

the Kansas University team and \$40 appropriated for the purchase of a suitable trophy.

It is probable that a supplemental or extra series of games will be played at Chicago if the proper inducements are offered.

Nest season Anderson will captain the Missouriians, Champlin the Kansans, Pace the Nebraskans and Elliott the Iowans.

Retrospective and Prospective.

The football season of '92 is past. Nebraska ranks second in the Western Association, which includes the following Universities: Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa. Outside of the Association we have played two games. The first of these was with the University of Illinois; the second with the Denver Athletic Association. In the former we were successful, in the latter, defeated.

A few remarks concerning Nebraska's team may not be amiss. We have failed to win the penant. Why? Not because we lacked material. I believe it is conceded that the Nebraska boys are not, as individual players, inferior to those of any team they have met, but we are deficient in team work. This was demonstrated by our first game, and the demonstration has been repeated by each succeeding game. Everything in football depends upon systematic and united effort, eleven men working with the precision of one.

Blocking is, perhaps, the most important consideration in good team work. In this our team is deficient. The boys either do not know how to block, or they have not yet learned how to apply their knowledge. The backs should never fail to guard the runner around the ends or to force him through the line. The rushers, also, should follow the ball. They may be able to guard the runner, to pull him forward, if he is tackled and not thrown; to receive the ball from the runner, if there is opportunity; to

secure it, if it is dropped, or to tackle an opponent who has obtained the ball.

Our boys tackle hard and seldom fail to stop the runner, but they tackle too high to use their strength to the best advantage.

What we need is a good coach and more faithful practice. As long as there are not more than sixteen or seventeen candidates for positions on our team we cannot hope to win the pennant. Where there are two or three candidates for each position, every man knows that if he is to obtain recognition he will have to be regular in his practice and pay strict attention to business.

Our team has, for the most part, practiced with imaginary foes. Only five or six days have they practiced against an entire eleven. Their practice consisted mainly in bucking imaginary lines and in running imaginary ends. This is easy work, but it is not the kind of work that makes the winning team.

Every student who wishes to be a member of next year's football team should be in school the first day of the fall term, ready for practice, full of enthusiasm for Nebraska, the University, and football. Do not think that you have no chances of playing on the "Varsity" eleven. You may be the man we are most in need of. If not, you should remember that the man of moderate ability, who is regular in practice, is preferable to a careless athlete. A student should wish to play football for the exercise, if for nothing else. It is not a waste of time, for it keeps one strong and healthy, able to endure greater mental exertion.

Our prospects for next year are bright. Last fall we returned to school without coach, captain or manager, and yet, we rank next to Kansas in the number of games won. Our players are not deficient in quality, and I do not believe they will be in numbers. Our success next year will, to a great extent, depend upon the support of citizen's, faculty and students, but a good coach and faithful practice by the team are of the greater importance. Let Nebraska's football motto be, *practice, PRACTICE PRACTICE.*

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