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FOOT BALL

A General and Individual Criticism by the Coach. Written Last Week.

The football eleven is developing wonderfully. Their practice games every afternoon are full of brilliant and snappy playing. The Varsity and Scrubs line up against each other and play sometimes as much as an hour without intermission or rest. The playing is dashy and hard and all of the men are doing good work. What the real strength of the team is, though, is an unknown quantity. On account of our inability to get games with the State colleges, we fail to get that practice, and we enter directly into the championship games without knowing how strong we really are. The scrubs alone have bucked up against the Varsity and the playing of both is exceptionally good.

Below is found the individual and general criticism of all the players. Let each man read it and try to correct his faults and then let the whole team correct the errors brought out in the general criticism. Coach Reynolds says of them:

Councill at centre is not careful in watching his opponent. He permits him to break into too many plays. His passing to the full back is irregular. He tackles fiercely and accurately and is strong on defence.

Rankin at guard fails to keep close enough to the runner. A man of his experience and strength should be of more service in advancing the ball. He opens up well. His charging is irregular and he often fails to get the charge on his opponent.

Brem at guard has same faults as Rankin, but lets his opponent through oftener than Rankin. Neither guard protects the quarter enough.

Bennett at tackle too frequently shoves runner to the ground instead of carrying him on.

Foust at tackle fails to charge fast enough and doesn't use his hands enough. His aggressive game is superior to his defensive.

Osborne at end overruns his man on kicks and tackles high.

McIver at end fails to use his hands. He picks runner out of mass, but fails to cover interference.

Gudger, end, plays fast ball, but his light weight keeps him from standing off heavy backs.

Graham, end, lacks experience. He fails to box his tackle. He is fast in following up plays.

Roberts at guard is not quick enough in getting into interference. He uses his hands and seems to be quick in sizing up his opponent's play in defensive work.

Glenn, F. at tackle does not use his hands enough and doesn't charge quick enough. All of the tackles fail to protect enough

ground. They do not get around fast enough.

Phifer, guard, is on sick list and has not played lately, but has been playing very fast and fierce ball. He breaks through well and follows the play.

Means, guard, fails to charge low and hard enough.

Orr, centre, playing on scrubs has been one of the marked features of the game. He follows plays very hard and fast. He charges quickly and hard and doesn't seem afraid to get in plays.

McRae, back, has not been able to do much on account of lateness in starting training and injured shoulder. He needs more persistent exercise and training to give him strength.

Glenn, J., back, doesn't run hard enough; too often runs high; fails to side-step opponents on the ground; and is blind to picking openings. He is a very willing worker; his interference is fine. He has done some brilliant playing, but being new to the position he has the above faults to overcome.

Oldham, back, has habit of leaving his interference and too frequently fails to support the runner from his proper place in the interference. He has partially overcome fault of running high.

Smathers, back, is one of the best tacklers on the field. He sometimes fails to hit his man in interference. In the last few games he has followed the interference closely, runs hard, but sometimes fails to break quick enough.

Carr, back, starts slow. He leaves his feet too often on clear opening through line. He fails to reach his opponent in interference quick enough. He is a good line plunger, but lacks speed.

Graves, E., back, is irregular in kicking, but punts better in height and placing this year than formerly. He loses his feet frequently in going through line on clear break. He often pushes runner to the ground. He is a certain ground gainer.

Donnelly, back, is a fierce tackler. He is the mainstay to scrub's defensive work. He has remarkable endurance, but is too slow a starter to be a good ground gainer. He should fight harder after being tackled.

Webb, back, is a hard and fierce tackler. He follows ball closely but lacks experience in playing back.

Watson, back, has been unfortunate in minor injuries; hence his practice has been very irregular. He shows lots of dash, but is unable to receive proper coaching on account of great number of games missed.

Alford, tackle, must go lower and should meet plays directly instead of waiting for a tackle.

Makely, quarter, has steadied down very much in his passing. At times he is very good in interfering. He must run the team

faster and watch more carefully the opponent's line-up and positions in order to take advantage of any weaknesses.

Graves L., quarter, passes ball accurately and fast. He isn't heavy enough to do much interference. He is a very sure tackler, but should use more head-work in running a team.

Martin, quarter and end, has been sick most of the season. He has not played enough to form any opinion. He tackles as sharply and deadly as ever.

Berkely, quarter, has been laid up with shoulder. He runs hard with ball, is a hard tackler, but not sure.

Ebbs, guard, is a good tackler, follows ball well, but lack of football experience handicaps him greatly. He should be commended for his faithful work.

Stewart, guard, is another faithful scrub. He is a good tackler, but fails to charge hard and fast enough in the line. He isn't active enough in getting around.

Lane, end, has been playing a good scrub end. He tackles well, uses hands on interference, but his lightness has handicapped him.

GENERAL CRITICISM.

The team as a whole fails to continue to support the runner until it is impossible for him to be moved. They lack the "never say die" spirit in their interference. As soon as a play gets beyond a man, he is prone to loaf rather than make an unusual effort to reach the side of the runner and assist him until down is called. The entire team has the faculty of tackling high at times. In line-smashing plays, the team fails to support the runner on his feet and is given more to pushing him forward on the ground. They have habit of loafing in interference around the ends.

The line in offensive too frequently permits opponents to get charge on them and thus enable scrub line-men to force them back, break through or dive under Varsity play in Varsity territory. In the excitement of the game they permit their opponents to draw them out of their positions, thus opening up the line and giving greater opportunity for breaking through and tackling. In interference they fail to protect the runner from side and rear. On line-smashing plays they have acquired habit of over-running the play and not lending assistance at proper points.

Holes are not opened clear enough and quick enough and even after runner has passed, they permit him to get between them and the runner, thus putting them out of the play.

They fail to charge defensive. The Varsity line is overestimating itself because of its superior weight over the scrubs and for this reason, they are not charging hard or low enough, but depend on their weight

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SOPHS VS. HORNER.

Our Boys Victorious. Good Game at Oxford.

The first class team of the University ever to leave the Hill to play a game of foot ball, was the eleven of the Sophomore Class which went over to Oxford last Saturday and defeated the Horner School team by the score of twelve to nothing. The two teams were well matched, but the Sophs had the best of it. Their line was particularly strong and the backs did good work.

For Horner, the ends played star ball and Outlaw, Hill and Emerson played a strong game. The following is a summary of the game:

First Half.

The Sophs kick to Armstrong on Horner's 20 yard line and he advances 9 yards. Bunn follows with 2 and Armstrong gains only one when tackled by Carr. Outlaw tackled by Holt for no gain. Hill advances 2 and Pritchard advances 2 more, but ball goes to Sophs on downs. Nichols gains 4 yards and Holt goes over guard for 16 yds. Gant loses 1 yard, and Carr circles end for 17 yds. and makes a touchdown, but is called back on Holt's foul and ball is given to Horner. Armstrong advances 2 and Pritchard on delayed pass skirts right end for 38 yards. Pritchard loses 1/2 yd. and Armstrong gains 2 yds. over the line. Outlaw tries for no gain. Carolina's ball on downs. Gant goes around end for 8 yards and Ramsay follows with 7 more. Carr circles for 7 yds. and is tackled on line by Armstrong. Holt hits line for 4 yards and Nichols gains 3 1/2. Carr prettily tackled by Outlaw for loss of 6 yds. Holt hits line for 1 yd. gain and Gant fails to advance. Ball goes over to Horner on downs. Armstrong tries to circle end but loses 1 yd. Hill circles for 12 yds. gain. Outlaw bucks line for 6 yds. Armstrong follows with 2 yards and Outlaw advances 2 1/2 more. Conno bucks for 2 3/4 and Hill gains 2. On double pass to quarter Emerson fails to gain. Pritchard advances 4 yards and Outlaw is thrown back with a loss of 1 1/2 yds. Ball goes to Sophs when time is called. Ball on Sophomore's 24 yd. line in their possession.

First half—twenty minutes.

Score—Sophs 0. Horner 0.

Second Half.

Horner kicks to Soph's 14 yd. and Holt gains 15 yds. Holt goes through the line for 3 yds. Ramsay gains 10 yds. and is nicely tackled by Armstrong. Nichols advances 16 and Holt goes over line for 11 more. Ramsay tries but fails to gain. Holt hits line for 5 yds. Nichols makes a pretty gain around right end of 10 yds. Holt bucks for 4 1/2 and is tackled by Emerson. Ramsay gains 4 yds. and Nichols 17 more around the end. Holt goes the remaining 3 yds. for a touch-

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