

As I See It

By June Bierbower



(Ed's note: June Bierbower was the boss gal on this page last year and this is her guest column. June had to leave her father's Giltner paper to come back to the campus to get in on all the excitement. The following is a typical example of what June knows about her world of sport. Thanks a lot, June, and we'll see you in Pasadena.)

Life is just a platitudinous Bowl of Roses, though we upon coming back to the campus to renew acquaintances and bask in the Pasadena-like atmosphere around here which, very definitely is not to be mixed up with the Pasadena weather.

But upon having been invieglied into speaking on Ralph Worden's very impromptu ballroom rally program, and into writing a post-grad column for the White Rag (we understand it's Rosy Tuesday), sometimes we wonder.

However, there couldn't be a much better time for an alum to come back to the campus than at Rose Bowl bid time. Then, too, there was a wire awaiting us from an old rival Dick "Duteh" Kelly, urging us to be sure to see the game. Kelly, with whom we had editorial tiffs galore when he sports edited for the Daily Californian, is now with the San Francisco Daily Chronicle.

'Cinderella man'

Stanford's "Cinderella" coach and team are getting the press raves, but when you think of 1938 and then 1940, you have to hand it to the Huskers. Without taking a thing from the marvelous showing Clark Shaughnessy and his team made this year, it was just two years ago that more than a few people were almost willing to sell Biff and the Huskers down the river after that nightmarish season.

But Biffer, the players, and a great majority of Huskerland knew that Jones "had something" in a crew of sophomores, who, although they lost five games in 1938, have lost only twice since then. And, remember the last time Nebraska failed to score in a game? It was back in 1938, when Sutherland's Panthers won 19-0 here. The Huskers have scored at least one touchdown, usually more, in each of the twenty games since then.

Hail, D. X. Bible

There are more than a few interesting sidelights on the bowl game this year, one of course, being the fact that it was the Huskers' old mentor, D. X. Bible, who gave the Nebraskans their big boost into the Rose Bowl when his Texans practically lifted Texas A. & M. out of the Pasadena classic... and on the other side of the ledger, it was Bernie Masterson, himself, a former Nebraska "great," who went out to Stanford last spring to help Shaughnessy install that Chicago Bear offensive, based on a "T" formation, which the Indians have used with great success this year... backfield coach at Stanford is none other than the reformed Louisianan, Marchie Schwartz, who coached at Creighton last year... and line coach out there is Phil Bentson, former Minnesota all-American, and line coach at Missouri later.

George Abel of 'California'

Another little 1939 tid-bit... George Abel, Husker guard, played prep school football at Point Loma high in San Diego, although he's a resident of Lincoln. When Abel quite naturally came to Nebraska for his college work, some of his high school teammates chided him for going to a "hick school." How about it now, boys?

Abel never played on a team which had suffered defeat until the Missouri debacle in 1939; Point Loma never lost a game while he played there. The 1938 season came when Abel was a frosh, and while that year might have made the Husker lonesome for the coast again, Abel said he'd not think of going elsewhere than Nebraska to school, even though he'd have been welcome at Stanford or any other California school where his mates did their collegiate playing.

Movie people, basketballers reunion

And, what with Robert Taylor and countless other lesser-lights in Hollywood, and with the "Miss Bishop" premiere coming here January 7, the movie people and Nebraska seem to have a tie-in somewhere.

Another reunion out in Cal will come when the Husker basketball team sees the Bowl game. They play Stanford Dec. 27, while their last game on the coast is at Corvallis, Oregon Dec. 30 against Oregon State, and back they'll have to scoot to Pasadena.

Shaughnessy stands out as 'coach of year'

Indian's mentor came from de-emphasized grid school—Chicago

By Mick Bierbower.

Clark Shaughnessy, after six years of coaching football teams at Chicago, went to Stanford this year to extract from supposedly poor material a team that went through an undefeated season. Under the tutorship of Shaughnessy, Jay Berwanger rose to All-America fame with Chicago.

Typical of thrilling Berwanger runs should be those in this year's Rose Bowl game. With each team relying on speed to a certain degree, the game should provide many thrilling plays for the crowd.

Shaughnessy came to Chicago from Loyola in 1933 and remained until 1939, when Chicago decided to discontinue the gridiron sport in the Big Ten. Previously to Loyola, Shaughnessy had been an assistant at Minnesota, and head coach at Tulane.

Praise for Stanford.

Pacific coast coaches have nothing but praise for the 1940 Stanford football squad. They are in a position to know what the Stanford Indians have in the line of power and when they put an o. k. on a team, it means just that.

Stanford hit Santa Clara early in the season, and until then the experts had glanced at their record with a thought of luck that wouldn't hold out. But when they nipped Santa Clara, said experts started to recognize the abilities of the team. Last Saturday Santa Clara romped over Oklahoma 33-13. The "miracle men" of Stanford went on to finish an undefeated season to get the coveted Rose Bowl bid.

Norm Standlee heads the Indian backfield, boasting 220 pounds to back up an average gain of over five yards a try. Stanford has several reserves in the backfield plus a strong line from end to end, and supremacy of the Indians on the

coast shone through Saturday when they whipped the Golden Bears of California 13-7.

Speed to burn.

One characteristic of the Stanford team is speed and plenty of it. In each game this year, the Indians have come through with more than their share of swift plays. Clyde Jeffrey, one of the greatest sprinters ever developed in the U. S., is a reserve halfback on the Stanford roster. Swift-starting halfbacks are Kmetovic and Gallarneau, high rankers in the speed column.

Shaughnessy's ability as a coach is undisputed since he came through this season. He has a great team, and the Stanford Indians have improved with every game. It's a far cry from a loss of 80-0 to Michigan last year at Chicago, to a perfect season on the Pacific coast this year. If anyone deserves the "Coach of the Year" award, Clark Shaughnessy does. And he'll probably get it.

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