

Bison Oppose Powerful Winniepeggers Saturday

Canadians Boast Three Former Bison Stars, Fritz Hanson, Cy Peschel and Bud Marquardt, in Lineup Against A. C. Gridders

By ORVILLE GOPLEN

With their first barrier to North Central conference championship safely surmounted, the Bison football team today left for Winnipeg, where they will meet the Winnipeg rugby team, Canadian champions, tomorrow in the first of three consecutive games with formidable non-conference foes.

The Winniepeggers, boasting as regulars three former Bison, Fritz Hanson, Cy Peschel and Wilbur (Bud) Marquardt are believed by Coaches Casey Finnegan and Bob Lowe as being a lot tougher than Omaha university, which was a victim of the Bison last week. In fact, a victory will be almost a welcome surprise.

After the Winnipeg game, the Bison meet Concordia college, which held the Winnipeg team to a 21-19 win, at Dacotah field on Oct. 2. The next weekend they journey to Evanston, Ill., to face the powerful Northwestern university club.

Heading the Winnipeg running attack will be fleet-footed Hanson, whose exploits on former Bison teams have been spectacular. The meeting is unique in that, for the first time, Casey Finnegan faces the job of perfecting a defense for the sensational back who baffled opposing North Central conference coaches for three years.

In addition to Hanson, Peschel, and Marquardt, the Winnipeg team has Bob Fritz, former Concordia star; Peprich of St. Cloud; Greg Kabat of Wisconsin; Russ Redholz of Northwestern, and others.

R.O.T.C. Early Drill Begins Friday, Oct. 2

First general assembly and early morning drill for the ROTC units this year will be held at 7:30 a. m., Friday, Oct. 2, according to information received from Col. J. D. Easton's office.

Morning assemblies will be held every Friday, weather permitting, through Oct. 30, in preparation for Homecoming when the organization will participate in the annual Homecoming parade.

NOTICES

All actives and pledges of Alpha Zeta, honorary agriculture fraternity, are asked to come to the first meeting of the year Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7 p. m. —Pat Mach, secretary.

The Spectrum will be sent to any address for one dollar for the remainder of the school year. —Francis Ladwig, Business Manager.

Lost—Black fountain pen with inscription "C. O. S., Jubilee Campaign" in gold. Turn in at college WPA headquarters. —Thomas Dunn.

All horticultural and forestry majors are urged to attend a meeting of Hortus in room 206 in the Ag. building, Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 7:30.

Edwin Booth club will meet Tuesday noon in the Lincoln log cabin.

Try-outs for Edwin Booth fall term play will be held in the Lincoln log cabin Monday and Tuesday from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. Members of all classes are urged to try out.

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Bison Strong In Turning Back Omaha Eleven

Display Powerful Running Attack to Win, 18 to 13

Olson, Wheeler and Springer Are New Stars Uncovered

Literally running over the huge Omaha university line with the most powerful running game seen in an opening game here for years, the Thundering Herd of 1936 are off to a jumping start over other rivals in their campaign for a second consecutive North Central conference championship. They beat the highly-touted Omahans in a night game, Friday, 18 to 13. It was the only conference game of the week.

Outstanding about the Bison play Friday was the powerful, well balanced running attack which functioned because of teamwork between a fast charging line and hard running, versatile backfield.

Was Team Victory
Picking stars in Friday's contest is hard, for it was essentially a team victory that eleven of Coaches Casey Finnegan and Bob Lowe, gained.

But three new Bison footballers turned in performances of stardom rank for the first time: Bill Olson, Ernie Wheeler, and Wayne Springer.

Olson Yardage Leader
"Bronko Bill" Olson of Leeds, junior, galloped up and down the field for the most yardage of any Bison back. Olson, his big legs pounding like pistons, was a leader in every one of the Bisons' touchdown marches.

Wheeler, a sophomore product of Fargo high school, making his varsity debut, gave immediate promise of developing into one of the greatest of all North Central conference backs. On the very first play after his insertion for Emil May, sophomore sensation of last year, Wheeler bulleted a pass to hard-plunging Bob Erickson for the first touch-

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Sport Speculations

By BOB WILLIAMS

Casey Finnegan, whom the University scribes rightfully dubbed "the master builder," came through with astonishing results last Friday, that numbed the title hopes of Omaha's much discussed clan, backed up the usual optimism of Bob Lowe, squelched no less than six writers who had the Bison slated for the cellar, uncovered the best backfield in years, made other conference teams shudder in their shell, and even made one smart freshman respond with a knock-knock, who's there, Omaha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha, before trouncing the "top" team decisively.

We say decisively in spite of the fact that victory was a margin of 18-13, for the Herd shoved the opposing 200 pound outfit all over the field for three quarters and most of four only to fall victims to a deadly pass attack that the Bison were unable to cope with. This alone was the weakness of the "green" squad.

Pass defense in the backfield and the technique of converting points after touchdowns almost spelled doom for the Herd forces as they missed the first extra point to trail at the half and then threatened to blow the game in an erratic last quarter with poor pass defense. Capt. Bob Erickson, after running two scores over the initial stripe, after successive line plunges had the heartbreaking experience of missing two gift points. May's attempt to ease the Bomber's embarrassment was likewise futile. Olson, May, Erickson and Phillips made a combination that clicked off yardage almost at will with excellent blocking and interference, losing little effectiveness with Wheeler or Schrank substituting.

down. His running was spectacular, and his kicking, brilliant.

Springer Shows Fight
Springer, a senior, who started the second game of his career, was the fightingest performer among a group of fast, hard-fighting linemen.

The two new Bison quarterbacks, Elmer Schrank and Wes Phillips, showed promise at their post, while new line recruits, Oscar Laavig, Leon Oliver, and Ray Hawkins, showed well.

Good blocking and interference running was the high spot of the play of the Bison, while they showed extreme laxity in pass defense.

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Olson, working nights to remain in school, and finding time for irregular practices came through with the star performance of the evening. Although he did not figure in the actual scoring he was responsible for consistent gains through the line either with the ball or as a blocking back. There is a lot of satisfaction in seeing Bill come through. Working nights, sacrificing sleep during the day for irregular practices, and undoubtedly unable to exercise his own personal interests, he is sacrificing more than any other person, athlete or student, for service to the school and the sport he loves. Hats off to a prince.

It would be folly to forget the rest of the backfield with Erickson charging harder than ever, Wheeler doing spectacular field running, and Phillips the master quarterback teaming with Olson who made the best balanced backfield Casey has put on the turf in years. May was not the swivel-hipped terror that fans expected to see.

Two hundred pound lines mean little or nothing to Wayne Springer, Oscar Laavig, and Leon Oliver. Springer, the oft mentioned watch charm guard in spite of his 185 pounds, played fearless and masterly to break through into the Omaha backfield consistently to stamp himself as all-conference material. The sophomores alternating on the other side of the line were almost as effective. And speaking of sophomores, Welles and Fredricks proved they can step onto the field without weakening the positions noticeably and keep up the tough going of Stevens and Hawkins.

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Gil Fredericks Wayne Springer Oscar Laavig

Gil Fredericks was the forgotten sophomore until a frantic Omaha team found him playing in their backfield. Headed by Forest Stevens and Bud Hawkins to answer the prayer of Coach Casey Finnegan — how can I get out of the cellar without any wings.

Oscar Laavig, Park River's baby faced contribution to the toughest men in the conference, surprised many last Friday, first by appearing in the starting lineup, and secondly, by turning in a spectacular performance overshadowed only by his running mate, Wayne Springer.

At South Dakota State two years ago, with the count 38-0 against us, I think I can bring the game out of the fire, but I will have to run like Wayne Springer was inserted into h— to get in there before the game with only seconds remaining. From now on someone else will have to go at the same speed said "this is a pretty tough spot but to keep him out of the lineup.

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