

Nebraska-Iowa Game.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 26—(Special.)—The annual Thanksgiving day football game between Iowa and Nebraska universities was played today in a blizzard and resulted in victory for neither team. The score was 0 to 0.

Along toward evening on Friday it began to rain and it kept it up all night, sometimes sending the water down in torrents. The rain ceased only when the temperature fell too low and then it began to sleet. This was about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Soon the sleet changed to a hard dry snow and by 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the time for the game to begin, the grounds at University park were in a plight which would about make even a football player hesitate to go on them. The field is flat to begin with and the rain soaked the ground to the consistency of mush. Then the sleet and snow added their cutting grains to the mess and as it had not frozen quite hard when the play started, the feet of the men made cuts and holes which soon became hard and ugly.

The temperature gradually fell all day and during the game a bitter cold wind from the northwest swept over the field driving a blinding snow before it nearly all the time.

The crowd was not large, but yet, considering the day, a very fair number turned out. About a thousand people crowded along the side-lines. Men, women and youngsters jostled each other in good natured way to get the best view of the plays. None occupied seats in the grandstand and even the tally-ho parties, of which there were several, did not stay on their elevated perches. The north side of the gridiron was the favorite, yet many faced the wind and snow on the other side for the sake of a better view.

Most of the spectators, of course, were Nebraska sympathizers, but the old gold of Iowa was very conspicuous in various parts of the crowd and in fact there was a much larger percentage of Iowa people present than have attended any previous game between these teams.

A large excursion was expected from the university of Nebraska, but the bad weather kept them back and very few besides the team came up. Omaha people turned out quite well. The Omaha wheel club had a coach and four horses as did also a party of ladies and gentlemen under the leadership of Mr. Shiverick.

TEAMS APPEAR.

The yellow caps and sweaters of Iowa appeared on the field about 3:30 o'clock and Nebraska soon followed. Everybody who has followed closely Nebraska's work this year was glad to see George Shedd on the field again. He has been laid up for a week or more with a bad foot.

Iowa won the toss and chose the west goal. By this choice they had the aid of the wind and also had the snow at their backs. At 3:30 the whistle for play was blown and Thorpe kicked off. Down the field slid the Nebraskans; up the field slid the Iowans and then they slid around together awhile. When the mass was separated the ball was found in Iowa's hands and about half way between her goal and centre. This was the starter and as the play started, so it continued. It was slide, Kelly, slide, up and down the field until darkness and uncertainty of the decision to make upon a disputed point led to a mutual agreement to quit. Then Nebraska and Iowa shook hands and went to supper.

But to tell what they did: After the kick-off Iowa tried the line with doubtful success for a down or two and then sent Holbrook around the end. He passed everybody in the line and Thorpe got him, but not until he had placed the pig-skin fifteen yards Nebraska's side of centre.

IOWA GAINS.

Nebraska took the ball on a fumble in the next play and proceeded to gain. Shedd went three yards and Cook two. But Iowa held 'em there and Thorpe was obliged to punt. Now punting is all right if it gets you anything; but verily what shall it profit a man to punt two miles and lose every inch he gained? That's what happened. Mr. Myers took the ball around the end on Iowa's first play and carried it thirty yards. Then Iowa took twenty-five more by swatting the line a time or two. That was beginning to look dangerous, so Nebraska braced up and with no seeming great exertion took the oval on downs.

Thorpe worked a bluff on them here and went around the end fifteen yards. This ended Nebraska's gains, however, and Thorpe punted. And again it got him nothing. This time Iowa didn't wait for a down, but at once returned the ball to the place it started from and in the place where Orrie's tribbles had broken the crust of the beautiful snow, then they put it down for a scrimmage.

NEBRASKA BRACES UP.

Iowa gained for several downs, but Nebraska put on her shoulder braces again and stopped the thing.

Nebraska then started out to gain. The playing was being done in Nebraska territory and they determined to dig out. And they dug in this manner. Shedd went four yards and Cook added five. Wiggins made two and then Cook went again for a couple. Dungan took a large swipe at them and made six yards. Turner carefully measured his length in advance. That's six feet six inches. But then they attempted a criss-cross and lost fifteen yards.

They choose to lose the remaining five and keep the ball, so they placed it so. But they kept it only one play more, then fumbled.

Iowa played hard and advanced to Nebraska's ten-yard line, but lost to Nebraska on downs. Nebraska could not gain, so punted. Holbrook carried the ball back about fifteen yards. They had but seven yards to gain now to make a touch-down. Once, twice and three times they tried to gain, but didn't make the necessary five yards. But the referee, Mr. Stipp, either was negligent in watching the ball, or his training in addition is poor, for he said it was only the third down.

NIP AND TUCK.

That time they crossed the five-yard mark and had three downs to go two yards in. But they never made it. Nebraska did her star playing here. Her line was impervious to anything and she took the ball on downs as it lay a foot from the line.

Good line work took it fifteen yards or more away before Iowa succeeded in getting it. About this time it was discovered that the time-keeper's watch had stopped. The half was already ten minutes too long, so the play stopped here.

Score, Iowa 0, Nebraska 0. During the intermission the rooters made the air hideous with their yells, and everybody ran around or huddled in fence corners to keep warm.

The second half began at 4:40 o'clock, and Iowa kicked off. Nebraska now was favored by the wind.

NEBRASKA GETS OFFENSIVE.

From the kick off Nebraska advanced the ball rapidly, and did the best offensive work of the game. By easy line gains they went fifteen or twenty yards. Then Thorpe punted and luck was with the scarlet and cream, for Hoffs muffed the ball and Dungan got it just forty yards from where the punt was made. Then they went on again in the line work. Now, if they had continued this kind of play the wise ones say a touch-down would have been a certain result. But Thorpe happened to remember the beautiful little kick and run he and Wiggins made in the Ames game, and so he kicked, but an Iowa man got in Wiggins' way and the ball went to Iowa.

Just five plays and the ball was back at center again. This was discouraging, but it was owing to the slippery ground, for Iowa's heavy men slid the little Nebraskans along like a boy does his sled. Nebraska took the ball on a fumble, and punted, but it went over the line for a touchback, and Iowa brought it out to the twenty-five-yard line and punted.

Nebraska downed it at center again, but had to punt.

It soon returned to center, and Holbrook and Meyer advanced it rapidly by long end runs. But finally Nebraska held their advances and they punted.

DARKNESS COMES.

Now Nebraska took the ball, as it happened, for the last time. It was already so dark that it was hard to distinguish objects across the field. There was a little rise in the ground at this point, about fifteen yards from Nebraska's goal, and they failed to climb up it in their downs. Thorpe gave the signal for a punt and fell back to get the ball, but in the darkness he missed it and it went over his head.

A CLOSE SHAVE.

Quick as flash he turned and followed it into the crowd and luckily downed it just before it crossed the fatal line. Iowans thought they had a safety, and Nebraskans were not sure but what they had, but when it was figured out the ball lacked about an inch and a half of being on the line.

Then a dispute arose as to whether the ball was Nebraska's on account of having lost twenty yards, or Iowa's on downs. This point was not decided, and as there was but a minute more to play and the darkness was deepening so fast, it was mutually agreed to call the game finished, and the score stood: Nebraska 0; Iowa 0.

TEAMS COMPARED.

An accurate description of the relative value of the gains of the two teams would be hard to give on account of the five-yards lines being obliterated by snow. But it is safe to venture that Nebraska would stand a much better show on a dry field.

This opinion is concurred in by Coach Robinson and Manager Oury as well as many of the players. It is figured out this way. Iowa's gains were largely made by her heavy interference, which slid the lighter Nebraskans along yards at a time. The long end runs Holbrook and Meyer made were largely owing to the Nebraska ends being unable to handle themselves on the slippery ground. While the runner knows where he is going, the tackler must guess and so gains advantage on dry ground. Then again Nebraska made many of her points this year by trick plays. These are almost useless on such a field as yesterday's was. The referee on at least two different occasions gave Iowa five downs and this advantage would be eliminated in another game.

Yesterday's game, of course, gives Iowa the pennant, but Manager Oury wants another whack at them and he will attempt to get them to play in Omaha next Saturday afternoon.

The line-up was:

Nebraskas.	Positions.	Iowa
Jones and Benedict, left end.....		Brown
Dungan.....	left tackle.....	Leighton
Hansen.....	left guard.....	Walker
Melford.....	center.....	Guerson
Turner.....	right guard.....	Blackmore
Pearse.....	right tackle.....	Stanton
Wiggins.....	right end.....	Thomas

Thorpe.....	quarter.....	Coldren
Shedd.....	left half.....	Holbrook
Cook.....	right half.....	Meyers
Packard.....	full.....	Hobbs
Officials, Wilson of Omaha, umpire;		
Stipp of Grinnell, referee; Robinson of		
Brown, Bull of Pennsylvania, linesmen.		

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The result of yesterday's game in the league gives the pennant to Iowa, as she has won two games and has had no points scored against her.

Kansas comes in second with two games to her credit and ten points against her.

Nebraska is third, having won one game.

Missouri has lost all three she has played. This pennant winning business goes very fairly apparently, for in the past three years as many different teams have held it.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. evening at home was held on Thanksgiving evening this week. A musical program was followed by a candy pull. There were about forty present—girls who as a rule do not have much opportunity for hearing good music. Prof. Hagenow and his daughter, May Belle, very kindly offered their services, as well as Miss Maud Hammond and Miss Redford. The candy popcorn and apples made a fitting close to Thanksgiving day. While just before breaking up, Prof. Hagenow played "Home, Sweet Home" on his violin. The Y. W. C. A. hopes to have many more just as enjoyable evenings

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