

REVIEW OF THE SEASON

By PAUL A. EWING

Beginning the season with many handicaps which threatened dire things before the schedule should be completed, the 1907 Cornhuskers are about to end with all honor as hard a task as the wearers of scarlet and cream ever faced. Starting the year under a coach wholly unacquainted with his pupils, their captain the only real veteran on the roll, and with



H. W. CRAIG.

Position, sub fullback; weight, 167; age, 24; year on team, 4; home, Reserve, Kansas.

ghastly recollections of a previous year's failures from which to escape, the outlook at the opening of the season was anything but propitious for the handful of warriors who reported for duty the middle of September. Their duty indeed, was far greater than the mere schedule promised—three interstate contests to wage, two defeats to avenge; the championship of the Missouri Valley to be regained—a difficult program under the most favorable conditions; a seemingly impossible one with the situation as it was when the vanguard of the team invaded Lincoln.

The success attained in carrying out the work assigned to them is too evident in the bare record of the season too need much discussion. The threatened complications due to the change in coaches failed to materialize; instead, half the troubles of the team disappeared with the arrival of the new leader. Minnesota was not defeated, but the margin of victory in favor of the gophers was so slender that Nebraska's defeat was hardly even disappointing. Both Colorado and Kansas, the other state teams encountered, were emphatically beaten, and with the defeat of the Jayhawkers the Cornhuskers wiped out the humiliation of their previous drubbing at the hands of the southerners.

This feat crowned the record of the season; but the great game of the year had already been played. The preceding Saturday another troublesome memory had been forgotten when Captain Weller's boot proved sufficient to beat the great team sent from Ames to humble once more the colors worn by the men of Nebraska. Perhaps this game will go down in

Cornhusker history as the greatest ever played on Nebraska field; surely it deserves to rank with the thrilling contest that marked the closing of the football career of John Bender, or with the first clash between Cornhuskers and Gophers in Lincoln seven years ago. By beating the farmers Nebraska again won the title to champions of the Missouri valley—an honor not claimed by the scarlet and cream since the Haskell Indians, now little more than a joke in the football world, scored victory three years ago. Next week the team will journey to St. Louis for the last big game of the season, but its real work has already been performed. If victory is achieved over the many-times veterans of the Missouri university, the more glory will be attached to the record of the team of 1907; should it be defeated, no disgrace will accompany defeat, nor will the brilliance of previous performances be dimmed.

The season opened with the game with Peru, September 28, but for two weeks preceding the initial contest a squad of about a score of men had been taking its preparatory lessons



E. M. BURNETT.

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under Coach Cole. First indications were that an unusual number of the members of the previous year's team were to be available. In addition to Captain Weller, the following men were depended upon to report early for practice; Denslow, Craig, Matters, Ewing, Harvey, Chaloupka, and Cooke—all of whom had already won their "N's." All, in fact, did report, but Denslow was called to his home and Craig was forced to discontinue his connection with the team on account of his studies. An unexpectedly brilliant array of scrubs came to the rescue, however, and for the first three or four weeks competition for places on the team was strenuous.

Despite the fact that he had no assistant early in the year, Coach Cole managed to whip his material into such shape that a score which recalled recollections of the old-time game was rolled up against the Peru teachers. The result of the game made it apparent that in spite of their first discouragements, the Cornhuskers were to prove a formidable eleven. This impression was confirmed in their second game, when they well-nigh swamped Coach Whittemore's promising team from South

Dakota—a team which Nebraska had been able to defeat the previous season only by the decidedly disappointing score of 4 to nothing. A much harder game was encountered with Grinnell, the Iowans once more displaying a grit and endurance which Nebraska has already had occasion to become well acquainted with on more than one occasion. At that, however, the Cornhuskers came out of the game with a score of 39 to 4, a well-earned field-goal having given Grinnell the first points of the year against the scarlet and cream.

The first three games were only appetizers for Nebraska, but the next one was "another story." The scene of it was once more Northrup field, and the Cornhuskers' opponents Dr. Williams' Gophers. The game was the hardest fought of any ever engaged in by the two teams. The only touchdown was made by Fullback Kroger, of Nebraska, but a couple of field goals by Capron, of Minnesota, were sufficient to overcome the early advantage of Nebraska, and although the Cornhuskers preserved their goal line from violation, the northerners carried off the victory by a score of 8 to 5—a narrower difference than ever before marked the result of games between Nebraska and Minnesota. In view of the ease with which Nebraska had been defeated by Minnesota in 1905 and 1906, and the difficulties the Cornhuskers had had to overcome before entering the game, its result was considered more a victory than a defeat. The contest settled once for all the question of Nebraska's strength.

After being keyed to a high pitch



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in preparation for the Minnesota game the Cornhuskers felt some apprehension as to what would happen in the three big games yet to be played. It was feared that a repetition of what occurred three years ago, when the efforts of the Cornhuskers to beat Minnesota proved their undoing in the ensuing game with Haskell, might again occur. The Cornhuskers of 1907 proved to have been of more durable goods than the men whom the reds defeated, however. Although every man on the team had played like a veteran in the Minnesota game, they yet proved themselves able to take the measure (Continued on Page 7.)

ATHLETIC FIELD QUESTION

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"We are out in the cold and have no place to lay our heads or put our feet."

Those words tell the exact condition of athletics at the University of Nebraska at the present time. We of the athletic department of this school are outcasts. The Board of Regents and Chancellor have driven us from the campus by giving our athletic field to the Industrial School as the site for a new engineering building. Without suggesting how we are going to get another home for our athletics, we have taken Nebraska Field from us and have left us destitute.

Surely our athletic department is worthy of a place on the campus. Are we not a part of the University? Do we not deserve a little recognition? It seems to me that an injustice is being done us.

The athletic department has a large amount of money invested in the present field. It has been a hard proposition to scrape together enough money to put the field in the condition it is today. Grandstand, bleachers and fences have been put on the grounds at no small expense. The expense of these improvements has been stood by the Athletic Board—not one cent have the Regents paid. Does it not seem reasonable that the Regents, when they take the field from us, ought to stand at least a part of the loss to the athletic department resulting from such action.

There is not a school in the country at which athletics are not aided and helped financially by the University authorities. In some of the state schools the coaches are even paid out of the university funds. We at Nebraska do not ask this much from our Regents, but we do ask that they give us a place for our athletics on the campus. We have a right to make this request. We have a great interest in this University.

It is our parents and our alumnae that help keep it up. It is not a private institution. No man or group of men,



ORLANDO BENTLEY.

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though they may have the power, are justified in throwing one department out of the University for another when (Continued on Page 4.)