

### Three Cities Have Most NU Gridders

Lexington, Omaha and Cleveland, Ohio, are the towns with the most players on the Nebraska football roster this year.

Lexington has three members on the roster, all of them from Lexington's 1957 team that was undefeated with only one touchdown being scored against them. The three players are center Mick Tingelhoff, guard Dallas Dyer and tackle Monte Kiffin.

Four players on the Husker squad come from Omaha. They are end Don Purcell, quarterback John Faiman, center Ron Michka and end Pat Salerno.

Fullback Gene Young, tackle Bob Brown and guard Ulysses Brown all originate from Cleveland. All three are sophomores.

### North Dakota Quarterback Injured; Sioux Open Tomorrow Against MSU

By Bob Besom

North Dakota coach Whitey Helling has been harassed by "nuisance-type injuries" during the initial weeks of 1961 gridiron drills.

Helling, starting his fifth season as the head Sioux man, will be without his number one quarterback prospect for tomorrow's opener against Montana State.

A shoulder injury has sidelined co-captain Bill Leifur for the initial clash and may keep him out of action when the Sioux invade Cornhusker land next Saturday.

Halfback Dave Hummel, a transfer from Bismarck Junior College, has taken over quarterback chores until Leifur is given an okay by his doctor.

Leifur was the starting Sioux quarterback in '60 when North Dakota finished in a second place tie in the North Central race. They ended with a 4-3-1 record last season.

The North Dakota coaching staff has sixteen letter men with which to mold the squad of forty-five, which appears to have an adequate backfield, but spotty line strength.

Co-captains Gene Tetrault and Gary Sukut, who played on the same prep team at Williston, N.D., combine to make the ends one of the team's stronger positions.

The University of North Dakota schedule shapes up as the toughest Sioux gridders have faced since before World War II.

Following his clashes with Montana and Nebraska, the Sioux are billed for contests with South Dakota University and South Dakota State, North Dakota State, Iowa State, Youngstown, Augustana College, and Morningside.

### Army ROTC Wins Praise

The University's R.O.T.C. program has received a commendation from Fifth Army Headquarters for the high quality of the graduates who earned performance ratings above the Fifth Army's averages and the national averages. The commendation was made by Col. John F. Brownlow, Jr., Fifth Army chief of staff, to Chancellor Clifford M. Hardin.

Forty-two per cent of the Nebraska graduates ranked in the upper third of the Fifth Army's standing, 39 per cent in the second, and 19 per cent in the lowest. The Fifth Army's averages for the same categories are 38 per cent, 34 per cent, and 27 per cent.

### Russell Denies Move to Mizzou

Varsity basketball Tom Russell has denied another report of leaving Nebraska, this time to go to Missouri on a transfer program. Earlier this year Russell denied a report he would transfer to Kansas State.

The six foot-six inch senior center was one of three who were selected for a wild life management plan which would enable him to enroll at Missouri without the usual out of state fees for the purpose of specializing in the wild life field.

Russell stated he would rather stay at the University and receive a background in zoology, then specialize later in graduate school.

### Big Eight Roundup Early Reports Indicate Position Battles in Big 8

The Big Eight football chase should be a real dandy this year. All but two teams are considered title threats and early reports from fall training camps indicate spirited battles for positions at every school.

"In the Big Eight," says Sports Illustrated magazine, "strength is dispersed among so many good teams that the race for the conference title could be the country's most exciting. Missouri almost the same team that many thought deserved No. 1 ranking over Minnesota last year, may have to fight for fourth position in the conference behind Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma."

At Kansas, the pre-season pick of the Big Eight coaches, a new candidate, 25-year old junior Jim Marshall, has injected himself into Kansas' much-discussed left halfback picture, according to reports.

Marshall, who earned varsity status primarily thru unabated hustle, has climbed into the fight for the injured Bert Coan's vacant slot in the Jayhawk backfield.

Hugh Smith, former Nebraska frosh griddy, currently has a firm grip on the starting left half spot.

Oklahoma State had its first scrimmage last Saturday and Coach Cliff Speegle had these comments to make:

"If we had been playing Saturday there is no telling how bad Iowa State would have beaten us. We've a long way to go." (Oklahoma State open against Iowa State Sept. 30)

When asked what individuals have improved the most since practice started, Speegle praised fullbacks Bobby Adecock, Bill McFarland and Tommy Jackson.

"They make this the strongest position on the team and we are going to play all three of them in our top units — somewhere," he said.

Iowa State seems offensively set for their opener tomorrow against Drake. The Cy-

clones will start Jim Clapper at quarterback, Dave Hoppmann at left half, J. W. Burden at right halfback and Dave Clayberg at full.

Coach Clay Stapleton has been involved in an almost complete rebuilding process this fall. Only two full-time regulars are back along with the two guards who shared duties at the left side of center.

Hoppman, who led the Big Eight in rushing with a Cyclone record total of 844 yards; and Dan Celoni, one of the best guards in Iowa State history, are the regulars returning for action. Dick Seeniak (defense) and Carl Prothro (offense) shared the left guard spot last year.

This means eight new men have broke into the starting lineup. They range from tiny senior end Steve Sturek (156 pounds) to hulking junior tackle Don Andersen (245). All but two of the probable starters are lettermen and all had some action last year.

### Two Huskers, Former Coaches Reunited Here

Two members of the Nebraska football team are again playing for their high school coaches.

Right end Mike Eger played his high school football for assistant coach George Kelly at South Bend, Ind., and quarterback John Faimon played for assistant coach Cletus Fischer at Omaha South.

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