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ALMA 6—MT. PLEASANT NORMALS 15

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ALMA -- MT. PLEASANT.

Game Lost For College on Referee's Decision.

GAME NOT VERY FAST.

Alma's Team Outweighed but Are Much Faster Than Normalites and Put Up A Far Better Game.

Alma played with Mt. Pleasant her fourth game of the season, Saturday, October 23. There was a change in Alma's line-up, Kefgen playing fullback, Misenar, right guard, Campbell, left end, Cook, left half and Ewing, quarter. This enabled Alma to play the fastest and best game of the season even though the score seems to prove the opposite. In line bucking Alma's line was invincible, but the Normals failed to hold the charges of our team. Within three minutes after the kickoff Alma had run the ball over Mt. Pleasant's goal for a touchdown, Kefgen making the final plunge. After the referee had blown the whistle for a down the Normals threw Kefgen back on the gridiron knocking the ball from his hands and then trotted back across the field for a touchdown. The referee would say nothing at all against this and the umpire allowed it to stand. Alma's team was penalized repeatedly in an utterly ridiculous manner.

Mt. Pleasant's team played a good style of foot-ball although they are not especially speedy. Those on the side lines could see "Hal's old style of clean foot-bal reflected in the men he coaches.

We give some of the more important plays.

Alma kicks off to Mt. Pleasant who runs the ball back ten yards and then looses it on a fumble. Ewing goes around end for ten yards, Kefgen goes through tackle for six yards and then adds three more on an end run. By a forward pass, Cook to Von Thurn, Alma piled up fifteen more. Hooper makes two on an end run, Cook two on a line plunge and Hooper adds another around left end. Kefgen plunges over for a touchdown. Mt. Pleasant throws him back after a down, knocking the ball from his grasp and jogs back to Alma's goal for a touchdown. The umpire says it is alright. Ten

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TEN YEARS AGO.



Top Row—Fauver, coach; Shiner, sub.; McDonald, l. g.; Wilson, c.; Sidebotham, q.; Mitchell, mgr. Middle Row—Long, r. g.; Robinson, r. h.; Brock, (capt.) l. e.; Fuller, f. b.; Foote, l. h. Bottom Row—Eastman, l. e.; Brown, r. t.; McBride, sub.; McKee, l. t.

We are presenting herewith a cut of the foot ball team that represented Alma ten years ago. It does not seem possible to those who were here at the time this team played such grand games for Alma that ten long years have slipped by so soon. It was Edwin Fauver, coach of this team, who placed Alma's athletics on a well organized basis. By his excellent ability in developing material, he laid the foundation for a championship team the following years, and by his manly qualities he left a spirit that has pervaded the institution ever since his day. Since leaving Alma he has coached at Oberlin College and later, with his twin brother completed a course in medicine at Columbia University.

Prof. J. E. Mitchell, was manager of the team and has continued to be manager of every foot ball team but one, since that time. The Alma boys can always play a better game on a foreign field when the professor is on the side lines.

It is interesting to note that all the men who played on this team have branched out into various business and professional careers and all have been successful.

Wm. Elton Brock, captain and right end, has been successful in

real estate and mining ventures and now lives in Paral, Mexico.

Ralph Eastman, left end, is proprietor of a large dairy farm near Howell.

Audley Wilson; center, who at 16 years of age weighed in at 190 pounds, is in business in the west.

Chas. E. Long, who played right guard, is now a very successful physician in Elk Rapids.

Hugh McDonald, the big man, who played left guard, visited Alma but a few days ago, on his way to the U. of M. where is taking a course in mechanical engineering. Mac was troubled with malaria during his last year in college, and it took several years of trapping in the woods of Minnesota to effect a permanent cure. He looks as well as ever, now.

Reuben Brown, right tackle, is head chemist for the Stephenson Iron Company at Stephenson, Minn.

Watson "Jack" Robinson, right half back, completed a law course at Harvard in 1905 and now is engaged in the legal business in New York City. Jack captained the champions of 1900.

Wesley Sidebotham, who ran the team from the quarter position is now pastor of the Presbyterian

church at Brooklyn. During "Side's" last year at Princeton he made sub-quarter on the Varsity and at that was able to appear for practice but three nights a week.

"Jake" Foote, left half, has made good in the world of pedagogics and is now professor of English in the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa.

McBride, a sub on the team, afterward became one of the best full backs in Michigan. He is now pastor of the Second Presbyterian church in Duluth, Minn.

John Shiner, also a sub, shone as tackle and guard on the teams of 1901 and 1902. He is now managing salesman, in the Province of Ontario, for the Genesee Pure Food Co., of Rochester, N. Y.

The sad part of the story comes in the recollections of the other two men in the picture, Pearl Fuller, one of the best men the game ever knew, was cut down by a short attack of pneumonia, while employed as foreman in the mining laboratories at Virginia, Minn., in 1908. He had finished his course with honor at the college and was rapidly advancing in his chosen profession.

Robert McKee, the gamy little

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A successful athlete is given a letter, sweater or medal; a good student has the opportunity of earning a scholarship amounting to thirty dollars; a winning orator may secure a medal; but one of the most peculiar customs is that of allowing the best man in the senior class to speak longer than his classmates at the commencement exercises. And what is more this occurs every year. This fellow who does the extra talking is called a good-bye sayer or valedictorian, and some people think the student who fills this office must be somewhat learned. And he is. This job is awarded only to faithful students.

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A SOCIAL ADVENTURE.

How the custom got started nobody knows; but it is an established fact that the girls have been looked upon as the chief promoters of college social life, especially on Friday nights. The boys were allowed to do the rushing and a few more things of minor importance; but the girls were supposed to do the rest.

Last Friday the established order was broken, the bachelors entertaining. Now what happened was this: At dinner a mass meeting, to be held in the reception room, was announced. When the students rushed into the room, in spite of the fact that the boys had made all the preparations, everything was found in the pink of neatness—the lights being covered with pink paper. The first half hour was taken up by songs, yells and rousing speeches as "pip" for Saturday's game.

Event No. 2 was an advertisement contest. Illustrated ads, without names were posted in conspicuous places and the couple guessing the largest number received a box of chocolates. Unlimited quantities of pop-corn and apples were placed in convenient places that all might help themselves, which they did with alacrity.

Then came a peanut hunt, a parody on Teddy's South African trip but vastly more interesting. Two girls chose sides and those finding the smaller number, must entertain at our next carnival. The final score was 156 to 159.

It would hardly be fair should we fail to mention the phonograph which did its best to make itself heard above sounds more pleasing.

The last act was a grand march which lasted about two miles and was executed in part, under the northern lights. The end did not come until we had run forty-five minutes past the customary stopping place. This should not happen but the Dean was so charmed by some of the more garrulous bachelors that even she forgot the wings of time.

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minutes for officials. Alma kicks to Normals. Out of bounds because of high wind blowing across field. On second kick-off they advance ten yards. Mt. Pleasant gains six around left end, six more around right end and then one through tackle. They punt to Cook who run the ball back ten yards. Misener gains ten through tackle. Cook adds twenty on a fake punt and Von Thurn three on a tackle play. Cook fumbles forward pass and fails to gain. Alma punts to Mt. Pleasant who advances ball eight yards and lose it on a fumble.

Alma tries forward pass, fumbles and is penalized five yards. They punt to Normals, the ball is advanced eight yards, this followed by a gain of six on a forward pass and then they are held for downs. Cook goes through the line for three and then by a forward pass, Cook to Kefgen, Alma adds twenty more. Kefgen goes around right end for eight. Cook goes through tackle for six yards and then repeats the play for eight more. Kefgen goes around left end for a gain of eight yards and Hooper two more on an end dash. Von Thurn makes a place kick.

Mt. Pleasant's kick off send ball over Alma's goal. Alma begins scrimmage on twenty-five yard line. By a forward pass Cook to Call, twelve yards are gained. Hooper makes eight on end run and Kefgen adds three through tackle.

Mt. Pleasant gets ball on decision. They fail to gain, try to punt but "Olie" blocks punt falling on the ball. Von Thurn gains six on line plunge, Cook adds two more and Kefgen four more through tackle. Alma loses ball on forward pass, Mt. Pleasant fails to gain and punts out of bounds. Von Thurn gains two yards through tackle and Cook adds six on an end run. Alma loses ball on fumble. Mt. Pleasant gains ten yards on fake punt, and then punts to Cook who returns the ball three yards. Alma makes on-side kick of fifteen yards and Normals return ball six, then make on-side kick. Out of bounds. Von Thurn gains seven yards around right end, which runs ball down to Normal's twelve yard line. Ball lost on decision. Mt. Pleasant punts to Cook who runs it back nine yards. Kefgen gains four through tackle. Ball lost on decision. Time out for officials.

Mt. Pleasant makes five on end run, seven on a triple pass, one through left tackle and loses ball on fumble. Von Thurn gains eight yards through line, Cook four more around right end and Hooper runs thirty-five yards for touch-down. Alma misses punt out.

Mt. Pleasant kicks to Alma. Out Continued on page four.

SWIPE NOTES.

We beg to say that we have been so busy making jingles this week that our wit has become slightly congealed.

McComb throws muffins to Boyd who fumbles.

Phil. (from side table) "Cut that! A little of that goes too far."

Time—Saturday p. m.

Place—Bennett Park.

Occasion—Tigers vs. Pirates.

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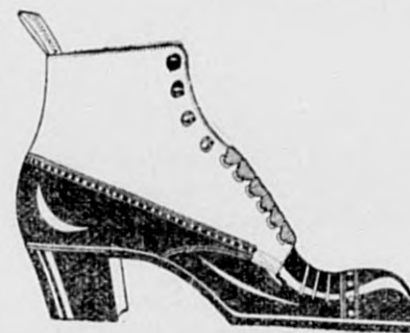
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of bounds. On second kick off Cook returns ball eight yards Kefgen adds four on a fake punt. Alma punts out of bounds.

Mt. Pleasant gains four yards on an end run, adds four on a triple pass, then try forward pass which Chapel intercepts. Cook plunges ahead nine yards around right end. Hooper gains two through tackle. Time called.

SECOND HALF.

Mt. Pleasant kicks to Von Thurn who runs ball back three yards and adds three more through tackle. Alma makes on-side kick. Out of bounds. Kefgen throws Normals for loss of two yards on first down. Then they gain five yards on fake punt. Kefgen intercepts forward pass and runs ball back three yards. Alma made on-side kick. Out of bounds. Alma advances ball three yards on forward pass, Cook to Campbell. Cook punts to Mt. Pleasant and they are downed in their tracks. They punt out of bounds from twenty-five yard line. Alma punts out of bounds. Normals gains two yards around right end and then punt out of bounds. Cook punts to Normals. They gain two yards through tackle and fail to gain on second down. Mt. Pleasant punts to Cook and the ball is returned five yards. Hooper goes through line for two yards and adds three more on an end run. Cook punts to Normals and the ball is run back five yards. Chapel intercepts forward pass and gains ten yards. Alma makes on-side kick and throws Mt. Pleasant in their tracks. They punt to Cook who advances ball five yards, gains three around right end and repeats for six more. Kefgen makes three yards through tackle. Hooper gains eight around right end. Alma loses ball on forward pass. Mt. Pleasant punts to Ewing who runs the ball back twenty yards. Time out for officials. Alma loses ball on decision. Mt. Pleasant gain six yards on a triple pass and then go over for touchdown. Punt out and kick goal.

King goes in at left end for Alma.

Alma kicks to Normals and regain the ball. Mt. Pleasant off side. Penalty, five yards. Alma penalized fifteen yards for tumbling forward pass. Alma tries for forward pass, Cook to Call. Call touches ball but is penalized fifteen yards. Von Thurn makes five yards through tackle. Alma tries forward pass, Cook to Von Thurn, who touches ball but is penalized fifteen yards. Kefgen makes a dash around left end for five yards. Alma loses ball on decision. Normals drop kick from twenty-five yard line. Time called.

LINEUP.

ALMA		MT. PLEASANT
Call	r e	Kennedy
Misenar	r t	Moody
Anderson	r g	Lawrence
Chapel	c	Hale
Edgerton	l g	Ochs
Von Thurn	(Capt) l t	Crawford
Campbell	} l e	Gilpin
King		
Ewing	q	Richardson
Hooper	r h	McCarty
Cook	l h	Hoolihan
Kefgen	f	Bradish

Score Mt. Pleasaat 15, Alma 8.
Referee Dowdidge of M. A. C.
Umpire, Stickles, Mt. Pleasant.
Linemen, Mitchell. Halves, thirty and twenty-five.

See G. V. Wright's ad in this issue.

TEN YEARS AGO.

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tackle, on the '99 team, played with Brock, Eastman, Fuller, Brown, Long, Robinson and Sidebotham, on the champions of 1900. In the fall of 1901 he received an injury from which he could not recover and died in what was the beginning of his senior year in college. In the death of these two men Alma and the world suffered one of those irreparable losses which never can be regained.

The record of the team for the year was:

Alma	12	Mt. Pleasant	0
"	11	M. A. C.	11
"	5	Kazoo	5
"	5	U. of M. Freshmen	5
"	0	U. of M. Reserves	15
"	34	Saginaw City	0

With this record and such men as these to represent Alma on the field it is no wonder the Almanian of March 1900, said: "It would seem to indicate that Alma is fast pushing to a place in the foot ball world where recognition from larger colleges is likely to follow."

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