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FOOT BALL SEASON OPENS.

PROSPECTS FOR THE VARIOUS TEAMS.

The first games of football were played Saturday. They were principally practice games, and hence the relative strength of the leading teams cannot be judged. The only important game in the West was Chicago University vs. Knox College, resulting in the score of 22 to 8 in favor of the Maroons. The details of the game are interesting to S. U. students. For our team plays Knox next Saturday and Chicago a week later.

The Sunday Times-Herald gives a write-up of the teams, extracts of which may prove of interest to football fans. We send to Iowa they give the following complimentary notice:

"The outlook for the foot ball season in Iowa State University has never been brighter. It is believed that the strongest team that the University ever had will be developed. All of last year's players except Myers, hall, back, and Walker, guard, have returned. Twenty-eight new candidates have entered, and giving the old men hard work to maintain their old positions. Among the new men are Cole, first on the line, and tackle on the Andover team. Wilson, the old center for Monmouth; Butts, Glass, Barrier, Brookway, Call, Demins, Davidson, French, Johnson, Kinney, Lake, Hart, and McMillan, will certainly make their mark.

"French, an entirely new player, is showing great ability at end. Wright, the old center, is trying for guard, while Wilson and Warne are trying for center.

"Deems, Hobbs and Griffith are in excellent form behind the line, while the Blackmore brothers, Kagan, and Wright, will be better than ever in the line.

"Chicago University is complimented by being chosen a good team over the Elect.

"There is an unusual amount of enthusiasm over foot ball at the University of Chicago this fall. An excellent schedule and a list of first-class new material for the team has assured the supporters to the fact that this is one of the best seasons the Maroons have ever seen. Since it is assured that Stagg's men will go east to meet the champion Quaker eleven in Philadelphia, there has been the usual exhibition rivalry for places on the team.

"Wisconsin will hardly equal its record of last year.

"Glimpses prevail in Madison over the prospects of the foot ball team for the season. With only one old player among the candidates, and no suitable candidates for center, the outlook is far from bright, and the news that are in Iowa in advance of the opening of the fall semester, show University feeling depressed by the condition.

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"Dr. Wiley Woodruff returned a week ago from Fort Riley, where he has been serving as post surgeon, and went to work on foot ball material captured by Captain Morgan. He is now satisfied that Kansas will have the best team in its history, and says its prospects are 50 per cent better than at the opening of last season. He has practically decided on the eleven, and figures that the line will average 191 pounds, and the backs 150, the entire team averaging over 180 pounds, which is much heavier than last year. The new material includes big, brawny fellows, who show speed and activity, as well as strength and weight."

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