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Editors note: This comprehensive prospectus initiates what we hope to be complete coverage of spring football drills of Nebraska's Big Eight Champion Cornhuskers. The bulk of this prospectus comes via Don Bryant and the Nebraska sports publicity department.

1965 NEBRASKA SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Opponent, Site, 1964 Score. Rows include Sept. 18 Texas Christian, Sept. 25 Air Force Academy, Oct. 2 Iowa State, etc.

1965 NEBRASKA SPRING FOOTBALL ROSTER

Table with columns: Player, Hometown, Position, Ht., Wt., Class. Lists players like Earl Bill, Dennis Carlsson, etc.

LETTERMEN RETURNING FOR 1965

Table listing returning lettermen by position: Ends, Guards, Quarterbacks, Fullbacks, etc.

1965 NEBRASKA COACHES

Head Coach: Bob Devaney. Offensive Backs: Carl Selmer. Defensive Line: George Kelly. Ends: Tom Osborne.

Despite the loss of several key players and the prospect of rebuilding the interior offensive line, the Nebraska Cornhuskers expect to field another contender for first-division Big 8 honors in 1965. Spring practice is slated to open April 2 and conclude on May 8 with the annual intrasquad game at Memorial Stadium.

Dennis Carlsson. Duda, by the way, is slated to return in the fall, but will skip spring practice. Defensively, the Cornhuskers return 10 of 11 members of the unit that led the Big 8 in all categories and ranked No. 2 nationally in total defense.

Graduation gaps created by the departure of 14 seniors, including All America tackle Larry Kramer, All Big 8 halfback Kent McCloughan, All Big 8 center Lyle Sittler, and Hohn will have to be plugged by returning third-deckers and graduates of the unbeaten 1964 Frosh squad.

Offensive Ends — Outstanding pair in Freeman White and Tony Jeter. However, depth must be developed and this could be a problem. Defensive Ends — Outstanding on one side with Langston Coleman, with two fine vets in Mike Grace and Bill Haug.

Offense — Help must be found here. All America Larry Kramer is gone. This could be a weak spot. Walt Barnes may come off defense to aid. Defense — Outstanding on one side with John Strohmeyer; above average on the other side with Dick Czup.

Offense — Big hole left by All Big 8 Lyle Sittler. Duncan Drum returns along with several squadmen. But this position is of prime spring practice concern. Defense — Outstanding if Walt Barnes stays at middle guard; post is wide open if he goes to offense.

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Left end FREEMAN WHITE (6-3, 225). All Big 8. Led NU with 338 yards in pass receptions, just one shy of the all-time record. Caught two touchdown passes, one a 92-yarder against Kan-

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Center LYLE SITTLER, All Big 8; co-captain. Left halfback KENT MC-CLOUGHAN, All Big 8. Right halfback BOBBY HOHN, co-captain. Returning Defensive Starters Left end MIKE GRACE (6-3, 220). Mike became a standout defensive end as a soph before breaking his leg in the Missouri game.

Right tackle DENNIS CARLSON (6-2, 235). Pegged as a third-unit left tackle in the opening 1964 game, Carlson was switched to offensive right tackle for the Minnesota game when Coach Devaney installed the two-platoon system and filled the post well. Lack of speed and quickness prevents him from being a standout.

Quarterback BOB CHURCHIC (5-11, 176). Big 8 Sophomore Back of the Year. Broke Dennis Claridge's season passing yardage record with 893 yards on 54 of 102 pitches, despite fact he didn't start playing regularly until Fred Duda broke his leg in the third game.

Right halfback HARRY WILSON (5-11, 189). Tough, elusive runner. "Light Horse Harry" became an alternate No. 1 right half with co-captain Bobby Hohn during the last half of the season. Also served as top right half when Hohn operated from the fullback spot.

Fullback FRANK SOLICH (5-8, 162). Probably big-time college football's smallest fullback, Fearless Frankie led the Cornhuskers in rushing with 444 yards and a 5.1 average. He also caught a 45-yard TD pass during NU's fantastic comeback in the last-ditch 26-21 win over Minnesota.

Offense — Kent McCloughan and Bob Hohn will be missed, but Harry Wilson, Ron Kirkland, Kaye Carstens will give Huskers some top-flight experience. Squadmen and Frosh could help, too, so it's not a danger spot to date. Defense — Depth needed to back up Bill Johnson and Ted Vactor; help imperative if either go offense.

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Left tackle DICK CZAP (6-2, 256). Biggest man on the 1964 squad. He's tough and rugged, with the ability to charge quickly. It was his bruising charge that forced a Kansas fumble on the NU one-yard line to preserve a 14-7 win.

Right corner-back BILL JOHNSON (5-10, 187). Not a flashy defender, but a solid journey-man member of the Black Shirt platoon. A good blocker and shifty runner, Billy may get a shot at an offensive job this spring.

Left safety TED VACTOR (5-11, 176). All Big 8. Quick and fast. Can come up quickly to make tackle. Solid pass defender. Right safety LARRY WACHHOLTZ (5-8, 163). A tiny safety man, to be sure, but Larry has fine quickness and uncanny reading ability which helps him diagnose instantly and get to the right place at the right time.

Left tackle JOHN STROHMAYER (6-2, 235). Nebraska's standout defensive lineman of the Cotton Bowl game. John improved rapidly as the season progressed, so much, in fact, he was dated as a junior by the pros. He's big, quick and tough.

Middle guard WALT BARNES (6-3, 235). All Big 8. Started season as offensive (or No. 1 before platoon switch) right tackle. May return to offensive unit for 1965. He has outstanding speed and quickness for a big man. Tough and rugged. Like Strohmeyer, Barnes is considered a top candidate for regional and national honors.

Right end LANGSTON (TREY) COLEMAN (6-2, 194). After a great soph season as a defensive star for the Huskers, Coleman is another NU candidate for top honors. Quick, agile, tough, rugged and a fine competitor. Coleman sparked consistently for the Scarlets. It was his great charge and goal-line tackle of Gary Lane that gave NU a safety to break open the Missouri game in the fourth quarter and set

the stage for the 9-0 win. game — and he made the tackles to save TDs). Larry also staged a great pass interception against Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl game. DEPARTED DEFENSIVE STARTER Left corner-back JOE McNULTY. Outstanding FROSH PROSPECTS Several graduates of Nebraska's unbeaten Frosh team are being counted on to make valuable contributions in 1965. Among the 100 or so Frosh who will be given heavy assignments in spring practice are:

Linebackers — Al Fiery (6-3, 200); Ernie Sigler (6-0, 185); Dennis Morrison (6-1, 185). Fullbacks — Ben Gregory (6-0, 190); Al Kuehl (6-2, 210). Quarterbacks — George Backler (6-0, 190); Charles (Choo-Choo) Winters (6-2, 210). RETURNING SQUADMEN TO WATCH In addition to six returning offensive players and 11 returning defensive regulars, the Cornhuskers will start spring practice with some 25 members of the 1964 team who did not letter. Top candidates to plug key holes probably will come from 8 lettermen, who saw service with the third unit. This group includes:

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