

Nebraska Athletes May Be Without a Field but the Spirit of Sport Will Live at the University

Varsity Boys Minus Field

Regents Take Gridiron Away and Provide No Substitute.

OMAHA MAY GET SOME OF GAMES

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LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—"Will the Cornhuskers be forced to abandon their local football schedule for 1908 and transfer games arranged for Lincoln to Omaha or some other city?" This is the question which confronts the University of Nebraska athletic authorities and to which they are unable to answer "no."

An answer now either in the affirmative or negative would be only a guess for the settlement of this question can come only when the problem of securing an athletic field is solved. At the present time Nebraska has in its files for next year and unless one is secured before many weeks there will be no intercollegiate football games in Lincoln next fall.

Cornhuskers Hold Back

In turning over Nebraska field as a site for the engineering building the board of regents provided no other grounds for athletic contests and left the Cornhusker athletes without a place on which to pursue their sports. Now with the spring athletics at hand the Cornhuskers are forced to go away from the campus to hold their track and base ball contests.

The athletic authorities feel that the football games will have to be played on or near the campus in order to make the gridiron sport pay. Base ball and track contests when pulled off on grounds far from the university will lose money, of course, but football at Nebraska is dependent upon to make up the deficit incurred by the other branches of athletics and must be run on a paying basis.

Purchase is Big Proposition

There are several lots adjacent to the present athletic grounds on the north side, which is an ideal location for another field. They could be purchased at a field fitted up that would be much better than the present one. If the athletic department had enough money. The land would cost about \$20,000 and the equipment it would take about \$25,000. With only a few thousand dollars in the treasury, however, the purchase of these lots is out of the question unless some of Lincoln's wealthy citizens come to the aid of the athletic board.

Manager Eager Protest

Manager Eager voices the general sentiment of the board in the comment which he made on the situation:

"The board of regents have taken Nebraska field and driven us from the campus without suggesting how we are going to get another home for our athletics. The athletic department has a large amount of money invested in the present field. It was a hard proposition to scrape together enough money to put the field in condition and we went to no small expenses in erecting bleachers, fence, and grandstand. The expense of these improvements was borne by the athletic board—not one cent did the regents pay. It seems to me that the board of regents in taking our field from us ought to stand at least a part of the loss to the athletic department resulting from such action."

Scene of Many Struggles

Nebraska field has been the scene of some great football struggles, the memories of which are still fresh in the minds of the students.

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Omaha Bowlers Who Will Compete in National Tourney at Cincinnati



Zimmerman, Marble, Johnson, Chandler, ALL OMAHA, Cunard, Reynolds, Bengels.



Sprague, Denman, Huntington, Blakeney, Neale, Francisco, Gjorda, Fritschner, Cochran, Weber, Anderson. STORZ BLUE RIBBONS. METZ BROTHERS.

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BLUE BLOODS RACE FOR CLASSICS

James R. Keene's Collin, Ballot and Celt Honored in Weight Allowments—Pointers About Concessions.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Seventy-four thoroughbred horses have been named to start in either the Brooklyn, Suburban or Brighton handicap this year. Conservative turfmen say that these horses are worth close to \$1,000,000 in value, taking into consideration their breeding and racing qualities.

James R. Keene, America's foremost breeder and sportsman, whose great racing stable won more than \$10,000,000 in stakes and purses last year, is represented in these handicaps by Ballot, a 4-year-old chestnut colt by Voter—Certo; Superman, a 4-year-old colt by Commando—Anomaly; Collin, a 3-year-old colt by Commando—Pastorius; Gretna Green, a 3-year-old horse gelding by Ben Brush—Runaway Girl; Celt, a 3-year-old chestnut colt by Commando—Maid of Erin; Transvaal, a 3-year-old bay colt by Commando—Royal Rose, and Restigouche, a 3-year-old black gelding by Commando—Dancing Water. A total value of these horses probably equals the others, when it is taken into consideration that Mr. Keene was quoted as saying last year that an offer of \$100,000 for the mighty Collin would not have been considered even for a moment. For that matter Mr. Keene made it quite plain that money could not buy Collin, who, in his opinion, is the greatest racehorse in the world today.

No Price on Collin

If there were no price upon Collin, but an offer of \$100,000 would be declined, it is fair to assume that Celt, another superb son of Commando, is not so very far behind Collin as to value. Celt came to hand so impressively when he ran second to Collin in the Flatbush Stakes last fall and then defeated the \$20,000 Uncle in the junior champion stakes a week later that he was really pronounced the second best 3-year-old of the year. Ballot, who took Peter Pan's place as a sterling winner of handicaps last fall, is another most valuable racer, while Superman is a seasoned horse who won memorable laurels when he captured the Brooklyn handicap last spring. Gretna Green is only a fair handicap horse, while Transvaal and Restigouche did just enough as 3-year-olds to indicate future possibilities.

In arranging the weights for the three big handicaps W. S. Voshburgh plainly showed that his estimate of the Keene candidates was at top notch. Mr. Voshburgh gave what is known as top weight in actual pounds to Ballot, who will be asked to carry 127 pounds, the best ever for a 3-year-old. Collin is asked to carry 125 pounds, which is a penalty. But as far as the Brooklyn handicap is concerned Collin, according to the scale of weights in May, must concede two pounds to Ballot. Collin's impost being 131, which includes two pounds on the scale.

Collin Carries Top Weight

As Collin therefore carries top weight according to the scale, it may be seen that Mr. Voshburgh rates him as the best racehorse named for the Brooklyn, although of course, it is that official's task to so weight the horses that all of them may have an equal chance of winning. Conceding two pounds to Ballot by the scale therefore Collin gives five pounds to Celt, his stablemate. But at the same time Collin concedes four pounds to the second best, Gretna Green, who is a 3-year-old gelding. Collin is also asked to give six pounds by the scale to the Patonogue Stable's Nealon and Charles Edward and six to Uncle, a three-year old by Star Shoot—The Niece, who is rated just behind Celt in point of racing prowess.

Mr. Voshburgh considers Collin's eight pounds better than Montgomery, winner of the Burns Handicap at Oakland recently, and Glorifier, the Hastings horse who captured the Carter and Metropolitan Handicap last spring; nine pounds better than Lawrence B. Cole, who won the first part of the three-year olds Fair Play and Royal Tourist and is asked to give thirteen pounds by the scale to Dr. Gardner, the \$15,000 Bannockburn colt who captured the 1907 Excelsior Handicap; also thirteen pounds to King James, John E. Madden's best three-year old, who is rated to Firestone, the California colt who won the first part of the rich double event at the Bay last June.

Concession to Dundell

Collin must concede fourteen pounds in scale weight to Dundell, a name son of Hamburg, who is a consistent but unlucky handicap horse, and the same to Dave Johnson's Senator Clay, who did not apparently class with Dundell last year. Collin's concession to the Oneck Stable's good colt Coburn is fifteen pounds, while he gives sixteen to W. H. Carey, Sir Hubert, Coptown, Jack Aikin, Falcata, Master Robert, Running Account and Transvaal. The handicapper makes him seventeen pounds better than the Newcastle Stable's McCarter, who was a pretty high-class three-year old; Blue Hook, Fifteen and Gretna Green, while eighteen pounds to De Mund and Restigouche is not considered too great a task. Collin's biggest concession in the Brooklyn is forty-three pounds to Flannan, a selling plate of some class.

The suburban allotments show that Mr. Voshburgh places Collin and Ballot on equal terms, according to the scale of weights, Ballot, a 4-year-old, with 126, and Collin, a 3-year-old, with 131. The June scale adds two pounds to the 3-year-old weights, while it takes one pound off horses 5 years and over. That means, therefore, that Collin and Ballot, picking up the same scale weight, concede only three pounds to Nealon and four to Charles Edward, but they both give five pounds to Celt and six to Uncle, also seen to Frank Gill and eight to Electioneer.

Claim to Greatness Justified

In the Brighton handicap, which is run in July, another shift in the weight scale makes Ballot concede two pounds to Collin, who in turn meets Salvidere at even weights and concedes two pounds to Charles Edward, allowances being made to all of the others.

Collin's Claim to Greatness Justified

Collin's claim to greatness is justified.

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