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## FOOTBALL NUMBER

### CALENDAR

Saturday, Dec. 4, Zwinglian Play Rehearsal, 9 a. m.  
Monday, Dec. 6, Handel Chorus 7 p. m.  
Tuesday, Dec. 7, Y. W. C. A. 6.40 p. m.  
Handel Choral Concert, "The Holy City."  
Wednesday, Dec. 8, Deutscher Verein, 7.30 p. m.  
Thursday, Dec. 9, Handel Chorus, 7.40 p. m.  
Friday, Dec. 10, Literary Societies, 7.40 p. m.



### A REVIEW OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON

By COACH JOHN B. PRICE.

In reviewing the football season of 1909, and contrasting it with former Ursinus teams, one is put at quite a disadvantage owing to the fact that there is really no comparison worth while, save that between this year's team and that of the 1902 team. The fact that these two teams played different styles of football makes the comparison rather an odious one, and only a general contrast can be made.

Concerning players and material, Ursinus probably never had such a galaxy of stars; several players on the 1909 team being so far ahead of the usual minor college material as to make the team appear more like a university eleven. On the other hand, the 1902 team was staid. Very seldom did it let up, while this year's team was inclined to take things a trifle too easy at times when they felt they were not hard pressed. This tendency caused quite a chilly feeling to run through the Ursinus contingent in the Swarthmore game, when after carrying the ball the length of the field without a slip for a touchdown, they were caught napping, and Swarthmore scored an equally easy touchdown. Then the team woke up, and the 28 points that followed, showed the team's real strength. This tendency cropped out also in the Stevens and George Washington games during the first halves.

At the start of the season, Ursinus was rather handicapped,

injuries preventing the strongest line-up until after the Lehigh game. In the Williamson game, Ursinus had rather an easy time, making 35 points against an unusually weak team. At Pennsylvania, the team suffered defeat by the score of 22 to nothing, by reason of the weakness of the ends, and the atrocious fumbling inside Penn's ten-yard line by two of Ursinus' most reliable players. At the Lehigh game, an injury to Captain Quay hurt the team's chances. This, with the apparent poor condition of the team and the hot weather combined to produce a tie game.

After this, the Ursinus team improved, and during the last fifteen minutes of the Dickinson game, gave an exhibition of football not very often seen on the Ursinus gridiron. The other games were comparatively easy, and served to give Ursinus a higher standard than she ever enjoyed before. The most notable feature of the Ursinus team, it seems to me, was the wonderful physical make-up of the men. The team averaged in height from end to end about 6 feet, also approaching that height in the backfield, while the weight came close to 170 pounds. This with the natural speed of the men made a most formidable combination, and made possible a widely diversified and versatile attack. On defense they were equally as versatile, and likewise apt to take things easy until the occasion made it necessary for them to brace.

On the whole, the team of 1909 will go down in our history as one of great strength and power; and it is true that Ursinus never had a team that had so much power and latent ability as this one. And now it is up to the Ursinus authorities to see to it that every thing possible is done to hold up this present position; for nothing comes but by hard work, diligent effort and continued attention. Cause and effect still rule, and the writer sincerely hopes that Ursinus will not be content to rest on any past laurels and fall asleep in that contentment, for what has happened once can occur again. The interim between 1904 and 1908 should ever be a reminder and serve to act as a watch dog in the future athletic situation of Ursinus College.

### CREDIT DUE COACH

While every true son and daughter of Ursinus is proud of the boys of the 1909 football team, and believes that there is great credit due every one of them for the great game that each of them individually played, let us not forget "The Man Behind The Gun." In our praise of our team, let us not blindly forget to give a part of the credit to the man who generalised the team, who instructed them in the art of football warfare and thus made these victories possible. We refer to Coach Price. He faithfully drilled the team night after night, and through his care and instruction the team became what it is. We cannot praise him too highly for his careful attention. Dr. Haines comes in for his share of credit. On numerous occasions he spent his valuable time in coaching the willing but weak scrub team that they might give the 'Varsity a good scrimmage practice. Let us appreciate these things. Give credit to whom credit is due.

### THE SCRUBS

Anyone who has ever played on the Scrub team of a minor college and has nightly lined up against men who were capable of spilling them right and left almost at will, can appreciate the position of our Scrub team this year. Playing on the Scrubs in any college is a task without honor, and often without credit. The men who came out and gave their time to whip the 'Varsity into shape for the hard games they had to play are not to be commended too highly for their assistance in making this season a success. Many a time they were hit hard by their heavier and stronger opponents, the 'Varsity, and sprawled all over the field, but there were few quitters in the lot; they picked themselves up and got into it the harder. One game was played, early in the season when they met a team heavily outweighing them, the Bethlehem Preps, the latter winning by 23 points to nothing. This did not discourage the men in the least, and they kept on pounding away at the 'Varsity every night with unrelenting perseverance. Davis as captain and quarterback ran the team, and succeeded in numerous instances during the practices in making his

team hustle the 'Varsity more than they were accustomed to. The Scrubs did excellent work throughout the season in making offense for the 'Varsity, and are to be commended for their faithfulness.



### FOOTBALL RULES DISCUSSED

As is generally the case, when the football season closes, there is much discussion among the football enthusiasts, and especially in the Rules Committee as to what shall be done to improve the game and do away with the most dangerous features of it. This year is no exception, and the Inter-collegiate Football Rules Committee is considering at present what changes should be made in the rules for next year.

The Rules Committee has one thing that will help them tremendously in revising the rules, and that is the experience of the last three years as the game was played. In that time the rules have had a thorough tryout, and not so many experiments will have to be tried to properly revise the game. Experts on the subject claim that the elimination of the forward pass will do away with much of the danger in the game. The last three years have shown that teams that are well matched seldom use it, and has been used by teams generally when they found themselves beaten on straight playing. It merely helps weak teams to make tallies against stronger opponents. They furthermore claim that the harm done by the mass play has been dependant upon circumstances that are to a large extent controllable. As soon as it is made illegal to drag and pull players along in plays at the line, and it is made a matter of direct unaided effort, the dangerous piling up will cease. Let it be forbidden to drag a player of his own side along. Interference is a necessary part of the game and does not cause accidents anyhow.

The inside kick will without much doubt be retained in next year's rules.

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**EDITORIAL**

This issue of "The Weekly" marks a slight departure from the past in presenting to its patrons a supplement in the form of a number of pictures of the 1909 football season. We hope that it meets with your approval. Quite a little expense has been incurred to make the pictures, and it is to be hoped that as many students as can, will be liberal in buying the extra copies which the management has prepared; for without any further cost to "The Weekly", such action will materially aid in defraying the costs of the cuts.

The college has ordered 300 copies to be sent to prospective students and friends of the institution. If this number proves a financial success, we will make an effort to produce a Craft Shop Number with illustrations later in the year.

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Much comment has been made on the football season through which Ursinus has just passed, both critical and laudatory. The pessimists growl and think of what we might have done, forgetting the glorious things we did do, while those optimistically inclined see some good even in our defeat at the hands of Pennsylvania. Thank goodness that we have optimists. Our boys cannot be praised enough for their hard-earned victories. They have made a name for their Alma Mater in the athletic world to be proud of;

they have made the big university teams sit up and take notice; several large newspapers have asserted that they felt little short of being listed with the leading eight. Why then should the team be criticized for not beating Lehigh, or allowing Dickinson or Swarthmore to score?

We do not feel that the work they did this season is fully appreciated. They should be given the highest praise without any mention of "buts" and "althoughs." We must all admit that without exception this season will go down in our history as the best season in regard to team as well as in regard to the games played.

**COMMENT**

I have been asked to express my opinion of the football season of 1909. I can only say that it far surpassed anything that I had expected. While I realized the strength of the team, I never imagined that we would defeat our strong rivals so overwhelmingly as we did. I feel that my fellow team-mates are to be commended for their willingness and faithfulness throughout the season, and I deeply appreciate the support of and interest in the team during the entire season by the students.

Very Sincerely Yours,

ERNEST QUAY, '11, Captain.

Although the Scrub's season was not as successful as in former years, they deserve a large amount of credit. While very light they were the one factor in developing a 'Varsity which was the best perhaps that Ursinus has ever seen. Since they were so greatly outweighed by the 'Varsity, they had to take a great deal of punishment. But it was very seldom that there was not a full scrub team on the field ready to do their best.

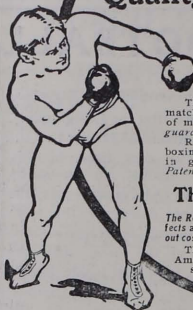
S. D. DAVIS, '10, Captain.

The Philadelphia "North American" in arranging the leading teams of the country in order of strength, after naming in the order of their excellence, Yale, Harvard, Lafayette, State, Michigan, Dartmouth, Pennsylvania and Princeton adds: "It is also well worth remembering that Franklin and Marshall and URSINUS made excellent records, though their opponents were hardly strong enough to rate them in the best eight." This practically gives us a rating as having the ninth or tenth best football record in the country this season.

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**SEMINARY NOTES**

A series of six lectures on "The Twentieth Century Minister." was delivered at the Seminary throughout the week by the Rev. Scott Hershey, D. D., of Newcastle, Pa. The lectures are beyond the shadow of a doubt, the strongest delivered here for many seasons, and are as splendid supplements to the homiletical courses. The lectureship is provided for by legacy, and our Seminary is one of four throughout the land that are thus favored. Student Zechiel, who successfully coached the Heidelberg football team during the season just ended, has returned to school and resumed work with the middlers.

Dr. Good has returned from the East and again meeting his classes. The students heard Senator La Follette in his lecture on "Representative Government" at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening. Miss Beatrice Vollmer and brothers entered aided at their home on Seminary Avenue Nov. 22, in honor of the Junior class of the Seminary. A number of young ladies prominent in local church work were among the invited guests and the evening was a continuous round of pleasure. Interesting games and guessing contests were interspersed with music, in which art the Juniors boast rare talent. After dainty refreshments the guests departed, expressing their appreciation of the evening's pleasure.

Members of the Heidelberg football teams, with Coach Zechiel, availed themselves of an invitation, extended them to exchange fellowship with the thologs the other Sunday. The players are gentlemanly fellows and were welcome visitors.

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**Y. M. C. A.**  
 The meeting Wednesday evening was a discussion on the subject, "The Christianity with a 'but'" and was led by R. S. Thomas, '10. An unusual and especially pleasing feature of the evening was a beautiful solo by Kerschner, '12.

Mr. Thomas led the discussion with a few remarks which follow in part: "There are times in the life of every college student when to follow the teachings of Christ faithfully is not the easiest task. He has to use every particle of his will and reason to keep before him the bright and shining goal to be reached only through Christ. Through weakness we try to avoid some of the difficulties that face us, and thus we lose the whole value of the faith and become weaker instead of stronger. Since profession of Christianity in its ultimate analysis is an endeavor to follow Christ and his teachings, we come far short of the mark if we let conditions and 'ifs' and 'buts' enter into our profession."

Myers, '09, gave a helpful talk on the subject of doubt; doubt may be overcome by consultation with stronger men and by prayer. M. Jacobs, '12, cited several eminent divines and evangelists who had their seasons of doubt. Men like Robert E. Speer, John R. Motts, and Hugh Black all passed through such stages and are now helping others to see the light. Yost, '10, also made some helpful remarks on the same subject.

**PERSONALS**

Gay, '13, took part in a football game at North Adams, Massachusetts, on Thanksgiving. He played a star game, and kicked a field goal for North Adams,—the only score of the game.

Dunseath, '10, spent the holidays with Mertz at Durham, Pa.

Maeder, '10, ate his Thanksgiving dinner, and several meals before and after, at the Thomasville home of Mike and Echo Lauer.

C. E. Toole, '08, now teaching school at Milheim, Pa., spent the Thanksgiving recess in and about Collegeville.

Miss Margaret Walsh, of Spring City, was entertained at College on Wednesday by Miss Corrigan '13.

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On the forward pass, the Rules Committee will be likely to divide sharply. One element opposes the play, another wants protection for the man catching the pass, with a provision of a fair catch, as in the case of a punt, without, of course, the privilege of a free kick. The latter action would eliminate the visible dangers of the forward pass, but would not make it any easier for the tackles. "The more varied the attack, the greater the demoralization produced in the opposing line," and that this enters into the situation to a considerable degree is the claim of the forward pass opponents.

Lovers of the game are anxiously awaiting the final results of their discussions.

### SLONAKER HURT

L. Vernon Slonaker, '13, right end on the Ursinus football team, is at his home in Phoenixville nursing a broken arm, as a result of a football game on Thanksgiving Day, when he played with his home team, the Union Club, against Conshohocken Reliance. In an early play in the game, Slonaker tackled a man, both sliding on the icy field over the side-line into an iron bench. The position of Slon-

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aker's arm probably saved his opponent's back from being broken. The broken bones are both below the elbow. At present writing, Slony is resting quietly at home. He will hardly resume his studies until New Year.

### LATIN-MATHS AND MATH- PHYS MEET.

The third monthly meeting of the Latin-Mathematical and the Mathematical-Physical Groups was called to order by President Mathieu, '11, on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. After the business was disposed of, the program was rendered. A very instructive and interesting paper was read by Long, '13, on "How To Get Power When Coal Gives Out." Langer, '11, then spoke on "Methods of Making Indian Implements." In this talk, the various methods used in the manufacture of different implements were discussed, and illustrated by numerous specimens. Next in order was a general discussion of the Group System, after which, Miss Fegley, '12 and Kerr Thompson, '12, gave interesting reports on current magazine articles. Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned.

### FOOTBALL MANAGERS ELECTED

Election for football Managers of the season of 1910 was held yesterday, resulting in the election of Mathieu, '11, as Manager, and Horten, '13, as First Assistant.

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