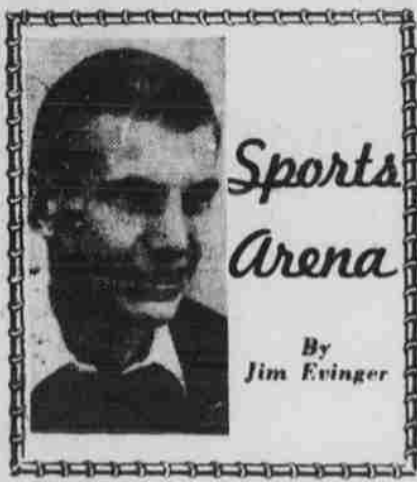


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The game of football is the ultimate result of an illegal play made by an English Rugby player in 1823.

To aid in eliminating fumbles, University of Illinois gridgers wear jerseys that have strips of "stickum" cloth sewed on.



## Sports Arena

By Jim Evinger

Hold on to your hat, Harvey, 'cause here we go again...

When the Huskers have that little meeting with the Golden Gophers of Minnesota on October 5, the battle will be the 417th football game in Nebraska gridiron history... Fifty years of pigskin playing have passed under the bridge for the Huskers and they've a winning percentage of .758... That's an enviable record for any team to match...

Colorado is boasting of a player supposedly to be worthy of being called another "Whizzer" White... This time, Leo "The Lion" Stasica is going to make his senior year one for the Rocky Mountain teams to remember... Incidentally, two Big Six teams, Kansas State and Missouri, are on the 1940 schedule of the Bluffs...

The Kansas Jayhawks are really minging the blues now... Ralph Miller, passer deluxe and basketball ace, has been lost for the present football season... Miller had a .622 percentage for pass completions last year which was the highest in the nation during 1939 for passers throwing more than 35 times...

That weak knee of Miller's is going to be given a rest, but he'll be back in 1941 after an effort to be in top shape... Two operations on that knee led the specialists to advise laying out of competition this year...

Sport Prattle: Duke's baseball coach, Jack Coombs, once pitched a 24 inning game, longest in American league history... Whenever Illinois and Ohio State meet on the gridiron, they battle for possession of a wooden turtle trophy... Chicago may not be playing any more Big Ten football games, but the first football broadcast was made from Stagg field on October 29, 1922...

Speaking of radios, the University of Northwestern has banned the use of portable radios in the stands during its pigskin clashes... U. C. L. A. had the largest "gate" in the nation last year... There were more than 400,000 home-game paid admissions... At-

## Minnesota season expected to accomplish great results

Twenty-three lettermen give bright outlook; ends halfbacks bolster team

By Mick Bierbower.

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of information concerning Nebraska's gridiron opponents.

Nebraska's opener at Minnesota Oct. 5 will find the Gophers with one game under their belts. The University of Washington invades Minneapolis, Sept. 28. However, Nebraska won over Minnesota by a lone touchdown in 1939 after the Gophers shellacked Arizona 62-0 in their opener.

Coach Bernie Bierman's squad should have a better season than last year when they won three, lost four and tied one. Lost among others is Harold Van Every, who carried the passing burden in 1939. Minnesota will rely more on power this year than last.

After the game with the Huskers the Gophers have an open date, and Oct. 19 they will clash with the Buckeyes at Ohio State. Then they face Iowa, Northwestern, Michigan, Purdue and Wisconsin in that order.

Minnesota will be none too strong at end, and reserve halfbacks are on the weak list. An injury in that spot could cause considerable damage.

Co-captains Bob Bjorklund and Bill Johnson can hold down end positions along with Bob Fitch, but Bjorklund probably will be used at center with Gene Flick. Dick Wildung, 200 pound sophomore of Ed Widseth caliber, and

tendance at college games rose one percent over the previous season... Greatest gains were in the south (11 percent) and in the Rocky Mountain area (19 percent)...

Urban Odson, 239, are the first string tackles, and Bill Kuusisto, Gordon Paschka and John Billman will take care of the guard positions.

Johnny Bartelt will start at quarter, and 200 pound Bob Sweiger will do the plunging from the fullback post. The Golden Gophers should have some real power in halfbacks George Franck and Bruce Smith.

Franck recovered from a stomach ailment Monday and is back in uniform. Joe Mernik and Bob Paffrath furnish reserve strength at the half post. Don Nolander looks good at center, and Gene Bierhaus, sophomore back, will do some relief work. Paffrath has been used in the blocking position at quarterback while Franck calls signals.

Lost besides Van Every are Christianson, fullback; Mariucci, Olgren and Johnson, ends, and Pederson, tackle.

Coach Bierman isn't optimistic about his prospects, but with 23 lettermen returning he should be able to put a first class team on the field when Minnesota meets Nebraska.



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