

# THREE HIGH SPOTS IN 1916 FOOTBALL SEASON

## OREGON TRIP, DEFEAT BY KANSAS, IOWA GAME NOTABLE

### Team Showed Itself as a Fighting Machine Before Oregon Aggies and Iowa University

Three high spots stand out in the 1916 football season being finished today by the Nebraska University team.

The first is the Oregon trip, when the Cornhuskers made a jaunt of 4,000 miles, in the course of which they decisively defeated the Oregon Agricultural college team.

The second is the defeat at the hands of Kansas, that upset all the "dope." It was the first Jayhawk victory since 1909.

The third was the notable comeback staged by the team at Iowa City, when it slashed through the Hawkeyes for a decisive 34 to 17 victory, and by so doing established the first claim to the Missouri valley title—Nebraska's seventh in succession.

#### The Oregon Trip

The Oregon trip is described elsewhere in these columns. The game resulted in a clean-cut victory for Nebraska by the score of 17 to 7, the Aggies making their score on a fumble after Caley of Nebraska had crossed the Oregon goal for a Nebraska touchdown. The ball popped into the hands of Conn, a speedy Oregon back, and he had a clear field for the touchdown.

The Kansas game caused more joy in Lawrence and more gloom in Lincoln than any event within the ken of present students of the University and recent grads.

Nebraska had romped along in the valley games, overwhelming Drake in the first encounter of the year, defeating the Kansas Aggies by two touchdowns to none, and gaining a victory over the Iowa State Aggies from Ames by the small but sufficient score of 3 to 0. Only Kansas remained in the path of the team's triumphant march to a seventh successive Missouri valley title.

#### The Dope on Kansas

Kansas had met Ames, and been vanquished. It had met the Kansas Aggies, and the two elevens fought to a scoreless battle. Nebraska rooters were confident of victory, and yet Kansas came to Lincoln in a special train, playing for all it was worth their hunch that the tide had turned and Nebraska was due to lose.

The first half of the game did not cause Nebraska to worry. The Huskers worked smoothly, played conservatively, had the ball in Kansas territory all of the time, and seemed safe winners.

Captain Corey booted a faultless place kick from the forty yard line, Cook holding the ball, and with the margin of three points Nebraska didn't push the contest.

Keen observers might have noticed something peculiar in the Kansas attack, however—and that was that there was none.

Coach Olcott's men did not attempt a scrimmage in the first half. Whenever the ball came into their possession, it was turned over to Lindsay, who promptly booted out of danger. Kansas merely played it safe, and was able to stiffen up sufficiently to prevent Nebraska scoring at all.

#### Kansas in Different Light

The third period revealed a different Kansas team. Coach Olcott's superior strategy became apparent. The Jayhawk showed its teeth.

Kansas opened up a series of plays built especially for the occasion, for no scout had seen them in operation before. "Jick" Fast, a whirlwind on offensive running, but not a strong defensive player, was sent in. He gained around either end. Nielsen and Woodward bucked the line for gains. Nebraska, taken off her guard, was bewildered and powerless. Before the team or the spectators could realize it, Kansas had pushed over Nielsen for a touchdown, and taken the lead in the game. The goal was kicked, and the Jayhawk rooters and football team, "went wild."

The score made, Olcott shifted his team to the old conservative style of play it had followed during the first half. Kansas played it safe. Nebraska battled in desperation to score, but Kansas had just that extra re-

serve strength and extra confidence from being in the lead that enabled her to hold the Huskers back.

In the last period Nebraska tried pass after pass, but the efforts seemed puny. They fell to the ground or were knocked down by Kansas. Nebraska was beaten for the first time in seven years by a conference team.

The Kansas game seemed to put the fight into Nebraska that had been lacking all season, and the Hawkeyes, betting confidently on a victory, scratched the Cornhusker to find the Tartar.

#### The Iowa Game

The Iowa game opened full of promise for Coach Jones' team, which rolled up ten points while the homecoming crowd at Iowa City cheered and cheered.

Then the turn in the tide came, and Nebraska, by consistent battering through the line, a good end run or two, some successful forward passing, and fight, went ahead in the scoring, and took a lead that was not overcome during the game.

The Nebraska eleven was invincible. The line tore open the opposing forwards, and the backfield slammed through. Hugo Otoupalik scored four touchdowns and covered himself with the individual glory in a game where every Nebraska man showed what he could do with the proper spirit behind him and in him. Nebraska came back from Iowa City, victors by the score of 34 to 17, and with a clear claim to the valley title—if a championship is worth much when a defeat has been suffered.

#### The Ames Aggies

The Ames Aggies gave the Cornhuskers a real scare, and far more justly deserved to win than did the Kansans a week later, when they were barely defeated by the score of 3 to 0. The Iowans showed a well balanced line and a dashing backfield.

From beginning to end the game was hard fought with neither team able to get within scoring distance except when Captain Corey kicked a field goal from the twenty-yard line in the second quarter.

The game early resolved itself into a punting duel between Dobson of Nebraska and Sloss of Ames, both of whom performed brilliantly in this department of the game.

This battle with Ames, more than any other one game, served to show the rooters that the Cornhuskers were not as invincible as they had been in previous years.

#### Kansas Aggie Game

Kansas Agricultural college, with its supposedly strong team, failed to spring any of the promised surprises and was easily defeated by a score of 14 to 0.

Nebraska's first touchdown in this game came as the result of a fumble, which Riddell scooped up and carried 55 yards for the score. The second came from straight football with a 15 yard forward pass sandwiched in.

The Aggies were not troublesome at any time, their particular star, Randall, being repeatedly thrown for losses.

Wesleyan was taken on as a side issue between the Oregon game and the Ames game. However the Methodists proved very troublesome and would not succumb to a decided defeat until the Cornhuskers opened up in the last quarter.

Nebraska had scored early in the first quarter on straight football but from that time to the end of the game the Coyotes put up stiff opposition and were only subdued at the end when the Cornhuskers shoved over two touchdowns in rapid succession. Forward passes from Cook to Otoupalik finally accounted for both of the scores.

#### Drake Opened Season

The 1916 season was opened on October 7 with the Drake "Bulldogs" as opponents. Although touted as having a strong team the boys from Des Moines failed to show anything when opposed to the Cornhuskers and were snowed under by the top-heavy score of 53 to 0.

The entire Nebraska team played consistent ball and although the coach declared that they should have won the game by only one touchdown the rooters were very well satisfied with the team's initial showing.

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Graduate women students in Columbia University have started a vigorous campaign to secure dormitories for women pursuing graduate courses in the university. During the year just past there were 1,003 women registered in the graduate school, 500 of whom lived in rooming and apartment houses near the campus.

Some alert student at the University of Michigan has discovered that the name of the president of the United States is Thomas Woodrow Wilson, he having lopped off the first of his Christian name at the outset of his political career--doubtless for reasons of euphony.

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