

The Gridiron.

That the 'varsity team expected too easy a victory with Wesleyan last Saturday was clearly demonstrated in the game played. The whole eleven went upon the ground feeling confident, and as a result the game was slow and fagged during the first half. Of course Wesleyan's style of play contributed in a large measure to this. The halves were but fifteen minutes in length and the visiting team knowing there was no chance of their scoring played for time. And although no direct charges can be made, it appeared at the time as if the officials abetted this. Several times in the game the play was not permitted to go on, although time had not been called by either captain. Only during the last five or six minutes did the 'varsity play their accustomed game; and considering all the time wasted there was not really more than this amount in the whole of the second, during which the play was going on. For the home team then to score eleven points in this time shows the possibilities of the team. The practice this week has been quickened, and the individual work has been characterized by more dash than formerly. To play a quick, snappy game the players must play a fierce game. By this is not meant mean or questionable playing, but the hardest kind of playing the members can put forth. Each play should be made as if it were the last one of the half; and when a man interferes he should block hard, and long, and low.

There is one particular which is yet to be seen of the 'varsity team, and that is their work on the kick-off. Last year the eleven was weak in getting down the field on the kick-off and downing the ball immediately. Too often the opposing team has blocked up and carried the ball back for fifteen or twenty yards. On the other hand weakness has been shown in receiving the ball on the kick-off and returning it. The interference did not form briskly enough, and the men showed a tendency to let the player catching the ball go by himself. Whether this point has been improved upon this year or not is yet to be seen. So far in the Tarkio and Wesleyan game, it did better, but this was no true test. In the Ames game, it was very weak in this regard; but there is the extenuating circumstance of its being an early game. The game with Missouri will demonstrate fully whether Nebraska get off clean and swift in this opening play of the game.

The return of Melford who will resume his place at center will strengthen the team vastly. So far no one has been found able to fill the position as well as he. Besides being an aggressive player, and one who drops back on end plays, he possesses the faculty of stirring up the guards and making them play harder and safer ball. The team is especially well fitted out in the center for offensive work.

During the past few days the team has been put through longer and more arduous work. Heretofore the games which have been played have been merely fifteen and twenty minute halves. But thirty-five minute halves is an entirely different sort of thing. Often times a team has played a strong winning game up to the last five minutes and then becoming exhausted has gone to pieces and lost the game. An eleven in the best condition should gradually increase their work all through the game, making swifter and fiercer play until the climax is reached just at the finish. It is said the 'Varsity team is in the best condition physically and in team work,

that it has ever been at this period of the season, but like many other things, this can only be told by the first league game.

Two years ago when Kansas defeated Nebraska upon the home grounds, it was thought that they were in excellent condition, but just at the last end the team became worn out and Kansas pushed the ball along at will making the winning touch down.

Who will play behind the line in the Missouri game is not yet known. Some of the candidates who showed up well at the beginning have taken a sort of mid-season "slump" and need tuning up. Those who were behind in the race at first are picking up and indications lead one to believe that their chances are as good if not better at present than the others. They are playing hard, fierce ball and their work upon the defense is cleaner and safer. However, of all those trying for positions, whoever gets the places, one may be sure of having faster backs all around this year than last. During the former season there were not enough men trying for the positions behind the line to cause them to work. This year no one has a sure place, and the team is strengthened and quite evenly balanced. At present six of the old line men are at work, and although some of the players have been shifted into other positions, it has been done to strengthen the left side, which was the weak one last year.

Benedict, on the left end, has been replaced by Stringer, and he is now trying behind the line where there is a possibility of his playing in the coming games. The training at end in going down the field on points has done him much good for a place behind the line. The line is heavier this year than last, considered as a whole, the ends especially. It was found necessary to put heavy men in these latter positions in order to meet the Pennsylvania style of interference which is played by both Iowa and Kansas. This consists of the guards being drawn back with the halves and plunged into the line or thrown around the ends in the interference. This is an effective style of play, as is shown in the game in which Iowa beat Northwestern; but it is somewhat of an open game, permitting line men who are quick to plunge through and intercept it before it starts. Then, too, with quick, heavy ends and tackles it can be smashed almost as rapidly. Guards as a rule are large heavy men, and necessarily slow; so when it comes to running them around the ends to head the interference, the play will get off slow. It gives the tackles a chance to lunge through before the block can be formed, and the ends a chance to run in and down the man with the ball, while he is waiting for the interference to form.

The report which stated Missouri as having a LaFayette man as coach, it appears, is incorrect. Missouri has no eastern coach this year, but is being trained by ex-Captain Young. What they will do under his tutelage can only be surmised, but as an individual player he was a strong, heady man. Of course, he does not have the advantage of the latest plays brought out by the eastern schools, but he may have developed some good ground gainers of his own.

Wesleyan will take a turn at Missouri also this year. Monday, the first of November following the University game, she plays the Tigers at Omaha. It will be her first big game outside of the Nebraska state, and no doubt will prove a valuable experience to her. The game between the home team and Wesleyan for the state championship, will be played November 20. This is the second game be-

tween the two and will be a good one. Wesleyan, who feared she was not in condition last Saturday, refused to consider that game as the championship game. As a result, the twentieth of next month has been settled upon as the time.

A feature which has been a part of Nebraska's play before is drop-kicking. This counts five points and is very handy when there is but half a minute to make twenty or thirty yards. This has been developed this year and now one may not think that it is only to be seen upon eastern grounds. It is the prettiest play of the whole game and usually takes the lookers-on by surprise. As easy as it may appear, however, it is probably the most difficult, and together with goal-kicking, takes endless practice and unlimited care to bring the art to perfection. Only on a quiet day can there be any certainty about either-

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The Bellows Falls Savings Institution, a Vermont corporation, complainant.

vs. William W. Pool et al., respondents.

ORDER ON ABSENT DEFENDANTS.

Now on this 21st day of October, 1897, at the October, 1897, term of said court, it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of said court that this is a suit to enforce a mortgage lien by foreclosure on real property within the district of Nebraska, and that The Central Loan and Trust Company; First National Bank of Neogauee, Michigan; Rock Island National Bank, of Rock Island, Illinois; William G. Wood; Farmers' National Bank of Malone, New York; E. A. Dow, first real name unknown; First National Bank of Waupun, Wisconsin; The National Bank of the Republic, of New York City; The First National Bank of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania; The First National Bank of Cambridge, Illinois; The State National Bank of St. Joseph, Missouri; and The Des Moines National Bank, of Des Moines, Iowa, in its own right and as trustee, are defendants in said suit, and are not inhabitants of, and have not been found within said district, and have not voluntarily appeared in this suit; now on motion of S. L. Geisthardt, solicitor for the complainant, it is considered by the court, and

ORDERED, that the respondents last above named and each of them appear and plead, answer, or demur to the complainant's bill of complaint, on or before Monday, the 6th day of December, 1897, and that in default thereof, an order be entered in this cause taking said bill *pro confesso*. It is further

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Witness my hand as Clerk, and the Seal of said Court at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of October 1897.

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