

Football and Other College Sports

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Football, without any question, holds the first place among all college sports. It can be looked upon

as a sport in a place all by itself, not even approached by the other branches. Without doubt, too, it fully deserves this rank, but not for the reason simply that it yields a little more excitement to the spectator, leaving aside the question of whether or not he has something substantial staked on the outcome—for there seems to be those with such defective sporting circulation that it takes some such individual and personal stimulant to set their sporting pulses stirring above a normal rate—nor is football to be accorded first place simply because it is a test of strength, a test whether this university or that university can produce the more powerful bunch of beef. These points enter into the supremacy of the game, but along in connection with the fact that

It enter the elements of team work, which includes head work, skill, experience, nerve, aggressiveness and ability to construct, as well as strength. Get all these elements mixed up in one game, to be settled in a single contest on one field within sight of every onlooker, and you have something to make spirit intense when two rival schools meet to settle the question of their superiority in that way.

But reflexly, football gets a whole

lot of greatness from this spirit which it arouses. That is the best part of it. In the Kansas-Nebraska game this season there was the best exhibition of real spirit shown by Nebraska supporters since the fall of 1904, when the team came back defeated from Minnesota, but were met, nevertheless, at the station with a big "bandwagon" with a block of rope on the tongue, and that rope lined with men as thick as they could stand; when there was a monster mass meeting in

when the fact was, Nebraska had more nearly suffered that fate. It does not matter whether that spirit be manifested by a mass meeting or a

But this spirit, though expressed best and most completely during the football season ought to extend along into the winter and spring in support of the sports, which then come off, for those sports also stand for the university. Perhaps, they do not include all the features of the bigger contest, yet the same principle is back of them and that should not fall of recognition as it has so lamentably failed in the past history. At many other institutions basket-ball and foot-

ognize that all branches of athletics stand for the same idea, and not only will every basket-ball game, every

baseball game, and every track meet receive its full share of attention, but football also will become much greater than it is even now, and Nebraska will produce teams such as it has never produced before.

President Edmund J. James, of the University of Illinois, in an address to the students declared that hazing will not be tolerated, and that any student found guilty of it will be dismissed from the university. "Hazing is a violation of good manners and of the right of individual liberty," he said. It is provocative of public disorder. In its milder forms it is a nonsensical and almost idiotic form of amusement, unworthy of the support or favor of any sensible university student. In its coarser forms hazing is a vulgar, brutal, always de-



Carlson, Kansas Center



Frum, Nebraska Tackle



Minor, Nebraska Halfback



MANAGER EARL O. EAGER.



Temple, Nebraska Fullback



Caldwell, Kansas Tackle



Birkner, Nebraska Halfback



Hubbard, Ames Halfback



Bentley, Nebraska Quarterback



Beltzer, Nebraska Halfback



Kroger, Nebraska Fullback

football, rather because of its nature, is a most sharply decisive contest in favor of one or the other side. Into

Memorial hall into which the players were carried on the shoulders of their supporters and placed upon the platform flanked with cornstalks; when speeches were demanded from the players and from old Jack Best, who got up and waved his cap and everybody yelled as if Minnesota had been run off the northern hemisphere—

and which certainly did pervade it on the two occasions mentioned above, is not a deep-rooted thing here, but shallow and intermittent.

Beginning with that Kansas game a couple of weeks ago there should be a growth of genuine Nebraska spirit which will prove that conclusion to be absolutely false, which will rec-

moralizing and sometimes dangerous form of sport, which the university cannot countenance or tolerate."