

Sports Staff Editorial

Single Wing, Iron-Man Game Pleases NU Fans

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Simply because the Cornhusker gridders have tentatively switched from the "T" to the "Single Wing" there seems to be an almost ever abundant optimism, if that's possible, among Nebraska's fandom that now Nebraska will surely field a barnburner this fall.

Are Nebraska fans happy with the abandonment of the two-plate system mainly because it brings nostalgic memories of the era when the Cornhuskers were the scourge of the midlands? Or is it because it means, as some say, a junking of the tiresome "T" and a return to the single wing formation? We think it is both, but do not agree with the idea that only the single wing can win in the days of 60 minute football.

We are sure that such powerhouses as Oklahoma and Notre Dame will make this clear during the next grid season. Of course we realize we are quite safe in making this assumption now, because the only place the question will be answered is on the playing field.

After viewing Saturday's Alumni-Varsity tilt, won by the Varsity, 16-13, we can say that the Huskers have the manpower. They are big and fast and seem to be well manned at the vital tailback spot, with John Bordogna and Rex Fischer carrying most of the load, and with help due from Bill Thayer and possibly Ray Novak.

The big question then is, "Have the Huskers had enough time or will they have enough time to master the single wing in good enough style to win in this tough Big Seven Conference?" The spring weather has played havoc with Coach Bill Glassford's spring session, as usual, and time is important because the single wing is a formation calling for precise blocking and much work on fundamentals.

The things that will make the switchover smooth and effective are: first, the Huskers have run from a spread formation at different times during the past three seasons, and since the blocking assignments, while not identical, are similar. Therefore, blocking shouldn't be as big a problem as it first appears. Secondly, the Huskers are counting on veterans who have the experience, talent and desire to make the next season a winning one for Nebraska.

The main thing to guard against is not to build the Huskers into a paper powerhouse. Such was the case in 1951—remember? While in the process of saying adios to the grid sport, we came across some interesting football items from Texas way. From the Dallas News: "Administrators of 1,278 Texas high schools will vote the next week on whether they want spring football training."

"Two choices are offered. One permits twenty-one consecutive calendar days of spring training. It would allow fall football practice to begin one week prior to the first Friday in September, with no inter-school game to be scheduled until the second weekend after fall practice begins."

"The second choice prohibits spring training, it allows fall workouts to start the second Monday prior to the first Friday in September. No game could be played until the second week end after practice starts."

We haven't as yet heard the results of the voting, but if it is consistent with Texas policy, we should see spring football for Texas high schools!

In a further effort to prevent inter-conference raiding, the Southeastern conference has come up with a "letter of intent" which the prep staff signs with the University he hopes to attend. No other conference member may then sign him to such a letter. Up to April 23, TCU had signed 12 boys to the agreement, with other members reporting signers also.

Baseball Statistics

Table with columns for Batting and Pitching, listing player names and statistics like AB, R, H, etc.

Oklahoma Trackmen Outscore Nebraska

Sooners Tough On Track; NU Field Events Strong

Table comparing Oklahoma and Nebraska track events, listing 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, etc.

Coach Ed Weir's NU thinclads picked up four wins and a heavy point advantage over Oklahoma in the field events, but not enough to annex a win, as OU's superiority on the track paid off in an All-Sports Day dual meet win, 89½-56½.

Advertisement for Hobe Jones, Ace Husker middle-distance runner, including a photo and biographical text.

Former Stars Return



ALUM CAGERS' REUNION... Cornhusker basketball coach Harry Good visits with former Nebraska stars before the Varsity-Alum cage tilt. Left to right: Claude Retherford, Milton (Bus) Whitehead, Good and Bob Pierce.

HOGG, CECH, BARAGAR STAR

Presby House Wins Intramural All-U Badminton Championship

By BILL MUNDELL Intramural Sports Columnist Presby House, Henry Cech, Don Hogg and Dave Baragar reign as the 1953 intramural badminton champions in the All-University tournament just completed. It was a repeat performance for Cech and a climb from "almost" last year for Hogg, Baragar and Presby.

Presby easily walked off with the All-University trophy, doubling the points on runner-up Alpha Tau Omega. The champions tallied a total of 38 points to 19 for the Taus. It was the same two teams on top of this year's heap as in 1952 with only the order reversed. Last year the Taus squeaked by the Presbys by a 30-29 score to capture the trophy.

Cech was never really pressed in racing to his second singles title in three years. Henry won the All-U crown in 1951 and did not compete in the 1952 tourney. Representing Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Cech won 14 consecutive sets in his stride towards the singles crown. He disposed of Ron Smaha of Beta Theta Pi in the finals by 15-7 and 15-14 scores.

KU Golfers Top Huskers

Kansas University's golf team defeated Coach Bob Hamblet's University of Nebraska linksmen, 9½ to 2½, Saturday at an All-Sports Day dual meet.

Cold and rain caused scores to soar at the Hillcrest course, with Harlan Hise of the Jayhawk team capturing low score honors with a 76. Nebraska's leading golfer, Erv Peterson, shot an 80. He was defeated, 3-0, by the KU star.

NU, Wildcat Netters Vie Here Today

The University of Nebraska tennis team will resume action Tuesday afternoon against the net squad from Kansas State on the Cornhusker courts.

The Huskers are hoping for a break in weather as they were forced to play three of their previous encounters on indoor courts. These matches run into the endurance category as they take anywhere from 8 to 11 hours to complete. The clincher to the weather situation came last Saturday when their match against the Kansas Jayhawks on All-Sports Day was rained out.

anyone got to pushing Cech into a three-game match. Don Hogg of Presby gave the champion the most trouble throughout their match in the semis falling by tallies of 13-15 and 12-13.

Hogg and Baragar, representing the champion Presbys, rallied to the doubles championship in almost as convincing style. In their six matches the Presby duo won 12 of 13 sets, losing their only set to Red Pepsar and Don Smidt of Sigma Nu in the quarter-finals. It was a climb from the semi-finals last year for Baragar and Hogg.

They were toppled by the 1952 champs Bob Osborne and Bob Barnwell of Alpha Tau Omega, in that match. Included in their string of victories this year was a 2-0 decision over half of the defending doubles winners. Barnwell teamed up with Bill Weber this season and progressed to the semis before falling to the new champions.

Hogg was the top individual in scoring for the 1953 tourney. Throughout the tourney, one team point was awarded for each advancement and one point was subtracted for each forfeit. Hogg contributed eight points to the champion Presby total to make him the top point-getter of the year. He notched five points in singles and three (one-half of his team's six points) in the doubles.

Rain Forces I-M Softball Rescheduling

For the third straight year intramural softball bowed to unyielding forces as Mother Nature's liquid Spring forced the cancellation of the 1953 diamond league action.

Although getting off to a fine start which saw 48 regular-season contests reaching completion, the cold, wet fingers of rain ruled out the rest of the round-robin action and turned the already-completed games into practice shorties.

In order to finish the I-M season by May 23, the last day of classes, the Intramural Department has again been forced to revert to the single-elimination tournament as the means to establish the various softball championships.

Two brackets for the fraternity and independent divisions have been set up with play beginning last night, Monday. Fraternity first-round action continues through Wednesday when the Independents take over. All teams, except for the six teams that have drawn byes, will have their first-round contest out of the way by Thursday night.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Cornhusker Co-op, Theta Chi and Delta Tau Delta drew first-round byes in the fraternity action while the Baptist Student House and Practical Arts were the lucky ones in the independent tourney.

Nebraska Grid, Cage Teams Defeat Alumni, 16-13, 69-63

Fisher Brothers Star On Gridiron; Varsity Gains First Alum Cage Win

Led by freshman tailback Rex Fischer and vet backs John Bordogna, George Cifra and Dennis Korinek, Coach Bill Glassford's Husker team defeated the Alumni, 16-13, during All-Sports Day festivities, as Coach Harry Good's basketball squad won its first victory over the Oldtimers, 69-63.

In both cases, the Varsity teams were forced to come from behind. The NU gridders were behind,

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REX FISCHER... Fischer led Nebraska's single wing attack to help the Varsity win over the Alumni, 16-13, Saturday.

Four Teams To Play Home Contests

Four University of Nebraska teams will be in action this week. The Cornhusker baseball team will face the Oklahoma Sooners in a crucial Big Seven series Wednesday and Thursday on the Husker diamond. Both games start at 3 p.m.

Main Feature Clock

Varsity: "The Blue Gardenia," 1:19, 3:24, 5:29, 7:34, 9:39. State: "Angel Face," 1:11, 4:00, 6:50, 9:38. "The Big Frame," 2:42, 5:31, 8:20.

Advertisement for 'The Blue Gardenia' movie, featuring a woman's face and Warner Bros. logo.

Large advertisement for Bell Telephone System, featuring a stylized telephone handset and the slogan 'All the roads lead to Kankakee'.