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OUR VICTORY!

Monday our eleven met the Varsity team and defeated it fairly and squarely. The Varsity people say this. We had a team made up for the most part of men whose experience in big games was limited. This team we sent against an eleven several of whose members were already old in football service, and this team of youngsters defeated the team of older men.

It is true that Varsity's team was at a disadvantage because of crippled men, still we suffered the same disadvantage. Ward was playing by sheer nerve alone, Lambert was limping on a bad leg, and Kearns was crippled several months before the game and was not fully recovered. Placed at an equal disadvantage with the Varsity men, our players showed up better in the game than did the Longhorns. With equal justice to both teams we may say that our men out-generalled and outplayed the upholders of the honor of the Orange and White.

By a study of comparative scores, which counts for nothing, Varsity should have beaten us. The University rooters were confident, overconfident, and their team perhaps shared this feeling, and may have lost the game through this feeling of certain victory. It was a hard game. The A. & M. supporters were looking for a hard game and were prepared for and did give its team good support. So did the University people support their team, but there were not so many of them and they couldn't make the volume of noise that we made.

While the A. & M. team was inspired, in a big measure, by its loyal supporters, we must go back of the supporters and place the larger credit where it belongs. We must give this

great credit to the two men who have worked even harder than the team since its fateful trip to Arkansas. We must give this larger credit to Head Coach Moran and his very able assistant, Coach Andrews. To these men the corps of A. & M. cadets bow most respectfully.

SPORTSMANLIKE VARSITY.

While passing we must take cognizance of the sportsmanlike manner in which the University students are taking their defeat. They acknowledge the complete and fair defeat of their eleven. They solace themselves with the thought that their team put up a splendid fight. Right well do they solace themselves, for their team was game and came near changing the history of the contest several times.

We are glad the Longhorns played so splendidly, glad the Varsityites have the consolation, and glad the victory is more glorious for ourselves.

While we can not acknowledge the eligibility of Massingail to play in the State Intercollegiate League, we surely can be magnanimous since we defeated the Longhorns, despite the advantage they gained by having Massingail on their team.

On the whole, we are very well satisfied with our victory at West End Park. And since the seven-year hoodoo promises to remain broken, we expect to witness a repetition of Monday's game in 1911.

Bill Krahl, one of Varsity's ex-fullbacks, said he had not held his head up since November 8, 1909. Poor old Bill! He can never hold his head so high again. That 14 to 8 score did not look so big to him as 23 to 0, but Bill must feel mortified since his team didn't beat the "ringers," and then quit them for good. Bill's all right; he has college spirit, but his prayers are of no avail. He may take consolation from the fact that Varsity's cheering had improved wonderfully since the last football season. No doubt Bill was at the game and saw how the "ringers" ate up Varsity's All-Southwestern coach and ex-prof. proposition.

BATTALION FOOTBALL.

Second Vs. Third.

In game or good amateur football last Saturday the Second Battalion was defeated by a score of 6 to 0.

Both teams used the forward pass and fake plays to advantage.

The only touchdown was made by the Third Battalion during the third quarter. Clark tried to punt, the ball was blocked by Langdon and recovered by Lackey, who ran eighty yards through a broken field for touchdown. Goal was kicked by Culberson.

Slayton made a good run around right end during the last quarter and would probably have made a second touchdown had spectators not crossed

the line and interfered with his running.

S. W. Clark showed up better in form and headwork than any player on his team.

Clark, S. W., and Clark, R. C., were toe artists for the two teams. Both succeeded in placing punts well.

The line-up was as follows:

| 2nd Bat. | Position. | 1st Bat. |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Eppler-Ball.. | right end | Clark, R. C. |
| Watkins..... | left end | Langdon |
| Treadwell.. | right tackle | Dowell-Davis |
| Little..... | left tackle | Chaney |
| Cabiness..... | left guard | Terrell |
| Reeves..... | right guard | Clegg |
| Hudson-Watham. | quarter | Culberson |
| | | Lackey, |
| Carter..... | left half | Johnson |
| Mangum.... | right half | Heard-Slayton |
| Clark, S. W.... | fullback | Black |

FIRST BATTALION 6;

THIRD BATTALION 0.

In a game in which both sides were strong on the defensive the Third Battalion went down in defeat to the First Battalion team. The only scoring was two field goals by Scott of the First. In advancing the ball Ty Saunders of the First showed up well. The nearest that the Third got to scoring was in the first quarter, when the Third got the first down to the twenty-yard line.

In the last quarter First kicked to Third, which immediately kicked back again. Scott of the First received the ball and made a splendid run, but was tackled on the one-yard line. Time was called with the First in the act of scoring a touchdown.

The lineup:

| First | Position. | Third. |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| King..... | left end | Langdon |
| Coleman, | | |
| Bronsom.... | left tackle | Spence |
| Young..... | left guard | Terrell |
| Martin..... | center | Harrison |
| Lacy..... | right guard | Kleg |
| Brundred... | right tackle | Dowell |
| | | Davis, D. O., |
| Goodman.... | right end | Clark S. W. |
| Gee..... | quarter | Culberson |
| Scott, | | |
| Frazier.... | right halfback | Lockett |
| Devine, Rutledge, | | Davis, D. O., |
| Shaw..... | left halfback | Smith, W. M. |
| | | Heard, |
| Saunders.... | fullback | Slayton |

Final score: First Battalion, 6; Third Battalion, 0.

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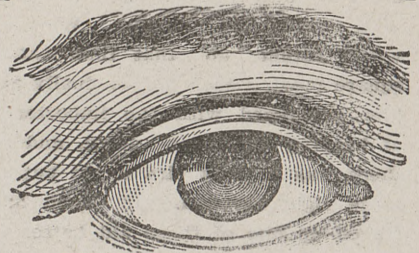
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