

# SCORE WAS 6 TO 5.

## REFEREE CORNELL TELLS HOW MISAPPREHENSION AROSE.

## HE MAKES SIGNED STATEMENT.

## SAYS THE SCORE WAS AS THE JOURNAL PRINTED IT.

### How Correspondents Were Fooled Into Sending Out Erroneous Stories—Lincoln People Sorry Over Treatment of Kansas Team.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 11.—(By Associated Press.) F. D. Cornell, referee of yesterday's Nebraska-Kansas football game, in a signed statement yesterday, reverses his decision of yesterday, giving the game to Nebraska by a score of 6 to 5 instead of 10 to 5. The game and its outcome has greatly stirred college circles, also leading to the arrest to-day of M. S. Harmon, a law student in the Kansas university, and his confinement in the county jail. Harmon, it is alleged, was stakeholder in many bets and refused to turn over the money. The warrant for his arrest charged "wagering on a game of chance," but this, it is claimed, was simply a subterfuge to hold him. Money held by him was to-day replevined and late to-night Harmon was released. He says, however, he will remain and fight the case in the courts.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 11.—(Special.) The arrest of Student Harmon is the outcome of his attempt to stop the payment of his bets on the result of the game. Harmon had \$65 wagered at odds of 2 to 1. As soon as the game was over he hurried to a justice's office and got an attachment for the money he had put up. There is anti-gambling law in Nebraska and as the men who had won would be compelled to prove in court that the money Harmon had put up belonged to them before it could be turned over they would necessarily furnish the evidence to convict themselves of violating the law. His arrest is an attempt to get even and force a compromise. It is believed that he will consent to withdraw his attachment suit and that the charges against him will be dismissed.

### Queer Mixup on Score.

The people of this town went to bed last night believing that Nebraska had won the football game from Kansas by a score of 10 to 5. They awoke to read in the Lincoln Daily Call this introduction to its football story:

"Referee Cornell cut down the score to 6 to 5 about 10:30 o'clock last night, saying the last four points won by Nebraska did not count. But it still remains Nebraska's game, with no thanks to Cornell."

Never in the history of football was there such a mixup over the final score as there was at the climax of yesterday's gridiron struggle. Nebraska claimed the game by a score of 10 to 5, while Kansas contended that no game had been played. Not a dozen persons heard Referee Cornell's announcement that the last touchdown of Nebraska's did not count because of an off-side play by Wiggins and the big bell in the college tower was tolled ten strokes and then after a pause was tolled five times, thus announcing to the people all over the city the supposed final result. It was dark when the game was called and the Nebraskans went trooping from the field shouting "Ten to five; hurrah for Nebraska!" In the excitement and the darkness Referee Cornell was lost sight of and a number of newspaper correspondents sent out the score as 10 to 5 without searching out Cornell and ascertaining the truth. Among the stories sent out was that of the staff correspondent of the Omaha Bee, who wrote the game up as having ended 10 to 5 in favor of Nebraska. About midnight the correspondent sought out Cornell and after an interview with him sent this statement to the Omaha Bee:

### Referee Cornell Talks.

"Fred Cornell, of Lincoln, who acted as referee, after listening to the protests that followed the conclusion of the game, announced that the score would stand 6 to 5 in favor of Nebraska. He took several hours to deliberate about Nebraska's last touchdown and then decided to disallow it."

In its headlines the Omaha Bee gave the result as 10 to 5, although the body of the article contradicted the heading. One newspaper here, the Lincoln Daily Journal, gives the score as 10 to 5, because its reporter was too busy to hunt up Cornell and find out the true result.

Referee Cornell was seen this morning and asked for a statement concerning the misapprehension regarding the score.

"It is very plain," he said. "When Quarterback Cowgill kicked the ball over the canvas fence and Wiggins brought it back I announced that the touchdown would be allowed, although Kansas protested that the ball had fallen outside the grounds and was 'dead'—not in play. I held that the ball's going over the fence did not put it out of play. The gridiron was covered with pushing, shoving and excited people and the Nebraska team lined up before the goal, shoving the people aside, and prepared for the kick out. About this time Umpire Kleinhaus came to me and said that Wiggins was off-side when the quarterback punned and then there was nothing for me to do but to disallow the touchdown, because the decision of the umpire in that case vitiated my allowance of the touchdown. It was very dark by this time and I called the game."

### "Then the score reverted to 6 to 5."

### Business Men Disgusted.

"Yes, of course. The people should have known that. If I had not reversed my first decision Nebraska would have had the right to kick out and try for goals, which would have taken only a minute. When this was not done the people should have known at once that the touchdown had not been allowed, but, of course, all of the people do not know the rules, even if they do know how to roast the officials."

But the people here are not excited over the score—they are glad the six points are in Nebraska's favor, although they regret exceedingly the bitterness engendered and the bad name the city is bound to receive because of the conduct of the Nebraska

players. It is believed to-day that it will take years to eradicate the ill effects of yesterday's game. Prominent business men who sat through the long hours of wrangling are disgusted, and say they will never attend another football contest in this city. Gentlemen who took ladies to the game feel aggrieved because of the rowdiness and the torrents of profanity that came from the lips of students and men along the sidelines, as well as from the home players.

The enthusiasm of last night had spent itself by this morning and to-day the people discussed the game in a dispassionate manner. They acknowledge that Nebraska "was favored by darkness," as the team was beginning to show the weakness that comes with loss of wind when the game was called. Nebraska's poor wind is best shown in the fact that it took two hours to play the first half, the most of which time was consumed by Nebraska players taking all the time the referee would allow them to lie on the ground and regain their breath. After every scrimmage a Nebraskan lay upon the ground. Referee Cornell favored the Nebraskans by allowing them to take five, ten and fifteen minutes at a clip to recover their wind.

The treatment of the Kansans revived talk about the treatment other visiting teams, notably Baker university, had received at the hands of the players and students here, and an effort may be made to put an end to football athletics in the university.

"Yesterday's game was the thirty-first championship contest I have participated in," said Hal Walker, of the Kansas team, to-day, "and I never in all that time heard such vile and abusive words fall from the lips of players as I did yesterday. Before every scrimmage the Nebraskans would call us every conceivable name, applying the vilest epithets to us. I never saw players use their flats as viciously as these men did."

"They played more like a herd of ruffians than college men. Now, mind you, I am not playing the baby act, because nobody ever heard me do such a thing. When Missouri beat us two years ago we took our medicine manfully because Missouri had beaten us fairly and played the game on its merits. There was no ill-feeling between the teams over the result. I never want to play in this town again."

### Kansas Team Is Stronger.

Those who know Hal Walker know that he is the last person to plead the baby act. He plays the game on its merits and takes defeat as gracefully as he accepts victory. His statement of the treatment the men received in the scrimmage is worth full consideration. He said that the Nebraskans resorted to short arm punches, striking the Kansans in the wind. Such blows can very easily be delivered without the officials seeing them. Walker said he was sore all over his abdomen from the prize ring methods of the Nebraskans. The other players received the same treatment.

The Kansas football eleven left for home at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon over the Burlington. The players were all in as cheerful frame of mind as it was possible for men to be who believed that they had been accorded the worst possible treatment by college men who delight in talking of "gentlemen's sport." There is not a member of the Kansas team who is not confident that Kansas has much the stronger team and that in a contest with Nebraska in any town outside of Lincoln with impartial officials Kansas could defeat Nebraska overwhelmingly. Nebraska plays a wonderfully strong game for about twenty minutes. In a game with thirty-five minute halves, from Saturday's showing, it does not seem at all probable that Nebraska could come anywhere near winning from Kansas.

### Statement From Manager Kleinhaus.

At the request of The Kansas City Journal I have decided to make the following statement in regard to the selection of officials for the Nebraska-Kansas game played last Saturday at Lincoln, in order that the people of Kansas and Nebraska may have a true statement of the facts in the case and that they may not be misled by the signed statement of Mr. Oury, manager of the Nebraska team, in to-day's edition of the Nebraska State Journal:

"When Mr. F. D. Cornell came to Lawrence to act as an official in the Iowa-Kansas game he informed me that Mr. Oury had told him that if Mr. Kleinhaus gave satisfaction as umpire in the Iowa-Kansas game, Nebraska would be willing that Kleinhaus should act in the same capacity in the Nebraska-Kansas game. There was no objection to Mr. Kleinhaus by Iowa and they were so well pleased with him that Mr. Shuerman, manager for Iowa, told Mr. Cornell, in my presence, that he would like to have him for umpire in the Iowa-Nebraska game to be played on Thanksgiving day."

Mr. Cornell thereupon wrote Mr. Kleinhaus as follows:

"Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 8, 1891.

"Mr. Charles Kleinhaus, Topeka, Kas.

"Dear Kleinhaus:—As I told you in Lawrence, you will be expected in Lincoln at the Kansas-Nebraska game and you must not fail us.

"It will be a great game, and I am certain that K. U. will have a much harder time than they did with Iowa. Yours truly,

"F. D. CORNELL."

"P. S.—The game will be on Saturday. If changed will notify you."

Mr. Kleinhaus was therefore officially notified. Prior to this Mr. Oury had asked that the game be changed from Saturday to Monday, to which proposition Kansas could not consent, as we were arranging for another game for the same week. This evidently didn't please Mr. Oury, who began kicking on Mr. Kleinhaus on the ground that he was a Kansas man and said that he would accept an Iowa or Missouri man, failing, however, to name any one except Mr. Wilson, of Omaha, another Nebraska man. But the officials of the Western Interstate League games give their services for their expenses, and as no kick had ever been raised against the decisions of Mr. Cornell and Mr. Kleinhaus, Kansas felt that she was in honor bound to stand by the original agreement and not take any chances a few days before the game by choosing unknown men. Mr. Kleinhaus came to the game because Kansas would not consent to go back on the original agreement, Nebraska objecting to Mr. Kleinhaus simply because he lived in Kansas, although Kansas was willing to accept Mr. Cornell as referee whose home is in Lincoln, believing both men to be fair and impartial and versed in the rules. Mr. Oury was notified Saturday morning as soon as he could be found that Kansas would not agree to change officials and Mr. Cornell, as general manager of the league, was notified by Mr. Moody at my request that we would not consent to change officials, as it would appear to Mr. Kleinhaus that we had impeached his character as an official.

Let the blame for the disgraceful squabble over Saturday's officials rest where it properly belongs—on Mr. Oury, who tried to run a bluff and failed.

H. G. McKINNIE.

Manager K. S. U. Football Team.

### Nebraska Manager's Statement.

The statement of Mr. Oury, manager of the Nebraska team, is as follows:

In order that the people of Lincoln and of the state who have taken so much interest in the football team of the university may understand the cause of the trouble in Saturday's game, the management has this statement to make: The umpire, Mr. Kleinhaus, of Topeka, Kas., officiated in the game under protest of the Nebraska management. He was notified immediately after the Iowa-Kansas game, October 20, that he would not be acceptable to Nebraska.

The manager of the Nebraska team notified the general manager of the league at that time, also the manager of the Kansas team. At the same time a list of men who would be acceptable. Among these names were those of several prominent football men from Iowa and Missouri. No word was received from the Kansas manager respecting these men. Later, it has been learned that Mr. Woodruff wired Kleinhaus to come regardless of Nebraska's protest.

There were both Iowa and Missouri men on the grounds, but Coach Woodruff would not accept them and at 2:30 Saturday afternoon after the crowd had assembled on the campus, he sent word to the manager of the Nebraska team that he would not allow his team to leave the hotel until it was agreed that Mr. Kleinhaus should act as one of the officials. There was nothing left for the management to do but to accept his terms or declare the game off. It was too late to do that after the crowd had assembled.

W. H. OURAY.

Manager of Nebraska Team.