

Benchwarmer

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Usually at this time of the year, everyone looks back at the football season and gripes at the errors of the football squad trying to determine why it all happened.

Instead of going over the long Husker season let's take a look into the old crystal ball for a glance at the future.

Many of us thought at the beginning of the season that a change of coaches would bring the Huskers back to their old pre-war peak. However, this theory has been proved wrong as the eight loss, two victory record of Patsy Clark's eleven will testify.

It is becoming even more obvious with each passing day that it is going to take some hard work on the part of everyone concerned to bring about a change in Nebraska's grid fortunes.

As we look into the crystal ball, the future shows that it is going to be a struggle for the Scarlet to maintain their present position, to say nothing of improving it, unless the manpower shortage takes a decided upswing.

Coach Patsy Clark loses nine men from the varsity this year. That includes such players as Cletus Fischer, Frank Collopy and Dick Hutton in the backfield and Bob Schneider and Alex Cochran on the line.

Replacements for these players will have to come from this year's frosh squad. This means next year's team will probably be light on experience.

If Nebraska expects to re-build its once mighty football team the school will have to dig for more and more grid talent. Otherwise Patsy Clark's rebuilding job will not reap any rich dividends in the near future.

We think, given a free hand, Coach Patsy Clark could transform these grid hopes into a reality. No one is expecting miracles next year but that doesn't mean the Husker's may not have a better team. Only time will tell the complete story.

NU Grid Board Silent on Patsy's Coaching Status

Dr. Walter Beggs, athletic board chairman, Sunday stated that the job of head football coach at the University of Nebraska is still Patsy Clark's and any change in the staff that might be made immediately or in the near future is strictly up to him.

Dr. Beggs however voiced only his personal opinion on the subject and made it plain to newspapermen that he was not speaking for the athletic board. His statement reads:

"Far as I am personally concerned, no change is contemplated in the head coaching job at the University of Nebraska. Coach Clark has made fine headway in the rebuilding program started last February. He has had excellent co-operation from the alumni, the faculty, and from the press and radio over the state.

"It looks like a winning combination to me, and until such time as Coach Clark desires to step aside from the coaching responsibilities, we will go along as now organized."

Dr. Beggs indicated that the board will meet soon, possibly before the end of the week.

The Union Dance committee will meet Tuesday at 7 p. m. in the employee's dining room.

Scabbard and Blade meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. in Armory.

The Comenitus Club will have its picture taken for the Cornhusker Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 5 p. m. in the West Stadium.



DICK SCHLEIGER, towering, 6-4 center from Omaha North, is expected to see a lot of action in the Husker opener Wednesday. Schleiger was third high scorer on the 1948-49 Nebraska five.

Nebraska Eleven Writes Finis to Long Grid Stand

Nebraska's Cornhuskers wrote finis to a drab football season Saturday as they bowed to Oregon State, 28-12, at Portland.

For the Huskers it was their eighth setback of the season, the first time in NU grid history that a scarlet eleven has dropped that many ontests.

Frank Collopy and Dick Hutton scored for the losers in the final quarter to preserve the Husker record of never being shutout in this season's games. Collopy played his best game of the season as he continually smashed through the Oregon State forward wall for substantial gains. Hutton snared a screen pass from Del Wiegand on the Beaver 22-yard line and ran over for the Husker score just after the fourth quarter opened.

Oregon State, sparked by Ken Carpenter and Dick Twenge, dominated play during the first three quarters and held a safe lead throughout the contest.

The Huskers captured two wins, both conference affairs, during the long season. Iowa State bowed in the opener, 19-15, at Memorial Stadium and Kansas State fell, 32-0, also at the Husker camp.

Minnesota's Gophers slapped the Scarlet, 33-13 at Minneapolis and the next week Colorado U surprised with a 19-6 win at Boulder.

Notre Dame's Fighting Irish paid their first visit to Lincoln in 23 years and won an easy 44-13 verdict over the out-classed Husker eleven.

The Scarlet gridmen disappointed a migration-day crowd at Lawrence, Kansas in their next outing, dropping a 27-7 tilt to an outplayed Jayhawker crew.

Before a Homecoming crowd of 36,000, Patsy Clark's charges let the UCLA Bruins rack up 27 points in the first three quarters before they broke into the scor-

ing column. A late fourth stanza flurry netted the Huskers 15 points and the final score stood 27-15.

Oklahoma's Big Seven championship squad, enraged after an early Scarlet touchdown, throttled Nebraska, 41-14 at Norman.

Missouri's Tigers stopped the Huskers, 33-6, in the home finale for the losers.

Women to Hold Ping Pong Match

A new idea in women's sports was announced Monday by Dave Slusher, chairman of the Union Competitive Games Committee. "The Union is going to be the first to present a women's trophy for sports," stated Slusher. "We are going to present this prize to the coed winner of our all-girl Ping Pong Tournament to be held next week."

The Ping Pong tourney is scheduled for Dec. 6 to 10 in the Union Rec room, and any University woman student is eligible to enter by registering until Saturday, Dec. 4. A booth will be open for registrants from 12 to 1 p. m. and 4 to 5 p. m., Nov. 30 to Dec. 1. For those unable to file their names at these hours, the Union checkstand will also take applications.

Huskers Open Against Mizzou Teachers Dec. 1

Northwest Missouri State Teachers will inaugurate the Nebraska Cornhuskers' 1948-49 cage season here Wednesday night. The game will open a rough, 24-game grind for Husker cagemen, with 10 games to be played in December.

Coach Ryland Milner will bring an all-veteran aggregation to oppose the Huskers. The starting combinations will be composed of four lettermen from last year's team and a veteran of their 1945-46 club who has been in the service. The Teachers' probable lineup will average 6-2, while Coach Harry Good's starting five will stand 6-4.

Retherford Back
Husker prospects have bright-

ened by the rapid return to form of Claude Retherford, the team's high scorer for the past two seasons. Retherford has been out of action with an early season ankle injury, but it has been responding very well to treatment and he should see plenty of action Wednesday evening.

Along with Retherford, the starting five will have Malacek at the other forward post, Whitehead at center, and Cerv and Cech at the guards. Joe Malacek will be the only non-letterman among the starters, having come up from last year's crack freshman squad. The other four all played on last season's five which won 11 to 24 games during the season.

Means Heads Chicago Meet

Directors and staff workers of intramural sports and college recreation from colleges and universities all over the nation will meet in Chicago at the Hotel LaSalle on Dec. 27, 28 for a national meeting on intramural sports as a part of the annual meeting of the College Physical Education association.

Chairman of this national meeting will be Louis E. Means, director of Physical Education and Intramural Sports at the University of Nebraska.

Large Gathering.

All indications point to the largest gathering of college men interested in this vital phase of competitive athletics and sports in the history of the nation.

The program, as announced by Mr. Means today, will include two speakers who will discuss intramurals in the larger universities in the person of B. M. Whittaker, University of Texas, and M. L. Clevett of Purdue University.

Lumley Sneaks

Two speakers who will discuss intramurals in smaller colleges are Al Lumley of Amherst College, Massachusetts and Ade Christiansen of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Over 100 colleges and universities are expected to have pictorial and photographic displays of their programs on exhibit. All colleges will have copies of their intramural handbooks and other motivation and promotional literature and bulletins on hand for distribution to all present.

Conduct Workshop

Following the speakers a workshop on problems in college recreation and intramural sports will be conducted.

All college directors in the nation and Canada have been invited to attend.

Besides Director Means, two other members of the Intramural Department at the University will attend.

Cagers Eat Turkey

Also expected to see action for the Huskers are: Forwards, Rod Cox, Dick Srb, Bob Allen and Bob Pierce who operates from a center post also; centers, Pierce and Dick Schleiger; guards, Bob Gates, Larry Walsh, Kenny Anderson and Anton Lawry. Paul Shields, may also see limited duty. Shields has been hampered by shin splints.

The cagers were treated to a turkey dinner at the Cornhusker Thursday, and worked out twice daily during the weekend. A game scrimmage was held Saturday evening in Omaha following the clinic held there Saturday afternoon. Bob Pierce paced the intersquad workout with 17 points.

Frosh Cut

Freshman Coach Tony Sharpe cut his huge squad down to 29 players Monday. Remaining on the team are: Bernie Akromis, Ed Akromis, Al Blessing, Jim Buchanan, Andy Bunten, Bob Cook, Dick Cordell, Jack Defianbaugh, Bruce Engel, Jim Fulford, Bob Gottsch, Bill Kerr, Ken LeGrand, Bob Lohrberg, Dan Loisel, Don Meyer, Tom Mosiman, K. Mumm, Clint Peterson, Max Pettijohn, Subby Ruma, Bob Rump, Art Srb, Ken Stinson, Dick Thimgan, L. Vrbka, Gerald Walton, Wayne Wendt and Norman Wilnes.

MAIN FEATURES START

STATE: "An Innocent Affair," 1:25, 3:28, 5:31, 7:35, 9:41.
VARSITY: "SOS Submarine," 1:00, 3:47, 7:34, 10:21. "Harpoon," 2:16, 6:06, 8:50.
HUSKER: "Blue Montana Skies," 1:17, 3:49, 6:21, 8:53. "Springtime in the Sierras," 2:17, 4:49, 7:21, 9:53.

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