

Huskies Versus Tigers?

Husker Grid Plans Falter Before Wind

Severe winds hampered the opening of Cornhusker spring football Monday, forcing the gridsters to function on the indoor track. Warm-up exercises were mostly the order of the afternoon, the physical check-ups and weighing required some time.

"We'll line up some teams Tuesday," said Mentor Glen Presnell. "Hope we can get some kind of a weather break."

Some 40 gridsters reported Monday and 20 more are expected today.

Presnell's list:

Ends: Al Grubaugh, Rising City; Tom Hayes, Hastings; Bert Gissler, Osceola; Rodney Smith, South Sioux City; John Schlessler, Yutan; Jack Hazen, Omaha; Ed Nyden, Lincoln; Dean Gielwick, Lincoln; Wilbur Craig, York; Bob Gillaapie, Lincoln; Dale Proctor, Bruno.

Tackles: Bob McNutt, Colby, Kas.; Marvin Grubaugh, Rising City; Dwayne Domeier, Geneva; Gordon Lucht, Grand Island; Neil Fouts, Seward; Leo Beck, Jr., Lincoln; Joe Byler, Alma; Gene Sim, Nebraska City; Charles Wright, North Platte; Bob Teft, Fremont; Myron Kronkright, Litchfield; Lyle Droge, DuBois.

Guards: Wayne Stranathan, Glenwood, Ia.; Gene Wilkins, Omaha; Emmanuel Klein, Ogallala; Mario Moore, Lincoln; Bobbie Ashburn, Tilden; William Skog, Omaha; Charles Duda, South Sioux City; Herb vonGoetz, North Platte; Frank Hazard, Sioux City, Ia.; Wayne Croissant, Osceola; Merle Ebers, Seward; George Howard, Lincoln.

Centers: Joe Partington, Lincoln; Forrest Bachman, Lincoln; Newman Buckley, Lincoln; Carroll Bickford, Corning, Ia.; Carter Kokjer, Sidney; Kenneth Greenwood, Lincoln.

Quarterbacks: Fred Metheny, Lincoln; Bobby Cooper, Omaha; Dan Brestel, Hershey; Ralph Beckwith, Albion; Lynn Summers, Milford.

Halfbacks: Marvin Athey, Wauneta; Henry Reichel, Lincoln; Neal McKee, Atkinson; Howard Foy, Omaha; Kent Kratz, Sidney; Roy Long, Blair; Richard Thompson, Lincoln; Howard DeBus, Lincoln; Russell Eisenhart, Culbertson; Gordon Flagg, Ord; Corwin Walden, David City.

Fullbacks: Kirwin Eisenhart, Culbertson; Randall Salisbury, Elwood; George Wright, Scottsbluff; Joe Kessler, Wayne; Gilbert Posa, Madrid.

Doctor Allen Says Pro Cage Game 'Ready'

...Skill Desired
LAWRENCE, March 15.—What-ever may be the far-reaching effects of the current world war, one of the things to come out of it which will have great interest for the American populace—particularly that part of it with an interest in sports—will be the establishment on a sound footing of professional basketball.

That is the contention of Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, celebrated University of Kansas cage mentor, currently ranked as the nation's No. 1 basketball coach.

Dr. Allen bases his thesis on a study of American history. Professional baseball, he points out, was a direct outgrowth of the Civil War. Professional football developed out of World War I. In both instances, the doctor pointed out, it took approximately 20 years to establish the sport on a firm financial footing commanding attention of the public.

Now baseball is regarded by every American as the great American pastime, and professional football last year, in spite of the current war stringencies, turned out to be one of the greatest financial sports successes.

Pro Basketball.

The pathway has already been cleared for the popular acceptance of professional basketball on a big time scale. For instance, practically every city of appreciable size in the nation already has a municipal auditorium, or field house, seating from 4,000 to 18,000 people, which provides a perfect setting for big time basketball.

"Phog" lists a number of important reasons why he is sure of his contention. After every war, there comes a cyclical depression, which will see a great many highly skilled athletes mustered out of the service and war industry without employment.

Professional athletics offers a bonanza for these young men. Professional basketball will be one of the solutions, with the setting already established with the great arenas already in operation.

Daily Nebraskan Opens Campaign For Football Match Between Rivals

Only Solution!

Sure Thing!

BY GENE SHERMAN.

Some person said that ping pong is a sissy game. We agreed with this self-styled wit until we tried our hand at the miniature game of tennis, played on a six foot long table with each performer using a paddle instead of a racquet.

After looking like anything except an exponent of the sissy's game, we happened to venture down to the coliseum last year to witness a championship I-M ping pong match.

When the teams took to the floor (or we should say table), we noticed that there was sort of a professional air about the participants that was lacking when we used to lob the ball around at the Union. Each player was wearing tennis shoes and carefully carrying his paddle like Don Budge with his famous tennis racquet.

We were very much surprised to see the caliber of ping pong that was exhibited by these amateur I-M teams.

This evening, the 1943 I-M round robin ping pong tourney gets under way at the coliseum. For the first time in a long while the I-M ping pong race will not be dominated by one or two outstanding clubs. Graduation plus the fortunes of the ERC have left the seeded quintets with only the caliber of material that will represent the average team. Altho the play might not be too fast this year, an even race plus a few of last year's "greats" should perk up the interest in the "sissy's" sport which has been lacking for the last few seasons.

Last year's I-M ping pong tourney found the fast ZBT paddlers nipping the DU netmen for the title. Zeta Beta Tau's chances for repeating with the 1943 crown are very dismal with the loss of Buddy Goldstien, Theo Cohen and Norm Rips from last year's championship squad, plus the recent ERC call to newcomer Al White, one of the university's most outstanding players.

Sooner Grid Drills Open Sixth Week

...Listenin' Huskers?

NORMAN, Okla., March 15.—Oklahoma began its sixth week of spring football practice here Monday by playing its fifth practice game.

Coach Dewey "Snorter" Luster has 35 men reporting. Letter backs on the job include Eddie Davis, Don Fauble, Myrle Greathouse and Boone Baker, supplemented by Sophomores Dave Wallace, Max Culver, Derald Lebow, Ken Parker, Claude Arnold and Gene Merrell.

Letter forwards in uniform Buddy Goodall, Jim Tyree, Don McDonald, Bill Morris, Stanley Green, Chris Lambert, Albert Downs, Lee Kennon, Oscar Ragland, and Sophomores Merle Dinkins, Thurman Tigart, Joe Bailey, Joe Kerbel, Clyde Chancellor, L. E. Weber, F. D. Beavers, Omer Burgett, and Jim Shoffner.

Typhoons to Play Baseball Schedule

AMES, Ia., March 15.—Baseball will be the next varsity sport on the calendar of the Iowa State college naval training school.

The Typhoons, under the direction of Chief Boatwain's Mate, P. J. Christman, will open their schedule about May 1. The schedule is being negotiated by Ensign Charles Jones, athletic officer.

A letter was dispatched to Columbia, Mo., Monday, recommending a spring football match between Nebraska and Missouri.

Such a match offers the only solution to the University of Nebraska spring gridiron situation. Without any other goal to achieve, the Cornhusker football "reservists" would fire into spring drills with renewed vigor if they realized an actual game was in the offing.

Below, we offer a duplicate of the letter that was sent to the Tiger lair.

SPORTS EDITOR
MU DAILY
COLUMBIA, MO.

DEAR SPORTS EDITOR:

I'm certain that you recognize the fact that there will be no fellows available for football next fall and that consequently there will be no college football. And yet spring football is being held at colleges over the nation. So why not give these spring footballers something to work for, give our papers some news, and promote something for a war cause?

In short, we would like to arrange a Missouri-Nebraska football game to cap the spring conditioning program. Transportation is the only obstacle, it seems, to such a contest. Considering that proceeds of the game, sans expenses, would be given to a war fund, I can see no reason why the match could not be arranged.

Both teams would meet on an equal basis. Missouri and Nebraska gridsters would both have a month of conditioning behind and would be in shape for the battle.

Please speak to Don Faurot about this and answer immediately. We're pretty sure that these coaches want to keep the candidates "plugging" out there and if they knew they had something to work for, they would all report daily.

Any way you look at it, the match offers possibilities. It is the only solution to the spring football problem.

Sincerely yours,
NORRIS ANDERSON,
SPORTS EDITOR
DAILY NEBRASKAN
LINCOLN, NEBR.

Speedy Marv



—Courtesy Journal.

One of the fastest veteran backs available, Marv Athey is primed to exhibit his off tackle slashes and end sweeps in the first drill Tuesday.

Regents Delay Coach Problem

"We are trying to work out a satisfactory solution to our problems and are making progress." So stated an official of the University of Nebraska athletic board and regents which met last week to discuss the school's wartime coaching situation.

Big problem seemed to center around the uncertain wartime status of Head Coach Glen Presnell currently enrolled with the naval reserve.

Three Tulane Athletes Lose Lives in War

NEW ORLEANS, La. (ACP). Tulane officials have noted a curious parallelism in the university's war record. To date three university athletes have given their lives in service of their country.

Each was a member of the army air corps. Each died as a result of a plane mishap. Each had been a member of the Tulane boxing team two years and won his letter in that sport.

Wallace Captures Table Tennis Meet

AMES, Ia., March 15.—Jack Wallace of Des Moines is the all-campus champion in Iowa State's intramural table tennis tournament. Wallace, a member of Delta Tau Delta, defeated Bruce Henderson, Farm House representative from Coin.

Horse Sense

By Norris Anderson
(Sports Editor)



Shall Football Die?

"Hold-that-line! Hold-that-line!" Paean of the pigskin is currently rocking spring sports circles. Every flat field and for-sale-sign plastered lot from heat-shimmering Galveston to frosty-hewed Minneapolis is resounding to the hollow thump of punts and the solid smack of body blocks.

Like every other university, Nebraska officially opened spring grid conditioning Monday when Mentor Glen Presnell summoned candidates together with a whistle toot. Like every other university, Cornhusker grid candidates reported with no hope of being available for autumn competition.

Elsewhere on this sheet is a letter, sent from Daily Nebraskan officials Monday, which offers a real solution to the University of Nebraska spring football enigma.

There are several points which should drive tandem with the letter to Missouri: (1) Glen Presnell, outside admitting the idea "a good one," had no connection with the promotion.

(2) Problem arises: If the game is played in our stadium, how will the outstate audience get here? That can be answered by a glance at the outstater here for the recent state cage tourney. Nebraska is not yet as large as Texas and a bit of coupon-saving can get the motorist practically any place over the state. We also have busses and railroads.

(3) Another question emerges: Will the gridmen lose a year of eligibility? Big Six approval can be obtained for the game and the eligibility could thereby be saved.

A four-year tradition was broken Monday by the mid-west Associated Press excluded Cornhusker performers from the 1942-43 All-Big Six basketball five.

Bob Heinzelman, John Thompson and Max Young were given honorable mention berths.

Scene in the Cornhusker dressing room Monday: Performers rushing hither and yon, checking equipment and taking physical tests. Chili Armstrong stopping to comment on the cold wave Presnell: "Not a very good day to start practice. But we'll send the kids thru some exercises indoors and possibly line up a team or two. Hope we can get a better break on the weather tomorrow."

Jacobs to Run

John Jacobs, Oklahoma's 48-year-old track and field coach and Clyde Littlefield, director of the Texas relay, will clash in a 20-yard hurdle race in a big event to be run at the Austin, Tex., carnival April 3. Jacobs and Littlefield were rivals some 20 years ago.

Drake Shows Bright Record

NORMAN, Okla., March 15.—Oklahoma basketball teams coached by Bruce Drake, Sooner court great of 1927-29, have won 35 and lost 15 Big Six conference games for a percentage of .700 during Drake's five year coaching stint here.

Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen's Kansas Jayhawkers have been the toughest club for Drake to beat, the records show, each having defeated the other five times in regularly-scheduled Big Six conference play altho Dr. Allen's Jayhawks also nipped the Sooners in a Big Six playoff game at Wichita, Kas. in 1940.

Conversely, Drake's Sooner teams have given Kansas more difficulty than any other Jayhawk foe. Of the ten Big Six games the Jayhawks have lost the past five years, Oklahoma was the conquering team in five of the ten. In other words, one-half of all the conference defeats suffered by Kansas during that period were dropped to Oklahoma.