

Spring Drills Begin Today

Jennings Plans Stress On Husker Air Attack

By Dave Wohlfarth
Spring football practice starts today with the emphasis being placed on the Huskers' passing game for the first time in several years, according to Coach Bill Jennings.

Jennings said Sunday that the bad weather may curtail practice till Wednesday, but that it will start today "as far as we know."

"We will make every effort to start Monday," he reported.

The drill, which will begin a four-a-week practice routine for 20 sessions, will start at 4:15 p.m.

Jennings has indicated Nebraska will go to the air this year in an attempt to strengthen the NU offense, which has been the Husker weak point the past few seasons.

'More Passing'

"We will pass the football a lot more than we have been doing. We hope next fall to throw the Nebraska offense wide open," he said.

The 75-man squad will begin work on offense immediately, using an "opened up" T formation, which utilizes the wing T, the double wing T and flankers, he explained.

"We will spend at least the first week on offense," the Husker coach added.

"We hope spring workouts justify our belief that we can get the ball in the air and keep it there this year," Jennings said.

Quarterbacks will be relied upon to do most of the Husker throwing this year.

Heading the quarterback corps are returning lettermen John Faiman and Ron Meade and sophomore Dennis Claridge, who could be the key to the success of the NU passing game.

Claridge, 6-2 and 196, was held out of competition last fall after being ineligible for the early games.

Other quarterback candidates include Ernie Bonistall, Ron Gilbreath and Jim Little, all sophomores.

Position changes this year include switching Bill (Thunder) Thornton from fullback to halfback, end Bill Comstock to fullback and sophomore back Dick Callahan to end.

Seven players probably will not participate in spring drills.

Fullback Noel Martin is recovering from a second knee operation.

End Pat Salerno, guard Dai Dyer, quarterback Bonistall and guard Jed Rood are on

the Husker baseball team, and end Larry Donovan and tackle Leon Janovy are members of the track team.

Saturday Scrimmages
The Huskers will practice Monday, Wednesday and Friday and scrimmage every Saturday until May 13, when the Varsity meets the Alums in the annual All-Sports Day contest.

Although he will have one or more letter men for all positions, Jennings admits he must rely heavily on sophomores for depth and some first-string replacements.

Promising newcomers include Bob Brown, 245-pound guard from Cleveland, Ohio; Bill MacDonald, 212-pound end from Edina, Minn.; Clarence Osestowski, 243-pounder from Ord at right guard; tackle Ed Mitchell, 245-pounder from Galveston, Texas; and Callahan.

Nebraska has 23 lettermen returning from last year's squad which posted a 4-6 record. This year's depth chart includes:

Left ends—Don Purcell, Omaha; Larry Donovan, Scottsbluff; Jim Hoge, Holdrege; Dick Callahan, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Pat Fisher, Norfolk; John Olson, Omaha.

Left tackles—Bob Jones, West Point; George Haney, East Point, Ga.; Monte Kiffin, Lexington; Larry Kramer, Austin, Minn.; Ed Mitchell, Galveston, Tex.; Roland Johnson, LaBolt, S.D.; Lowell Fisher, Kansas City, Mo.

Left guards—Dennis Carlson, Fullerton; Tyrone Robertson, Toledo, O.; Dallas Dyer, Lexington; John Kirby, David City; Steve Olson, Sioux City, Ia.; Ulysses Brown, Cleveland, O.; R. J. Hanna, Ord.

Centers—Mick Tingelhoff, Lexington; Ron Michka, Omaha; Lyle Suttler, Crete; Duncan Drum, Fremont; Larry Krause, Scottsbluff; Charles Garner, Cozart; Pat Knolls, Wichita.

Right guards—Gary Toogood, Reno, Nev.; Jed Rood, Columbus, O.; Clarence Osestowski, Ord; Erwin Hanna, Crofton, Tex.; LaVane Johnson, Eagle; Ron Eisler, Omaha; Pete Williams, Davenport, O.

Right tackles—Al Fischer, Princeton, Minn.; Paul Fischer, Lone Island, N.Y.; Bob Brown, Cleveland, O.; Archie Cobb, Holdrege, Ala.; Lloyd Voss, Magnolia, Minn.; Leon Janovy, David City; Ron Borer, Toledo, O.

Right ends—Pat Salerno, Omaha; Bill McDonald, Edina, Minn.; Larry Tomlinson, O'Neill; Dick McDaniel, Port Arthur, Tex.; Corwin Bishop, Wichita; Dave Dodgill, McClellan, Va.

Quarterbacks—Ron Meade, Casby, Minn.; John Faiman, Omaha; Dennis Claridge, Robinsondale, Minn.; Ernie Bonistall, Williamsville, N.Y.; Ron Gilbreath, Sidney; Jim Little, Grand Island; Jerry Fischer, Omaha; Jerry Hahn, Alliance.

Fullbacks—Bill Thornton, Toledo, O.; Pat Clare, Sioux City, Ia.; Maynard Smith, Cozart; Gene Ward, Glenwood, Ia.; Cal Stukel, Gregory, S.D.; Ray Hesse, Alliance; Doug Glascock, North Platte.

Halfbacks—Dennis Stearns, Ham Bore, Minn.; Warren Powers, Kansas City, Mo.; Gary Warden, Fremont; Rudy Johnson, Aransas Pass, Tex.; Chuck Doecke, Waterloo, Ia.; Jim Bartlett, Nann, Colo.

Fullbacks—Noel Martin, Clay Center, Mo.; Bill Comstock, Scottsbluff; Willie Ross, Helena, Ark.; Eugene Young, Cleveland, O.; Fred Fisher, Kansas City, Mo.; Don Hedd, Yutan; Jim Levy, Lincoln.

Ernst, McClatchy Star As Huskers Lose Two

By Hal Brown
Two bright spots were evident in an otherwise sad afternoon of baseball for Coach Tony Sharpe's diamond crew as Oklahoma State swept a doubleheader from the Huskers Friday by 9-3 and 7-1 scores.

Dave McClatchy's 3-for-3 at the plate in the two games stood out like a sore thumb among an otherwise inept hitting performance by the Huskers.

Tom Ernst, sophomore righthander from Columbus, came on in relief of starter Jan Wall in the third inning of the first game and set the heavy-hitting Cowboys down with only four hits.

McClatchy, a 5-5, 145-pounder from Palisade, got a pinch-hit single in the last inning of the seven-inning opener and drew a starting assignment in centerfield for the nightcap.

He hammered out two hits and drew a walk as the lead-off hitter for the Huskers. McClatchy scored the only Nebraska run.

Husker Score
With the Huskers trailing, 4-0, McClatchy singled with two out in the third. A walk to Rex Swett moved him to second and the tiny Husker romped home when Jerris Harris's grounder went between Cowboy second baseman Bruce Andrew's legs.

McClatchy also handled three chances in the outfield without a miscue. His throw to relay man Swett, who fired a perfect strike to catcher Dave Myers cut off another Cowboy run in the fourth inning.

Ernst struck out three and walked only one in 4 2/3 innings of work. After giving up two runs in the fourth on a double by Jim Dobson, a walk, a sacrifice and a single by Gary Reid, Ernst settled down and retired the next eight men in order.

After Reid broke the string with a lead-off single in the seventh, Ernst got the next three batters to retire the side.

Defending Big Eight champion Oklahoma State wasted no time in getting to Wall as the first three men hit safely.

Don Wallace led off with a double and Andrew drove him home with a single.

First Two Out
Wall retired the first two hitters in the second, but then Wallace singled, stole second and came home on a double by Andrew. Walt McKenzie's single sent Andrew across the plate.

McKenzie scored when Husker centerfielder Steve Smith dropped Dobson's long fly.

The Cowboys drove Wall from the mound in the third when Reid walked, and Grayson Mersch and pitcher Jim Wixson singled. Wixson's single scored Reid and sent Wall to the showers.

Wallace greeted Ernst with a double, scoring Mersch and Wixson.

Nebraska got all three of its runs in the third. Pat Salerno started it with a single, Dave Myers was hit by Wixson and Harris walked to lead the bases.

Error Helps
An error by shortstop Wallace allowed Salerno and Myers to score as Harris went all the way, to third and Smith, the hitter, went to second. Third baseman Reid then fumbled Dick Becher's roller to lead the bases again.

A long sacrifice fly by Bill Redmond plated Harris with the final Husker run.

Wixson, a junior righthander who pitched a no-hitter in the College World Series last year at Omaha, held the Huskers to four hits in gaining credit for his third win against no losses.

Wall was charged with the loss, his second against one win.

The Cowpokes opened the scoring in the nightcap with a run in the second inning. Ray Bond led off with an infield single, went to second on a passed ball by Dal Dyer, moved to third on an error by second baseman Bill Redmond and scored when Reid singled.

Three more Oklahoma State runs crossed the plate in the third frame as Husker starter Ed Johnson walked the lead-off hitter, Wallace.

McKenzie Homers
Andrew followed with an infield single and McKenzie's 360-foot homer to left-center unloaded the sacks.

Righthander Ernie Bonistall relieved Johnson after Johnson walked the first hitter in the fourth inning. Bonistall got the side out without a run scoring, but the Cowboys reached him for three runs in the fifth.

Dobson opened the inning with a single and swiped second. After Bond walked, Gen-

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DAILY NEBRASKAN SPORTS

Husker Golfers Win Fifth From Air Force

Nebraska's golfers stroked to a 19 1/2-4 1/2 victory over the Air Force Academy Friday on the Hillcrest Country Club course.

The victory gives coach Harry Good's team a 5-3 record for 1961 play.

Dave McConahay took the medalist honors with a 73 to lead the Huskers to their near sweep of the match.

Swanson of the Academy shoot a 74 to lead the Falcon attack, but only was able to score 1/2 match point shooting against McConahay.

Jerry Overgaard took second high honors for the Huskers with a 74. Overgaard scored 2 1/2 match points against the 76 shot by Schulze of Air Force.

Arnold led the Falcons scoring attack with 1 1/2 match points in his 79-79 draw with Husker Ed Tabor.

Bud Williamson, Stan Schrag, and Fred Sukup shot 76s for the Huskers.

Summary:
Bud Williamson (N) 76 beat Karnowski 79, 34-19.
Ed Tabor (N) 79 drew with Arnold 79, 19-19.
Dave McConahay (N) 73 beat Swanson 74, 34-19.
Fred Sukup (N) 76 beat Brown 87, 34-19.
Louis Tins 77 (N) beat Anderson 81, 2-1.

NU Netters Lose Sixth To Falcons

The Husker tennis team lost to Air Force Academy, 2-7, for Nebraska's sixth loss of the season.

The Nebraskans lost all six singles matches, but bounced back to win 2 of 3 in doubles competition.

Dave Wohlfarth and Tom Johnson beat Larry Shewmaker and Daryl Davis of the Air Force, 4-6, 6-2, 8-6, in the top doubles match.

Bill Lewis and Ralph Queen scored the other Husker points as they beat Charles Hale and Scott Fisher, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Coach Ed Higginbotham commented that the team performed better than the score showed. He pointed out that there were three three-set matches and that Johnson played very close in his 5-7, 7-9 defeat.

Other scores are: Shewmaker, Air Force, over Wohlfarth, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; Ed Pickens, Air Force, over Jack Lausterer, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; Davis, Air Force, over Johnson, 7-5, 9-7; Paul Dean, Air Force, over Don Swanson, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Carl Renoud, Air Force, over Lewis, 6-1, 6-1, and Dick Ramsey, Air Force over Queen 6-4, 6-1.

Mike Rawlings and Renoud scored the only doubles victory for the Air Force Academy, 6-2, 12-10, over Lausterer and Swanson.

Ten Freshmen Earn Basketball Numerals
Ten Nebraska freshmen won basketball numerals the past season.

They were Jim Bartlett, Roger Denesia, Bill Hord, Charles Jones, Jim Kahrhoff, Jim Lemons, Daryl Petsch, Dennis Puelz, Keith Sieck and Bill Vincent.

Track Cancelled
Saturday's frosh-varsity track meet was canceled because of bad weather.

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IM Tennis To Start
Intramural horseshoe and tennis play will begin this week. Team managers should check at Men's PE Building for schedules.



THUNDER MOVES OVER

'Thunder' Thornton, 191-pound Husker back from Toledo, Ohio, will be switched this year from fullback to left halfback in order to bolster the NU halfback corps. The success of the switch depends heavily on the success of a second knee operation to Noel Martin, Husker fullback.

11 Varsity Cagers Earn 'N' Awards

Eleven basketball players were awarded varsity letters at Nebraska for the past season. Letter winners were Bill Bowers, Al Buuck, Ivan Grupe, Jim Hoge, Jim Kowalke, Al Roots, Russell, Swett in minutes played with 761, Elmer Walin, Wall and Jim followed by Rex Swett with 758.

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