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HASKELL VERSUS NEBRASKA

Haskell vs. Nebraska is the football program for Turkey Day in Lincoln. The Lawrence Indians will meet the Cornhuskers on Nebraska Field for the last game of the season. The result cannot be foretold, for both teams have quite similar records, and the Denver games of each are the only basis for direct comparison.

The attendance of students at the Thanksgiving game will be lighter than for past games this season. Many will leave for home Wednesday afternoon and evening and only a minority will stay for the game. But Lincoln citizens will turn out in large numbers on the occasion of the holiday and, the weather permitting, the game should be well attended.

With Haskell defeating Denver 8 to 5, and Nebraska 6 to 5 the comparative scores would seem to indicate that Haskell had slightly the best of the argument. But this is to be doubted. It must be remembered that Haskell played its regular line against Denver, while Nebraska suffered the loss of Wolcott, who was confined to his room with tonsilitis.

The game Saturday showed the ball in Nebraska territory the bigger part of the time. Two costly fumbles by Beltzer are the only things which averted two apparent touchdowns by the Cornhuskers. In both cases the ball was fumbled when within fifteen yards of the Denver goal and when Nebraska was making steady progress down the field. If this fumbling can be minimized in the Haskell game the Nebraska team will show up better than the Indians, taking the Denver scores a a basis of comparison.

On the other hand, it must be admitted that comparative scores are but poor things upon which to base football predictions. So many things enter into the winning of a game that scores cannot furnish a sure basis of comparison. Haskell has had over a week's rest since the Denver game, while Nebraska has only five days in which to recover from the battering of the Denver backs. This difference is likely to tell against the Cornhuskers.

Haskell will rely considerably on Roberts to make big gains by exchanging punts. In this department the Indians will probably out-kick the Nebraska backs. Nebraska's gains will probably depend upon straight football with the onside kick and forward pass as valuable aids. Unluckily the methods of the Haskell and Denver teams are so different that Nebraska has had to adopt radically different plans of defense for the two teams. This may work to the disadvantage of the Cornhuskers. Yet it has the advantage that the Indians were not allowed to discover in the Denver game the tricks which Cole has in stock for the Thanksgiving Day game.

In the accompanying chart are given the weights of the Nebraska and Haskell players. The Nebraska weights are declared by the coaches to be accurate. From the appearance of the figures furnished by Haskell the Indians average several pounds lighter to the man than the Cornhuskers. The difference in weight, however, may be more on paper than on the gridiron.

Big Games Today

Thanksgiving day is marked by football contests all over the country. In most places Turkey Day is set aside for the settlement of hard local rivalries and the interest in the games will probably be greater locally than any of the season. Yet only a few contests will command national interest. Of these, four stand pre-eminent from the point of view of Nebraska sideliners. These are the Pennsylvania-Cornell game at Philadelphia; the Carlisle-St. Louis contest at St. Louis; the Notre Dame-Marquette struggle at Milwaukee, and the Kansas-Missouri game at Kansas City.

The Cornell-Pennsylvania fight marks the climax of the season for the New York-Pennsylvania men. The success of the season at either school depends upon the winning or losing of the Turkey Day game. Cornell was this year held to a tie by Chicago, but it is said that the Ithacans did not put up as good an article of ball as they might, had they not desired to save themselves for the Thanksgiving struggle. The 6 to 6 score at that game could have been turned in favor of the Cornellians, say the Ithaca dopesters, had not the coaches instructed their men to go easy.

Pennsylvania's defeat by Michigan sent the Quaker stock down several points and it has not yet recovered from the shock. The odds are favoring Cornell and Pennsylvania will have to spring some surprises if she comes into the class of the New Yorkers.

At St. Louis the University of St. Louis will fight it out with the Carlisle Indians. Nebraska students have not heard as much about the Indians this year as last, chiefly because there is no game scheduled with the Carlisle men by the Cornhuskers. But the Indians are playing good ball just the same, and have put up some classy exhibitions. So far they have not had so much success as last year, but their form is better with each game. They will meet a hard foe in St. Louis and the game should be good.

Marquette and Notre Dame will play at Milwaukee and the two schools are greatly interested in the result of the contest. Notre Dame surprised the watchers of the game by beating Michigan a couple of weeks ago. Marquette also played close to the Yost men and her improved form since that game makes the betting close, with but slight favor shown Notre Dame.

The games mark the close of the season save in a few instances of post-season games. The Army-Navy contest, usually one of the big affairs of the eastern season on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, will not be held this year on account of the death of Byrne, the army player injured in the game with Harvard. The officials of the two academies called off the game as soon as the fatal result of the accident was known. This year is the first since 1898 that the two teams have not met at Philadelphia.

The following is the record to date of the Cornell-Pennsylvania rivalry.

1893—Pennsylvania 50, Cornell 0.
1894—Pennsylvania 6, Cornell 0.
1895—Pennsylvania 46, Cornell 2.
1896—Pennsylvania 32, Cornell 10.
1897—Pennsylvania 4, Cornell 0.
1898—Pennsylvania 12, Cornell 6.
1899—Pennsylvania 29, Cornell 0.
1900—Pennsylvania 27, Cornell 0.
1901—Pennsylvania 6, Cornell 23.
1902—Pennsylvania 12, Cornell 11.
1903—Pennsylvania 36, Cornell 0.
1904—Pennsylvania 34, Cornell 0.
1905—Pennsylvania 6, Cornell 5.
1906—Pennsylvania 0, Cornell 0.
1907—Pennsylvania 12, Cornell 4.
1908—Pennsylvania 17, Cornell 4.

Kansas-Missouri

With Iowa safely out of the way, Kansas has left only Missouri as a rival for the Missouri Valley conference Thanksgiving Day at Kansas City in the contest which is to give one or the championship. These two schools meet other the valley title. Over twenty thousand people will witness the struggle between the Tigers of Roper and Kennedy.

the Jayhawkers directed by Coach

The defeat of Iowa by Kansas last Saturday surprised no one. The game had been correctly doped out since the two teams first set their respective paces in the mid season games. Kansas had the better team and won deservedly. Iowa really had no reason to expect anything other than defeat, for her team has not been traveling in the title class since the beginning of the season.

In the few days intervening since the Iowa game, Coach Kennedy has been busily at work putting the final touches on his team for the Thanksgiving battle. In this work it is common report that he has been given valuable assistance by a number of former Pennsylvania men who have come west to help the Jayhawker coach in his fight for the title. Kennedy is a popular man with the grads of his alma mater in the east and they want to see him win. This action is furthered too by the fact that a number of Princeton's graduate coaches have been busy at Columbia, aiding Roper to develop the Missouri team. "Bummy" Booth, "Bill" Edwards, and others of Princeton fame have decended en masse upon the Missouri college town and they are said to be working wonders with the Tigers. Art Irwin, ex-Yale, is another of Roper's helpers.

From all reports the Missouri offense will be much like that shown against Ames a few weeks ago. Roper is following the old Princeton tactics of straight football and is paying but little attention to the modern wrinkles. He is said to be hopeful of winning on straight massed plays without the aid of the forward pass or the onside kick. In the Ames game the Tigers opened up holes in the Iowans' line with astonishing ease. Roper has his men trained in wedge-shaped formations. With two men breaking through the line ahead of the player with the ball and the rest of the team pushing from behind, his plays have a momentum not easily stopped.

When the Roper mass play is slowed down, the men at the rear have a way of twisting around and shooting the ball-carrier around the side of the pile in a way that is disconcerting to the opponents of the Tigers. This is the old-time Princeton game, and it is said to be working wonders under Roper's direction. In the Kansas- Nebraska game, the Cornhuskers made their best gains by straight dashes through the line with the full-back carrying the ball. The Jayhawkers showed a striking inability to hold out against this sort of hammering. If they have not mended, they may expect a hard time of it with the Tigers.

Missouri has been preparing for the Kansas game every since the beginning of the season. A "Beat Kansas" club was formed; "Beat Kansas" electric signs appear on the campus, the Daily Missourian regularly publishes the slogan and in every way the supporters of the Tigers are impressing the necessity of a victory upon the team. If Missouri loses it will be with the satisfaction of knowing that never before in the west has such an exhibition of concentrated effort and organized spirit ben developed.

Following is the past record of the two schools:

1891—Kansas, 22; Missouri, 8.
1892—Kansas, 12; Missouri, 4.
1893—Kansas, 4; Missouri, 12.
1894—Kansas, 18; Missouri, 12.
1895—Kansas, 6; Missouri, 10.
1896—Kansas, 30; Missouri, 0.
1897—Kansas, 16; Missouri, 0.
1898—Kansas, 12; Missouri, 0.
1899—Kansas, 34; Missouri, 6.
1900—Kansas, 6; Missouri, 6.
1901—Kansas, 12; Missouri, 18.
1902—Kansas, 17; Missouri, 5.
1903—Kansas, 5; Missouri, 0.
1904—Kansas, 29; Missouri, 0.
1905—Kansas, 24; Missouri, 0.
1906—Kansas, 0; Missouri, 0.
1907—Kansas, 4; Missouri, 0.
1908—Kansas, 10; Missouri, 4.
Total—Kansas, 261; Missouri, 85.

NEBRASKA--HASKELL LINEUP
Thanksgiving 1909

NEBRASKA

Rathbone 157 F. B.

Magor 160 F. H. — Frank 153 Q. B. — (Captain) Beltzer 155 L. H.

Chauner 155 R. E. — Temple 175 R. T. — Ewing 188 R. G. — Shonka 200 C. — Walcott 195 L. G. — Harte 185 L. T. — Johnson 173 L. E.

L. E. 143 Deloria — L. T. 188 Green — L. G. 165 Dunlap — C. 170 Ogallala — R. G. 166 Reed — R. T. 185 Roberts (Captain) — R. E. 159 Gover

L. H. 167 Means — Q. B. 145 Nevitt — R. H. 147 Kalama

F. B. 165 Johns

HASKELL

Last Year for Four

This is the last year of collegiate football for four of the Cornhusker varsity. Ewing, Harte, Beltzer, and Johnson finish their third year of gridiron effort, and under the Missouri Valley conference rules they are ineligible for future contests.

At left end, F. W. Johnson has played an offensive game of remarkable force. Not strong in tackling, Johnson nevertheless gets into the game with remarkable quickness. To his efforts have been due the breaking up of many of the pet plays of Minnesota, Iowa, and Kansas.

"Louie" Harte is still remembered by Nebraska students who saw the Ames game in Omaha in 1908 for his plucky work with an injured ankle. Harte played good ball in that contest despite the fact that his foot was hurt painfully. This year he has continued to play steady ball. His work at left tackle is not sensational, but his persistence has counted for much in making up the feared Cornhusker stonewall.

The return of Ewing to the squad two days before the Minnesota game was the most cheering news of the week to the Nebraska sideliners. It meant that Cole had the use of a heavy and gritty player, who knew the game.

Beltzer, as captain and forward pass artist for the Cornhuskers, has drawn a good share of the applause at every game. He has managed several gains with forward passes, which have been made possible by good work in each case by the forwards.