

# 1905 IU game coverage a cure for insomnia

Indiana University was not having the best of athletic seasons on that November day 85 years ago when the IU football team ran out on the field in Evanston, Ill., to play Northwestern University. The IU record to date was two wins (De-Pauw and Miami), two losses (Chicago and Ohio) and one tie (Washington and Lee).

News of local athletic teams could be found on the front page of the *Bloomington Telephone* in those days. And the account of the IU-Northwestern game was no exception.

Plainly put, the Indiana 11 had a



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lousy first half due the skill of the Northwestern kicker and, "an extensive use of the official prerogative in enforcing penalizing militated against a protracted advance." Translated, that meant IU ran up some costly penalties.

In the second half, IU's left half-

back Scott (who must have taken a considerable ribbing, because his first name was Clair) came to life and kicked the ball 40 yards. But an alert and speedy Northwestern player canceled out the gain in part, at least, by getting past IU ends.

Northwestern scored but missed the point after touchdown. Continued the *Telephone*, "Right here fortune smiled on the visitors (IU) and put them in a position to even the count. A forward pass which started from Driscoll (Northwestern) went awry and never reached its destination."

Scott apparently intercepted the

pass and got a nifty 45-yard run before he was tackled. If the newspaper's readers weren't snoring by the third paragraph they were to learn that, "A few line plays and a short dash by Whitaker (IU) rang up the second marker of the day. The same man booted the oval between the bars following a successful put out."

The lackluster article recounted how a Northwestern player fumbled in the middle of the field at the start of the second period. IU's Howard Turner, an end, fell on it. But the Hoosiers in turn fumbled the ball on the Northwestern 10-yard

line.

Picking up the fourth-quarter play, the *Telephone* recounted how, "Whitaker (IU) returned Driscoll's punt thirty-five yards and then shot a pass which took the play down to the Northwestern four yard line. Whitaker covered the remaining distance and kicked the goal, bringing the score to fourteen."

IU had another opportunity to score when Whitaker intercepted a "Purple pass and the Hoosiers carried the ball to a position from which Ehrhart attempted to score

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