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HOW TIGERS WENT DOWN

Details of the Game—Nebraska 8, Missouri 4.

TEST OF SKILL AND ENDURANCE

The Nebraska Indians Play All Around the Tigers—Tucker's Long Run Their Only Score—Notes on the Great Game.

After the hardest fought game the Nebraska football team has ever played, the boys downed the Missourians on their grounds at Columbia Missouri, last Monday, by the score of 8 to 4. And the Missourian "rooters" did their best or more exactly their worst at all times. Maybe all the naughty remarks were made by the little townboys who crawled under the fence. But there were some remarks directed at our players that would never have been uttered on a football field with Nebraska boys as the audience. The "rooters" showed the true Missourian spirit at all times, and they repeatedly refused to remain silent while Captain Thorpe was giving the signals.

The Nebraska boys arrived at Columbia Sunday noon. Coach Robinson kept his eye on his men, like an old hen with her brood of chickens. At half past seven in the evening, he took them for a run of an hour or so. Then a good bath followed, and every man was in bed with his light out by nine o'clock. No one moved until 8:20 the next morning. At 10:30 the coach walked the men out of the city a ways, to a wall-nut grove, where an hour and a quarter was spent in practicing signals and getting the movements for the trick plays down without friction. After that the team went back to their hotel and listened to the oldest inhabitant tell how weak the Missouri team was this year, and how many men were on the hospital list. It looked as if the Missourians were trying their best to inspire our team with a feeling of over-confidence—a disease that afflicted Missouri so terribly last year. Mr. Robinson, however did not seem to take to the idea that Nebraska was going to have a snappy, and he kept on shaking his head gravely whenever the fact of the enemy's weakness was mentioned. When the boys got on the field, they found that Missouri's hospital list had dwindled to one, Shawahan, captain and half-back. Missouri's only weakness was in her backs. Her line was strong and heavy, and even Shedd bumped up against it time and again without gain. Their line averaged about the same weight as ours though it was more evenly distributed.

Nebraska was in the best of condition when her team reached the field. Golden, however was prevented from running with the ball much on account of a sore leg. He was not sufficiently acquainted with the signals to show what he can do. Before the game started, Nebraska was quite confident, but when they saw what a game the tigers really meant to put up, they saw that they had a hard task before them.

As for the game itself, it was exciting all the way through. There was always a chance of tying the score, and the way the first score by Missouri was made, and from the manner Nebraska was playing her tricks, the crowd would not have been surprised at any time to see some brilliant runs made.

When it was all over, it was easily seen that Missouri had been outplayed. Their only score was really an accident, and would not occur on a football field once out of a hundred times. Missouri got the ball three yards from her own goal line, and Tucker, full-back, bucked the center. No one can tell how it happened. He got past guard and center, both backs and even past Captain Thorpe, who made a dive at him but could not hold him. As Tucker got through the line, two blockers followed with their hands on his shoulders, and they seemed to have steered him past Thorpe. Benedict came tearing down the field after the flying Missourian, but the two blockers finally beat him off. Of course the "rooters" went wild. It was a great run, really over 110 yards, as Tucker had to start behind the goal line. Another run by Shepard for thirty yards, completed the tigers' brilliant plays. Their line bucking was fine at times, and they appeared to have no trouble in finding a hole. Toward the end of the second half, however Missouri could do positively nothing on the offensive. They lost ground every time they tried to advance the ball, and were forced to punt every time.

There was more punting done on both sides, than has ever been done before in any of our league games. Packard did most of the punting for Nebraska, and his work was fine. He kicked the ball low, and it would roll a neat distance before the tiger could fall on it, and by that time he would not be able to advance it any. Missouri also punted for good gains, and she always had her men down the field. It was doubtful at times whether they were on side when the ball was kicked.

The tigers, even if they are coached by a Yale man, were woefully weak on anything like up-to-date plays. It was the same old thing with them every time, while we had them guessing continually on what was coming next.

The Nebraska boys put up a good game all the time. Thorpe played his usual steady game. When ever he went after a punt, the tigers knew there would be no fumble on his part. He always got the ball. As captain he showed good head-work at all times. Particularly during the second half he proved himself able to play his men. He seized opportunities whenever they presented themselves, and he played his trick plays at such times, as always to result in big gains. Shedd put up his usual brilliant game at half. Shedd's playing has become to be so much a matter of course that he is overlooked in the summary of praise. One reason why Shedd does not play a showy game, is because he can block better than any man on the team, and when he runs with the ball himself he does not have such a show as the others. His blocking was where he showed his brilliancy Monday. Packard made some beautiful runs, but he was always following Shedd's interference so close that the tigers could not reach him. And right here let it be written that "Pack" put up an elegant game. He made the longest gains when he was given the ball, and he bucked the line like a battering ram. Packard is speedy, and he starts so quick, that his momentum makes a gain before he can be brought down. His runs were the features of the game and he was made the especial mark of the Missouri players, who openly tried to "fix" him, so he would have to leave the game. Once or twice in so doing, the tigers ran against the burly form of Turner, who seemed to have formed a protectorate over Packard. Twice he "mixed" with a Missouri man, because he caught him attempting to hit Packard after he was down. As a result, the only brute "Shorty" got, was a swelled lip—an evidence of his interference in Packard's behalf. Turner also put up a brilliant game. He was always given the ball when it was necessary to make two or three yards on the third down, and he always made his distance. The Missourians went for him hot and heavy, but they could not phase him. When they tackled him, he invariably fell the right way—and it always measured up just even nine feet. He was given the ball when within four yards of the line and he walked through as if he was leading an awkward squad.

Wiggins and Benedict both played with pluck and grit. Both made good gains when they carried the ball, and both tackled hard. Benedict distinguished himself by falling on the ball when a fumble was made, two or three times. While Pearce was in the game he made some elegant tackles, twice downing his man so hard that he lost the ball. It was a pure case of laying a man out, when he had to retire from the field. Maybe the tigers won't look at it this way, but our boys claim that it was so just the same. Pearce was not hurt in the least. He says that McAllister fell on his head. It made him dizzy for a time, but at the end of the game, he was in better shape than any man on the team. Robbins who was substituted for him played the game at all times but he was a little handicapped by not knowing the signals well for this position.

Kellar at center played a good game. He worried his man almost to death, and finally broke through and downed the quarter-back when the ball was only four yards from Nebraska's goal line. Dunagan played his usual stiff game at tackle. He played all the time and met the fierce spirit of the tigers, with one as equally as effective if not as fierce. Cook put up a good game at full, but he had bad luck in following his interference a couple of times.

The Missourians were already on the field when Nebraska arrived at 2:30. In ten minutes the game was started. Missouri did not keep her agreement in securing an umpire, and as a last resort Professor Place of Missouri university was selected. F. D. Cornell acted as referee, and Moody of Kansas and Price, who was elected captain of the Missouri team last year, linesmen. Thirty-five minute halves were played.

Nebraska, Missouri.

Benedict.....Left end.....Sennett
Dunagan.....left tackle.....Brandon
Golden.....left guard.....A. Hill
Keller.....center.....J. Hill
J. Turner.....right guard.....White
Pearce.....right tackle.....Conley
Wiggins.....right end.....Dowdall
Thorpe, captain, quarter.....Hall
Packard.....left half.....Shepherd
Shedd.....right half.....McAllister
Cook.....full back.....Tucker

Substitutes for Nebraska: Robbins, Hansen, Creigh and Cameron. For Missouri: Dewey and Shawhan.

DETAILS OF THE GAME.

Missouri won the toss and took the east goal, with a slight advantage from the sun, which they knew would be mighty inconvenient about the time for the second half.

Shedd kicked off for 45 yards. Tucker brought the ball back 20 yards. Sennett was sent through the line. At least that was his intention, but he made no gain. On the next play Missouri lost the ball on a fumble without any gain, because Pearce tackled his man so hard that he dropped the ball. Nebraska takes the ball on Missouri's thirty yard line. Packard made 10 yards through the line, aided by Pearce's blocking. Two more line bucks were made by Shedd and Packard, placing the ball on the 3 yard line. Pearce was again sent around to block on left end. A gain of 5 yards was made by this play, which has become a favorite with Nebraska, and which she played all during the Doane game. But Acting-Captain Hill objected to the play as contrary to the rule bearing on running one man before the ball is snapped. Umpire Place though he meant to be fair, ruled out this play, bringing the ball back to the ten yard line and giving it to Missouri.

Conley made two yards and a half through the line and Shepard did likewise. He was beautifully tackled by Benedict. Missouri made 10 more yards in three line bucks, but on the next play, lost eight yards because Pearce broke through and downed his man that distance from the scrimmage line. Missouri punted for thirty yards. Thorpe carried the ball back five.

Nebraska now started the ball just forty-two yards from the tigers' goal line. Then they played ball. Three plays netted them just five yards. The next five they made in two plays. Pearce and Packard each made three yards, then Shedd and Packard each two and a half. Three more plays and Nebraska made five yards and a half. No gain was made on the next down, and only a yard on the next one. So Thorpe punted from the ten yard line. The ball went into touch, and Hall, instead of touching it down and bringing it in to the twenty-five yard line, tried to make a star run. Pearce and Packard tackled him and he lost the ball. Benedict fell on it. If there was any place in the game when Thorpe could have done better it was here. The ball was in a corner of the field and he was anxious to make the touchdown under the goal posts. But the end run failed to gain any territory, and the tigers got the ball on the next two plays. It was then that Tucker made his brilliant run. He went through the center, straight down the field for the only touchdown the tigers got. Conley failed an easy goal.

Shedd's kick-off was brought back twenty of the forty-five yards. Missouri gained six yards in three plays, but lost three the next time on a beautiful tackle by Benedict. The next time they do not gain so are forced to punt. The ball advances eighteen yards, where it is secured by Nebraska.

The ball is now four yards past center, and on a fumble, Missouri gets it. In three plays they just make their five yards. The next down results in no gain but in the next two they manage to make just enough to keep the ball. On an alleged off-side play, Missouri gets ten yards more. On the next play they make five yards, then four and a half, but in the next two plays they can only advance the ball one half yard, and Nebraska gets it on downs. The Nebraska boys seemed too discouraged to do anything. Missouri was shoving them right along, and they could not get through their line. The encouragement Missouri got from Tucker's run, proved a great stimulus to them.

Nebraska takes the ball on her twenty yard line. They fail to advance it the first time. A punt is attempted but it is blocked. A Nebraska man falls on the ball however. This is the third down with seven yards to gain. Another punt is made, this time for fifty-three yards.

This places it on the tigers' forty yard line.

With her "rooters" continual encouragement, Missouri holds herself together. Sennett goes through the center for thirteen yards. In two more plays they get only one yard, they punt for twenty-five. Nebraska starts off by getting Packard around the end for thirty yards on a "bluff" pass. The two attempts avail them no gain, and they punt for twenty-five yards. Conley brings it back about ten yards, putting it on the tigers' forty yard line. Shepard carries it around the end for thirty yards. This is quite an encouragement to the tigers, and they begin to puncture our line in most mercenary style. They keep the ball and in ten line bucks bring it to within eight yards of our goal. They make three yards on the next down, and one on the next. Then Kellar thinks that it is time that somebody was doing something, so he breaks through the center and grabs the quarter-back before he can pass the ball. Of course it is a question whether the tigers would have made their gain on the next play, but it looks as if Kellar saved a touchdown. With just three minutes left Nebraska takes the ball. Turner carries it four yards and a half, just to show them that he is in the game. Four more plays and the ball travels eight yards. Shedd carries it the next time, twelve yards. Time is called with the ball on our twenty-five line.

THE SECOND HALF.

It was with a feeling of relief that our boys left the field. Coach Robinson took them up to the little dressing house in the corner of the grounds, and gave them "a talking to" in his characteristic way. He told Thorpe not to be afraid of attempting his different plays. Jointly and severally he told them what he thought of them. Then he gave them some encouragement on what they had done and turned them loose on the tigers again.

As for the tigers, between the halves, the cadet band paraded the field leading a great crowd of rooters carrying the players on their shoulders. They got in all the yelling they could during the ten minutes, and it was well.

Nebraska went back to the game feeling "mean." Missouri had openly tried to put Packard out of the game and they resented it. In the vernacular of the Missourians, their "dander was up" and it stayed there till the close of the game.

Conley kicked off for forty-five yards. Packard carries it back twenty yards. On account of not understanding the signal, Nebraska makes no gain on the next play. Then the bluff pass is worked once more for thirty-five yards. Packard carrying the ball. He is downed near the side line, and the Nebraska boys saw how very fierce Tucker and two more of the Missouri players were in downing him. Turner takes the ball on the next play for a gain of four yards and a half. Shedd makes three through the line, but on the next play Nebraska loses two. Thorpe gets in his fancy work on his quarter-back position, and punts the ball for nine yards. After the scramble for it it was seen that Packard had it.

It was now twenty-nine yards from the Missouri goal line. Missouri here substitutes Shawahan for McAllister, Missouri's Indian half back. In four plays Nebraska makes nine yards. Shawahan is not able to remain in the game and Dewey takes his place. This does not help the tigers any. Nebraska goes on with her terrible onslaughts against the line. Wiggins four, Packard four, Cook two, Turner four Packard one and Shedd two; these gains were made in as rapid succession as possible considering that Missouri called time so often. It was only four yards to the goal line and the ball was trusted to Turner. He walked the distance without a struggle. Missouri's goal posts must be hoodooed. Nebraska lost a game on that account once. Anyway Shedd failed a goal that was not very difficult.

This touchdown discouraged the tigers somewhat, but our boys were just getting into the spirit of the game. Thorpe carried the kick-off back fifteen yards, one half of its distance. On the next play the ball is fumbled, but Nebraska keeps it with a gain of two yards. Two more plays and the ball goes backward two yards. After a gain of two yards, Missouri fumbles and Golden gets the ball. Two plays and no gain are followed by a punt for forty yards by Packard. On this play Wiggins claimed a foul, as a tiger was holding him contrary to the rule. It was allowed and the ball was brought back to within ten yards of the place where the foul was made. The

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IT IS WESLEYAN TOMORROW

The State Championship Again to be Settled.

INDIANS EXPECTING TO WIN.

Nebraska Will See What She Can Do With Smaller Game—Some good Playing is Looked for—Patronage Will be Good.

Frank Crawford will take his scawny eleven out to the M street park to battle against Mr. Robinson's Indians, tomorrow afternoon. Of course we would feel awfully cheap if Frank's men got away with us—more so than we did once before when we got so much confidence. Last Saturday the Methodists visited Doane and came away with their scalps by the majority of eight to four—a familiar score by the way. Wesleyan is making arrangements to have a good time. They are coming in crowds, with some good yells in stock. They will probably be met with some that are just as vociferous. There is a chance here for the two colleges to have a good time, and it looks as if the opportunity was going to be taken advantage of. After their victorious Missouri game, Captain's Thorpe's men have increased their number of admirers, and it is hoped they will be out in full force to see them perform tomorrow.

The line-up of the teams has not been given out yet. It is not expected that there will be many important changes in the Nebraska line-up.

CHANCELLOR RETURNS.

Chancellor MacLean returned from his eastern trip Saturday night, where he had been, attending the 150 anniversary of Princeton. He is full of ideas now about ourselves and Princeton too, and Nebraska suffers nothing in the comparison. He praises in highest terms the equipment of Princeton, especially did he notice the provisions made for athletics. He saw the Princeton team play. He says that in physique, they cannot equal Turner, nor some of our other players. Princeton has a campus of 225 acres, on which there is two football fields. Besides this they have Brokau field where non-members of the teams can arrange games and practices at their choice. Princeton he says has splendid equipments, but he did not see that they could do any better work than we can, or that their professors are above ours. He hardly thinks that Princeton is to become a great university during the coming generation, as that broad democratic feeling does not prevail to the extent that it does in western institutions. The practice of hazing is still carried on there, together with other mediaeval customs. As for gentlemanly conduct, he is willing to back our own university students.

A HOLIDAY GRANTED.

Wednesday morning in chapel Chancellor MacLean talked to the students about the election. He said that Nebraska's university had always maintained an honorable name and he hoped the students would do nothing this election to change it. Every voter should go to the polls and do right by casting his vote conscientiously. Some of the students had been offered money to change their place of residence, he continued, and that while he did not believe any student would do such a thing, yet he wanted to give warning. If it was found that any student did such a thing, he would be under the discipline of the university. He said that next Tuesday would be a holiday to give students a chance to vote. Any one who has to go away to vote and cannot return the same day, should obtain a leave of absence.

PROFESSORS TALK.

Professor Fling delivered his lecture "Man and the Opportunity" Friday evening, October 23, at Ashland, before the combined teachers' associations of Cass, Saunders and Sarpy counties. A large and appreciative audience listened to the address only to speak of it in terms of highest approbation. The next morning Professor Fling lectured before the teachers on the methods of teaching history. Professor G. W. A. Lucky delivered an address on "Child Study" before the same body. Both professors speak in the highest terms of their reception at Ashland and we can well judge the satisfaction was mutual if the flattering reports that reach us can be relied upon.

Mrs. Davis of Plattsmouth, paid her daughter Margaret a visit on Thursday afternoon. She passed on to Seward, where she will spend a few days.