

## The Gridiron.

Iowa took its customary "brace" and gave the University a hard game on Thanksgiving. This was expected for it has been customary for the two teams to play a close game, and no one expected a large score.

It was generally believed that the home team would win, so that when the score was known, no surprise was evinced.

The ground was in poor condition: soft and muddy.

Nebraska went into the game listlessly and perhaps a little over confident. This, to a certain degree, kept down the score. She pushed the ball to Iowa's five yard line five times and failed to put it across. A drop kick was attempted four times and was either blocked or the ball gotten away too slowly. Nebraska's play was superior to Iowa's, but was very poor, nevertheless, compared to what has been seen. Our ends got down field as well, if not better, than at any time this season, downing the man every time in his tracks. The tackles broke the guards' back interference well and carried the ball for the five yards nearly every time. The rest of the forwards and the backs were slow and indifferent.

It is true that Iowa furnished the strongest defense that Nebraska has met this year, but something is very radically wrong when a team is stopped five times within five yards of the goal.

For the spectators, the game was the most interesting of the season and the crowd showed this to an appreciable degree.

In reviewing the season, we find that there were more old men back than last year and they began work earlier. These two things, together with the fact that we had Coach Robinson back again, gave us an unusually good start. Mr. Robinson had taught them his style of game and knew just what each man could do. He began where he left off last year instead of beginning over again.

The first game gave to the team considerable satisfaction, although beaten ten to nothing. Ames should have defeated them thirty instead of ten, for they had been six weeks under a coach, while the home team had but four days. Of course the usual predictions and prophecies of—"poor team," "lose lots of games," etc.—was made after this, but the team said nothing and got down to work the very day they got home. If they had won they would not have been out to practice for a week. The second game, with Tarkio, was won sixteen to nothing and the showing was so poor that the team took it as a defeat. And just so the Wesleyan game was considered. It was just at this time that the team had its "slump." Practice at this period was the worst ever seen on the campus. Coach and men were totally discouraged. There was not a bit of team work to show for all their practice, and the men were listless, nervous, and appeared to have gone all to pieces. It is fortunate that this "slump" came early instead of late, as it is almost sure to come to every team some time during the season.

After this the team began to improve, and four days after their worst exhibition defeated Missouri forty-one to nothing, and showed at times the fast football and team work of which they are capable. Then there came two weeks of hard afternoon practice, tedious night practice, long runs, fierce scrimmages until the day of the Kansas game. The men were in the best condition of any team ever turned out by the university. While the Kansas game was being played, the home team showed a dash and spirit

never seen in Lincoln before. The interference formed rapidly and perfectly and was irresistible to the visitors. The line on defense was like a wall and it could not be pushed back. It is well here to speak of the defense of the entire year. It showed an improvement during the present season which is incalculable. It has been the habit of former university teams to be rather weak in defense until just at the goal line. This year it was different. There was just as much resistance in one place as another, and it was quite the rule for the varsity eleven to hold the opposing team in the middle of the field at the beginning of the game, instead of being pushed back at once. This means the perfection of defense.

Nebraska undoubtedly has the strongest line in the west, excepting Wisconsin and possibly Chicago. Questions were often asked as to the team's staying power, but it was demonstrated that she was not behind in endurance. For in the Kansas game the opposing team was supposed to have more endurance than any team in this region, and yet twelve minutes before the end of the game Nebraska rushed the ball across the field for a touch-down faster than she had at the beginning of the game.

Kansas was the big game; after that interest slackened up somewhat and the result was evinced in the Thanksgiving contest.

Taken all in all the record made by the varsity team this season is a good one. The first game was lost ten to nothing, and it was the only game lost. From that time no team ever crossed the Nebraska goal line, or ever came nearer than twenty yards of it. Kansas kicked a very doubtful goal. Fifteen points make the sum total scored against the home team, while there stands for her: Tarkio sixteen, Wesleyan eleven, Missouri forty-one, Kansas ten, Iowa six; altogether eighty-four to fifteen.

The men on the team have trained hard and conscientiously and earned everything which they have obtained. While not writing long letters, or making vain boasts of defeating Yale and the Indians, at the same time they feel that the team was exceptionally good. Next season all will be back except one or two and this promise still more.

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