Virginia Recovers From Unexpected Defeat Saturday

IN THE WAKE of THE GAME

By Guy Malbert

Having thawed after the big freeze and awakened from the daze of Saturday's affair in Washington, it is possible to view the result sanely, and in the light of after-discovered evidence. The substantial facts remain much the same, as we gave them out Sunday. It still remains "a pretty kettle of fish," despite expressed opinion that we were somewhat off color in choosing our figure of speech. Virginia lost to Georgetown, thereby casting into utter disarray all of the articles of faith gathered before it happened. And Virginia lost largely because Virginia was unable to show the strength she has shown on previous occasions this year, while Georgetown, frequently buffetted by friend and foe alike, came across with a brand of football wholly unexpected, and of a calibre that will win under almost any circumstances.

Statistical information, regardless of how accurately drawn, means absolutely nothing in the face of the result. Virginia's rush line was unable to assail Georgetown's defense with as telling effect as it went up against Vanderbilt. Likewise, Virginia was shorn of its chief method of offense, because of conditions. A wet football, soggy and waterlogged, is no kind of a missile for inerring marksman to throw for a forward pass. Only once during the game was the Orange and Blue able to negotiate this play, and that one time it counted for a touchdown. It had spelled the undoing of many teams during the brief season, but on Georgetown field it was impossible, and Virginia lay impotent against the array of talent Frank Gargan had whipped into shape for this one game.

True to the traditions of Charlottesville, no excuses were offered after it was over. Asked how it all happened, after it was over, to a man they said, "We were beaten, that's all." There may have been reasons behind this bald statement, but these reasons were kept neatly enfolded in manly bosoms, unwilling to lay blame on any one of the men who had fought a good battle only to lose.

Georgetown won, and to Georgetown goes the honor of defeating one of the best elevens ever turned out from Virginia. The oft-quoted expression that Georgetown was keeping something in reserve and was training for that one game was proved. We had not the pleasure of watching the Blue and Gray until that little affair, but the eleven could not have played the game it did against the Orange and Blue in any of its other engagements. The contrast is so great between the team the Hilltoppers sent against Virginia, or at least the performance of that team and its performance in earlier games, that one can hardly believe that so radical a change could have been brought about in so short a space of time.

Harry Costello, finishing his fourth year at college, finished with a perfect score against Virginia. Three times before he had won victory for his team, and while to him goes not the direct victory Saturday, it was his cool and calculating judgment, together with his well-placed punts, that brought his team to the front. Once he cried, cried the tears of the real fighter. That was when Bergen, through overzealousness, indulged in a little slugging bee, bringing his disqualification and a penalty of forty-two yards to his side, when the ball was in striking distance of the goal. On several occasions Costello had an opportunity to try for goal from the field, but evidently he took into consideration the heaviness of the ball, and refused to consider himself choosing a different line of battle. He had a chance to score the one and only touchdown credited to the Blue and Gray. Almost any one could have carried the ball over, but instead of taking advantage of this, he gave Murray the honor. All of which goes to show the spirit of the youngster. He is good and clean and brave, and while we had hoped for a Virginia victory, we are unable to deny the honor that belongs to Harry Costello. It is his; he won it through honest, sportsmanlike and masterworkmanship.

Without wishing to criticize Gooch, and realizing that the decision had to be made on the spur of the moment, while our opinion is formed after the game is over, things might have been different and he elected to punt with the ball on his sixteen-yard line instead of trying young Walker on a tackle-back, while the shadows were gathering and only two minutes of play remained. It was Virginia's ball; there was nothing to gain by trying to advance around the ends or at any point through the line, and the chances of losing the ball were great. We have referred to the horrible condition of the playing field. The men's hands were wet, the ball was in like state. Had Gooch called for a kick on the first down he would have punted at least thirty yards, and unless something wonderful had happened the score would have ended: Virginia, 7; Georgetown, 6.

But he elected to try that tackle buck. Creekmore made the pass and Walker gained about eight yards. Then Referee Weymouth found that some Virginian was offside, and inflicted a penalty of fifteen yards. This placed the ball on Virginia's one-yard line, and Gooch was forced to send Ray back for a kick behind his goal line. The pass was low and accurate, maybe not as high as it should have been, but a good pass, nevertheless. Ray fumbled, picked up the ball, but before he could recover, Cusack was upon him, and by that time other of the Blue and Gray clad warriors were ready to pounce had he eluded the substitute end. A safety had been made and the score reversed, the one point favoring the hilltoppers. Thirty seconds thereafter the game was over and Virginia had lost.

There are no repinings. True the Charlottesville contingent is sore and sorry. Many are of the opinion that it is impossible for Virginia to win if Georgetown is to continue the policy of training for only one game. Had Virginia won—but Virginia did not win. The question of whether Georgetown or Harvard will play the Orange and Blue next season will be decided when the athletic council at the university takes up the question. With a Virginia victory Saturday the result was foregone; now things look different.

Regardless of expert opinion, there is nothing wrong with Virginia's coaching system. The team is a wonderful team—a better team than Georgetown's. It lost, lost because Georgetown was set for this one game. Some time ago we voiced the opinion that the real cause of close games between these two great schools was the rivalry existing and the added fact that both teams extended themselves, played with every ounce of blood when they got together. All manner of alibis might be trained because of the weather, the condition of the field and other circumstances, but no alibi can do away with the fact that Georgetown was willing to wipe the slate clean should Virginia be defeated.

Washington and Lee, should the generals whip Carolina A. & M., now stands in line for the championship of the South Atlantic Division. With a slate clean, the Lexington eleven will get the honor without question. The team has played wonderful football, and deserves all of the fine things said about it. The trouble, from the standpoint of those of us who must act impartial and pick according to our judgment, is that no game exists between Washington and Lee and Virginia. We are not presuming to advise such a game; indeed, we do not think it for the best interests either school, but, lacking such a game, comparative scores must be relied upon, and these mean nothing. There is a psychological aspect to football that the combatants are unwilling to concede. By this we mean that the spirit of rivalry existing between two colleges has much to do with the playing strength of the teams when two contests of long standing gather for battle.

Washington and Lee may well rest on its oars and stand upon its record this season without asking for a game that is sure to be denied. Virginia does not regard itself as a rival of Washington and Lee, certainly not in athletics. The stand of the university is that it cares nothing for Washington and Lee's claims. Virginia is anxious to defeat Carolina, Georgia, Vanderbilt and Georgetown, schools regarded as legitimate rivals, but Washington and Lee is not so regarded. Then, why not—and this is earnestly meant—let Washington and Lee continue playing the games it is now playing, winning when it can and accounting defeat in the good grace it has always done, leaving the public to be final judge as to the relative merits of the teams representing the two schools.

Imagine the result, however, if Washington and Lee loses to Carolina A. & M., and Virginia should defeat Carolina more than 14 to 0, the score by which the Generals won from the Tarheels. The result will be this: Virginia beat A. & M., which, in turn, defeated Georgetown. Georgetown has whipped Virginia, yet Virginia defeated Vanderbilt by a bigger score than Michigan was able to do, and, following all of this, A. & M., conqueror of Georgetown, conqueror of Virginia, but loser to the Cadets, who lost to Virginia, wins from Washington and Lee. Under such conditions, the poor scribe merely hopes for the best, picks according to his judgment, knowing that, regardless of what he does, he is going to cause a merry hullabloo from various quarters. Oh, it's a merry life and a gay one. The one compensating feature is its shortness.

The result of the Richmond College-Randolph-Macon game shows what can be done with a poor bunch of material by a man who is willing to sacrifice himself and devote his time and energy towards building a machine rather than developing a star. Frank Dobson did not expect to win a game of football during the season of 1913. He knew that he hadn't the material of the other colleges in his association. Here was his motto: "I may not build a winning team, but I can develop a team that will die fighting. I know that if the college loses games it will hurt the support from Richmond fans, but even in losing, if I can teach the fellows to fight, I will have laid the foundation for future years and for teams that must ultimately win." How well his campaign was devised is proved by his success. He has beaten Randolph-Macon, Hampden-Sidney and William and Mary, and all three games were won after his team was trailing behind apparently winning odds. He has the championship of the Eastern Virginia Intercollegiate Association well-nigh clinched. He deserves credit, but most of all the youngsters who have followed his advice deserve honor. "More than winning the game," he said after it was over Saturday, "I am gratified over the fact that the people of Richmond are realizing that Richmond College is destined to become a force in athletics hereabouts. I am glad of their support." Now watch for a greater and a better Richmond College. Once get the college spirit aroused, and athletics is the keynote, and the college is bound to grow.

Secretary Bradley is back from the meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, held at Columbus. He is highly pleased with his trip. Several trades were made and one or two players sold by Ray Ryan, manager of the Colts. But the biggest thing was arranging a game between Richmond and Connie Mack's world's champions for March 27. Following the Athletics will come the New York Americans on March 28 and 30. No other games have been arranged until April 14 and 15, when Toronto will play two exhibition games.

Charlie Shafer will return to Norfolk shortly to close up some details regarding his personal affairs, after which he will again journey West. He is considering an offer from Flint, Mich., in the Southern Michigan League.

For leader next year the Tars will probably have the services of a veteran, and the hand on the dial points to Joe Holland. Holland wanted to come to Richmond last season as a first baseman. If he goes to Norfolk he will unquestionably play this position. Joe had been spoken of as a leader for Roanoke, but among the knowing it is not at all unlikely that Buck Pressly, despite his retirement, may decide to take his vacation playing baseball, and during this vacation period again lead the Tigers. If Holland goes to Norfolk as first baseman and manager, Gus Schrader must be turned loose by the Tars, and it is not beyond reason that he be secured by Richmond.

Yale's showing against Princeton Saturday, after the time had been cast into the scrap-heap and disregarded as a championship possibility, has given the bulldog a boost in social circles, and experts are by no means certain that Harvard will have a walkover. The odds are shifting, and certain of the wise ones are hedging concerning opinions voiced earlier. Whatever may happen to Yale during the forefront of the football season, when Princeton and Harvard are to be met the Blue manages to grace. Watch for a true battle of the titans when Blue meets Crimson.

Virginia Military Institute is getting ready for Virginia Polytechnic Institute. This should be a truely representative game. The two schools represent practically the same ideals, and the teams, so far as can be gathered, are more evenly matched than any two in the State. Still, the dope has such a horrible way of going far afield this particular season that further prophecy is withheld.

Will Carolina have something up its sleeve for Virginia on Thanksgiving Day? Remember Georgetown. And maybe it's because its 19-1-3.

Bill Dahlen Released

New York, November 17.—Manager William Dahlen, of the Brooklyn National League baseball club, to-day was given his unconditional release by the club. Dahlen is negotiating with a minor league club. His successor will be announced next Thursday.

Reports have been current for several weeks that Manager Dahlen would be released. Fielder Jones, former manager of the Chicago Americans, has been prominently mentioned as the coming manager.

Portland, Ore., November 17.—Fielder Jones denied to-day that he had negotiated with Brooklyn, although he admitted having had a talk with Charles Ebbetts, president of the Brooklyn club, at the minor league meeting in Columbus.

"Ebbetts made me no offer," said Jones. "'You are too high-priced a man for me,' was his comment, and I told him I would not want to get back in the game unless I obtained a big contract."

CADETS WORKING TO WHIP TECHS

No Let-Up for V. M. I. Eleven. Coaches Driving Men Hard for Turkey Day.

Lexington, Va., November 17.—After the runaway game with St. John's Saturday, the cadets took no rest to-day, but were on the field this evening promptly at 3 o'clock. Practically all the men, with the exception of Look, who is permanently disabled, were in uniform. Bain, who was suffering somewhat with a bad knee, followed the plays, but did not practice. Coach Pegram spent some little time correcting mistakes that appeared in Saturday's game. Randolph, James and Wise later put in half an hour perfecting some of the old plays and working out several new ones. B. Lowry, 125 pounds, quarter, worked the team all during the practice. The back field, which has developed so wonderfully since the Virginia game, did splendid work in a short scrimmage against the scrubs.

Hawkins, at half, is giving the coaches a surprise every time he carries the ball. Virginia Military Institute meets Roanoke College on the "Hill" Saturday. On "Turkey Day" the soldiers tackle Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Roanoke. The fact that the cadets won from the heavy Aggies, and that Virginia Polytechnic Institute has made a good showing this season, has convinced the followers of the game that this contest will probably be one of the hardest-fought and cleanest exhibitions of football to be seen in Virginia this season.

The cadets have a splendid line, speed, and a certain spirit which often brings victory when there seems no real reason for it. They have also of late developed ability to advance the ball. Virginia Polytechnic Institute is heavier in the line and faster in the back field than their opponents. All around, they are about as evenly matched as two teams could be.

A record crowd is expected owing to the fact that in addition to the usual crowd, the corps of both institutions will be present.

The alumni of Richmond is planning to run a special car to Roanoke on that day, the arrangements being in charge of Hugh Stockdale.

The Lynchburg alumni of the Virginia Military Institute is also planning to attend in a body.

FAVORITES RULE ON HEAVY TRACK

Five Out of Seven Land First. Mudlarks Fail to Produce Results.

Norfolk, Va., November 17.—Favorites won five of the seven races on to-day's card at Jamestown. The going was none too good owing to a heavy rain last night. There was a good play on supposed mudlarks, but they did not deliver.

Ben Quince, at 8 to 1, was the longest shot to come home in front, and there was not a heavy play on him. Some wise ones are reported to have wired money to Baltimore to bet on this horse.

Tactics had no trouble winning the Hampton Handicap, the feature race of the day. Guy Fisher, tipped as a good thing, failed to get any money. Rolling Stone, at 20 to 1, came near taking the breath away from favorite players by challenging Tactics for the race at the last pole. Tactics, however, managed to stay him off and beat him under the wire.

Warder came back for his second victory in four days by beating Arran in the fifth race, a three-quarter mile event.

The last race on the card went to Cockspur. He beat L. M. Eckert in a close finish. Considerable money was bet on Agnar in this race, because of the showing he made the last time out. He did not finish in the money. Summary:

First race—five and a half furlongs, two-year-olds, selling—Billy Stewart, 109 (Buxton), 6 to 5, 1 to 3, out, first; Flatbush, 109 (Nathan), 13 to 5, even, out, second; High Priest, 109 (Butwell), 5 to 1, 7 to 5, 3 to 5, third. Time 1:10 4-5. Deak, Deadloss, Transparency, Duke of Shelby also ran.

Second race—three-year-olds and up, selling—York Lad, 108 (McTaggart), 11 to 5, 4 to 5, 1 to 2, first; Batwa, 108 (Burlingame), 6 to 1, 5 to 2, even, second; Jim L., 110 (Buxton), 15 to 1, 6 to 1, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:16. Carousal, O. U. Buster, Whisper Belle, Royal Onyx, Pluvius, Billy Hibbs, J. H. Barr also ran.

Third race—two-year-olds, allowances, six furlongs—Ben Quince, 106 (McCahey), 8 to 1, 5 to 2, even, first; Valkyrie, 113 (Burlingame), 6 to 5, 9 to 20, out, second; Mater, 113 (Wolfe), 8 to 5, 2 to 5, out, third. Time, 1:15 4-5. Fireside, Zodiac, Maxim's Choice, Armament also ran.

Fourth race—all ages, Hampton Handicap, mile and a sixteenth—Tactics, 107 (Nathan), 8 to 5, 2 to 5, out, first; Rolling Stone, 99 (Nicklaus), 20 to 1, 5 to 1, 6 to 5, second; Northener, 95 (McCahey), 9 to 10, 1 to 3, out, third. Time, 1:50. Guy Fisher also ran.

Fifth race, three-year-olds; seven furlongs—Warbler, 113 (Burlingame), 2 to 1, 4 to 5, out, first; Arran, 107 (Butwell), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; Incision, 108 (Carter), 7 to 1, 3 to 1, 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:16. Dustpan, Pendant, Red and Gun, Miss Moments, Seymour Beutler, Silas Grump, Scarlet Pimpernel also ran.

Sixth race, one mile; three-year-olds, selling—Strenuous, 112 (Troxler), even, 1 to 3, out, first; Bryanry, 106 (Burlingame), 40 to 1, 15 to 1, 3 to 5, second; Battery, 101 (Obert), 30 to 1, 10 to 1, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:43 3-5. Monmouth, Billy Baker, Rayderoseros, Ella Grané also ran.

Seventh race, mile and a sixteenth, four-year-olds and up—Cockspur, 109 (Corey), 5 to 2, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, first; L. M. Eckert, 105 (Connolly), 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second. White Heat, 104 (Carter), 15 to 1, 6 to 1, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:53. Garth, Agnar, Cowden, Judge Walser, Harcourt also ran.

Entries.

First race—two-year-olds; selling; five and a half furlongs—*Castura, 93; Lambs Tail, 106; J. H. Lally, 107; Ball Dog, 97; Mordecai, 107; Flash, 109.

Second race—three-year-olds and up; selling; six furlongs—Whisper Belle, 104; Pass On, 107; Troy Weight, 109; J. H. Barr, 111; Votes, 104; John Marrs, 103; Blanche Frances, 103; Sir Denrah, 111.

Third race—three-year-olds and up; selling; six furlongs—Fort Arlington, 103; Fred Levy, 105; Jim L., 108; Dr. Burch, 108; General, 108; Arran, 107; Sylvestry, 108; Ventana, 108.

Fourth race—handicap; all ages; six furlongs—Progressive, 98; Theresa Gill, 103; Altanah, 101; Sickle, 105; Carlton G., 110; Sir John Johnson, 120; L'Aiglon, 98; Deduction, 104; Quartermaster, 101; Cherokee Rose, 107; Perthshire, 112.

Fifth race—three-year-olds and up; selling; mile and seventy yards—*Mimosis, 99; Lindbrook, 100; Earl of Richmond, 106; Hans Creek, 95; Servicence, 106; Beach Sand, 106.

Sixth race—three-year-olds and up; selling; mile and seventy yards—*Lad of Langdon, 98; Gerrard, 104; Ben Yrlor, 106; *Outlaw, 98; Rayderoseros, 108; Merry Lad, 108.

First race at 2:15.

*Denotes five pounds apprentice allowance claimed.

VIRGINIA STARTS FINAL PRACTICE

Undismayed by Saturday's Unexpected Defeat, Men Report in Good Condition.

Charlottesville, Va., November 17.—The Monday following a big game is generally a day of rest for the members of the Virginia football team, but the custom was not observed to-day. Undaunted by their unexpected defeat on Saturday at the hands of Georgetown, nearly every player who faced the Blue and Gray machine reported for practice this afternoon and began preparation for the annual battle in Richmond on Thanksgiving Day with the University of North Carolina. The one or two absentees will be back in the game to-morrow afternoon, and for the next ten days there will be something doing in the Virginia camp. To-day's workout was a limber-up process. The men came out of Saturday's gruelling contest in fairly good condition and beyond feeling a little sore, have little cause to complain. The drill in signals was a very snappy one. The entire practice lasted for nearly two hours, and the men showed no disposition to lag in their work.

Through some misunderstanding there was a scarcity of scrubs on the field to-day, and if a scrimmage had been ordered there would not have been enough players to form a good second team. The entire second and third squads will report to-morrow, however.

Despite the upset of Saturday, the entire student body has confidence in the team. There is hardly a man in college who would not back the eleven if a second game were to be played with Georgetown. The present system of coaching is generally approved, and there is not the slightest desire for a change.

JOHN MARSHALL MEETS ACADEMY

Final Game of Prep School Series Should Prove Vastly Interesting.

The final game of the Prep School League schedule will be played to-morrow afternoon at Broad Street Park between the Richmond Academy and the John Marshall High School. The game will start promptly at 2:30 o'clock, and is sure to be a hard-fought match. Both teams are reported to be in the best of condition, and will fight hard for honors, as they are old rivals.

The John Marshall High School has just returned from Norfolk, where it fought the Maury High School of that city to a no-score finish. The John Marshall boys had some hard practice yesterday, and to-day will be given up to signal drill and a general light workout. Coach Simpson is following after the eleven and expects to see his charges pile up a big score.

The Academy has been practicing daily for the game with John Marshall, and will be in its best form to-morrow. There has been no change in the lineup, and with the eleven working in its usual form a good game will be had. Some new plays have been learned by the Academy eleven, and with them to fall back on a surprise will be had. Coach Griffin has been centring his attention on the linemen where the real weak spots lay, and is satisfied that when the team lines up against the John Marshall boys those weak spots will have been subdued.

The game will be played for second place honors, the High School and the Academy being tied for that place. Both teams have won one and lost one game.

CORNELL IS AFTER PENNSYLVANIA

Ithaca, N. Y., November 17.—"Now let's go after Pennsylvania," is the motto of the Cornell football team, and from now until the eleven starts for Philadelphia to play the Quakers in the annual Thanksgiving Day game a pile of work will be done, as Coach Sharpe put it to-day. Manifestly disappointed at Cornell's failure to score more freely against Lafayette last Saturday, Cornell's head coach nevertheless believes that the new Cornell team is superior to the old one, and that a lot of improvement can be gained before the contest with Pennsylvania. He does not intend to make any changes in the line-up.

TIMES-DISPATCH FOOTBALL TEAM

If Organization Is Perfected, Invincibles Will Be Sought for Game.

A team is being formed by The Times-Dispatch boys to play the strong Richmond Invincibles. Many old football men have been given positions on the eleven, and practice will start to-morrow afternoon. Some of the old Richmond College men, Tigers, Benedictine College and men from other strong elevens have promised to report for practice at the first meeting, and when the team has had some practice it is thought that a good, strong eleven will be the result. The election of a manager and captain will be the first thing done, and after that is over hard practice will be had for at least a week before a game will be played. Many expressed themselves as being glad that time had come for them to mix up in another game of football, and interest is being shown by all hands.

The Invincibles will give any team in Richmond a hard fight, and when The Times-Dispatch and Invincibles elevens face each other a sharp scrimmage will be had. The Invincibles have whipped everything which came its way, and will likely smear it on The Times-Dispatch crew, or at least try to.

INVINCIBLES ARE AFTER M'GUIRES

Want Game With Scholastic Champions of Richmond—Not Yet Arranged.

Whether a game with McGuire's University School will be arranged or not has not been decided, but the Richmond Invincibles are still trying to arrange such a game, and if they do, the game will be a good one. The Invincibles are confident that they can whip the prep school champions, and promise to play them a hard game.

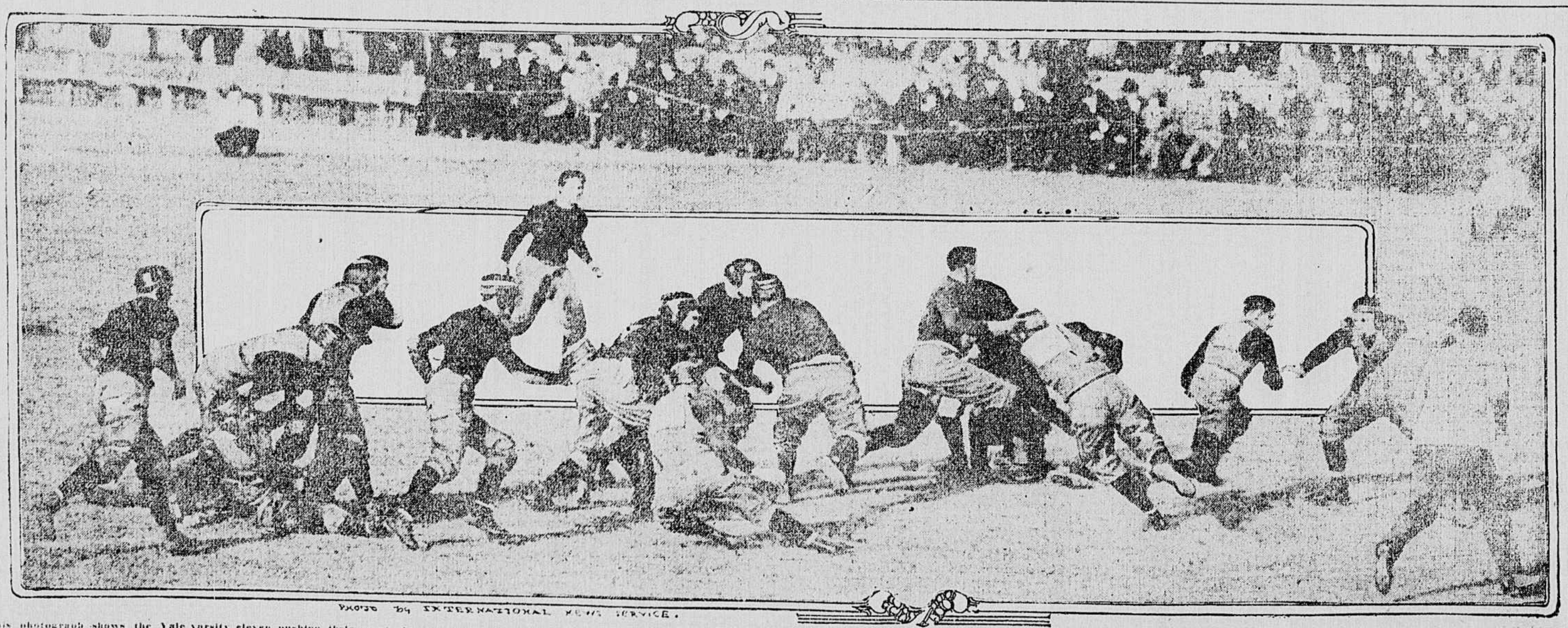
The Invincibles won the independent championship by clean football playing, downing the Tigers, Barton Heights, Church Hill and many others of the Richmond football clubs. They have not been defeated once this year, and if the game with McGuire's School eleven is arranged, they are sure that they will not suffer defeat at the hands of the Prep School eleven. The Invincibles want higher honors, not that they could declare themselves the scholastic champions of Richmond if they were to play and win from the McGuire's eleven, but that they could say that they had defeated the scholastic champions of Richmond.

GIRLS ANXIOUS TO FORM QUINT

John Marshall May Take Lead in Establishing Indoor Game for Girls.

An effort is being made to organize a girls' basketball team at John Marshall High School. A meeting will be held in the high school building Thursday afternoon to determine what steps the different classes will take toward the organization of the quintet. Much interest is being shown by a large number of the girls who have been approached on the subject. Many of the girls of the John Marshall High School are anxious for a team or teams to be formed, as it will afford them amusement as well as much exercise. Games could be arranged with Chesterfield High School, Church Hill, Petersburg High School, and if game with the Newport News High School, Norfolk High School and Portsmouth High School should be desired, they could be easily scheduled. Much interest is now being shown, and it is likely that after the meeting at the John Marshall High School building Thursday afternoon the girls' basketball team will be established for the season.

HARVARD MUST RESIST YALE'S RUSH PLAYS TO WIN



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This photograph shows the Yale varsity eleven pushing their great plunging half back, Knowles, across the line for a touchdown. It is this style of play that will be depended upon to win for the Bulldog in game with Harvard. Yale has developed wonderfully well during the last two weeks, and the Blue squad looms as more dangerous than at any other time during the fall. The Yale students are already declaring that Knowles and Wilson are every bitt as good as Brickley and Mahan.