

Husker Grid Hopes Fade; Harshman Ruled Ineligible

More sad news came from Head Coach Bill Jennings when he stated that George Harshman, pile driving back of last year's grid squad, would definitely be ineligible for the seasons play.

This small bit of information could be very important to the Husker mentor as it casts even more of a cloudy shadow over the Cornhusker grid hopes for this campaign. Harshman, a senior from Dickerson Run, Pa., played nine of ten games for the Scarlet and Cream last year for a total of 251 minutes. George was considered an excellent ball handler and did most of the punting chores for Elliot last year as well as a food share of the passing.

The status of Harshman was not clear as of Tuesday but after a short talk with Jennings he clearly stated that George would not be on the football crew this fall.

Hope for the football outlook in the Husker Horizon was slightly raised however, when Jennings announced that the injured list had receded from 13 players on Monday to only five on Tuesday. Those still on the injured list are Clarence Cook, Dean Flock, Dave Swartz, Doug Thomas, and Roger Brede.

The physical condition of these men will not be known until tomorrow and, consequently, as of now it is unable to tell if they will see any action on Saturday or not.

Jennings has planned to release the probable starting lineup to-



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George Harshman

Illness Hits Buff Gridders

Colorado's football squad and the gray hair on Coach Dal Ward's head have a lot in common... neither was too abundant to begin with and both are thinning out too fast to satisfy the Buffalo headmaster.

Inexperienced and thin at ends and center to begin with, the Buffs now show alarming deficiencies at tackles. And even the backfield is showing signs of wear in the depth department.

Left Half Jim Aho, the number three man, and Fullback Don Shelley, on the same unit, withdrew from the squad Tuesday. Both had performed well in last Saturday's scrimmage and both were considered excellent reserves due for considerable action this fall.

Their departure creates no immediate problem so long as injuries don't blot the tailback or fullback picture. Ironically, both men had been moved up to the second unit on this week's depth chart, prepared Tuesday morning... as a rash of colds cut down several Buffs.

The Colorado squad now numbers 54 men, 17 of them letter-winners a year ago and one a 1955 letterman who failed to win an award last fall.

Most acute line position now is tackle... one considered strong until mid-August when Bob Salerno broke both wrists. Only eight men are available now, two of whom are lettermen, two others seldom-used reserves a year ago and four soph.

day for the season's opener this Saturday against Washington State. The new coach has only a light drill planned for the grid crew this week and nothing in the way of contact drill whatsoever. He is relying on working out the wrinkles in the basic routine rather than regular scrimmaging to bring the Huskers through to an opening victory on the weekend.

Jennings is very much worried about this opener with Washington State mainly because he doesn't know what kind of formations the WEC boys will be running. All Nebraska has to go on is the films they traded with Washington State of their last years games. The same problem also looms in store for the Huskers for their September 28th game with Army. Jennings doesn't know how the Army squad will be running or how they will set up their defense.

The loss of Harshman means that Jennings will probably nominate Harry Tolly, sophomore from North Platte, to the starting signal

calling berth. Backing Tolly up will be Roy Stinett, Clyde Haskins, Chuck Smith and possibly Doug Thomas. Tolly will be the second sophomore in as many seasons to get the starting nod on opening day. Last year Elliot started Roy Stinett in the opener against South Dakota State. He later, however, returned Harshman to the number one unit. This season, however, there will be no Harshman to fall back on. Out of the five quarterbacks on the squad, Stinett is the only one with any collegiate experience, so Tolly will be carrying the Nebraska hopes on his shoulder pads.

A possible starting lineup for Saturday's opener could be Bill Hawkins and Mike Lee at the ends; Don Rhoda and Don Olson at the tackles; Stu Howerter and Don Kampe at the guards; Dick McCashland at center; Tolly at quarterback; Larry Naviaux and Bennie Dillard at the halfbacks and Jerry Brown at fullback. The official starting lineup will be released on Thursday.



Naviaux... Husker speedster

Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star

Wildcats Ready For Saturday Open Face Wyoming Eleven At Laramie

Heavy conditioning, play patterns, and defense, plus a continuous search for reserves have kept Kansas State's football squad and coaching staff busy through the past two weeks of two-a-day drills. And at the end of 24 grueling, two-hour workouts Coach Gus Mertes has reached one firm decision: The Wildcats are short seasoned ballplayers, and even shorter on rough-and-tumble contact work.

"We have a crying need for more scrimmage," Mertes explains his dilemma. "But we hesitate to tear loose with hour-long sessions of contact when an injury in a key spot could seriously cripple us for the season-opener a week from Saturday."

With a total manpower list of 50, the Wildcats dropped into the 30's early this week because of minor injuries. Although all men could be back in action by Sept. 21 against Wyoming, Mertes said, their absence from drills now will mean that much more greenness on a squad that already includes 17 sophomores against 18 lettermen.

At the end of two weeks double-duty drills Mertes has assembled a first team of 11 returning lettermen. Five "K" men are on the second unit, and two (both limited by injuries) are on the third string.

THREE DEEP lineups at this stage with lettermen in capitals: Left End - DON ZADNIK, Joe

Vader, CRAIG JONES.

Left Tackle - JACK KEELAN, Harold Riechers, Jimmie Goodmiller.

Left Guard - GENE MEIER, Bob Schmidt, Don Miles.

Center - ELLIS RAINSBARGER, Dean Skær, Dick Boyd.

Right Guard - JAYDEE STINSON, Ralph Peluso, Bill Pulford.

Right Tackle - WALLY CARLSON, Ralph Lambing, Bob Krizan.

Right End - JIM LUZINSKI, GEORGE ADDISH, DAN O'BRIEN or John French.

Quarterback - DICK CORBIN, Les Krull, KEITH WILSON.

Left Halfback - BEN GROSSE, DICK ALLEN, Terry Lee.

Right Halfback - GENE KEAD, George Whitney, Max Falk.

Fullback - RAY GLAZE, RALPH PFEIFER, Tony Tiro.

Only major shift in position is Gene Meier's move from tackle to guard play. The 6-1, 210-pound junior lettered at tackle last season when he was given "honorable mention" on All-Big Seven squads. He was scooped to guard this fall, since the Wildcats use a guard as linebacker on defense. Meier's rugged mobility should serve well in that spot, Mertes reasoned.

One other shuffle brings Keith Wilson back to the quarterback post he played last season. He had been shifted to halfback last spring. His move back to quarterback was necessary when three AB candidates were limited by injuries.

Strictly Sportstalk . . .

. . . by Bob Martel

Another year. Another coach . . .

Pigskins will fill the air next Saturday afternoon as the Cornhuskers oppose the University of Washington Cougars in the season's opener at Memorial Stadium. For the second consecutive season, the Nebraska grid machine will be under the guidance of a new coach. Bill Jennings, former assistant, has replaced Pete Elliott as head mentor.

Jennings has had his work cut out for him. He has a tough schedule, which includes the above mentioned Washington State, Army, Pittsburg and Syracuse, in addition to regular conference play. To make matters worse, Nebraska will have to do without the services of last year's first string quarterback George Harshman. George had difficulty clearing up his scholastic eligibility and as a result has ended his collegiate career. Frank Nappi suffered the same fate leaving Jennings without the services of two experienced backs.

Yes, Jennings will have his work cut out for him, but we are sure he will do the best possible job with the material he has. The Cornhuskers are not rated high nationally, but are sure to make some of the bookmakers eat their betting slips on a few of these approaching Saturday afternoons.

Win, lose or draw, the University student body is behind Jennings 100%. Proof of this will be shown at both the Washington State and Oklahoma games. Next Saturday a deafening roar will greet the gridgers as they take the field for the first time this season and on November 23 another deafening roar of support will shake Memorial Stadium as the Cornhuskers leave the field for the last time this season.

Unbelievers need only purchase season tickets and they can see Nebraska spirit at its best.

Welcome to the limelight, Bill Jennings, and we only hope you stay longer than Pete did.

Chiefs come through in clutch . . .

The Lincoln Chiefs came through to cop the Western League pennant in almost unbelievable style. Trailing Amarillo by 2 games with only 3 contests remaining, they nipped the Gold Sox by one game by winning all three of their last games with Topeka.

This second championship in a row must make Dick Wagner very happy, especially the fact that 4,800 fans turned out for Sunday night's pennant clincher.

Jennings Ex-Sooner; Was Ace End

Bill Jennings, 39, is the twenty-fourth University of Nebraska head football coach since the first full-time mentor was hired in 1893.

Prior to serving as an assistant coach last fall, Jennings was backfield coach at the University of Oklahoma for seven years, resigning after the 1953 season to become associated with an oil company at Ft. Worth, Tex.

Jennings lived most of his life in Norman, Okla. He played end at Norman High where he was coached by Dewey "Snorter" Luster, head coach at Oklahoma from



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JENNINGS

1941 to 1945. He then played wingback and end for Tom Stidman's Sooners in 1938-'39-'40. He still holds several Sooner pass-catching records.

Playing in the East-West game in 1940, Jennings batted 1000 as a pass catcher, fielding all four tosses to him from Paul Christman.

Following his graduation, Jennings coached one year at Cushing (Okla.) High School. He then enlisted in the Marine Corps, serving from June, 1942 until 1946 when he joined the Oklahoma coaching staff.

Jennings developed several All-America backs while at Oklahoma, among them Quarterback Eddie Crowder, Fullback Buck McPhail and Halfback Billy Vessels.

When Jennings played for Coach Stidman's Sooners, he was known as "Twinkle Toes" because of his fancy footwork when loose in the broken field. As a sophomore, he alternately played at wingback and end on the all-victorious Sooner team that lost to Tennessee in the Orange Bowl.

Jennings didn't see action in that bowl game because of an injury. He had suffered a broken ankle during Oklahoma's final 28-0 win over Washington State, the first hurdle for a Jennings-coached University of Nebraska football squad.

Born March 13, 1918, Jennings holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Oklahoma.

A Presbyterian, he is married and has two daughters.

Managers To Meet

There will be a short meeting of all intramural managers Tuesday, September 17th at 5:00 p.m. in Room 114 of the Physical Education building.

The meeting is for Managers of Fraternities, Men's Residence Halls and Independent Groups. The meeting is very important so please try to have a representative there.

Ed Coffin To Replace Brov In Syracuse Offensive Plan

It looks as though a fullback, Ed Coffin, may replace All-American halfback Jimmy Brown in Syracuse University's scheme of football maneuver this fall.

With two weeks of practice sessions now completed, Orange head coach Ben Schwartzwalder hasn't been overly impressed with the efforts of his three left half possibilities, juniors Ernie Jackson and Tom Stephens and senior Dan Ciervo.

Coffin, on the other hand, has been a barrel of fire at fullback. The 195-pound Copiague, Long Is-

land senior has been running with fine power and showing good speed for a bucking back. He was a definite standout in Syracuse's first scrimmage drill.

A 25-year-old Army veteran, Coffin was a Syracuse regular last fall, but, with Brown and halfback running-mate Jim Ridlon available, he got very little chance to exhibit ball-carrying ability.

This season, with the left half position a question mark, fullback Coffin may be the guy who relieves Brown as the key to Syracuse's running game.

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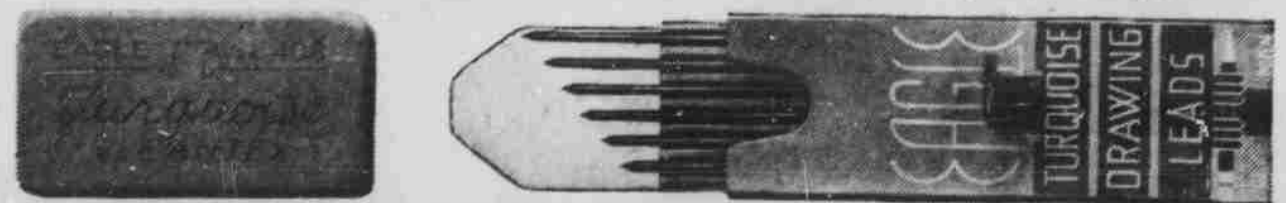
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