

# 111 Football Hopefuls Begin Spring Drills Under Elliott

## ... 14 Lettermen And 76 Freshmen Greet New Coach

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Nebraskan Sports Reporter

Yesterday afternoon, 111 candidates for Nebraska's 1956 Big Seven football team trotted out onto the practice field to begin spring drills. Among those gridders were 11 letterman and 76 members of last year's yearling squad.

Absent at yesterday's session were lettermen Willie Greenlaw, Don Erway, Bill Hawkins and squadman Frank Nappi, who have been excused to participate in spring sports.

Graduating seniors who will be sorely missed by coach Pete Elliott include linemen Bill Taylor, Jon McWilliams, Doran Post and backs Rex Fischer, John Edwards and Sylvester Harris.

Coach Elliott ran his squad through some minor contact work yesterday. He and his staff started the job to find "the best men possible to do the job for us the way we want it done."

Returning to action after a year's absence is tackle Jerry Peterson, while Franklin Reeves, a former squadman, has returned from the service. Peterson lettered as a sophomore in 1954.

Changes made prior to yesterday's drill included: LaVerne Torzon, from tackle to guard. Don Rhoda, from tackle to guard. Don Kampe, from guard to tackle. Bill Hawkins, from tackle to end. Jerry Brown, from guard to fullback.

Lettermen who were counted on for next year, but who have dropped out of school include Leroy Buthurus, Harry Johnson, and George Cifra.

Among the outstanding members of last year's freshmen squad who were present at the opening session were Bennie Dillard, Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Ernest English, New Orleans, La.; Rich King, West Bayden, Pa.; Chuck Tsoukalas, Somerville, Mass.; Dick Klingsman, Mitchell, S.D.; Dick McCashland, Geneva and Claire Boroff, Grand Island.

The squad will workout through Thursday of this week and then will be off for the spring vacation. After Easter they will continue



(Nebraskan Photo.)

### Training Opens

Sending his new Nebraska football squad through their first day of spring drills is NU's new head gridiron mentor, Pete Elliott.

One-hundred-ten candidates greet with four drills per week, winding up with their All Sports Day game with the Alumni on April 28.

Assisting Elliott were varsity aids Bill Jennings, Don Scarborough and Dee Andros; freshman coach Gene Stauber, L. F. "Pop" Klein and student assistants Bill Taylor and Bob Wagner.

### Racquet Squad: Net Men Tour South For Opener

Coach Ed Higginbotham and his Nebraska tennis team are very happy that spring is near and the opening of the 1956 tennis season. Like other Husker spring athletic teams, the net squad is this year opening their season in the southern part of the United States.

The first match is just one week away. The netters meet the University of Wichita at Wichita. Other matches on the southern tour include Oklahoma, Southern Methodist, Southeastern State College of Durant, Oklahoma and Oklahoma Baptist University of Shawnee.

In all, the squad is scheduled for 15 matches including the Big Seven Conference meet May 18-19 at Manhattan, Kansas.

The first meet in Lincoln will be against Fairbury Junior College on April 14. The Huskers entertain Iowa State College on All-Sports Day which is April 28. Only three other matches are scheduled for the home courts.

### Cotter Wins Diving: Husker Tankmen Finish Year With Four Wins; Ten Return

By GEORGE MOYER  
Nebraskan Sports Reporter

Nebraska's swimmers doubled their number of wins this season over the 1954-55 campaign by finishing with four wins, five losses and a tie.

The tankmen closed the season by moving from fourth to third in the Big Seven swim meet held in Boulder, Colorado.

Prospects for next year are bright as only one man of the 11 man varsity graduates.

Returning to competition next year will be Gene Cotter, Big Seven's champion diver, Carl Bodensteiner, sophomore distance man who took fourth in the mile at Boulder, Wyman Kenagy, Tom Houchen, Paul Schorr, Steve Gaines, who took fourth in the mile at Boulder, Wyma Kenagy, Tom Houchen, Paul Schorr, Steve Gaines, Fritz Helmesdoerfer, John Hollman, and Doug Thorpe.

Dick Hill, Hastings is the squad's lone senior. Hill closed his varsity career by scoring four points and swimming his best times in the 50-

yard and 440-yard free styles at the Big Seven meet last week.

Coach Hollie Lepley calls this group of freshmen the best in a number of years and he says that Renfer and Farrell are the best freshmen sprint prospects since Marvin Grimm and Ted Kanamine.

The frosh roster: Jerry Brown, Omaha; Pat Drake, Lincoln; Jerry Farrell, Hastings; Harvey Fair, Omaha; Larry McClain, Fremont; Bill North, Lincoln; Ron Renfer, Wyandott, Mich.; Bob Robson, York.

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### On The Oval: Freshmen Cop Second Place In Postal Meet

Carrying on the prestige of their elder brothers, the Kansas University freshman track team coped first place honors in the Big Seven postal track meet.

The Nebraska Cornhuskers finished a close second. The Jayhawks annexed 44 points while the Husker freshman squad garnered 41 1/2.

Missouri with 34 1/2, Colorado, 26 1/2, Kansas State, 17 1/2, Oklahoma, 14 and Iowa State with two followed in that order.

Keith Gardner paced NU with 24 points. He won blue ribbons in the 60-yard high hurdles, the 440-yard dash and the broad jump.

The Jamaica sensation won the hurdles in the time of 0:07.4, the

broad jump with a leap of 22-11 and tied for first in the 50 with Charles Tidwell of KU. The time was :06.2.

Bennie Dillard of Nebraska finished third in the 60-yard dash. Ken Pollard took third place in the pole vault; Dillard third in the broad jump; Duane Smith second in the high jump and Charles Wollas fourth in the broad jump.

Wilt Chamberlain, the Jayhawks sensational basketball performer, took top honors in the high jump with a soar of 6-5.

The Husker mile relay team took third place. The four-man team was composed of Gardner, Don House, Dan Farrington and Bob Miller.

#### Deadline

Intramural ballots must be in no later than Wednesday, March 21. Any team failing to enter a ballot will not be allowed to have a member of that team on the all-star line-up.

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