

Horse Sense

By Norris Anderson



Once every blue moon something happens in this business that makes mortal enemies out of rhyme and reason. Failure of many varsity hands to report until official sanction of the Missouri game is realized has Mentor Glen Presnell doing a stint of fingernail nibbling these bright spring days.

If the game does fully materialize via strings which require at least one more week pulling, only two weeks will remain for pre-game conditioning prior to the match. Fact that Missouri has completed two weeks conditioning means that Nebraska's task is cut out. So, you non-reporting varsity gridders, paste this on your bedsteads:

UNLESS EVERY GRIDMAN STARTS REPORTING IMMEDIATELY, THE MISSOURI GAME WILL BE OFF. COMPLETE SQUAD ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED IF PRESNELL IS TO GIVE HIS STAMP OF APPROVAL WHEN APPEARING BEFORE THE ATHLETIC BOARD.

Can you blame the Cornhusker tutor? He would be standing behind an eight-ball of enormous proportions if he had to lead an unconditioned squad into battle against Missouri. Athey, Eisenhart, Byler, McNutt—all you "non-reportees"—you've indicated your approval of the Missouri match, now back your opinion by reporting. Don't wait for official sanction. This is a gamble worth working for.

Oh! Sol finally beamed approvingly on the UN landscape today and finally Ed Weir and Glen Presnell had opportunity to shoo their proteges outdoors.

Sight of a smoke cloud over Memorial Stadium hinted to us that Weir had his tracksters outdoors. We journeyed thru the gates to find the Weir pipe puffing full steam. Runners found the outdoor cinders still too moist, but Vic Schleich, Howard Debus and the weight crew were tossing their wares on stadium turf.

Debus winged a series of discus tosses across the turf while we watched. If any heave measured less than 140 feet, we'd have been surprised. Schleich continued to temper 50 feet with his shot heaves. No wonder weight events are the key to Nebraska's 1943 Big Six track hopes.

As to future navy reservists: Word arrived here today that former national champion Husker vaulter, Harold Hunt, landed second place in a "strength" test, conducted among the V-7 enrollees at Northwestern university.

To attain his goal, "Harry" had to negotiate 15 chin-ups, 25 push-ups and 83 back-levers—all in 15 minutes! It was here that a pair of sinewy arms, strengthened by four years in the vault pits, did our Harold proud.

Hunt also remarked that he might "add a purple letter to his Scarlet numeral." Seems that reservists at Northwestern, under a new Big Ten rule, may be eligible there for regular collegiate competition.

Sooners May Employ Frosh

... For N.C.A.C.

NORMAN, Okla., March 24—Drafted by the N. C. A. A. committee to represent the fifth district in the Western Regional basketball tournament at Kansas City March 26 and 27, Oklahoma's Big Six conference runners-up will try to ready a couple of freshmen players for the big meet to bolster their waning strength and replace their totally departed sophomore crop.

Coach Bruce Drake is striving to polish, in the short time at his command, Charles Pugsley and Jim Mitchell, two six-foot freshmen who last year played on Oklahoma City Classen high school's strong team.

Unlike Wyoming, Texas and Washington, who have had access to freshmen all year and thus have had time to blend them into their team plan, Oklahoma's freshmen are just starting out, owing to the Big Six conference's dilatory action of staying the date of freshman eligibility until March 1, 1943.

Meanwhile Big Six teams have seen from first hand experience how efficiently freshmen operate on opponents' clubs. Kansas lost to Creighton at Lawrence in December when Bob Salem, Bluejay freshman, broke up a close game in the last three minutes.

Flash! Jacobs Pulls Muscle

NORMAN, Okla., March 24—John Jacobs, Oklahoma's 49-year old track coach and honorary referee of the 1943 Texas Relays, has officially accepted the challenge for a special 20-yards hurdle race issued by his rival of 30 years ago, Clyde Littlefield, Texas track coach and director of the Texas Relays.

"I pulled a muscle last night setting out cabbages, but my trainer says I will be okay by April 3," Jacobs told reporters when they showed him Littlefield's challenge.

The Oklahoma coach, a great dirt track hurdler, broad-jumper and high-jumper in his day, then revealed how he defeated Littlefield in the Texas-Oklahoma dual track meet at Austin, Tex., back in 1913.

"I worked out a defense for Littlefield's style of hurdling," Jacobs recalled. "Watching him hurdle in 1912, I noticed that in all his races, Littlefield would be three or four yards down the track when the starter's gun went off.

"So when I ran against him in 1913, I left with Littlefield. I don't know what happened to the other four boys in the race. I guess they waited on the gun."

Warm Weather Break Brings Huskers Outdoors for Track ... Weightmen Perform

BY HENRY FISHBACK.

Cornhusker track and field cohorts shifted into the great outdoors from their west stadium indoor retreat yesterday for a brisk drill in the Nebraska sunshine.

Major comment of track coach, Ed Weir, tossed the spotlight on his star distance runners, Jim Brogan, Creighton Hale and Dean Kratz, who whipped thru a trial half mile race Tuesday.

Upsetting the dope bucket, the veteran Brogan subdued the touted "kid" distance men, Hale and Kratz, in the fair clocking of 2:02.1 in the 880-yard grind, ran on the indoor boards. Weir caught Hale in 2:02.3 and Kratz in 2:02.4 in a tight finish.

"The boys made plenty of mistakes," said Ed, "but I think they'll be running better later in the season."

Working kinks from their shot-put arms, Vic Schleich and Howard Debus took full advantage of the warm weather. Debus loosened up with the javelin, discus, and shot with several fine efforts. Debus, 1942 Big Six javelin champion, propelled the spear with old-time skill, then shifted to the shot put ring. Schleich's shot put tosses continued to carry out to the 50 foot mark.

Hurdle Crop Small.

Nebraska, already thin in the hurdles and two mile, seemed farther weakened last night. Top timber topper, Lee Christenson two miler Paul Joehrdt who ran

Indiana Opens Spring Drills

... Bo Calls 'Em

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 24.—Altho the opening of the new spring football drill has been postponed for a week because of weather conditions, Coach Bo McMillin said yesterday that the program definitely would begin Monday whether the weather cooperated or not.

If the practice field is not in shape, which might easily be the case, the boys will work out in the fieldhouse, Bill Feldhouse, line coach, suggested.

The new program will be synchronized with that of the Department of Physical Education since those boys who go out for spring football will not be required to attend gym classes. The program will take in every boy who desires to play with the aim of aiding in the huge job of conditioning America's fighting men.

Training plans include four practices a week with intersquad games on Saturdays, Coach McMillin said.

up a third in the Big Six two-mile are in the school of engineering and can't find time to drill, according to Weir. "I hope they'll be in some kind of decent shape by the time the big meets roll around," opined the Husker mentor.

Vic Moves Up



Courtesy Lincoln Journal

A mere 16-pound iron pellet can't argue when 230 pounds shove it forward, so Husker Vic Schleich with several 50-foot heaves to his credit ranks among the nation's premier shot putters.

War Changes Iowa Sports

... Intramurals

AMES, Ia., March 24.—The spring intramural program has been streamlined to meet the wartime changes at Iowa State. The fraternity and fraternity freshman classes have been consolidated into one and, with the wards, will constitute the two divisions of competition.

Intramural Director H. J. Schmidt has called two managers meetings for this week at which the spring schedule will be formulated. The fraternity managers will meet Wednesday at 5:10 p. m. and a ward managers meeting has been called for Thursday afternoon at the same time.

A 6-sport program will be in operation during the quarter. Volleyball, horseshoe pitching, softball, track, tennis and golf will be offered. Volleyball will be in the limelight until the weather allows the outdoor competition to get under way.

Jayhawk Football Cancelled

... No Spring Drills

MANHATTAN, Kans., March 24.—Chances for football at Kansas State next fall were somewhat dimmed yesterday with the announcement from athletic director that spring football practice had been cancelled for the school year because of the scanty turnout of students for the team.

"This does not necessarily mean there will be no varsity team next fall," M. F. Ahearn, director said. "With recent rulings passed by the Big Six Council permitting freshmen and transfer students to compete in varsity athletics their first year in school, conditions in September may justify having a varsity football team."

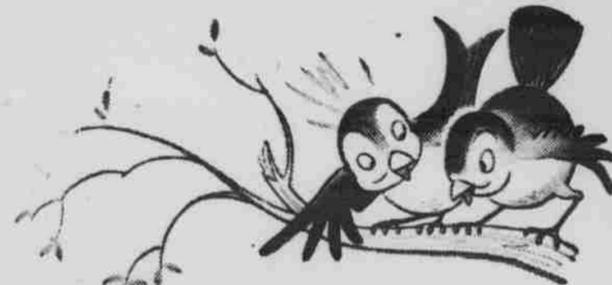
Kansas university is also suffering from an insufficient number of candidates. Reports from Lawrence have it that K. U. has a stadium, and uniforms but lacks a coach and players. They may find it necessary to cancel their Big Six schedule this fall but will try to play Kansas State and other schools in Kansas.

Oklahoma has completed their spring football practice and had 32 men out for the team. Nebraska reported 32 candidates for their spring football practice.

Missouri and Iowa have not yet started spring practice.

All Big Six schools reported only about one-third of the usual turnout this spring.

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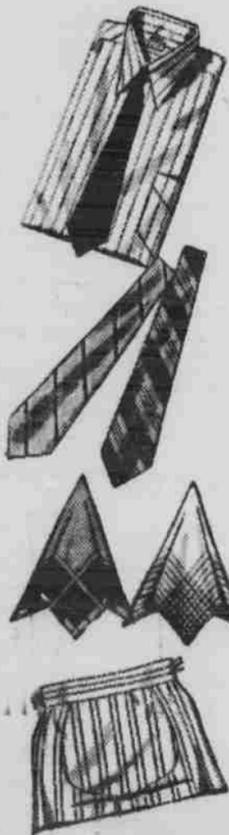
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