

OU Has Size, Speed, Weight - Outlook Is Bright

By Mike Moran

Coach Al Caniglia and his staff took the wraps off the 1963 edition of the University of Omaha football squad Saturday for the benefit of the press and TV men.

The new edition is big, fast and experienced. It also has quite a record to live up to. The 1962 Indians finished 7-1-1 and added a 34-21 romp over East Central Oklahoma in the All-Sports Bowl at Oklahoma City on December 8.

OU was ranked number twelve in the final N.A.I.A. ratings and number sixteen in the A.P. small college poll. If statistics like these are your forte, then add one more; the team was rated the 116th best squad in the nation among all major and small colleges by the now famous Williamson rating system.

Highlights of the '62 season were the Bowl game and the 35-0 rout of defending small college champ Pittsburg State that gave the Indians their first CIC championship.

Losses Light

Gone from that squad are leading ground gainer Louie Miloni who rushed for 761 yards in 1962 and two time All-American end Paul Blazeovich, who led the CIC in receiving last year with 31 grabs for 531 yards and ten touchdowns.

Missing from the interior offensive line are Gary Baughman, Duane Salak, and big Stan Kurtz. Add defensive standouts Dave Gibson, George Payne, George Jesko and a little Dean Taylor to the absentee list and things sound thin.

Then if things look bleak to you, let's talk about the assets of the '63 squad, and there's plenty of 'em.

The backfield will return All-CIC quarterback Carl Meyers as the leader. Meyers was OU's total offense leader last year and is being boomed for All-American honors this season. The Omaha senior passed for 1,012 yards and rushed for 297 more in 1962.

Fastest of the backs is Rocket Roger Sayers, back for his fourth letter at halfback. Sayers was an All-CIC choice in 1961 but fell off his pace last year with injuries. He still accounted for eight touchdowns and 395 yards rushing despite seeing spot duty last Fall.

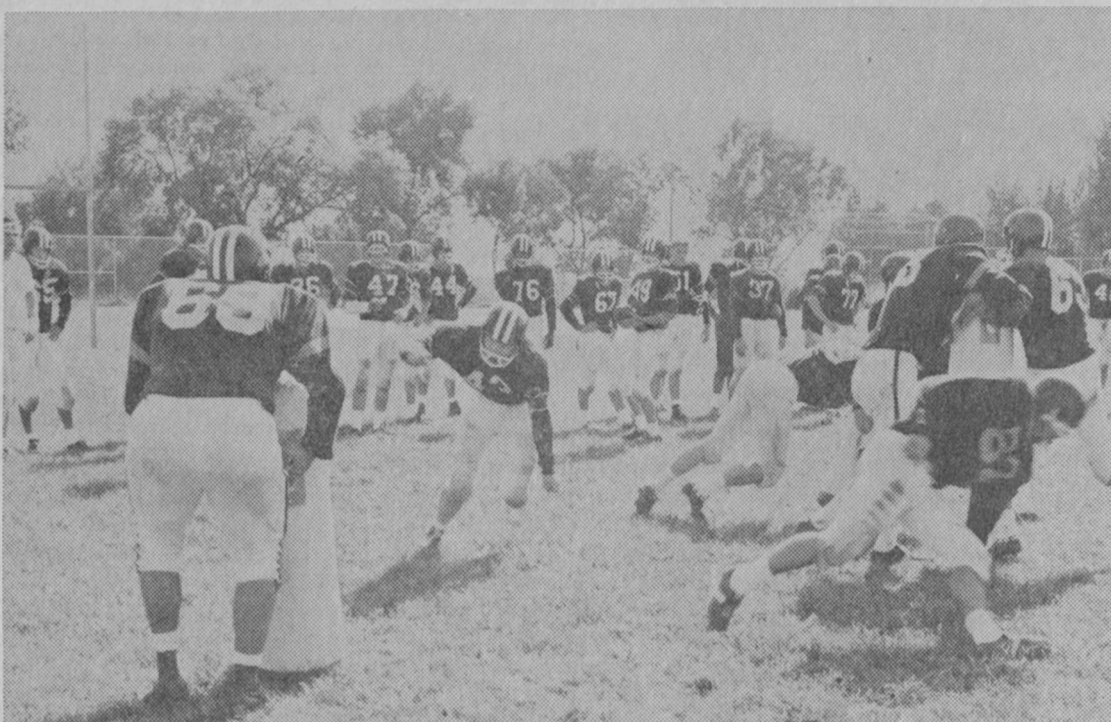
Lee Milner will hold down one halfback spot if things go right for the Midland, Michigan, senior. Milner rushed for 423 yards in '62 and demonstrated good hands in hauling down eight passes from the halfback slot, a position the Indians will throw to with more effort this time around.

Fullback is well fortified with the presence of three letter winner and second team all-conference choice Wayne Backes. The stocky Morristown, N. J. senior rushed for 412 yards last year and turned in a gritty performance on defense.

Backes' stand-in will be sophomore Gerry Allen, a boy from Massilon, Ohio, who coaches call one of the finest prospects to enroll at OU in years. Gerry lettered as a freshman and ran for 184 yards while turning in double duty as fullback and corner man on defense.

Defensive secondary standout Don Crum is being groomed for more ball carrying chores this year. The 185 pound soph showed good speed in early drills and will be counted on for two way duty.

Rookies expected to help in the backfield slots are: Duane



Dummies take a beating as Indians prepare for opening game with Morningside.

McAndrews, a rugged plunger from Boys Town; Dave Nettleman, 165 pound scatback from Plattsmouth and Jim Rauch, a squad member last year who showed signs of being a great performer.

Quarterbacks behind Meyers are excellent. Junior Joe Benson, a former prep All-American from Paducah, Kentucky, will be back to continue his fine passing and rates a chance to spell Meyers more than in the past.

Shrine Bowl standout Marlin Briscoe from Omaha South has been impressive in early workouts but will be counted on for some halfback duty also. Briscoe and Nettleman performed for the winning South squad at Lincoln in August.

That Defensive Line!

The biggest asset in more ways than one for the 1963 Indians appears to be the ponderous defensive line which held opponents to 106 yards per game on the ground.

Heading up the beef trust is huge (6-5, 296) Jack Petersen. The hulking senior is an excellent pro prospect and will be seeking his third letter.

Good things come in pairs, and so OU has the Kadow boys, Brian and Kevin. Weighing in at a diminutive 258 and 265 respectively, the Chevy Chase, Maryland, seniors give OU the bulky interior needed to mess up enemy slants.

Joining Petersen and the Kadows in the massive interior is 266 pound Paul Limas. The stocky South grad is back for his third letter and joins the other behemoths to give OU the biggest defensive line in all of football.

Lightweights in the defensive forward wall are 245 pound Jim

Jones and 240 pound Tom Luby. Ends will be handled by Jack Kiscoan and Tom Wolff on the defensive side of things.

Kiscoan is a three year letterman who will give it a try on offense also. Wolff lettered as a freshman last year but must give more attention to his hands if he is to nail down the offensive end slot.

Jim Kettle is a cinch at one wing. The 217 pound senior was runnerup to Blazeovich with 12 grabs last year and is an excellent blocker as well as a fine linebacker.

Ron Eissler returns at Center for a second letter. The Nebraska transfer showed agility and finesse at the pivot last year and is another two way performer.

Line rookies showing promise are; Rex Sweetwood, 180 pound center from Omaha South and a Shrine Bowl standout; Maury Bantner, All-State guard from Omaha Benson; Joe DiMario, 255-pound tackle prospect from Kenilworth, N. J.; and Dick Wettereau, 195 pound guard from Mountain Lakes, N. J.

Transfers Help Guard Situation

Neil Galloway will be back for his third letter at offensive tackle. The New Jersey standout now teaches in Omaha and is looking forward to another great season.

Transfer guards will help ease an acute situation at that spot, made vacant by graduation and the failure of lettermen Ron Stave and Larry Von Tersch to return.

Harlan Aden from Scottsbluff J. C. and Jeff New from Sterling, Colo. Junior College are the rugged 195 pounders being counted on by Line Coach Don Watchorn to plug the gap.

Reed Shipman, a transfer

from Trinidad J. C. is listed as a center but may bolster the guard corps.

All-Stater Don Loftus, from Omaha South is on the guard roster and is expected to lend his 201 pounds to the offensive battering.

The 1963 squad has the new look in coaching. Louie Miloni and Don Benning join the staff in assistant capacities. Miloni is serving as halfback coach and

THE SCHEDULE

Home Games

Sept. 21 -----Morningside
Sept. 28 -----Idaho State U.
Oct. 26 Northern Michigan
Nov. 2 -----Washburn

Away Games

Oct. 5 ---Northern Illinois
Oct. 12 ---Ft. Hays State
Oct. 19 ---Emporia State
Nov. 9 ----Pittsburg State
Nov. 16 -----Drake U.
Band Day ----Idaho State
Parents Day --Northern Michigan
Homecoming ---Washburn
Home Games - 2:00 P.M.

Benning, a former Indian grid and wrestling standout, will help with the line.

The Indians will be tackling the most ambitious non-conference schedule in years. Idaho State returns to the slate along with tough Northern Michigan and Drake University.

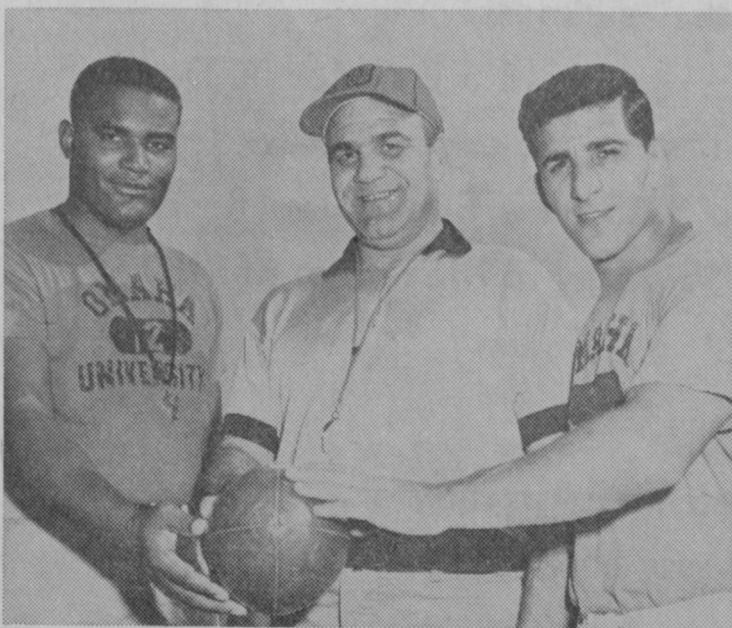
Morningside opens the Indian home game schedule on September 21 at 2:00 in the University Stadium.

1963 UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA FOOTBALL ROSTER

TACKLES	Height	Weight	Class	Hometown
DiMario, Joe.....	6-0	238	Fr.	Kenilworth, N.J.
**Galloway, Neil.....	6-2	225	Sr.	Mountain Lakes, N.J.
*Kadow, Brian.....	6-4	262	Sr.	Chevy Chase, Md.
*Kadow, Kevin.....	6-4	260	Sr.	Chevy Chase, Md.
**Limas, Paul.....	5-9	266	Jr.	Omaha (South)
**Petersen, Jack.....	6-5	296	Jr.	Omaha (North)
Rak, Dave.....	6-1	195	Fr.	Omaha (North)
GUARDS				
§Aden, Harlan.....	6-1	195	Jr.	Scottsbluff, Nebr.
Bantner, Maury.....	5-10	195	Fr.	Omaha (Benson)
Boe, Jim.....	6-0	195	Fr.	Omaha (Cathedral)
Conkling, Al.....	5-11	165	Fr.	Council Bluffs, Ia.
DeLorenzo, John.....	6-0	194	So.	Omaha (South)
Goduto, Phil.....	5-9	165	So.	Dover, N.J.
Loftus, Don.....	6-0	201	Fr.	Omaha, (South)
Maides, Tom.....	6-2	195	Fr.	Omaha (Central)
§New, Jeff.....	5-10	195	Jr.	New Rochelle, N.Y.
Norris, Jim.....	6-2	185	So.	Lusk, Wyoming
Shepard, Willard.....	5-10	185	So.	Lincoln, Nebraska
Sullivan, Jim.....	5-11	185	Fr.	Omaha (Cathedral)
Wetterau, Dick.....	6-0	195	Fr.	Mountain Lakes, N.J.
CENTERS				
*Eissler, Ron.....	5-10	210	So.	Omaha (South)
*Jones, Jimmy.....	6-4	245	So.	Morristown, N.J.
*Luby, Tom.....	6-3	240	So.	Omaha (Holy Name)
§Shipman, Reed.....	5-11	202	Jr.	Peoria, Ill.
Sweetwood, Rex.....	6-0	180	Fr.	Omaha (South)
Nelson, Tim.....	6-2	220	Fr.	Omaha (Central)
ENDS				
Allen, Ken.....	5-11	180	Sr.	Omaha (Central)
D'Agosta, Dick.....	5-9	161	So.	Omaha (Ryan)
DiBiase, Mike.....	6-2	190	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz.
Donahoo, Bill.....	6-0	175	So.	Omaha, (Benson)
Edwards, Terry.....	6-0	180	Fr.	Omaha (Technical)
Gittings, Mike.....	6-1	190	Fr.	Omaha (Holy Name)
Horoshko, John.....	6-1	195	Fr.	Wilkes Barre, Penn.
***Kettle, Jim.....	6-2	216	Sr.	Parsippany, N.J.
***Kiscoan, Jack.....	6-0	195	Sr.	Omaha (South)
Mull, Marlin.....	5-11	176	Fr.	Omaha (North)
Neel, Ed.....	6-1	171	So.	Bellevue, Nebr.
Neumann, Gary.....	6-2	175	Fr.	West New York, N.J.
Thompson, Mike.....	6-0	180	So.	Omaha (Benson)
*Wolff, Theodore.....	6-1	200	Jr.	Omaha (Westside)
HALFBACKS				
Ariza, Jesse.....	5-10	170	Fr.	Omaha (South)
Cillo, Peter.....	5-9	165	Fr.	Morristown, N.J.
*Crum, Donny.....	6-0	181	So.	Omaha (South)
Crum, Larry.....	5-10	195	Fr.	Omaha (South)
Gervasio, Tony.....	5-9	170	So.	Morristown, N.J.
Hopkins, Wayne.....	5-9	175	Fr.	Omaha (Benson)
Howell, William.....	5-11	171	Fr.	Plainfield, N.J.
Hudson, Marcus.....	5-9	161	Fr.	Omaha (Tech)
McAndrews, Duane.....	5-11	190	Fr.	Boys Town
Milano, Ron.....	5-8	155	Fr.	Boonton, N.J.
*Milner, Lee.....	6-0	199	Sr.	Midland, Mich.
Moray, Don.....	5-11	160	Fr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Nettleman, Dave.....	5-9	165	Fr.	Plattsmouth, Nebr.
*Rauch, Jim.....	5-10	175	So.	Omaha (Creighton Prep)
***Sayers, Roger.....	5-8	150	Sr.	Omaha (Central)
Therkildson, Bob.....	6-1	170	Fr.	Ralston, Nebr
Tosoni, Dan.....	5-11	166	Fr.	Omaha (Creighton Prep)
Webster, Jerry.....	5-7	155	Fr.	Bellevue, Nebr.
Williams, Terry.....	5-10	170	So.	Omaha (Central)
Herbold, Robert.....	5-8	160	So.	Bellevue, Nebr.
QUARTERBACKS				
Benson, Joe.....	5-10	180	Jr.	Paducah, Ky.
**Meyers, Carl.....	5-11	165	Sr.	Omaha (Creighton Prep)
Briscoe, Marlin.....	5-9	180	Fr.	Omaha (South)
FULLBACKS				
*Allen, Gerry.....	6-2	200	So.	Massilon, Ohio
***Backes, Wayne.....	5-8	197	Sr.	Morristown, N.J.
Collins, Jim.....	6-10	210	So.	Omaha (South)

* Denotes Letters Earned

§ Denotes Transfer



Louie Miloni and Don Benning are welcomed members to Al Caniglia's coaching staff.