

# Veterans return to every position as 1940 prospects are rosy for Cornhuskers

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A preview of Nebraska's football team for 1940 can bring nothing but satisfaction because there are veterans for all positions. Sometimes a team can be top heavy with seniors but most coaches would rather chance this than depending upon unseasoned players. By positions, the outlook is something like this:

**ENDS:** George Seemann and Jack Ashburn are gone but with Fred Preston, Bob Ludwick, Chick Carper, Ray and Jerome Prohaska around, the wing situation can't be described as acute.

**TACKLES:** Sam Schwartzkopf will be missing here, but Royal Kahler, Forrest Behm, Leonard Muskin, Clarence Herndon, Hub Knickrehm, Edgar Haynes, Jack Nelson and Francis Leik will be back. Leik was with the squad this past season but did not compete. He is a 210 pounder from whom much is expected when he moves into an active role.

**Guards strong**  
**GUARDS:** Only Bill Herrmann is lost from one of the greatest collection of guards which the Huskers have ever boasted. Those returning include Warren Alfson, Ed Schwartzkopf, George Able, Sam Fuenning, Arlo Klum, Hub Monsky, George Stearns. It will take a super guard to crash through here.

**CENTERS:** Bob Ramey is lost, but both Bob Burruss and Fred Meier are back. Meier was coming along at a rapid rate toward the end of the season. Howard Kelly, hampered by injury last fall, will also be around. And a fine broth of a boy he is.

**BACKS:** Harry Hopp and Herman Rohrig will be back and the only losses from the ball carrying department will be Adna Dobson and George Porter. Wayne Blue, a big, fast lad from Tecumseh who was carried with the varsity last fall did not compete so has three years ahead. Bob DeFruiter, Bob Kahler and Butch Luther, three of the best when it comes to reverse plays; Vike Francis and Henry Rohn at fullback; Bus Knight and Rop Petsch to do the blocking and signal calling, and some pass catching (see play by play account of Oklahoma-Nebraska game), along with Theos Thompson who has another year remaining if he wants to take it rather than a degree. Don Rubot-

# Many schools coming to rally

Sixty-seven schools had made reservations for the All-State Football rally at the chamber of commerce by yesterday afternoon, and representation was expected to come up to 75 by tomorrow.

Schools who will be represented by coaches, superintendents and players are: Ashland, Ansley, Aurora, Beatrice, Bertrand, Brady, Burwell, Cambridge, Central City, Chadron Training School, Concordia Teachers, Crawford, Creighton, Crete, Curtis Aggies.

Davenport, David City, Deshler, Eagle, Edgar, Elmwood, Elm Creek, Exeter, Fairbury, Fairmont, Friend, Fullerton, Geneva, Grand Island, Harvard, Holdrege, Homer, Humboldt, Kimball, Bethany, Cathedral, College View.

Jackson, Lincoln, Lyons, Milford, Minden, Nehawka, Nelson, North Platte, Odell, Omaha Central, Ord, Pierce, Pilger, Plattsmouth, Rising City, Seward, Shelby, Shubert, South Sioux City, St. Paul, Superior, Sutton, Syracuse, Talmage, Taylor, Tecumseh, Wauneta, Weeping Water, Winnebago, Wilber.

tom, Ken Simmons, Marvin Thompson and Jack Vincent are other squadmen and all bus Simmons have three full years ahead.

The list of players who were in this year's squad, but did not compete includes Charles Carper, end; Francis Leik, tackle; Wayne Blue, back; Sam Fuenning, guard; Edgar Haynes, tackle; Howard Kelly, center; Jack Nelson, tackle; Don Rubottom, Marvin Thompson and Jack Vincent, backs.

It is understood that three others are returning after a year's layoff, including Jack Stubbs and Vernon Braasch of Norfolk, and Clyde Preuss, Madison.

The best way of not getting too high on an outfit such as this, is to think back to the Oklahoma situation this past season. The Sooners went into the fall campaign with much the same sort of setup in the matter of big and experienced players. And you remember what happened to them! There's enough natural ability scattered thru the Husker group to supply all the needs. If the boys want to play football, there's a big year coming up.

# Nebraska farms number 133,678

Nebraska has 133,678 individual farms according to one of the 27 maps of the state which have been recently placed on display by the geography department on the walls of the second-story hall of former museum. This map shows the distribution of these farms over the state by use of dots, each dot representing 25 farms.

# Enemy flips net more than rushing

Things would have been wonderful if they'd just had a better pass defense. Things were very good at that for Nebraska's Cornhuskers, but a look at statistics for the past football season shows very clearly why the Huskers' opposition trusted to passes to beat the Huskers.

Nebraska gave up 883 yards on forward passes, and only 858 net were gained on rushing plays from scrimmage. The opposition gained 84 yards on laterals for an 1,825 net. On the Husker side of the fence, the Jones boys piled up 1,193 net yards netting more than 100 yards from scrimmage every time they played except in the Indiana game when they couldn't get under way, gaining only 34 yards from scrimmage. Nebraska gained 324 yards on passes, 19 on laterals, for a 1,536 mark.

Missouri was the big offender on passes. Paul Christman threw three touchdown flips, as the Tigers gained 189 yards on forward passes. They got another 16 on laterals, and 121 yards from rushing to give them a net yardage gain of 326 against Nebraska—most yardage piled up against the Huskers all year.

Christman completed eight of 13 passes against the Huskers to give him an average of 23 1/2 yards on everyone completed. Two fell incomplete and the Huskers intercepted three of them.

Nebraska's opposition attempted 136 passes in all, completing 60 of them for a .441 average, with an average gain of 14.72 yards per completed pass. Nineteen enemy passes fell into Husker hands, several of them at times when the opposition was close to the Nebraska goal line. The other 57 attempts were incomplete.

# Sooners turn down bowl bid

Oklahoma's Sooners turned down a Cotton Bowl bid as the Big Six gave Missouri permission to play in the Orange Bowl against Georgia Tech. The Sooners, who lost in the Orange Bowl to Tennessee, thought they had had enough football for the year. A telegraphic poll of Big Six schools succeeded in getting permission for Missouri's participation.

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# Twenty-two prep gridders place on Sigma Delta Chi honor roll; four, repeaters

BY GLENN TRUMP,  
Lincoln Journal Sportswriter.

Twenty-two Nebraska high school lads are ripe for all-star plucking after a productive season and win positions on the annual Sigma Delta Chi honor roll.

These 22, threats in all departments of the game, represent the opinions of coaches, officials and critics in all parts of the state.

Of these 22, only four are repeaters. Howard Westering, Omaha Central; Dale Bernhardt, Norfolk; Marion Kohel, Crete; and Howard Debus, Lincoln, won berths for the second straight year.

The competition was unusually stiff this season for honor roll positions. Nearest to being unanimous selections were Bob Craven, Crete; Theo Ossowski, Beatrice; Don Vestal, Fairbury; Marion Kohel, Crete, and Howard Debus, Lincoln.

**The Honor Roll.**  
**ENDS:** Bob Craven, Crete;

# Chemistry graduates accept positions

Three graduate students in chemistry have accepted positions recently. C. Kenneth Banks of Kansas City, Mo., will be a research chemist with Parke-Davis Company at Detroit. Joe Parker of Birmingham, Ala., has joined the organic chemical division of the E. I. Du Pont company laboratories at Wilmington, Del. Both will receive their doctor of philosophy degrees in June. Allen Ring of St. Marys, Kas., has accepted a position as chemistry librarian for the Mallinckrodt Chemical Company of St. Louis.

# Varsity squad gets bid to hear Russ Morgan

Russ Morgan and R. H. Pauley, manager of the Turnpike, will play host to all Nebraska varsity football men Sunday evening. The two have invited all members of the squad to be their guests that evening.

Melvin Keazler, Lincoln; Howard Westering, Omaha Central; Waldo Winter, Jackson.

**TACKLES:** Dale Bernhardt, Norfolk; Rudy Matulka, Omaha South; Theo Ossowski, Beatrice; Vernon Stiner, Hastings.

**GUARDS:** Ken Johnson, Columbus; Alvin Lampe, Beatrice; Herman Pepler, Mitchell; Don Vestal, Fairbury.

**CENTERS:** Marion Kohel, Crete; Dick O'Neal, Bayard.

**BACKS:** Lawrence Baumgaertel, Scottsbluff; Jerry Carpenter, McCook; Howard Debus, Lincoln; Jerry Durham, Hastings; Don James, Falls City; Glenn Lamoureux, Valentine; Marshall Neihart, Jackson; Billie Wachtler, Creighton Prep.

Those who also won noteworthy praise include:

**ENDS:** Elmer Blackbird, Walthill; Doyle Copeland, Guide Rock; and George Dunn, Creighton Prep. **Tackles:** Raymond Hale, Sargent; LeRoy Nelson, Curtis; and Keith Stollendorf, Wymore.

**Guards:** Paul Dalton, Neligh; Jerry Livingston, Nebraska City; and Henry Fricke, Alliance.

**Center:** Tony Mancuso, Creighton Prep.

**Backs:** Milo Havranek, Wilber; Frank Hronek, Omaha Central; Roy Long, Blair; Don Gallup, York; Kenneth McClure, Havelock; and Willis Wells, Comstock.

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