

DAILY NEBRASKAN

"SPORTS IN THE NEWS"

Husker Morale Rockets After Offensive Practice

Reynolds, Mueller are Standouts; Adduci Sure to Return

BY BILL MUNDELL

The Cornhusker offensive platoon received the attention of Coach Bill Glassford during Tuesday afternoon's practice.

In a light drizzle of rain, Coach Glassford's charges repeated play after play in an effort to polish their running game.

With quarterback Fran Nagle directing the attack, the Varsity showed some nice ball-handling and, at times, some fine downfield blocking.

Good Running

Bobby Reynolds and Bill Mueller, alternating at the left and right halves respectively, gave some displays of good broken field running with both making some dashes that went all the way.

"Not much can be determined about the night's blocking, according to Glassford, because the use of aprons on the defensive frosh."

"Moral is definitely high,"

added Coach Bill. "After a brief lull due to numerous injuries, the boys are back in good spirits."

Adding to the increase of moral and which should please all Husker fans is the fact that Nick Adduci, once feared to be out for the season, will be back in the fighting soon. Nick's leg injury is responding much better than had been expected.

Ron Clark, speedy back, is still on the sick list, an upset stomach keeping him out of action.

Quick Kicks

In addition to his running, Reynolds was getting-off some good quick-kicks in Tuesday's skirmishes, and these against the Varsity defensive platoon later in the afternoon.

And this defensive unit was not loafing during the offensive platoon's busy afternoon. They were opposing a Freshman offensive group that was mixing both running and passing. Kickoff plays also received attention in this group.

Husker Gridders Meet Frosh in Saturday Clash

Opening kick-off for the Nebraska football season comes this Saturday at 2 p.m. when Coach Bill Glassford's University of Nebraska Cornhuskers meet the top Scarlet and Cream freshman team of several years.

This game will be the dress rehearsal for the opening game against Indiana University Saturday, Sept. 30.

Plagued by minor injuries, the Varsity gridders have not been able to reach the form hoped for after a successful fall training period at the University of Nebraska's Agricultural School at Curtis.

Number one casualty at the present time is Nick Adduci who is ailing from a leg injury that might keep him out of action for some time.

Adduci, who had been primarily figured as a line backer, had also been running at the fullback position with the offensive platoon.

Coach Glassford plans on having another hard week of workouts prior to the freshman game and then tapering off the week before the opener.

Load on Curtis

If Adduci is sidelined the fullbacking chores will fall upon the shoulders of Sophomore Kay Curtis, 19-years-old and 185 pounds, whose home is at Laurel, Neb.

Curtis improved rapidly during the Curtis camp, but he is not outstanding in any one particular phase. His all-around ability was indicated on several occasions.

He runs hard, knows what to do with a pass after catching it, and he appeared to be a better than average receiver. The only thing he lacks is that well known seasoning under fire.

Bobby Reynolds, Grand Island sophomore, also showed flashes of football know-how, but as Cornhusker mentor, Glassford, point out, Curtis and Reynolds are first-year varsity performers "and you never know what a sophomore will do under game pressure."

Ron Clark, who paced the Big Seven in punt returns with 16 for 247 yards, has added a few much needed pounds. One sportswriter described Clark's ability to thread a broken field as "like a wisp of smoke being blown through a valley."

Mueller Back

Bill Mueller, senior halfback from Omaha, and the Cornhusker's leading ground gainer in 1949, is described by Glassford as one of the "hardest running little backs I have ever seen." Bill weighs 170 pounds and stands at 5 feet 8 inches.

Mueller handled the ball 142 times in Conference games for a net gain of 559 yards. Merwin Hodel, Colorado fullback, was the only back in the Big Seven busier than Mueller. Hodel handled 169 times for 748 yards.

Fran Nagle, quarterback, appeared sharper with his passes in the early workouts. He has been running with more speed and confidence this fall.



BOB REYNOLDS, NEBRASKA Halfback . . . 175 lbs. . . 5' 11"

Cyclones Meet Buffs Saturday

The Iowa State-Colorado series leadership as well as that of the Big Seven conference will be at stake here Saturday when the two teams open the 1950 football season.

The two teams are now tied at a pair of victories each in the series which started in 1946. That year the Buffs, not then a member of the conference, scored a 13-7 win over the Cyclones. The following year at Ames Colorado fought out a 7-0 win and a 2-up lead over Iowa State.

Initial victory for Iowa State came in 1948 at homecoming. After spotting Colorado a 7-0 lead on a fumbled kickoff, the Cyclones worked back to an 18-7 win. Last year the series was knotted at Boulder with a 13-6 victory for Iowa State.

Of greater importance than series leadership, however, will be the Big Seven leadership. If Iowa State wins Saturday the Cyclones will be at the top of the loop standings for at least two more weeks.

I-M Tennis, Free Throws, Golf Singles to Begin Soon

Intramural sports will get going full steam ahead within the next few days.

The Intramural Department announces the fall tennis tournament, golf tournament, and the basketball free throw contest.

In the tennis tournament, only the doubles event will be run off this fall. The singles will not be played until next spring. Any students who are interested and eligible may enter. All tennis lettermen are ineligible for competition. An organization may enter as many doubles teams as it wishes but a team can represent only one organization.

Separate flights will be sponsored for Fraternity, Interdenominational, and Independent entries. The winners of each division then play for the All-University Championship.

Players participating in the tournament are required to furnish their own balls and tennis racquets and have the proper kind of tennis shoes. Each player must furnish three new balls for the tournament. The winner of each match retains the three new balls for the tournament.

Team Championship will be determined by points awarded in elimination tournament, advancing to second round and losing in second round 5 points, advancing to third and losing in third round 10 points, advancing to semifinals and losing in semifinals 15 points, advancing to finals and losing in finals 20 points, champion 25 points.

A team trophy will be presented to the organization winning the Championship; medals to the

Doubles Champion; certificates to finalist and semi-finalists.

Those wishing to enter the tournament should leave their names at room 102 in the Physical Education building before noon Friday, Sept. 22.

Golf

The qualifying dates for the golf tourney are Saturday, Sept. 23, and Sunday, Sept. 24, from 7 to 8 a.m. The qualifying matches will be played at the Pioneer Park Golf Course.

The free throw tournament will begin at 5 p.m. on October 10. Entries should obtain a score card and ball from equipment from the Physical Education Building.

Bill Burkhardt, Mizrou's sophomore fullback, is the handy-andy type of ball-player. He was a guard and tackle in high school, won his freshman numeral as a Tiger halfback, and has been shifted to the fullback post this season.

Fundamentals Stressed in Frosh Play

By Bob Banks Staff Sports Writer

One of the latest "new looks" in college football—and it wasn't dreamed up by one of those gay laddie's fashion designers in Paris—is two platoon system which has one team specializing in offense and one team taking care of the defensive work. But Ike Hanscom, Nebraska's fiery little freshman football mentor, is evidently a firm believer in football players who can go into a game and play all the way, defense or offense.

Hanscom, starting his third year as frosh coach, stresses the point that the players he turns out this year will be able to play either way. He is giving his squad a good taste of both in the early workouts.

Thus far, the squad has been scrimmaging a great deal with the Varsity which hasn't permitted them to devote much time to their own workouts. The frosh has been pushing the upper squadmen all the way in the early scrimmages.

Fundamentals First

As far as their own sessions are concerned, Hanscom makes it plain that fundamentals are the thing uppermost in his mind. He isn't worrying a lot about whether his team has a spotless record. A thorough believer in the theory that the arts of blocking and tackling, things which have sometimes seemed to be absent in Husker football, Hanscom doesn't intend that the boys will be lacking in these things when they journey on up to meet Head Man Glassford—and his staff.

Hanscom figures that the freshmen have about two weeks of solid work behind them. He estimates that about one hundred men have checked out uniforms for the yearling team. The frosh will close their season at the same time the Varsity checks in their equipment.

Two Games

The freshmen will get a fair idea of the competition they will meet in future Varsity games when they meet the Kansas State and University of Colorado freshman teams this year. They play Kansas State on the home field on October 21 and will meet the Buffalo yearlings at Manhattan on October 28.

Commenting on this year's squad in comparison to squads of other years, Hanscom says, "Our all around line weight isn't as heavy. The backs are taller and speedier. We have a lot of depth at the ends. The line weight from tackle to tackle isn't as heavy as it could be."

The Frosh Coach isn't making this prediction, but he did say that the team members let it be known that they intend to pull all the tricks they know and are pretty confident of crossing the double stripe at least once in the Frosh-Varsity game Saturday.

Outstanding

He lists the following men as outstanding at their positions.

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Four Vets Lead Husker Gymnasts

by Ira Epstein Staff Sports Writer

With four veteran gymnasts from last year's squad returning for action this year, Coach Jake Geier expects his 1950 squad to be ace high in experience.

Leading the list of lettermen returning is versatile Al Dunavan who has been a member of the team for the past three years. This year Dunavan will be on full time duty, working all six events. The second work horse on this year's aggregation is Paul Hughes who will be working five events Hughes lettered last year while he was working the high bar, parallel bars, rings, and tumbling.

Bob Yarwood and Art Hillman complete the list of lettermen on the team. Yarwood and

Hillman will work on the side horse and high bars.

Geier Loses Geier

Coach Geier will have a tough time replacing Leo Geier and Norman Anderson. Geier who left the team because of graduation was a five event man and captain of last year's team.

Anderson is back at Nebraska, but he won't be able to work with the team because of his marriage during the summer.

Moving up from the freshman squad are Jerry Tubbs and Ira Epstein. Tubbs excels on the flying rings while Epstein spends his time working on the mats.

Other boys working with the varsity are Mark Newman, Bob Norton, Bob Swaim, and John Sinclair.

Assistant Coach of the team is Phil Sprague who graduated from the University two years ago. While at Nebraska Phil was the mainstay of the gymnastic team, and Coach Geier feels that Sprague's assistance will contribute much to working the team into top shape.

Team manager will be Don Yoder. Don will also look after this year's well team.

Freshmen

Freshmen working out with team are Bill Eledge and Bruce Riley, both from Omaha, Dick Grosshans from Hastings, and Tom Kidd from Lincoln. Eledge and Riley, a transfer from Junior College, work every event, and their presence will boost the squad next year. Both boys will perform stunts with this year's yell squad during the football games.

Tentative meets on the schedule are a triangular meet between Minnesota, Denver and Nebraska here on the 27th of January; Denver U., on February 1st at Denver; Colorado U., February 2nd at Boulder; Colorado State, February 3rd at Greeley; and the All-College meet on March 3rd at Denver.

Other meets will be on March 16th at Iowa City against Iowa University and March 17 at Chicago against the University of Illinois Navy Pier.

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