

UPSETS FEATURE '23 GRID SEASON

Crowds at Football Games Are Much Larger This Year

HUSKERS' DEFEAT OF "IRISH" IS SURPRISE

(By Kenneth Cook)

With only the Thanksgiving Day games left, the football season in the United States can be said to have been one of the best known. Two features have marked the season this year through out the games. The first is the immense crowds that have seen the games. Every major school in the country has had a huge increase over last years crowds. Particularly is this noticeable at the schools with new stadiums. The huge crowds do not seem to be only in one section of the country, but in every section, showing that the sport closely rivals baseball as a national recreation. A few examples of the crowds are: California and Stanford drew 70,000. Chicago and Illinois drew 30,000. Michigan and Wisconsin drew 44,000. Yale and Princeton drew 80,000.

The second feature to mark this season's games is the large number of upsets that have occurred. Chief among these can be numbered the 14 to 7 defeat handed Notre Dame by Nebraska. After winning by decisive scores from three major elevens in consecutive games, the Catholics came west to lose to the Husker team. Syracuse after playing brilliant ball all season and having their goal line uncrossed, were defeated by Colgate 16 to 7 after Colgate had bowed to the Navy 9 to 0. California undefeated in four years and again the Pacific Coast champions were held to a scoreless tie by the little-known University of Nevada team. Middlebury a small Massachusetts school came out of obscurity long enough to hold Harvard to a 6 to 6 tie.

The Big Ten conference closed its season with last Saturday's games. Illinois stands out as the strongest team in the conference by virtue of 5 conference victories with no defeats. Michigan also undefeated has a strong team having won 4 conference games, lost none, and won 4 games outside the conference. Comparative scores show both teams to be of about equal calibre and a game between the two would draw an exceptionally large crowd. Chicago also stands as a strong team having lost but one game, to Illinois 7 to 0. Iowa after a good start, failed to show enough stuff to finish the season in good shape, winning three early season games and losing as many late season contests. Minnesota after going thru the season undefeated were defeated by Michigan 10 to 0. Wisconsin also showed good material but were unable to win games. Northwestern and Purdue had a great fight for the cellar position. Purdue saving herself from this place by a 3 to 0 defeat of the former.

The final standings in the conference were:

Team	Won	Lost	Tie	percent
Illinois	5	0	0	1000
Michigan	4	0	0	1000
Chicago	5	1	0	833
Minnesota	2	1	1	667
Iowa	3	3	0	500
Indiana	2	2	0	500
Wisconsin	1	3	1	250
Ohio State	1	4	0	200
Purdue	1	4	0	200
Northwestern	0	6	0	000

In the East some wonderful teams have been developed. As usual Army and Navy produced strong elevens, altho neither team finished the season without a defeat. Yale stands as the leading undefeated team in the East. Winning from Harvard, Princeton and Army by decisive scores the Bull Dogs seem to be about the best in the East. Washington and Jefferson, Pitt, Penn State, Colgate, Penn U. are teams which have come thru hard schedules with few defeats. Syracuse is also one of these teams having won from some of the strongest eastern teams and the strong Nebraska eleven. Cornell is still an undefeated team but they have not played the major elevens that the others have. West Virginia is also a strong undefeated eleven but their record has one mar in a 13 to 13 tie with Penn State.

In the South, no especially strong team has been developed but Alabama, Alabama Poly, Georgia Tech Centre and Vanderbilt have come through the season with few defeats and having shown some real football.

The Missouri Valley has had an odd season of it, many of the games ending in ties. Nebraska and Kansas U. still are undefeated with little prospect that either team will lose their Thanksgiving Day contests.

In the Rocky Mountain conference

Colorado U and Colorado Aggies developed strong teams the latter playing 10 to 0 with Chicago early in the season.

On the Coast California again reigns supreme keeping their record of no defeats in four seasons. The Californians were however held to a scoreless tie by Nevada and did not have things as easy this year as in past seasons. Washington U., Washington Aggies, Nevada and Stanford rank among the leading teams of the country.

As for individual team playing the game this year seemed to develop more line work than any other phase of the game. California, Illinois, Syracuse and California were types of teams that played a heavy line and featured them in their play. Notre Dame, Colgate, Nebraska, Michigan and many other teams relied more on their offense than these other teams but were also able to show a strong defense, especially the Nebraskans whose line actually outplayed the famous Syracuse line. Passing featured many of the games and proved a major feature in the scoring of most teams. Punting and goal kicking was also stressed and the season saw some wonderful kickers developed, chief among them Layden of Notre Dame who averaged over 50 yards on his punts and McBride of Syracuse who drop kicked against practically every Orange opponent.

Individual players are to be found on almost every team and the writer hesitates to pick a mythical eleven. Suffice to say that the season has developed some wonderful teams and players and is in a measure one of the most successful that the game has known.

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