

# Varsity Grid Squad Shapes Up



## Tough Scrimmage Shows New Flaws

Nebraska's inexperienced Cornhuskers finally broke loose this afternoon as the A team took a 19 to 6 verdict from the B team. For the first time this year the Huskers displayed plenty of offensive punch. With Joe Kessler, former Wayne ball-toter, leading and directing the attack from the "T" formation the first team scored after five minutes of playing time had elapsed. Clark "Pappy" Beaver scored on a 7 yard drive through his own right tackle culminating a 60 yard drive which featured the hard driving Kessler. The second score came a few minutes later when Hansen cut through right tackle and sprinted 18 yards into pay dirt after Swans-

on had set up the touchdown with an intercepted pass. Immediately following the second touchdown the 2nd line stiffened and there was no further scoring until late in the second canto. After being stopped cold inside the ten yard line, Kessler returned Hollins long punt to the 37 and set up the final first team scoring drive. From there Hansen took over and sprinted 19 yards around end to the 18 yard line. A Kessler to Swanson lateral was good for a few yards and then Hansen drove through to the 2 yard line. Kessler caught the defense unawares and scored on a quarterback sneak. Beaver missed the try for point and the half ended with no further excitement.

team's 35 yard line. Wilkins then tossed 25 yards to Ewin on the 10 and he stumbled across for the 2nd team's only score of the afternoon.

Both teams showed great spirit throughout the afternoon struggle and the game was a great improvement over last week's scrimmage. Coach Lewandowski was able to use his full squad and he was high in praise of the spirit displayed by the boys. Lewandowski also commented on the great improvement of his team since the opening practice.

Standouts in the A team backfield were Kessler and Hansen while Hazard and Hill played well in the line. For the B team it was Wilkins and Hollins in the backfield and Lucas, Porter and Lock looked best for the hard charging 2nd team line. Bert Gissler, first string end, played a bang up game all afternoon, doing a fine job of ball hawking. Starting lineup:

| A TEAM          | B TEAM    |
|-----------------|-----------|
| L. E. Gissler   | McDermott |
| L. T. Hill      | Lock      |
| L. G. Means     | Porter    |
| C. Salsbury     | Smith     |
| R. G. Jacobs    | Hbz       |
| R. T. Patton    | Kops      |
| R. E. Schnieder | Lucas     |
| O. B. Kessler   | Wilkins   |
| L. H. Beaver    | Miller    |
| R. H. Swanson   | Rooney    |
| F. B. Hansen    | Hollins   |

## Muddling Through With John C. Bentley

Today, dear reader, we go behind the scenes, so to speak. To most of you (shall I include myself?) football is an exciting game that takes place on a grassy plot of ground some 100 yards long and 50 yards wide. Here, 22 brawny young men spend 60 minutes trying to beat each other's brains out. For those wise guys who would make the old crack "what brains," I refer you to the boys in the moleskins, as I am sure they have a good answer for that. Besides, I been sick.

Football is not just a matter of being on the field of valor for the allotted game time, oh no! it's more than that. It means hours of back-breaking toil for the coaches, the trainers, the managers and of course the players themselves. Now, we all know that a team must have blocking, tackling and playing scrimmages, but that is not what I mean. It's the dressing room and the showers that I am speaking about, the athletic budouire, as it were. Here ankles are taped, feet painted, scratches and cuts bandaged, bruises healed, charlie-horses rubbed, equipment checked out and adjusted. Well, you can just take my word for it, that there is a whole lot of activity going on down there under the stadium.

Taping ankles is one of the more interesting businesses of playing football. It's not only a big pain in the neck for the trainers, but a pain in the foot for the players. If all the adhesive tape used for taping ankles were laid end to end, it would be a pretty sticky mess. There are several ways of taping ankles and every trainer has his own special style; there is the basket weave, the overlapping, and several other really sporty methods that I won't mention. But, any way that you wrap them they are bound to be pretty hard to take off. Flesh and hair have a very definite tendency to stick to adhesive. It's a gruelling business and it hurts—that's all there is to it.

The footballer goes thru a nightly routine which is almost a ritual. In order to be dressed "fit to kill" (you'll pardon our little puns), a player must spend almost as much time dressing as a sorority woman. He has to have smooth fitting socks or he'll get blisters, his cleats have to be watched after or he can't get a good grip in the turf and might not make that extra yard or that second-sooner tackle. His shoulder pads must fit perfectly or a collar bone might be broken; hip pads must be watched or he'll bruise himself. This must be properly adjusted, and that must be put on just so—it's all a part of the game and the boys will just have to put up with it until they change the rules.

No other sport requires the time, the effort, nor the care in the preparation that football does. Nor does any other sport require the equipment that football does. I think that if all of us knew of the many things that go into the game we would appreciate it more. A dressing room is a hot, busy and smelly place, but it is mighty important when you get right down to it. As far as that goes, just try to get down to it without a press-card.

## Sooners Green, But Speedy Lot

NORMAN, Okla., Sept. 24.—Dewey "Snorter" Luster, Oklahoma football coach, is gradually getting acquainted with his 1943 personnel, nearly all of it new.

The little Sooner head coach nearly fainted in the first practice joust of the season recently, the Oklahoma second team whipped the Oklahoma varsity, 24 to 0.

Two of the second team touchdowns were scored on broken field runs of 65 and 26 yards by Bobby Estep, 138 pound Phillips, Tex., tailback, who has been a student here three years but never came out for football until now because he was afraid "they would laugh me off the field."

A third touchdown was scored by Ken Pryor, freshman basketball player from Oklahoma City Capitol Hill who never played football until last year and had to be shown how to get into his football suit on the first day of Oklahoma's 1943 practice. Pryor intercepted a pass by Bob Brumley, tucked the pig beneath his arm and went 80 yards.

Derald Lebow, sophomore fullback from Okmulgee, hit Harry McKinney, Chickasha freshman, with a pass for the final touchdown after Lewis Dunn, Nowata freshman, had intercepted a fourth varsity pass to give the alert second team the ball.

It was clearly an afternoon for the kids on the Oklahoma squad and this fall the Sooners, like everybody else, have a whole schoolyard full.

Luster quickly made adjustments, promoting Ends Omer Burgert and Merle Dinkins, Center Dunn and the entire backfield of Lebow, Estep, Pryor and freshman blocking back, off the second team onto the first team.

The incident seems to indicate that fans will find the Sooners' 1943 season a weird one, but filled with entertainment and scoring.

## Minnesota Is Big and Tough

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 24.—The wartime eleven which Dr. George Hauser has been rounding into shape since mid-July will be on display for the first time Saturday when the Gophers face Missouri in Memorial stadium.

No powerhouse of the type turned out from the rich material resources of the peacetime Bierman regime, Minnesota's 1943 team will show, nevertheless, a very decent amount of what can be considered class, if that is rightly interpreted as doing the best one can with the material at hand. Furthermore, Minnesota has some topnotchers in both the line and backfield, but is shallow in depth in all departments but the halfbacks.

Hauser has been pleased to find at least one full set of substitutes for the all important center of the line area, where Bob Lössie of St. Paul backs up John Kutschied of Duluth at center, with Mike Rapko and Rube Juster ready to spell Mitchell and Bunge at tackles, and Paul Rader and Fred Madsen only a couple of steps behind Ed Lechner and Henry Weber as guards. On these ten men, who are certain to play the

greater part of the Minnesota games in the five key positions in the line, will depend much of the success of the Gopher schedule.

Verne Gagne and Stu Scheer remain the starting choices at end.

Bill Garnaas at quarterback, Chuck Avery at right half, Red Williams at left half and Hoyt Moncrief at full seem now to have become the favored "first" team backfield. But there will be an ample number of replacements, chiefly freshmen, from among such hard trying players as Hicks Waldron, full; Bob Granum and Bud Schmid, quarterbacks, and Carley, Collisson, Peterson, Lundquist, Cates and Paul and Matt Sutton available for the two half-back positions. The first string backfield is not more than an eyelash away from normal conference caliber in the opinion of many who have watched Gopher practices. Garnaas and Williams, were, of course, regulars last year and among the best, at that.

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