

OUR FOOT BALL CROWD.

The following are comments from some of the New York papers on the football team of the University of North Carolina, which met Lehigh in New York Saturday. It is pleasant to see that they all have a good opinion of the Tar Heels and attribute the defeat solely to a lack of training. All the reports show that Baskerville, full back, did the star work for North Carolina, and intimate that if Wheedbee had not been injured he would have scored for the Southerners.

The New York Press says: It was something new which a New York audience saw at Manhattan Field yesterday afternoon. A football team from south of Mason and Dixon's line, from Chapel Hill, near Raleigh, N. C., came to the metropolis yesterday. They represented the University of North Carolina, and did it commendably. They had as opponents a sturdy lot of youths from Bethlehem, Pa., the eleven of Lehigh University, which has done a great deal this fall toward putting Bethlehem on the map.

For the first time a New York crowd heard the rattling yell of the North Carolinas, and the appearance of the light blue and white of North Carolina opposite the brown and white of Lehigh suggested to the prophetically inclined future contests in which the champions of the south, the great West and the East should be pitted against one another for the United States.

The Southerners presented a most promising appearance as they lined up against the Lehigh lads. They are well put together, active, quick upon their feet and muscular, and considering their lack of experience with the Northern game, gave Lehigh a very good tussle of it. North Carolina did not expect to win, so they did practically as much as they anticipated doing by holding Lehigh down to 30 odd points. Had not Half Back Wheedbee, of the University of North Carolina, been injured early in the game, it is very likely that his team would have scored. By most brilliant dashes around end and through the center he carried the center to Lehigh's seven yard line during the first fifteen minutes. Then the brave fellow had his knee injured, and had to retire from the field. Again later in the game Left Half Back Tull, of the University of North Carolina, was injured and had to retire. Graham took his place. Tull had been doing fine work and his withdrawal weakened the Southern eleven perceptibly.

The New York World says: Mind prevailed over matter yesterday in the battle of the "North against the South," on Manhattan Field. The Lehigh University football team claimed to represent the North against the big, heavy team of the

University of North Carolina. The Lehigh men appeared small in comparison with the Southerners, but the brilliant execution of highly developed scientific tactics downed their opponents thirty-four points to nothing in two forty five minute halves; but although the score was one-sided the work of the teams was not.

If these Southern men had had any scientific knowledge of the game they would have easily beaten Lehigh. All their gains were made by sheer force and brute strength, yard by yard they slowly crushed their opponents down the field within short distances of the goal line, only to lose the ball on a fumble or on downs. They tried only three times during the entire game to run around ends and gained only eight yards on one of the runs. They had no interference; their flying wedges were childishly executed, but they continuously hammered at the centre and generally made sure gains.

On the other hand Lehigh tried both the centre and the ends, but all of the long runs were made around the ends, especially around the Southerner's left end. She had lots of tricks, and but for wretched fumbling on double passes would have gained more ground.

The New York Sun says: The University of North Carolina, the first of the Southern colleges to invade the football field of the North, were defeated at the Manhattan Field yesterday afternoon, the sturdy Lehigh University team. The Carolina's played a plucky uphill game, but were at no time a match for the superior players from Pennsylvania. They know the rudiments of the game very well and play in rare good form, but they are not learned in the further intricacies of the game. They appeared on the field very fresh after their long journey from the South, and they made a good impression on the spectators. It was a matter for regret that the number of spectators should have been so small as the Southerners deserved a warm welcome.

The New York Herald says: Sharp work marked the game between the elevens of the University of North Carolina and Lehigh. It was a rough contest from start to finish and several of the players were so badly disabled that they were forced to leave the field. The playing of the Southerners was a disappointment. They fumbled the ball badly and played very loosely. Occasionally they made good gains through Lehigh's centre, but were unable to get around the ends of the Bethlehem College team.

The New York Tribune says: Lehigh University and the University of North Carolina, the North against the South, played football on the Manhattan field yesterday. Lehigh won easily by a score of 34 to 0, but

the boys from the Southland put up a plucky game. Their style of play was against them. They went for the center all the time and seemed not to understand the utility of end plays. Consequently their defensive work was weak in this respect as well as their offensive play. The long trip to this city probably also told against the North Carolina boys.—*Charlotte Observer.*

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