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BEST TEAM WINS WE MUST BEAT MINNESOTA HOME ONCE MORE

MICHIGAN OVERWHELMS NEBRASKA TO THE TUNE OF 31-0.

After Playing One Half With No Score, the Cornhuskers Go to Pieces—Give Yost a Scare.

Last Saturday afternoon at Ann Arbor the University of Nebraska was administered the most decisive defeat that she has experienced in football in many a day. Michigan, after being held down to an 0-0 score in the first half, proceeded to slaughter us by running up 31 points in the last half. This means, in other words, that Michigan crossed our goal line five successive times, and kicked a goal from the field, in one half.

While we were defeated, and that fairly, the varsity accomplished a feat which has seldom happened against Yost's men, this was, the holding of Michigan down to an 0-0 score in the first half. Nebraska played such a hard and strenuous game the first half that they were worn out and could not stand up against Michigan's repeated line bucks by her heavy back field and line men in the second. The first half of the game was played for the major part of the time in Michigan's territory. This was due to Benedict's wonderful work at punting. Time after time he booted the ball back, and in so doing put the Nebraska goal out of danger.

In the second half Michigan started the scoring by working the ball down the field to within a few yards of the Nebraska goal. Norcross fell back for a place kick and was successful. The score stood 4 to 0 after some five minutes play. Three touchdowns were made now in quick succession. Long end runs by Norcross and Hammond, line bucks by Longman, Curtis, and Clarke, and fake plays placed the condition of the semaphore as such, Michigan 21, Nebraska 0.

Thus the score stood with but ten minutes left to play. These ten minutes seemed like hours to the people in Lincoln waiting for bulletins. For Michigan they meant a point every minute, as they shoved the ball across the line for two more touchdowns. The score now stood 31-0, and it was the same at the end of the game.

While 31-0 is the largest score that has been run up against Nebraska since Booth's advent here, yet, never was the University represented by a stronger or better team. We have no reason to be discouraged, for we were defeated by a better, more experienced and heavier team. Nebraska played their best, and harder than they will be called upon to play this year again in order that our list may show but one defeat, and that Michigan.

Other teams have visited Ann Arbor to meet "Hurry-up" Yost and his men but have returned carrying the same grievance that Nebraska carried to Lincoln yesterday, that of defeat. Probably no other school in the United States has such a string of victories and successes on the gridiron as has been accorded Michigan since the coming of Yost to that institution. Nebraska

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An Appeal to the Student Body of the University of Nebraska.

Last Saturday the Nebraska football team received the bitterest and most humiliating defeat it has suffered under the new regime beginning six years ago when Booth first came to Nebraska and raised it from a fourth grade school, athletically, to the best in the Missouri Valley. It was no discredit to be beaten by such a team as Michigan has, nor by such a coach as Yost, nor can our severest critic say that at any time during the game did the men representing the Scarlet and the Cream show a yellow streak and lie down. Nevertheless we were defeated, and in a single half had more points made against us than could have been scored on many a second rate college by our own team. Even in the glorious first half, when Nebraska held Michigan time and again, and even forced her back almost across her own goal line, there can be but little ground for comfort to an unprejudiced observer, for he cannot but notice that our game was played by our opponents then, and that only persistent fumbling on the part of the Wolverines saved us from at least two touchdowns.

For this defeat we must recognize that all excuses are futile. We were beaten by a faster, heavier, and more experienced team, and if anything was wrong with the score, objection is due from Michigan and not from Nebraska. It is far from our intention to croak, but we do wish to bring home to the student body a knowledge of how complete and overwhelming our defeat was, and to make them think of a few of the necessary results of that defeat unless we in some way avoid them.

In the first place, our hopes for admission to the sacred precincts of the Big Nine will be gone forever. It has been nothing but our great showing for the past three or four years which has won for us even slight recognition from the colleges forming the Conference, and a continuance of this recognition is conditional upon a continuance of our athletic successes. While some may doubt the desirability of membership in the Conference, still the majority of the student body and of the faculty are anxious that we get a place in it, so that our future position would be assured, and the anxiety as to whether Nebraska would get a good schedule or not would be obviated. Another result which would be disastrous in the immediate future is the certainty that the University and Lincoln never will support a losing team. This is another thing from saying that the students are not loyal and will not stay by the team whether they win or lose, for that is certainly untrue, as we have shown time and again in the past two years. It is doubtful if the team could have been given a more enthusiastic reception than that tendered them yesterday morning even if they had won the game. The same spirit was shown last year when the men returned from Minnesota and from Colorado. What we

do mean, is that competition for places on the team will not be so severe, and that the crowds at the games will fall off. This will affect the University directly, for on football we must depend for funds to carry through every other branch of college athletics.

Of other results there are many. Kansas, Iowa, Missouri—all of them will now be able to point at Nebraska as a brilliant example of the old adage about pride. Eastern critics will again forget that there ever was a college at Lincoln that had a football team. High school stars will journey elsewhere for honors. But perhaps the most regrettable of all is the fact that this defeat will mean the total destruction of whatever reputation Walter C. Booth has built up as a football coach. On account of the many friends Booth has won during his many seasons as coach at Nebraska, this will affect the student body deeply, and there can be no one of them who would not willingly do anything he could to win back for our coach a reputation for being the greatest constructive coach in the West—a reputation which he has justly won by producing four teams that have surprised the whole athletic world.

It is possible to retrieve ourselves and to avert these consequences. The opportunity to do so comes in less than a month, and we must begin to seize it now. There is but one thing required of Nebraska, and if she does that the football season of 1905 will end as gloriously as any which have gone before, and the disastrous defeat of last Saturday will be forgotten and forgiven by all. **WE MUST DEFEAT MINNESOTA.** It is possible, it has been done before, and it must be done again. In no other way can Nebraska hold the reputation which has taken her so many years of hard work to win. In no other way can we ever hope to force our way into the Conference. In no other way can we attract to our college the athletic stars of western prep schools. And in no other way can we preserve to Booth a reputation second to none. Again we say that we can and must beat Minnesota, and to do it will require the concerted efforts of every student in the University. All of us cannot get out and play football, but all of us can get out on the side lines every night and cheer the men on in their attempt to better the team so that it can give the Gophers the drubbing which is our only salvation. To do this we must sacrifice one thing which we have looked forward to for more than a year. We must be satisfied with a low score against Colorado, or even with a tie, for even our desire for revenge must give way before our greater longing to redeem ourselves and show that Nebraska does know how to play football. It is unnecessary to say what is to be done by the men who are to make up the team which goes up against Minnesota, for every

DEFEATED TEAM GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

Amid Cheers the Battered Players Arrive in Lincoln and Are Paraded Through the Streets.

The varsity returned from Michigan yesterday morning on the 10:30 Burlington train. The team was received amidst wild cheering by the several hundred students who had gathered at the depot to welcome home Nebraska's defeated football warriors. The bitter news of defeat which had quieted every one on Saturday was forgotten, and the students gave vent to enthusiasm, which will never cease until Nebraska has defeated Colorado, Minnesota, and Illinois, on the 11th, 18th and 30th of November, respectively.

At ten o'clock yesterday morning the rooter leaders gathered a file and went through every library and shop on the University campus. In (Continued on page 2.)

one can be assured that after tasting the bitterness of defeat they will do all that man can in order to win against the Gophers. But other things are required of the student body than enthusiastic support. All who can do so must get out and play football themselves. Before we can win from Minnesota we must have three new men. It is settled that Minnesota will refuse to play unless we bar Freshmen, which will mean a team without its strongest line bucker, Taylor. The other guard position and one tackle position must be filled also. The former because it is not occupied by a strong enough man, the latter because it would release to the back field in Weller a man who can buck the line like a rhinoceros and can circle the end more neatly than any Nebraska man with the exception of Bender ever could. There must be big husky men in a college as large as Nebraska, and while the time is short, yet the need is great, and all who know Booth are confident that if a candidate has any ability it will be brought to the front in very short order. If three men can be found to take these line positions, Minnesota is doomed.

Another thing that must be done by the students if they are to hold up their end of the string is to go to Minnesota on the excursion and root from the beginning of the game until the final whistle blows. Nothing will be of so much assistance to the team on that day as the presence of an organized body of rooters, and if the excursion train does not take up more than 500 students, they are not doing their part.

Fellow students, it is up to you to say whether we are going to beat Minnesota or not; it is in your hands to decide whether Booth is to leave Nebraska with the reputation he had won when the season of 1904 closed or not; it is for you to win for Nebraska a right to demand admission to the Big Nine. The next four weeks will show whether you are going to do your duty or not.

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