



Sports Arena

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Readers (both of you)
University of Nebraska
Dear Sirs (God bless you):

Well, this little letter is going to be a so-called letter of introduction. . . That is, we are going to introduce ourselves to you. . .

It so happens that we are going to be in charge of the sports page of the DAILY for the coming year. . . Therefore, it will be the duty of this corner to bring to you the news from the sport fronts on this campus and from the whole sporting world in general. . .

Yours truly is following in the footsteps of a gal who really knew her sports. . . Last year, June Bierbower operated this "colyum" and did a man's sized job. . . June made her hobby her business when she became sports editor. . . Those of you in school last year can bear out this statement. . .

It's a funny thing, but one notices column titles every day and then when one tries to make up one of his own he immediately becomes stumped. . . I've tried to dig up an original and "catchy" heading but the score was naught. . . The above was the result and I (and you) am stuck with it until the real or better thing comes along. . .

Let it be said in this — the inaugural column—piece of writing that it is the hope of us, as it is yours, that Nebraska ranks supreme in all phases of athletics for the year 1940-41. . .

Prospects are said to be very good, but we'll keep our fingers crossed and just sit back and watch and see if the predictions come true. . .

Right now, football is the keyword on the sports pages along with the closing of the baseball season and approaching world series. . . Later, basketball and then the spring sports will hold sway. . .

In closing it's our hope that sports this year in the midlands will be spelled N-E-B-R-A-S-K-A.

And this is thirty for now until all good sports get together for the next issue of the DAILY. . .

Yours truly,
Jim Evinger
Sports Editor

Richard White leaves for North Dakota post

Richard L. White left Lincoln Sept. 8, to assume the duties as instructor in economics at North Dakota agricultural college. White received his A.B. here at the university in 1939. He belonged to the Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary business fraternity, played with the Lincoln symphony orchestra, Acacia, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and was an honorary member of Gamma Lambda.

The DAILY NEBRASKAN

Big Six foes stronger, aim sites on N.U.

Missouri, Oklahoma on marked team list of weaker elevens

"There's no place like Nebraska."

That's the spirit that has rung out over the prairies and fertile valleys of the central West plains since football began for Nebraska.

But for the past two years, the supremacy of the Cornhuskers in the Big Six conference has been broken by the great Oklahoma team of 1938 and the fine Missouri eleven of 1939.

And now 1940 championship of the league, as predicted by the experts, is forecasted to be handed to Nebraska. However, a couple of teams by the names of Mizzou and Oklahoma have other ideas than the pronosticators.

Big Six always strong.

And that isn't all. Iowa State, Kansas U. and Kansas State, the remaining trio of the Big Six, are always on the alert and are at

their best whenever Nebraska is the name on their Saturday slate. Pointing for Nebraska is the favorite pastime for conference grid opponents. No matter how strong or how weak the Cornhuskers are, they are marked men when league opposition sets forth to do battle.

This year will be no different from all the others. Reports from the grid camps thruout the conference reveal that all teams are on the upgrade and a letdown by one of the league bigwigs could result in an upset and disaster for championship aspirants.

The Huskers are declared the gridders to "put the bee on" this year, mainly because of the wealth of lettermen returning.

Missouri will have a tough

schedule and will also be marked as it will be out to defend the Big Six title. Not only that but graduation took away 14 men and four of those were ends who were on the receiving end of many a touch-down pass thrown by All-American Paul Christman.

Oklahoma, so the reports say, is looking farther into the future than 1940. The year 1941 is supposed to be THE year for the Sooners. Sophomores will be sprinkled thruout the Stidham team. The catch is that after half the season is gone the Sooners will begin to really get tough on their opponents due to their increasing experience.

Kansas State has a new coach and has inspired new spirit into its

(See BIG SIX, on page 20.)

Huskers open 51st year of grid activity

With 50 years of football behind, the Cornhuskers enter their 51st year with a winning percentage of .758. Out of 416 games, the Huskers have won 291, lost 93 and tied 32. The following are complete figures:

- Games played, 416.
 - Games won, 291.
 - Games tied, 32.
 - Games lost, 93.
 - Percent, .758.
 - Points scored, 7,624.
 - Average points per game, 18.3.
 - Opponents' points, 2,562.
 - Average points per game, 6.1.
 - Schools played, 68.
 - Championships, 21.
 - Best season, 1902, unbeaten, untied, unscored upon in ten games.
 - Worst season, 1899, won two, lost seven, tied one.
- (See 51ST YEAR, on page 20)

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