

HUSKER ELEVEN AGAIN CARDED TO PLAY SYRACUSE

New Yorkers Have Turkey Date on Nebraska's 1918 Schedule; Two Open Dates Remain.

Syracuse so far is the only big university to find a place on Nebraska's 1918 football schedule.

Five games have been scheduled for next fall by the Cornhuskers. Nebraska Wesleyan, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Syracuse, all played this year, are on the card.

Two dates remain open. They are October 19 and October 26. The games scheduled so far are as follows:

- October 12—Nebraska Wesleyan at Lincoln.
October 19—Open.
October 26—Open.
November 2—Missouri at Columbia.
November 9—Kansas at Lincoln.
November 16—Syracuse at Lincoln.

Two of the games, Missouri and Iowa, will be played in hostile territory, the remaining three on Nebraska field at Lincoln.

It is expected that the two open dates will be filled soon. These games probably will be scheduled for Lincoln, although, in an emergency, one might be carded for a foreign field.

No Michigan Game.

These two open dates were occupied this year by the Michigan and Notre Dame games. It is practically settled that the Cornhuskers will not play the Wolverines next year, as Yost has decided to trim his schedule from 10 games to seven, and in order to play more Big Ten teams will drop Stewart's men.

A Notre Dame game may be arranged, as the Hoosiers have no objection to playing away from home, and this is a popular combat at Lincoln.

The only Missouri valley school to complete its 1918 football schedule is Kansas. The Jayhawkers have the following games carded:

- October 12—Normalia at Lawrence.
October 19—Washington at Topeka.
October 26—Ames at Ames.
November 2—Aggie at Lawrence.
November 9—Oklahoma at Lawrence.
November 16—Nebraska at Lincoln.
November 23—Missouri at Lawrence.

Huskies to Battle Gophers, Ames and Jayhawk on Track

Preparations for spring athletics in the Missouri valley conference have not progressed far as yet and only two schools have completed their schedules. These two are Kansas and Nebraska universities. Kansas will hold an indoor meet with Kansas State Agricultural college February 18 at Manhattan, but no other school in the valley has announced arrangements completed for an indoor meet.

Kansas' schedule for outdoor track follows:

- May 3—Aggie at Manhattan.
May 11—Missouri at Columbia.
May 18—Nebraska at Lawrence.
Nebraska's outdoor track schedule:

- May 11—Ames at Lincoln.
May 18—Minnesota at Lincoln.
May 15—Kansas at Lawrence.

Georgia Tech Fan Figures Dope on Leading Eleven

A close follower of the football activities of the Georgia Tech team this year, with a leaning toward statistics, has prepared a table of comparative scores which shows that the southern school was on an average close to 60 points better than their leading college combinations of the east and middle west. By using the scores rolled up against Pennsylvania, Washington and Jefferson; Vanderbilt, Carlisle Indians, Auburn and Washington and Lee a line of comparison is secured which runs through the play of the best teams of the season in all sections except the far west and the southwest. It is an exceedingly interesting example of what can be done in this direction by the football enthusiast.

Feeling of Unrest Among Owners of Thoroughbreds

Low figures for sterling thoroughbreds at recent horse sales in Lexington is said to reflect a widespread feeling of unrest among horsemen who are looking ahead into the hazards of racing under war conditions in 1918.

One writer, purporting to reflect sentiment among turfmen, asserts many of them believe prudence should dictate a moderate policy with reference to acquiring new racing material. They feel, this writer declares, that it is not without the range of possibilities that racing may be considerably curtailed in the United States next year on account of war needs, which include the conservation of grain and because of the increasing transportation difficulties.

Wrestling Champ Offers His Services to Uncle Sam

Walter Miller, champion of the welterweight and middleweight wrestling championship of the world, has offered his services to the War department as an athletic instructor in one of the army cantonments. His offer has been forwarded to Washington, D. C., for consideration, but if the War department finds no place for him as instructor, he has announced that he will enlist in the army January 1.

Sister of Quaker City Swimming Coach a Star

William A. Curwen is swimming instructor at a Quaker City natatorium. His sister, Daisy Curwen, is the holder of the English women's records in 100, 150, 220 and 300 yards. Curwen has developed many swimmers in this country.

10,000,000 Cue Players, 85,000 Rooms, in U. S.

It is estimated there are 85,000,000 public billiard and pocket billiard establishments in this country and that 10,000,000 persons play some kind of cue games.

ILLINOIS TOWNS FAVORED IN RACE FOR W. L. CLUBS

Peoria, With Bloomington or Rockford, Probably Will Gain Franchises in Dickerson Circuit.

That Peoria and Bloomington, Ill., have an edge on Oklahoma City and Tulsa in the race for franchises in the Western league is the belief of Western league fans.

There is little doubt now but what two of these towns will be members of the Western league when the 1918 season opens. Neither the Three-I nor the Western association will attempt to start next spring, so this territory is open to Western invasion. It is further certain that the Western cannot hope to prosper with the same cities as last year, so two new towns must be added. It is only a question of what two.

There are several reasons, Western fans believe, why Peoria and Bloomington have an edge on the oil cities of Oklahoma.

In the first place the magnates have put the subject into President Dickerson's hands. Dickerson comes from this central west territory and naturally would give Peoria and Bloomington first consideration.

Mileage Problem. Second, the mileage problem, which promises to cut a lot of ice next year owing to the tax on railroad fares and Pullmans, gives the Illinois cities an edge.

Peoria and Bloomington are closer to Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux City and Des Moines than Oklahoma City and Tulsa and about the same distance from St. Joseph, Wichita and Joplin are the only two towns closer to the Oklahoma cities.

Peoria has the strongest offer of any of the four cities. Peoria last year in the Three-I and Central had more attendance for the season than any Western league city, except Omaha. The Peoria club made money last year and any city that made money last year is a real base ball town. Peoria is crazy to get into the Western league, the club is represented by plenty of money and an organization of fans in the Illinois city has promised full support.

Rockford Has Chance.

Bloomington is no certainty, even though Peoria is taken in. It is possible Rockford may offer better inducements and in that case it would be Peoria and Rockford.

It probably will be another month before any action is taken on this matter, as Dickerson has been instructed to investigate carefully the claims of each city.

What Western league cities will lose franchises is uncertain at present, although it is admitted Denver is sure to be one. The Denver club will go to one of the new cities.

It is probable Jack Holland's St. Joseph-Hutchinson club will go to the other. That being the case, Ed Hanlon will stay in St. Joseph and Ducky Holmes probably will move from Lincoln to Sioux City.

Vernon Club Cans Stovall and "Firebrand" Retires

The Vernon club has given George Stovall his unconditional release and the former Firebrand has announced that he is out of base ball for good. It had been well understood since the close of the Coast league season that Stovall would not be retained as manager, after the poor showing of his team last season. Another "retirement" announced is that of Fred Snodgrass, who says he is done with base ball and will not even offer the offer of a berth as manager would tempt him to return to the game.

Ebbets Rings in Cupid Clause in Any Training

President Ebbets of Brooklyn, with an eye on what the army draft may do to his team, says he will trade no married men unless he receives married men in exchange. It used to be held by some managers that a wife of a ball player was a handicap, but now they seem to regard her as an asset.

McGraw Orders Four Stars To Have Tonsils Removed

Manager John McGraw, it is said, has issued orders to four of his players to have their tonsils removed before they report in the spring. The four men who will do better work, he thinks, without tonsils are Pitchers Benton, Pettit and Tesreau and First Baseman Holke.

Floor Schedules Mizzou Valley

- Kansas University.
January 12-18—Ames at Lawrence.
January 19-21—Kansas at Lawrence.
February 4-5—Missouri at Lawrence.
February 11-12—Washington at Lawrence.
February 18-19—Nebraska at Lincoln.
February 20-21—Missouri at Columbia.
February 22-23—Washington at St. Louis.
March 4-5—Aggie at Manhattan.
Kansas State Agricultural College.
January 19-21—Ames at Manhattan.
January 22-23—Kansas at Lawrence.
February 4-5—Washington at Manhattan.
February 11-12—Drake at Des Moines.
February 18-19—Ames at Ames.
February 27-28—Missouri at Manhattan.
March 4-5—Kansas at Manhattan.
March 8-9—Nebraska at Lincoln.
Missouri University.
January 12-18—Drake at Columbia.
January 17-18—Washington at St. Louis.
February 4-5—Kansas at Lawrence.
February 11-12—Columbia at Columbia.
February 18-19—Ames at Ames.
February 20-21—Kansas at Columbia.
February 27-28—Aggie at Manhattan.
February 29—Washington at Columbia.
Nebraska University.
February 6—Washington at St. Louis.
February 7-8—Missouri at Columbia.
February 13-14—Kansas at Lincoln.
February 15-16—Kansas at Lincoln.
February 18-19—Aggie at Manhattan.
February 22-23—Washington at Lincoln.
Iowa State College (Ames).
January 17-18—Kansas at Lawrence.
January 19-21—Ames at Manhattan.
February 13-14—Missouri at Ames.
February 22-23—Aggie at Ames.
Washington University.
January 12-18—Drake at St. Louis.
January 17-18—Washington at St. Louis.
February 6—Nebraska at St. Louis.
February 8-9—Aggie at Manhattan.
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March 4-5—Missouri at Columbia.

Pirates Still Undecided As to Training Camp Spot

The Pirates are still undecided about their training camp. One of the latest bids received is from Jackson, Tenn., where Roger Bresnahan trained his Cardinals for 24 hours or so one spring. Most of the Pittsburgh players seem to prefer a return to Hot Springs and President Dreyfuss may yield to their wishes.

Leonard Changes Mind.

Joe Leonard of the Washington team changed his mind about enlisting in the quartermaster's department of the army and chose the navy instead. He will join the naval reserves at Chicago and may never get a taste of salt water.

McCredie Aids Soldiers.

Walter McCredie, manager of the Portland Coast league team, has been spending his vacation assisting in coaching the sailors' base ball team at the government submarine base at San Pedro, near Los Angeles.

Oh, Boy! They're All Regular U. S. Navy Yeomen Now



DEL GAINDER



"RABBIT" MARANVILLE



CHARLES SHORTTON

Omaha Basket Ball Flippers Showing 'Em How in Louisville

Members of Omaha Ambulance Company at Camp Zachary Taylor Seek Championship of Louisville Y. M. C. A. League and Also Have Designing Eyes on Cantonment Title.

Omaha basket ball flippers who used to scintillate on the local "Y" court now are showing Louisville, Ky., fans how we do it here in the west.

Members of the Omaha Ambulance company located at Camp Zachary Taylor have organized a floor quintet and they are the sensation of Louisville. They have entered the Young Men's Christian association league, the biggest loop in the Kentucky town, and already have started to clean house.

"Fuzzy" McFarland of Creighton, Jack Suchart of the Omaha National banks, Ingram of the Hanscom Park Methodists, Herman Harte of Central High school, John Nicholson and Lennard Millberg of Commercial High school and Pete Curtis of Lincoln High school, are the stars of the Omaha ambulance five.

McFarland and Suchart are the regular forwards, Harte and Ingram the guards and Curtis plays center.

In a recent game, McFarland shot eight baskets and Suchart four, while Curtis and Ingram advanced into the forward territory long enough to clip two goals each.

A string of substitutes consisting of Stenger, former Chicago university man; Howard Horne, Cy Cisek, Dad Ryan, Hart, Perrin, Lorber, Jensen and Wachter, make the Omaha five a formidable one.

The local boys have high hopes of capturing the championship of the Young Men's Christian association league and they also have longed eyes on the championship of Camp Taylor. It is said the Omaha flippers right now look like the one best bet for that camp championship, too.

Pittsburgh Expects Much of Youth Named Milligan

The Pittsburgh club is expecting much of Pitcher Mark Milligan, a youngster who was out under option last season with Seranton in the New York State league and with Birmingham in the Southern. He is more than a pitcher, he can play the infield and outfield and can hit, as his New York State batting record indicates. He was in the Virginia league, playing under the name of Orr, having been a college man, before Scout Captain Neal of the Pirates saw him and grabbed him.

Jack Dunn Is Cheated Out of Coin for Jack Bentley

Jack Dunn of Baltimore, whose luck in disposing of players at fat prices is proverbial, couldn't buck Uncle Sam. He won't get a cent for Jack Bentley, his first baseman, who was to have gone to the Boston Red Sox, the National commission having decided that no drafted player shall be paid for if he is taken by the army. The Red Sox lose Bentley's services and Dunn loses the money that would have been paid for those services, which is pretty tough for Dunn.

Jersey City Is Ripe for Big Base Ball Comeback

General opinion in International league circles is that Jersey City is ripe for a comeback as a member of the circuit. The Federal league invasion forced Jersey City to the wall in 1915 and it gave up its franchise to Richmond, but in the last season base ball interest has shown great revival there and in Paterson, as shown by the patronage accorded independent teams maintained in the adjoining cities, Jersey City and Newark always have been strong rivals and an International league team restored to the former may increase interest in both cities.

HERE'S SOME "BUSH" LEAGUE BOYS Have Courage to Admit It, Too

ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN CAPTIVITY

There are many bush leagues in base ball, but the only bowling organization in captivity which frankly admits it is a "bush league" and so has termed itself, belongs to Omaha. It is the "Bush league" which rolls on the Loch alleys below the Orpheum gardens.

The "Bush league" contains six teams, consisting exclusively of bush bowlers. A pin tumbler, who shows signs of progress immediately becomes subject to summary dismissal from the loop, just as soon as he begins to acquire the knack of sailing a hook down the alley without taking out a chunk or two of maple and to gang his strikes, his neck is chopped off without further ceremony.

Pete Loch, with a burst of big league speed, shot a 223-game the other night and almost got himself kicked out of the loop, but just as the grievance committee was getting together, Pete tore off a 120-count and got back into the good graces of his comrades.

Ostronic and Rentfro are leading the league with individual averages of 168. Both are striving desperately to keep their averages under 170, as this is the danger mark.

Johnny Leonard's Owls are the league leaders. They swept into the lead at the start of the season. It is explained they had maintained this lead because Leonard has given up bowling and gone in for dacing.

The Famous team is at the bottom of the percentage and therefore the pride of the league, although Earl Cedarholm's Colts are putting up a stiff battle for cellar honors.

Other teams in the league are Ford's All-Stars, the Brunswick Kids and Koehler's Pops.

Division of Gate Receipts Yet to Be Settled by Leagues

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Division of world series gate receipts is the only question pertaining to the war policies of the American and National league which remains to be settled after yesterday's joint conference between the representatives of the two organizations. The 16 club owners appointed President Ben Johnson, of the American league, and Gary Herrmann, a committee to work out a plan whereby clubs other than the league champions will share in the receipts.

Messrs. Herrmann and Johnson held a brief conference today regarding their task of working out a scheme for dividing world's series base ball receipts.

Nebraska Boy Is One of Stars on Great Lakes Naval Station Eleven

Phil Proctor, former Cornhusker, was one of the stars of the Great Lakes training station eleven which has just closed a successful season.

Proctor played a star game at left half for the jacksies and was considered one of the best defensive players on the team. Toward the end of the season, the former Nebraska player was handicapped by a bad knee.

This, however, did not prevent him from taking part in the big games against the Fort Sheridan officers' reserve team at Chicago and Camp Grant at Rockford, Ill. The jacksies won both games.

Proctor also played in the game against Camp Funston at Kansas City, which the seafighters lost.

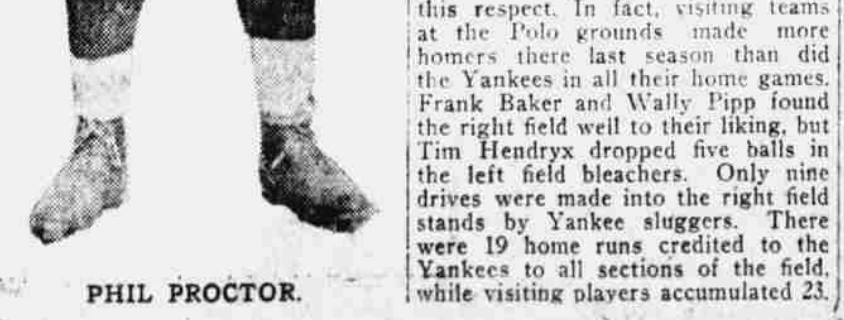
Following the close of the season Proctor was one of the lucky men who were given 5-day furloughs for their work on the eleven.

The ex-Cornhusker won his position on the jacksie team in competition with more than 500 men, many of them former university and college stars.

Proctor lives at Kearney, Neb. He is enlisted in Omaha. He is in the hospital branch of the service.

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NEBRASKA RANKS AMONG FIRST TEN STATES AT TRAPS

Jornhusker Commonwealth Ranks Seventh in Number of Registered Tournaments in Last Three Years.

Nebraska ranks among the first 10 states of the union in trap shooting 1917 records show.

In the number of registered scattergun tournaments held during 1917 Nebraska ranked 10th. Fifteen registered tournaments were held in Nebraska this year.

In the number of registered tournaments held during the last three years Nebraska ranks seventh. Nebraska has held 44 registered trap events in the last three years.

Nebraska's record shows a slight decline over 1916, when 19 registered events were held in this state. In 1915, 10 were staged.

Iowa is the leading trap shooting state. Last year the Hawkeye state staged 61 registered tournaments. In the last three years Iowa has staged 146 registered events.

The appended list shows what each state accomplished in the registered trap shooting tournament line for the last three years:

Table with columns for State, 1915, 1916, 1917. Lists states like Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Canada, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Maryland, California, South Dakota, Virginia, North Dakota, Michigan, Arkansas, Connecticut, Washington, Tennessee, West Virginia, Colorado, Massachusetts, Montana, Utah, New Jersey, Oregon, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Mississippi, Cuba-Panama, Arizona, Wyoming, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Florida, Rhode Island, Vermont, Alabama, Texas, District of Columbia, Maine, New Mexico, South Carolina.

CORNHUSKER MAT AND FLOOR HOPES ARE ALMOST NIL

Prospects for basket ball and wrestling teams at the University of Nebraska are said to be the poorest in a number of years, owing to the large number of men who have left school to join the colors.

Of the last year's basketball squad, Nelson, Collins, Campbell, Flynn, Wertz and Flotow are missing, while a number of other men who were considered good material are also gone. The first practice brought out about 25 candidates. Dr. Stewart faces the problem of building practically a new team.

In wrestling, all of last year's teams are missing. Dale, Maloney, heavyweights; Fuchs, middleweight; Vose, welterweight; Anderson, light-weight, and Barnes, featherweight, are not in school, and Otouplik, light heavyweight, is ineligible to wrestle this year, because he already has engaged in the sport the three years allowed by the Missouri Valley Conference rules.

Medicos Are Sharks in Revolver Club Tournament

The latest returns from the United States Revolver association national championship tournaments indicate the following marksmen to be the winners in the various classes:

- Score.
Target revolver, Dr. G. E. Cook...453
Target pistol, Dr. J. M. Snook...462
Military pistol or revolver, Dr. J. M. Snook...630
Pocket revolver, Dr. D. A. Atkinson...215
Novice match, O. Liffelmo...221
Team match, Denver Revolver club...711

Grid Officials Lose Out When War Interrupts Play

The board of officials having the job of supplying referees, umpires, etc. for gridiron games among eastern colleges report the dropping off of 477. Last season the organization assigned 1926 officials. It is expected some of the 551 missing requests will come to hand as the season progresses, as the war interfered somewhat with the game.

Higgins Elected to Lead St. Louis Uni. on Gridiron

William Higgins has been elected captain of the St. Louis university football team. Higgins is east-back and is considered one of the best players on the squad.

The selection of coach for next year remains open, although every effort will be made to retain Radermacher.

Veteran Shoot Official Presented With Diamond

Elmer E. Shaner of Pittsburgh is starting on his twenty-sixth year as treasurer and manager of the Interstate Association for the Encouragement of trapshooting. In recognition of his faithful services he was presented a diamond pin.

Former Golf Champion Gets Commission in Army

Robert A. Gardner, national amateur golf champion in 1909, is another from the ranks of sport to enter the ranks of Uncle Sam's military service. Gardner has been commissioned at Fort Sherman, where he attended an officers' training camp.

Polo Grounds Are Delight of Home Run Hitters and Yanks

The Polo grounds are the delight of home run hitters, so far as the American league is concerned and the total of Yankee homers is usually high, but a New York statistician has figured out that there has been no great advantage to the home club in this respect. In fact, visiting teams at the Polo grounds made more homers there last season than did the Yankees in all their home games.

Frank Baker and Wally Pipp found the right field well to their liking, but Tim Hendryx dropped five balls in the left field bleachers. Only nine drives were made into the right field stands by Yankee sluggers. There were 19 home runs credited to the Yankees to all sections of the field, while visiting players accumulated 23.