

Sports Shots

By Bullet

Another Nebraska football opener is drawing near and the question prevalent throughout the state is how will the Huskers do this year? Will it be another season of ups and downs with the final season record leaving a sour taste among NU fans or is this the year the Scarlet and Cream will shine?

It could be either for Coach Bill Jennings' crew as the Huskers have been picked to finish anywhere from fourth to seventh in the Big Eight and win as many as seven or as few as three games this year in the pre-season polls. In four years as NU head coach Jennings has yet to produce a winner or finish higher than sixth in the conference but many observers feel this could be the year.

Jennings' overall coaching mark at NU since taking over as head coach in 1957 is 12 wins and 28 losses. Included in the 12 victories, however, were stunning upsets over Penn State and Pittsburgh in 1958, Minnesota and Oklahoma in '59 and Texas, Army and Oklahoma last year.

Jennings' Best Team

This year's gridiron gang is potentially the best Jennings has had and the 1961 schedule is also the weakest the Huskers have encountered in several seasons. The Huskers have plenty of beef and depth in the line and if Jennings can solve his not-so-serious backfield problems, watch out!!

The NU offense, the sore spot of the past few seasons, is a cinch to be stronger with Thunder Thornton playing halfback and a lot of halfback depth in the personnel of Pat Clare, Bernie Clay, Warren Powers and Willie Ross. All but Ross are lettermen.

Fullback may be less of a problem than expected even if Noel Martin can't play due to a knee injury. Rudy Johnson and Bill Comstock have both shown in spring practice and this fall that they want to play ball.

Three quarterbacks are making strong bids for the No. 1 signal-calling spot. Whichever one of the three, John Faimon, Dennis Claridge or Ron Meade, Jennings decides to choose should be able to do the job.

The Husker defense should be as tough as ever with a strong crops of returning linemen and linebackers providing the bulk to stop the opposition.

Huskers May Start Fast

The NU schedule is tailor-made for a young team such as Nebraska. The Huskers should be able to win four of their first five games, losing only to Syracuse. Nebraska should have no trouble with North Dakota and Kansas State and should beat Arizona and Oklahoma State.

Out of the last five games, all against Big Eight competition, the number of games the Huskers win will depend upon their improvement over the first half of the season. Nebraska is due to knock off Iowa State but the rest of the conference may be too tough.

Taking the middle road between an optimistic and pessimistic prediction, we'll pick the Huskers to win five and lose five. A 5-5 record would not be much of an improvement over last year, however, because Nebraska has substituted two weaker non-conference foes, North Dakota and Arizona, for Texas and Minnesota. Syracuse is a little tougher than last year's Eastern invader, Army.

Huskers Fifth

Tabbing the Huskers for a 3-4 conference mark and a fifth place finish in the Big Eight indicates the toughness of the league. Reports from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado and Iowa State all indicate improvement while Oklahoma State and Kansas State will be the weak sisters of the Big Eight.

Look for Kansas, with its all-everything backfield, to win the crown, closely followed by again powerful Oklahoma and challenging Colorado. Missouri, hurt in the backfield and end departments due to graduation losses, may slip to fourth, followed by Nebraska, Iowa State, Oklahoma State and Kansas State in that order.

Now that my foot seems to be wedged in my mouth as far as Nebraska and the Big Eight are concerned, here's a shot at some of the gridiron openers this weekend.

IOWA STATE 35, DRAKE 6—The Cyclones, only Big Eight team to play this Saturday, should have no trouble with Drake's melting-pot football team as Dave Hoppman and crew enjoy an easy opener.

OTHER GAMES—CINCINNATI 27 Dayton 13, VILLANOVA 21 Miami (Ohio) 19, XAVIER 12 Kent State 0, MIAMI (FLA.) 14, Pittsburgh 13, FLORIDA STATE 16 George Washington 13, RICHMOND 20 West Virginia 14, MEMPHIS STATE 30 Citadel 13, FURMAN 7 Presbyterian 6, VMI 27 Marshall 7, VIRGINIA TECH 13 William & Mary 7, TULSA 20 Hardin-Simmons 0, UTAH 35 Colorado State 6, UTAH STATE 24 Texas Western 14, WYOMING 35 Montana 13, WICHITA 12 Toledo 0 and MONTANA STATE 12 North Dakota 6.

Syracuse Game Tops Ticket Sales

The Oct. 14 clash with Syracuse is Nebraska's number one box office attraction of the 1961 grid season.

Less than six hundred tickets remain to the public for

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the Syracuse battle, according to A. L. Lewandowski, business manager of athletics.

The 21 thousand seats already reserved and the expected 8,000 faculty-employee and student season tickets already account for most of the 29,000 capacity of the Stadium.

Tickets for homecoming with Kansas Nov. 4 and the Sept. 30 Band Day attraction with Arizona are also selling fast.

An ample supply of seats still remain for the opening game against the University of North Dakota, September 23, Lewandowski said.

Student tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Coliseum lobby at seven dollars for the six games. Faculty and employee tickets will sell for 12 dollars.

Concession Meeting
A concession sellers meeting for all frosh and non-lettermen athletes will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Coliseum N Club rooms. Any non-lettermen athletes interested in selling at football games this fall must be present at the meeting in order to sign up, according to L. F. Klein, Concessions Director.

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Steel Strike Delays Sheldon Gallery Opening

The opening of the Sheldon Art Gallery may be delayed a full year until the fall of 1963.

V. M. Meyers, director of planning and construction, said that due to the steel strike the gallery will not be enclosed this fall and it will be difficult for the men to work outside unless there is a mild winter.

Remodeling of Nebraska Hall has already cost \$750,000 with more contracts to be awarded in the fall.

Portions of the basement and the first two floors have been converted into modern office space. The building is being used by University services that need not be located in the center of campus.

Bids for the new woman's dorm to be located west of 17th and just behind the present residence hall will be awarded this winter. Construction of the dorm, which will house about 800 coeds, should begin in the spring.

The old Nebraska Hall was torn down this summer; the University has no plans as of yet for the empty lot located north of the Geography building.

The North Selleck parking lot was paved at a cost of \$35,000. This includes the price of the meters.

Meyers said that the University has indefinite "thinking" plans for more peripheral parking around the campus.

The University purchased Northwestern Metal's property located just west of 10th street. There are no firm plans for the lot as of yet, but it will probably be used to extend parking for the time being.

Elsewhere on campus new fire escapes are being put on the old Music Building, and the corridors in the Teachers

College have been completely remodeled and relighted.

State Youth, Adult Aim to Unlock Potential Greatness of Nebraska

Over 400 high-school and college Nebraskans accepted the challenge of Governor Frank Morrison and Nebraska Conference of Youth Chairman Tom Kotouc to promote closer adult-youth teamwork in unlocking the potential greatness of Nebraska at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education in Lincoln, Tuesday.

Meeting at the call of Governor Frank Morrison to "seek ways of checking the exodus of Nebraska youth from the state," the 400 delegates pledged to follow-up the studies and recommendations of the Conference with Project Action — a program designed to stimulate community action and interest among both adult and youth in solving today's weaknesses on the Nebraska scene.

After reviewing a comprehensive, factual grouping of study materials prepared by youth with the recommendations of experts in state and federal departments, youth at the conference made 25 recommendations in the fields of economic opportunities, edu-

cation, recreation, health, and spiritual values which, if followed, would make the state desirable in the eyes of the 400 youth in attendance.

Through the three phase program of Project Action these youth will carry the recommendations and studies to students and adults across the state, applying them where possible to local problems and making recommendations for solving local problems. Where feasible, local conferences of youth or of youth and adults will be called to further study and take action on local problems.

Completely youth organized and directed by 75 youth members and consultants to the Nebraska Council of Youth, the Nebraska Conference of Youth was cited by Chairman Kotouc as "a test of the competence, responsibility and

and leadership of Nebraska youth."

University Students Active
Some 17 University students played active parts in the planning and development of the Conference: Tom Kotouc, conference chairman; John Lonnquist, Jr., program chairman; Lois Anderson, social hour chairman; Beth Dering, registration chairman; Susanne Plum, study material chairman;

Vicky Cullen, conference reporter; Chip Kuklin, Education study material chairman; Bob Campbell, and Jon Skaug spiritual values chairman; Mike Barton, spiritual values study material chairman; Marsh Kuhr and Joyce Baumann, recreation chairman; Tom McGinnis, economic opportunities committee; Cliff Hardin, education committee; Marilyn Moore and Susie Rosewell, spiritual values committee; Cal Messersmith, health committee.

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