

Even Foot Ball Has Its Uncertainties; Ask Some of the Losers Today

DENVER WHIPS CREIGHTON BY AID OF FUMBLES

Blue and White Warriors Fumble Twice Within Shadow of Own Goal and Lose to Methodists, 19-13.

OFF-SIDE PLAY IS COSTLY

Payne Jumps Ball on Play on Which Platz Makes Fifty-Five-Yard Run Over Goal.

ANDERSON IS BRIGHT STAR

A couple of costly fumbles and a fatal offside play resulted disastrously for Creighton yesterday and the Blue and White warriors went down to defeat before Denver university at Creighton field, 19 to 13.

Two of the Denver touchdowns were directly traceable to Creighton fumbles, one by a blue-jerseyed youth who escaped identification because he was buried in a mass of flying arms and legs, and the other by Carl Lutes.

But the most lamentable mishap was the offside play. Toward the close of the third quarter Denver essayed a forward pass. Dutch Platz, the fighting captain of the Omaha eleven, intercepted the whirling pigskin and ran fifty-five yards down the field over the goal line. But Payne, the big guard, was palpably offside. He beat the pass of the ball twenty minutes. Even the crowd in the grandstand saw it and realized at the start that Platz' sensational sprint was useless.

The game, however, was a good battle and interesting most of the time, although the Creighton supporters were often stricken with grief at the fumbling of their prizes.

Denver Line Holds.

The Denver line put up a great game and the Creighton backs could not break through. Forward passes, which they employed with good success in the first and last quarters, alone enabled Mills' men to make gains. Both Creighton touchdowns were made via the aerial route.

On the other hand, the first Denver backs, especially a fleet-footed youngster named Anderson, broke through the locals off the tackles and through the ends. They could not gain consistently through the center.

Creighton Scores First.

Creighton got away to a flying start by marking up a touchdown shortly after the start of hostilities. After exchange of punts, following the off, Denver fumbled on its own five-yard line and O'Connor entered the ball. Platz negotiated yards and Marty Flannagan made more. Platz wounded a digit in play, had it taped up by the doctor and then tore the tape off so he could throw a forward pass to Flannagan who scampered the remainder of the way for a touchdown. Platz booted the goal.

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BELLEVUE COACH IS EASY ON HIS MEN.



F. E. Benjamin

Coach Benjamin of Bellevue is one foot ball instructor who does not believe in working his men to death. "No long, grueling scrimmages for me," says the Indian mentor. Benjamin was a star linesman as an undergraduate at Albion college back in Michigan. For four years he held down tackle on the varsity.

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OMAHA BOY SIGNS WITH DES MOINES

Ernie Adams Is First Man to Sign a Western League Contract for 1917.

J. HOLLAND WORKS DRAFT

Ernie Adams, University of Omaha player and for several years one of Omaha's leading sandlot athletes, was the first man to sign a Western league contract for 1917. Ernie signed up with the Des Moines club.

Frank Isbell, owner and manager of the Des Moines team, was given a tip by an Omaha friend that Ernie had the makings of a great ball player in him. Isbell took the tip and lost no time in signing Adams up. Ernie is quite a favorite with the sandlot fans of Omaha. He is a good hitter and a good fielder and they expect him to make good with Isbell's crew.

Only two other men have been signed for 1917 by Western league clubs. The Topeka team has signed Fletcher Saffell and Isbell has also signed a pitcher named Snyder. None of the other teams have signed any men for next year at all. Pa Rourke of the Omaha team seldom signs any of his players before January.

Holland Works Draft. Jack Holland of St. Joseph, was the only Western league magnate to take advantage of the draft rule this fall. Holland put in drafts for five men, but two of the drafts were disallowed and one Jack cancelled.

The two men Jack gets for the Drummers by the draft are Runser, shortstop, and Rheinbart, outfielder, both from the Muscatine club of the Central association. Holland also applied for drafts of Manda, third baseman with Fort Worth, Tex., Rook, pitcher with Fargo, and Hruska of Muscatine. Drafts of Manda and Rook were disallowed and the draft of Hruska cancelled.

The seven other Western league magnates failed to apply for any drafts, evidently preferring to buy any needed talent later in the year, when there are more ball players on the market.

Cut Players Loose. Lincoln and Des Moines have already cut loose some of the players of the 1916 teams. Lincoln has released unconditionally R. J. Lattimore, the deposed Topeka manager who played second for the Links, and Harry Powers, a southpaw twirler. Des Moines has given Pitcher Higgins, at the gate, The Western league to give Umpire Fillman his unconditional release.

Western league changes have been made via the released by purchase. Topeka has sold Herby, the string-bean hurler, to the St. Paul American association. Jack Holland has sent Walter to the St. Paul American association who played at second, shortstop and in the loop. Gardner and the St. Paul American association, purchased by Salt Lake in the coast circuit.

Jack Holland's athletes have returned to him. They are Glen and Goldie Rapp. Grand Helmer back and Peoria pitcher back. Holland has also sold Pitcher Holvik.

Isbell Gives It Up. Isbell has given up all hope of injecting a little of the old Omaha. Frank was given option on the town by the city and he thought he could bring in a city back, but he has already given it up as a bad job. The city of Omaha wanted more for the improvements on the city. Izzy couldn't see the high price but he finally did offer to rent on a basis. The owners refused to consider it so the Des Moines man left his grip and hiked back to Des Moines, where he will stay.

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SPORTS SECTION OF THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE

OMAHA, SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 29, 1916.

GRIMSON DEFEATS ITHACAN ELEVEN

Harvard Team of Uncertain Powers Wins From Cornell by 23 to 0.

EDDIE CASEY IS THE STAR

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 28.—A Harvard eleven of uncertain powers found itself against Cornell today, and won, 23 to 0. The Ithaca team, a slight favorite in the betting, was stopped in such few attacks as it was given opportunity to make and found its defense penetrated repeatedly by the Harvard players.

Principal among these was Eddie Casey of Natick, successor to Mahan, his fellow townsman, who showed today by his elusive and effective running attack that he was destined to rank with Harvard's most prominent ground gainers of a decade. Horween, with bull-like plunges, ably supplemented Casey on open play.

Cornell bungled in the choice of plays, fumbled when the ball came to them, and generally seemed a team in the making, rather than an aggregation half a season advanced.

The Cornell eleven, admitted to be one of the best from a physical standpoint that ever came into the stadium, made a great impression upon Harvard adherents. The players were both big and fast and went through their signal drill like a well oiled machine. Betting odds changed and Cornell backers were obliged to give 5 to 4 in order to get their money down. Harvard followed Cornell on the field at 2:15 and both squads practiced punting, forward passing and catching until shortly before game time.

Harvard Kicks Goal.

In the toss for goal, Harvard won and chose to defend the south goal. Cornell kicking off, The Cornell players were easily distinguished by their numbers. Harvard players were not so designated.

During a scrimmage, Harte was injured slightly and ordered off the field, Phinney replacing him. Casey, when play was resumed, swung around Cornell's right end for a five-yard gain and on the next down Horween kicked over the Cornell line.

Cornell, with an opportunity to rush, chose to kick, Robinson catching Benedict's boot on Harvard's forty-yard mark, running it back twelve yards. Casey went through for seven yards. A moment later Casey brought the ball to Cornell's twenty-yard mark.

Horween gained three yards and Casey two and Harvard paused. A moment later, Robinson, standing on the twenty-seven-yard line, teed the ball for a field goal. Score: Harvard, 3; Cornell, 0.

After the succeeding kick-off Harvard carried the ball down off the field and on a multiple pass, Robinson to Casey to Coolidge, sent it to the thirteen-yard line, where the period ended. Score: Harvard 3; Cornell, 0.

In the first period Harvard took the offense and maintained it throughout the entire fifteen minutes of play. Cornell scored less than ten yards by running against Harvard's eighty.

The second period had barely opened when Casey, after a short rush, netting a yard, evaded several tacklers and dodged fifteen yards for the Crimson's first touchdown. Robinson failed in an attempt to kick.

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Yale Wins Battle From Washington And Jefferson Band

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 28.—Yale met its first real test of the season successfully today, by defeating Washington and Jefferson, 36 to 14, for the first time in three years.

The game was replete with thrills and the crowd was thrilled by the wonderful forward passing of the visitors and spectacular runs by the Yale backs. The Pennsylvanians attempted fifty-two forward passes, twenty-seven of which were completed, for a total of 274 yards. Yale completed five out of six attempted passes, for a gain of fifty-six yards. Yale made five touchdowns, kicked three goals, and Legore contributed a field goal from the thirty-yard line.

Young Player of Arnold Killed in Foot Ball Game

Broken Bow, Neb., Oct. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Wilber Gettys, a field player, 16 years old, was almost instantly killed in a foot ball game at Ansley this afternoon. His father is Rev. Mr. Gettys, Methodist pastor at Arnold. In a game between the high school teams of the respective towns, Gettys fell backward, resulting in the dislocation of his neck. Death resulted almost immediately.

Hurler Jim Scott May Be Traded for Infielder

James Scott, veteran pitcher of the Chicago Americans, is to be traded for an infielder, according to reports which are said to be authentic. Scott did not have a good season in 1916. Ray Chapman of Cleveland and Fritz Maisel of the New York Americans are players President Comiskey is reported to be after.

HEADED HIS TEAM AGAINST HARVARD—Captain Mueller of Cornell, who plays full back on the eleven and is one of the best line plungers in the east.



CAPT. MUELLER

GOPHERS SCORE ON HAWKEYES AT WILL

Plunging Eleven From Northland Excels Iowans at Every Point of Game.

SIXTY-SEVEN TO NAUGHT

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The powerful Gopher scoring machine trampled the "fighting" Iowa foot ball team here, 67 to 0.

The game Hawkeye team fought to the last minute, but up against one of Minnesota's greatest teams in years, was unable to score. Although the Gophers ran up 67 points, the game did not show any Iowa weakness, but the improvement of the Minnesota eleven.

The Gophers scored a few minutes after play had started and by the end of the first half they had counted 35 points. With the substitutes playing most of the second half, the Gophers added 32 more points.

The Minnesota eleven gained most of its ground through wonderful passes, which netted from twenty to forty yards at a crack. Captain Baston, All-American end in 1915, grabbed two passes out of the air with at least four Iowans surrounding him.

Score First on Plunge.

Line plunges by Sprafka, Wyman and Hansen made possible the first score. The second score was a result of a long pass to Baston, who went over. Calloping Joe Sprafka plunged his way to another touchdown as the second quarter started. A wonderful jumping catch of a forward pass to Baston counted another touchdown. The remaining scores were made by long runs by Quarterback Long, Wyman and Sprafka.

For the Gophers Sprafka, plunging backfield man, and Captain Baston were the big stars. Sprafka's plunging through the Iowa line gave indications of another Solon. "Shorty" Long made several long runs.

Iowa's Stars.

For Iowa, Davis, Center Becker and Captain Laun played wonderful ball. Laun was injured near the end of the game and had to be carried from the field.

Up to the third quarter, Jones' team had not gained down through scrimmage, but in the final period, Iowa opened with a number of passes, which gained several first downs.

MINNESOTA IOWA
Baston (Capt.) L. E. R. E. Lan (Capt.)
Towles L. T. R. T. Bowlesby
H. C. Hansen L. G. R. G. Podyk
Boklund R. L. E. E. Grab
Husser R. T. L. T. McKee
Barkley R. E. L. E. Triplett
Long Q. B. S. B. Jenkins
Sprafka L. H. B. H. B. Davis
H. P. Hansen R. H. B. B. Mendenhall
Wyman F. B. F. B. Scott

Score by periods: 15-06, Minnesota scoring: Touchdowns: Wyman, Baston, Long (3), Sprafka (4), Johnson, Flynn; goals from touchdowns, Baston (3), Boklund; field goals: Minnesota, Johnson for Long; Wisconsin for H. P. Hansen, Flynn for Baston, Anderson for Sprafka, Carlson for Wiles, Baily for Johnson; Kinsley for Wyman, Wilson for Sinclair; Iowa, Kelly for Grab, Bowlsby for Kris, Kris for Bowlsby, Hunselman for Kris, Duncan for Mendenhall, Reed for Long, Bonnick for Scott, Berrier for Duncan, Hammond for Davis, Glatta for Hammond, Hammond for Reed.

HUSKERS PUT UP RAGGED GAME, BUT WIN BY 21 TO 0

Cornhuskers Guilty of Fumbles and Loose Interference, and Wesleyan Holds Them to Low Score.

FORWARD PASSES HELP OUT

Cook and Otopalik Score Two Touchdowns in Last Quarter Via Aerial Route.

AMES' SCOUTS SEE CLASH

Lincoln, Oct. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Dr. Stewart's Huskers uncorked a ragged game of foot ball against Wesleyan here this afternoon and was held to a score of 21 to 0, with Nebraska on the long end.

The Husker machine did not find itself until the last five minutes of play, when it reeled off two touchdowns in quick order, forward passes, Cook to Otopalik, turning the trick each time.

Wesleyan never threatened the Nebraska goal, although Cozier and Culbertson both showed ability to advance the ball against the ragged tackling of the Nebraska forwards.

Nebraska's first touchdown came in easy fashion. Profiting by a fumble by Wesleyan on its own twenty-yard line, the Huskers recovered the ball and Dobson whirled around the end for nineteen yards on the first play. Cook slid through the line for