

The Sports Mill

By Bob Miller



Prevalent on the lips of fans throughout Nebraska is one question . . . "Just what is wrong with the 1941 Husker football team and what about the Kansas State fiasco, Saturday?" is the question and maybe there is a right to ask it . . . Nebraska is one team that is on the same lines as a hot and cold shower system with the cold tap being on for the last three Saturdays.

Nebraska has a lot of possibilities that haven't been developed and probably won't exhibit a finished product until next year . . . The fellow's spirits have been ruined by the support which they have received from the campus "quarterbacks" that seemingly think they know what the trouble is and would offer the Biffer their services if they only had time . . . This sort of support rather burns us up because Nebraska is sending one of the best groups of fellows on that field that can be found any place in this country.

Just take a look through the program and you will find a bunch of fellows that are the typical undergraduate . . . They are playing football because they yen for the game and not for any return that they are getting . . . They feel low when they lost and take any defeat ten times harder than the most school-spirited fan in the state . . . They give their all when they are in the game and nobody can ask for more.

As soon as a team of the caliber that is inherent in Nebraska teams is bogged down by three losses, invariably there will be talk of getting a new coach and his teams will be criticized for failure to show anything that resembles football . . . At this point there is talk about the offensive tactics that the Huskers use but if the ones that do the running-down would watch they would see a great many things that they do not know exist . . . At any rate, all of this "down the coach—junk the team" talk had better be stopped or there will be a letdown in the spirit that will

result in the worst season that a Nebraska team has ever experienced.

Oklahoma turned in an upset victory over Santa Clara, a week past, and the accomplishment was more the result of the undying spirit that was shown by the Sooner fans after their team had lost by 40 points to Texas . . . Coach Dewey Luster attributed the win to the support that the team received rather than a miracle . . . Saturday will see the game of the year as far as Nebraska is concerned and we think that with the proper spirit on the part of the Husker students that the team can come close to upsetting the mighty Gophers . . . enough about spirit.

Gerry Kathol, friendly Husker end, is in St. Elizabeth's hospital here in Lincoln with his right leg broken . . . His leg was broken below the knee and the big bone was fractured in one place while the smaller bone had two breaks in it . . . He will be in the hospital for the rest of this week and will be in a cast maneuvering on crutches for the next six weeks.

His injury came midway in the third quarter when Kansas had possession . . . As we saw it, Mike Zeleznak was trapped behind his line and there was a pile of players around him . . . Then from his end position it looked like Kathol rushed in for the kill and hurtled the bunch lighting with his right leg tucked under him and another player . . . Dale Bradley who was about ten yards from the scene saw it all and said that when Kathol came down that there was a cracking sound like someone breaking a stout lath and could be heard over the field.

Gerry remained conscious all the time on the field and his first worry was about his folks . . . His loss will be a big one to the team since he seemed to tide the Huskers through their tight spots with his spirit on the field.

Gophers Plan Continue Win

Huskers Face Hard Job Of Tripping Minnesotans

With five games behind them, including two wins and three losses, Nebraska's Cornhuskers began serious preparation today for the face-off this weekend against a Minnesota team that has power-housed over two of the nation's greatest teams, Michigan and Northwestern, in successive weekends.

Minnesota-Cornhusker grid rivalry dates back to pre-war days when Bernie Bierman, now the Gopher coach was footballing his way to All-American status, and thus far this season, Bierman has enjoyed his best record in a long time.

Tops in Nation.

While Nebraska will be fighting to break a three game losing streak, the Gophers will be out to keep their rating as tops in the nation. To date the Gopher's toughest opponent has been the injury jinx, and most of that in the backfield.

Possibility that Bruce Smith, whose performance this year has shown good signs of the All-American berth, may be out for the season brought gloom to the Gopher

Defensive Star



Gene Flick.

quarters following Smith's injury in the Northwestern game Saturday.

Other key-men on the doubtful list include Herman Frickey and Bob Sweiger, both injured in the Michigan game, altho Sweiger will probably be in his halfback slot after a part-time game against the Wildcats.

Still intact is the Gopher line, whose devastating work has allowed for the steamrolling schedule the Minnesotans have followed this season.

Lineman honors went to center Gene Flick who figured as key-man in the trick play which beat Northwestern. Rated as one of the best defensive centers in the Big Ten, Flick will do his bit to keep the Huskers busy come Saturday.

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DeCorrevent Penetrates Stiff Defense



A play that nearly doomed Minnesota's hopes against Northwestern Saturday was this one when

Bill DeCorrevent (49) got loose for nine yards before he was run out of bounds. The Minnesota line, however, allows very few of these

to happen and if the Huskers can accomplish the job, they will be doing exceedingly well.

Lincoln Journal.

M. Thompson Takes Place Of Kathol

Huskers Show Injuries As Coaches Send Team Through Drill Monday

Recuperating from the shellacking handed them by underrated Kansas State on Saturday and trying to get the injured into good hobbling mettle, the Huskers took

together and gave them a miniature pep talk and also announced that end Marv Thompson, junior from Mitchell, would be switched to the right end to fill in for Kathol on the starting line-up.

Thompson was on the squad last year but a leg injury early in the season cut down his playing time this year. Since this season has been under way, he has pushed Fred Preston for a starting berth at the left end but with the vacancy, the Biffer decided that he would be switched to improve the

defensive strength of the starting team.

Trainer Elwyn Dees gave a little report of the injured list with Herb von Goetze out of the Minnesota fray for sure and perhaps Clarence Herndon. George Abel who Dees kept from the greatest part of the game favoring a bad leg, will be all right for the approaching fray.

Latest injury to hit the camp came to the "hard-luck kid" again—Kenny Simmons was brought in with a knee that had been popped out of joint.



MARVIN THOMPSON GERALD KATHOL
—Lincoln Journal

it easy—very easy Monday afternoon.

With Gerry Kathol laid up in the hospital with his leg broken the coaching squad called the team

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