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HARVARD DEFEATS THE PURPLE TEAM

Slippery Field and Driving Rain Prove Too Much For Amherst.

After holding the Crimson scoreless through a long twenty minutes of driving rain, water-soaked sand and treacherous field and a slippery ball, Amherst was defeated by two touchdowns at the Stadium Saturday. The score was no indication of the merits of the game, which was very earnest and worth little as a means of getting a line on either of the teams.

An immense crowd of people sat and stood in raincoats and under umbrellas that gave the Stadium the appearance of a gigantic bed of black mushrooms, while the Crimson and the Purple fought till they were all of the same color—mud.

Harvard scored a slight increase over the work against Williams, but not very slight. In the first half there was no change for the better. The men in the lines have a constant tendency to get off side and the back field try to get away before the ball. The team that placed the first half was decidedly off in its running, though, of course, the poor footing that the men had was some excuse for this, and their team work was very rough. There was none of the fight that resulted in the victory over Williams, and but for their fine work on the defense there would have been a score for the Purple during this period.

The offense was so weak that when in the middle of the second quarter they tried to pull the ball from the eight yard line, Wadsworth was unable to make even the necessary two yards to give them first down. Amherst was also weak on the offense, being unable to share any of her tricks on account of the slow field. She only made first down three times, and these were on penalties. As "mud horse," the men on the Amherst team excelled easily in 90 per cent of their difference in weight, and they played a game that was unanswerable because it was clever and not sloppy.

The Harvard cheering section, caused by the songs and constant cheering from the Amherst side of the Stadium, caused the line and end of the two curfords gave forth a "long Howard," in which nearly half of the men in the section had a hand, or rather a voice. The line of Wadsworth at quarterback was greatly felt, for although the work of Frewick and Calendar was good, they have a lot to learn before they can be sent into a Yale game. Captain Fishers was missing in the line, and the whole team seemed to run over him when he ambushed from the side line under the sagging lines behind them in the puzzle. Potter also took part and there were several others of the University team who did not start the game, but had to be sent in so that there might be a victory of some sort for the Crimson.

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