

## FOOT BALL SEASON IS NEAR

Missouri Valley Teams Are Preparing for the Fray.

### RULES ARE BEING CHANGED

Coaches Are Still Undecided as to Plays That Will Suit the Men They Will Have in the Squads.

While awaiting the official sanction of the new foot ball code by the National Inter-collegiate rules committee, which will meet tomorrow to place its stamp of approval on the many changes made during the last winter, the coaches and mentors in the Missouri valley are wondering what effect the revision will have on the quality of the game as played at the various institutions composing the "Big Seven." Before the reformers tinkered with the old regulations and made a revision that is considered the most radical since 1875, when the Rugby game was adopted in this country by several eastern schools, the coaches knew about what to expect of the material that they will have on hand this fall and were either banking on a strong eleven or prepared to accept the disasters of an off year. But now that the playing field has been knifed, and the removal of the so-called dangerous sections effected, the coaches and their advisers are in a quandary regarding the quality of foot ball they can give their patrons during the first fall of the exasperated game.

Injuries in the east (for there were no serious accidents on the western foot ball fields last year with the possible exception of two places) set in motion the demand for a sane game, and many of the men who a few years before had cried out for a de-brutalized code came to the front again and stirred up the country to such a pitch that for a time the very life of the gridiron sport was in serious danger. The champions of foot ball came to the support of their favorite sport and the game was permitted to keep up its respiration.

### Some Element Prevails.

As a concession for letting the game live the same element was given power to revise the rules so radically that all plans of the foot ball coach were upset. The calculations that the director of the team made last fall, when he based his figures upon the old rules all went awry, and now he and his pupils must adapt themselves to the new code. Foot ball in 1910 will be a new game—a new game for coaches and for players. A new game means that the first season may be one of experimentation in creating new plays for both the defense and offense. All this change means that the coaches are now going through a period of worry and fret over the approaching days of autumn when they must again face the critical students and faculties who demand, above all things, a winning team.

For several weeks coaches in this division of the foot ball world have been devising plays that are expected to be successfully used under the new rules. In a few of the schools—Nebraska and Kansas—the captains of the teams have been consulting with the candidates for the team and getting an idea of what the material will be able to do in playing under the reformed code. They have learned, as well as their coaches, that many of the men who have been figured on for doing the bulk of the work on the teams this fall will be important factors in giving them a winning eleven. The captains and coaches realize now that they will have to build up an entirely different kind of team from that which played the game in the west last autumn. Men who were peculiarly fitted for gridiron work last fall are in many cases little adapted for the reformed game.

At Omaha in October Nebraska made a better showing against the great Minnesota eleven and held it to a tie score in the first half. The Cornhuskers were able to do this time because they had a line that was more than equal to the northern eleven. The terrifying offense that humbled Chicago found a stone wall in Nebraska forwards and receded at nearly every attack with a loss of ground. Minnesota won the game because Nebraska possessed an extremely weak backfield that could not hold up its end of the play. The open style of game played an unimportant part in this contest.

### Nebraska Should Be Strong.

But under the rules that will be in force this fall there will be little need of a bulky line for the plunging plays used by the backs will not be employed, being prohibited by the latest regulations. The new rules also will do away with the necessity of the quarterback position for any player will be allowed to carry the ball through the line at any time or place. With line plunging under ban, the defensive line can be arranged to take care of the attacks upon it. The defensive line men will no longer have to fight against a group of players pushing and pulling a man, for such work is also forbidden. The rules against the line plunging and the changes giving the backs more freedom in their work, will call for quick and active players who can solve a play before it has received the momentum that assures success.

For 1910 it seems certain that the coaches of the country will have to depend on the players who are adept at forward passing, kicking and running through a broken field. The large man who combines speed and clear thinking with his strength, of course, will continue to be a valuable man to any team.

When the season came to a close last fall Nebraska probably had the best outlook for a championship eleven of any school in the Missouri valley. Its famous line that was the talk of the west, lost only two men, and the places of these players left no hole in the team, for the coach had substitutes almost as valuable as the regulars. With his forwards remaining strong, Coach "King" Cole was figuring on building up a machine around this stone wall that would paralyze the offense of the teams that are to be met this season. For his back field the coach had the best bunch of material that has been seen in this section of the country in several years. His backs were green last fall, but toward the end of the season they were playing speedy ball. The regular set of backs is to be on hand again, but in addition there will be five or six players who are fully as good as those veterans. With this abundance of timber for his back field Coach Cole planned on devising a series of plays that would startle the west and give the Cornhuskers a rapid scoring machine.

The new rules have thrown aside all the schemes projected by the Nebraska coach and forced him into a position where he is now wondering how his men are going to yield to the demands of the revised code. He knew just what all his pupils could do with the old rules, but now he must experiment practically all fail with new formations and plays that will probably lower the standard of the game at the Cornhusker school. His heavy line is not going to be an important factor and he must depend upon open plays entirely for scoring, which situation means that he will have to look to his back field for men who can accurately time the play and carry it in running plays.

The same situation that confronts the Nebraska coach is true of Missouri, Iowa and Drake. These schools all had strong lines last fall and the prospects were that the forwards for this season would be fully as strong as in 1909. With the new rules placing a premium on light and fast players the coaches at these schools have been hit a severe blow than those institutions which were weak in the line but powerful in the back field. It is those schools that lacked the line material but possessed the good forward passers and kickers that will reap the benefit of the revision this coming season. Among the schools of this latter class are Iowa, Ames, Kansas and Washington.

Ames was helpless last fall because of its frail line and had the most disastrous season since it began attracting attention in the west. Kansas would have won the championship of the Missouri valley had its line been the equal of Missouri's. It was the Jayhawker quarterback and rear guard that enabled Coach Kennedy's team to hold the Tigers to a low score. Washington was a non-factor because of its miserable line work.

With the season six weeks off, it looks as though Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Ames should produce the leading elevens of this section. All of them will have much available material of both the light and heavy varieties, and if the coaches are evenly matched as to inventive genius and power for work the teams should make a pretty struggle for supremacy in the valley. Coach "King" Cole at Nebraska has an advantage over the other mentors, for he will have a prize bunch of lightweight candidates and also a large group of heavy men who possess speed, tact and keen thought. He will have two sets of fine back field men as have donned uniforms in this section of the country during the last five years. In addition, he will have two men who can accurately pitch the spherical long distances and a kicker who can boot the ball between the goal posts from the forty and forty-five-yard line with wonderful accuracy.

### FARMERS AS AUTOMOBILE BUYERS

Remarks of a Manufacturer on the "Carce." Among Western Bankers.

Are too many of the inhabitants of the United States buying automobiles? Has the popularity of the automobile reached a stage where it can be said to threaten the financial stability of the nation? Is it true that men have been mortgaging their homes and farms to purchase cars?

These are questions of particular interest in automobile circles. Also, they are questions of vital importance to the manufacturing industry. Walter E. Flanders, president of the El-M.-F. company, in Detroit, has been exceedingly fortunate in predicting market conditions since his connection with the industry. He points to the fact that his company is now building an addition to its main plant as an evidence of his belief in the stability of the industry on the whole.

"There are and always will be a lot of gossips who will be interested in the affairs of their neighbors," said Mr. Flanders. "An accomplished gossip will accumulate and spread a lot of misinformation, particularly regarding persons of whom he is jealous. That is the common source of rumor regarding individual cases of alleged installment plan purchase of automobiles. It is safe to say that 90 per cent of the season's retail sales have been made on a cash basis. Adherence to this rule has been one of the greatest advantages of the industry.

"Never in my experience have I known or heard of a man mortgaging his home to purchase an automobile. Such cases may exist, but if they do they are merely testimony to the existence of a class devoid of business sense or frugality, and the members of which would have expended their entire resources in some other way but for their ambition to own a car.

"Dudie Archdale received her education as a baby trotter at the hands of this same man, and that it is to 'home influences' that she owes her present ability may be learned from the statement of G. S. Harris of Hooper, Neb., the man who bred, raised and owned her up to the time she came into her present ownership at a consideration of \$15,000. Mr. Harris says, 'Remember that Mr. Kay deserves the credit of her education.'

The mare has been piloted during her races this year by F. F. Geers, the dean of American trainers and, of course, he has been highly pleased with her performances.

Dudie was sent to Mr. Kay at Neligh as a 2-year-old to get her first ideas of how it is that real race horses act. So fast did she "come" that at the end of the season she trotted a mile in 2:22.

The next spring she was again trained by Kay as a 3-year-old and was shipped to Springfield where she forced out Justo in 2:14. The wise ones decided immediately she was a "sizzler" and she has never given them a chance to change their minds. At her next start at Pekin, Ill., she drove the Jay Bird colt to his limit to win in 2:04. She was not started the next week owing to a curious combination of circumstances. She was so good that the managers of Justo were afraid she would race their colt into the ground, and drew him. This left Dudie the best of the field and also meant that she would take a record and so preclude the splendid campaign in the green classes a 5-year-old, which her friends could already see in the future, and which materialized so handsomely this year. Consequently she was drawn and shipped back home.

Last fall she was again sent to Neligh and was coming along nicely and doing all that she was asked. The weather became so bad and it was so difficult to give her the necessary work that it was decided to send her to Geers, who was wintering at Memphis, Tenn., as his custom.

The black filly has won the following rich stakes up to the present:

2:18 trot at Terre Haute, Ind., for \$2,000; best time, 2:11.

2:12 trot at Grand Rapids, Mich., for \$2,000; best time, 2:04.

Paper mill purse at Kalamazoo, Mich., for \$1,000; best time, 2:06.

Classical M. and M. stakes at Detroit, for \$1,000; best time, 2:08.

2:14 trot at Cleveland, for \$5,000; best time, 2:06.

Dudie Archdale's inheritance amply accords for her speed. She trotted through her sire, Archdale directly back to Elizabethtown, 123, the fountain head of the greatest family of that name. Her dam is that rare old race mare, Dudie Egmont 2:13:24, and reports state that she is exactly like her mother in way of going, disposition and conformation.

As is always the case when a genuine star shows up in the trotting firmament, it is now the fashion on every hand to "tout" the little mare who seems almost invincible. It is, however, her old friends who knew her and believed in her from the first, who are getting the most pleasure out of her racing. The "Hurry-up" Yet again at the helm already smiling and acting for the first game, the chances for another western championship and another successful eastern invasion are, indeed, bright.

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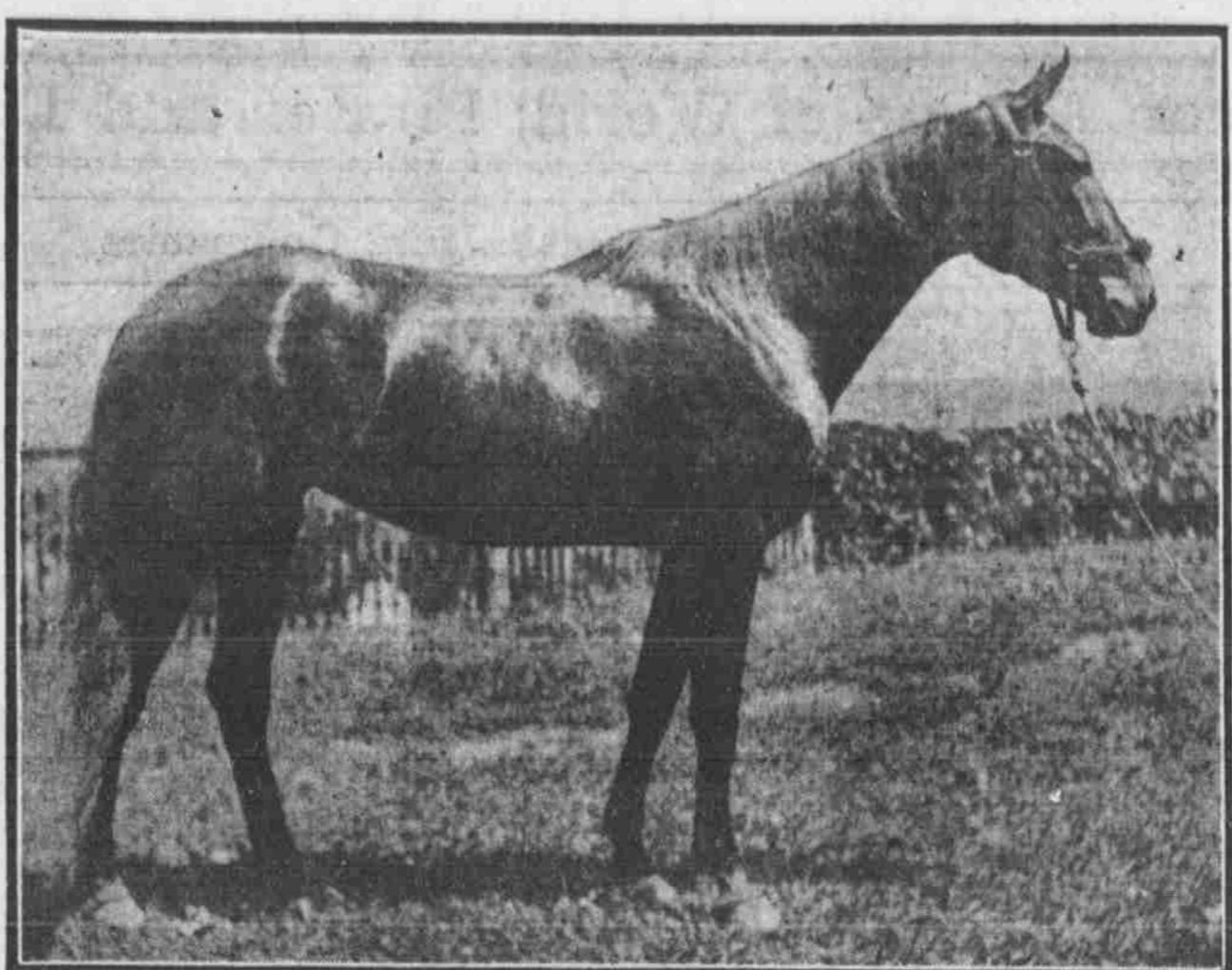
October 29—Syracuse at Syracuse.

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November 19—Minnesota at Ann Arbor.

## Dudie Archdale, the Season's Trotting Sensation



### JOHNSON COACH FOR DOANE

Former Player Will Have Charge of the Foot Ball Team There for Season.

### Dudie Archdale Wins Honors for Antelope State

Most Noted Racing Mare of the Year is a Product of Nebraska.



EARL JOHNSON

### Many Horses Will Run at Lincoln

Large Number of Entries Received for Races at State Fair Early in September.

LINCOLN, Aug. 13.—(Special)—Entries for a number of the state fair races close here Monday, entries for another set of contests having closed May 16, with 157 horses named for the six races, and few of these have been scratched to date. A large number of entries for the late closing races are at hand, so there is every assurance of a big field and good sport. The list of races is as follows:

Monday, September 5—2:30 trot, \$1,000; 2:30 pace, \$500. Running—Half mile dash, \$100; seven-eighths of a mile dash, \$100; two-mile relay, change horse before grandstand at end of each half mile.

Tuesday—2:15 trot, \$600; 2:15 pace, \$1,000; 2:00 pace, \$600. Running—Nebraska Derby. When did you get in?" Why, just ten minutes ago, Mr. Anson? "Um, uh, um. Well, young man, go and eat a good steak and get out the hall park before 2:30. You pitch this afternoon."

"And the greenhorn would go in, and would mow down the mighty sluggers."

Why? Because he came up fresh, full of confidence. The other fellows were scared, not the kid. They took it for granted the boy must be a wonder or he wouldn't be sent in raw from the little league. He had new stuff and backwoods shoots; he may have been crude, but a wise old catcher would be helping him, and the Old Man would be yelling, "Haw, haw! Go, boy, haw, haw! Look at them trying to hit that curve!" And in that way Anson made great pitchers.

"Take 'em as they get off the train. Feed them, and ram 'em into the uniform. Send 'em straight in that very afternoon. If the boys have the stuff, they will show it instantly, and it will be the opposing balmans who will be attacked with stage fright, not the new kids. And if you think I'm right, study the old records and note how the big stars broke in."

**AMERICAN BOATS SELECTED**

**Spaniard Sonder Yachts Arrive at Saratoga.**

SARATOGA, Aug. 12.—Spaniard easily won the Schenectady sailing stake at one mile, the feature of the card here today. Results:

First race, five and one-half furlongs: L. E. Barber (6 to 5) won. The Hague, second; Van Zee, third. Time: 1:10%.

Second race, seven furlongs: Shannon (6 to 8) won. Herkimer, second; Rosseaux, third. Time: 1:12%.

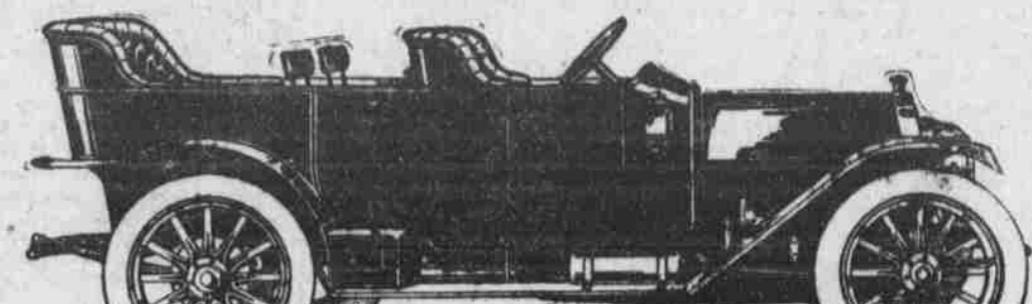
Third race, mile: Redigouche (9 to 20) won. Bonnie Kelso, second; Jacqueline, third. Time: 1:42%.

Fourth race, one and three-eighths miles: Firestone (9 to 5) won. Tasteful, second; Bob R., third. Time: 1:54.

Fifth race, one and one-sixteenths miles: Bonne (6 to 8) won. Montgomery, second; The Peer, third. Time: 2:19.

Sixth race, six furlongs: Swannamah (30 to 1) won. Rockville, second; Savannah, third. Time: 1:16.

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## Michigan Looms Up on Gridiron

Local Alumni Enthusiastic Over Foot Ball Outlook for Ann Arbor Team This Year.

The rosy hue of the dispatches, anent the coming football season, which have emanated this week from Ann Arbor have brought joy to the hearts of Omaha Alumni of the University of Michigan. For, with twelve M. men back, with only Captain Allardice, Wasmund and Magidsohn of last year's team missing, and with Coach "Hurry-up" Yost again at the helm already smiling and acting for the first game, the chances for another western championship and another successful eastern invasion are, indeed, bright.

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