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First Game--Conditions of Team. Coach's Criticisms.

When this paper again goes to press, the first game of the season will have been played. This game means much to our team, as its strong and weak points may be discovered. Besides this, the first game always has a moral effect on the team. Those of a superstitious turn are encouraged or discouraged by the outcome of the first contest as it is to them an omen of the season's work.

Let every student remember this and by their presence on the field encourage the players to their noblest efforts.

The prospects of the team are not as promising as might be wished. The trouble on our athletic field, now and always, is the deficiency in big men for the Scrub team. It is too late in the day to raise the tune about getting men out, supporting the team and the like, and it is late in the day that it should be needed, but such is the case. Those that go out and see the little men that compose the Scrubs, the lack of spirit and enthusiasm displayed by the students must realize the facts stated above.

The Scrubs are unable to train up the regular team, and a team will not exert more strength than the occasion demands. If the Scrubs are now unable to develop the strength of the Varsity, when we meet Virginia and Georgia, that commodity will be strangely lacking. There are men in college with the grit and gristle sufficient to make football players, if there was anyone authorized to go and insist upon their coming out. It seems as if that is what everyone waits for. College spirit is not adequate, individual interest prompts no one, so that if a man is urged to come out it must necessarily be by the Coach. It is time we awaken to our condition.

A week or ten days ago prospects were fairly bright, but since then, so little improvement is perceptible, one has room to despair here on the eve of battle.

Lots of men who have been out, come only for a day, then stop for a week. If you don't get the place you are after, don't give up, but remember that there are about 45 men to one Coach, and he can't get to your case immediately. But all may rest assured of the fact that if a man perseveres and is the best man for the place; he will get that place. There will be no favoritism shown in selection of men for the two teams.

The Coach, although not thoroughly familiar with the progress of the leading candidates, owing to time necessarily spent in organizing the second team, nevertheless ventures to make a few brief criticisms.

"There is a great dearth of ends in the University, at least, good

ends have not presented themselves. The most promising candidates for these positions are Coxe, Fisher, Williams and Carr W. The strong point in Coxe's favor is his ability to get down field on kick. He shifts responsibility by playing about twice as far on defense as he ought, and fails to box good tackle. Fisher is also fair in getting down field and makes good attempts at boxing. He is, however, very light and has had little experience. Williams does not get down the field in following up fumbles, and is apt to wait too long before attempting to tackle runner. Carr tackles fairly well, aids his tackle in boxing opposing tackle better than any other candidates, and on defense takes advantages of his own tackles, smashing a place to make sure of his runner. If ten pounds heavier, he would surely make the team.

The most promising candidates for tackles are Foust, Hester, Gulick and Leggett.

The University already knows Foust.

Hester has shown himself to be a quick man, but has much to learn. He is apt to pay more attention to his own opponent in line, than to general team play. When he has a little more coaching, he will doubtless get over some of his airs. He is quick enough for an end.

Gulick is a very determined man and promises to make an interesting race for several positions on the team. He is improving daily.

Leggett is a little light, but is the sort of man who with season's work, will be a strong candidate at the beginning of next year, when his weight increases.

"The candidates for guards are Brem, Glenn, King, Stewart and Miller.

Brem, who has been laid up with injuries, will probably be in the end of next week.

Glenn holds his guard well, but does not cover space enough, and shifts more responsibility upon the tackle than he should. He has been slow to tackle behind the line and makes scarcely any attempt to go down field under a kick. He is a faithful worker, however, and may prove a valuable man before the end of the season.

King is learning fast and is an earnest player. He is weak in blocking his man, however, and prefers to wait until the runner reaches the line, to breaking and tackling behind. He is also negligent about following the ball when kicked. He has good prospects of making the eleven.

Stewart has been doing good work with the second team. During the past few days he has shown his ability in meeting good clean tackles behind the line. He does not get in all the plays, however.

Miller is one of the latest to put on the suit. He has good football instincts and will prove a help to the University.

Candidates for the center. Orr,

the principal candidate for center, has more ability than he has yet shown, and feels so sure of his place that his work has been poor. From his position he should get the runner as often as the tackles.

Back on the line. The candidates for quarter are Makely, Graves and Ramsay. Makely, last year's regular, has lately been tried as half-back, where he has been learning fast. He is slow in starting, however, and is not sure on punts, and does not hit the line hard enough. It may later seem advisable to put him back at his old place. Graves has been playing quarter most of the time, but is slow at giving signals and does not men in line quick enough. His punting and handling of punts, however, goes a great way to counter balance his light frame.

Ramsay is learning the position for the first time and though his work has been crude in passing the ball and getting into interference, he has been great help in organizing the second team. His tackling has been equal to that of any man on the field.

"The candidates for half backs are Berkely, Nichols, Carr M., Robinson, Graham, and Townsend.

Berkely is the fastest man and kicks well. His defensive work is not equal to his offensive. He follows interference better than other men.

Nichols would be an excellent player if he kept his mind more concentrated on his playing. He is very slow to start, but somehow hits the line with considerable impetus. He does not follow his interference closely. His defensive work has been good.

Carr M. follows interference well but is not a very hard runner. His defensive work has been poor, but his general playing has been somewhat impaired by recent illness. We may expect better of him.

Roberson is an energetic player and likes the game. He has not yet had an opportunity with the first team, but is worthy of attention.

Graham is an erratic player. He hits the line hard at times, but is apt to think he is playing alone. He tackles well.

Full back. The temporary captain, Councill, has shown up well as full back both in bucking and punting, as well as in making interference for runner. He is slow, however in getting his punts away and in starting with the ball. He is a good all around player and can fill almost any position on the team.

Prof. Noble was in Selma Friday. Mr. E. L. Harris, register, was in Durham Monday.

Mr. O. S. Thompson was on the Hill a few days last week.

Mr. Thos. Hill, '05, who had the misfortune to sprain his ankle, is at home for a few days.

Messrs Whit Webb, '03 and W. A. Hart, '05, spent Sunday in Hillsboro.

The Sermon of Rev. T. J. Ogburn.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn of Summerfield, preached the University sermon for October. Mr. Ogburn's sermon was thoughtful and delivered in a way that held the attention of his audience. His text was: "And Jacob went on his way and the angel of God met him." The thought running through the sermon was that the greatest things come to a man unsought. That it is by working for God that man attains success in the world.

Mr. Ogburn said in part that there are some blessings obtained by direct efforts. Wisdom is found by seeking. Blessings come by prayer, by action and by asking for them. Note that other blessings not directly sought come to one. We cannot live by rule. Let a man eat by rule and he will starve. Man must live naturally. The pursuit of happiness is universal; the finding of it is not universal.

Unhappiness comes from a false view of life. We seek the very things that we should not desire. We put our heart on things material. We should put our minds on godly things. Go about your duty diligently, and God will take care of you! The right purpose of life is sublimer than material things. All wealth, every dollar and every acre of land which comes through direct seeking is a curse. We should fear the responsibility of wealth. Blessed wealth comes when it is not sought directly. Abraham said to Lot, "you take the east and I will take the west, or I will take the east and you may take the west." Lot looked on the plain and chose Sodom. Sodom was destroyed, misfortunes overtook Lot and disgrace is yet attached to his memory. Abraham prospered. He obtained the very thing that he generously gave away. There is a divine hand that controls affairs.

Solomon prayed for wisdom. He received both wisdom and wealth. Poverty is not a virtue, and wealth is not a curse. But to set out for riches just for the sake of being rich is the most sordid and blackest deed. Social and ecclesiastical positions should not be sought as an end. People sacrifice everything for position in society. We should not seek for the chief place in the synagogue. Do not seek your own promotion. "He that exalteth himself shall be abased."

Some envy those who are in high positions. This is the best evidence of unworthiness. The man who is jealous of his wife's love is unworthy of it. Never vote for a man who wants a place. Fill your place until you outgrow it and then you will get another. There is a God that rules. Trust him and you will succeed.

The best thing for a man is to espouse some unpopular cause which is right and some right cause

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