

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4, 1906.

MINNESOTA WON FROM NEBRASKA IN A SPECTACULAR CONTEST

Foster's Men Show Surprising Strength and Held Gophers to a 0-0 Score in the First Half--Final Score 13-0 --Maroon Coach Watches the Play.

MINNESOTA triumphed over her ancient foe, Nebraska, on Northrop field yesterday afternoon by a score of 13 to 0 in the most sensational game of the local season. Minnesota's triumph came thru the medium of two field goals by "Bobby" Marshall and a touchdown made by "Bad Bill" Ittner.

Nebraska gave the gophers a scare of pronounced proportions. Two weeks ago Ames defeated Nebraska in a decisive manner. Ames came to Northrop field for its annual drubbing and it was administered in the usual style. From this it was expected that Nebraska would come along and take a worse beating than ever, but right here the dope went wrong.

Nebraska of yesterday could have swamped Ames, at its best, by a score of 24 to 0. It was virtually a new team. The cornhuskers had turned the same trick that Minnesota performed last year--developed in wonderful manner under the spur and sting of a defeat.

Minnesota, thru injuries of the week in scrimmage, was compelled to send in a mixed team. The omitted players are none of them injured so seriously that they will get into the Chicago game, but with the big western football event of the year but a week away the gopher coach did not feel like giving chances. He picked a team which seemed strong enough to win and his judgment was vindicated--but not until after the rosters had had thirty minutes of discomfiture.

To tell the truth Minnesota played a lethargic game in the first half. Nebraska presented a very heavy lineup and there was little if any difference in the weights. Safford, at center, is a light man and Weist is another comparatively light chap. Doane in the backfield is not heavy and this trio went far to even up any disparity in weight which might have existed.

Offense Was Surprising. Nebraska's attack in the past has never been brilliant. It has been hard pushed with great spirit and pluck, but Foster's men worked a complete change in the cornhusker attack. It was fast and made up almost entirely of tricks, fakes and forward passes. On straight football the cornhuskers were lost, but they could do nothing in the first half their attack perplexed Minnesota and the team unquestionably went into the air, for a time. They rallied, however, after the gophers held the Lincoln team with a grim determination that went far to make up for any of their shortcomings.

Minnesota's offense was circumvented. Dr. Williams was evidently instructed that only straight football should be played and the orders were carried out to the letter. Comparatively few plays were unearthed. The presence of Professor A. A. Stagg, in the grandstand with Walter Eckersall, may have had some effect of this kind, but it is safe to guess that the offense against Chicago will be different.

The cornhusker offense in the first half was of the whirlwind variety. The gopher ends were tricked on several occasions and the Nebraskans went up the field in a style that was far from pleasing to the Minnesota rosters. Then the gophers braced and a battle royal ensued. It raged up and down the field for the length of the first half with neither side scoring. The forward pass came into evidence with the visitors, but they had to pass that is dangerous. Minnesota soon tumbled to the tricks and they were not so gainful. Marshall and Ittner were working like Trojans on the ends, with Marshall having the time of his life with Johnson, the Nebraska left end. The veteran cornhusker was holding like a drowning man at straws and it is to Marshall's credit that he kept under such trying circumstances and did not desert it.

Cooke, the Nebraska quarter was perniciously active. He got thru to work the backfield hard to get him on several occasions and was downed once or twice by the last man between him and the gopher goal. Marshall was out as a field goal kicker, and while his first attempts were failures he persisted until he succeeded. Cooke once escaped around the right end and clutching the backs went streaking down the field with Shuknecht alone in pursuit. It was a sensational run, the best of the day, but Shuknecht, after a magnificent pursuit, landed his man on Minnesota's 15-yard line and threw him out of bounds. This was the high tide of the Nebraska offense and after that it waned.

up unchanged. Nebraska kicked off and the ball by line jabs and slides off the tackles was rammed straight up to the center of the field. The gopher line was ripping great holes in the Nebraska forwards and gains of five to seven yards were the result. At the center of the field Larkin punted to within seven yards of Nebraska's goal and the ball was not returned. Minnesota got it on a fumble on the first play. Marshall failed on a place kick and following the kickoff Minnesota worked the ball down to the 25-yard line to be held after which came an exchange of punts. The gophers were speeding and steaming up.

Getting the ball on Nebraska's 40-yard line they literally smashed it down and over for the first touchdown of the day. Ittner doing heroic work and making the touchdown. Marshall missed the go-ahead kick to Nebraska and after the run back and some desultory line bucking the gophers got the ball on their own 45-yard line and started another march straight up the field to the 15-yard line, where Marshall essayed another and his first successful field goal. Nebraska next kicked off to Minnesota and after a short kicking and line plunging battle, in Nebraska territory, worked the ball up to the 10-yard line, where Marshall made his second field goal. This, in brief, was how the points were made. This performance set the rosters in better humor. Minnesota had vindicated the play outlined for the day, and while the score had not been large it was sufficient to the needs. The second half found the Nebraskans weakening fast and while Minnesota played thru without a substitute going in, the cornhuskers were sending out fresh material all of the way thru the half. Minnesota was in splendid physical condition, and not a man received an injury of a serious nature. The same held good with the Nebraskans.

Coach Foster deserved a great deal of credit for the showing of the Nebraska team. All things considered, they played a fine game and one in which they could have been nothing but winners against a team of less class and strength than Minnesota. Save for a few minor "cat slaps" here and there between play-heated players, the game was a model of sportsmanship. The referee did not show a single forward pass during the afternoon.

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Fear of Defeat Brought Out Great Demonstration of Minnesota Fighting Spirit on the Stands.

PROSPECTIVE defeat at the hands of Nebraska brought out the fighting spirit of the Minnesota rosters at yesterday's game and there was a revival of that old fighting spirit which has made the maroon and gold megaphone brigades the terror of the big line. All thru the first half the adherents of the gopher team had frequent cause for heart failure, but they stood to their work and followed the lead of their yell captains without hesitation even in the darkest moments. When the tide of the game had turned and Nebraska's plucky but exhausted warriors were gaining going down to defeat, the gopher rosters cheered for their opponents with a generosity and heartiness never before seen on a western gridiron.

"Long John" Sinclair, the roster king, is the man behind this change in warrior tactics. True to his determination, announced in chapel in the morning, to call for cheers for Nebraska and put down all exhibitions of

there to follow the orders of the roster king, whether their team won or lost. All the time-honored traditions of Minnesota rooting were followed. "Minnesota never quits" was the maxim on which they had been trained. The seniors stood to the work while Michigan's magnificent team battered its way to the gopher goal line, and had joined in the frenzied yells which inspired the maroon and gold warriors in the desperate rally which tied the score, the underclassmen had heard the story and done their share at other hard-fought contests. Even the freshmen, seeing their team in danger for the first time, caught the spirit and rooted like veterans. "Sk-U-Mah" every time the opposition gains an inch, the battle orders of five generations of rosters, were followed to the letter.

Time was called on the first half with the score 0 to 0, and the crowd shocked and surprised at the failure of the Minnesota team to score on the eleven which had bowed to Ames. On every hand there were comments and explanations. "Minnesota had fallen off in form," Nebraska had come up in time called to the roster king to score on the second half. "The gophers were wearing the cornhuskers down and would win yet." "Dr. Williams was not showing his hand on account of the Chicago game. All these and many more reasons were offered and discussed. The band marched out on the field and paraded up and down, playing something. Nobody cared much. There seemed nothing to be jubilant over.

Band Killed Them. Then the band halted in front of the grand stand and again played the song which means so much to the Minnesota man, whether student or graduate. This time there was no hesitation over what should be done. Careless and irreverent in victory, the men and women of the university heard the call of their alma mater in adversity and rose to their feet. Even the hardened sport who turn a deaf ear to gladiatorial combat was impressed. Things were different in the second half. Nebraska had shot its bolt and failed. Minnesota, by superior strength, had worn her plucky opponents down and was slowly piling up the score which meant victory. The grandstand broke forth with wild yells of applause and the gopher plucky did not recognize the pair as students and was confident that they were not.

When Cooke of Nebraska, battered and worn out, was carried from the field he was given the Minnesota yell with his own name, three repeated, at the end. The same tribute was given to Weller. This is not the first time that Minnesota has applauded its plucky opponents, but it was the first time they had been cheered in a formal way.

Most impressive of all the varied incidents of the rosters' section was that which followed Minnesota's final score. The band again played "Hail Minnesota" and the rosters, 1,500 strong, met it standing with uncovered heads. When this was over Sinclair called for the old yell and the rosters, still standing, sent its sonorous syllables booming over the field.

While there has been a better organized cheering, more enthusiasm because there was more need of enthusiasm, there has never been more hearty or more sportsmanlike cheering at Northrop field than that of yesterday, under the leadership of "Long John." Working with Mr. Sinclair in the leading of the cheering were Donald Blair and Ed Swenson.

After the game, a pall of doubt and uncertainty seemed to hang over the crowd. Minnesota had won from Nebraska, it was true, but could the team win from Chicago?

Certainly it could not with those tactics. But the wiser rosters took comfort in the thought that the whole exhibition might be nothing more than a little comedy arranged for the benefit of Coach Alonzo A. Stagg and Captain Walter Eckersall of Chicago, who watched the game from the grandstand.

Baltimore Wimmers. Special to The Journal. Baltimore, Nov. 3.--The winners of today's races were Tudor, Horner, Weirsdome, Follow On, Simple Honors and Hooty.

WHAT THE COACHES SAID. DR. H. L. WILLIAMS, Minnesota--The work of the Minnesota team is still crude and about a month behind what it usually is at this time of the year. During the next week a great deal of progress will have to be made if the team is to win from Chicago. Nebraska should be credited with having played a fine game.

Smith Breaks In. Smith went four yards over Taylor and Shuknecht hit Nebraska's right for one yard. Marshall dropped back to Nebraska's 45-yard line for a place kick. The kick was a good one for distance, but went outside of the goal posts for a touchback. Smith, kicking from his 25-yard line, sent the ball to Doane on Minnesota's 50-yard line. He returned it to Nebraska's 37-yard line, plugging on Nebraska's right gave three yards, but no gain resulted on the next try. Marshall tried another place kick from the 45-yard line, but the kick was poor, going to Nebraska's 10-yard line, and Weller ran it back twenty-five yards before he was tackled and thrown out of bounds. A forward pass gave Nebraska eight yards. Cooke got away on a crisscross to Minnesota's 10-yard line. Larkin missing the tackle, and Shuknecht getting him after one of the most brilliant runs seen on Northrop field.

Nebraska tried Minnesota's left for one yard and Safford was hurt, stopping the play temporarily. Weller made two yards on a try of Minnesota's left. Cooke dropped back for a trial to a field goal from Minnesota's 25-yard line. The pass was bad and he was tackled for a loss of two yards, bringing the play on Minnesota's 27-yard line. The ball went to Minnesota's 27-yard line. Doane gained one yard on Nebraska's right and Larkin, from his own 20-yard line, punted

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Forward Passes. Another forward pass went into Doane's hands on Nebraska's 38-yard line, but Doane was unable to do anything with it. Ittner, despite five tackles, plucked the ball to Nebraska's 50-yard line, but the next play gave Minnesota no gain. Then Current went straight thru for two yards. Larkin, kicking from the center of the field, sent the ball to Cooke on Nebraska's 25-yard line. He fumbled the catch and the ball rolled back to the 35-yard line. The play was recalled and Nebraska was given another penalty of fifteen yards for holding. Another attempt of fifteen yards failed, resulting in a loss of three yards for the cornhuskers. Smith kicked out of bounds on Nebraska's 47-yard line and Matter's kick from his own 25-yard line to Larkin, who was downed in his tracks on Minnesota's 48-yard line. The play was recalled and Nebraska lost fifteen yards more for holding. Smith dropped back to his own 10-yard line once more and punted to Doane on Minnesota's 40-yard line. 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