

# 20 Lettermen Return: Jennings Opens Spring Football; Huskers Prepare For All-Sports Day

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Sports Editor

Pigskins filled the air yesterday afternoon as Bill Jennings put his charges through their first session of spring practice.

The Husker mentor's big program will be filling the middle of the line vacated by Jim Murphy, Bob Berguin and LaVerne Torczon.

Main candidates for these three



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Jennings . . . Starts New Job.

positions include: guards Jerry Peterson, switched over from tackle, Charlie Tsoukalas, an end on last season's squad, Don Kampe and Art Klein and centers Dick Mc-

Cashland and Dick Prussia. Jennings has lettermen available at all positions with the exception of left halfback. Five sophomores will be battling for that position. They include: Carroll Zaruba, Don Patton, Jerry Schroeder, Dale Siefkes, Doug Watkins and Roger Kaltenberger.

The quarterback slot is up for grabs with nine candidates hustling for the all important position. Three lettermen and a sophomore seem to have the early inside track. George Harshman, Roy Stinnett, Doug Thomas, last season's second unit fullback, and Jim Hergenreter, up from the yearling squad, are the leading candidates.

George Cifra has returned to school to help bolster the fullback spot. This position seems to be the strongest on the squad. With Jerry Brown, who is skipping spring drills because of an injury, leading the pack and Leo George and Cifra backing him up, the Huskers are fat in the bread and butter slot.

Returning ends include lettermen Stu Howerter, Marlin Hilding, Clarence Cook, Mike Lee and squad member Bill Edwards. They should receive help from ex-Boys Town star Glen Hepburn.

Don Rhoda, Bob Lyall, Mal Dohrman, Jerry Wheeler, Dick Klingman and Bob Fleming lead the tackle hopefuls, while Larry Naviaux, Gene Sandage and Duane Buchtel lead the right half-back candidates.

Eight potential squad members are passing up spring drills because of other sports or injuries. They include: Frank Nappi, Brown, Dean Flock, Bill Hawkins, Roger Krounek, Howard McVay, Jerry Schoetger and Darrell Pinkston. Spring practice will be climaxed on April 6 with the annual Alumni-Varsity game, one of the attractions at All-Sports Day.

## Tourney Time For Huskers

Nebraska's swimming and wrestling teams will journey to Norman, Oklahoma this weekend for their respective Big Seven championship meets.

Swimming coach Hollie Lepley will place his main hopes on the divers Bill Tagney and last year's Big-Seven Champion Gene Cotter. These men have staged a close diving duel all year long with Tagney winning six times and Cotter four.

Another Lepley hope should be Carl Bodensteiner who is a top free syleer in the 220 and 440 yard distances. Carl has scored consistently against Big Seven foes and should place.

Charlie Arizumi and Fritz Helmsdoerfer are two more tankmen who have scored consistently this year. Arizumi's event is the 200 yard backstroke and Helmsdoerfer's the 200 yard breaststroke and 200 yard butterfly.

Jerry Farrell and Ron Renfer should provide the spark for NU in the 50 and 100 yard freestyles along with Tagney who has done quite well in these events. Other expected to see action are Doug Schoor and Jim Pokorny.

Coach Don Strashime of the wrestling team will be hoping for an improvement over last years tail end finish. His prayers will rest with Gil Nielson 123 lbs, Ken McKee 130 lbs, Gail Baum 137, Norlin Cooper 147, John Anderson, 157, Bill LaFleur, 167, Jack Bryans, 177 and Don Brand Heavy-weight.

Brand has been the most consistent grappler this year and should give any of the big men a rough time.

Gail Baum who gave Dean Corner, last years Big-Seven champ in the 137 pound class, one of his roughest matches last Saturday might score quite high for the Huskers. Bill LaFleur, who scored the only victory for the bonebenders against Iowa State, could pick up some needed points.

## Golf Team Meeting Scheduled Tuesday

There will be a meeting of all those who are interested in playing varsity golf in the N Club room, second floor of the Coliseum at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, according to Jerry Bush, golf coach.

## Thompson Honored

Gary Thompson, Iowa State whiz kid has been given an award on the ninth annual "small America" team compiled by the United Press. Thompson (5' 10") was rated in first place alongside with Chet (The Jet) Forte, 5'9", of Columbia.



JERRY BROWN  
Courtesy Lincoln Journal

## Final Week For Hoopsters

Two home games this week close out the 1956-1957 basketball season. Coach Jerry Bush and his Huskers currently are on a four game losing streak and have a season's record of 9 wins and 12 losses.

Opponents this week are Oklahoma on Wednesday night and Iowa State Saturday evening.

The Sooners will be fighting Nebraska in an attempt to get out of the cellar. The two squads are currently tied for sixth place. Coach Doyle Parrack has only five lettermen back from last year's seventh pace club. They are: Ed Abbey, Max Claiborne, Joe Jones, Art Kell, and Joe King. Add these five to a good sophomore crop and you have an improved ball team.

King is a junior from Norman. Last season as a sophomore his play was good enough to rank him on the All-Big Seven team. The 6-6 1/2 200 pounder is averaging around 20 points per game this season and does a brilliant job of rebounding.

Don Schwall a 6-5 1/2 sophomore is the number two scorer for the Sooners. Schwall scored 23 points last week at the Huskers' expense in Oklahoma. The Sooners won that game 55-53.

## Mentors Team To Play AF Squad

A varied assortment of Nebraska coaches will take to the maples March 12 when they play a quintet of Lincoln Air Force colonels.

Such sports as football, track, tennis, gymnastics, swimming, physical education and, yes, even basketball will be represented in the 15-man squad of Husker mentors. Bill Jennings, Jerry Bush, Don Strasheim, John Landy, Dick Monroe, Don Scarborough, Warren Schmavel, Paul Schneider, George Sullivan, Frank Sevigne, Hollie Lepley, Tony Sharpe, Ed Higgenbotham, and Jake Geier.

The game will be a benefit affair sponsored by Lincoln business and service clubs to raise money for furnishing day rooms in dormitories at the air base.

Intramural basketball playoffs begin tonight with 64 teams participating.

The champions will be crowned at the State High School finals on March 16.

## Same Old Story:

# Yankees Picked To Win As Spring Practice Opens

By BOB WIRZ  
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Who can stop the New York Yankees?

This seems to be the big problem again in 1957 in the American League. Casey Stengel and his big bombers are now in St. Petersburg, Florida, in spring training and the entire squad is in the fold. Don (perfect-game) Larsen signed his contract and thus became the last Yankee to do so.

Stengel seems well set at this early stage in the game for the



Courtesy Lincoln Star  
Stengel . . . looks ahead

upcoming season. Every position seems taken except third base and left field. Last spring it was shortstop and Gil McDougald filled that position very well.

Andy Carey is again the leading candidate for the third base job. Carey must improve at bat or surrender his position to another hopeful. Stengel indicated earlier this year that first baseman Bill Skowron may get a trial at third. Another possibility is Billy Martin if young Bobby Richardson improves at second.

The leftfield job could go to any number of men. Top candidates are Norm Siebern, Tony Kubek, Bob Martyn, Enos Slaughter and others. Siebern spent about half of last year with the Yanks but didn't produce to well. Kubek and Martyn played at Denver last season and are presently in the Yankee rookie school in St. Pete. Slaughter returned to New York from Kansas City in the final months of the season and was a great asset in the pennant drive and in the World Series. The old war horse stands a good chance of starting this campaign in the outer garden.

Others expected to start the coming campaign are Yogi Berra, behind the plate; Skowron on first unless he switches to third base; Martin, second base; McDougald, shortstop; Mickie Mantle, center field; and Hank Bauer, right field.

Mantle and Berra are counted on for good seasons. Unless Mickey has knee trouble he will go good and Berra will again be the

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