

Utah lettermen return, Car club shifts into gear

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A flock of 33 returning lettermen greeted Utah's new football coach Bill Meek, but that figure tends to be somewhat deceiving.

The 13 lettermen the Redskins lost from last year's outfit, which posted a 4-7 record, accounted for the bulk of what punch the Utes had.

Youth is the keynote as Meek prepares to rebuild the offensive line which lists only one returning regular at the same position.

But that one returning regular up front could spell trouble for the Huskers when the Skins invade Memorial Stadium Saturday.

JACK ANDREWS, who led the Utes in receiving his junior season, launches his senior campaign at the split end slot. In 1967 he was on the receiving end of 38 passes, good for 452 yards and three touchdowns.

But obviously, Andrews' effectiveness will rely on the quarterback performance, and the Salt Lake City club faced a definite problem at that spot after completing spring drills.

Fall practice sessions, however, produced a pleasant surprise as junior Ray Groth, the starting flanker on last year's unit, turned in an outstanding job to nail down the No. 1 spot at signalcaller.

Groth ranked third in receiving statistics last year as a soph, grabbing 18 passes for 299 yards and three touchdowns. Possessing excellent speed, he is considered a threat on the pass-run option after improving on his passing game this fall.

Meek has incorporated a new offensive system, throwing the "Pro I" into the waste can. The former Kansas State pilot has installed the "T" with a number of variations, hopefully to create a more balanced running attack.

Steve Molnar, the only offensive back who was expected to resume a starting position this season, suffered

minor injuries in early fall workouts, giving a slight advantage to junior Nate Tyler.

Junior Bill Fowler, second leading scorer with five touchdowns for the 1967 tribe of Redskins, will start at right halfback while the left halfback slot will be manned by senior Greg Soules, who moved ahead of Dave Smith after an inter-squad scrimmage last Saturday.

SOPHOMORE Cal Poulson, top quarterback for last year's freshman team; and junior Tim Harr, transfer from California's junior college system, press Fowler for the right halfback assignment.

Ted Harper, at 6-6, 215-pound junior, is the likely tight end starter opposite Andrews at split end.

The left tackle job has been completely up for grabs, but the coed will be filled by Marion Boykin, a 236-pound soph. Senior Harold Richardson, who saw limited action last year, will line up as the starting left guard.

The defensive side of the ledger stacks up as a strong point, experience-wise, with eight of the starting 11 from last year's unit returning. But again, this figure may deceive as the 1967 troops yielded 252 points, an average close to 23 per game.

Norm McBride and Gary Kerl, who pack 460 pounds between them, are rated two of the finest defensive ends in the Western Athletic Conference. McBride, a Los

angeles product.

THE UTES will revert from the four and five man line of a year ago to a six man front with two linebackers. The two additional men are tabbed "defensive cornermen" and will be playing outside, much like a defensive end.

Veterans return to both sides, making the linebacking positions solid. Senior Doug Poulson and junior Larry Stone both started last season for the Skins and are counted on heavily this year.

Gary Barker, starting safety last year as a soph, again will open at that spot. Barker intercepted six passes in '67, averaging better than 30 yards per return.

Utah is the second straight WAC for the Huskers will face this season. NU dumped Wyoming, rated as one of the top three teams in the loop, in its opener, 13-10. The Utes have been picked to finish sixth in the eight-team league. Pre-season polls are getting an early workout. The credibility of the polls remains to be seen.

It looks as if John Olson can start passing around cigars this year.

Because his child looks as if it will live. In fact, it's alive and kicking in the Student Union.

Olson's child is the University of Nebraska chapter of the Nebraska Region Sports Car Club of America. If that sounds like a mouthful, that's because Olson had to go to a lot of trouble to make everything legal and come out in the open with it.

WHEN I first talked to Olson a year ago — he was then in the comptroller's office — he was planning to get NU students interested in joining the activities of the Nebraska Region club and, more particularly, the Lincoln group, of which he was a member.

John was then quite pessimistic about actually forming an independent campus organization, but hoped to lure some students into sports car rallies already going on around Lincoln.

He began by talking to a

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group of students at Harper Hall, mentioning in passing that he hoped to get students involved.

Olson soon found out he had underestimated the enthusiasm of some of the students when they immediately pressed him to

help them form a campus chapter which would be a part of the Nebraska Region, but also an independent chapter.

They set up a framework by electing student officers, began registration processes with the University and the

Interviews fill Tribunal spots

The Student Tribunal will interview for two senior members, a junior or senior in law school, and four senior alternates.

Applications may be picked up at the Office of Student Affairs. The interviews will be held Sunday, Sept. 22 at 12:30 p.m.

The N Crowd

region and pressed Olson to help them set up their own rally.

From there the thing just seemed to flower; and when the newly-formed club held its first time-distance rally last spring more than 40 participants turned up.

BUT THE thing which pleased Olson most was that only about half the members owned what is normally considered a "sports car," in the European rally tradition.

This was the thing he has tried to stress: that one need not own a Jaguar in order to take part in a rally. A Chevrolet or Ford will do just as well as far as having fun.

This year Olson is no longer with the University, but is still serving the club as region adviser.

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College is serving as faculty adviser to the club and the paperwork of getting legalized is now being put through student activities.

For those who wish to get in on a good thing, the first rally of this season is set for Sunday, Sept. 29. It will be another time-distance rally starting from the Dental College parking lot at noon.

For those just interested in seeing what goes on, the next meeting of the club will be held Oct. 2 in the Union, beginning at 9 p.m., with the election of officers.

Anyone interested in "just having fun" should contact Olson or one of the officers of the club. What started out as a good idea is now a working plan, and soon it will even be "A.S.U.N. Approved."

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