

Spring Grid Practice Planned

Lewandowski Will Set Date For Opening

Hopes for Good Response to Call

The University of Nebraska will have spring football practice this year, if plans now being laid by head Coach A. J. Lewandowski are realized.

Lew announced early this week that he plans to issue a call for candidates very soon and that he has hopes for "a sizable turnout."

Prospects Same as '43.

"We certainly can't be in any worse shape than we were last spring," said Lew as he issued the call. "We must depend on men deferred from the service, plus the crop of freshmen awaiting calls to the army or navy," continued the coach. "I look for the regular bunch of young athletes who desire to play football with the Cornhuskers while conditioning themselves for service calls."

The Huskers will thus be facing the 1944 season with much the same prospects as prevailed last year. The 1943 Huskers, largely 4-F's and youths awaiting service summons, won two games (Kansas and Kansas State) and made a creditable showing against such trainee-packed teams as Iowa State conference-champion and Oklahoma.

Definite Word Soon.

Bert Gissler and Frank Hazard, two of the trio of veterans with which Lewandowski started last year's campaign, are still in

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Word that Coach Ad Lewandowski plans to hold spring football practice this year is extremely welcome to followers of the Huskers. Many UN fans felt that spring practice would be dropped this year as a prelude to complete discontinuance of football at Nebraska till victory is won.

Lewandowski's decision to issue a call for candidates for spring drills proves that the gridiron sport is still very much alive at the University of Nebraska and will continue so as long as there are optimistic, hard working coaches like Lew and Nebraska boys who are proud to come to UN and carry Scarlet and Cream colors on the football field.

The argument is often advanced that Nebraska should drop football for the duration because the inexperienced teams which UN must field during these war years tend to destroy the nationwide respect which Husker grid teams have always commanded. We can't go along with those who argue in this vein.

As we see it, the Huskers would lose much more respect if they were to drop football for the duration. Nebraska teams have never quit because the odds were

school and ready for spring practice.

Randall Salisbury, third member of the trio, will be graduated this spring.

Lyle Kops and Jim Abdnor of last year's squad, Joe Kessler, Doug Nelson, Gordie Ehlers, and Al Kirlin are other candidates on whom Lewandowski is counting heavily in the plans for spring practice. Kessler, ineligible last fall, should bolster the Huskers at the quarterback spot.

More definite word on spring practice plans will be released soon, according to Lewandowski.

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against them, and we see no reason for them to quit now. Granted that the odds they face are greater than ever before, this fact should only make the Huskers more determined to carry on the splendid gridiron traditions of the University of Nebraska. In the past, Scarlet teams have always fought hardest when the going was toughest. Why should they stop now?

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