

The DAILY NEBRASKAN

Prof. Roscoe Pound Tried Sports Forecasting in 1900

... Results Shown Here

Prof. Roscoe Pound, head of the law school at Harvard University, viewed Nebraska's progress as a rising gridiron power with considerable optimism in the Sept. 18, 1900 issue of the Hesperian-Nebraskan, student newspaper.

Sports scribe Pound, whose sister is Dr. Louise Pound of the present Cornhusker faculty, wrote for hearty support from the student body.

"As we are about to enter upon the second decade of football at the University of Nebraska, a brief retrospect from a veteran football crank may not be out of place.

Football before 1890.

"Prior to 1890 football, except the old helter-skelter kicking game with an indefinite number on each side and every man for himself, was unheard of in Nebraska. In '89-'90 McClatchie, '91, who had played at Olivet, preached the gospel of scientific football and volunteered to coach. He aroused not a little enthusiasm, though hampered by a notion then prevalent that players ought to be elected by ballot, and began our football history with a series of class games, an institution which, with slight interruption, has been handed down to the present day.

"I was away from the University at the time, but on my return in the fall of '90, full of the enthusiasm kindled by seeing the Harvard season of '89, including the games with Yale and Princeton, I was amused and amazed to see some two dozen men, in their shirt sleeves, some in overalls, but most in their every-day trousers, and all wearing suspenders, endeavoring to learn the elements of football by the light of nature and their recollection of what they saw the year before.

"Some of the men who played that year had not a little natural

ability and would have done well in time with proper training. Dr. Frothingham, who had seen the best of football, did what he could for them, and as opposing teams were equally raw, individual strength and athletic skill took our first varsity team triumphantly through its first season. Another year saw our first hired coach in Lyman of Grinnell, who had played at Yale. Lyman was given about ten days to do what he could with green men.

"The score in a game with Iowa that season was not pleasant to think of, but Lyman had set us in motion, and we repaid Iowa with interest later.

Advent of League.

"Then came the league. No one mourns its death, but it was a great event in our football history. From the day it was organized, Nebraska has had good football. There have been off years, but there have been years of triumph as well, and as one looks back over ten years and calls to mind J. H. Johnston, A. E. Yont, Flip-pin, Budd Jones, Dern, Thorpe, Wiggins, George Shedd, Melford and Benedict—any of whom could have played in any company—he cannot but feel ample satisfaction.

Need of hearty support.

"The most immediate need is hearty support. There, too, there is room for improvement. Probably nowhere else is it respectable, or even safe, to look over the canvas, or sit in trees or windows in plain view, and steal half a dollar's worth of football. Some of the best men in the University have done this in time past, and have done what they could to make it respectable. Football is a democratic game."

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sophomores and veterans, veterans and sophomores, will probably find two sophomores starting with five veterans. Present lineups indicate that there will also be two sophs in the backfield.

Outstanding in the backfield is Soph Billie Hillenbrand, whose work in the left halfback slot has placed him in the hallowed group pre-seasonally picked as "backs of the year." Another sophomore, Lou Saben, will most likely hold down the blocking back assignment, while two juniors, Dale Swihart at right half, and Earl Dology at full, will complete the quartet.

Sophomores who have proved themselves worthy of first string places in the Indiana line are Tackle Freddie Huff and Center John Tavener; from all reports, these

two will bring the varsity soph total to four.

In the Husker camp, linemen were warned that unless "a bang-up job of rushing" is carried out, Brilliant Billie Hillenbrand may pass the Huskers dizzy.

Whether or not the word from Bloomington is a word of fair warning, whether or not the Hoosiers have selected their fourth game to come up to pre-season predictions, whether or not either of these things is true, it's a generally known fact that the colonel and the major will make Saturday afternoon an interesting one.

Cagers Meet Tonight

Ad Lewandowski broadcast a call for all varsity men to report to the coliseum basement at 7:30 tonight for physical examinations. All men must be there.

Practice for the varsity squad will be in the coliseum Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons at 3:30 and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:15.

Girls' Sport

By Susan Shaw

Don't forget the Riding Club picnic today at six. If you contact any of the officers pay your 25 cents at the WAA office. Meet at Grant Memorial Hall.

Joyce Junge, Pi Beta Phi, and Lila Howell, Kappa Alpha Theta, will attend their first WAA council meeting today as newly elected secretary and assistant concession manager, respectively.

President of the Bowling Club, Georgia Swallow, announced that all students, fellows included, are to bring their identification cards to the next meeting. It will be held at the Lincoln bowling alley Thursday from 4 to 6 p. m. Special rate for club members is 25 cents for two lines.

Funeral—

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heart, who represented Nebraska at last year's Rose Bowl game.

Affiliated with Sigma Nu fraternity, Reichstadt was known to his friends as "Dutch," and majored in pre-medicine on this campus. He was a parachute and technical supply officer at the Albuquerque base, having graduated from Kelly field and having served at Randolph and March fields.

Sigma Nu fraternity members will attend the funeral in a group.

Men and women freshmen at 'Macales' college enjoyed week end camp outings before the school year opened.

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The Sports Mill

By Bob Miller

Since there hasn't been much chance to give some credit to a defeated but gamely fighting team from Lawrence, we thought that this would be a good chance to tell some of the things that occurred to us...As it appeared the K. U. team had a good back field but the line lacked that something that should be present...

In our estimation, the Kansas player of the day was by all means Ralph Miller, the slight 170 pound quarterback who fired the deadly missiles into the Husker defenses for repeated completions...This Chanute, Kansas flash was the big noise in the Jayhawk offense and defense...

During his stay in the game Miller was instrumental in keeping the Jay hawks going...

He accounted for the majority of the 17 completions resulting from 29 attempts... Miller had his first year on the varsity team in 1938 and in the next season, he led the nation's passers with a completion average of .622...



RALPH MILLER

—Lincoln Journal.

In 1940, however, he was forced out of competition due to an injury that he had sustained in the fifth game of his sophomore year. He was hampered all the '39 season by the injury but it was the following season that he had to have two operations upon the injured member...

In Saturday's game he won the admiration of all the fans when with all the sureness in the world he stepped back and waited patiently until he saw one of his receivers out in the open and then he calmly let fly with one of his accurate thunderbolts. His passes weren't masterpieces from the standpoint of a perfect spiral but his accuracy and speed with which he threw them accounted for the high number of completions...

Official figures released by the K. U. athletic department show that Miller completed 13 out of 21 passes during the afternoon and his passes amounted to 93 yards for the afternoon's performance... Statistics reveal that this boosted his season average to .542, a figure that will probably reach the 1939 proportions... His passes thus far have netted the Jayhaws a neat 254 yards... When he was forced to leave the game in the third quarter due to good shaking-up when he was tackled

after a punt return... he did so with Husker and Jayhawk cheers alike ringing in his ears... He was really the standout of the day for the K. U. team...

Now that Miller has been sufficiently cared for, we can turn our attentions toward the Jay line... While the line as a whole wasn't particularly effective, there were several individuals that played over their heads for the entire afternoon in an effort to stave off certain defeat... Bob Fluker was the best man that Kansas put on the field in the line...

On offensive he shown on downfield blocking that didn't do much good and on defense he was on every play that came his way... If there had been seven Flukers in the line, the story would have been very different... He filled the guard position so ably that he got every sports scribe's vote as the individual lineman of the day...

Monte Merkle came the nearest to duplicating Fluker's show on the other side of the center in the opposite guard position... He was harder than the other linemen to block with the one exception and he gave his best in a losing battle. Once more in the backfield Ray Niblo attracted notice as a successor to Miller, his imitation of Miller's style of passing was not all that could be expected...

Ray Evans had a share in the back's spotlight turning in a good game that boasted of several runs of longer than five yards and he was on the catching end of most of Miller's passes... The way it looked after the game was that Kansas had a better than average backfield playing behind a worse than average line...

Individual performers need some recognition, though, when they that was nearly decided before it was played. That was our purpose

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Indiana Set Drop Huskers

With the major pouring it on this week to prepare the Huskers for Saturday's homecoming game against Indiana, word comes from the Hoosier camp that "Colonel Bo's boys will be ready."

According to latest reports, the Hoosiers, for the first time this season, will be at full strength. A pre-season crippled starting backfield, which has not yet had a chance to prove itself, will be ready Saturday.

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