

FOOTBALL RATE GOPHERS HIGH

Chicago Critics Have More Words of Praise for the Minnesota Eleven.

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The Minnesota football team is filling a lot of space in the Chicago papers these days. The windy city experts all concede that the gophers are better than last year, and one of them hints that Dr. Williams' men may be the leaders of the west this year.

The Record-Herald, summing up the situation gives much praise to Minnesota, and intimates that Wisconsin will be stronger than was predicted at the opening of the season. All the critics, in fact, think Wisconsin will show up well in the championship games.

The Record-Herald says: Minnesota's forty points against the husky Ames eleven makes the team that played Michigan for the championship last season look decidedly dangerous, and shows that the Michigan big game contest on Oct. 31 will be worth going miles to see.

The Lawrence team was so weak that the score was not a great deal, but the badgers, always slow beginners, have new men and a new system to develop this year, and their work so far indicates that the Michigan big game contest may surprise those who have hurried to count them out of the running.

Michigan Still Hurrying Up. That Michigan, whose championship record last year, long remembered, is still playing hurry-up football is assumed by its seventy-nine points against Beloit. Jack Hollister's boys were recently beaten by Purdue 17 to 0, and are undoubtedly weaker than usual, but they are always fast and hard fighters, and a score of such proportions in the third game of the year, with but few veterans in the line-up, makes Michigan appear formidable indeed.

Next Saturday Yost's men meet Indiana, while Beloit plays at Madison, and these games will give a line on which to compare the wolverines with both the badgers and the maroons. The Chicago-Purdue game—the most important in the Chicago-Purdue series—showed that Midway rosters have a good basis for strong hopes for a winning season. While the Purdue attack was not of the first class, the fact that the maroons, allowed but one first down in fifty minutes of play speaks well for Coach Stagg's defensive strategy.

The Chronicle does not attempt to compare Minnesota with the other leading team, but says that the gophers have a cinch in this week's game with Iowa. Chicago is picked to beat Northwestern easily, and Illinois to win from Purdue. In regard to the Minnesota-Iowa game the Chronicle says:

Another big game of the west will be between Iowa and Minnesota. It is evened at this date in the winner of this game than the Northwestern-Chicago contest. Minnesota is easily a 1 to 5 shot and ought to romp all over the Hawkeye team. Minnesota has speed to spare this year, something quite unusual for the gophers; it has weight, too, and Coach Williams is out again sure enough to determine what he can do with Michigan.

But while Minnesota should win Saturday's game, it does not follow that the contest will be too one-sided to be interesting. Gilmore Dobie, assistant coach of the Minnesota team, returned to Minneapolis yesterday after witnessing the Iowa-Drake game at Iowa City. He says that the contest Saturday will be well worth seeing, and that Iowa will give Minnesota the severest test the gophers have had this year. Dobie said of the Iowa team:

The wolf stories sent out from Iowa do not do justice to the team. Coach Chalmers has a hard job, and his eleven is improving steadily. Drake sent a team of giants to Iowa that has rapidly recovered from his recent serious illness, when his marvellous recuperative powers astonished his physicians and the world was due largely to

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The Tribune says Michigan looks like a favorite for the championship. Stagg is thought to have a well-balanced eleven, whose team work is daily becoming more powerful. The line, which looked rather weak a few days ago, now appears quite strong. Wisconsin is rated higher than ten days ago, but is still weaker than Chicago. Of Minnesota the Tribune says further:

"Going ready for Michigan"—that is what Coach Williams has in mind all the time these days. One of his veterans, Schacht, is out of the game for a while with a broken rib and a strained intercostal cartilage, but "Germany" will be in the game when Michigan comes. Minnesota's defense needs coaching, for, as Williams has received no severe test, and that it is good for in actual work.

Fumbling seems to be the worst fault in Minnesota. It is of Chicago and Michigan. It is getting pretty far along in the season for fumbling to be regarded as excusable, and the attention of the taken up, without doubt, be largely taken up with correcting this fault this week.

ALL EYES ON HARVARD Can Crimson Eleven Be Braced Up for the Big Games. Boston, Oct. 13.—All interest in the eastern football situation just now is centered in Harvard. Yale, Pennsylvania and Princeton are being as well as usual or better, and consist only of developing strong elevens. But amazing the conditions are simply Harvard. The Crimson is being as well as usual or better, and consist only of developing strong elevens. But amazing the conditions are simply Harvard. The Crimson is being as well as usual or better, and consist only of developing strong elevens.

Saturday's game, which Amherst was being battered by Harvard, has been apparent for two weeks, and that is that an enormous amount of work must be done by the team and coaches if Harvard is to save any of its self-respect. Amherst's victory was only a technical one, to be sure, but had the touchdown Harvard really made been allowed the Harvard team was as badly used up as if it had been playing an annual game with Yale.

John Cranston, head coach at Harvard, expressed his disgust when he said: "I have nothing to say. What is the use of crying wolf when you are licked? And we certainly were licked." Cranston and the other coaches now know only too well what they must do, and as Harvard is no part of a quitter, it is safe to predict that the crimson squad is in for some mighty strenuous work in the coming weeks. It is not too late to develop a winning eleven, but every day must be made to count.

It seems to have overcome some early obstacles, and that the team of 1903 has already learned one invaluable lesson in the coming weeks. The Elis were up against very stiff opposition in the Springfield Training School, but when the Yale line was being battered the hardest it was noticeable that it did not go up in the air, as was the case at Harvard. Yale's famous fighting spirit was never better exemplified so early in the season. The friends of the blue need not worry about that team.

Princeton's showing against Brown was significant. Brown, in the year, has taken the leading position among second rate teams in the east, and Princeton's decisive victory would seem to indicate that the tigers have a first-class eleven, one that Yale will have considerable difficulty with Nov. 14.

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WILL PLAY ECKERSALL Stag Refuses to Listen to the Protest from Wisconsin. Chicago, Oct. 13.—The University of Wisconsin athletic authorities have requested Director Stag not to use Walter Eckersall, the star freshman, in the Wisconsin-Iowa game, because of the latter's suspension by the A. A. U. Director Stag says he cannot see his way to comply.

A letter from Professor Silchester, the Wisconsin representative at the "big nine" faculty conference, was received by Professor Stag. Professor Silchester stated that the Wisconsin football players wish to go to St. Louis next year to compete in the Olympic games, which are to be held in St. Louis. He pointed out that if the Wisconsin men play against Eckersall while under A. A. U. suspension, they would be barred at St. Louis.

Captain Abbott and other Wisconsin men are already under suspension by the A. A. U. because he has played against two suspended teams, Naperville and Lawrence. The A. A. U. rules hold that a man suspends himself by playing against a suspended team. Walter Eckersall played against Englewood when that team played Chicago early in the season. Englewood was thereby under suspension from the A. A. U. week ago. Captain Abbott, participating in the game, was thereby suspended from the A. A. U. week ago.

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