

South Dakota's Gridiron Whirlwinds as They Finished the 1912 Season



HOW THE BOYS FROM VERMILION LOOKED AFTER THE GAME WITH CREIGHTON THANKSGIVING AFTERNOON.

STIEHM STAR TRIO ON VALLEY ELEVEN

Halligan, Pearson and Purdy Are Given Place Among the Best Gridiron Warriors.

MISSOURI HAS SEVERAL PLAYERS

Ames Represented by Hurst, Who Was Better Than Any Other Quarter in Conference and Did Great Work.

All-Missouri Valley Conference

FIRST ELEVEN.

- Prickie, Missouri.....Left End
- Barton, Missouri.....Left Tackle
- Pearson, Nebraska.....Left Guard
- Wilson, Missouri.....Center
- Crowell, Drake.....Right Guard
- Wedline, Kansas.....Right Tackle
- Brownlee, Kansas.....Right End
- Hurst, Ames.....Quarterback
- Knobel, Missouri.....Left Halfback
- Purdy, Nebraska.....Right Halfback
- Halligan, Nebraska.....Fullback

SECOND ELEVEN.

- Howard, Nebraska.....Left End
- Swanson, Nebraska.....Left Tackle
- Hastings, Missouri.....Left Guard
- McCarthy, Washington.....Center
- Fruitt, Ames.....Right Guard
- Harmon, Nebraska.....Right Tackle
- Price, Kansas.....Right End
- Towle, Nebraska.....Quarterback
- Frank, Nebraska.....Left Halfback
- Crull, Drake.....Right Halfback
- Simone, Drake.....Fullback

Nebraska Plays Well.

Nebraska won the two games it played with other conference eleven, but in each contest was pushed to the utmost. In one, the battle with Kansas, was outplayed for most of the game. It being a serious question as to which of the two contestants was the better. In the Missouri game the Cornhuskers won only after three-quarters of fierce fighting. Ames was licked decisively by Iowa, showing that its class was not high, because the Hawkeyes had gone down to defeat before the Minnesota Gophers, 66 to 7, and the Gophers took third place in the Chicago conference race. The Iowa Aggies were fortunate in their meeting with Drake, for their men were all in excellent shape, while the Drake Bulldogs were crippled so much that only five regulars began the game. The Des Moines seven, in mid-season, probably was a better team than Clyde Williams had at Ames.

Missouri Disappointment.

Missouri was the keen disappointment of the conference. It was an eleven of great possibilities, possessing the largest number of high caliber men of any school in the conference. It was slow in beginning and lost to Ames by a large score. It began to show its power in the meeting with Nebraska; by the time of the Drake contest it was going at full speed, and was a fighting machine that would have tested the full strength of the best eleven in the middle west. The Saturday following the Drake game the Tigers licked Washington university by such a large score that all followers were encouraged to expect a victory over Kansas the following week. But the Brewer machine slipped a cog, and tumbled before the Jayhawkers, an eleven that was not better than Missouri at any time previous.

OMAHA UNI IS WELL PLEASED

Foot Ball Team Makes Good Showing Although Losing Games.

WORK UNDER BIG HANDICAP

At No Time During Season Did More Than Eighteen Men Turn Out for Practice and Only a Few Veterans.

Though the season just closed had more defeats than victories for the foot ball team representing the University of Omaha the student body and team itself is well pleased with the showing made. For this the supporters of the Sheldons give two reasons. The first one, the splendid coaching of Otis Morgenthaler, the other the fighting spirit which the team has shown when it was encountering odds that would have discouraged many teams.

When the season opened about fourteen men came out for the squad and of these not more than four had more than a year's experience. Some had never played in a game of foot ball and the only thing in their favor was the fact that they were willing to work. Starting out under these conditions Morgenthaler began by teaching his pupils things that most college players learn in high schools. For about two weeks he continued this work and when he began to give scrimmage and signal practice Julius Rachman and Ralph Ludwig entered school and added considerable strength to the team. Ludwig's use was not enduring because in the first quarter of the first game he received a broken collarbone which kept him from participating in any of the remaining games.

Eighteen Turn Out.

The greatest number that reported for practice on any night was eighteen and this only once. The average number out was fourteen and sixteen and these few light and inexperienced. Because of the lack of weight Morgenthaler realized that it would be necessary to depend upon open play and forward passing. This, however, took time and as a result in the first game of the season Omaha had to play only to hold their opponents.

The season was opened at University Place with the strong Nebraska Wesleyan team as rivals. The Methodists were big, fast and experienced; the locals were lacking in everything but pluck. The game during the first quarter was decidedly one-sided, but Omaha braced after permitting that period to end with the score standing 36 to 0 against them and in the remaining three-quarters Omaha scored 6, while the preachers were making 3. Considering the fact that Wesleyan won the state championship, tied Morningside and held the South Dakota team to a score of 3 to 0 on the Dakotians' field, no great apology is needed for this game.

Omaha Trims Cotner.

The next intercollegiate game was with Cotner at Omaha. During this game and the Wesleyan game the only scrimmage that Omaha had held was pitting one side of the line against the other. Cotner came here full of confidence because it had tied Bellevue and beaten Kearney, but Omaha, by playing the pluckiest kind of a game, held the visitors, who were much heavier than the locals, and by executing wonderful forward passing came out victorious by the score of 7 to 6. The next game scheduled was with Creighton. The Sheldons surprised their most enthusiastic supporters by making two touchdowns and kicking goal after each one. Omaha university looked upon this game as a virtual victory because they had held Creighton to a low score and had done what Marquette was unable to do—cross Creighton's line.

Another Victory.

The game with Peru resulted in another victory for Omaha by the score of Omaha, 6; Peru, 3. The defeat at the hands of Tarkio on Thanksgiving day was the biggest disappointment of the season, though the game was close, the score being only 7 to 6. The reason that Morgenthaler and his men felt badly over the loss of this struggle was because they had been so confident of a victory.

MICHIGAN REMAINS OUTSIDE CONFERENCE

Big Nine Representatives Adjourn Without Discussing Return of the Wolverines.

SUMMER BASE BALL ISSUE LEFT

Professors Go on Record with Statement that Athletes May Eat Together Without Forming Training Table.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—The annual winter meeting of representatives of the faculties of the "Big Nine" conference universities ended today without either of the points most interesting to the public having been touched upon. In spite of a widespread sentiment in that direction, the University of Michigan made no move toward re-entering the conference and the subject of summer base ball was not discussed. Michigan's official attitude on the question was not discussed, but it developed that the special system of athletic control at Ann Arbor, instead of faculty regulation as demanded by the conference rules, is the barrier to an understanding. The training table institution, according to Prof. T. F. Moran of Purdue, secretary of the conference, could be arranged.

Incidentally the professors went on record as denying that the anti-training table principle of the conference had been evaded by some members of the Big Nine. It was said to be the sense of the conference that foot ball players have a right to eat together when it might be most convenient, provided they pay for their food themselves. It was admitted that this semblance of a training table sometimes is unavoidable.

The professors reiterated former statements that they would be glad to have (Continued on Page Two.)

BRITISH TEAM GETS TITLE

World's Lawn Tennis Championship Honors Taken.

AUSTRALIA LOSES DAVIS CUP

Contest Consisted of Four Singles and One Double, Winner of Three Taking the Trophy.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 30.—England today won title to the Davis cup, emblematic of the world's championship in lawn tennis, by winning a third match from the Australasian defenders. The contests consisted of four singles matches and one doubles match, the team winning three out of the five becoming holder of the Dwight F. Davis international lawn tennis trophy. Thursday J. C. Parke and Charles F. Dickson of England defeated Norman Brooks and R. W. Heath of Australasia in the first two singles. Yesterday, in the doubles matches, Norman E. Brookes and A. W. Dunlap, Australasia, beat John C. Parke and A. E. Beamish, British, with comparative ease. This left the contest a fairly open one, as it was thought the Australasians might retrieve their fortunes and their last two singles matches and carry off the trophy. The hopes, however, were disappointed, as Parke again won his match, this time beating Heath, Australasia. The second match between Brooks and Dixon went to the Australasian, leaving the final score: England, three matches; Australasia, two.

The match between Brooks and Dixon was the first one to be decided today. The Australasian champion's volleying was too good for Dixon, although the latter made splendid rallies in the second and third sets. With the rubber standing at "two all" the excitement among the 7,000 spectators was intense. Heath was palpably nervous when he (Continued on Page Two.)

MIDDIES WIN ANNUAL GAME FROM CADETS

Two Goals from Placement Give Victory to Annapolis Boys.

CONTEST CLEANLY PLAYED

All Scoring is Done in the Last Quarter and Only Once is the Goal Line in Danger.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29.—In one of the most striking foot ball games ever played by the two arms of the national service, the Navy this afternoon on Franklin field defeated the Army by the score of 6 to 0. The midshipmen did not need "Jack" Dalton, who won the 1911 and 1910 games for the Navy by field goals for the Annapolis team had another sure kicker in J. H. Brown, a tall guard, who booted the Navy to victory by two splendid goals from placement. Both goals came in the last period of play from the 25 and 47 yard lines after it began to look as if the fierce struggle would result in a scoreless tie. It was a wonderful triumph for the boys from the banks of the Severn river. With a record for the season that did not compare as favorably as that of the Army's and with the prevailing feeling that the Army, on its showing made during the year, had the advantage, the midshipmen battled valiantly even during the moments when the tide of the struggle was going against them. They held off the Army through grit and generalship and when the opportunity came to score they had the "punch" to land the victory.

Army Makes Good Fight.

While all credit is due the Navy for its splendid success, the Army was not disgraced by its defeat. At times the cadets (Continued on Page Two.)

OMAHA HIGH LEADS STATE

Local Foot Ball Team Closes Brilliant and Successful Season.

GARDINER IS A STAR PLAYER

Steady Left Halfback Has Good Chance of Making Place on All-Nebraska Team by Virtue of His Kicking Ability.

One of the most brilliant and successful seasons in the history of Omaha high school foot ball has just closed. There are many things connected with the year's record that the pupils and high school supporters should be proud of. One is the spirit of sportsmanship which has been shown by the pupils and the team. The visiting teams have all been treated royally, being entertained by various organizations of the high school, principally the Boosters' club. No member of a visiting team has ever left Omaha without having been shown a good time. Although the members of the Omaha team fought hard and battled for every point, they played a clean and fair game from the start to the finish. Wins Championship. For the first time in three years the Omaha foot ball team has gained the title of state champions. The last time the laurels were in the hands of the Purple and White was in 1909. This is partly due to the fact that the high school was able to secure the services of a good and experienced coach, who drilled team work into the team, rather than individual staving as has marked the teams of past years. Coach Mills is satisfied with the team's work and hopes to make a similar organization next year which can outdo the splendid work of this year's eleven. Coach Mills states that the boys with whom he worked this year were of the best that he has ever had under his coaching, that they are a many and straight forward bunch who have had the right spirit from beginning to end. The outcome of this year's work was a decided surprise. At the beginning of the year the largest part of the material with which he had to work was green and not experienced.

Two Good Kickers.

One of the characteristics of the 1912 team was the success of the droppickers, Gardiner and McFarlane. Their work was almost phenomenal, since out of six tries for droppicks six were successful, four kicked by Gardiner and two by McFarlane. The second sound is in a way partly responsible for the development of the first. In the early part of the season the seconds put up a gritty resistance against the firsts, which developed them wonderfully and rapidly. Without a good second team to practice against the firsts would have had a desire to sluff, but the fact that there was a second team man waiting to fill his place would spur the first team man on. On account of the injuries received on both teams during practice, these daily scrimmages were abolished about the second month of practice.

Last One Game.

The Omaha High school played nine scheduled games, six Nebraska schools, two Iowa schools and one school from Chicago. The locals were administered one defeat. The largest and best schedule in many years was played to a good conclusion. One great characteristic which marked the Purple and White was their ability to come back and win after apparently defeated. Out of nine games played four were won by their splendid rallying in the last quarter. Especially so in the Beatrice game was this shown, when a large number of the rosters and fans had left their places and the field to advertise the loss of the championship game to Beatrice, when their next news of the game gave Omaha one of the best victories in the high school's history. This characteristic was also shown in (Continued on Page Two.)

DR. CLAPP'S HEAD SEVERED BY BOARD

University Physical Director is No Longer to Represent Nebraska in Conference Meetings.

RESULT OF OMAHA ALUMNI MOVE

Vale Man No Longer Will Even Be Secretary of Cornhusker Athletic Board and May Leave Unit for Other Field.

From LINCOLN, Nov. 29.—(Special) An elimination of Prof. B. G. Clapp must be contemplated in the light of the Nebraska athletics was foreseen this week in the action of the athletic board in amending its constitution. Clapp removal from the sphere of athletics at Nebraska follows directly on the heels of the action of the alumni at Omaha in condemning the actions of the secretary. Members of the athletic board were prepared to state just what changes had been made in the constitution, but admitted that the revision looked forward to the removal of the secretary of the board from a position where he had been largely instrumental in shaping the athletic part of the Cornhusker school. One thing is certain, Clapp will not represent the university again at the conference meetings, some other representative of the board being chosen. This action was precipitated by Clapp's attitude upon several matters of legislation in the Missouri Valley conference, where it was felt, for the best interests of the institution, it was necessary for Nebraska to take a determined stand.

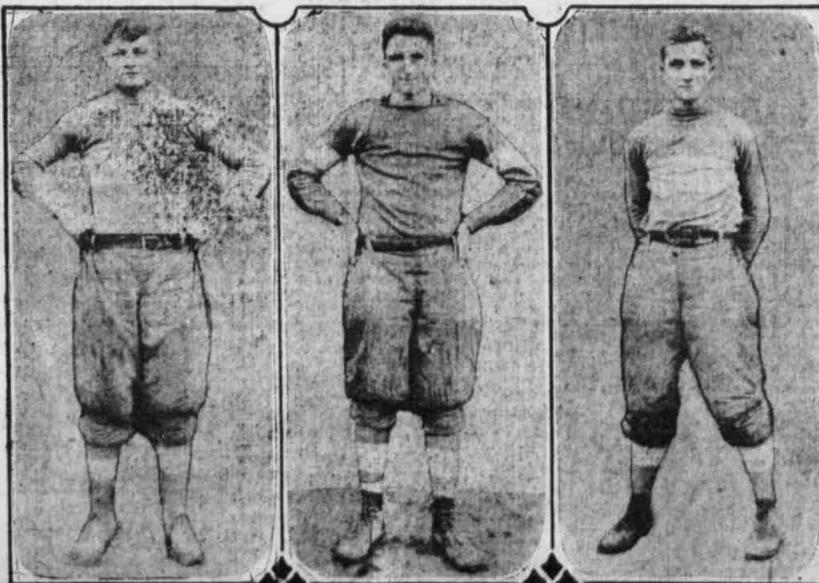
At Odds with Policy.

Nebraska has long been opposed to some so-called reform measures passed by the Missouri Valley conference, believing that the interests of athletics were being damaged. The representative, Dr. Clapp, by virtue of his position as secretary of the board, was sent to the conference meetings with explicit instructions as to how to vote on the pending legislation. It is not charged that Dr. Clapp did not carry out his instructions. To the contrary, the record will show that Prof. Clapp always voted just as the athletic board directed him to. But what was more powerful was the fact that while Dr. Clapp followed his instructions, it is asserted on good authority that he exerted all of his influence in the meeting in defeating the instructions which the Cornhusker management had given him. Thus, while it would appear that Nebraska was opposed to some of the rules which had greatly crippled Missouri valley schools, its representative was working to enact those very measures.

To prevent any further chance of repetition of these circumstances, the athletic board at its meeting this week chopped off Dr. Clapp's head, not, as when the board sends representatives to conference meetings. It is assured that it will not be the secretary of the athletic board. Those who are familiar with Clapp's position in athletics say that he will not continue his relations with Nebraska, by in reality, the action of the board next week will mean that Clapp will not have his connections with the Cornhusker school. Should such prove the case, it will mean that next year will see a new man in charge of the physical education department at the state university.

The work of the board is not on the by any means, as still further reforms are planned. During the coming year the athletic board will positively be itself as opposed to many of the rules of the conference, which it has so heartily been opposed to in the past. Basket ball practice will be (Continued on Page Two.)

Three Stars of O. H. S. Team



PLATZ - Left Half

McFARLANE - Quarter Back

GARDINER - Right Half