

Sport Shorts

By The Old Pro
-Bob Prokop

Congratulations to the Huskers on a fine effort at Iowa State. The only disappointing factor of the game was that two Huskers were banished while equally guilty Iowa State gridders failed to get the thumb. Bill Jennings came through it all in glorious fashion and special praise goes out to a man who is still giving his last full measure of devotion. The Old Pro still hopes, that the future brings teams upsetting the Huskers rather than vice-versa.

In the search for an athletic director, the guessing game is still going on. According to recent information via the grapevine, the Husker athletic director has been selected. However, in hope that this information is not true, the Old Pro would like all Husker fans, students, faculty, alumni, and friends — to do some further thinking on this matter.

Bill Jennings stated in his news conference yesterday that he hasn't discussed the athletic director's job with anyone nor the renewal of his contract. In other words, Bill's future has not been discussed with him in any manner concerning the position he now holds, even though the administration officials are presently openly seeking an athletic director.

We, the young people of Nebraska, have much to say about its future. Our state has been noted for its conservatism which extends also into our athletics. We try and reach for the glory of the 30's with the same methods we used then; methods outmoded by time. Are we afraid to pay for what every Husker fan has wanted for years, a good winning football team, successful teams in other sports, and a team which is a source of pride to our state; or are we going to be a second-rate athletic school hiring second-rate personnel in important posts such as the athletic director, and expect first-rate results. The responsibility of our athletic situation at Nebraska University lies directly on his shoulders, contrary to some sports writers' beliefs, and he has the task of hiring and firing coaching staffs until the job is done.

It's too bad when we have to say that certain people are out of the reach of Nebraska's procurement because of price; this is an outright admission of being second-rate. All Husker fans can fully realize that an additional 5,000 tickets sold per game (which is entirely feasible) would bring in \$120,000, and pay the entire coaching staff and a few extra scholarships.)

This not only applies to athletics, it also applies to academics. Look at the record of the past five years and notice the great professors that left this school for financial reasons. Keep your eye on the ones that will leave in the next few years.

Three's an odd addage, when you hit a sore spot, it really hurts. What we've discussed in this column and in last week's column are Nebraska's sore spots. Do the responsible people of this school want to correct this situation or are we going to be in the same old rut for the next ten years until we have another change in administration?

I mentioned a few names in my last column who I considered men who were well-qualified to do the job. THE OLD PRO WANTS A FIRST-RATE MAN TO DO THE JOB TO MAKE NEBRASKA A FIRST-RATE SCHOOL IN ATHLETICS.

In an interview with Otto Graham, he made the following comment: "No one contacted me about the athletic director's job. I'm happy here but I am always willing to talk to anybody about the job, I'm interested."

In an interview with Robert Waterfield, the following comment was made: "I've heard of the situation at Nebraska University but no contact has been made. I'd be interested in the job but due to a four-year contract with the Rams, I'm afraid I would not be able to accept the position."

In an interview with Eddie Erdelatz, former athletic director at Navy, Erdelatz made the following statement: "This is the first I've heard about it. I'm certainly very interested in the job and I'm sure that I could bring the type of football to Nebraska that would please the Nebraska fans. I would appreciate any support given to me in this direction and I hope that my name will be considered for the post."

Here are three top names in the football field, picked at random from the list The Old Pro made in his last column. We can get first-rate coaches, if we want them. Also under recent consideration are Wichita's athletic director, Tippy Dye, and his head football coach, Hank Foldberg. Both men are outstanding and should be given adequate consideration since they built up Wichita University to its highest point in many years. The Old Pro however, would like to back Eddie Erdelatz for the job.

Until a change in policy at the Naval Academy on its head coaches being navy men, Eddie turned out the finest football teams in the nation. At present, he is head coach of the Oakland Raiders and one of the top Pro Coaches in the American Football League. Eddie Erdelatz is experienced in all lines of athletics and is perhaps the best prospect the Nebraska officials could get at this time.

The Old Pro suggests that each Husker fan, whether he be an alum student, or janitor of Arvey Lab, flood the Daily Nebraskan with letters concerning his thoughts on the athletic director's job at Nebraska and his support of Eddie Erdelatz or Otto Graham for the position. Public opinion is the only deterring factor that might stop a second-rate selection. Public support and ideas are a strong factor in deciding whether Nebraska is to be the fabled unbeatable team of the midlands that it once used to be or a new league member of the Dakota Conference, a mythical league of North Dakota, South

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NU's QB Claridge Earns Star Award

By Bob Besom

Denny Claridge enjoyed his first taste of toting the pigskin from the halfback spot during Saturday's upset victory over Iowa State.

The Daily Nebraskan Star of the Week said, "Running from the left half position has given me a better perspective of the importance of good over-all blocking (which we had during the Iowa game)."

The handful of relief assignments in the first half was Dennis' first offensive change this season from his regular quarterback routine.

Claridge, who ran the club most of the game, not only kept the Nebraska offense clicking smoothly against Iowa State but also occasionally doubled with a key role in the defensive secondary.

Claridge retained his top seat in the Big Eight punting charts, sending five boots 200 yards against the Wildcats.

He has punted 34 times this season for 1,356 yards and a 39.9 average.

In other statistics, Claridge has made two interceptions and returned them for a total of 53 yards. He has carried on 49 occasions this season and gained 151 yards. And he has a total offensive gain of 414 yards in 132 plays.

The 20-year-old Arts and Sciences student had his best afternoon all season in the air routes. Dennis hit five of eight passes for 83 yards but gave the credit to the blockers whose "over-all pass protection was exceptional."

Claridge was quite excited about the Iowa State win but quickly turned his attention to the Colorado Buffaloes who invade Memorial Stadium Saturday. "Colorado will probably be on the rampage due to their surprise defeat by Utah, so we will have to be at our best to get another win Saturday."

Denny, a redshirt junior, is in pre-dent and comes to Nebraska from Robinsdale, Minnesota. He attended Robinsdale High where he was an all state quarterback selection and a three-sport letterman. Claridge is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.



DENNIS CLARIDGE

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Monday's Scores

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—68
Alpha Psi Omega—37
Manatt—1
Selleck—1
Pi Delta Theta—45
Andrews—30
Bessy—1
Muelken—30

Wednesday's Games

Ag College 5:30 p.m., Ag Men vs. Alpha Gamma Sigma—A; 7:30 p.m., Alpha Gamma Rho—B vs. Cornhusker—B; 8:30 p.m., Farm House—B vs. Beta Sigma Psi—B.
P.E. Court 1, 5:30 p.m., Dental College vs. Navy; ROTC; 6:30, Canfield—B vs. Andrews—B.
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Husker Tackle Sidelined with Tonsillitis

Bob Brown, 251-pound Nebraska right tackle, missed last night's Husker football contact drills due to a case

of tonsillitis. The sophomore lineman was confined to Student Health, according to Coach Bill Jennings.

Mixer Slated

There will be an "N Club" mixer for all varsity and freshmen athletes at 7:15 'night at the Coliseum.

Halfbacks Willie Ross and Rudy Johnson are on "limited duty," Jennings said.

Jennings said that in order to beat the favored Colorado Buffaloes Saturday, the Huskers must "stop their throwing and move the ball enough to score—and prevent being on defense 'all afternoon.'"

The Huskers will have their hands full with CU's quarterback Gale Weidner, the league's leading passer.

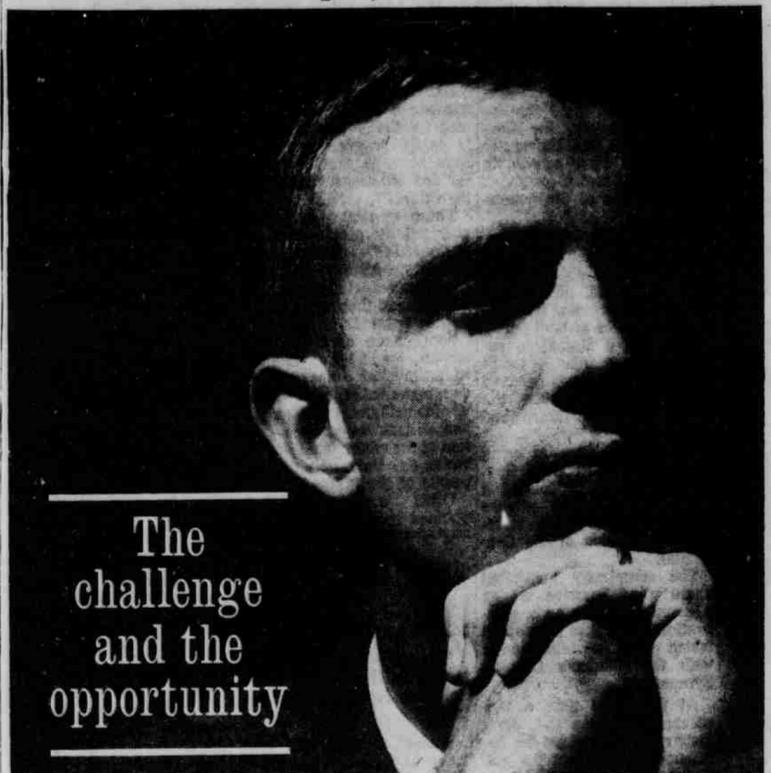
Jennings estimated that three touchdowns should be enough to beat the Buffs "and

I'd sure like to get three TDs against Colorado," he commented.

The Huskers have scored three TDs in a game only twice this year—in the 33-0 win over North Dakota and the 24-0 blanking of Kansas State.

Jennings said that soph tackle Lloyd Voss, who was a starter until being slowed by the flu last week, is going at full steam again and will replace Brown in the starting lineup.

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