

# Injured Ankle Stops Ferguson

## Glassford Mourns Loss; Adduci to Have Full Load

By Kimon Karabatsos

Gerry Ferguson, the Huskers' hard-charging fullback, was lost for Saturday's tilt with Iowa State when he suffered an ankle injury during the last play of Tuesday night's scrimmage.

Glassford mourned the loss of "Fergie" because he was expecting the big fullback to provide the power to push the Huskers across the goal line when they got within range.

It was first thought that the Scottsbluff fullback had broken his left ankle, but an X-ray disproved that belief. Gerry might be out for the remainder of the season.

Ron Clark, who leads the conference in punt return yardage, is still side-lined with a bad bruise, but Glassford expects him to be ready for his starting assignment against Iowa State Saturday.

During the first part of the afternoon's practice, Glassford had his Huskers working on offensive plays.

### Ground Offense Good

The Huskers' newly found ground offense which took on an added bit of brilliance against Kansas last Saturday was looking much better—especially when the varsity was able to push the ball across the goal line from ten yards out.

Fran Nagle was guiding the attack from the quarterback spot with Harry Meginnis and Bill Mueller at the halfback spots. Nick Adduci displayed more than his usual amount of drive from the fullback slot.

In the line were Ralph Damkroger and Bob Schneider at ends, Charley Toogood and Dick Goeglein at tackles, Fred Hawkins and Bob Maxe at guards. Tom Novak was going at full speed despite the bruises he received in the Jayhawk tussle at center.

Meginnis, who replaced Ron Clark at one of the halfback spots, broke loose for a couple of long runs, going the full distance. Mueller, after getting through the line, out-manuevered the secondary in great style and entered the pay-dirt area three times.

### Adduci Moves Up

Taking the burden of the power drives was Adduci. The hard-charging fullback hit the line with such force that he bowled over several defensive men.

Going into the scrimmage all-out, Glassford had Damkroger and Schneider at ends, Toogood and Goeglein at tackles, Walt Spellman and Mike DiBiase at guards with Tom Novak at center.

In the backfield, the Husker mentor had Nagle calling signals with Mueller and Meginnis running from the halfback positions. Adduci interchanged with Gerry Ferguson at fullback.

The latter part of the scrimmage found Coach Glassford with his team down on the ten-yard line, trying power plays to get the ball over the goal line from there.

Besides those already mentioned, Glassford used ends, Frank Simon and Dick Regier; tackles, Don Minnick and Herb Reese, and center, Paul McGill.

In the backfield he used Kenny Fischer, who traded off with Nagle at quarterback, and used Ferguson most of the time at fullback.

Glassford, after taking a good

## Intramural Sportalk

By Bill Mundell

Presbyterian Student House is IM's 1949 All-Unaffiliated football champion. The Presbyterians earned this title Monday night by defeating Independent Champions, Lillies-V-5's, by a 1-0 score.

As was expected, it was offense versus defense with the offense getting the slight edge in score. The Lillies have one of the best defensive teams in football this year while the Presbys rank very high in offensive power.

As it was, it was yardage that decided the game, the regulation game ending a scoreless tie. Presby won the game with 24 yards as compared to a minus one for the Lillies.

### Statistics Favor Presby

The game was hard fought all the way with both teams threatening but no one scoring. The Presbyterian high-g geared offense took control of the statistics which favored the winners by a wide margin. Presby earned 11 first downs to four by the Lillies, while the victors completed 13 out of 22 passes as compared to 7 out of 18 for the losers.

Presby drove to the Lily two-yard line on one occasion and to the four at another time, but seemed to have a bad case of Huskeritis and couldn't push across. The Lillies made one sustained drive that carried to the Presby 14.

Wednesday night will feature the last game of the year, a fight for the All-University Seven-man Championship. The new Unaffiliated champs will face Brown Palace, the Fraternity Champs, at 4:30 p.m. on Ag College sod, in a game that could go either way.

look at Iowa State's defensive record which has given up 1,952 yards through the line, stressed the Huskers' running plays to the Nth degree.

**Ground Offense's Double Purpose**  
Glassford used his time on offense for a double purpose—improving his ground offense and sharpening his defense. Iowa State has a powerful running attack, capable of raising as much havoc as their heralded passing attack.

Fullback Bill Chauncey, 190-pound fullback, has gained 446 yards for the Cyclones. Chauncey, by the way, leads the conference in the number of times carrying the ball, with 109 tries, despite the fact that he has missed a couple of games.

Contrary to many reports, there are still plenty of tickets left for the game Saturday.

Merl Ross, business manager of Iowa State athletics, announced that more than 4,000 tickets are still available. Ross was prompted to make that statement because of the unusually heavy demand for tickets has led many Nebraska and Iowa State fans to believe that they were all gone.

"Not only do we have plenty of tickets on hand," Ross said, "but we'll still have seats available at any time this week."



**BILLY WEEKS**—One of the nation's top passers, is the main concern of the Huskers this week. For the third straight week, Glassford will send his team against an excellent passer.

## Three 'Rookies' Among Top Big 7 Athletes

College football can be played without the aid of high school experience. Three first stringers are out to prove it in the Nebraska-Iowa State game Saturday.

Jim Doran, Iowa State, junior from Boone, has never played high school ball and is leading Big Seven pass receivers. In the Oklahoma game Doran was the second member of a pass combination that netted 203 yards against the number three team in the nation. Bill Weeks was the main thorn in the Sooner's side with his bullet passes.

For the Cornhuskers it will be Ralph Damkroger and Fran Nagle who never played high school football.

Nagle, after a slow start, is beginning to round into form and in the Kansas game completed many timely aerials, for two Nebraska touchdowns.

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## From The Sports Desk . . .

By JERRY WARREN  
Sports Editor

The University lost one of its most loyal workers last week when Robert "Buck" Barger stepped out as assistant trainer.

Barger, who was assistant to Elwyn "Doc" Dees before the old trainer retired to his farm in Kansas, quit the athletic department to concentrate on his studies. He is majoring in physical education and plans to be a trainer after graduating.

Buck will long be remembered for his amazing knack for wrapping ankles. He treated each player as a special responsibility and worked consistently about each little injury.

He has never left school since entering as a freshman. Last summer, in addition to his school work, Buck toiled long hours preparing for the jaunt to Curtis. Since James Rideout, Doc Dees successor, was not on hand, Barger had all the preparations to make for the fall practice.

This year, "Buck" took over the duties of freshmen trainer. He handled all the aches and pains of the more than 100 frosh footballers.

## Iowa State Sophomore Leads Big Seven Passers

Billy Weeks, Nebraska's current headache for the week, added 137 yards to his last week's total as he continued to lead the Big Seven's passers with 75 completions for 1,245 yards.

Husker Fran Nagle stepped up a notch as he completed four passes against Kansas University for 176 yards, giving him an average of 44 yards on each pass

### Student Council president arraigned on sanity charge.

juries all fall is a two year letterman at Nebraska and is playing his fourth season of collegiate football. In the Jayhawk tussle Damkroger accounted for one of the Husker touchdowns.

completed last Saturday. Bob Schneider climbed up to ninth among the pass receivers, having gained 164 yards. Frank Simon is 12th with five passes completed for 133 yards.

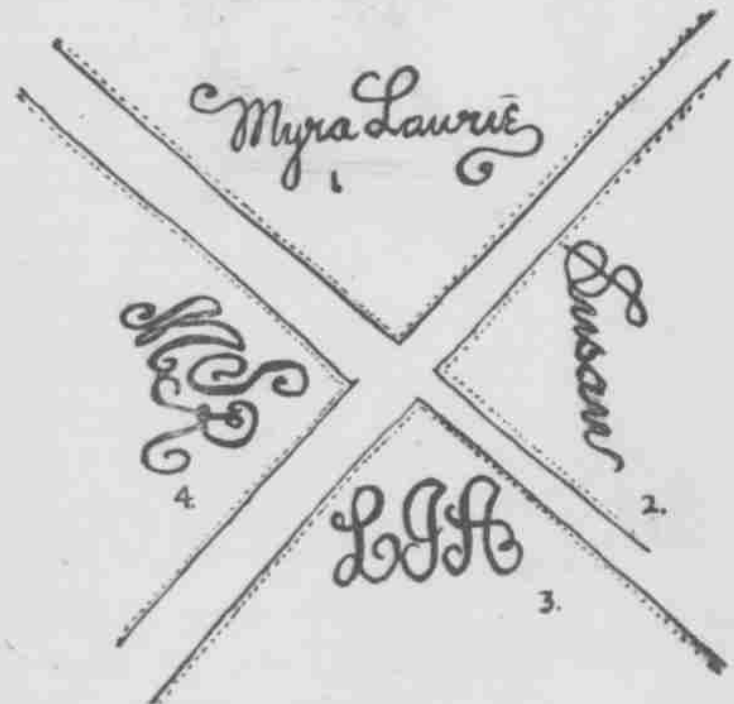
Bill "Rocky" Mueller jumped three places to land in the seventh spot of the conference's leading ground gainers. "Rocky" has accumulated a net gain of 431 yards on 107 attempts. His 107 tries puts him in third place, just two tries behind Iowa State's Bill Chauncey and one behind Merwin Hodel of Colorado.

Ron Clark continued to lead the punt returners with a total of 231 yards. Teammate Gerry Ferguson is fourth with 71 yards on five attempts for a 14.2 yard average.

Clark dropped from sixth to ninth in punts—his average dropping a full yard. Iowa State has three scorers among the top 11, while Nebraska has none.

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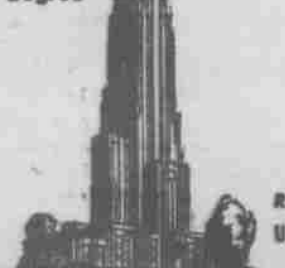
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