

# Horse Sense

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(Sports Editor)



Via Associated Press, United Press and newspaper exchanges our "Missouri versus Nebraska" spring football plan has now laid itself open for public approval. We say "approval" because the plan has met with unanimous sanction whenever aired.

We respect the opinion of Walt "Old Settler" Dobbins of the Lincoln Journal. Thru the years, Walt has proven himself a sound-minded follower who always wrote for the welfare of Cornhusker sports. We quote Walt's opinion of our promotion:

"The Daily Nebraskan's efforts to bring the Cornhuskers and Missouri Tigers together for a spring practice game has considerable merit. Especially is this true when many of Coach Presnell's squad are debating whether spring ball is worth while in view of their probable induction into the service before next fall.

"The problems involved in such a game are mainly those of transportation and obtaining conference permission. Such a game would provide added incentive at least to the scarlet jerseys remaining in uniform thru a six week training schedule."

This transportation angle, the only criticism of the plan, can be dealt with thusly: Since the proceeds of the game, outside of bare expenses, will go to some war fund, transportation could surely be found for one squad to travel a mere 500 miles. Is our government so extravagant that it would sacrifice an amount over \$1,000 by simply keeping 24 young fellows from traveling 500 miles?

Uncle Cy Sherman, Star sports chief, is the man who named Nebraska "the Cornhuskers." Cy approves wholeheartedly of the spring game, tabbing the affair "a shot in the arm to Nebraska wartime football."

Not since the Tucker scandal at Kansas State has this sports staff encountered an aspersion equal to the problem of Bill Robinson, new grid prospect. We said here Wednesday that Robinson had flashed promise of being another Jim Thorpe, fabulous Indian footballer.

Word from Camp Sling Bull in Wyoming arrived here today. Seems that one of the natives believes Robinson is the griddler "who was stolen recently to play college football in another section of the country."

Robinson chewed branches and spat twigs in his wigwam last night, refusing to accommodate the press.

Student Foundation head, Polly Petty, has laid plans for promoting a barb-fraternity basketball fracas on the Coliseum maples for a war cause. Gene Sherman, Rag intramural editor, will select the fraternity team. Joe Noble has been chosen barb manager.

It was "bottoms up" for new N club initiates last night and no drinks were in sight. Grid fire-eater, Joe Partington, is steering clear of chairs and all "sitting equipment" today.

## Scribe Compares Tucker Marks With Past Record

... And "Titanic" Wins

BY HAROLD KEITH.

(UN Norman Correspondent.)

NORMAN, Okla., March 17—Oklahoma is frankly proud of the scoring feats of Gerald Tucker, its superb junior center, yet wonders if it is fair to compare Tucker's stunning 1943 marks with those of the league's top scorers back in the bygone days of the center jump and the stall beneath the defensive goal.

Elimination of the center jump after the 1937 season and introduction of the statute requiring the ball to pass the center line in ten seconds, added six or seven minutes playing time to the modern game and is the outstanding reason for basketball's terrific scoring tempo of the last six years.

The old center jump caused an enormous waste of time. After each goal, the referee had to retrieve the ball, trot back to the center circle, place his whistle in his mouth, take a glance downward to see if both centers had their feet on the circle and then toss the ball up from one to three times until a fair jump resulted, during all of which the official watch was running.

### Past Comparison.

Therefore, comparing Tucker's 1943 scoring feats with those of Ray Ebling, Kansas's great scorer of the 1934-35-36 or with Frank Groves, Kansas State's point grabbing center of '37, is as pointless as comparing dirt track marks

with those made on modern speedways in auto racing. Tucker obviously wouldn't have scored as many points back in 1934, Ebling and Groves unquestionably would have scored more could they have played nowadays.

Consequently a compilation of Big Six scoring records probably should fall in two classes, (1) the center jump era of 1929-37, and (2) the modern period from 1938 on in which the ball is quickly put in play from the end line by the team scored on after each goal. Among the individual records set during the older period were:

**SEASONAL SCORING**—Highest average one year, 15.4 points by Frank Groves, Kansas State, 1937. Two years, 15.8 points by Groves, 1936-37. Three years, 12.5 points Ray Ebling, Kansas, 1934-35-36.

**ONE-GAME SCORING**—Most points one game, 27 by Omaha "Red" Browning, Oklahoma, 1935. Most field goals one game, 11 by Andy Beck, Oklahoma, 1935 and Browning, Oklahoma, 1935. Most free throws one game, 10 by Al Burns, Kansas State, 1936 and Jack Fleming, Iowa State, 1937.

**ONE SEASON SCORING**—Highest average, 15.4 points by Frank Groves, Kansas State, 1937. Highest field goal average, 6.4 by Groves, 1937. Highest free throw average, 5.8 by Jack Fleming, Iowa State, 1937.

**CONSECUTIVE GAME SCORING** (one season)—Most points two consecutive games, 40 by Ray Ebling, Kansas, 1935 and Frank Groves, Kansas State, 1937. Three consecutive games, 56 by Groves, 1937. Four consecutive games, 70 by Groves, 1937. Five consecutive games, 90 by Groves, 1937.

**CONSECUTIVE GAME FIELD GOALS**—Most field goals two consecutive games, 16 by Frank Groves, Kansas State, 1937. Three consecutive games, 22 by Groves, 1937. Four consecutive games, 28 by Groves, 1937. Five consecutive games, 37 by Groves, 1937.

## Hunt Returns



Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

Harry Hunt, national intercollegiate vaulting champion from Nebraska, returns to bamboo wars Saturday at the Chicago Daily News meet in the Windy City. Hunt is currently enrolled in V-7 training at Northwestern University.

## Harry Hunt Writes Ed For Spikes

... To Vault Again

"Harry will be right up in the air with the best of 'em," declared track mentor, Ed Weir of his ex-Husker pole vaulting sensation, Harry Hunt, who will compete in the Chicago Daily News spike carnival against the nation's top bamboo aces in the Windy City Saturday evening.

"I sent him his equipment the other day," said Weir, clicking his watch on another UN spikeman running around the oval. "Harry hasn't vaulted since the Big Six indoor meet when he scaled 13-6 in fine form, but I imagine he has been keeping well fit. Got a letter from him the other day and he says that the navy is keeping him pretty busy."

### Keeps Fit.

Weir once again echoed the opinion that the west stadium running oval is the place for students to stay in shape for the army and navy. "All my former athletes stress the need of physical condition when they come back and besides any interested boys can do a lot for the track team," he said.

The Drake relay meet, first event on the Husker spike calendar, is scheduled for April 23-24. A dozen athletes just about comprise the current Husker training unit.

### Stars Leave.

Gone to the army are Al Brown, Max Peterson and several other Weir men. Prize trackmen among the fresh leaving with the reserves are Myers and Gordon Lucht.

Top Weir prospects, being groomed to replace middle distance indoor champion, Al Brown, are Dean Kratz and Creighton Hale smooth running freshmen. Hale dashed off a 53.0 quarter-mile this week and Kratz was caught around the 52.0 mark early in the year.

Vic Schleich, who'll launch his campaign for national shot put prominence this spring, continued to flip the iron pellet.

Schleich hit 51 feet early in the week with Debus clipping off a 47-11 performance.

## Presnell Has Men Rest Easy

... No Rough Stuff

Cornhusker gridmen continued Wednesday to iron out the kinks with light passing drills and causthetics. Mentor Glen Presnell indicated that contact work undoubtedly wouldn't start until late next week.

A drill, wherein the backs flip to outrushing linemen, took most time of any individual exercise. Tossing the pigskin were Hank Reichel, former Lincoln high ace, and Mentor Presnell himself. Presnell still retains the touch for pigskin he acquired through years of college and pro ball, whips the ball out with dispatch and accuracy.

Talk among the gridmen continued to center around the possible match with Missouri. Husker gridders, to a man, favor the match and admit it's the only solution to recruiting enough manpower for a regular spring practice program.

## Fourteen "I's" Won by Iowans; Two for Vacanti

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 17—Sam Vacanti, brother of Charles Vacanti, erstwhile University of Nebraska cager, won major letters in both football and basketball when letters were extended Hawkeye numerals Tuesday.

Fourteen major and six minor letters have been awarded University of Iowa basketball players and wrestlers, Athletic Director E. G. Schroeder announced Tuesday.

Nine cagers and five matmen won major letters, while three men in each sport earned minor awards. Eleven freshman numerals in basketball also were given.

Sam Vacanti, former Omaha Tech star, earned a major basketball letter. A sophomore, Vacanti also lettered in football.

Bernard Conrad of Council Bluffs earned a major "I" for wrestling. Kenneth Clancy, also of Council Bluffs, received a minor "I" for his mat efforts.

### Award winners, basketball:

Major I—Tom Chapman, Storm Lake; Ben Trickey, Marshalltown; James Humphrey, Mason City; Robert Lundstedt, Rock Island, Ill.; Gene Nesmith, Shenandoah; James O'Brien, McGregor, Ia.; Theron Thomsen, Cedar Rapids; Charles Ukens, Sioux City, and Sam Vacanti, Omaha.

Minor I—Carroll Allen, Tiffin; Donald Thompson, Mapleton; Jack Movold, International Falls, Minn.

Freshman numerals—Robert Cocherell, Ottumwa; Joseph Kucharski, Chicago; Earl Lemons, Iowa City; Ambrose O'Malley, Chicago; Eugene Roberts, Villa Park, Ill.; John Scanlan, Chicago; George Simpson, Ottumwa; Paul Sulhoff, Glenwood; William Wallace, Williamsburg; Howard Wenger, Chicago, and Floyd Worth, Williamsburg.

Wrestling, Major I—Bernard Conrad, Council Bluffs; Russell Miller, Des Moines; Jack Shepard, Mason City; Harris Stagerberg, Port Arthur, Tex.; and Herb Williams, Des Moines.

Minor I—Kenneth Clancy, Council Bluffs; Richard Ingle, Emmetsburg; Richard McKinstry, Waterloo.

Iowa and Michigan, co-champions of the Big Ten baseball race last season, will open defense of their positions against each other in two games here April 9 and 10.

### Iowa's 10-game schedule:

April—9, 10, Michigan; 16, 17, Northwestern; 23, 24, Wisconsin; 26, 27, at Minnesota; 30, May 1, at Chicago.

## Baseball Sport Popular at WU

SEATTLE, Wash., March 17—With additional freshmen turning out each afternoon for indoor workouts, Tubby Graves' baseball squad is gradually growing in size.

Tubby's main worry now is not numbers but experience, for thus far this spring not a single varsity letterman has reported to the veteran diamond mentor.

In fact, right now it looks as if there will be only two, Doug Ford and Bill Gissberg, both of whom are now turning out with the championship-contending hoopers.

Doug is in naval ROTC and Bill is in the marines and they are pretty sure to be around for a while longer. Tubby can build his squad around Ford, a pitcher, and Gissberg, a flashy first baseman.

So far four prospective catchers have indicated their willingness to do the receiving. Tubby should be able to choose one from Don McIntosh, Bob Kunz, Bill McCormick, and Harris Anderson,

## Hillenbrand Faces Army

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 17—Bill Hillenbrand may soon exchange his cleats for the khaki of Uncle Sam.

Col. R. L. Shoemaker, commanding officer of the Indiana university military department, said Tuesday the Fifth Service Command had advised him all advanced students in the infantry and quartermaster ROTC units would be called to active duty soon.

The call-up would affect such Hoosier athletes stars as Billy Hillenbrand and Lou Saban of the football squad and Rick Wittenbraker and Ralph Hamilton of the basketball team, besides 219 other juniors and seniors in advanced ROTC.

The order will become effective, Col. Shoemaker said, when the new army specialized training is instituted on the campus this spring.

## Jay Cagers Finish Long Meet Jaunt

... To New York

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 17.—Creighton's Bluejays arrived in the big city this morning, ready to start their bid in Madison Square Garden's metropolitan invitational basket ball tournament Thursday evening.

It was familiar ground for the Jays, who journeyed east early in January to beat Long Island university in the Garden, one of the 19 victories in 20 starts that earned them the No. 1 spot in tournament rankings.

Washington and Jefferson will be Creighton's opening opponent and Coach Ed Hickey was in a more mellow mood following Tuesday's stop in Chicago for a workout against Loyola university's obliging buckos.

### Stern Test.

It was a stern test, this skirmish with the Maroon-clad Loyolans who ranked high in the Chicago area the past season. It was all the sterner because of information received by Hickey upon arrival here. He learned that Washington and Jefferson employs a man-for-man defense and an offense built around Center Huck Hartman, the 6-foot 8-inch pivot shot artist.

So, to prepare for this defense and Master Hartman, Prof. Hickey needed practice opposition on both the Bluejay individual barricade and a rangy opponent at center. Loyola provided both—much to Prof. Hickey's pleasure.

The skirmish was strictly a "no-score" affair with Hickey calling numerous times out to smooth the wrinkles. But the Chicagoans were assertive enough to drive travel kinks from the Bluejays' legs and at the same time give Hickey a chance to test his own defense against a skyscraper such as Hartman.

## North-South Bowl Set-Up Surrenders

... War, you know!

LOS ANGELES, March 17—The Pacific Coast conference, as now constituted, is out for the duration, and the four California members, Stanford, U.C.L.A., Southern California and California most likely will schedule home-and-home football games next fall.

While the schedule will not be drawn until the June meeting in Portland, Ore., Southern California's manager of athletics, Arnold Eddy, points out that since inter-sectional football has become a wartime casualty, a Washington-U.S.C. game, involving 2,500 miles travel, is just about out of the question.

Eddy thinks the home-and-home football arrangement has fine possibilities as a crowd lure. Football is one of the few sports where the loser doesn't get a chance to avenge himself within the season. A 7-6 decision seldom is convincing.