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## THE FIRST BATTLE.

Big Score Piled Up Against Hastings—Nebraska Makes Some Fine Plays and Puts Up Splendid Interference.

The foot ball team started the season Saturday afternoon by piling up the largest score ever made by any team in the institution. Little was known regarding the Hastings team. It was allowed by all that the University eleven would win, but how the score would stand no one would venture, and it is safe to say that the score—76 to 0, was a surprise to all—the coach and eleven included.

The home boys were early on hand, but the Hastings men were slow, and it was 4 o'clock before the two teams lined up for the kick off. Nebraska started at the south goal with the advantage of the strong wind at their backs. At the referee's signal Hastings made a weak kick. On the first down Benedict started the ball by a run of 60 yards around the left end. A gain of five yards was made through the line, and Pillsbury was pushed over for touch down. Melford kicked goal. Score, 6—0. Time, 4 minutes.

At the kick off Benedict returned the kick by a punt of 30 yards. Hastings was held for three downs, Nebraska's ball. After two gains of three and five yards, Pillsbury again was shoved over for a second touch down. Melford kicked goal. 12—0.

It took three minutes more to advance the ball down the field and push Kingsbury over for a touch down and goal. 18—0.

Hastings kicked thirty yards. Benedict advanced twenty. Hastings broke through the line with a loss of two yards for Nebraska. Garrett went through Hastings' line for 4 yards. Cowgill punted and Stringer downed the Hastings man who caught it in his tracks. Hastings lost eight yards on an end run; Kingsbury advanced it eight more; Benedict carried it across for a touch down and Melford kicked goal. 24—0.

Hastings kicked 25 yards; Hastings kicked the line for three yards; lost on second down; punted for 15 yards. Cowgill kicked for 35 yards. Hastings lost the ball on three downs. Williams went around the right and across the line but dropped the ball and a Hastings man fell on it. Garret fumbled on catch, but held the ball. Kingsbury carried it across for a touch down. Goal was kicked. 30—0.

Williams made 40 yards; Kingsbury three; Pillsbury three; Cowgill kicked goal from field. 35—0.

Williams and Kingsbury advanced the ball forty-five yards; Cowgill missed goal from field. End of the first half.

Nebraska kicked 40 yards; Hastings advanced the ball 15; kicked 20 yards. Cowgill carried it 10; Nebraska lost the ball for the first time. Hastings' kick was blocked. Benedict carried the ball to their 5 yard line. Elliott crossed the line for touch down and goal. 41—0.

Williams gained 15 yards; Benedict 20 more. Benedict's place was taken by Drain, and Garrett's place by Liebman. Stringer made a great run of 35 yards, ending by falling over a Hastings man and lighting on his head, but he got up as smiling as ever. Kingsbury carried it across and Melford kicked goal. 46—0.

Liebman made a nice run of 25 yards; Elliott carried it 30, and Pillsbury was shoved over. 52—0.

Williams went around right end for 70 yards and touch down; goal kicked. 58—0.

Kingsbury made a good gain but dropped the ball. Hastings punted; Cowgill advanced 8 yards; Nebraska lost the ball; Hastings kicked; Williams advanced 25 yards; Kingsbury went through the line for touch down. Coore, 64—0.

Williams carried it 25 yards; Elliott advanced it to their 5 yard line; Stringer took it across for touch down and goal. 71—0.

Liebman advanced it 30 yards; Cowgill kicked goal from field. Score, 76—0. The game was called at this point although ten minutes of time remained.

Although the game was nothing more than a little practice for Nebraska, yet it served its purpose well. Prior to the game there had been considerable apprehension among the enthusiasts. They were not at all certain that Nebraska would have a good team this year. They had become so used to Shedd's ploughing through the line, the fierce tackling of Hayward and Wiggins the sturdy plays of Pearse in the line that they wondered how Nebraska could play without them. Then, too, they didn't know exactly what kind of a coach Mr. Yost is. But their doubts have all been swept away by Saturday's game. Anyone who saw the fine playing of the new men, Garrett, Liebman, Hartt, Drain, Elliott and Hummel, cannot but have confidence in them hereafter. Any one who saw the interference put up by the Nebraska team cannot but have confidence in Coach Yost. In the opinion of the writer no Nebraska team has put up such splendid interference for several years. It was a game full of temptations for individual plays to win the plaudits of the bleachers, but without exception, the team kept together and played as if their opponents were as powerful and wary as they.

## NEBRASKA VS. AMES.

Outlook for Tomorrow's Game—Personnel of the Players—Sharp Contest Predicted.

The foot ball game next Saturday between Ames and the University will be no child's play. Ames beat the University last year by a score of 10 to 0. The men on their team are as big this year as ever. Last Saturday they beat the strong Rush Medic team by a score of 10 to 0. The University team is working hard to get into shape for the great game. The team will probably line up as follows:

PLAYERS.	POSITION.
Melford (Captain.) weight 160	centre
Turner, weight 200	right guard
Hansen, weight 190	left guard
Kingsbury, weight 160	right tackle
Pillsbury, weight 180	left tackle
Elliott, weight 150	right end
Stringer, weight 170	left end
Benedict, weight 150	right half
Williams, weight 155	left half
Cowgill, weight 152	quarter back
Erwin, weight 190	full back

Substitutes—Garrett, Hummel, Hearitt, Drain, Liebman and Dassenbrock.

Melford, Turner, Hansen, Stringer, Benedict, Williams and Cowgill played on last year's team. Though some of these men received slight injuries in last Saturday's game and in the hard practice games, they all expect to play their unusual strong game Saturday. Kingsbury is a new man, but he is not without experience, having played on the Wesleyan team. His work in the Hastings game was very creditable. Pillsbury played on the second eleven last year. He has shown marked improvement. It is expected that he will also fill it. Erwin is the latest addition to the team. He was one of the star players on the Wesley-

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