

Big Eight Spotlight . . . Oklahoma Watches Quarterback, End Sirength As Spring Drills Progress

Working without captains, Oklahoma's Big Eight football runners-up started spring practice March 9. "We won't elect captains this spring," Coach Gomer Jones said. "We've discovered that captains sometimes become so involved 'mothering' the squad while serving as contacts between players and coaches that they lose their effectiveness as players. After the season, our squad will elect its captain or captains."

Jones said that Sooner captains would be appointed for each game this fall. Oklahoma opens at Pittsburgh Sept. 25, then meets Navy here Oct. 2 and Texas at Dallas Oct. 9.

Oklahoma drew eight full teams and a few more for its first drill. Practices will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week.

"We'll divide each day's workout into offensive and defensive drills so everybody can go both ways the first two weeks," Jones said. "Then we'll rest a week during the spring holiday. When the squad returns, we'll divide it into platoons, placing each boy on the platoon where we think he'll do the most good."

Seeking to improve its forward passing, Oklahoma will start this spring with a wing T formation involving a split-end, thus providing two detached men to throw to instead of the one used most of last fall, Jones said.

Jones will have assistants Jay O'Neel, Drake Keith, Jerry Thompson, Bob Cornell, Carl Allison, Joe Rector, Dick Healy and Brewster Hobby helping, also student coaches Wayne Lee, Dennis Ward, Jimmy Payne, Larry Vermilion, Jerry Hayden and Paul Lee.

The first day alignment of positions, favoring players with any type of varsity experience, will no doubt change rapidly as members of last year's all-victorious freshman team challenge vigorously. Despite their victories over Tulsa and Oklahoma State, the Boomers lacked top-flight linemen.

"We especially need tackles, ends and quarterbacks," Jones pointed out. The halfback situation is also insecure with graduation of Lance Rentzel, crack sweep-er-bucker-receiver of last year and the switch of Larry Brown to fullback.

LE—Ray Haynes, Nehemiah Flowers (squad) and sophomores James Linn (Tulsa Hale), Terry Baumeister (Putnam City), Alford Knight (OC Grant), Dan Shane (Henryetta), George Scantlin (Wichita, Kan.), Dave Frazer (Folsom, Calif.).

LT—Mike Burns (injury red shirt), James Kalsu (squad), Mike Smith (squad).

Golf Match Is Postponed

The varsity golf team under the tutorage of Coach Harry Good has been suffering the same fate as that of the baseball squad—the weatherman has attacked it.

The Golf meet which was scheduled for April 1 with Creighton and South Dakota has been cancelled. The meet scheduled for next Wednesday with Omaha University which was to be played at Miracle Hills in Omaha has been rescheduled for Lincoln's Holmes golf course here in Lincoln. Good hopes that South Dakota will be able to make it to Lincoln for the meet.

The nucleus of this year's golf squad will be three men. Tom Thompson, Hastings two letter man paces the squad.

Bob Saffer from Omaha owns one letter, as does Kern Mortensen of Albion.

Coach Good said that because of the weather, the boys were playing a little slow, but that the other golfers in the midwest were under the same handicap.

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James Alfieri (squad) and sophomores Eddie Lancaster (Shawnee), John Titsworth (Heavener), David King (Lindsay), Phil Wetherbee (Amarillo, Tex.).

LG—Vernon Burkett, Ron Winfrey (squad), Tony Jenkins (squad), Virgil Allford (squad), and sophomores Oscar Butts (Jenks), Granville Liggins (Tulsa Washington), Dave Roberts (Dewey), Ashley Rutherford (Midwest City).

C—Bill Carlyle, **Carl McAdams, Paul Bagwell (squad), Don Kindley (squad) and sophomores Bob Craig (McAlester), Robert Flanagan (Fort Worth, Tex.), Ronnie Fisk (Del City), Richard Goodwin (Pampa, Tex.).

RD—Eugene Ross, **Larry Shields, Bobby Robinson (squad), Mike Harman (squad), Bob Minnis (squad) and sophomores Don Davis (Seminole), Robert Duncan (Duncan).

FB—Jon Kennedy, **Larry Brown, Alan Henderson, Rger Rains (squad) and sophomores Willie Wystemp, (OC John Marshall), Tommy Jenkins (Tulsa Webster), Joe Henderson (Folsom, Calif.), Harry Hettmansperger (Stockton, Calif.).

RE—Gordon Brown, Bill Ross (squad) and sophomores John Koller (Burkburnett, Tex.), Sammy Denton (Lake Village, Ark.), Gordon Wheeler (Carlsbad, N. M.), Don Roberts (Tulsa Edison), Mike Ellis (OC Harding), James Scribner (Muskogee).

LH—Stan Crowder (injury red shirt), Ben Hart, Thurman Pitchlynn (squad), *Rod Crosswhite, and sophomores Ron Shotts (Weatherford), Bob Stephenson (Claremont, Calif.), Mike Sackett (Amarillo, Tex.).

One letter. ** Two letters.

Nebraska Baseball Team Opens Today Following Long, Cold Wait



With Rue His Heart Is Laden . . . John Roux, last year's leading hitter, has been having a cold but thus far this spring mainly because he hasn't had a chance to swing it in competition. Roux may get his chance along with the other Husker swatters as the Nebraska baseball season should be inaugurated today.

Nebraska's baseball team will get off to a belated start this afternoon at Beatrice against the South Dakota State Coyotes.

Coach Tony Sharpe's forces are scheduled to take the field at Riverside Park around 1:30 p.m. for the double-header.

Sharpe is going with an experienced field and a sophomore hurler in the first game.

Randy Harris will go at second-base and bat first. Third-baseman Joe Gaughan bats second, followed by catcher Larry Bornschlegel.

Number four man is right-fielder Dennis Gemar. Gemar is followed by left-fielder Gary Tunnison, shortstop and last year's leading hitter John Roux.

Hitting seventh will be first-sacker Rich Brenning. Curt Johnson will be in right field and bat eighth.

Sophomore Gary Neibauer will hurl the first seven innings. The fast-balling rookie right-hander figures prominently in Sharpe's pitching rotation, and may be able to move right in now that bad weather has helped compensate for his late reporting due to basketball duty.

Bob Hergenrader, junior left-hander, is slated to work in the second contest.

With the cooperation of the weather, NU will return to Lincoln on Saturday to play the Coyotes in another twin-bill. If conditions on the campus field are not conducive to play on Saturday, the teams probably will remain in Beatrice.

Coach Sharpe is hoping for clear weather at the Lincoln site in order that his team can put in much needed game action in preparation for next weekend's Big Eight opener in Lincoln with the University of Missouri.

The Missouri team could provide Husker fans with one of the most exciting players in the conference.

Ray Thorpe, the first Negro member of a Tiger baseball team, is a speedy 5'9" outfielder who halfbacks on the football team.

In last week's series with Texas Tech, Thorpe hit for the cycle—a single, double, triple and homer—during a 26-3 Missouri romp.

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Texas Relays To Start

A medley of champions. That will be Nebraska's sprint medley relay team as the Huskers open the outdoor track season at the Texas Relays in Austin today and tomorrow.

Running the 220's on the sprint medley will be Big Eight and NCAA 60-yard dash champ, Charlie Greene, and Big Eight 100-yard dash king, Lynn Headley. Conference outdoor quarter mile champ, Dave Crook will run the 440 leg and indoor half mile winner Jim Wendt will anchor with the 880.

Husker coach Frank Sevigne will enter two other relay teams this weekend.

Running on the 440-yard relay will be Tom Millsap, Crook, Headley and Greene.

A quartet composed of Dennis Walker, Wendt, Dick Strand and Crook will enter the mile relay contest.

The Huskers will not be entering any individual events this year. Any thoughts on how well the Huskers will do on the outdoor track circuit remain very much "up in the air". The late cold spell prevented the runners from doing outside work on Nebraska's newly resurfaced track.

The tracksters will be opening the dual season next weekend at Iowa State. Just before Spring Vacation a delegation will go to Kansas for the Kansas Relays on April 16-17 and ending the break week will be the Drake Relays on April 23-24.

May 1, the Huskers travel to Colorado for a dual and on May 8, Big Eight Indoor champ Missouri will invade Lincoln.

Nebraska will host the Big Eight Outdoor Championships on May 14-15.

Wrestlers Weigh Today

The last day for weigh-ins for intramural wrestlers is today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Coliseum basement.

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