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ATHLETIC NOTES

Although badly crippled our football team gave Linfield College a real scare at McMinnville last Saturday. Our entire regular backfield which is made up of Coquille Thompson, fullback and tripple threat man; Solomon Fleury and Lawrence Pratt, speedy halves; and Jake Atkins veteran quarter, were left home on account of injuries. But those who were still able to play came so near turning certain defeat into victory that Linfield probably is still wondering how she managed to squeeze through such a small opening with a whole skin. No team ever more gallantly defended its goal, or more desperately fought to "come back" after four weeks of such trying conditions, or came nearer to completely succeeding than did ours at McMinnville. During the past four weeks injuries have so cut the personnel and morale of our team that a mere skeleton of its early season likeness remained. But out from that skeleton sprang eleven of the scrappiest young men Linfield has met this season and each one was imbued with the "do or die" spirit. They "did" and the collegians spent 60 of the longest minutes of the season in winning the game.

Raymond Haldane, left end; Peter Rassmussen, left tackle; Roy Peratrovich, left guard; Sedan Thomas, center; Joe Peratrovich, right guard; Paul Keta, tackle and Jack Abraham, right end; are the gentlemen who formed the bulwark of our line defense and offense. Except at the very beginning of the game these boys repulsed the terrific line attack of the big Linfield backs and allowed but scant gains through their positions. They actually outplayed, outfought, and outcharged their much heavier opponents and fiercely drove through the line and interference and downed the ball carriers with surprising regularity.

The first half ended 6 to 0 against us, but with the opening of the second half, Charles DePoe, left half; Reginald DePoe, fullback; Bill Johnson, right half; and Alfred Bernard, quarterback; started a march that was the most threatening thing Linfield ever saw. These fellows, small of stature but big of heart, hurled themselves into the line and around the ends with all the speed they could muster until Linfield was gradually forced back to her goal and the ball finally resting on their ten-yard line. It was a wonderful march and achieved only after a mighty attempt and looked like a certain touchdown. With four downs to make the remaining ten yards Charley DePoe circled the end for six yards on a reverse. He almost got away. The next play netted two more yards and the following one was sure to go over, but the bottom fell out of our chances when the team was penalized for being off-side. This penalty and the plays that followed did not dishearten our team, but Linfield, encouraged by the little ray of light that showed, held for downs and booted out of danger. Another march was promptly started, but the ball was lost on a fumble after it had been placed within scoring distance.

Throughout the second half our team kept the collegians in hot water and repeatedly threatened to score, but each time Linfield would pull out one of her golden horseshoes and save her game.

Late in the third period Linfield's fighting team took advantage of our fumble and carried the ball within scoring distance and on the next rush unraveled a bewildering play and scored.

In the final minutes of the game Francis Ross went in at right half and Charles DePoe directed the attack of the team. Ross immediately drove off tackle for eight yards and Bill Johnson followed around the end with five more and first down. With only two minutes remaining Reginald DePoe threw a ten-yard pass to Jack Abraham, who ran 30 yards to Linfield's ten-yard line. Here on a reverse play Ross once more tucked the ball away and was off on the same reverse by which Charles DePoe almost scored earlier in the game and he came just as near getting away. With only a few seconds left DePoe heaved another pass, but this time to Haldane. He just missed it and as the ball was grounded the game ended with the score 13 to 0 in favor of Linfield. Though defeated the team can justly feel jubilant over a splendidly played game.

It is not at all unlikely that this same line-up will be pitted against Columbia University in Portland next Saturday for the injured men show little promise of being back in time to get themselves in shape for any more games this season. However, Thompson is recovering and it is hoped that he will be in shape for the Columbia game. His passing, kicking and line-plunging would be a valuable threat against Columbia. Since the team has regained the early season spirit and confidence Columbia will find them a hard problem to solve. Last year the game ended in a 6-to-6 score and the players believe they can better that showing with the team that faced Linfield.

The under dog often fights back to the surprise of the oppressor and as a result the latter is soon put to flight. And once on top the under dogs remain there with grace and fairness. Such is the present happy lot of the fighting freshmen. Last week they dumbfounded the over-confident juniors by handing them a thorough drubbing, 19 to 0. The juniors did not run, but fought back in vain—the freshmen had gained a foothold and were going to keep it. The juniors threatened often, but never got dangerous. The air route proved the undoing of the juniors and to that goes the credit of Eldred George, receiver, and James Thomas, passer, for the frosh. George received like a veteran and Thomas passed likewise.

Tomorrow's battle between the juniors and the sophomores gives promise of being a real holiday affair. The whole school will be in attendance and a real battle can be expected. The officials are as follows: Reginald DePoe, referee; Jack Abraham, umpire; Charles DePoe, head linesman; Coquille Thompson, timekeeper.

Our orchestra, and girl's and boy's octettes journeyed over to Brush College in Polk county on Friday evening, and after a fine supper rendered a most entertaining program. Harry Frost assisted as a reader. The two octettes were taken to Brush College on the school truck by Mr. Mason and Mrs. Mason accompanied the party in the capacity of chaperone. From first to last it was a memorable trip and our organizations received praise unstinted for their artistic work.

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