

NEWS ABOUT ATHLETICS

AMES IS STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE

Team of Veterans Will Meet the Tigers on Rollins Field Saturday.

EXCELS AT FORWARD PASSING

Missouri Will Depend on Line Plunging and Trick Plays.

The Ames team that faces Missouri tomorrow afternoon will be much stronger than the one which played Minnesota to a standstill three weeks ago. Not only have the Aggies improved since their first big game, but they have been strengthened by the addition of two veterans, Bruegger at right tackle, and Hubbard at right half, who were barred from the game against the "Gophers" because they were playing for their fourth year, a contradiction of the three-year clause in the Chicago Conference rules under which the two teams had contracted.

The addition of these two old men to the line-up makes Ames a veteran eleven. Only one man on the team has not played at least one year, and six of them are playing their third and fourth seasons.

Teams Well Matched.

Aside from the fact that the "Aggies" are more aged and have played together longer, there is little to pick between the two elevens that will battle for supremacy on Rollins Field tomorrow. They are of about equal weight, Missouri having a heavier line and Ames a heavier back field. Both teams, as a whole, will average slightly over 175 pounds to the man.

In forward passing and punting, the advantage is apt to be with Ames, but in aggressiveness, speed, line-plunging ability, and trick formations, the Tigers seem to have the edge. The game promises to be one of the best ever played on Rollins Field.

The line-up for tomorrow probably will be:

Name	Position	Weight
Driver	Left end	158
Anderson	Left tackle	202
Carothers		178
or Roberts	Left guard	184
Ristine	Center	175
Miller (Capt.)	Right guard	185
Bluck	Right tackle	226
Nee		176
or Williams	Right end	168
Gilchrist	Left half	165
Alexander	Right half	164
Ewing		173
or Wilder	Fullback	176
Deatherage		142
Trowbridge		135
or Saunders	Quarter	147

The officials will be:
 Referee—Bonfield of Kansas City.
 Umpire—Bryant of Coe College.
 Field Judge—Hamilton of Kansas City.
 Head Linesman—Burchhalter of Columbia.

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GAMES IN WEST TOMORROW

Missouri vs. Ames, at Columbia.
 Iowa vs. Nebraska, at Iowa City.
 Minnesota vs. Chicago, at Chicago.
 Drake vs. Washburn, at Topeka.
 Washington vs. Rose Poly, at St. Louis.
 St. Louis U. vs. U. of Penn., at St. Louis.
 Illinois vs. Indiana, at Champaign.
 Purdue vs. Northwestern, at Lafayette.
 Michigan vs. Vanderbilt at Ann Arbor.
 Notre Dame vs. Ohio Northern, at Notre Dame.
 Wisconsin vs. Marquette, at Madison.
 Grinnell vs. Coe, at Grinnell.

MISSOURI MEN TO SEE DRAKE PLAY

Tiger Representatives Will Watch the Contest With Washburn Saturday.

TOPEKA, Oct. 30.—Topeka football followers are expecting to see the best game of the season Saturday, when Washburn college and Drake University mix it up on the Washburn checker board. Of course the Washburn-K. U. game will be a hummer, but that game will be at Lawrence, so that those who cannot go to the university town or to Kansas City Thanksgiving are wetting their teeth for some lovely football this week.

Drake stands in about the same position in Iowa as Washburn does in Kansas. Both put up strong teams each year and each one makes a hard fight against the state university teams of their respective states and win every few years. Neither team has played a game with any other team this season from which dope could be figured, but from the games played the enthusiasts figure that both teams will be very evenly matched in age, weight and action.

The Washburn management has been notified that several Missouri men will come to Topeka to see the game. The Tigers play Drake next week and representatives of the Missouri team will be on hand to watch the style of the Iowans. The Washburn team is in fine shape. Several men were injured in the Haskell game two weeks ago and they have had all of this time to rest, as only hope of the injured list was in the game at St. Mary's last week. All of the men have recovered and are working hard every afternoon.

Washburn in Good Trim.

The Sons of Ichabod will present the strongest line of the season to the Drake team. The men are in good condition to stand almost anything in the way of football. November 7 Washburn plays K. U., and Coach Weede is drilling his men for that game chiefly. It is generally believed that Weede will have some real new stuff to try on K. U., and he may give some of his plays a test during the Drake game. Drake has not been scored on so far this season and is playing a fast open game, hardly ever using the mass plays except when close to the goal lines.

The Washburnites have been warned to look out for a peculiar formation which Drake uses for the forward pass. The on-side kick will be used often by Washburn in this game as the ends are very speedy and get down under the ball in good time, either for a forward pass or the on-side kick. The Washburn field will be in fine shape. The practice for this week is being held on the campus and the ground keepers are working out the field.

The managers of the two teams decided on the officials for the game to-day as follows:

Referee, Masker, Kansas City Athletic club.
 Umpire, Hamilton, Harvard.
 Field judge, Wade, University of Indiana.
 Head linesman, Griggs, Kansas University.

FRESHMAN TEAM AGAIN WHIPS THE SOPHOMORES

The Freshmen defeated the Sophomores in the class team series last evening by a score of 27 to 0. The first-year men won by superior teamwork, the "Sops" seldom making their gain and then usually on fumbles.

Hackney, left halfback, starred for the Freshmen, and the linemen did excellent work. Touchdowns were made by Miller, Elmer Anderson, Pixlee and Hackney. Hackney also kicked a field goal from the twenty-yard line. Shuck, left halfback for the Sophomores, did good work at line plunging.

The Freshmen previously defeated the Sophomores 18 to 0 and the Seniors 14 to 5.

GOSSIP ABOUT WESTERN TEAMS

Coach Cole of Nebraska is Nervous About Iowa Contest.

MICHIGAN'S PRACTICE SECRET

Wisconsin Team Doing Light Work—Rooters Watch Hawkeys.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 30.—Coach Cole expects a hard struggle on the football field with Iowa, and has warned his men that it may be fatal on their part to expect an easy victory. With that feeling in his mind, the coach has kept the squad at work right along, utilizing the state farm grounds for practice because of the lack of mud and unavailability to curious spectators. It was pretty certain tonight that the regular back field would be in the game at Iowa City, save for Cooke at quarter, who will not make the trip, although his condition is improving. Miner will go with the squad tomorrow, and can be utilized either at quarter or half-back.

Michigan.

Departing from the custom of having one open scrimmage a week, Coach Yost closed the doors this afternoon on the midweek scrimmage, and would not allow the students to see what he has cooked up for Vanderbilt. Using Pennsy formations in the scrimmages, the scrubs have been able to score on the varsity at an alarming rate, and the truth is that the Michigan coaches are more fearful than they have been at any time this season. Although Dan McGuigan, Vanderbilt's coach, said that he did not think the southerners had a look-in, Yost is taking no chances. Capt. Vaughn Blake of Vanderbilt, the last of the trio of brothers, is as wonderful a place kicker as Allerdice. If Allerdice is as off color as he was in the Ohio game, the Wolverines stand in for a beating.

Wisconsin.

Coach Barry cut down the work of the Wisconsin University football eleven, so far as scrimmage was concerned, by nearly half today, just giving the team enough work against the scrubs to keep it in shape without taking any risks of having any of the stars injured before the game with Marquette here Saturday.

The feature again was Moll's kicking exhibition. Twice when the scrubs punted the little quarterback heeled the ball, and then followed it up by booting goals. The first one was made from the thirty-five-yard line and from one side of the field. The second one was made from the forty-yard line.

Minnesota.

Dr. Williams' Gophers closed scrimmage work in preparation for the Chicago game this afternoon with a grueling two hours' work behind closed gates. With "Pudge" Hefflinger behind the second team, the scrubs fought the advance of the regulars like demons, and the result was perhaps the hardest session since the season's opening. The men were driven almost to exhaustion in the scrimmage, but when darkness put a stop to this work Dr. Williams kept his men for another hour of signal work.

Iowa.

Iowa engaged in a final scrimmage practice prior to the Nebraska game. It was the first open practice in a week, and 1,500 enthusiastic students were present.

Coach Catlin rebuked the eleven severely for loose play. Hazard was the only man who played in form, making a sixty-yard run for a touchdown and forty-five yards for another. After criticism by the coach the team braced and prevented the Freshmen from making further headway. They also used forward passes and inside kicks for good gains, making forty-five yards and a touchdown and preventing the Freshies with Nebraska formations from gaining. Perrin's broken shoulder has not yet healed and he will be out of the Nebraska game. Carberry will take his place, leaving Stewart at quarter, thus weakening this position. Fee played Capt. Kirk's post, right halfback, but Kirk will be ready to play in the Nebraska game. Hastings, right guard, may be sent back to center and Comly, routed as a "phenom," dropped out of the game. Conner has recovered from the injuries received in the Missouri game, and will play right guard. The coaches are seemingly despondent about the Nebraska game, but the team and its followers are confident.

PLAYS FIRST BIG GAME TOMORROW



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WHO WAS BEST FOOTBALL KICKER?

Pat O'Dea, Former Tiger Coach, Shares Honors With John DeWitt.

Discussion as to who is the greatest kicker in the last decade of college football is again warm. The principal argument is over the respective merits of Pat O'Dea, Wisconsin fullback of 1896 and former coach of the Missouri Tigers, and John De Witt, star guard of Princeton in 1903. It is generally admitted that they share the honors between them.

Pat O'Dea could drive the leather farther than any other player who ever lived. Time and again in games he sent the ball through the air a distance of eighty yards, only thirty yards less than the length of the field. He consistently punted sixty-five and seventy yards.

His punts were high spirals, that traveled so rapidly that no end on earth could get down under them. As a drop kicker he was good, but not the equal of De Witt or several others.

DeWitt could not kick as high as O'Dea, but he sent a high floater that made it easy for his ends to be under the ball. He was absolutely accurate in placing his punts, and never had a kick blocked, no matter how badly the line was leaking.

DeWitt as Drop Kicker.

In drop kicking he shone resplendent. Twice his wonderful foot staved off defeat by the Yale eleven and won victory for the Princeton Tigers. In 1902 he scored a difficult drop kick from the forty-eight-yard line. The final score was 12 to 5 in favor of the Tigers.

In 1903 he scored 11 points for Princeton, sending a place kick over from the forty-eight-yard line and running the length of the field for a touchdown. Princeton won, 11 to 6.

Malcolm McBride, who was a Yale fullback, was one of the stars of the kicking game in 1899. He sent a long, low punt that was exceedingly hard to handle. It usually struck the ground and bounded some distance before the backs could recover it.

Other stars of 1899 were Al Sharpe of Yale, Poe of Princeton, Houghton of Harvard, Wheeler of Princeton and Hudson of Carlisle.

Since the days of DeWitt we have had Eckersall of Chicago, Veeder of Yale, Burr of Harvard, O'Brien of Swarthmore, Garrels of Michigan, Harlan of Princeton and Capron of Minnesota, all stars, whose kicking was always dangerous. But the prize for kicking belongs to either O'Dea or De Witt.

BOY SUFFERS FROM OLD FOOTBALL INJURY

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 30.—Archie Somerville, of St. Louis, 20 years old, who is staying at Vancouver, British Columbia, with his brother-in-law, Philip Wilson, has for three weeks been suffering from fainting and unconscious spells. Physicians are at a loss to account for this illness, but it is thought to be the result of an injury received several years ago in a football game in St. Louis, which the physicians think caused a blood clot on the brain.

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