

George Barton's SPORTOGRAPHS

IT WILL be another terrific encounter, folks, but I am stringing with the Golden Gophers to defeat Nebraska when these football rivals of nearly 40 years' standing clash for the nineteenth time on the gridiron at Lincoln Saturday afternoon.

While predicting a Minnesota victory, nevertheless we have every reason for anticipating a bitterly fought struggle with the Cornhuskers dangerous every second of the game. Those of us who saw the Gophers extend to their very limit to nose out Nebraska, 12 to 7, at Lincoln in 1935, and gain a 7 to 0 decision last year at Memorial stadium when Andy Uram and Bud Wilkinson were co-authors of a spectacular play or which Andy raced 70 yards for the winning touchdown, have just cause for looking forward to another hard battle Saturday.

With the exception of Sam Francis and Lloyd Cardwell, a pair of classy backs; Lester McDonald, a giant end, and George McInnis, guard, Nebraska will present the same lineup that made the going so tough for Minnesota in their last two games. Four players who saw service as reserves against the Gophers last year are sure to be in the starting lineup, consequently Biff Jones will have a veteran team against Minnesota at kick-off time. This quartet is comprised of Johnny Howell, quarterback and triple threat star who played most of the game against the Gophers in 1936; Paul Amen, an end who now alternates as end and halfback; Harris Andrews, halfback, and Bill Andrensen, fullback.

Headed by Charley Brock, one of the outstanding centers of the nation in his sophomore year in 1936, Nebraska will have five of the seven forwards who were in the starting lineup against Minnesota last year. They are Elmer Dohrmann, end; Fred Shirey and Theodore Doyle, tackles, and Bob Mehring, guard.

Minnesota's line is just about on a par with Minnesota's from a standpoint of weight, but the Gophers will have a slight advantage in the backfield even with the midget, Rudy Gmitro, playing right half.

Minnesota has lost Ed Widseth, one of the greatest tackles that ever graced a gridiron anywhere, and three other key players—Bud Wilkinson, Julie Alfonse and Ray Antil since their joint with Nebraska last year. But, with the exception of center, the Gophers will have a veteran line to oppose Nebraska's powerful forward wall. This line will have Captain Ray King and Dwight Reed, ends; Lou Midler and Bob Johnson, tackles; Charley Schultz and Bob Weld, guards, with Johnny Kulbitski, a junior, with little experience, shouldering the responsible burden of opposing the classy Brock.

Our reason for picking Minnesota to win is that we believe the Gopher line will at least hold its own against its opponents, while Minnesota has a decided edge in backfield talent. Headed by Andy Uram, one of the greatest halfbacks of the year, Minnesota has a bigger array of talented backs this season than at any time in the history of football at the state university. If you have seen Larry Buhler, Rudy Gmitro, Vic Spadaccini, Harold van Every, Leland Johnson, Marty Christiansen, Wilbur Moore, Bill Matheny, Phil Belzior, George Faust and Bill Gilchrist in action, you have a concise idea of what we mean.

Nebraska's is a really great all-round back in Johnny Howell, the keyman in Nebraska's attack, but Howell will miss the fine blocking of Francis and Cardwell. Howell, who directs the team from quarterback, is a corking good open field runner, passer and punter. The Gophers will have to keep a vigilant eye on this fellow.

Nebraska has several other high-class backs in Bill Andrensen, Harris Andrews, Eldon McIlvay and Jack Dodd, but I am of the opinion that its backfielders, as a whole, are not on a par with any four that Bernie Bierman can place on the field at one time.

Bierman likewise is better supplied with dependable reserves for this game than he was for those nerve-tingling jousts of 1935 and 1936.

Taken by and large, I believe Minnesota will be at least two touchdowns better than Nebraska.

FRIENDSHIP CEMENTED BETWEEN SCHOOLS.

Minnesota's followers, and those of Nebraska, too, are happy because Frank McCormick, director of athletics, and Coach Bernie Bierman have seen fit to keep the Cornhuskers annually on their schedule.

A magnificent spirit prevails among coaches and players of both schools as well as among the alumni, student body and general body.

The Nebraskans proved themselves excellent sports by graciously accepting their defeats in 1935 and 1936. Minnesota was lucky to win both games and admitted it. Fact is, all Minnesotans, from Bierman down to the most rabid rooters, would have been glad to settle for a tie in each of those memorable games. That's how closely waged they were.

The Nebraskans, including Dana X. Bible, their coach at that time, all of the assistant coaches, the players and the Cornhuskers' adherents never offered an alibi for their defeat. To the contrary, they gave Bierman and his Gophers full credit for their hard-earned victories.

Minnesotans were deeply impressed by the cordial reception the Gophers received from the press and public at Omaha and Lincoln two years ago. It was really beautiful in its sincerity.

OHIO STATE IS PICKED OVER PURDUE.

Ohio State over Purdue is our selection in the game between these formidable teams at Columbus Saturday, but the Boilermakers will make the battle close.

Purdue, pursued by a relentless jinx during the past two years, is handicapped this season because of the loss of Noble Kizer, head coach, who is on leave of absence because of serious illness. Had Kizer been able to do the coaching, we believe the Boilermakers would be an even money bet to win from the Buckeyes.

The players have rallied splendidly under Mal Edward, assistant coach, but the loss of Kizer is bound to affect their work.

A year ago, Purdue's championship chances were ruined by the death of Tommy Gannon, a great halfback, a regular lineman, and serious burns suffered by other members of the squad in a fire in their training quarters.

Purdue has a squad this season that was expected to crowd Minnesota and Ohio State for the Big Ten championship, but without Kizer, its effectiveness is weakened 40 per cent.

That Francis Schmidt has another powerful aggregation this fall was shown by the Buckeyes' defeat of Texas Christian in their opening game last Saturday. Any team that can knock off those Texans so early in the season must be tough.

LOUIS ASSUMES BAD ATTITUDE.

Joe Louis, with all the money he will ever need, is losing his test for fighting.

He stated on several occasions before his bout with Jimmy Braddock that he was fed up on training and fighting, and, win or lose, would retire after the Chicago encounter. Joe's handlers had to bear down on him firmly to get that idea out of his head and to put more zip into his training.

Now, Louis has gone on record in an interview in San Francisco to the effect that he will give up the ring regardless of the outcome of his fight with Max Schmeling next summer.

Louis will have to conquer this attitude if he hopes to conquer Schmeling. If he is to win, he must concentrate on the fight alone with no thought to the future. Personally, we would think Louis would train harder and be more determined to win from Schmeling than he did for any other fight on his way to the top of the heap. The thought should be paramount in his mind to whip the German and square accounts for the beating Max dealt out to him a year ago.

MCKECHNIE CHOICE OF INDIANS' PREXY.

The job of managing the Cleveland Indians is Bill McKechnie's if he cares to leave the Boston Bees, according to the latest reports from Cleveland.

The grand performance McKechnie has done with the Bees has made him first choice of President Alva Bradley of the Cleveland club.

Birds Again Trip Newark, 5 to 4 in 11th

M'GEE VICTOR IN RELIEF ROLE

Wonder Team' Makes Five Errors to Help 10-It Columbus Attack.



George Barton

Newark, N. J., Sept. 30.—(P)—Columbus' Red Birds, champions of the American association, slammed their way into a two-game lead in the little world series Thursday night by beating the Newark Bears, 5 to 4, in a hectic 11-inning battle.

The score was a duplicate of that in the opener Wednesday and, like the first game, Thursday night's was marked by shabby fielding by both clubs. The Bears made five errors to help along Columbus' 10 hits while the Red Birds were charged with three miscues.

Three pitchers worked out for the victory finally going to Bill McGee, 215-pound righthander from Bachtown, Ill., who went in with the bases loaded in the eighth and finished the game.

The International league's leading hurler, young Ailey Donald, was the loser, being removed from the game for a pinchhitter in the sixth after giving up six hits and four runs.

A crowd of 17,347 fans all but filled Ruppert stadium to see the Red Birds No. 1 team in the St. Louis Cardinal chain, move into a commanding position in the nineteenth inter-league series for the minor league championship. The third game will be played under the flood lights here Saturday night, the teams then shifting to Columbus to finish the best-of-seven series.

Morton Cooper, right-hander who won the deciding game of the Association's final playoff for Columbus, was chosen to start Saturday. Vito Tamulis, a left-hander, was Newark's choice.

Max Macon, 22-year-old southpaw whom Columbus observers call an embryo Dizzy Dean, started for the Red Birds, but was driven out in the seventh after allowing five hits and two runs. Nelson Potter, Wednesday's game as a relief hurler, was sent in to halt the Bears, but he was replaced after Newark had filled the bases with none out in the eighth.

McGee retired two men, but was touched for a single by Shortstop Nolen Richardson, which drove in two runs and tied the score.

McGee gave out only one other hit, a single by Buddy Rosar in the tenth that was merely a futile gesture.

The big three also prey off the line on Saturday. Yale meets Maine and this should afford a promising Yale squad just the type of practice it desires. An improved Harvard eleven should have little difficulty with Springfield. The University of Virginia, coached this year by Frank Murray, may cause trouble for Princeton because Murray's team are noted for a tricky type of offense. In the last analysis, however, Princeton seems too strong and I believe will be the victor.

Penn Line Superior. In the Penn-Maryland clash, we find opposed to each other two veteran lines. Ordinarily the team with the better line wins and, because of their line superiority, I am selecting Pennsylvania to squeeze through.

Syracuse under Ossie Solem, its new coach, opens the season with Clarkson. Clarkson will make a real fight of it, but Syracuse appears to be too strong. A very strong Villa Nova team will have a romp with P.M.C.

Cornell showed surprising

5 Intersectional Tilts Scheduled in East

Texas A. & M. Air Attack
May Give Them Win
Over Manhattan.

By ANDREW KERR.

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HAMILTON, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Although the football season has just started in the eastern section, this week there are five intersectional games. In the clash between Temple and Mississippi, we find a battle of master against pupil, because Mississippi is coached by Ed Walker, who was a player at Stamford when Glenn S. (Pop) Warner was the coach there. These teams are both very strong, but have not yet reached their maximum efficiency. I am inclined to favor Temple by a narrow margin.

Texas A. & M. has been selected by the author as one of the strongest teams in the southwest. Manhattan is rated as potentially strong organization. It will be a fine contest, although the superior serial game of the Texans may turn the tide in their favor.

A Boston eleven that has the brightest prospects in a number of years meets its first real test of the season in Kansas State.

The Kansans are an untired outfit this year and suffered severe losses by graduation. My choice is Boston college, but the engagement will be very even.

Army Faces Clemson Test.

The service teams, Army and Navy, meet from south of the Mason-Dixon line. In playing Clemson, the Army is engaging an opponent that will expect to see Clemson give them a lot of trouble, but the Cadets should eventually be returned the winner. The Citadel will furnish the Navy more opposition than William and Mary did last Saturday. However, the Navy should win with little difficulty.

The late starters in eastern football get under way this weekend. Columbia opens with Williams and should have little difficulty with their minor opponents. The same is true of Fordham in its game with Franklin and Marshall.

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N.Y.U. vs. Carnegie.

N.Y.U., a potentially strong eleven, will meet a major test of the season in its game with Carnegie Tech, which this year gives Carnegie the edge of showing a much more versatile and powerful offense.

This looks like a very even contest, with what advantage there may be in Carnegie's favor.

On their own home field, an improved West Virginia squad meets Pittsburgh. Pitt won from West Virginia in 1936 by a big score, and while the Mountaineers have improved, the Pitt Panthers carry too much all-around strength for them. Pittsburgh will win by a comfortable margin.

HALF OF SQUAD OUT.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 30.—(P)—Add Doug Dashell of the University of Nevada to your list of gloomy football coaches. About half of his first string gridirons who face the university of Wyoming Saturday in the season's opening game in Reno, are on the sick or injured list, he said Wednesday.

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