

Shooting At Sports

Spring Football Sessions Preview 1954 Campaign

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Although the 1954 football season is nearly six months off, most of the Big Seven coaches are currently engaged in spring gridiron drills, an important phase of the fall sport enabling the coaches to get a fair idea of what they have in store for them when September rolls around.

It's true that there are a lot of positions that will have to be fortified by the time the "real thing" gets underway. Most of the gaps are products of graduation, some of them are the results of service calls while still others are caused by some other conflict.

Right now Coach Bill Glassford's number one problem is to find the right man to step in and direct the Nebraska offense, either the T or split-T. Rex Fischer and Dan Brown along with yearlings Don Erway, Charlie Smith, Don Margheim and Gordon Englert are the six fighting for the berth left wide open by the graduation of John Bordogna, Husker quarterback for the last three years.

ANOTHER UNKNOWN quality for the time being is the strength of the Huskers up front. Glassford won't know too much about what he has in line material until the weather co-operates long enough for a couple of game-type scrimmages to be run off.

Two big vacancies to fill in the Scarlet line are the tackle slots where two of the Middle West's finest linemen, Ted Connor and Jerry Minnick, were stationed last fall. Both graduated and are slated to embark on professional grid careers this season.

Typical of the situation elsewhere in the conference is the one at the University of Colorado. Coach Dal Ward has approximately 120 candidates for the Buff football team, but out of that number only nine are lettermen.

The biggest headache for Ward and his assistants is the Colorado line. Only three lettermen, all reserves last season, are returning. Gone are such stalwarts as Ends Gary Knafelc and Alabama Glass, Tackles Lee Marshall and Bom Morton, Guards Dick Knowlton, Jim Stander and Bill Fisher; and Centers Dave Hill and Ken Huffer.

Tackle Bill Kucera, Guard Sam Salerno and Center Duke Karnosack are the lone returnees around whom Ward must fashion a forward wall. Among those slated to get clear shots at starting positions is Rodger Lindwall, a former Omaha Benson standout at the center spot.

ALTHOUGH THE line problem is a difficult one, the Colorado backfield situation is more than bright. Three of last season's starters, including the great Carroll Hardy, are available. The other two are wingback Frank Bernardi, a bundle of trouble for the Huskers last season, and Emerson Wilson, a hard-running fullback.

Hardy, injured much of last season, could be ready to have his greatest year as a senior. The Sturgis, S.D., halfback has been called by Oklahoma coach, Bud Wilkinson, as one of the best running backs he's ever had the fortune to watch.

The blocking back job is the only one to be filled and Ward has reserve letterwinners Bill Lamont and Don Piper ready to take over there although both didn't indicate they were able to step in and direct the Buff attack with poise and ability last season, but that experience should benefit both.

THE ANNUAL bellow about graduation losses at Oklahoma hasn't hit Lincoln yet, but it's probably coming. The Sooners lost Tackles Roger Nelson and Doc Aaron, Guards J. D. Roberts and Mel Brown and Backs Larry Grigg, Merrill Green, Jack Ging and Jack Van Pool, but as usual the Oklahomaans have a wealth of returning veterans plus a good freshman crop so things shouldn't change too much as far as the success of the Big Red football.

Among the regulars returning to Wilkinson are Ends Carl Allison and Max Boydston, Center Kurt Burris and Backs Gene Calame, Buddy Leake and Bob Burris.

The other schools—Missouri, Kansas, Kansas State and Iowa State—also have their various problems. Missouri lost such backs as Ed Merrifield and Bob Schoonmaker, but have returning such established performers as Quarterbacks Tony Scardino and Vic Eaton and Fullback Bob Bauman. Terry Roberts, an All-Conference guard for two seasons, is also back again.

The biggest losses at Kansas are probably End Morris Kay, Tackle Joe Lundy and All-Conference Guard Bob Hantla, along with Backs Frank Cindrich and Frank Sabatini. Bill Meek's Kansas State Wildcats lose two top boys in Guard Tom O'Boyle and Back Veryl Switzer, but scabbard Corky Taylor is returning. Iowa State's big holdover is their rugged fullback, Max Burkett.

Scrimmage Slated For NU Footballers This Saturday

If the weatherman co-operates the University of Nebraska football team will hold their first scrimmage of the spring drills this Saturday.

Wednesday the Huskers worked on fundamentals, defensive formations and passing. There was no practice Thursday because of the limited number of days a Big Seven school can hold spring drills. The Huskers will also lay off a day next week.

One first team change occurred during Wednesday's drills. Tackle Don Glantz replaced Pev Evans on the so-called first team which is chiefly made up of experienced players.

Included on the first eleven were Andy Loehr and Don Hewitt, ends; Bill Holloran and Glantz, tackles; Tom Kripal and Bob Wagner, guards; Bob Oberlin, center; and Rex Fischer, Jon McWilliams, Willie Greenlaw and Bob Smith, backs.

Among the players who have checked in equipment this spring are Paul Olson, Bill Brown, Tom Harper, Bill Moss, Gerald Liebst, Bill Krommenhock, Maurice DeBoer, Bob McDonald and Tod Harrison.

There were also some changes



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star  
DON GLANTZ



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Hard-Hitting Jim

One of the top hitters on Tony Sharpe's University of Nebraska baseball team is Lincoln's Jim Cedarahl. Cedarahl, who can also catch when he is needed, will probably be the starting centerfielder for the Husker nine. Last year he was the second top hitter on the Scarlet squad. The Nebraska team opens their season in early April with a road trip down South beginning with a two-game series with Tulsa.

Sooners Host To Wrestlers Next Week

Four tiny wrestlers whose unbroken string of consecutive victories totals 121 bouts will show in the 24th annual National Collegiate Wrestling championships at Norman, Okla., March 26 and 27.

They are Hugh Peery, Pittsburgh's watch charm sized defending 115-pound champion who has won 44 straight bouts, Michigan's Norvard Nalan, defending 130-pound titlist who has won 30 in a row, Michigan's Andy Kaul, Big Ten 137-pound king who has won 24 straight, and Tommy Evans, Oklahoma's bashful 147-pound Big Seven conference ace who has won 23 in succession.

Oklahoma has been busily making plans to entertain the big tournament, Friday's prelims will go on four mats simultaneously.

Early team favorites appear to be Michigan and Purdue of the Big Ten, Pittsburgh's Eastern Collegiate champions and Coach Art Griffith's Oklahoma Aggies.

The "Bevo Francies" of the 1954 meet may be 157-pound Arnie Brandt of Wartburg College, Waverly, Ia. Arnie, 19-year-old sophomore, has won all his bouts this year by fall. Several schools have forfeited to him. Brandt was state high school champion in Iowa in 1952 and as a freshman and a sophomore at Wartburg swept Iowa conference titles.

Four of last year's ten individual champions will defend their titles at Norman. They are Peery of Pitt, Nalan of Michigan, James Harmon of Iowa Teachers at 157 and Ned Blass of Oklahoma A&M at 177.

Dubbers Undisputed Kings Of I-M Basketball Leagues

Unbeaten Dubbers Finish With Brilliant 18-0 Mark; Sigma Phi Epsilon Rates As Circuits' Second Best

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ALL-STAR RATINGS

All University Ratings—

1. Dubbers
  2. Sigma Phi Epsilon
  3. Alpha Tau Omega & Phi Delta Theta
  4. Dental Frosh
  5. Pioneer Co-op
  6. Az Jokers
  7. Psi Chi
  8. Psi Kappa Phi
  9. Farm House
  10. Theta Chi
- Fraternity A Ratings—
1. Sigma Phi Epsilon
  2. Alpha Tau Omega & Phi Delta Theta
  3. Pioneer Co-op
  4. Beta Theta Pi
  5. Phi Gamma Delta
  6. Beta Theta Pi
  7. Psi Kappa Phi
  8. Farm House
  9. Psi Chi
  10. Phi Kappa Psi & Alpha Gamma Rho

Fraternity B Ratings—

1. Alpha Gamma Rho
2. Sigma Chi
3. Beta Theta Pi
4. Phi Gamma Delta
5. Sigma Phi Epsilon
6. Farm House
7. Psi Kappa Phi
8. Psi Delta Theta
9. Delta Tau Delta
10. Beta Sigma Psi

Independent Ratings—

1. Dubbers
2. Dental Frosh
3. Az Jokers
4. Psi Chi
5. Psi Kappa Phi
6. Farm House
7. Nebraska Co-op
8. NROTC
9. AGR Grads
10. L.S.A.

The job of making out ratings after the tournament, with all its surprises and upsets, is an extremely difficult undertaking. Many of the ratings of the teams seem to be inaccurate because of outcomes of the tournament. However, these ratings are based on the seasonal performance of the teams as well as tournament play. But by taking another aspirin, we may be able to get through the following paragraphs.

The Dubbers are the All-University kings. There is no dispute about that. They came from a middle-seeded position in the tournament and went on to soundly trounce all opponents except the Fraternity ruler, Sigma Phi Epsilon, whom they beat 43-40 for the title.

The Dubbers wound up the season with a 18-0 record to become the only undefeated major champion since 1951 when the Geologists breezed through an 18-game schedule to become the highest scoring cage team in Intramural history.

Following behind the champ-

ATTENTION

All Basketball managers are urged to turn in their All University team ballots before Tuesday March 23. The deadline has been extended to allow more ballots to come in. Fifty-six ballots are still out and unless a majority are returned there will be no team selected. Turn them in to Room 102 or 106 P. E. Building or to the sports desk in The Nebraskan office.

Mermen In Action

Coach Hollie L. Lepley's swimmers will be the only University of Nebraska aggregation in competition next week.

A full Cornhusker team will be entered in the Midwestern A.A.U. championships at the Boys Town pool Friday and Saturday.

The meet also will include two National A.A.U. events—the 1,500-meter swim and the 3-meter junior diving event. Calvin Bentz, Jr., Hastings; David Gradwohl, Lincoln, and John Lightle, Lincoln, will be entered in the distance race.

ions are the Sigma Phi Epsilons, who lost to the former in the playoff after winning the Fraternity throne. Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Theta ended up in a deadlock for the third spot followed by the Dental Frosh, the other finalist in the Independent tourney.

The Az Jokers, pre-tournament Independent leader, dropped to seventh after being edged by Nebraska Coop in the tourney.

Pesby House, the Ramblers and Theta Chi round out the top ten.

PHI GAMMA DELTA, previously unrated for two weeks, jumped to the sixth spot in the Fraternity A ratings after beating Phi Kappa Psi and Pioneer Coop and pushing the Phi Deltas in the tourney. However, Pioneer, though losing to the Phi Gams, rated the higher position because the Phi Gam seasonal record could come nowhere equalling theirs.

Beta Theta Pi sits in the seventh spot followed by Sigma Chi and Farm House, a team who gave the ATOs a rough game for three quarters. Phi Kappa Psi and AGR B are tied for the tenth spot.

Of course, the top spot in the B leagues goes to the titlist, Alpha Gamma Rho, who wound up play with a 13-2 record. Sigma Chi follows close behind by resting on their seasonal laurels after bowing by six points to the champions in the semifinal round of the tourney.

The Phi Gams sit in third place behind the Betas because the former ended the season with a 4-5 record and then went on to win four in the playoffs. The Betas although losing to the Fijis by four points would up the regular season with a 10-0 mark with very impressive wins under their belt.

The Sig Ep Juniors move from sixth to fifth place followed by Farm House and Phi Kappa Psi. Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta and Beta Sigma Psi wind up the mythical ten.

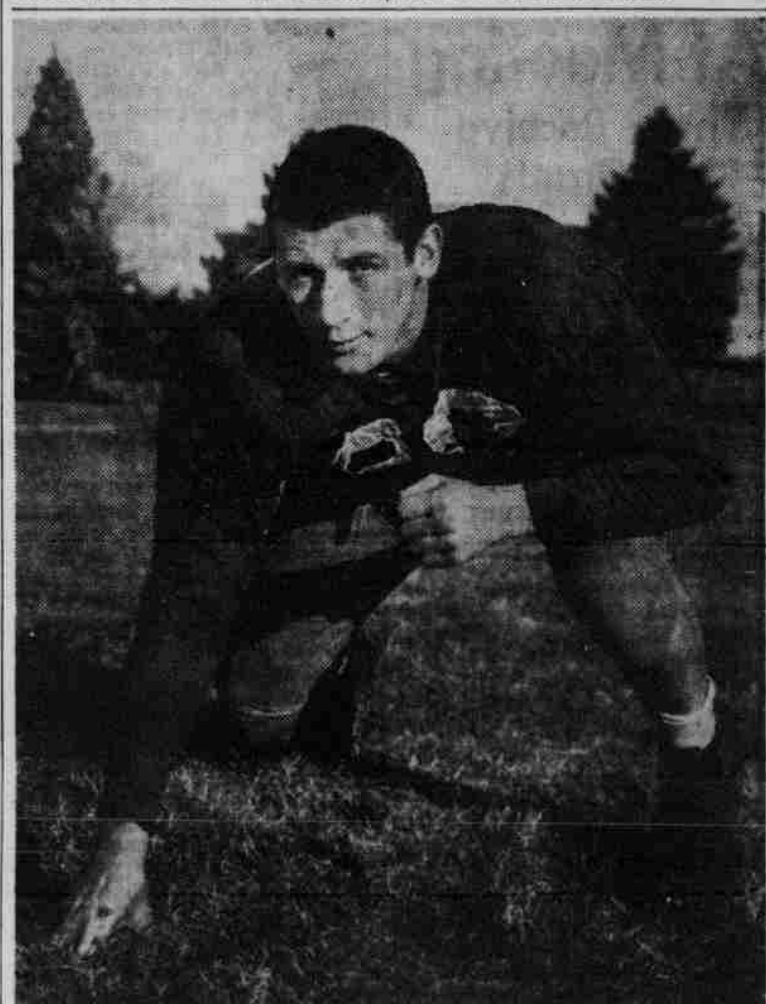
Over in the Independent leagues, the Ramblers shot up into fifth place behind the big four after their good showing in the tournament. The Hayseeds dropped to sixth position followed by Nebraska Co-Op and NROTC, a semifinalist in the tourney.

Nebraska Co-Op, previously unrated, moved into the top ten because of their close win over the Jokers who retained their high position on seasonal record. The AGR Grads and L.S.A. round out the final ten.

Gavilan Confident

A confident Kid Gavilan challenged Rocky Marciano for the world heavyweight title Thursday, after predicting cockily that he would knock out Middleweight Champion Bobo Olson.

Gavilan is scheduled to meet Olson in the Chicago Stadium April 2, when Olson's 160-pound crown will be at stake.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal

Scarlet End Standout

Regarded as the top end on the Nebraska football squad is rugged Andy Loehr, a two year veteran from Turtle Creek, Pa. Loehr, who is small as far as height standards are concerned

(5-11), is running with Don Hewitt on one of the elevens participating in spring drills. Last season Loehr was sidelined for a time with a broken jaw, but returned to play outstanding ball for the Cornhuskers.

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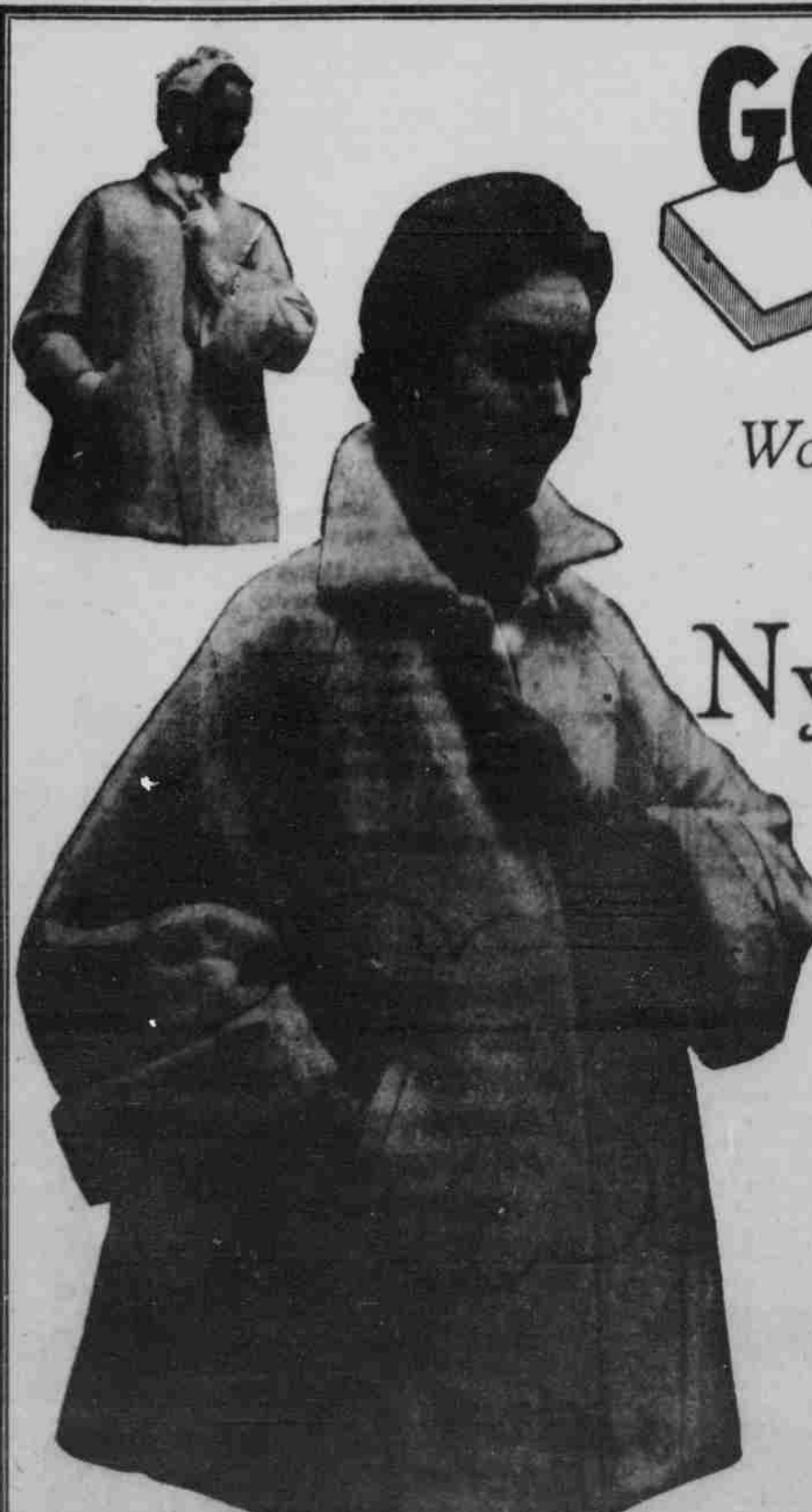
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