

Huskers Polish For First Tilt

By WALT BLORE
Sports Editor

Polishing work is about all that remains for the Cornhusker football team before the seasons' opener with South Dakota on September 22.

Coach Pete Elliott has scheduled one workout for Wednesday. This



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PETE ELLIOTT

is designed to give the squad a rest from the two-a-day practice sessions that have been in vogue since the start of fall camp. The rest will be brief, however, because Elliott has two drills for Thursday.

Quarterbacks Roy Stinnett, George Harshman and Gordon Englert have been rotating with the first three units the past few days. Pete explained this as a move to acquaint the units with each signal caller. "In case of injuries, drills can continue to proceed without a hitch since each team will be familiar with the entire quarterback corps," said Elliott. Since the coaching staff plans to substitute by the team system this will probably take care of any problems that arise in the quarterback ranks.

Elliott plans a full dress scrimmage Saturday afternoon. This

will be the last of the rough stuff before the Cornhuskers tangle with the Coyotes in Memorial Stadium.

Halfbacks Bennie Dillard and Willie Greenlaw are doubtful starters for the Saturday leather-popping session. Dillard has been nursing a twisted knee while Greenlaw has been limping on a sprained ankle.

Don Erway, a doubtful starter the whole season is still with the team in spite of the rumors that have been circulating that he was through with the gridiron sport. Although the Lincoln senior has not been suited up for workouts he has been working on his bad knees and still is part of the squad according to Elliott.

Dick Prusia, junior center from Granklin, was boosted to the number two unit in an effort to give him a little more experience. Other changes listed by Elliott Tuesday saw Don Rhoda moved to the second team right tackle slot. Mal Dohrman was moved from right to left tackle of the third unit. This move was also made for the purpose of adding experience.

Injuries have hampered the workouts considerably since that start of fall practice. This has been especially true among the halfbacks. Dean Fleck of Ericson is the only half that has not been injured in some way since practice began. Greenlaw and Dillard who were slated to carry the mail for the first unit have been out of action for several days and their availability is still doubtful. Darrel Pinkston suffered a concussion in last Saturday's scrimmage but has recovered. Bill Hawkins and Larry Naviaux have missed earlier sessions with minor hurts.

Frosh Managers

Any freshman interested in becoming student managers in football are urged to report this week.

Contact Gene Stauber, freshman coach or John Morrow, head student manager any afternoon for further information.

First Five Foes Test For Huskers

By ABE BLURSTEIN
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Nebraska meets four non-conference opponents this season besides the six conference teams during the ten game gridiron season.

Pete Elliott's Huskers open the season against the Coyotes from South Dakota University coached by Ralph Stewart. The Big Red has met the Coyotes 14 times since 1899 and holds an 11 won, 1 lost, 2 tied record. The last time the two teams met was in the opening game of the 1952 season when the Cornhuskers swamped their neighbor to the north 46-0. The last time the SoDaks managed a victory was in the first game played in the series in 1899 when they edged A. E. Branch's squad 6-5. In 1909 and again in 1914 the two teams fought to deadlocks. Since then, the Coyotes have managed only 12 points in seven games while the Huskers have piled up 262.

The following Saturday, September 29, finds the Big Red in Ohio Stadium at Columbus, Ohio for an encounter with the Ohio State Buckeyes. The two teams have met only once and that was last year. In that game the Huskers fought the Bucks on even terms only to have All-American Hopalong Cassidy break up the ball game with his devastating running. Ohio State wound up on top of the 28-20 score.

October 6 finds the Iowa State Cyclones in Lincoln for the opening of the Big Seven Conference battle. Vince Di Francesca hopes to have his team ready in hopes of winning the ninth contest in a series which the Big Red has won 41 while tying 1. The last time the Cyclones managed a victory was in 1945 when they downed the Huskers 27-7.

The following week the Kansas State Wildcats journey to Memorial Stadium for the Huskers' second conference battle. The Cats will be missing several of the stalwarts that sparked their campaigns the last three seasons. Gone from Bus Mertes' squad are such men as Jim Furey and Doug Roether who bulwarked the team during the 1955 season.

An old face reappears on Memorial Stadium sod on October 20. Bernie Crimmins Indiana Hoosiers return after an absence of five years. The Hoosiers hold a seven to three edge while three games have ended in a tie.

The first five games will probably tell the story for the remainder of the season which is the first for Husker coach Pete Elliott.

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