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A. & M. Southwest Champions

VARSITY AGAIN DEFEATED

IN LAST GAME OF THE SEASON, A. & M. WINS SOUTHWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

Score 0—0 At End of First Half—In Second, Choc Made the Only Touch-down of the Game

Before the largest crowd that has ever gathered together on Clark field of the University of Texas, A. & M. showed her superiority in football by again dealing a goose egg to the said University. Many were the prophecies predicted before the game, and they all proved false—but the one which said A. and M. would defeat Varsity, because the I. & G. N. train which carried the corps of cadets to Austin was found to run slow because it would go in ahead of time.

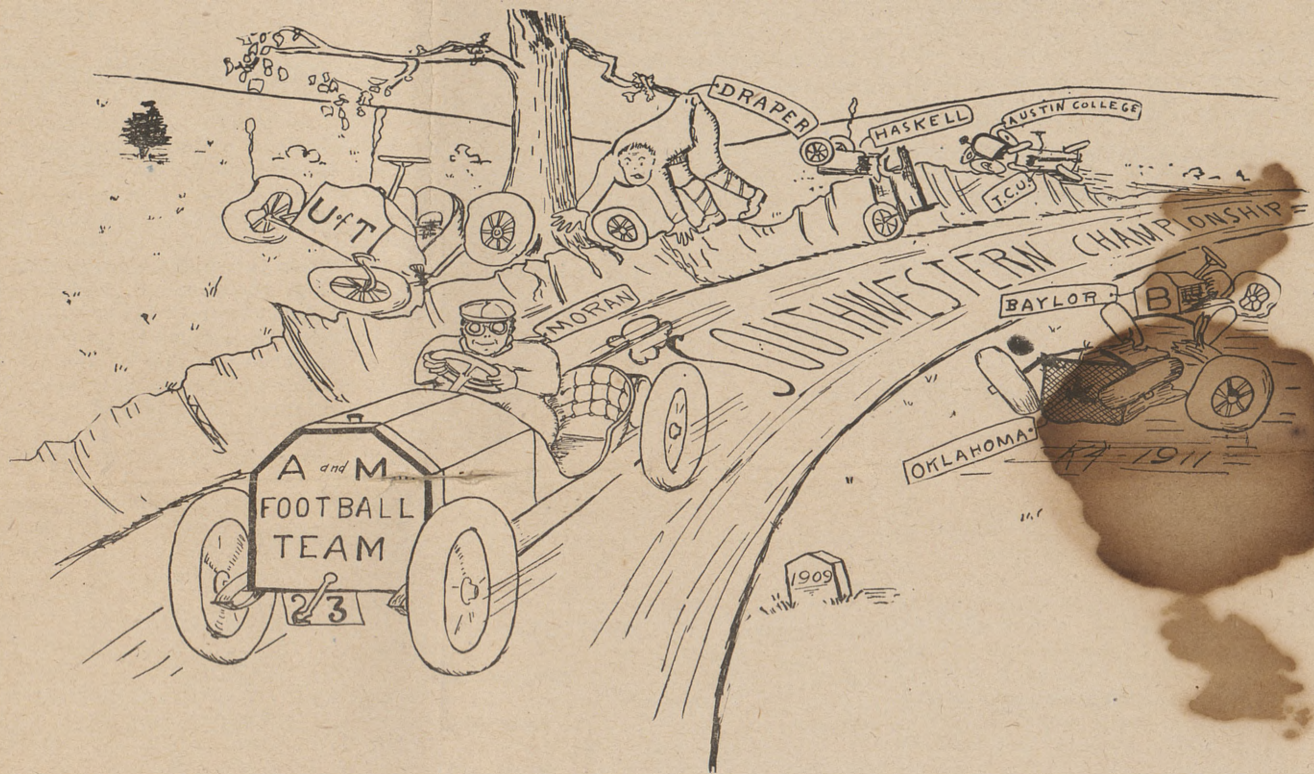
The mel e was one of the hardest fought in the history of the two schools. Every inch of the ground was contested for and the result of the game was in doubt from beginning to end. However, a little forward pass to Choc pulled off in the second half tells the story of A. and M.'s victory.

The Wind.

The day was not the best in the world for a football game, there being slightly too much wind and rather warm weather. For fifty-five minutes A. & M. was playing against the wind, and as a result Varsity gained on punts and kept the ball on A. and M.'s ground most of the time. This gave the wrong impression to many spectators as they thought Varsity was out playing A. and M. When the teams did change goals, A. and M. went down the field and in five minutes Choc had crossed the line for a touchdown. When anyone in the South beats Hamilton or Balenti punting you may put a question mark and beg'n to investigate.

The Winning Score.

The first half ended with neither side scoring. Varsity kicked to A. and M. who came down the field in a run. Hamp punted and A. and M. recovered the ball. Balenti got forty yards on an end run placing the ball on Varsity's ten yard line. Here Hamp pulled off a beautiful forward pass to Choc, who slipped out of the hands of two Varsity tacklers and crossed the line for the only score of the game.



Hard Playing.

As told by the score the game was a hard one. The two teams were very evenly matched and every inch of ground gained was fought for, and seldom was the necessary ten yards gained. A. and M., although lighter than Varsity had the advantage in speed, a fact which gave them the victory.

Hamilton's Run.

Every man on A. and M.'s team played star ball. The ends broke up interference and got their man with ease, the line was right there and several times held Varsity when it looked as if the Long Horns would score. Hamilton, however, made the feature run of the game. Near the close of the first half Hamp was given the ball on A. and M.'s twenty yard line, and passing around left end stopped only when he had placed the ball behind Varsity's goal, making a run for ninety yards for what every one thought a touchdown, including a tackler. It was found that he had stepped outside and hence Hamp was called back. It was a beautiful run, though, and every man of the Varsity eleven was trying to stop him, but "nay, nay, Pauline" Hamp was too fast for them.

Some Stars.

The A. and M. stars were numerous as every man played fine ball and all starred. There were not many individual stars but the team work was the feature.

Ward played his usual game at end.

He broke up interference, and got his man never letting him by. Massingale, Varsity's fullback coached Ward last year and "Doggy" took delight in dumping him on every occasion.

Shippe, at right end was equally as good, being very fast and a good tackler. After trying these two men Varsity soon changed her style of playing.

Barnes and Hooker at tackle were towers of strength. They were found in every line buck right where the battle was the thickest. When Varsity started through tackle it generally stopped at the line. Brown and Hohn, the two guards received rough treatment but came out glorying in their victory.

Fatty Thompson, at center, was always in the game. Fatty is fast and a good tackler.

The back field, composed of Choc, Hamp, Rugel and Balenti, the one on which the result of the game rests, proved themselves equal to every occasion. Choc who we all know to be the best quarter in the South played his usual heady game—always in the right place at the right time.

Hamp, our captain, kept up his old running habit and proved himself one of the best halfbacks in the Southwest.

This is Rugel's first year at full, but he plays it like an old timer—hitting the line hard and running interference is his long suit.

Balenti was undoubtedly the fastest man on the field. It was due to his forty yard run that the ball was taken

within striking distance of the goal.

For Varsity Massingale played fine ball. He was very fast in returning punts and gave A. and M. much trouble in stopping his runs.

Kirkpatrick also played a good game at quarter. He handled his team in a very creditable manner. Moore, Ramsdell, Leonard and Barnes also deserve mention.

The Balloon Ascension.

Just after the first half ended the Varsity rooters let go a baloon from their bleachers and thereby sent Varsity up in the air. This was put to proof when the second half opened. A. and M. went down the field in a whirl-wind and in five minutes had scored a touchdown.

We must give the Varsity rooters some credit for yelling for they really made some noise, but although A. and M. was in the minority the Varsity noise was nothing in comparison with that of the corps of cadets and its loyal supports from all over the State.

Game in Detail.

A. and M. kicked to Varsity 5 yard line, Massingale returning 20 yards. Moore got 5 through tackle but Texas was penalized for off side. Kirkpatrick punts 45 yards with the wind to Choc who returned 10 yards. Hamp and Rugel failed to gain and Hamp punted 40 yards to Massingale who returned only 3 yards. Varsity failed to gain through line and punts. Hamp loses on end run. A. and M. penalized