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## CHAMPIONS OF THE WEST

### Victory over Kansas gives Nebraska the Right to This Title.

#### The Jayhawkers Were Outplayed at Every Point—Game a Disappointment to the Spectators Details and Comments on the most Interesting Game Ever Played in the West.

How the mighty have fallen. The wonderful Kansas team, which was just dying to get a chance at the Carlisle Indians, would do anything to get a whack at Yale, and could give Pennsylvania a run for its money, showed to the 2,500 spectators present at the game last Saturday afternoon that they were far from the invincibles they thought themselves to be. For the past three weeks Coach Woodruff had proclaimed throughout the press of the country that his team was a living example of what a man with brains could make out of a team, and yet these self-styled champions of the West went down in defeat before the terrific onslaughts of Nebraska by the score of 10 to 5. In one half consisting of thirty-five and another of ten minutes, the Kansas men, who came up here claiming the earth, and with bulging pocketbooks, were transformed into the soreset lot of men who ever set foot inside of Lincoln.

The game, however, was marred by continued wrangling, so that more than twenty-five minutes of the second half yet remained to be played when darkness brought the game to a halt. The wrangling began when Empire Kleinhaus ruled Cowgill out of the game for slugging. Among the spectators the opinion on this ruling was divided. Empire Kleinhaus, the Kansas team, and the few spectators from Kansas all declare that Cowgill slugged, while the Nebraskans emphatically insisted that he did not strike the man. At any rate the fact remains that at the time Nebraska was within two yards of touchdown, and Cowgill was not even given a warning, which is usual in such cases before ruling a man out of the game.

The second great word contest occurred near the end of the first half, when Kansas tried for a field goal. As soon as the ball was kicked Captain Kennedy and his men started back down the field looking very much disappointed. But the minute the referee announced "goal" they jumped up in the air in a spasm of surprise and delight. Referee Cornell, who made the decision, said that as he was to one side and in no position to see whether the ball passed between the posts, he turned to Empire Kleinhaus and asked his opinion. The latter promptly said it was a goal and Cornell so announced it. This was only the second of Empire Kleinhaus' decisions which were "accidentally" in favor of Kansas. Everybody, without exception, who stood either directly in front or behind the goal posts declared that the ball did not come within seven feet of going between the posts. There are a hundred of the best citizens of Lincoln who would cheerfully make affidavit to this fact. Such a rank decision as this was too much and the Nebraska men registered a kick on its being allowed. This consumed fifteen minutes and resulted in the goal being allowed, which will be protested by Nebraska.

The last dispute gave the Kansas men a chance to show their forensic ability. It occurred after ten minutes play in the second half. With the ball within a few yards of Kansas' goal, Cowgill tried a quarter-back kick. The ball went into the crowd and Wiggins got it. Referee Cornell called it a touchdown. The Kansas men promptly began to kick on the decision, claiming that their men were prevented from getting the ball by the crowd. There is unfortunately no way of proving or disproving this claim, but one thing is sure, and that is the ball was touched by a Kansas man before Wiggins got hold of it. Evidently one Kansas man managed to get through the crowd. Shedd took the ball and handed it to Williams, and having no right to do this, lost his chance to kick goal.

Then Empire Kleinhaus played his trump card. If the touchdown were allowed Kansas was hopelessly beaten; if he could take it away he might, by the aid of a few more of his decisions, add enough to the five points already presented Kansas to beat Nebraska. So he called Wiggins, who made the touch down, offside, and thus robbed Nebraska of four points. This claim of Kleinhaus that Wiggins was offside is the veriest tommyrot. The instant that the touchdown was made Coach Robinson, suspecting that an effort would be made to knock out the touchdown, asked Kleinhaus if Wiggins was offside, to which Kleinhaus responded that he didn't know Wiggins. When informed that Wiggins played right end, he said he did not see him at all, and so could not decide one way or the other. Robinson immediately turned to the crowd and asked them to witness Kleinhaus' statement in case he attempted to go back on it. Just then Coach Woodruff came on the field and, running up to Kleinhaus, said Wiggins was offside. Kleinhaus began to think so too, and a few more Kansas players completely persuaded him of the fact, and in this way he directly contradicted himself.

Long before the game was played Nebraska strenuously objected to Kleinhaus as umpire, and the result seems to show that the result was well founded. Now for the other part of the game. Nebraska outplayed Kansas at every point. The famous end runs, which made Iowa feel so sick, were wholly missing. They tried our ends once or twice, but Stringer and Wiggins stopped them so effectively that they gave it up as a bad job. The loud heralded Kansas interference, which no one could break up, was smashed to pieces and more than once the Kansas backs were down behind the line. The dreaded tandem buck was successfully met. Only at the end of the first half did Kansas gain any ground, and then only for a short distance. The game was played almost entirely in Kansas territory, and Nebraska's goal was never in danger. Twenty-five yards was the closest look the visitors had at it, and that was accomplished by a punt which Cowgill dropped when tackled. Kansas frequently lost the ball on downs and was often forced to punt.

The Kansas line repeatedly gave way before Nebraska's savage attacks. Time and again Shedd went through their line for ten and fifteen yards. Williams always found a hole to go through for large gains. Schwartz circled the ends in good style, making one run of thirty yards. Benedict, who was in the game only for a short time, always advanced the ball. Hayward and Pearse played a star game at tackle and frequently broke through the line. Melford more than held his own at center. The fact that Kansas soon ceased to attempt to play our ends speaks much for the playing of Wiggins and Stringer. Cowgill lost a chance to endear himself forever in the hearts of the spectators by missing a goal from the field. However, this is not meant as any criticism on his playing, which was as good as one would want. Hansen and Turner had, perhaps, the hardest positions to fill. They were directly in front of the tandem bucks used so often by Kansas, but they generally managed to stop them. On the offensive they opened up holes as big as a barn door for the backs to go through. For the visitors, Hess was easily the star, and what few gains Kansas made were made mostly by him. Mosse and Foster made the greatest gains of the men in the line. Speak's punting at full back helped Kansas out wonderfully. Nebraska used a far greater variety of plays than did her opponents, but the revolving wedge was what troubled the Kansans the most. Kansas used the tandem buck almost exclusively, but Nebraska met it successfully.

The great fake play which Kansas used so successfully in the Iowa game, was an utter failure. Robby has been coaching our men on that special play and they were on the lookout for it during the whole game. So when it was tried Pearse and Hayward recognized it as an old friend, and they straddled the quarter back's neck before he had time to pass the ball. Kansas didn't try it after that.

Speak started the game by kicking off fifty yards. Nebraska then hammered away at the Kansas line for an even hundred yards, and made a touchdown in eighteen minutes. Nebraska rosters, of course, felt good at this, and they said so in loud and vociferous accents. The steam whistle also added its discord to the racket. Robby smiled clear around the back of his neck, and Coach Woodruff looked well, he just looked. Added to the uproar was a heavy thud, which was made by the dropping of a large wad of money by the Kansas men who bet that Nebraska wouldn't score. As soon as Kansas kicked off Nebraska again worked the ball across the field, and at last punted to within two yards of Kansas goal. Speak soon punted out of danger, and then by kicking and hitting the line for a few gains Kansas got the ball across the center of the field for the only time during the game. Twenty-five yards from the goal the much disputed field goal took place. It was very prettily executed. The ball was passed to Kennedy, who quickly put it on the ground and Speak kicked it, so the referee said, between the posts.

had now worked the ball up to the center of the field. Shedd and Williams gained two and three yards respectively. Williams went through one tackle for five yards and Hayward through the other for three yards. Shedd then shot through center for ten yards. Williams made one yard through tackle and Shedd tried center again for five yards. Williams no gain. Shedd went through the line four yards, Williams two, and Hayward one. Shedd hit the line for fifteen more, Williams and Shedd each made four yards. Shedd carried it three more, within three yards of a touchdown. The umpire ruled Cowgill out for alleged slugging, but after some wrangling he was allowed to stay in the game, and Kansas was given the ball and ten yards. Hess made one yard. Speak went two yards through the center. Hess tried it again on a tandem buck, but Nebraska held firm and Kansas lost the ball within four yards of the goal-line, and on the next play took it right up to the line. Shedd carried it over for a touchdown. Shedd kicked goal. Score, Nebraska 6, Kansas 0. Time, 18 minutes.

Speak kicked fifty yards and Williams regained fifteen, and followed this with a gain of twelve yards. Schwartz made a pretty run of thirty yards around the left end. Williams made twelve yards through tackle, and the ball was once more in the center of the field. Shedd trotted through the center again for ten yards. Williams made ten and Hayward one. Shedd went two yards through tackle and Williams made three more in the same place. Williams was tackled by Foster with a loss of three yards. Schwartz no gain. Cowgill tried for a field goal, but missed. Speak caught the ball and was finely tackled by Wiggins within ten yards of Kansas' goal line. Speak made three yards through the center and Avery one. Voigts, on a tandem buck, one yard. Voigts was hurt, but soon resumed play. Kansas tried a fake play, but Pearse and Hayward jumped on the quarterback's neck before he could pass the ball. Speak punted thirty yards. Cowgill caught it. Williams made eight yards and Shedd five, but Nebraska lost the ball for interference with center. Speak was downed behind the line by Hayward, with loss of three yards. The tandem buck which Kansas persisted in using was being smashed to pieces. Speak was forced to punt for twenty-five yards. Nebraska went through the line at will. Schwartz made two yards, Shedd five, Williams five, Shedd four, Williams one, and Shedd one. Williams no gain. Cowgill made a quarterback kick of fifteen yards and Speak got the ball.

Kansas again brought the tandem into play, with some success. Foster made six yards and Mosse advanced the ball five more. Hess went through tackle two yards and Foster made eight yards through guard. Mosse added three more. Foster made five yards through center. Games went around the left end three yards and was beautifully tackled by Shedd. Kansas then lost the ball on downs, partly due to a very pretty tackle by Hayward. Wiggins and Williams each gained three yards and Shedd one. A double pass from Shedd to Williams netted three more. Speak made a fair catch of Cowgill's quarterback kick and kicked forty-five yards. Cowgill brought it back fifteen yards, but was tackled so hard he dropped the ball right in Blockberger's hands. Poorman made two yards. Hess went through tackle for fifteen yards. This was the largest gain made by Kansas and the only one of that size except in returning the kick-off. Hess added four more. The ball was now on the twenty-five yard line and Speak tried a place kick for goal which missed its mark by several feet, but the referee called it a goal. Another wrangle followed this decision. Score, Nebraska 6, Kansas 5.

Cowgill kicked forty-five yards and Games regained twenty. Kansas failed to gain on the first down. Foster made one yard and Speak was forced to kick. He punted twenty yards and Mosse got the ball. Speak made two yards and Foster three on a tandem buck. Mosse failed to gain through center. Hess made four yards and then ten. Kansas fumbled, but kept the ball. Games went around the left end for eight yards. Avery was downed behind the line. Time for the first half was called with the ball in the center of the field.

Second half. Benedict replaced Schwartz at right half. Cowgill kicked off fifty yards. After the Kansas men had fumbled it two or three times, they finally picked it up on their five-yard line. Foster made five yards and Speak then kicked twenty-five yards. Nebraska's ball. Benedict made three yards around left end. Williams made seven yards, and Shedd three through center. Shedd was shoved through the center for ten yards. Williams made five yards through left tackle. Benedict went through right tackle for three yards. The ball was on Kansas' five-yard line. Twice Nebraska failed to gain. Cowgill kicked the ball over the line into the crowd, and Wiggins got it. Shedd lost the chance to kick goal by handing the ball to Williams. Score, Nebraska 10, Kansas 5.

Kansas kicked on the decision, claiming the spectators held Hess and Foster. The game was called on account of darkness, and the referee awarded the game to Nebraska by the score of 10 to 5.

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## PREPARING FOR DEBATES

### Kansas, Missouri and Colorado Meet Us This Year.

#### THE REGISTRATION IS LARGE

Nearly Sixty Have Put Their Names Down as Contestants—nine will be selected.

At present the liveliest organization connected with the University is the Debating Association. The time for holding the preliminary debates is fast approaching and the registration for the annual Kansas-Nebraska debate is already closed.

This registration is by far the largest ever known since the debating association was organized. Last year the registration was considered very large when thirty-six names were entered for the preliminaries, but this year the number is far in excess. Already the number of students who have signified their intention to try for a place reaches about sixty names.

Added interest is taken this year owing to the fact that three sets of debaters will represent the University of Nebraska in three different places. The annual Kansas-Nebraska debate will be held this year in Lincoln, as last year Green, Dennison, and Baker upheld the honor of the University at Lawrence, Kan.

This, of course, is the great debate of the year and is looked upon as such by those who have entered the preliminaries.

In addition to this we will debate with Missouri State University and with Colorado College.

Some time ago negotiations were entered into with Missouri for the purpose of establishing the same kind of a league as now binds us to Kansas.

These negotiations were acted upon favorably by the Debating Association of M. S. U. and an invitation was sent the university to hold the first debate of the new association at Columbia this year.

This invitation has been accepted, which necessitates the choosing of three more debaters to go to Missouri. Colorado College, located at Colorado Springs, Col., also had heard of our prowess in forensic contests, and wished to compete with Nebraska in this line.

As a result the Debating Association is in receipt of another challenge from this college. They wish the debate to be held in Colorado this year, will pay all expenses and agree to do anything else which our association may ask, providing these requests are at all reasonable.

By reason of these three debates it will be necessary to choose nine debaters to represent Nebraska, instead of the three formerly chosen for the Kansas-Nebraska debate. Formerly it was the custom to choose eight competitors from the preliminary debates to go on the finals, but this year it will be necessary to choose fifteen or eighteen men to debate the finals.

It is from the following names which have been registered that the nine debaters will eventually be chosen:

Messrs. Stewart, Pearson, Payne, Toby, Ewart, Meier, Kindler, Dittmer, Davis, Bollenbach, Matson, Maguire, Warner, Pope, Coke, Lee, Taylor, Perry, Edgerton, Kinton, Waterman, McNaughton, Hilton, Griffith, Allen, Landis, Burleigh, Goodwill, Ayer, Garber, Lawrie, Anderson, Hager, Jones, Wessel, Gibson, Berge, Henry, Tucher, Kemp, O'Connell, Mayer, Dassenbrock, Dennison, Baker, Hawxby, Deal, Sloan, Spencer, Baldrige, Kunz, Frazer, Hutchinson, Oury, Halderson, Eiden.

The judges of the preliminaries are chosen according to the constitution, and are composed of the following members of the faculty: The professors of English, American history, European history, English literature, philosophy, political economy, and the dean of the law school.

Thursday evening the debaters met and chose subjects and arranged divisions for the coming contests. Quiet will now reign until the time for the debates, as each contestant is preparing to win a place if hard work will do it.

Much praise is due Secretary Hawxby for the large registration. It was through his unceasing efforts that such a large number of men were induced to try for places.

#### KINDLER EXHONORATED.

The athletic board met in special session last Saturday at 9:30 to investigate the charge of professionalism against Geo. E. Kindler. Mr. Kindler presented a mass of evidence that proved his innocence of any charge beyond the slightest question of a doubt. It is to be regretted that any such action had to be taken, but since such rumors fly so swiftly without thought of doing the person involved any injury, it was but justice to the University athletics and Mr. Kindler that such investigation be made.

The matter, however, is settled fairly and peaceably and the verdict of the board was that Mr. Kindler was entirely innocent of any such charge. A committee was appointed to arrange for an interstate base ball league similar to that of foot ball.

The board adjourned to meet in regular session next Saturday at 11 a. m. As usual there will be no issue of The Nebraskan next week on account of the Thanksgiving recess.