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## WAS THE FINISHING TOUCH

### The Thanksgiving Victory Closes a Successful Season.

## HAWKEYES BEATEN 6 TO 0

#### The Fiercest and Cleanest Football Game of the Year—Benedict the Hero—His Brilliant Playing Saved Nebraska.

Again we win. Nebraska started after the pennant by defeating Missouri, clinched it by downing Kansas, and dispelled whatever doubt might remain to her claim as champion by defeating Iowa last Thanksgiving afternoon at Council Bluffs by a score of 6 to 0. The score was, perhaps, not as large as some of us might have wished, but it was enough to win, and that was all Nebraska was able to do against the sturdy resistance of Iowa. When the ball was not near the Iowa goal Nebraska had no trouble in advancing it, but just as sure as the ball was carried to Iowa's five-yard line, just when the wearers of the old gold looked blue and the supporters of the scarlet and the cream were getting ready to cheer for a touchdown; when Coach Robinson got his smile all ready and Wagonhurst was beginning to experience another attack of that Kansas feeling, then Nebraska lost the ball on downs and Iowa kicked out of danger. Five times Nebraska got within five yards of Iowa's goal, but was unable to go further. Four times when within ten or fifteen yards of the goal Cowgill tried to kick goal, but he failed in each instance. This was due to the muddy condition of the ground, as the ball would hardly bounce when it struck the ground, and as a result it generally shot right into the crowd of players.

The only score which Nebraska made was secured rather unexpectedly. Benedict was given the ball with a signal for an end run. He started around the end, but ran into the whole Iowa team, which had been massed at that point to meet the play. Just when it seemed impossible to make a gain a hole opened up in the line. Like a flash Benedict saw his opportunity, and slipping through, was down the field thirty yards for a touchdown. Cowgill played a splendid game at quarter and did especially well in carrying back Iowa's punts. He did not miss a one and seldom failed to recover at least fifteen yards by good running and skillful dodging. Stringer played a good game at left end and only once, when the game was almost finished, he allowed the ball to be carried around his end. Williams and Pearse always gained ground, and Shedd, of course, played his usual steady game. Meyers was the greatest ground gainer for Iowa, and although he was continually getting hurt, he was a hard man to stop. Hobbs punted well and Blackmore made good gains when given the ball. Time and again Cowgill would come around to Hayward and inquire in an anxious undertone, "Do you think you can gain me some ground this time, Bill?" Bill always answered "Yes," and just as often made his ground. Melford had a hard man to handle in the person of Wright, but he managed to hold up his end all right. Hansen and Turner put up a splendid defensive game. Wiggins got down the field after the ball almost before it was caught and generally downed the Iowa man in his tracks.

The game from the start was played almost entirely in Iowa's territory, and only at the finish did Iowa come anywhere near scoring. With two minutes left to play, Iowa, with desperate energy, rushed the ball up to within fifteen yards of Nebraska's goal when time was called.

The drizzling rain which continued throughout the day made the grounds somewhat soggy and cut down the attendance materially. As it was about 2,000 people saw the game, which was well played and exceptionally clean

and devoid of scrapping and slugging. The line-up:

Nebraska.	Iowa.
Stringer..... l. e. .... Lamerton	
Pearse..... l. t. .... Blackmore, G. H.	
Hansen..... l. g. .... Walker (Capt.)	
Melford..... c. .... Wright	
Turner..... r. g. .... Blackmore, R. H.	
Hayward and	
Westover..... r. t. .... Egan	
Wiggins..... r. e. .... Eby	
Cowgill..... q. .... Griffith	
Williams..... l. h. .... Deems and	
	Chase
Benedict..... r. h. .... Meyers	
Shedd (Capt.)... full .... Hobbs	
Umpire—J. E. Mather, of Tabor, Ia.	
Referee—Fred Cornell, of Lincoln,	
Neb. Linemen—A. J. Rhodes and A.	
Gillette.	

Shedd won the toss and chose the east goal. Hobbs kicked off twenty yards and Pearse recovered ten. Benedict made ten yards. He dropped the ball, but Wiggins got it. Shedd went through center four yards. Williams no gain. Shedd made six more, but Williams failed again to advance the ball. Williams went around the right end five yards, to which Stringer added one. Hayward made seven yards through center and Shedd followed with two. Hayward no gain. Turner went through guard for two yards and Shedd through center for three and two yards. Williams went around the right end five yards and Benedict around the left end six yards. Williams tried the end again for four yards. The ball was now on Iowa's ten-yard line. Shedd went through center for three yards and Hayward one. Williams no gain. Cowgill tried for a field goal. The ball went low and, after much scrambling, Shedd finally got it. Iowa held fast. Shedd made a half a yard and Williams one. Williams no gain. Another goal from the field was attempted, but failed, the ball going into touch. From the twenty-five-yard line Hobbs punted thirty yards. Stringer brought the ball back ten yards. Williams made two yards and then failed to gain. Cowgill punted to Iowa's two-yard line. Hobbs kicked twenty yards and Cowgill recovered ten. Shedd made two yards, Benedict one, and Hayward one. Iowa fumbled and Nebraska took the ball on downs. Iowa still held firm and Nebraska could not go through her line. Hansen made one yard and Shedd one. Cowgill tried another goal from the field, with the same result as before, and Nebraska lost ten yards besides. Benedict and Williams each made one yard. Another attempt was made for a field goal, with the same result. Williams made two yards, Shedd one, and Cowgill kicked fifteen yards. Hobbs got the ball on Iowa's three-yard line. Hobbs punted thirty yards and Cowgill regained twelve. Benedict tripped behind the line for a loss of five yards. Hayward went through left tackle seven yards and Stringer around the right end two yards. Iowa soon took the ball on downs. Deems made two yards and Meyers crawled along the ground four yards. Iowa gained three more. Meyers went through tackle five yards. Deems no gain. Walker made two yards and then Griffith kicked twenty yards. Nebraska's ball. Stringer no gain, and Shedd made three. Cowgill punted forty yards. Hobbs punted thirty-five yards and Cowgill brought it back ten. Hayward made five and Shedd two yards through center. On the next four downs Nebraska made six yards and Cowgill tried a quarter back kick. The ball went into touch and Hobbs punted from the twenty-five-yard line. By steady line buckling Nebraska rushed the ball up to Iowa's six-yard line, when time was called for the first half. Score, Nebraska 0, Iowa 0.

Second half—Cowgill kicked off forty-five yards and Iowa carried it back twenty-five. Iowa failed to gain on first down. Blackmore three yards. Meyers went through tackle five yards and Hobbs four yards. Hobbs made one yard and was finely tackled by Stringer. Meyers also ran up against Stringer and failed to gain. Nebraska took the ball on downs. Pearse, Turner, Hayward, Williams, and Shedd went through the line for short gains

and carried the ball to Iowa's seven-yard line. Hayward made three, but on next down Nebraska lost a yard. Pearse no gain, and Iowa took the ball on her five-yard line. Hobbs punted forty yards and Cowgill regained fifteen. Benedict then broke through and ran thirty yards for a touchdown. Shedd kicked goal. Score, Nebraska 6, Iowa 0. Deems was hurt and gave way to Chase. Hobbs kicked forty yards as usual, Cowgill carried the ball back fifteen yards. Benedict was neatly downed behind the line by Eby. Williams made four yards. On the next play Iowa was given five yards because Iowa's end and tackle, in going from one side to the other, did not come to a full stop before the ball was passed. Iowa took the ball on downs. Meyer went through the line eight yards. Chase failed to gain and Blackmore only advanced the ball one yard. Nebraska took the ball on downs. Nebraska fumbled and failed to gain. Benedict went around the left end ten yards and Pearse went through tackle four yards. Wiggins no gain. Cowgill kicked forty-five yards. Hobbs caught the ball and was beautifully tackled by Wiggins. Another pretty tackle by Stringer prevented Lamerton from advancing. Iowa made one yard and Hobbs was then forced to punt for twenty yards. Cowgill caught the ball, but was downed in his tracks. Nebraska gained one yard on the first down. Wiggins made one yard and Cowgill kicked thirty yards to Hobbs, whom Wiggins and Stringer jumped upon before he had time to move. Iowa made ten yards around the left end and followed this by two more through the line. Griffith kicked thirty yards and Nebraska got the ball. Williams made five yards around the right end and Shedd three more through center. Nebraska gained one more when Wiggins was downed behind the line and Cowgill was forced to punt for thirty yards. Iowa's ball. Griffith made ten yards on a fake kick. Meyer was downed by Wiggins with a loss of five yards on a fake play. Griffith made a quarter-back kick of ten yards and Iowa got the ball. Iowa gained only one yard in two trials and a quarter-back kick for ten yards was again resorted to and Benedict got the ball. Hayward made one yard through tackle and Benedict added seven more around the left end. Williams gained two yards and Shedd three. Wiggins no gain. On the next five downs Nebraska gained eight yards and Cowgill kicked for thirty yards. As usual Iowa's line stood fast, and two downs only netted Nebraska two yards. Cowgill made a quarter-back kick over the line. Wiggins, who was a yard or more in front of the Iowa players, would have got the ball if he had not stumbled over some of the spectators who failed to get out of his way. However, Griffith got the ball and saved a touchdown for his side. Hobbs punted twenty yards from the twenty-five-yard line and Iowa got the ball, and on the first down advanced it five yards. Blackmore made four yards, but Chase was downed with loss behind the line. Meyer made four yards, Griffith kicked twenty yards and Iowa got the ball. Meyer no gain. Hayward was relieved at right tackle by Westover. Chase made twelve yards around the right end—the longest run made by Iowa during the game. Iowa made five more and then Meyer carried the ball to Nebraska's fifteen-yard line, when time for the second half was called. Score, Nebraska 6, Iowa 0.

A rather unpleasant incident occurred at the close of the Thanksgiving game when Frank Crawford, formerly a coach of the Nebraska team, attached the gate receipts to enforce the payment of a certain amount of money which he alleged was due him for his services as coach. Manager Oury has not recovered the money, but the case is in the hands of lawyers and a favorable result is looked for. Right here a word of thanks might be given to the Council Bluffs Field Club. In addition to offer-

ing free of charge the use of its ground for the game and also extending every courtesy to the two teams, the club has also offered to bear the expense of the lawsuit concerning the gate receipts, and will look after this University's claim on the money. This action of the Field Club will make many friends among the students, and will add to the probabilities of the Thanksgiving game being played there again. Something less than \$1,000 was taken in at the gate, and if Nebraska can realize on her share of this a neat sum will be cleared.

Coach Robinson will leave for the east just as soon as he can arrange his affairs to do so. It is expected that he will leave about Monday of next week. It is said that Mr. Robinson will try to get the position as coach of the Brown University team next year. If he does not secure this there is a possibility of Nebraska's being able to secure him again. While nothing would be more satisfactory than to have Mr. Robinson return next year, yet every Nebraska student unites in wishing him success and the championship if he secures the position of coach at Brown.

The prospect of the election of Captain of the foot ball team is causing quite a stir among the foot ball players. There are already two or three candidates in the field who are willing to accept the honor. Every man who has played at all in any game on the first team will have a vote. An unusually large number of men this year will elect the new captain.

### ALL-WESTERN TEAM.

The following all-western team has been named by Coach Robinson, and will prove of great interest to the students of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. As Nebraska wins the pennant this year, it is but natural that she should have the greatest number of players on this team. Nebraska heads the list with six players, Kansas comes next with two, Iowa two, and Missouri one. Nebraska has Shedd, Benedict, Turner, Pearse, Hayward, and Wiggins; Kansas has Kennedy, who is also named as captain, and Voights. From Iowa is selected Wright and Meyers, and Hill from Missouri.

Coach Robinson would line them up something like this: Voights (K), left end; Pearse (N), left tackle; Hill (M), left guard; Wright (I), center; Turner (N), right guard; Hayward (N), right tackle; Wiggins (N), right end; Kennedy (K), captain, quarterback; Meyers (I), left half; Benedict (N), right half; Shedd (N), full back.

Coach Robinson said that he would put in Hansen instead of Hill were it not for the latter's long experience in foot ball. Otherwise he considered the two men equal. Stringer also would undoubtedly be named were it not for the fact that he is a freshman.

### A PENNANT SUPPER.

As Nebraska has won the foot ball championship this year, Chancellor MacLean will banquet the team at the Lincoln to-night. The chancellor has styled the banquet a Pennant supper, and the boys will all doubtless hear over again how they won the pennant, but as for seeing it—well, nobody has ever succeeded in getting sight of it.

### WILL WEAR INSIGNIA.

At a meeting of the Pershing Rifles, held last evening, it was decided to adopt as a company insignia bronze cross rifles, with the letters "P. R." which will be worn on the collar of the uniforms. The Rifles will also wear white cross belts at their drills to further distinguish them from the other cadets. It was also decided to have a competitive individual drill once every month, and \$15 was appropriated with which to buy a gold medal to be drilled for at each individual drill. The medal will become the permanent property of any member who wins it three successive times.

Miss Blanche Palmer, of Ulysses, has entered the University school of music.

## THE JUDGE SYSTEM SETTLED

### Debaters Finally Agree on How They Will Be Marked.

## WILL TAKE THREE EVENINGS

#### The New Plan Considerably Shortens the Preliminaries—Divisions Have Been Formed and Questions Selected.

Interest in the preliminary debates is steadily increasing as the date for the great event approaches. Only two weeks of preparation remain to those who have registered in these contests. Owing to the extremely large number of students who are to take part and the complications arising from the two additional debates with Missouri and Colorado, many serious questions have come before the association for settlement. At the present time all of these difficulties have been satisfactorily adjusted and there now remains nothing but the debates themselves.

The sixty participants have been divided by lot into seven divisions, and these divisions have chosen their own subjects, arranged the order of speakers, and attended to other details which might have arisen.

By the plan now provided these seven divisions will debate on three evenings of the week commencing December 20. The first division will speak on the first night and will be judged by nine judges, two being recently added to meet the requirements of the new plan. These judges will take the first speaker, who happens to be Mr. Berge, as the standard and will mark him 100. The other speakers will be marked higher or lower as they excel or fall below the first speaker.

On the second evening the second, third, and fourth divisions will speak in three different rooms and each division will be marked by three of the nine judges, who have been divided into three divisions in order that the debates may proceed more rapidly. On the second night the fifth, sixth, and seventh divisions will debate, each before one of the three sets of judges.

By this plan the seven debates may be completed on three evenings instead of seven, as would have been the case had the old method of having all the judges listen to all of the speeches been followed. As at present provided, each of the nine judges have the same standard and will judge the debaters they hear in accordance with the first speaker.

From the sixty persons in the debates there will be sixteen chosen to compete in the finals. These sixteen successful competitors will be divided into two divisions and each of these divisions will choose their own question and debate on different nights before all of the nine judges. From these sixteen there will be nine chosen to represent the University of Nebraska in the contests with Kansas, Missouri, and Colorado.

In order that there might be no trouble as to where the debaters will go, it has been provided that the person receiving the highest mark shall make his own choice as to with whom he is to debate, the one ranking second shall have next choice, and so on down the list. By this method no dispute can possibly arise as to where each person shall go.

The seven divisions have questions and are composed as follows:

First Division.—Resolved, That President Jackson was justified in his attitude toward the bank of the United States. Affirmative, Berge, Pearson, Moyer, and Stewart; negative, Deal, Sloan, McNaughton, and Hutchinson.

Second Division.—Resolved, That the United States should annex Hawaii as a territory. Affirmative, Taylor, Kemp, Hager, and Goodwill; negative, Dennison, Lowrie, Griffith, and Telli-

Third Division.—Resolved, That

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