

HUSKER HIGHLIGHTS

By George Miller

Just a word of explanation concerning Tuesday's page. The stories about Coach Masterson, the Big Six and the additions to the intramural program were not true. April 1 is usually April Fool's day so the paper appeared accordingly.

Back to business. The week-long layoff which will come up during spring vacation has both merits and defects according to members of the Husker gridiron corps. The absence of workouts will be a pleasant vacation from the non-pleasant chores of spring drills, but at the same time the players will have to return to the beginning of their conditioning efforts when they return to the mole-skins.

Weather will continue to plague the Scarlet pigskin camp. At the beginning of drills the wind, cold, rain and snow combined to present an unpleasant situation, but suddenly the climate has become summerish and if the languorous days continue, the UN coaches will have to combat the lethargy of spring fever.

If you think Nebraska gridders are older than usual, just consider one of George Sauer's candidates at Kansas university. Steve Renko, tackle candidate, last played football in 1939, but is making a stout bid for a spot on the 1947 Jayhawk eleven.

The veteran performer was a regular end under Gwinn Henry in his early days, but an automobile accident snapped his career for a time.

Even better is the tale concerning the oldest intercollegiate athlete in the nation. Charlie Gardner is rated as a regular outfielder on the St. Lawrence university baseball squad. Charlie is a mere 38 years of age and first attended the school in 1928.

A pair of Big Six basketball players were in action on the West all-star team which played an East all-star quintet in Madison Square Garden last week. These players were selected in large measure by students who submitted ballots such as those that were printed in The Daily Nebraskan.

Charlie Black of Kansas and Dick Reich of Oklahoma were the conference players named to the team. Black wound up the evening with 11 points and Reich had four as the West team cored a 66-58 win over the East squad.

The complete roster for the western aggregation included Paul Hoffman of Purdue, Fred Curran of Notre Dame, Charlie Black of Kansas, Ralph Hamilton of Indiana, Ray Ramsey of Bradley Tech, Red Rocha of Oregon State, John Hargis of Texas, Herb Wilkinson of Iowa, Gene Vance of Illinois, Reich and Black.

Husker trackmen are looking ahead to their next two relay appearances. The Kansas Relays at Lawrence on April 19 and next on the docket, followed by the Drake Relays on April 25 and 26. In view of the surprising performances turned in at the Texas Relays, Coach Ed Weir's squad can be counted on as a strong competitor.

Don Cooper, Monte Kinder and Herb Grote scored victories in the Austin carnival. Cooper won the pole vault, Grote took the javelin and Kinder tied for first in the high jump. Give the rest of the Scarlet team more outdoor workouts and more individual stars may come to light.

Coach Weir is not devoting all his time to top men however, because the Big Six outdoor championships will be in a five place affair and the team with enough depth to pick up third, fourth and fifth place points can do much to offset a few individual stars.

April 10 is the first time the outdoor squad will appear on the Memorial Stadium cinders. On that date Wisconsin and Missouri will help the Huskers in putting on an attractive triangular meet.

Coach Sharpe Names Squad For Road Trip

Coach Tony Sharpe announced his 24 man traveling squad for the two diamond tilts with the University of Colorado April 4 and 5 at Boulder. The list includes three returning lettermen and one minor letterman from last year's squad.

The squad will leave Lincoln Thursday morning and return Sunday.

Sharpe also revealed his intentions of keeping 15 or 20 men over for the spring holidays so that they can keep in trim for the opening league encounters, with Kansas April 11 and 12 in Lincoln.

Basketball Coach Harry Good has taken over the task of coaching the Nubbins baseball team. This group will open their schedule April 22 against Omaha University varsity.

Pitchers—Jim Sanstedt*, Omaha; Harold Jacob*, Lincoln; Angelo Ossino, Omaha; Wally Sheef, Gretna; Sterling Van Vleet, Neligh; Elroy Gloystein, Waco; Jerry Schmid, Schuyler; Bob Noel, La Grange, Ind.

Catchers—Sam Vacanti, Omaha; John Maxwell, Weehawken, N. J.; Dillard Blatchford, Maskell.

Infielders—Bob Schlegel, Omaha; Thurman Wright, Richmond, Ind.; Hobart Hayes, Lincoln; Bob Grogan, Lincoln; Fritz Hegwood**, Omaha; Victor Goerke, Burr; Bill Denker, Elkhorn; Fritz Wolff, Blair.

Outfielders—Wes Maser*, Lincoln; Jim Sharp, Omaha; Bob Cerv, Weston; Butch Matthews, Natick, Mass.; Harlan Pawley, Fender; Jean Rogers, Boulder, Colo.

* letterman. ** minor letterman.

Nubbins, Fourth Stringers See Action in Scrimmage

Any members of the Nebraska football squad who thought they had been slighted in last week's scrimmage had different ideas following a second dose of contact work, the order of the day for Tuesday.

First and second string players kept away from the actual warfare and ran through plays against dummy opposition on the main practice field, but the third and fourth stringers plus a host of Nubbins squadmen got their share of aches and bruises in scrimmage work on the freshman drill field.

Line Coach Tony Blazine was cracking the whip on the frosh field as he pitted a white-clad aggregation against the best opposition that Freshman Coach Pop Klein could dig up.

Manning the forward positions for the Whites were Bob Lipps and Ed Nyden at ends, Mike DiBiase and Bob Harrington at tackles, the Villars brothers at guards and Jim Thomson at center.

Carl Dilldine handled the brunt of the quarterbacking duties, while Ken Fischer and Bob Reidy cavorted at the halfback posts. Darwin Salestrom opened at fullback, but Bob Mullen and Ken Hollins also got a taste of the line bucking location. George

Bostwick appeared for a time at Fischer's halfback post.

Other linemen who performed on the White eleven were Otto Copenhagen, Jack Hazen, Dean Gelwick and Jim McWilliams at ends, Jack Evans and Fred Golan at tackles, Keith Manning at guards, and John Andrews at center.

While the third and fourth

stringers sweated against live foes, the first and second lineups had things easy pushing over dummies during work on offensive assignments. Coach Bernie Masterson had two teams alternating on ball carrying duties.

Joe Partington was at quarterback for one unit, playing with the protection of a nose guard to safeguard his broken nose, a result of last week's scrimmage activity. Along with Joe in the backfield were Junior Collopy and Bill Mueller at halfbacks and Wally Hopp at fullback.

Ahead of this bunch Al Kirlin and Alex Cochran ran at ends, Charlie Toogood and Vern Stiner were at tackles, John Sedlacek and Harold Becker were at guards and Leonard Hand was at center.

The other line showed Ralph Damkroger and Jack Pesek at ends, Carl Samuelson and Gordon Hall at tackles, Jerry Jacupke and Becker at guards and Tom Novak at center.

In the backfield Dick Thompson handled quarterback chores, Cletus Fischer and Jim Myers and Dick Hutton alternated at the halfback posts and Dale Adams was at fullback.

Another scrimmage is tentatively scheduled for Thursday before the Husker gridders take a week off for spring vacation.

Phil Young, fullback on the 1945 team, joined the squad on Monday after receiving his release from the service. The former Oakland high school ace was a scrappy line crashed and fast enough to go places once he gets into the enemy secondary.

Approximately 5,000,000 veterans have applied to date for education and training under the G. I. Bill, Veterans Administration said.

Over 400,000 veterans changed the beneficiaries of their National Service Life Insurance during 1946, Veterans Administration said.

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