

Torczon Named Star Of Week

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Staff Sports Writer

LaVerne Torczon, senior from Platte Center, has been chosen by the Nebraskan as the first "Star of the Week" of the 1955 school year.

Torczon is honored for his fine



Courtesy Lincoln Star
LaVerne Torczon

line play during the Husker romp over South Dakota at Memorial Stadium last Saturday.

The big guard stands 6'2" and weighs in at about 195 pounds. Torczon is now in his third year with the Husker varsity and is going after his third letter. As a sophomore he lettered at center while playing behind Bob Oberlin now graduated, and Bob Berguin, the present first string center.

Last year he was shifted to tackle and won all-conference recognition from this position. He played 346 minutes of football out of a possible 600.

This season with Pete Elliott taking over as head coach Torczon was shifted once again and this time to guard. Elliott stated following the South Dakota opener that Torczon looked as good as anyone on the field.

"Tarzan", as his teammates call him, is one of three Husker co-captains for the entire season. He was elected to this honor by his teammates along with Berguin and Jim Murphy, who is Torczon's running mate at guard.

In high school Torczon played six-man football at Platte Center and won All-State recognition in

his senior year. He also was an active participant in basketball and track. Besides his athletic achievements Torczon has a B average in colleges. Last year he had a 6.875 average for the second semester.

One of the top thrills of the big guy's career was during the Iowa State game his sophomore year. He grabbed a loose ball out of the air and ran it back for a touchdown.

Torczon is majoring in physical education and should make a fine coach with his knowledge and desire to become a success.

During the summer months he works on a farm to help stay in shape.

Also nominated for the Star of the Week award were backs Larry Naviaux of Lexington; Leo George, of Wilkes Barre, Pa.; Bill Hawkins of Beatrice; and Roy Stinnett of Ripley, Tenn.

Naviaux, playing in his first varsity contest, scored one touchdown, a 63 yard run and place-kicked three extra points.

George did some of the hardest running of the afternoon for Nebraska and chipped in with the final touchdown in the fourth pe-

riod.

Hawkins, who played halfback after lettering at tackle last year, scored two touchdowns. One TD was a 75 yard run and the other came on a 16 yard pass from Stinnett.

Stinnett did a fine job of quarterbacking the number one unit

in addition to doing some fine running and passing. Elliott praised Stinnett for his call on the second play of the game when Jerry Brown scored from 35 yards out.

The Star of the Week Award will be presented to an outstanding Husker athlete throughout the entire school year.

THE NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Delts, Phi Psis, Sig Eps And Fijis Take 1956 Intramural Openers

By **ABE BLURSTEIN**
Intramural Sports Writer

Like the big time grid openers last Saturday, intramural openers Wednesday provided many surprises.

Experience played a big part as the veterans of several years provided the thrills in the first day of competition.

Filling in for the graduated Dick Grant, a three-time All-Intramural choice, Leonard Lindgren led the Delts to a narrow 7-6 victory over the Sig Chis.

The Delts took possession of the ball to open the game and proceeded to march down to the Sig Chi 10 yard line. On the next play, Lindgren found multi-years vet Tito Mladovich open in the end zone. The play was perfectly executed, but Mladovich was out of the end zone and the pass went

for naught.

In the second period, the Sig Chi defense tightened and the Delts were also could not move the ball and the halftime score duplicated that of the first quarter.

The fireworks started in the third quarter as the Delts staged a drive deep into Sig Chi territory. On a fourth-and-goal situation, Biff Morrison rolled off a block and blocked one of Lindgren's tosses.

Then the Sigs took to the long air lanes. After two unsuccessful long throws, Bill Rucker threw long into the Delt end zone. The ball was batted down, but quick-thinking Wes Berry nabbed it before it touched the turf and the Sig Chis had the first touchdown of the game.

The try for the point was no good and the Delts took over on the twenty.

Lindgren carried the load both

through the air and on the ground. With a fourth-and-goal situation, the speedy Wahoo senior swept left end for what appeared to be th Delts were called back for illegal motion and the drive fizzled out.

Later, Lindgren found his favorite target in the person of John Beldeck loose in scoring territory and fired a pass that Beldeck made a pro-like catch of for the touchdown. Lindgren spotted Arden Pfifer free in the end zone and rifled one into the guard's hands for the decisive point.

Leading the Sig charge were backs Jim Whitaker and Dick Wood, and Bill O'Brien, end.

Sparkling for the Delts were Mladovich, Lindgren, Pfifer and Bob Cook.

In other games, Phi Psi's, the defending champs rolled over the Kappa Sigs 12-0 and the Sig Eps trounced the Phi Delts 19-0.

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