

AS I SEE IT

By

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The basic principle of football is bodily contact, but for some reason the University of Nebraska squad seems to veer away from it. It is only thru practical experience that the untested can become good football players.

The showing of candidates for the annual spring practice this spring wasn't much to boast about. And it is my firm belief that one of the reasons for this showing was the statement that there would be no scrimmages in this season.

The showing of last fall's team was not too good, and yet those who practiced last fall will back me when I say that one of the main reasons for this was the lack of any rough, tough preparation for the games. If a teamful of veterans could take the field, and every man after that that entered the game had the same amount of experience, there would be no need of practice scrimmages. But when all the players on the field are inexperienced, the team that has had the most scrimmages will come out on top nine times out of 10.

Here are some facts that

might prove interesting about last fall's campaign. In the month of preparation between the start of practices in September the team scrimmaged no more than 10 times at the most. They went up to Minneapolis and got soundly whipped, the same happened at Indiana two weeks later. After losing to Kansas, the team had two days of hard scrimmage, and the following Saturday beat a Missouri team that was rumored to be one of the best in the Big Six. The next week there was no scrimmage, and the Huskers lost to Iowa.

Then the team returned to Lincoln, and put in a week of "full speed dummy" and lost one to the Cyclones. With a week's rest and three hard scrimmages under their belts, the Huskers trimmed the K-Staters. Then with no more scrimmages, the team lost to the Oklahoma Sooners.

So there the facts stand. When the team scrimmaged, they won, when they didn't they were knocked over like ten pins in a bowling alley.

There is another side in favor of scrimmages. The boys out for

Cyclone Men Shirk FB Drills

AMES, Iowa, April 14.—Backfield prospects are light with only five or six promising candidates trying for berths on the 1945 edition of the Cyclone grid squad, according to Coach Mike Michalske who has been putting the squad thru its spring paces.

Line prospects seem to be a little better with a reserve list giving depth to the forward wall now bolstered by the return of six lettermen. Gallaher and Paetz, ends; Cole and Bond, tackles; Fathauer, veteran guard; and Riding, veteran center, are the lettermen who have reported for spring drills.

Line Material.

In addition to this material, Michalske has the following line material from which to build his defenses this fall: Jensen, end;

practice get tired of blocking and tackling dummies all day. There is nothing like a scrimmage to liven up a practice, and those practices without a scrimmage day after day can become awfully monotonous.

Another fact that I want to bring to light is that there are quite a few of last fall's members still on the campus, and those combined with a number of other men, would make an appearance if the spring football practice suddenly developed a week or so of scrimmages, topped off by an intrasquad. It would be worth it to have a scrimmage, so how about it LEW?—??

Pusch and Johnson, tackles; Voelker, Huffman, Spindler and Hayes, guards; Lindgren, center.

Pusch and Johnson are both transfers to the school. Huffman was on the squad a year ago as was Hayes. Spindler, another transfer, played on the B squad at Purdue a year ago. Lindgren was also a Cyclone squad member last season.

In the backfield department, only two out of the first 12 backs have returned. Ten of the first 12 backs have disappeared completely and picking looks a little on the slim side. Dick Howard and Chuck Heidel are the only two veteran backs to report and Howard is the only first string back.

Backfield Candidates.

Backfield candidates who are now shooting at berths on the 1945 squad are Hiserodt, a squad member a year ago; and Litwicki, who was out for the squad last season. New backs are Koob and Hinkley. Healy is another back

INTRAMURALS

If the fair weather continues, the intramural softball schedule will be resumed this afternoon. In all cases the teams participating will be notified in time to prepare for the games. The rules are the same as posted before. The teams must be on the field and ready to play at five o'clock. All games will be five innings in length, or will end at 5:50. The intramural director asks that all teams be prompt, so that the games may be run off as scheduled.

prospect. Graham, a 140 pound back from Ankeny, also has shown promise despite his size.

Also marked as promising are the following line candidates: Weinberger, Zlomke, Abrahamson, Wahl, Bunge and Rapp.



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