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The FRESHMEN

By Assistant Coach Ewing.

To the freshman team of 1910 has been assigned the difficult task of furnishing opposition for the 'varsity and to them has been applied that rather time-worn and may I not say time-honored appellation of "Scrubs."

We, all of us are at times wont to think of the scrubs as an indeterminate, undecipherable mass of unbreakable bones and unpuncturable flesh, to be used as a "shifting silhouette," to test the penetrating ability of the 'varsity's "big caliber." I protest against any such idea being associated with the Nebraska freshman of 1910.

Those of you who have had the opportunity to witness this body of faithful men in their daily practice, have long since been convinced that such an idea is erroneous. And those of you who may have the pleasure of witnessing the 'varsity of 1911 in action will be forcibly reminded of the worth of the 1910 scrubs when you witness them transformed into "regulars."

There are few people who realize the important place the "scrub" holds in college football. Were it not for the "scrub" there would be no 'varsity.

Depends on Scrubs.

The success of any 'varsity team depends upon the spirit of the "scrubs." They are the men who do the work and receive no honor, except possibly to win a place on the regular team the following season. Every "scrub" who puts on his football togs and shows up regularly at practice during the season, does yeoman service for his college. The 'varsity player gets his honor in winning his "N," and in doing good work in the games during the season. The "scrub's" glory consists in getting beaten up by the 'varsity in trying out

new plays, a "standing room" ticket to the games at home, and in the years previous to this a small trip to a neighboring town, but owing to a recent rule of the Missouri Valley Conference even this privilege of a small out-of-town game has been denied them.

The ambition of any football player is to win his regular position in order that after achieving the knowledge of the different formations he knows exactly his position in each formation the instant the signal is called. The scrub has no regular position and may be shifted several times in a single evening's practice. Their plays are never the same. For instance, this season they practiced formations for a few days and were getting them in good working order. Then the assistant coach watched the Kansas team play, came back, threw the plays of the scrubs to one side, and began on Kansas plays. They mastered these plays in a couple of evenings, played them against the 'varsity for a few evenings and then changed on the following Monday to Ames plays. Thus, throughout the entire season they have to master every formation of opposing teams.

The spirit they show by mastering these plays and using them with almost as much precision as the opponents of the 'varsity, who have given their whole season's work to master the same plays and the success of the freshman or "scrubs" this season is shown by the way in which the 'varsity broke up the formations of Kansas and Ames.

Fine Spirit.

There is no finer exhibition of college spirit anywhere than that displayed by the "scrubs." Day after day, week after week, during the entire season, they don their football togs, regardless of studies or social pleasures, and present themselves at practice each afternoon that the coaches may use him in some way in

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their mechanicism for perfecting the 'varsity. They are battered and buffeted around, jerked here and there, used in one position and another, scolded and criticised, but never commended—in fact treated more like a "rookey" than a piece of intelligent humanity—and after all for what? In order that Nebraska may have a winning football team: And what reward does the faithful "scrub" get? Although the coaches and 'varsity realize his worth, the average student and professor is unaware of his very existence. And while the regular is taken on long trips and feted by everybody, the poor "scrub" is totally ignored. Yet the "scrubs" must hide their time, for within their ranks is much 'varsity

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