

# Conference Football Roundup Finds Okies, Huskers At Top

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It would seem that the novel approach to a pre-season football article in any publication would be to stay off of the proverbial "limb." The Daily Nebraskan will attempt to give its readers the present Big Seven football picture and allow you to draw your own conclusions.

Most men "in the know" have supported the conference battle between the Oklahoma Sooners and Nebraska. These same men seem to have overlooked the fact that there are five other teams in the league this year and almost all of them have greater potential than last years team.

Missouri was stung when veteran end, Bill Hampel was kayoed by an injured knee. Since that time, Coach Don Faurot's end candidates have shown signs of filling the gap left by Hampel.

Faurot, master mentor and a split-T inventor, will have a backfield problem. He will be counting heavily on two elusive backs named Junior Wren and Harold Carter. The latter is also star sprinter on the Mizou track squad.

Kansas can boast of one of the conferences most underrated squads this year and only a few of the more risqué prognosticators ventured to give them a chance to win the title.

Charlie Hoag will be the muscle in Coach Jules Sikes offensive punch. Although slightly inexperienced, the Jayhawks boast one of the conferences strongest offensive backfields. Assisting Hoag will be Jerry Bogue and Chet Strehlow at quarterback slots.

The Jays main grey-hair stimulator will be the loss of mountain lion tackle, Mike McCormick. The job of filling the all conference linemen's shoes will be George McKonic. He'll fill 207 pounds of beef into a 6'3" structure and many say that the loss of McCormick will hardly be noticeable.

From early fall practices, it appears that Kansas will be working with an improved offensive backfield, an equal offensive line in comparison with last years squad, and an offensive alignment that will equal 1951's team.

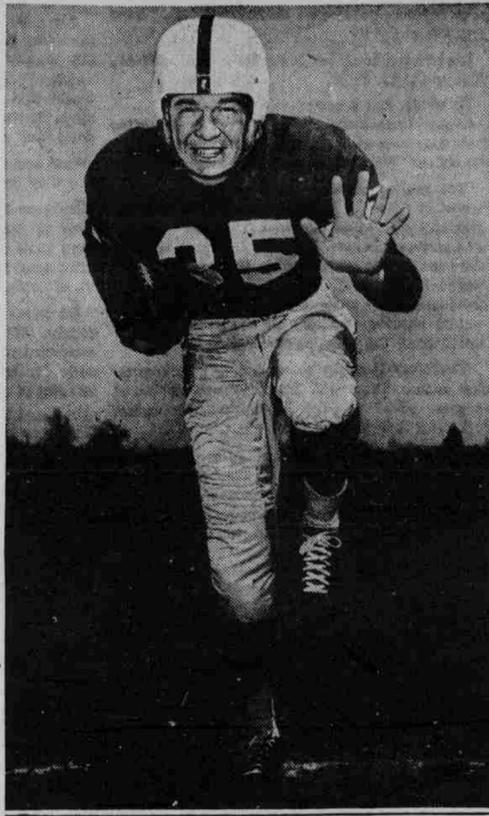
Nebraska has been tabbed strong conference contender since the middle of last season. The predictions were already pointing to the afternoon of November 24 when the showdown between the co-favorites, Oklahoma and the Cornhuskers, would take place.

Bill Glassford, Husker head tutor, told them not to count their chickens too far in advance, and sure enough, the roof just about fell in at the Cornhusker training camp at Curtis.

"Mr. Touchdown," Robert Reynolds, was thrown for a loss of 4-6 weeks upon receiving a shoulder injury. Then the rains came and practice sessions looked all the sloopier because of mud.

All in all, Coach Glassford has developed a prodigious headache and most Husker faithfuls are flying the flags at half mast. The loss of Reynolds particularly damaging Husker hopes, since the offense attack was built around the Grand Island whiz.

In an over-all picture of Cornhusker team strength, both of offense line and backfield units looked to be on par, if not better than last years crews. Defensively, the Cornhuskers would have to put forth an all out effort to be worse than the squad last year.



BILLY VESSELS  
Oklahoma Left Halfback

The defensive line is a little stronger and the defensive backfield is only slightly below last years par.

The term "dark horse" is just about as fitting a term as could be used to describe the 1951 edition of the Colorado Buffaloes. Dallas Ward has a pair of backfield gems that will make opposing coaches rub their eyes.

Woody "The Scooter" Shelton and Merwin "The Hotel" Hotel will spearhead the Golden Buffs attack this year, with Zack Jordan assisting with top notch running and punting performances. The Buff line will be no push over this year either, for that matter. The line average for the entire squad is close to 200 pounds, which means some backs are going to be hit with a ton of beef this fall.

Oklahoma and king of the Big Seven football conferences have been synonymous terms for five years, and if Coach Bud Wilkinson and his stronghearted eleven have anything to say about it, it will be six years the Sooners will have swept the conference tilt honors.

Billy Vessels will be pushing Robert Reynolds for the outstanding backfield man in the conference this year and observers claim that Vessels should set the midland prairies afire with his stop-and-go running.

Not only do the Sooners have a fine array of backfield men, but a defensive line that should be harder to crack than the keg of cement. With Bud Weatherall, a unanimous all American choice last year, back, Sooners opponents

will probably be forced to concentrate on end around plays and passing.

On top of this, Bud Wilkinson boasts of perhaps the two finest linebackers in the school's grand and glorious football history. Tom Catlin and Bert Clark are two names that will be heard a great deal of before the season closes.

Iowa State will have to forget about their great pass combination team of Bill Weeks and Jim Doran. Coach Abe Stuber has been preparing a lad named Dick Mann to fill in for Weeks, but has been having a problem in trying to find the end to catch his throws.

One thing is certain at the Cyclone school. That is, things are looking a little brighter than last year when the Cyclones were looked upon as light scrimmagers for some conference teams.

They should be getting a cellar dwelling complex at Kansas State, but if Bill Meek and his team have one, they surely aren't showing it.

Returning for their last year of competition are Elmer Creviston, a highly respected fullback, Ralph Tidwell and high flying Hi Faubion, the dapper young 170 pound speedster.

All in all, the conference race is certainly appearing to be a fight to the finish and since all teams in the conference will be increasingly stronger this year, there will be no "snap" conference games this year.

Who'll come out on top of the heap? Come around in late November and we'll tell you!

# The Benchwarmer

By Bob Banks  
Sports Editor

Since he is a natural showman at heart, it is too bad that Bill Veek didn't sink his money into the Ringling Brothers Circus instead of the St. Louis Brown baseball team.

It is a cinch that his talents would be much more appreciated and of far greater value in some type of show business than it is at St. Louis.

Likewise, it is entirely possible that baseball could survive without some of the Veek antics.

Included among them are such familiar things as "grand stand managers," a midjet player and making a spectacle out of the real Brown manager, Zach Taylor.

Veek came up with these exhibitions in an effort to bring out more fans.

But the ironical part of the whole situation is that Brown attendance is still slumping in the same manner that it has been for several years.

Baseball fans are well aware of the great Cleveland Indian team of 1948 which Veek headed.

And some may make the mistake of believing that because he succeeded there, the same kind of success is destined for St. Louis.

Before we draw any conclusions, however, let's stop and remember that Cleveland had a great ball team that year.

The Indian infield, composed of Ken Keltner, third base; Lou Boudreau, shortstop; Joe Gordon, second base; and Mickey Vernon, first base, was supposed to be one of the best in modern baseball history.

And besides being demons on defense, Keltner, Boudreau and Gordon were plenty powerful at the plate.

New blood in the form of Larry Doby and Dale Mitchell was just being instilled into the outfield.

In addition the Indian pitching staff, which was led by Bob Feller, proved to be the best in the American League.

Working with Feller were Bob Lemon, Gene Bearden, Sam Zoldak and Mike Garcia.

There is no doubt that this was a championship baseball team. It nipped the Boston Red Sox in a playoff game and ultimately beat the National League Boston Braves for the world championship.

The turn stiles really clicked that year for Cleveland. Attendance records were shattered and Veek basked in the admiration of Mr. and Mrs. Sports Fan.

But it was not his class B side shows that did the trick. The Indians had some players who were great drawing attractions, and the club was in the midst of a pennant chase.

And it is rather doubtful if Medicine Man Veek's circus tactics will have a healing effect on the Brown gate receipts.

We have a sneaking suspicion that when the crowd turns out to see a baseball game, they will be satisfied with nothing less. At least they certainly haven't in the past.

Instead of building up the Browns, Veek is making them worse—if such a thing is possible—and even more important, he is marring the national sport.

Only by acquiring some men who can play ball the way it should be played can Veek hope to put his team back on the map.

There is a lot of work to be done on the St. Louis team before it can ever put a proficient team on the field.

And that work will require a great amount of money and ability. As Veek has plenty of both, it is too bad he doesn't really try to build up a team which can hold its own in the American circuit.

# Vogt Takes Over Half For Reynolds

BY DOUG WILCOX  
Staff Sports Reporter

For every drop of rain there is also a ray of hope. Coach Bill Glassford received the news that Bobby Reynolds will be able to start light running and exercising drills by the end of the week.

He has been steadily improving these last few days but will still be unable to play for several weeks.

This Saturday will be the opener of the Cornhusker football season, when Bill Glassford will team his varsity unit against Ike Hanscom's freshmen squad.

Contrary to previous plans, Glassford will use an all-freshmen team against his squad. He had originally planned to use some of the sophomores.

A week from this Saturday is the opening game with Texas Christian here at Lincoln. Glassford expects the men of Coach Dutch Meyer to run the single and double wing formation as well as the spread.

Gil Bartosh, the TCU backfield star, will be able to operate under this system. Last year Bartosh gained over 1,700 yards through passing and running.

Today Don Vogt of Water Town, S.D., was running at Reynolds' left halfback post. Bobby Decker, Max Kennedy and Jim Cederdahl took over this position from Vogt occasionally.

The only team members other than Reynolds who have not returned to the squad are Tackle Harvey Goth of Lincoln and Halfback Dick Westin of Omaha.

Goth is out with his leg in a cast, while Westin is sidelined with muscle spasms in his back. Glassford said that Westin is improving steadily.

Returning to the squad is sophomore guard, John Machsle of Turtle Creek, Pa. He was out because of a back injury and was unable to go to the Curtis practice sessions.

New freshmen on the varsity squad are Dick Sterup of Shelby, a transfer from Chadron Teachers, Max Kitzelman, member of last year's freshman squad from Omaha, Bill Snavely of Aurora, Bud John of Grand Island and Ed Brestal of Kearney.

After being out a week because of flu, Frank Simon is back at his old end spot. He is teamed up on the number-one squad with George Paynich.

Dick Regier has gained a tackle berth on the starting lineup following an injury. Wayne Handshy is handling the other tackle berth.

When George Prochaska was injured, Handshy was boosted to the first team, and he is learning to play both sides of the line.

Tony Winey and Clayton Curtis are continuing to hold their offensive guard positions.

At the present time Verl Scott and Ken Schroeder are scrapping for the center post which was vacated when Joe McGill was graduated.

Except for Reynolds' injury, the starting backfield is still intact with John Bordogna at quarterback, Tommy Carodine

and Vogt at the halves and veteran Nick Adduci, fullback. Game captains for the Saturday fray are Adduci and Bob Mullen, a tackle on the defensive squad. Although he is making no predictions on the final outcome, Glassford believes that both teams will put up a good battle, no matter what the score.

He plans to continue stressing fundamentals in the remaining workouts this week.

# Girls Learn About Grid Regulations

BY DOUG WILCOX  
Sports Staff Reporter

Boys, if you are reading this column, please stop! It is strictly for girls.

Fellas, you know when you take your favorite girl to the football game and are bored stiff because she doesn't know a thing about the game? Well, I've decided it is about time they got a chance to learn about the game.

Since the girls can't possibly play tackle football, they couldn't know much about the game other than that the ball carrier takes the ball and passes it to a fellow player, or runs with it.

Big Seven football has many rules and regulations which each player must obey or else be penalized. In this column I will attempt to describe many of the rules of the great game of football.

Before the football game the two teams come on to the playing field, not to give a style show, but to loosen up themselves for the game.

The referee, at the start of the game, gets the two captains together in the center of the field. And flips a coin to see which team will kick off. The team that does not win the toss get their choice of goals. This choice of goals may seem immaterial to one, but if the wind blows from the south it is to be disadvantage of the team to have the north goal. Wind is quite helpful to a team that has a good passer.

Two terms which apply to football are "offensive," and "defensive." These terms apply to the team with or without the ball.

The term "offensive," applies to the team carrying the ball. Defensive concerns the team opposing the ball-carrying or "offensive" squad.

Here at Nebraska, we have both a defensive and offensive squad. This way the squads may be more specialized. The offensive squad can become adept at blocking, passing and running, while the defensive squad may become proficient at the art of defensive play.

That's about all for today, but tomorrow I'll try to give the girls a little more information of the great game of Big Seven Football.

# Fifty Two Yearlings To Play NU Varsity

Freshman football coach Ike Hanscom listed a 52-man squad for Saturday's frosh-varsity tilt. For several of these men have re-joined Hanscom's squad after returning from Curtis with the varsity. Many of the injured members of the team are slated to return to action.

The frosh roster includes:

Ends—Loren Betz, Broken Bow; Pat Lee, Grand Island; Andy Loehr, Turtle Creek, Pa.; Tom Harrington, York; Ken Reiners, Indianola; John Welch, Omaha; George Mink, Omaha; Ray Lanik, Wahoo.

Tackles—Bill McGuire, Omaha; Jim Evans, Rapid City, S.D.; Bill

Holloran, Schuyler; Gordon Mills, Gordon; Don Lefler, Holdrege; Marlin Montgomery, Sioux City, Ia.; Don Becker, Lincoln; Les Roberts, Tecumseh; Glenn Troger, Arnold; Bill Snavely, St. Paul.

Guards—Tom Kripal, Omaha; Don Glantz, Central City; Wayne Taylor, Lincoln; Larry Lanik, Wahoo; Bill Cannon, Mitchell; Demus Griess, Sutton; Walter Finke, Wichita, Kas.; Bob Simonson, Broken Bow; Leonard Singer, Omaha; Bill Robson, Gordon; Charles Bryant, Omaha.

Centers—John Schreiber, Lincoln; Durward Val Cleave, Lincoln; John Thomas, Callaway; Grant Whitney, Ainsworth.

Quarterbacks—Duane Rankin, Lincoln; Dan Brown, Sioux Falls, S. D.; John Arnost, Menominee, Mich.; Ladd Hanscom, Lincoln.

Halfbacks—Jim Yiesley, Clop, Ia.; Bill Thayer, Rapid City, S. D.; Chuck Chamley, Flandreau, S. D.; Don Sterba, Omaha; Dierks Dalston, Forsyth, Mont.; Bob Arnold, Grand Island; Bill Devries, Lincoln; Dennis Korinek, Ulysses; John Stone, Weeping Water.

Fullbacks—Ed Gazinski, West Allis, Wis.; Dick Rolls, Minden; Bud John, Grand Island; Stuart Thorell, Loomis; Lawrence Goll, Blue Hill.

# Cornhusker Countryman Needs More Workers

Students wishing to work on the Cornhusker Countryman, monthly Ag publication, should attend the meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Countryman's office of the Ag College Activities Building, advised Rex Messersmith, editor, showing it.

At this meeting the 1951-52 staff workers will be selected. Departments needing workers include circulation, advertising and editorial division.

The meeting will be held November 12-16 this year.

All persons interested in going out for the swimming team can contact Coach Lepley between 8 a.m., and 4 p.m. in the Physical Educational building, or between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the coliseum.

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# Draft Takes Two Baseballers; Swim Team Starts Drills

By Doug Wilcox  
Staff Sports Reporter

Baseball enthusiasts here's some good news!

This fall Coach Tony Sharpe, coach of the Nebraska baseball team, is having baseball practice.

Since the spring baseball practice time is so short, it will give Coach Sharpe added time to look over his prospective squad.

# Swim Team Starts Drills

All boys interested in playing baseball should report this evening at 4 p.m., to the N.U. field house. The practice sessions will last from 4-6 Monday through Friday.

Sharpe said that many of the regulars on the team will be working out for basketball or football, but he would like to look over prospective players other than these players.

Slated on the fall practice sessions are inter-squad games and fundamentals. Coach Sharpe believes he can best look over the players during active games.

Graduation this spring took Bill Jensen, short stop, Bill Fitzgerald, outfielder, John Rego, third base, from the squad. The draft nabbed Bob Lohrberg, catcher; and Del Kopf, pitcher.

These positions will have to be filled by last year's second team varsity members or freshmen players.

# Friday Deadline On Grid Entries

Plans for the intramural sports program were worked out Tuesday when fifty-three managers from different school organizations attended a meeting at the Physical Education building.

Schedules and eligibility rules were discussed by Hollie Lepley, Ed Migginbottom and Charles Miller. It was announced that Robert Hamblet, physical education instructor, will assist with the I.M. program.

Touch football will begin next Monday or Tuesday. Deadline on entries is Friday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m., in room 101, in the P.E. building. Anyone interested in officiating the games should contact Charles Miller. They will receive \$1 for each game.

Fall golf will start next Saturday and Sunday, the qualifying days. The tournament will be under the direction of Hollie Lepley.

There will also possibly be a intramural rifle shoot with the plans to be worked out later.

For those interested in tennis, the courts will be open from 4 p.m., to 9 or 10 p.m. They may also be available at certain times during the day.

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