GRIDIRON BATTLES AT THE HEIGHT OF THE SEASON

GOPHERS' VICTORY OVER THE BADGERS IS FAIRLY EARNED

Minnesota's Play Shows a Wonderful Improvement in Speed and Team Work—Wisconsin Is Outgeneraled and Outplayed and Can Offer No Excuses for Her Defeat—Harris, Rogers and Van Valkenburg Are the Brightest Stars on the Gopher Eleven—Van's Line Plunges Are Irresistible.

SATURDAY'S SCORES.

WEST.

Minnesota 11, Wisconsin 0.
Michigan 21, Chicago 0.
Illinois 0, Ohio State 0.
Nebraska 7, Knox 0.
Iowa 61, Washington 0.
Northwestern 10, Beloit 0.
Haskell Indians 24, Kansas 5.
Iowa College 11, Cornell (Iowa) 5.
Drake 0, Ames 0.
Purdue 39, Indiana 0.
Kentucky "U" 56, Indianapolis "U" 0.
Coe 5, Western 0.
Case Scientific 17, Ohio Wesleyan 6.
Cincinnati "U" 6, Kentucky College 6.
Penn College 6, Iowa Normal 6.

EAST.

Yale 12, Princeton 5.
Harvard 17, Dartmouth 0.
Cornell 20, Lafayette 0.
Carlisle Indians 5, Pennsylvania 0.
West Point 46, Syracuse 0.
Bucknell 43, Navy 0.
Amherst 29, Columbia 0.

HIGH SCHOOL GAMES.

Appleton 60, Benson 0.
Humboldt 11, Fort Dodge 0.

Although Minnesota scored only eleven points on the badgers Saturday afternoon, and although five of those points came as the result of a fluke, the defeat was the most decisive administered by Minnesota to her old rival in the last eight years. It was a clean-cut, hard-earned victory, and the highest praise must be accorded the Minnesota coaches and players.

While the second score came on a fluke, it was partially earned, Minnesota carrying the ball down from her own thirty-yard line to Wisconsin's twenty-five-yard mark. Here Knowlton tried for a place kick, and Fogg fumbled the ball, permitting Strathern to get it and dash over for a touchdown.

The first score was made by straight line bucking, Minnesota carrying the ball down the field by vicious attacks on Wisconsin's left tackles. Van Valkenburg must have most of the credit for this touchdown, for he was used on every play but two. Once Schacht was given the ball for a line plunge, and once Harris, on a quarterback pass, got round Abbott for twelve yards. All the other gains were made by Van, who smashed through like a veritable pile-driver. Abbott retired in a very groggy state after trying in vain to stop the big halfback.

Badger Defense Is Desperate

Wisconsin's defense was desperate, and in the first half Minnesota could do little against the badgers' quick-charging line. Wisconsin got the jump on the gophers in the line in this half, and their backs blocked any hole that opened, with lightning speed. Contrary to expectations, Dr. Williams started the game with Davies and Irsfield in the half positions, and on the heavy field Minnesota could not get these men away for any consistent gains. Finally Van Valkenburg was sent in in Davies' place, and the gopher offense showed greater strength at once.

In the second half, Thorpe took Irsfield's place, and after that Wisconsin seemed unable to hold the gophers. The badgers weakened fast in this half, and plainly showed the effects of the fierce pounding to which they were subjected. Nevertheless Vanderboon and Abbott were the only men who were forced to leave the field.

Wisconsin played a better game than she put up against Michigan at Chicago. Her defense was faster, the men charging hard and low, and her offense seemed stronger. The badgers were fighting to win, whereas at Chicago they seemed to regard the game as lost from the start and fought with desperation, but not with confidence. Minnesota too, however, showed an improvement of fully 50 per cent in speed and team work. The game the gophers put up against Illinois would not have beaten the badgers.

Gopher Line Holds Its Own.

As predicted, Minnesota's line, from end to end, showed up just as strong as that of Wisconsin. Strathern was not outplayed by big Skow, in fact what difference there was was in favor of the Minnesota man. Flynn fairly outplayed Lerum. The elongated guard did sensational work in getting through the line and following up punts. Once he nailed Moffatt in his tracks before even the fast Rogers could get down. Smith, on the whole, had a little the best if in his argument with Findlay. The tackles, Schacht and Warren, played a vicious game. They did excellent work in leading the interference and in opening holes for the runner. On defense they nearly always blocked Wisconsin's attempts to gain through them. At one period during the second half, Wisconsin made eighteen yards in a series of tackle plunges, but this was the only time at which the badgers found openings at these points of the line.

Rogers and Gray on the whole did as well as the badger ends, Abbott and Bush. Rogers foiled every attempt of Wisconsin to gain round his extreme, and on getting down under punts his work was quite fast. Gray allowed himself to be sucked in badly on several of Wisconsin's end runs. Once Marsh got round right end for thirty yards, and only a good tackle by Harris stopped the flying halfback. Gray's play showed that he has the making of a good end, but that he needs a lot of practice in that position before he learns the fine points of play.

Minnesota Backs Stronger.

Behind the line, Minnesota showed up much stronger than Wisconsin, after Van Valkenburg went in. Harris did much better work than Fogg at quarter. On catching and returning punts, the Minnesota man had all the best of it, and in directing the team he showed better generalship than any field captain Minnesota has had in years. If anything, Harris is a little too nervy. Saturday he showed his old fault in neglecting to punt on the third down, and on this account the ball was in Minnesota's territory during the first half more than it should have been.

Twice Harris attempted to gain on a quarterback pass. Once he was stopped for a loss of five yards, but the second time he gained twelve yards round Abbott, and had the ball not been so close to the side line when play started, it looked as if Sig would have cleared the field for a touchdown. In fact, Sig's all around work at quarter Saturday was fully up on a par with that of Weeks of Michigan at Chicago, Nov. 1, and the Minesota man must be given consideration in the selection of the all-western quarter.

Knowlton's defensive work was up to his usual high standard. He backed up the line perfectly, and did good work in catching punts. His work in this line was marred, however, by a fumble which might have proved disastrous. The muff gave the badgers the ball on Minnesota's fifteen-yard line, and things looked shaky for Minnesota, but the gopher line held like adamant, and the ball soon went over on downs.

Of the work of Van Valkenburg and Thorpe at halves, too much cannot be said. Van hit the line with terrific force, and almost invariably gained yards after he was tackled. Thorpe also proved a consistent ground gainer, and his defensive work was high-class. Irsfield and Davies, the light halves, were unable to do much on account of the heavy field.

Detail of the Play.

Abbott opened the game by kicking off to Harris. Sig got back to the twenty-five-yard line before he was downed, and Minnesota started after the badgers with a rush that bade fair to make the victory quick. Irsfield smashed three yards through right tackle, and Davies broke through for eighteen yards. He fumbled as he was tackled, but Minnesota retained the ball. The gopher forwards were opening big holes in Wisconsin's line, but here the badgers braced, and forced Knowlton to punt. Then for several minutes neither side was able to gain, and both teams punted repeatedly on third down. Finally a fumble by Wisconsin gave Minnesota the ball at the badgers' thirty-five-yard line, but the gophers could not advance it. Vanderboom got round Gray for twelve yards on a double pass, but on the next play the badgers were penalized ten yards for offside play, and Marsh was forced to punt again.

Harris returned the kick to the Minnesota thirty-yard line, and Van Valkenburg was sent in at left half. Minnesota's attack immediately showed the effect of the change, and Van and Irsfield were used with good effect on Wisconsin's tackles. Their gains were short, usually not netting more than two or three yards, but they were sure. Wisconsin could not stem the vicious rushes until the ball had been advanced to the badgers' fifty-yard line, where the badgers took it on downs. Penalties for rough play and offside work cost Minnesota twenty-five yards, but the badgers could gain in no other way, and an exchange of punts followed, Minnesota getting the ball on a fumble at the badgers' forty-five-yard line just as time was called.

Spurt in Second Half.

In the second half Minnesota, contrary to her usual custom, made the spurt. Wisconsin could not advance the ball after the kickoff, and Marsh punted to Knowlton, who returned the ball ten yards, to Wisconsin's forty-five-yard line. Van and Schacht gained ten yards by masses off tackle, and then Sig called on Van Valkenburg for half a dozen successive plays. The big halfback smashed the line with terrific force, fighting his way along for yard after yard.

Sig varied the proceeding by taking the ball once himself on a double pass, and circled Abbott's end for twelve yards. Except for this play, Van carried the ball every time, but instead of weakening under the exertion, he seemed to gain strength and ginger with every plunge. The rest of the team gave Van magnificent support, and the badgers were pushed steadily back and back. With the bal on Wisconsin's 17-yard line, Van was called on for five successive plunges. On one play he was stopped for no gain, but on the other four attempts he made four or five yards at a clip, and finally broke through for the first touchdown. Sig caught Knowlton's punt out squarely in front of the goal posts, and Knowlton easily sent it over, making the score 6 to 0.

Badgers Threaten Gopher Goal.

Lerum kicked off to Gray at the ten-yard line, and Gray ran it back for eighteen yards. Knowlton was forced to punt, Moffatt getting the oval at the center of the field. The badgers found Minnesota's line the stiffest kind of a proposition, and the gophers immediately took the ball on downs. Van broke through for twenty-five yards on the first play, but he was called back and Minnesota penalized five yards for offside. An exchange of punts followed, Minnesota gaining on the exchange and landing the ball on Wisconsin's 40-yard line. Van made seven yards in one of his tackle plunges, but a fumble gave Wisconsin the ball, and shortly after the badgers, for the first time, seriously threatened Minnesota's goal. Marsh got round Gray for twenty-five yards, and vicious masses off tackle gained eighteen more yards. Then an exchange of punts followed, and Wisconsin soon kicked a second time. Knowlton fumbled the kick and Wisconsin gathered in the ball at Minnesota's 15-yard line.

Had this opportunity come in the first part of the game, Wisconsin might have pushed the ball over, but the badgers were tiring fast, while Minnesota was growing fresher and stronger with every play. The ball soon went over on downs, and Minnesota punted out of danger. Driver punted on the third down, and Minnesota started from her twenty-five yard line on another procession toward Wisconsin's goal line.

Fortune Smiles on Gophers.

Thorpe and Van made gains of from five to fifteen yards by their powerful tackle smashes, but after carrying the ball to the badgers' twenty-yard line, Minnesota was held for three downs. Knowlton and Harris went back for a place kick, and Dame Fortune came to Minnesota's rescue, turning an apparent disaster into a great piece of good luck. Strathern's pass was bad, and Harris was unable to place the ball for Knowlton. The fullback kicked the oval as it lay on the ground, and in some way it went through the line of legs, clear back to Fogg. The little quarter fumbled, and Strathern redeemed himself by gathering in the bundle, and racing over the line with a burly gopher on either side as guard. Knowlton missed the goal, and time was called shortly after the next kickoff. The line-up:

Minnesota.	Position.	Wisconsin.
Rogers	left end	Abbott, Findley
Warren	left tackle	Long
Flynn	left guard	Bertke
Strathern	center	Skow
Smith	right guard	Lerum
Schacht	right tackle	Haumerson
Gray	right end	Bush
Harris	quarterback	Fogg
Davies, Van		Vanderboom,
Valkenberg	left halfback	Moffatt
Irsfield, Thorpe	right halfback	Marsh
Knowlton	fullback	Moffatt, Driver

Officials—Referee, Burkland of Illinois; umpire, Gale of Chicago; linesmen, McCarthy and Schreiber; timekeepers, Jones and Kennedy.

Touchdowns, Van Valkenberg, Strathern.
Goal from touchdown, Knowlton.
Time of halves, 35 minutes.

YOU'RE NEXT

OPINIONS OF EXPERTS

Coaches and Players Unite in Praise of the Gophers.

Dr. H. L. Williams, Minnesota—The victory was a magnificent one, and all Minnesota is proud of the boys. They all played splendidly. One of the most important factors in bringing about the result was the invaluable assistance in coaching given for the past two weeks by old alumni and by "Pudge" Heffelfinger. With the same assistance and support for the next ten days, we should be better prepared for the great game with Michigan. Wisconsin played in good form and fought hard to the end.

Phil King, Wisconsin—We were fairly beaten and haven't a word of complaint or a bit of a "holler" to make. We expected to win, and the score might have been different had the field been hard and dry instead of slippery; but the condition of the field did not decide the game. We have no fault to find with the officials, who gave us the fairest of treatment, and we were simply beaten. With your heavy backs in, I think the outcome of the Minnesota-Michigan game will be very doubtful. Minnesota is still a "comer," and I should judge that Michigan is now a "goer."

Captain Juneau, Wisconsin—The boys are pretty sore—as much sore in mind as in body. But it was a clean defeat, and we have no complaint to make, although we were greatly surprised and disappointed. The result shows that Michigan has no cinch on the western championship.

Captain Flynn, Minnesota—Although Wisconsin gave us a hard battle, the result was at no time in doubt in our minds. We soon found that Wisconsin's defense was not what we had expected it to be. Wisconsin played a great uphill game. All our boys put up the game of their lives, and every one played good ball.

Quarterback Harris, Minnesota—The slippery field assisted the defense of each team equally. Minnesota will have to play better to defeat Michigan on Thanksgiving Day.

Fullback Knowlton—I saw the Wisconsin-Michigan, and Wisconsin played a better defensive game here than she did then. I guess there is no doubt but that the best team won.

Left Tackle Warren, Minnesota—In my opinion, the field was in fair condition, and Minnesota had no advantage on account of the wet ground.

Left halfback Van Valkenburg, Minnesota—It was a hard-fought battle and the best team won. Minnesota put up the best game possible on the heavy field.

George Mueller (the former varsity guard)—The teams were evenly matched and were both well rounded, the defense and offense being well balanced. Minnesota has improved wonderfully in the past week. Knowlton's punting was excellent, and the work of the ends and of Flynn in getting down on punts was something marvelous.

Professor Jones, Minnesota—The boys certainly put up the game of their lives and deserved to win. There seems to be no question about the best team winning.

Manager Kilpatrick, Wisconsin—I am pleased at the outcome of the game only from a financial standpoint. The best team won. Wisconsin was outplayed in the second half, but I think if there was any advantage in the first half we had it. Our men put up the gamiest fight yet. Of course, the sawdust was bad and prevented fast play. I was surprised at Minnesota's offense as well as her defense, which was much stronger than I had expected it would be. The game was clean throughout and the gentlemanly way in which each team played showed that the best of feeling exists between the two universities.

Right Guard Lerum, Wisconsin—Minnesota has a very good team and earned their victory. Any comparison between Minnesota and Michigan is impossible on account of the wet ground to-day. Michigan's offense is better than Minnesota's. The Michigan back field was fast from the start, while with the Minnesota backs their weight counted.

Left End Abbott, Wisconsin—The field was in poor condition, which is half the story. The Wisconsin team was not up to the standard.

High School Game Off.

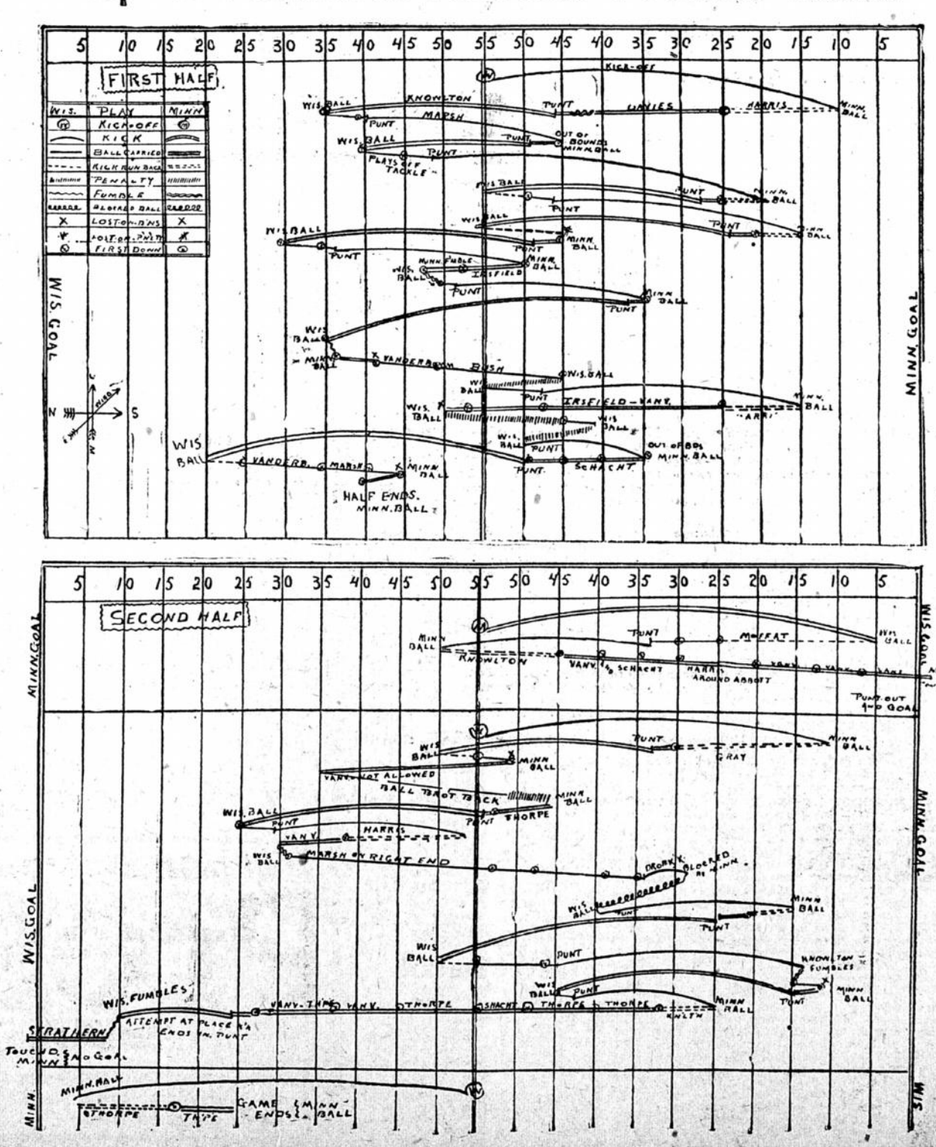
Owing to a misunderstanding between the managements of the Central high school football teams of Minneapolis and St. Paul these teams did not come together at Lexington park Saturday morning. Principal Robinson of St. Paul says that the St. Paul team was at Lexington, ready to play, and that Manager Jones of the Minneapolis team appeared, looked over the field, and left without saying whether his team would appear or not. The St. Paul eleven and the 500 rooters who were present waited two hours, and then left.

Manager Jones says that by instruction of Professor Greer, he notified the St. Paul manager that the game could not be played. The St. Paul man said that he had no authority to cancel the game, and that he would look the matter up. After waiting forty-five minutes for his return, Manager Jones gave it up and went back to Minneapolis.

MUST PLAY AT ISHPEMING.

Ishpeming, Mich., Nov. 17.—It has been decided by the arbitration board at Ann Arbor that unless the Escanaba high school football team agrees to play the Ishpeming eleven at Ishpeming it must forfeit all claims to the upper peninsula championship. The two teams met at Escanaba last Saturday to determine which should contest with the best eleven in the lower peninsula for the state interscholastic championship, and the match resulted in a tie, neither team scoring.

Map of Minnesota-Wisconsin Football Game.



Comparative Statistics of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Game

First Half—	Minn.	Wis.
Kick-off, yards	...	45
Punts, yards	214	190
Carried back on kicks, yards	35	20
Carried ball, line work, yards	100	77
Gained on penalties, yards	20	15
Lost by tackle behind line, yards	5	...
Lost ball on downs	2	1
Second Half—		
Kick-off, yards	50	95
Punts, yards	138	130
Carried back on kicks, yards	75	35
Carried ball, line work, yards	133	70
Gained on penalties, yards	...	5
Lost on blocked kick, yards	...	10
Lost ball on downs	0	2
Totals—		
Kick-off, yards	50	140
Punts, yards	352	320
Carried back on kicks, yards	110	55
Carried ball, line work, yards	233	147
Gained on penalties, yards	20	20
Total yards ball advanced	765	682
Lost ball on downs	2	3
Lost ball on penalty	...	1

OUTCLASS MAROONS

Michigan Players Score Two Touchdowns Against the Desperate Defense of Chicago.

Sweeley Makes Two Field Goals Out of Six Trials—Heston's Long Run.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Michigan, 21; Chicago, 0. This was the result of Saturday's struggle between the old-time rival universities, but it tells nothing of the desperation and heroism of Chicago's defense.

The visitors made but one touchdown by straight football. Ten points came straight from Right End Sweeley, who out of six attempts made two goals from field; a third touchdown was delivered by Left Half Heston, who plunged 75 yards down the field, unmolested by a local player.

Scores made in this manner are usually labeled "fluke" by partizans of the defeated team, and by this reasoning, Chicagoans are averring that 12 to 0 would have come nearer indicating the relative merits of the two teams.

Michigan supporters were disappointed at the showing of the wolverines. They played with far less speed than they displayed against Wisconsin two weeks ago.

It looked as if the "locomotive eleven" from Ann Arbor had grown stale.

Wolverines Fear Gophers.

The news of the decisive defeat of the badgers by the Minnesota eleven was received in the Michigan grand stand with the comment "unless Michigan gets back into form of two weeks ago, the western championship will go to Minnesota when the two squads meet Thanksgiving Day."

During the game Michigan carried the ball 470 yards—280 in the first half, and 190 in the second. Chicago in the first half made only 45 yards, and in the second 185, a total of 230 yards.

Chicago fumbled five times, losing the ball each time, while the wolverines fumbled but twice, and each time carried the oval.

During the first half the ball was not once carried offensively in Michigan's territory.

It was during this half that Chicago, by the most desperate kind of work, checked the Michiganders when a few more yards, in several instances, would have meant touchdowns for the visitors.

Twice on their five-yard line and once when the ball seemed within a few inches of the line, the Chicago team held with all the valor of despair and punted out of immediate danger.

Then Sweeley began trying to place kick goals from the field, eventually making the first point for his team.

Soon afterward, when the elevens had changed sides, Heston took the ball on a trick play on his own 35-yard line, and amid the frantic cheers of the Michigan "rooters," shot down the field for a touchdown.

The Michigan interference "boxed" Chicago's right end, who was playing in close in anticipation of the smash at tackle.

Sheldon of Chicago came running across the field and might have tackled him on the Chicago fifty-yard line.

But Heston stopped an instant near the side line as if to dodge, and then sped on with a clear field before him, for Sheldon had been deceived and had stopped, too.

As Sweeley failed to kick goal, the half closed with the score, Michigan, 10; Chicago, 0.

Maroons Never Dangerous.

During the remainder of the game Chicago was more formidable, but never dangerous. The ball was on Michigan ground several times, but the closest the Maroons got to the coveted touchdown was on Michigan's 17-yard line, whither they had carried it from their own 35-yard line.

Shirtly after this Chicago made its most disastrous fumble. Sweeley's punt and the ensuing fumble gave Michigan the ball on Chicago's 35-yard line, and within a few minutes the maroon line was hurled back and Palmer pushed over for a touchdown.

About 10,000 people saw the game. The weather was cold enough to be ideal for the sport, and the gridiron was in excellent shape. Michigan only used two substitutes; Chicago several more.

Michigan.	Position.	Chicago.
Redden	left end	Speik
Palmer	left tackle	Terry
McGuigin	left guard	Ahlswede
Gregory	center	Ellsworth
Carter	right guard	Maxwell
Maddock	right tackle	Farr
Sweeley	right end	Koehler
Weeks	quarterback	Sheldon
Heston	left halfback	Schnur
Herrnstein	right halfback	Bezdek
Jones	fullback	Catlin

Umpire, Starbuck of Cornell; referee, Beechman of Cornell.

PURPLE DEFEATS BELOIT.

Chicago, Nov. 17.—For the first time in four years the Northwestern football team succeeded Saturday in defeating Beloit college. The score was 10 to 0. Northwestern advanced the ball by steady gains and earned both touchdowns.

The game was ragged at times, both teams playing poorly and being penalized for fouls. Fumbling was frequent and disastrous, but each side suffered about the same.

Both of Northwestern's touchdowns were made in the first half, the first one being scored after four minutes of play.

The line-up:

Northwestern.	Position.	Beloit.
Peckum	left end	Calland
Kaffer	left tackle	Smith
Ward	left guard	Hankon
Bell	center	Wheeler
Fairchild	right guard	Burke
Baird	right tackle	Nensley
Campbell	right end	Little
Allen	quarter	Merrill
Van Ryper	left half	Mills
Blair, Sherlock	right half	McRae
Fleager	fullback	Slater

Score—Northwestern 10, Beloit 0. Touchdowns—Fleager 2. Umpire—Weber of Michigan. Referee—Branch of Williams. Linesmen—Plumb and Rogers. Time of Halves—Thirty-five minutes.

NEBRASKA DEFEATS KNOX.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 17.—The Nebraska university and Knox college football teams met here Saturday afternoon in one of the best contests of the year. Nebraska won by a score of 7 to 0.

The line-up:

Nebraska.	Position.	Knox.
Cortelyou	right end	Whittboro
Westover (capt.)	right tackle	Ewing (capt.)
Hunter	right guard	Martin
Borg	center	Howell
Ringer	left guard	France
Mason	left tackle	Slattery
Johnson	left end	Atkinson
Bender	left half	Zaluski
Bell	right half	Hopkins
Mickel	fullback	Wilson
Benedick	quarter	Grogan

ILLINOIS UNABLE TO SCORE.

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 17.—Illinois expected an easy victory over Ohio state Saturday, but neither eleven was able to score in fifty-five minutes of play.

Ohio state played a defensive game largely. Illinois tried four times for a goal from the field, and Ohio once. Captain Stahl was the best ground gainer for Illinois.

The elevens met for the first time in their football history. The teams lined up as follows:

Ohio.	Position.	Illinois.
Elder	left end	Cook
Coover	left tackle	Stahl
Clark	left guard	Stone
Fay	center	Wilson
Oltze	right guard	Fairweather
Surface	right tackle	Bundy
Thrower	right end	Beers, Beebe
Foss	quarter	Parker
Hill	left half	Dether
McLaren	right half	Bronson
Lincoln	fullback	McKnight

AMES AND DRAKE TIE.

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 17.—Drake university football team and the Ames eleven played a game in a muddy field here Saturday, the final score being 0 to 0. Drake, although lighter than the agriculturists, outplayed them in both halves, but not to a sufficient extent to score. In the second half the ball was continually in Ames' territory and twice was on the ten-yard line.

GRINNELL IS VICTOR.

Grinnell, Iowa, Nov. 17.—In a fast game of football Saturday, on a muddy field, the lightweights of Iowa defeated Cornell college by a score of 11 to 5. The points for Iowa college were scored in the first half, while Cornell scored in the second half. The result was a surprise, Cornell being generally regarded as the fastest team in the state next to Iowa.

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