

HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

Now that the football team has returned, it's only fitting to wind up the gridiron season, as far as Nebraska is concerned, by naming an all Big Six team.

During their stay in California while they were preparing for the UCLA tussle, the NU squad members named an all-opponent team based on performances of players against the Huskers.

The athletes had their chance after seeing the opponents from a position most advantageous as far as being able to judge respective merits is concerned. So now it's our turn.

Starting at the end positions, the battle for first team honors involves Otto Schnellbacher and Dave Schmidt of Kansas, Jim Tyree of Oklahoma and Roland Oakes of Missouri. Despite a couple of demon-like defensive performances by Schmidt, Schnellbacher played consistent ball throughout the campaign and was one of Ray Evans' favorite targets when the Jayhawks took to the air.

At the opposite terminal post we like Tyree. The rangy Sooner played against the Huskers with a broken hand and still managed to turn in a fine game. Early in the season he was at his best against Army and received high praise from the West Point team.

There is one large figure looming in the list of tackle candidates—none other than Jumbo Jim Kekeris, the mobile mountain who anchored one side of the Missouri line in addition to coming thru with valuable points after touchdown. And when things were tough for the lightweight Tiger backs, Kekeris would move to a fullback spot and was fast enough to pick up vital yards on plunges thru the line.

Nebraska's Carl Samuelson was coming rapidly in the tag end of the season and was acclaimed by all of the NU November opponents, Missouri, Iowa State, Oklahoma and UCLA, as one of the best linemen to play against them. Fast for his size, the 220 pound Grand Islander is only a freshman and gives promise of becoming one of Nebraska's all-time greats and merits the other tackle post.

A pair of rough house guards, Don Fambrough of Kansas and Plato Andros of Oklahoma, provide plenty of protection in the center of the line. Fambrough was one of a host of backs to be converted into linemen on the Kansas team and in this case the shift worked out well. A deadly blocker and fast enough to move with the backs, Fambrough was also an expert place-kicker.

Andros gained some fame during the track season as a shot putter, but he came into his own on the gridiron. Nothing pleased the Oklahoma Goliath more than being able to slam an enemy ball-carrier back beyond the spot from where the play started.

The center position presented something of a problem. Three teams had better-than-average pivot men, but Nebraska's little Joe Partington won the spot by a whisker over John Rapacz of Oklahoma and Ralph Stewart of Missouri.

Altho a broken hand hampered his play in the UCLA game and kept him entirely out of the Okla-

homa scrap, Partington was one of the mainstay of the Nebraska defense, and seemed to possess a psychic sixth sense when it came to diagnosing the opponents' plays. Coach Bernie Masterson relied heavily on Joe and Partington did almost ironman duty in every game.

From this corner three backs were head and shoulders above the rest of the crop and the fourth spot went to one of the loop's brightest prospects for coming years.

Ray Evans of Kansas was the outstanding back in the midlands. Operating at quarterback during part of the season, Riflin Ray came into his own when he moved to a halfback spot. His performance against Missouri on Thanksgiving day was a superlative exhibition and brought forth reams of commendation from on-lookers.

Nebraska's Tom Novak was the class of the fullbacks, and was the hardest runner in the Big Six. Injuries kept Tom from doing too much during the late stages of the campaign but the running he had done in October was enough to win him a place. Novak is a fine line backer in addition to his offensive skills.

Halfback Joe Golding is the third outstanding ball carrier. He established all sorts of new records for Oklahoma and gained more yardage than either Glen Davis or Bobby Layne when the Sooners played Army and Texas. The 26 year old speedster led the conference in scoring.

The fourth member of the backfield is another Nebraskan, Dick Hutton. Altho Missouri's fine back Loyd Brinkman had plenty of recommendation, Hutton blossomed forth as a terrific touchdown threat and was a constant worry to opponents when he dropped back to the safety position. He was a fine pass catcher and was wiry enough to get plenty of action on line bucks.

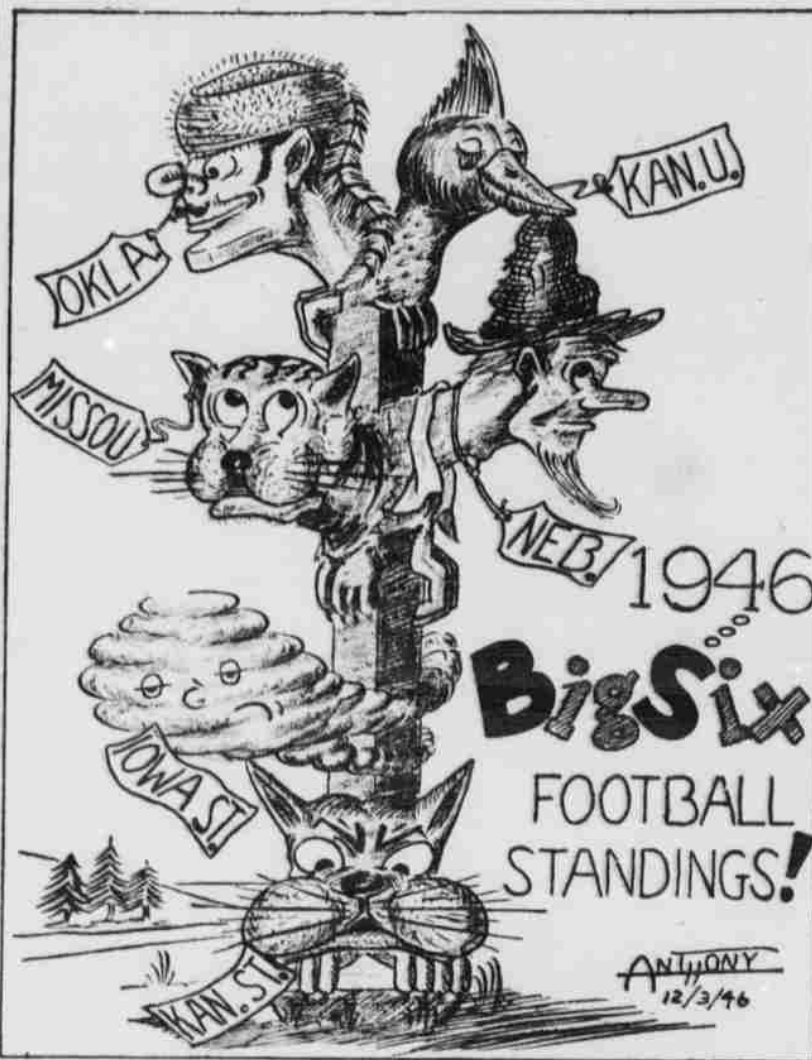
That's it. A team amply supplied with speed, finesse and power, and buttressed with plenty of weight up front. Evans can pass and punt, Novak can plunge and Golding and Hutton are the men for wide sweeps and fast-opening formations.

The ends are good pass receivers and sturdy defensive men, while the rest of the line can hold its own with any combination in the country.

Iowa State and Kansas State were unable to produce any players worthy of first team positions, as Nebraska led the list with four members on the team, followed by Oklahoma and Kansas with three and Missouri with one.

Despite the Huskers' unimpressive record, the four players named on the all-conference squad were outstanding members of a team which should move up next season with practically the same members.

Dorothy Lamour started taking piano lessons while filming Paramount's action-crammed drama, "The Big Haircut," her teacher being Al Stella, husband of Dottie's wardrobe mistress, Ruth Stella.



Composite Loop Cage Schedule

Dec. 2—Washburn and Fort Hays at Kansas State (double-header); Warrensburg Teachers at Oklahoma; Grinnell at Iowa State.

Dec. 3—Drake at Missouri.

Dec. 4—South Dakota at Nebraska; Texas Tech at Oklahoma.

Dec. 6—Westminster college at Missouri; Kansas State at Drake; Oklahoma vs. T. C. U. at Dallas.

Dec. 7—Kansas State at Iowa university; Kansas at Emporia Teachers; Oklahoma vs. S. M. U. at Dallas; Ottumwa Navy at Nebraska.

Dec. 9—St. Lou's U. at Missouri; Iowa State Teachers at Iowa State; Drake at Nebraska.

Dec. 11—Idaho at Kansas.

Dec. 12-13-14—Big Six tournament at Kansas City.

Dec. 16—Missouri vs. Illinois at Kansas City.

Dec. 17—St. Mary's of California at Nebraska; Kansas at St. Louis U.

Dec. 18—Oklahoma at Wisconsin.

Dec. 19—Missouri vs. Washington U. at St. Louis; Drake at Kansas State.

Dec. 20—Kansas vs. Oklahoma Aggies at Kansas City.

Dec. 21—Minnesota at Iowa State.

Dec. 22—Minnesota at Nebraska.

Dec. 26—Kansas State at Wichita.

Dec. 26-27-28—Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma in Oklahoma City tournament.

Dec. 27—Michigan at Iowa State.

Dec. 28—Nebraska at Illinois; Montana State at Kansas State; Michigan at Iowa State.

Dec. 30—Kansas State at Washburn; Kansas vs. Stanford at Kansas City; Nebraska at Louisville; Missouri vs. T. C. U. at St. Louis.

Dec. 31—Nebraska at Western Kentucky; Drake at Iowa State.

Jan. 1—Oklahoma at City College of New York.

Jan. 2—Kansas vs. Colorado at Kansas City.

Jan. 3—Iowa State at Missouri.

Jan. 4—Nebraska at Kansas State; Oklahoma at Bradley Tech.

Jan. 6—Oklahoma at Nebraska.

Jan. 7—Missouri at Lawrence; Iowa State at Drake.

Jan. 10—Kansas State at Iowa State.

Jan. 11—Ottumwa Naval Base at Nebraska.

Jan. 13—Iowa State at Bradley Tech.

Jan. 14—Missouri at Kansas State; Kansas at Nebraska.

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Jan. 20—Nebraska at Iowa State; Kansas at Colorado.

Jan. 22—Washington U. at Missouri.

Jan. 24—Iowa State at Kansas.

Jan. 25—Missouri at Oklahoma.

Jan. 28—Kansas State at Kansas; Oklahoma Aggies at Oklahoma.

Jan. 31—Nebraska at Drake.

Feb. 1—Iowa State at Oklahoma; Nebraska at Ottumwa Naval Base.

Feb. 3—Iowa State at Kansas State.

T. C. U. at Oklahoma. Feb. 4—South Dakota State at Nebraska.

Cyclone Team Not Satisfied With First Win

AMES, Ia.—The Iowa State cagers took their opener from Grinnell, 56 to 28, but that is all forgotten now as Coach Louis Menze seeks to bring out the improvement the Cyclones need for the 1947 conference season.

Not the least of the reason for the deadly serious attitude of coaches and players alike is the Dec. 9 encounter with Iowa Teachers. The memory of the near upset in football at the hands of the Panthers is too fresh to permit relaxation by the cage squad.

Menze pointed out after the Grinnell game that "we are not as fast as last year—and never will be. We lost the key to our speed when Bob Peterson, (all-Big Six Guard) entered the Naval Academy."

"This will not be a great team in the "super" sense," Menze said, "but it has possibilities of being a good team. With more height and weight than last year we have more possibilities of improvement than the 1946 team."

Bright spots in the Grinnell performance were the play of Jim Myers, Roy Wende, John Shepherd, Bill Block. The actions of the four freshmen—Harlan Platte, Waverly; Don Paulson, Huxley; Jim Van Deusen, Iowa City; and Don Ferguson, Ottumwa, drew favorable comment.

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