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REFEREE POE A HAPPY MAN BECAUSE KANSAS WON GAME OFFICIAL OF SATURDAY CONTEST TALKS FRANKLY

"I WAS GLAD WHEN KANSAS SCORED THE TOUCHDOWN AND
I REJOICE THAT KANSAS WON THE GAME"
SAYS THE PRINCETON MAN

"I am the happiest man in Lincoln tonight. I was glad when Kansas scored that touchdown, and I rejoice that Kansas won the game."

This is the remarkable statement made by Arthur Poe, referee of the Kansas-Nebraska football game last Saturday at the close of the contest. In view of his participation as an official of the big game his joy at the Jayhawker victory will be viewed with interest by Nebraska students. To say the least, his frank statement of his personal feeling stands unique in the annals of football refereeing in the west. Many times have officials been accused of bad judgment, but it is doubtful if ever a man has made a statement which can compare with that of Arthur Poe.

The Kansas City Times is the paper which stands sponsor for the authenticity of the story, and following is the article in which Poe's position is explained:

A Happy Man.

"I am the happiest man in Lincoln tonight. I was glad when Kansas scored that touchdown and I rejoice that Kansas won the game."

"This statement is rather remarkable in that it was made just at the close of the Kansas-Nebraska football game in Lincoln Saturday by Arthur Poe, member of the famous Princeton football family, who refereed the game that put Nebraska out of the Missouri Valley championship run. Poe was sincere in his joy and he showed no hesitancy in expressing his pleasure at the result of the great struggle. He

had missed a touchdown by Kansas in the first half. He had been fooled by a trick play and had called a touchdown back when it should have been allowed. Afterward he admitted that he had been fooled and his expression of happiness in the Kansas victory was because he knew that his slip would have cost the Jayhawkers a well earned victory, had not 'Tommy' Johnson pulled off the play of a season.

"The play that Poe missed was this: Kansas had the ball on the Nebraska forty-yard line when a fake buck signal was called. Quarter back Johnson took the ball from the center and threw the ball back on a short pass to Pleasant. As Pleasant tore through the center with the ball he passed it back to Johnson, who found a hole outside of tackle and darted through with a clear field before him. The football rules say that when the referee blows his whistle the ball is dead and the play ended. For this reason the referee is cautioned against sounding the whistle until the ball is down, regardless of any fouls that may be made. On this play Referee Poe thought that Pleasant had retained possession of the ball. He did not see the second pass, and when Pleasant stumbled and fell Poe sounded his whistle. That made the play dead. Johnson was racing for a touchdown and too late Poe discovered that Pleasant didn't have the oval. There was no use to kick, for the whistle had ended the play. But it was tough luck for Kansas. The

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CRITICAL REVIEW OF GAME WHICH LOST CHAMPIONSHIP KANSAS WAS OUTPLAYED IN ALL SAVE PUNTING

NEBRASKA'S BACKFIELD DID MUCH BETTER WORK THAN THE
SIDELINERS EXPECTED--MAGOR AND RATHBONE
STARRED FOR THE CORNHUSKERS

BY C. E. ELLIOTT.

When that auburn haired youth from the Sunflower state pulled off his rather spectacular run of seventy yards for a touchdown Saturday afternoon on Nebraska field he gave victory to a team that had not earned it and denied an eleven that had played the better football the honors that were its due.

There can be no point in trying to belittle Johnson's performance; he won the game for Kansas and must remain a hero. But so far as being hailed as a great football man he should have no acclaim.

Until he made the run that saved Kansas from disgrace he had done some poor work. As far as generalship was concerned he was a failure. He ran the Jayhawkers like a novice. The team had no snap; Johnson had to rest after every play to learn what to do on the next. As a quarter back he is no more than the equal of Fee of Iowa.

Truly he booted the ball well and

especially with the onside kicks his work was of a classy order. He gave the oval just the right lift for a short kick and had the Cornhuskers not been well drilled on defensive work some of the Jayhawker's onsidies would have worked havoc.

He Punted Well.

In punting he excelled, and during the first half his boot kept the Jayhawkers from being scored against. His punts averaged seven yards more than Captain Beltzer's for that session, but in the second half the Nebraska captain held him about even with the booting.

Before Johnson, however, is called a "great" football player he must show a deeper knowledge of the game and must display the ability to dodge and twist away from players that has marked the play of Bender and McGovern.

The play in the game between the Jayhawkers and Cornhuskers proved what had been predicted in the before the battle talk—that the Nebraska line would outclass the opposing forwards

and that most of the success of the eleven would depend on that part of the Cornhusker machine.

Seldom has a Nebraska line done such splendid work as that which marked the play of the forwards Saturday. Coach Kennedy had seen the Cornhuskers in action against Doane and he supposed his men would be able to sift through the Nebraska line. He had confidentially informed people before the game that the boasted Cornhusker "stonewall" would be a snap for his team.

Kansas Outplayed.

When it came to the game there was not a man from tackle to tackle on the Nebraska side that did not outplay his opponent. The "Terrible Swede Carlson" at center found a man in Shonka that was much superior to anything he had ever tackled. Carlson was a beaten man from the start, and some of the biggest gains were made through holes opened up in the part of the line that he should have protected.

Lovett was pitted against Ewing, who showed him what the modern game of football is like. "Tub" never had any trouble in clearing a passage on his side of the line. Wolcott, who is playing his first game with the Cornhuskers, did not show up in a spectacular manner, but he was so powerful he could not be swept away and the fact that no gains were made through his position is evidence that he was on the job.

Nebraska's two tackles, Harte and Temple, played the game of their lives and undoubtedly won a right to first choice for the tackle positions on the All-Missouri Valley eleven. They have played some fine ball for the Cornhuskers, but they never put up a better game than they did Saturday.

Magor and Rathbone Stars.

Nebraska's back field did much better than had been expected. Magor and Rathbone were the real stars there. The full back's plunging attacks were magnificent. Magor's play was brilliant and he did some of the best defensive work seen on Nebraska field in several years.

It cannot be denied that the generalship of the Cornhuskers was weak. It was not, however, in choosing to punt on the third down several times, as one of the local papers alleged. It was rather in the failure to try a goal from the field or in trying to send a play through the right side of the Kansas line when the weak spot was at center, where Shonka and Ewing were constantly making holes.

The unfortunate judgment that kept the Cornhuskers from making first downs in the early minutes of the second half when the team was on the Kansas ten-yard line undoubtedly cost the Cornhuskers a victory. This mistake was not due to one man, though. The whole team was taken into consultation and others than the quarter back erred.

Nebraska's success with the onside kick and forward pass was grand. The pass was a cleverly executed one, and the fact that it was successful every time it was tried goes to prove the statement that it was a great one.

Then the onside kick; it never failed the Cornhuskers and they gained every time they used it. The Kansas eleven never successfully executed a forward pass or onside kick. The pass would have been used, but when Johnson was ready to throw the oval the men to whom he was to hurl it were so closely guarded that it would have been folly to have let the ball go.

Tried Onside Kick.

The onside kick was tried several times by Johnson and the ball was booted beautifully, but Nebraska's defense was so well trained that it caught the ball in every instance.

There have been games in which a Nebraska eleven has shown a better spurt of defensive play than the Cornhuskers did in the opening minutes of the second half. Despite the poor generalship in one instance even then the

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KANSAS WINS HARD GAME BY SCORE OF SIX TO NOTHING BALL CROSSES THE GOAL IN LAST FEW MINUTES PLAY

"TOMMY" JOHNSON, JAYHAWKER'S STAR QUARTERBACK MAKES
SENSATIONAL SIXTY-FIVE YARD RUN WHICH WINS
THE GAME FOR MEN FROM LAWRENCE

After fighting valiantly for sixty-eight minutes of the best football seen in Nebraska in years, the hopes of the Cornhuskers were dashed to pieces by the brilliant work of one Jayhawker. In the last two minutes of play in Saturday's contest Johnson, the star Kansas quarter back, grabbed a punt on his own thirty-five-yard line and, hurling off the tackles, ran the full seventy yards for a touchdown.

Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky came the play that so upset the Cornhusker hopes. The teams had saw-sawed back and forth during the whole game with the advantage always in Nebraska's favor. Time and again this same Johnson had received Beltzer's punts only to fumble them or be downed almost in his tracks. So when the spheroid went hurtling through the air to the waiting Johnson at this particular time not one of the six thousand spectators had any idea that a game, that seemed sure to end a tie, would be won in so spectacular a manner. But such is the irony of fate, and so for this season fate has not been in favor of the Cornhuskers.

Cornhuskers Outplay Opponents.

Up to the time of Johnson's great run the Cornhuskers had clearly outplayed their opponents. In just one department did the Jayhawkers have anything on the Cornhuskers, and that was in punting. Johnson surprised everyone by booting the ball much farther than his opponent. Beltzer's punting was weak and not up to his usual standard. Many of his punts were low, the one Johnson returned for a touchdown being so low as not to give the ends ample opportunity for getting down to stop the play.

But in the other departments, wherever there was a difference it was in favor of Nebraska. The Cornhusker line clearly outplayed their opponents both on the defensive and the offensive. Kansas could not gain consistently through the Nebraska line, and long before the end of the game gave up all attempts at line bucking and resorted to end runs and trick plays. On the other hand, the Cornhuskers plowed through their opponents' line repeatedly for long gains, gaining in this manner over three times the distance so made by their opponents.

Rathbone Stars.

Rathbone in particular brought the crowd to their feet and inspired the rooters with hope by his great line plunging. Several times he went through the Jayhawkers' line for as high as twelve and fourteen yards, and he could always be depended on to make from four to six yards at a down. Magor and Harte also made some good gains in the same manner. Magor's defense was great. His tackling was hard and sure. On the other end Johnson put up his best game of the season and time and again tackled his man for a loss. Every man in the line played like a fiend and from tackle to tackle the Nebraska line was a stone wall. Shonka at center clearly outplayed his opponent, the much touted "Swede" Carlson.

Franck played a steady game at quarter back. At times his judgment was questioned by the rooters when with only a couple of yards to go he would call for a punt on the third

down. However this fault cannot be attributed to Franck alone. It was Franck's first big game at quarter and there ought to have been men in the back field of wider experience to correct this tendency. The criticism that Nebraska lacked a leader in the critical stages almost seems unfair.

Open Play Not in Evidence.

A surprising feature of the game was the little dependence either team put on the forward pass. Kansas did not gain a yard in this manner, only attempting it three times and each time the man who was to receive the pass was so well guarded by Cornhuskers that an attempt at a pass would have been foolhardy. On the other hand, Nebraska gained ground every time the pass was used and it is surprising that it was not attempted more than it was. Cole's trick plays were not much in evidence either, the Nebraskans seeming to rely more on the old-style formation.

But, with the exception of Johnson's great run, the Cornhuskers gained far more ground than their rivals. Only a few times did Kansas make their downs, and it was by outpunting Nebraska and taking advantage of fumbles and penalties that she kept her goal out of danger.

It must be admitted, too, that the penalties inflicted on Nebraska had much to do with the losing of the game. Twice the Cornhuskers worked the ball down to within striking distance of their opponents' goal, only to be forced back by penalties and forced to punt. All told the Cornhuskers were penalized fifty-five yards while the Kansans received but fifteen. The last penalty inflicted on Nebraska when she had worked the ball well down the field forced Captain Beltzer to punt, and gave Johnson his opportunity to score.

Johnson Stars for Kansas.

Johnson was easily the Kansas star. His stellar work alone saving the game for his team. His punting was much in evidence and his long run won the game for his team. Of course Johnson was lucky in getting away as he did, but much credit is due him for his wonderful dodging. There are few men in western football who are capable of making such a run as Johnson did in Saturday's contest.

While the Kansas team, with the exception of Johnson, did not play as brilliant a game as Nebraska, their play was steady and showed good generalship. They braced at critical stages and were always ready to take advantage of the Cornhuskers' errors, and when the opportunity did come they gave their star men some fine interference.

The Game in Detail.

Nebraska kicked off and Kansas returned to the twenty-yard line. Johnson punted to Beltzer, who made a good return to the Kansas forty-yard line. On line buck Rathbone made eight yards, and Magor followed with three more. On a fumble Kansas secured the ball. The Cornhuskers held Kansas for downs and obtained the ball on the Kansas thirty-yard line. Frank attempted a goal from the field, but failed. Kansas then made a ten-yard gain before downed. Johnson punted to Frank, the ball going out on the Nebraska forty-yard line. After

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