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NEBRASKA BEATEN IN GREAT CONTEST

By Wonderful Work Against Overwhelming Odds
Booth's Warriors Give Gophers a Scare,

Was the Most Spectacular Game Ever Played on Northrop Field
Story of the Contest in Detail.

Nebraska met Minnesota in Minneapolis Saturday afternoon and held the much vaunted "western champions" to the score of 16 to 12 and the end of the game found the light, plucky team from Nebraska fighting harder than at the first, if they could fight harder, and always ready for more. Outweighed man for man, and on a field totally different from our own gridiron the team put up the pluckiest fight ever witnessed on the Minnesota field. So said the men from Minnesota, and, although the larger figure was on the wrong side of the score board, Nebraska' stock in the football world is way higher than ever before.

Perfect football conditions were provided by the weather man Saturday. The day was not too warm, and a slight wind gave neither side much advantage. The game, to allow for full thirty-five minute halves, was called at 2 p. m. Minnesota appeared on the field first, and was greeted by a storm of cheers from her rooters. While the cheering was at its height the Nebraska team trotted onto the field, and thus received an ovation equal to that given the Gophers. A glance at the two teams as they ran through short signal work showed the vast difference in weights. With the exception of Mills, the Nebraska men were outweighed man for man. Hunter, the lightest man on the Minnesota team, will outweigh four of our lightest men. Add to this the fact that Minnesota's gridiron is of light, springy turf, in direct contrast to our hard fast field, and Nebraska had two pretty stiff obstacles to buck up against, not taking into account the splendid team Minnesota put in to uphold her name.

THE GAME IN DETAIL.

Minnesota won the toss and chose the west goal, with the wind in Nebraska's favor. Cotton kicked off for Nebraska over the goal line, but we were off side and the ball was brought back five yards beyond the center and "Tow" booted it again to Hunter on Minnesota's twenty yard line. By a series of line bucks and short end runs Minnesota carried the ball down to Nebraska's thirty-five yard line, where it was fumbled, and it was Nebraska's ball on her own forty-five yard line. We failed to make first down, and Benedict punted forty yards. At the center of the field Minnesota tried a fake punt and Nebraska got the ball. Bennie punted, after Eager had advanced the ball seven yards in two downs and Minnesota started down the field again from her twenty-five yard line. Nebraska held, and forced Marshall to punt. The effort was a weak one the ball going back fifteen yards out of bounds. From the thirty-five yard line Nebraska started for Minnesota's goal. Mason, Eager, then Eager and Mason carried the ball for first down. Bennie made a beautiful end run round left for twenty yards, and Mason by line bucks carried the ball to Minnesota's five yard line. Here Cotton was called back, given the ball, and in spite of the Gophers' desperate resistance, plunged through all opposition and placed the oval over the hitherto uncrossed Minnesota goal line. Minnesota rooters groaned, and Minnesota money dropped. Barwick converted the touchdown into a goal, and the score board showed Nebraska 6, Minnesota 0.

Cotton kicked off to Brush on Min-

nesota's three yard line. Stung by pending defeat the Gophers started with renewed energy. The ball was carried by short but steady gains to the center of the field, when Hunter, their speedy quarter, broke away and planted the ball behind the goal, after a pretty run of sixty yards. Hunter kicked goal. Score 6-6.

Minnesota kicked off to Nebraska on her fifteen yard line. Failing to gain Benedict punted for forty-five yards, and again Minnesota was not to be denied. Bringing back her heavy tackles, Vita and Brush, she plunged through Nebraska's lighter line for good gains. On their own two yard line Nebraska held the Gophers for two downs, but at the third attempt the giant Vita went over for their second touchdown. Hunter failed to kick goal. This ended the scoring for the first half, time being called with the ball in Nebraska's possession on her own fifty yard line, where it had been carried by some good work by Mason and Barwick.

During the intermission Minnesota's band, forty-five strong, circled the field, soothing the drooping spirits of the rooters with encouraging airs.

The teams reappeared with no change in the line up.

Minnesota kicked off to Cy Mason on our twenty-five yard line, and Cy returned fifteen yards before being downed. Nebraska failed to make distance, and punted, and the story began again with Vita, Davies and Marshall figuring prominently. With the ball on Nebraska's fifteen yard line Davies broke away for a touchdown, which was not allowed, as Nebraska had time out. Here McDonald went in for Barwick. The next three plays carried the ball over for Minnesota's third and last touchdown. The ball was punted out, but Hunter failed to make good at the try for goal. Score, Minnesota 16, Nebraska 6.

Nebraska kicked off to Minnesota's five yard line. The ball was bucked to the center of the field where Minnesota was penalized twenty yards and failed to regain the distance lost. Nebraska was unable to make distance and Bennie punted to Hunter on his five yard line. The little quarter, eluding the whole Nebraska team that endeavored to tackle him sprinted for the goal line, and Pender went after him. The usual, in such cases, happened, and Twister tackled the "flying" Gopher after he had made a gain of sixty yards. Weller went in for Borg, and the Minnesotans cheered the plucky center as he left the field. Minnesota fumbled, and for the second time Bill Johnson was "Johnny on the spot," and fell on the pigskin. Burgan replaced Davies, for Minnesota. Nebraska punted and Minnesota fumbled, Nebraska regaining the ball. Fenlon replaced Eager at left half. O'Brien replaced Hunter for Minnesota at quarter. Cotton tried for kick from placement from the thirty-five yard line. The kick was blocked, and it was Minnesota's ball on her forty yard line. Here O'Brien, carried the ball five times in succession for good gains, and the ball was on Nebraska's forty yard line. Here Minnesota tried for goal from placement. Bill Johnson broke through and blocked the kick. The ball bounced into the air, and fell, into the outstretched arms of Bender, and the usual in such cases, happened. The whole Nebraska team couldn't overtake Nebraska's whirlwind half, and after a beautiful run of seventy yards, Bender was credited with a touchdown.

Benedict kicked goal, and this ended the scoring.

Cotton kicked off, and with Marshall, Case, who replaced Vita, and O'Brien carrying the ball, Minnesota worked her way to the center of the field. Here Nebraska held, and the ball was in Nebraska's possession when time was called.

THE LINE UP.

Nebraska.	Minnesota.
Benedict R E	Burdick
Cotton R T	Brush
Mills R G	Smith
Borg C	Strathern
Mason L G	Thorpe
Johnson L E	Marshall
Barwick Q	Hunter
Eager L H	Burgan
Bender R H	Davies
Mason, G F	Current

Substitutes: Nebraska, Weller, McDonald, Fenlon; Minnesota, Imer, O'Brien, Case, Burgan.

Referee, Burkland, Illinois; Umpire, Clark, Chicago; Linesman, Allen, Chicago. Time of halves, thirty-five minutes.

Perhaps the closest struggle was at center, where Borg opposed Capt. Strathern. Neither could better the other much, and neither side made gains through this place. At end Capt. Benedict was uncircleable. Time after time, until they learned better, the Minnesota men were downed for losses when attempting to get around Bennie. There was no comparison between Bennie's punting and that of his opponents. Every exchange of kicks resulted in from fifteen to twenty-five yards in Benedict's favor. Hunter at guard, showed up well for a man with one week's training, and played his man to a standstill. In his first big game Mills, at the other guard, played against the hardest man in Minnesota's line, Sunny Thorpe, who was an all star guard on the All-Western eleven last year. Mills played clear to the finish and showed as much fight at the last as at the first, giving Thorpe all he wanted from the kickoff. Johnson's work at blocking and falling on the ball was directly responsible for some of our score. Eager, behind the line, gained every time called upon. Mason's line bucking was strong as usual, and his gains were shortened, not because he could not get through, but because when he did there was a second line to pass, without interference. Just what Barwick at quarter, can do could not be told, for his arm was in too poor shape to allow any estimate being made. Cotton made good the only time he had his hands on the ball, tore off fifteen yards that were in the way. Bender gave the Minnesotans what they wanted in the sensational line. His overtaking and tackling Hunter, after the Gopher had a start of fifteen yards on him saved a touchdown against Nebraska, and his seventy yard sprint for touchdown brought the crowd to their feet in a very complimentary manner.

The whole team, as Coach Booth said, was in the game from the start, full of fight clear to the finish. Some mistakes were made, but the men know what they were, and Coach Booth knows what they were and they will be remedied. The rooters, and everybody else is satisfied.

In the team that opposed them Saturday Nebraska was up against a stiff proposition, all other advantages or disadvantages aside. Particular mention cannot be made of each of the Gopher players, but they are football players from the ground up. From Capt. Strathern at center, back to Current at full, the team averages up splendidly, no one part being developed at the expense of the others, with the exception of punting. A game between Minnesota and Michigan would be a sight worth going a long way to see, and the friendly feeling strong now between the two institutions would compel us to cheer for the Maroon and Old Gold.

If you got it at Armstrong's, it's right.

GREAT RECEPTION

A Wonderful Celebration Greeted
Return of Foot Ball Team.

Yesterday's Ovation Rivals That of
Two Years Ago.

Not since the great celebration which followed the Minnesota victory two years ago, has a Nebraska team been accorded such a magnificent ovation as that which greeted the returning Cornhuskers yesterday morning. Defeated though the team was, its gallant battle against odds last Saturday commanded the fervent admiration of its supporters. The great football celebration of 1904 will go down in the history of the university as one of the most significant outbursts of college spirit in her annals.

Over two thousand students were at the Burlington station to meet the team. The tally-ho which was used to carry them from the depot to the university was drawn by a rope nearly two blocks long, and hundreds of students lined on either side, anxious for an opportunity to exhibit their appreciation of what the men had accomplished for the glory of the Scarlet and Cream. Before the train came in Professors Fogg, Pound, Conda and Richards made short talks, emphasizing the wonderful fight made by the Cornhuskers and arousing still greater enthusiasm. Probably better rooting was in evidence than at any previous time this year. The university yells were given with much snap and ginger, qualities which have been most marked by their absence heretofore.

The team was at once loaded into the tally-ho and drawn slowly down town, as soon as the train pulled in, about 10:30. From there they were drawn down town, down O street to Twelfth, and from there directly to the campus.

Memorial Hall was splendidly decorated for their reception. Cornhusks and cornstalks, pumpkins and squashes, carnations and roses—by courtesy of Florist C. H. Frey—were strewn with lavish profusion on the platform and over the organ. Scarlet and cream was everywhere in evidence, and the scene resembled a harvest home festival more than anything else.

The audience that crowded its way into the hall was probably as large a one as ever assembled there. The aisles were filled, the galleries packed, and the overflow extended down the stairs and out into the armory. Enthusiasm grew as the team filed in and took seats on the platform. The rooting was deafening in volume, and exceeded anything of the sort ever before heard at Nebraska.

Coach Booth, Assistant Coach Westover, Captain Benedict, Johnny Bender, Tow Cotton, Charlie Borg and Cy Mason were called on for talks, but what they said was so affected by their emotion as to prevent its setting down in cold type. The meeting, indeed, proved such a strain on the, already exhausted men that it was at length terminated for that very reason.

Last night at practice another change was made which seems quite the right thing. Bender was tried at quarter. He has every quality which goes to make up the ideal quarter, speed, snappiness, sureness of tackling and the positions at quarter would not all prevent his carrying the ball. Bender is an end runner and not a line bucker at his best. If Fenlon can learn to go forward and not to the side so much, his speed and greater weight should make him a peerless halfback.

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