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THE Varsity football season has closed. To the casual observer of the scores for the fall—with the one of Saturday especially in mind—the season has not been a successful one. But there are two sides to the question. The showing indicated by the scores is not a glorious one—but the scores do not tell everything. They do not tell of the disadvantages under which the team has played, how it was hampered by the debarring of experienced men at the start and has been further weakened by the loss of strong players during the season, and how it has had its own struggle to make, under the most discouraging of circumstances, which were unknown even to the student body. Considering these things the team has done well to make the showing it has.

This showing is, after all, not so bad. While the Varsity has won only one game on the list it has been defeated only by the best teams in the country, and more than once hard luck has snatched victory from its grasp. Nor has the showing of the team this fall been bad in comparison with that of the strong team of last year. Even the score that the Navy made this year exceeds her score of last year by only two points.

Moreover, whatever the result of the season, the Varsity is this year distinctly our team. It represents the college, for there is not a player on it who is not in reality a student of the University. This is, alone, sufficient reason for us to be proud of our team, for such has not always the case.

The point in which the season has been most successful, though, is in its development of material. Although the present season has not been a victorious one, the men it is bequeathing to 1907 must mean victory for the next, and, as nearly all of these men are young in college, its work may reach further yet.

On the whole, then, the season has been a success, and the team is worthy of the loyalty of the student body. In recognition of this fact the TAR HEEL congratulates the Varsity, as a body, on the plucky fight it has made this fall against heavy odds, and each player individually on the part that he has played in that fight. It is as great

a thing to lose after a gritty battle as to win, although it is hardly so pleasant.

THE Virginia Tech, published by the students of V. P. I., in its issue of November the 9th, quotes and comments fully on a news item published in the Richmond Evening Journal of November the 3rd, and dated from Chapel Hill. The opening sentence of the clipping is as follows: "The Tar Heels and their coach are strongly under the impression that V. P. I. knew all of their signals"—in reference to the game played in Richmond two weeks before.

THE TAR HEEL regrets that the above statement should have been sent out from Chapel Hill, as it does not express the sentiment of either the student body or the team. That it does not, THE TAR HEEL has taken particular trouble to ascertain. It is not the belief here that V. P. I. plays dirty ball. Our relations with her in the past have always indicated the contrary.

Furthermore it is not the policy at the University of North Carolina to blame failure to win upon the dishonesty of opponents or officials. If Carolina wins, well enough; if she is unable to win she regrets the fact; if she loses she takes her medicine. Even if Carolina had believed that V. P. I. knew the signals she would not have made the statement to the public. The team or college that resorts to such a method of self-defense has a streak of yellow in its make-up—and that streak is not a Tar Heel quality.

AS PROOF of the good will toward V. P. I. at Chapel Hill THE TAR HEEL suggests that a game be arranged with her for Thanksgiving, 1907. V. P. I. has proved herself an antagonist worthy of Carolina, and has always showed the true athletic spirit in her relations with us. We believe that the prospect of a Thanksgiving game between the Tar Heels and the Techs at either Richmond or Norfolk would be received with approval by the students of both institutions. Besides this, the game would pay.

THE SCRUBS are doing their best to get a game here Saturday. In case they do so the students should turn out to witness it in a body. To the Scrubs is due as much credit for the excellence of the Varsity as is due to the Varsity itself. However the Scrubs get no reward for their season's toil; even the games that are undertaken by them are undertaken at their own risk. On last week's game they lost money. It is as little as the college can do to show its appreciation of the scrub team's loyalty by going out and supporting it, both financially and by "rooting" for it as its own.

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