is doubtful, moreover, if he will be able to start the game when Nebraska goes to Manhattan for the purpose of getting back what they lost last Thanksgiving. In that event, Johnny Howell, who turned in a capable job of signal calling Saturday considering that it was his first entry into big time competition, will get the quarterback post.

Lloyd Cardwell, Bernie Scherer, and Harold Holmbeck, frowning over injuries Monday afternoon, were on hand in full strength yesterday.

Nevertheless, the whole Husker squad that saw heavy duty against the Gophers was still taking it easy when Coach Bible opened the second afternoon of practice designed for the special benefit of the Wildcats. A full afternoon against a team of Minnesota's weight and power—a team which Bernie Bierman described as "displaying the most fighting spirit that he had ever seen"—took everything Nebraska had, and Coach Bible described the condition of the squad as "still very tired."

Light Practice Scheduled. Consequently, this week will see practice limited to minor quantities to give the team a chance to rest up for the Staters. The usual trying to pan anybody or criticize anybody. But I still would have liked to have seen Sam in at fullback—without blemishing Ron Douglas' play a bit.

Mr. Football Fan, you say that a single victory over either Pittsburgh or Minnesota would atone for the many lean years, from the fan's standpoint. Mr. Bentley, you say I would rather have us rolling over Knox 100 to 0 than being five points and two yards from victory over Minnesota.

A victory over either Minnesota or Pittsburgh would help a lot. It would prove that they're not superhuman as far as Nebraska is concerned and that we have a good chance to win as well. But for as long as I've been following Nebraska football teams, I've been waiting for that victory. How much longer is it going to be? I'm not saying that Francis would have made those yards. I'm not saying he at all deserved, from his previous play or from the play of Ron Douglas, a position in the Nebraska backfield. But I am saying that the threat he presented as a plunger might have drawn in the Gopher defense to the success of an end run.

You say we shouldn't take them off our schedule, even if they do beat us year after year. If we cannot win from them at least once every so often, let's not play them. We're not in any conference with them. Nothing says we have to play them for a championship. We do it because we want inter-sectional contests. But why play inter-sectional contests and be beaten all the time? Does it add glory to the Scarlet? Does it add honor to the Scarlet? If it does, maybe I'm blind.

You cite the number of conference and inter-sectional games we have won and lost. My criticism is not for this. My criticism is directed against Minnesota and especially Pittsburgh. We've got good teams. Darn good teams. Teams of which I'm proud. But why subject those teams to the humiliation of defeat annually? Why not go thru an undefeated season? Why not change that Pittsburgh encounter to some other school that we have a chance of beating? There are other leading teams beside Pitt. There are other leading teams beside Minnesota. Teams which are not so powerfully steam rollerish year by year. And I say we should get games with them instead of with yearly champs.

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Gridmen Answer Minnesota Game Critics With No Alibis

By Morris Lipp.

In retaliation to the criticism of many self styled grid authorities of Nebraska's game with Minnesota last Saturday, some of the Cornhuskers who actually were in the game had plenty to say.

In the Husker dressing room the general concensus of opinion was that Nebraska lost to a superior team, but the gridsters didn't feel that it was any disgrace to lose to a national championship team.

Game Capt. Jim Heldt had plenty of retort to make. For the benefit of these Monday morning quarterbacks, "Jimmy" made it known that there is a sufficiency of football suits to equip any individual who thinks he knows enough about football to try out for the team.

"We still have confidence in our team and coaching staff," Heldt said, "and it is disgusting to hear such criticism especially when a loss is made to a national championship team. It is not the idea of college football to win all the minor games, but to achieve a national record by impressive showings."

LaNoue Agree. Jerry LaNoue, who was acclaimed the hero of the game for Nebraska, chimed in with Heldt's remarks. They (Gophers) played the best football they ever have, Jerry stated, according to their coach, Bernie Bierman.

"All I have for them is praise," said Lloyd Cardwell, who was quite booted-up by the Gophermen. "Cardy" was convinced that they had a good team that tackled hard and played a fine brand of football.

Sam Francis, who had had luck with his punting Saturday afternoon, believed that Nebraska had the "breaks" of the game but unfortunately could not cash in on them. Sam also felt that Minnesota had a great team.

Bauer Wanted Victory. Gus Peters, staunch and stalwart guard, expressed the true philosophy of college football when he stated that he would rather lose to a team like the Gophers than win over some mediocre teams of the midwest. After all is said and done, the victory isn't the sole attainment of a football game.

"We'd sure like to have won," drawled Henry "Chief" Bauer, while nursing a badly injured and sprained ankle. "It was a hard

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Fourteen Teams Register For Unaffiliated Competition.

Fourteen teams will take off this weekend in the intramural barb touch football campaign. The clubs will be divided into three leagues, permitting four teams in league one and five each in leagues two and three.

The schedule, released Tuesday by Harold Petz, director of intramurals, will provide three games for each league one team and four for each team in the other two leagues.

Petz cautioned the club representative that this program was being prepared for their benefit, and asked that they do everything to make it function. Athletic managers are asked to have their players for each game lined up the day before, and to make sure that all know about the games.

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