

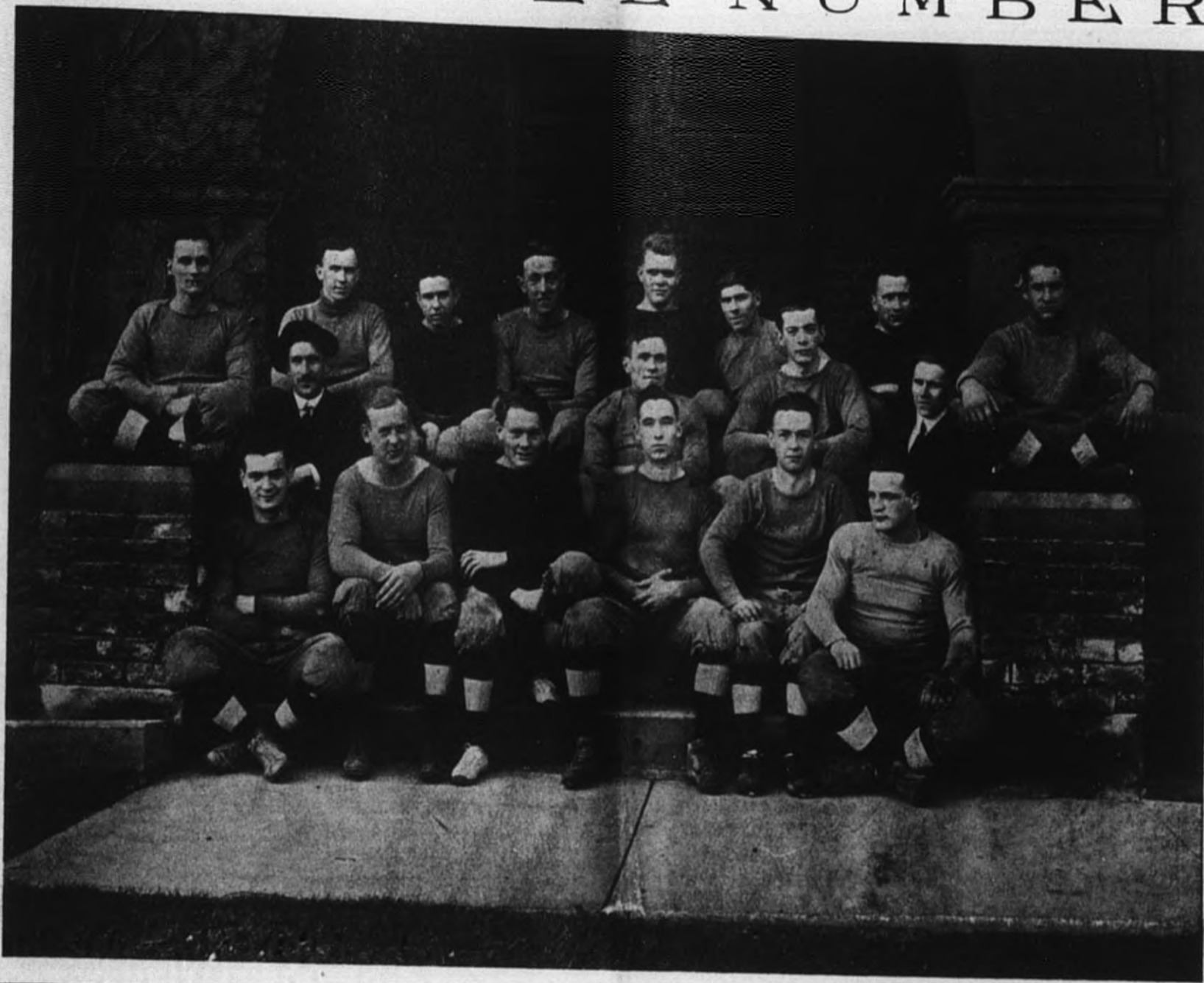
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FOOTBALL NUMBER



Review of Football Season and Football Banquet Held at Wright Hall, Tuesday Eve., Dec. 16, 1913

If one were compelled employ a Vernier to measure the success or failure of the 1913 football season the results would undoubtedly be disappointing to those acquainted with the situation at Alma during the gridiron season just past. For the first time in years the defeats outweighed the victories and their opponents out pointed Alma by several points. But if credit were to be given for the inherent spirit of determination and fight, as well as the cleanest playing, the season was unqualifiedly a success.

At least three teams were met which ultimately finished their seasons without a defeat stamped against them; and two of them, M. A. C. and Notre Dame are claimants for the title of Western Champions, and with good reason too. The third team, U. of M. Freshmen, was scarcely scored on during the whole campaign. For the victory which Olivet gained over Alma as the climax of the whole race Alma has offered and will offer no alibi. With a team admittedly not so strong as the Presbyterian eleven, the crimson simply played a hundred per cent. above form and won the day by sheer pluck. The M. I. A. A. football title goes to Olivet, of course.

As to the victories, it might be said that Albion and Adrian were but dainty morsels, the former succumbing by over thirty points and the latter over sixty. amassing over thirty points against the Normal school at Ypsilanti. Capt. Wood and his men showed some mighty canny football. Mathematically, the figures are against the maroon, but

every student is fully as proud of the 1913 team as he was of the team of 1912 which enjoyed so much success.

SEASON'S RESULTS

M. A. C. 57
Albion 0
Notre Dame 62
Adrian 0
U. of M. Freshmen 47
Ypsilanti 0
Olivet 13

Captain Alger Wood '15, fullback, All M. I. A. A. He was a human bullet when used against the skirmish line. Also, Wood was the official punter and the most consistent player on the team. He was an admirable leader. His blocking was unexcelled.

"Dusty" Austin '15, captain-elect, All M. I. A. A. left tackle. "Dusty" can't play flashy football, for the simple reason that it isn't in him. He has all the attributes of Captian Wood and on the line he has done for the team what his predecessors has done in the backfield. Though comparatively shy of weight he is one of the three best tackles in minor college football in the state. His ability was best seen at Olivet, Nov. 22nd.

Ex-capt. "Eph" Johnson '14, All M. I. A. A., All Michigan right tackle. Indomitable courage, great strength and the major portion of his playing ability above his shoulders stamped "Eph" as the last word in Michigan college tackles. He was the only small college player to make the All Michigan team, and was given mention by Walter

Eckersall as a tackle in a class with Brown of Dakota, Kirk of Iowa and Pontius of Michigan.

"Doc" Hyde '14, All M. I. A. A. left end. An invulnerable piece of Blea-master's mechanism on the extremity of the line was Hyde. He was a bosom friend of every punt which soared down the greensward. "Ole" Anderson, All M. I. A. A. center. The vastest and fastest pivot man in commonwealth was our little Ole. He was a nimble player with aerial proclivities. This was his last and best year of college football.

"Stub" Vogt '14 quarterback. A wise old head surmounting a fast and elusive, though very diminutive body comprises the football figure known as "Walter Palmyra Vogt." When all else failed he usually managed to sneak through Ole's legs for the needed touchdown.

Roy Phillips '14 right guard. After three or four year's absence Phil returned to exhibit his all round athletic ability. Phil was out of a few games on account of injuries, but in the last games he made up for his early accidents with a vengeance.

Archie Maybee '14 guard. No other man on the Alma college football team deserves greater credit than does Archie. Throughout four seasons he has played hard and determined football and he has won his letter after the finest exhibition of gameness.

Arden Johnson '15, guard. Arden has played for two years under a handicap which would check the ambition of

any but the stout hearted. Yet, he has been a fine defensive and offensive man. A lot of his football was tucked away behind his smile.

Harry Schultz '16, All M. I. A. A. right half. The lightfooted product of Bay City Eastern is so far ahead of other college halfbacks that it isn't tactful to make comparisons around Alma. He is the speediest man on the team and is usually the man who scores the most points for Alma. He kicks all the goals.

"Bill" Schultz '16, left half. In the Olivet game Bill let loose all of the pep and fight which he had been accumulating the many weeks during which he was forced to nurse a broken shoulder blade. With captian Wood he was the biggest factor in the game. Bill has never been known to trifle when playing football. The wonderful success which he has gained for himself and Alma attests to his unswerving purpose. He would have been the universal choice for All State halfback had he been able to play more games. In the dictionary of the Schultz boys' "quit" is spelled "f-i-g-h-t."

"Hi" Cole '16. He filled with credit the exacting boots of Bill during the latter's vacation. He showed wonderful improvement. He is a fine line plunger.

Mark Spinny '17, right end. He was the only freshman to make a permanent job on the eleven. He threw and received forward passes exceptionally well and with Hyde made an invincible

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combination of ends.

Merril Hyde '17. "Brud" has innate ability which will make him a great end. He carries the ball well. He has the stuff and another year's seasoning will bring it out.

"St. Louis" Cresswell '17. The boy from the sister town was practically undiscovered until the Ypsi game. He is a product of Bleamaster's ability to teach the uninitiated the mysteries of the game. Under his careful tutelage Cresswell will be a valuable man next year as he was this.

"Tar" Robinson '16. Next to Spinny the brother of the famous captain of 1901 is best product of the 1913 output. He has weight and ability to diagnose a play at its inception and only the fact that Ole is so good kept Tar from occupying a regular berth with the maroon eleven.

This year nearly all of the scrubs who have done faithful work saw service in one or two of the big games, though there were a few who will be appreciated only by the first team men for whom they have done most loyal service. It isn't the most delightful thing in the world to try to stop Bill Schultz or Eph Johnson about forty times every night for two months and all praise which the student body may give the scrubs will not come amiss.

A vast majority of the Alma college football squad owe most of their football ability to thorough training under Coach Bleamaster. Optimism is his pass word and he has given the best he has for the team. He has turned out plenty of championship teams but the 1913 football team takes second rank to no previous eleven in playing ability.

The second annual football banquet was held at Wright Hall Tuesday evening, Dec. 16. A large number of town's people, students and faculty were present to enjoy the feasts of the evening. The football men were guests of honor.

At 5:30 all, but the football men, gathered about the tables in the dining room, and remained standing and sang, "These are Alma football men, they love Maroon and Cream. They are a classy bunch of lads, they make a dashing team, With Notre Dame and M. A. C. who lead the mighty West, They played a game of which we're proud; so too with all the rest." As the foot ball men marched in and took their places at the tables in the center of the room.

After an excellent dinner had been served by the young ladies of Wright Hall, Dr. Blaisdell announced that it was expected that Mr. Frank Hurst would be present to act as toastmaster,

but he was unable to be there, so Dr. Blaisdell took things over in his hands and proposed three toasts to be drank, before leaving the dining room for the reception room, where the program was given; one toast to the teams of the past; one to the present team; and one to the teams of the future.

Dr. Blaisdell called upon Mr. Fred Johnson to respond to the toast "Our Captain." After revealing a little secret concerning the toastmaster, Mr. Johnson paid greatest tribute to Mr. Wood as captain. He reviewed Wood's athletic career and pointed out the particular qualities Wood had, which made him such an efficient leader. This toast was highly applauded by the all voicing his sentiment concerning "Our Captain."

Sidney Cook in a pleasing way introduced Dr. Randells as the next speaker who toasted "Our Team as seen by the College." In Dr. Randells the faculty had an excellent representative. He spoke of the high esteem the faculty held for her football men, because of their high standard. He also said, that he believed that this year Alma had the best team ever and too, believed that she had the best coach in the state. Dr. Randells who has been on the side lines for nearly every practice this year was so enthused over his subject that he nearly out did himself in oratorical lines, and amid cheers and shouts he found his way back to his chair.

At this time Dr. Blaisdell read a letter from Rev. Mason to the team expressing his regrets in not being able to be at the banquet, thus the team were deprived of a great pleasure. Also a telegram containing a toast to the team was read from Rev. Drake of St. Louis.

In the absence of Mr. Washburn, Father Mulvey responded to the toast "Our Team as seen by the Town." Father Mulvey did not lack praise for the team. He spoke of the enjoyment the town's people were given by having such an able team. Father Mulvey is a loyal supporter of the team. He journeyed to Ypsi and Olivet with the team, and said the only reason he saw why the team was defeated at Olivet was because "Our boys were used to a
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ZETA SIGMA ELECTION

A special meeting of the Zeta Sigma society was called Monday afternoon and proceeded to the election of officers for the coming term. This last term work has been one of the best.

The following officers were elected: President, Roy Phillips; Vice-president, Carol Hyde; Secretary, Bryson McCloy; Treasurer, Clifford Carey; 1st critic, Fred S. Johnson; 2nd critic, Mr. Higbee; Janitor, Meryl Hyde.

BOB'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT

"Eph" Johnson got busy and collected a little money from the fellows and purchased a mackinaw as an Xmas present for Bob.

According to old time custom Mr. Fredericks was lead into the chapel amid cheers and shouts by ex-captain Wood and captain elect Austin to receive the present, which was presented by Prof. Mitchell.

Bob is a good janitor and a great friend of the students and this only in part expressed their great appreciation for him.

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By "Eph"

(For class in College Life)

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The moon was shining brightly
And I held her little-sweater
Yes I held her little sweater
(How fast the evening flies)
We spoke in tones of love
I gazed into her—lunch basket
Yes I gazed into her lunch basket
I wished I had a taste:
Close by me sat my darling
My arm around her—umbrella
Yes embracing her umbrella
This charming little miss
Her eyes were full of mischief
I slyly stole a—sandwich

Oh! Oh! Pauline

With snappy eyes and nice black hair
With darker eyebrows hanging there:
With round smooth face, and a great
big smile
You'd know Pauline if saw her a mile.

Fire Crackers

A frisky young freshman named Searl
Who's noted for his wonderful guessing
Lately said, "I believe
Prof. Mitchell is peeved
When I tell him I haven't my lesson"

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dry town."

In looking over the program the company regreted that Prof. Mitchell was not on for a speech, but much to their joy he arose to introduce the next speaker, Miss Ruth Cook. He expressed his appreciation to the town's people for so many leaving their business at such a buisy time to attend the banquet.

Miss Cook in her "dry witt" gave an excellent toast on "Our Team as seen by the Student." She plainly showed why the co-eds had a license to worship the football players as their heros.

Dr. Blaisdell believes in passing the good things around so he asked Prof. West to introduce the next speaker Mr. H. C. Moore who spoke on "The Citizens and the Students." This was one of the best toasts of the evening. Mr. Moore spoke of how God in his goodness has privileged Alma in placing here the college.

Dr. J. T. Ewing next introduced Walter Vogt who toasted "The Students and the Citizens." Mr. Vogt paid great tribute to the citizens as loyal supporters of the student body, always ready to held them in any way they could.

Sidney Cook next introduced Alger Wood to speak on "Co-eds and Football." Sid predicted that Alger would not be equal to the occassion as he had had only one year's training and that was a "Brown" study. But that one year proved enough and Alger responded as only he could proving to Mr. Cook this predition was not true. Mr. Wood spoke of how in some colleges the girls were drawbacks to athletics in taking so much of the young men's time but he this was not true of the co-eds of Alma college. Wood seemed very much at home in handling this subject.

Dr. Blaisdell next announced the toast "Vos Salutamus" to be responded to by Messrs Bleamaster, "Ole" Anderson, Maybee, Phillips and Hyde.

"Coach" Bleamaster started it off in fine shape. He spoke on "Inspiration" and an inspiration it was too. He

spoke of how it was the duty of every student, faculty member, and friend of the college to send men to Alma.

Next came big "Ole" who spoke of the strong ties that bound him to Alma and of his regret that he had played his last game for Alma college, but that he had another man coming to take his place. Following "Ole" came Archie Maybee. Archie gave a review of his work on the "Scrub" team and how he enjoyed it. This was one of the wittiest speeches of the evening.

Phillips next displayed his "Irish Wit" and added much to the evening's enjoyment. Following Phillips came "Doc" Hyde, who spoke of his first impressions of Alma and later impressions in a pleasing way, bringing great applause from the crowd. As he was seated that same freshman girl was heard to sing out again "My isn't he a grand man."

The last toast of the evening was by Bryson McCloy, "The Veterans." Mr. McCloy was at his best. He paid tribute to class of 1914 as being "the class." He spoke of its great athletes, of Marks and Harwood who did not finish with the class, and of the great athletes this class would graduate this year. He spoke of "Eph" Johnson never missing a game during his four years in college and of his being one of the best if not the best football player Alma college ever had; of "Doc" Hyde and his great ability as a football player, and not only this, but his efficient ability in any work; of "Stub" Vogt, tho small in size large in head work as a great quarterback; of "Ole" as being a mighty man where ever he is put, and how the college dreads to see him go; of Phillips as a good all around athlete being on the basket ball, baseball and football teams, and of Archie Maybee being one of the most detrmined fighters the college has ever had. The students did not fully realize what they were loosing in the graduation of this class until McCloy repeated these words "with cheers, with tears, we see them leave the lines." This cast a sadness over the company as they thought of the fellows leaving their midst, but in part this was brightened by the thought of the work these men, with their excellent qualities, would do as they went forth into the world.

After giving yells for the team, coach and veierans; listening to telegrams from Rev. L. F. Brooks, K. P. Brooks, Rev. C. W. Sidebotham and Rex Van Dusen, and singing the college song, the company dispersed declaring this one the greatest events of the year.

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