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REVIEW OF THE 1914 FOOTBALL SEASON.

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For the first time in the history of football at Nebraska, the Cornhusker school has a gridiron machine, worthy to be considered, as a contender, or rather a claimant for the title, "Football Champions of the United States." That Nebraska has, at last, been recognized, even in the east, as fit opponent for any team in the country, is evidenced by the fact that no less an authority than Grantland Rice has suggested, in the columns of the New York Mail, that, should a post-season game, to decide the national football championship, be arranged, the Cornhuskers should be one of the contestants.

After the wonderful record of our 1913 team, which finished the season without a defeat, and with victories over Minnesota, Kansas, and Iowa, to her credit, the showing of the Scarlet and Cream candidates was most discouraging in the early-season games. The first game of the schedule was against the Washburn "Ichabods," from Topeka, Kansas. The strength of this little speed-machine was sadly underestimated, at Nebraska. It was expected that Washburn would furnish a good practice game for the Cornhuskers, when as a matter of fact, they put up one of the toughest struggles of the present season. The difficulty, however, lay, not so much in Washburn's strength, as in the proneness of the Cornhuskers to fumble, at critical times, and in the wretched interference-running of the Nebraska players. This, of course, was due to the fact that Coach Stiehm's proteges went into the game, with less than two weeks practice, with only three men who had had varsity experience, in their positions, and with most of the green candidates playing in positions that were absolutely new to them.

The game showed that Stiehm had plenty of first-class material from which might be evolved a second all-western team; the colossal task that confronted the coach, was to hammer, that raw material into the proper shape, in short, to develop a team that could score as well as prevent the opponent from scoring.

The following week, our ancient enemy, the Coyote, from South Dakota, came to Lincoln, thirsting for revenge, for her many defeats at the hands of the Cornhuskers, in years past. The Dakotans had been practicing for fully six weeks, with this combat in mind, and they came, cautious, but confident. For an hour the battle see-sawed, with neither side able to score. The final result was an 0 to 0 tie, and both sides left the field, keenly disappointed. We had been able to get only a 14 to 7 score against little Washburn, and it seemed to many of the Nebraska fans, that our chances for even the Valley championship, were well nigh hopeless.

The next game on our schedule, was with the Kansas Aggies, at Manhattan, Kansas. The result of that contest showed

that Stiehm had brought his team through the critical stage, and that it had at last hit its wonderful 1913 stride. A large factor in the sudden awakening of the Cornhuskers was the return of Quarterback "Cub" Potter, premier pilot of the famous 1912 aggregation. The game resulted in a score of 31 to 0, in favor of Nebraska, and Cornhusker stock rose, accordingly.

On October 24th, the Michigan Aggies, famous for their victories over Michigan and Wisconsin, last year, by virtue of which victories, they laid claim to western championship honors, met Nebraska, in what was expected to prove the hardest game of the year. It was a struggle, never to be forgotten, in the annals of Nebraska University's football history. Three touchdowns and a field goal were scored by the mighty westerners, before the final whistle blew. The playing of both teams was a revelation to the thousands of fans who had the privilege of witnessing it. No such football had ever

that quarter, the Cornhuskers "got busy" and made a couple touchdowns, and another field goal, the final score being 20 to 7, in Nebraska's favor. In this game, Nebraska showed conclusively, her ability to come up from behind, and turn defeat into victory.

Modest little Morningside is the latest victim to be sacrificed on the altar of our gridiron ambition. A game was scheduled with the Sioux City College, for the purpose of giving the Huskers a good practice game before meeting the swift and cunning Jayhawkers. Morningside shares with Ames and Washburn, the distinction of having crossed Nebraska's goal line, this year. The manner in which they did it, and the reasons therefore, are of small importance, here. We do not begrudge them the score, which they earned, and which means so much to them, and so little to us. The final score was 34 to 7, which should be entirely satisfactory to any Nebraska fan.

But one game remains to be played

THE LATEST SPLASH FROM THE DOPE BUCKET.

By Ivan G. Beede.

The football situation at the end of the intercollegiate season, two weeks from Saturday, bids fair to be the most complicated in the history of the game. It is not feasible to attempt to pick the strongest eleven as the situation stands today, for some of the teams which look to be the strongest have been inconsistent in their work, and it is very possible that the results of the next two weeks may upset all the present dope. Viewing the season thus far, however, six elevens loom up on the football horizon as the most powerful fighting machines of the present year: In the east, Harvard, Yale, and Washington & Jefferson; in the west, Illinois, Nebraska, and Chicago. Although these are probably the strongest at this time, there are teams beside those mentioned above which are worthy of a place in the van of the football army, as Wisconsin, who tied Chicago, 0-0; Michigan who held Harvard to a very undecisive score of 7-0; West Point, with her decisive defeat of Colgate and Notre Dame, and Syracuse with her victory over Michigan.

Harvard looks like the best bet of the eastern teams, and should she be victorious in her annual game with Yale, many sport writers will concede her the premier honors of America. Her 7-0 victory over Michigan is accepted too readily by some sport writers—especially eastern men—as proof of the superiority of the east over the west. It must be kept in mind, however, that Michigan is not the strongest team in the west, and had gone through a much more crucial schedule than had Harvard. Next to the Crimson eleven comes little Washington & Jefferson, whose victory over Yale places her on the top level of eastern football. And she has defeated decisively every team she has met this season. Yale has been somewhat of an unknown quantity this year. Her play has been inconsistent, but by the end of the season, the Elis should have one of the strongest aggregations in the country. Her defense against Notre Dame at crucial times is the best proof obtainable that the Blue has material which should be moulded into a superb fighting machine.

In the west, Illinois' victory over Minnesota demonstrates the strength and driving power of the Illini eleven. Chicago, in her early season battles with Iowa, and Purdue, shows strength and versatility. Nebraska by her decisive defeat of the Michigan Aggies, and her display of versatility and power in her later games, displays her ability to play football of the highest calibre.

But neither Chicago, Illinois, nor Nebraska, can afford to spend much time as yet in claiming the western title. Next Saturday, Chicago and Illinois meet at Urbana, when one of the two teams will be eliminated. Odds are slightly in favor of Illinois in the coming fray. Later Illinois meets Wisconsin at Madison, and Chicago meets Minnesota at Chicago. If



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been seen on a Nebraska gridiron, as that displayed by these two giants of the west. Nebraska's 24 to 0 victory was so clearly earned, and so decisive, that the whole country was compelled to recognize that out here, on the very frontier of football, as it were, there had arisen a team whose right to stand with the very best, must henceforth be acknowledged.

The injury of Potter, in a practice scrimmage, early in the week, following the Michigan Aggie game, proved a jarring blow to the Cornhuskers. Hawkins and Caley, both green and inexperienced men, were used at the quarterback position, in the game with the Iowa Aggies, and although both showed considerable ability, it must be admitted, that the absence of Potter from the line-up was largely responsible for the poor work of the Nebraskans, in the first three quarters of the game. At the beginning of the last period, the score stood 7 to 3, in favor of the husky farmers, but during

on the home gridiron. Up from the south comes the dearest rival of them all—the Kansas Jayhawk. Under the tutelage of Jack Wheaton, erstwhile coach at the Navy, and at Yale, there has been built up, at Kansas, perhaps the strongest team that has ever represented the Jayhawk school. Pointed for this battle, since the season opened, the Jayhawkers come, intent to "feed fat the ancient grudge they bear us." The next, and last game of the season, will be played at Iowa City, against the Iowa "Hawkeyes." The Hawkeyes are smarting from the beating given them by the Cornhuskers, last year, and the Hawley bunch will play the game of its life, in its effort to drag down the fair banner of Scarlet and Cream. But over the Cornhusker camp has come the spirit of victory; the desire to maintain, undefiled, the wonderful record, set by this, and former elevens, and if they fall now, it will be only because they have met a team of superior strength and versatility.