

or ability who got little or no chance this year to show their mettle. These men who sat on the bench day after day hoping that their chance would come found the last day of the season at hand and they had not heard their name called forth in cheer. These men along with the varsity we hope to give in this article by words the merit they did not receive for work on the playing field.

A Stone Wall Line

The first thing that stood out in the work of the Purple this year and the first to be noticed by our opponents was the work of the Purple line. In every game this line stood the onslaughts of the best backs their opponents had to send against them. The hammerlike drives of Starn and Welty of Wooster, the smashes of Mackey of Mt. Union, and Kelker of Hiram were met by a line which refused to be hammered into submission. In only one game was the Purple wall ripped up, and in that game they checked the opponents' drives and forced them in the shadow of their own goal to resort to passes, one which was successful for a touchdown. Lack of a number of experienced substitutes kept down the power of the Purple line, which near the finish of some of its gruelling contests, found itself weakening through sheer exhaustion.

In the forward wall we start with the tackles which are the key, the strength of any line. Ashland has good tackles this year in the persons of Marion Baylor, Clayton Piper, Lofton Lowe, Donald Welch, and Albert O. Wood. All of rangy type, exceptionally fast, shifty on the defense and possessed with strong offensive powers. Wood, Piper and Baylor bore the brunt of the work this year, and were rated by our opponents as the equal of any tackles in the Ohio Conference. Lowe and Welch failed to get in enough games to show their real strength, but in scrimmage their work was good enough to assure us of two capable tackles to help out the big three next year.

The Guards

Of the guards O'Neal, Rowsey, Garber and Hunter stand out. O'Neal was quick in knifing through the opponents' line and spilling many plays in the making. Rowsey was a tower of strength and was the cog that made the center of Ashland's line impenetrable. In George Garber Ashland had a brilliant guard. Quietly every game George played with the same consistency. We are sorry to lose George this year for no more will he trot out on the field amid the cheers of the fans to fight for Ashland, for next year someone else will be in

making, and who will be watching next year.

Norris at Center

In the center of the line we find the sturdy Norris, a perfect passer, a brilliant offensive player, while on the defense we estimate him superior to any conference center. Ullom was Norris' understudy, but so well did Norris handle the snapper back job that Ullom failed to get his chance, but next year is another year and then Ullom's chance may come.

Out on the wings Ashland had two mighty fine ends, Captain Schmuck and McClintock. Both were defensive players and on the offense they are the equal of any pair of conference ends. Good blockers, wonderful receivers of forward passes, fast down the field, they were the key to Ashland's splendid offense. Smith and Hastings were their understudies but failed to get in this year because of the two "Fred's" consistency.

A Snappy Backfield

On Paul Curry fell the brunt of the work in barking the signals, because of the injury to Toby Freese who alternated the quarterback job with Curry. Curry bore the heavy burden most creditably. In every game his work stood out, a brilliant forward passer, good in skirting the ends

ence, on receiving forward passes. Wharton was good on the defense while Weber's punting was brilliant. Hatfield and Rupert were the reserve backs. Hatfield was a mighty fine open field runner but lacked the experience to make the regulars, while Rupert was at home backing up the line or playing one of the wing positions. In fullback Fox we have Ashland's most consistent ground gainer. He was a Gordon Locke on drives through the line, while in backing up the line he gave notable assistance in stopping the drives of opponents. Vern Flora, who played in the backfield and as a guard, had no chance to show his ability. He had the misfortune to injure his leg in one of the early season scrimmages.

The real hard luck man of the squad is Toby Freese. After playing a brilliant game at Wooster and at Mt. Union where he was injured in the second quarter, Ashland lost a keen thinking quarterback.

To other candidates for the team who have gone through the year unsung and who walked off the field the last day of the season realizing they had failed to make the team, to them we wonder, if through the winning of the admiration of their teammates and their coach, that they did not receive from football about as much as the varsity itself.

to return to the squad because of a position which he holds which requires his time during the practice sessions. O'Neal is a forward and at the close of the 1922 season showed good form and judgment.

Coach Murray gave out suits the week following the concluding game of the football season to enable the men to keep in shape for basketball. The first practice was held last Monday afternoon and twenty-five candidates for the varsity answered the roll call. The time was spent in fundamentals of the game. The men were instructed and drilled on turns, dribbles, passes and shots. The remainder of the week will be spent in obtaining a thorough mastery of the fundamentals.

Wealth of Varsity Material

Coach Murray has a wealth of material from which to build the team that will represent Ashland College on the indoor court. Five of the eight men who have returned from last year's squad have been playing mates since and during their high school days and have with their added experience the knowledge of their companions style of play.

Captain Curry, McClintock, Teeter, Schmuck, Hoot, Kellogg, Rupert, Smith, Hastings, Baylor and Miller are all graduates of Ashland High School and five of the men named have won their letters in basketball there. Curry, Teeter and Hoot were members of the 1920 High School team and McClintock and Kellogg played in the seasons of 1921 and 1922 respectively.

Captain Curry plays a forward position and has won his letter for the past two seasons. Teeter is a forward and Hoot a guard. Both men have received their letters for basketball for the last two years. The stalwart Baylor is also a guard and received his letter last year on the College team.

McClintock alternated at center and forward last year on the Purple and Gold five and Kellogg is also a center. McClintock is the most capable shot on the squad scoring more points than any of his opponents. Kellogg is a good jumper and a good floorman.

Fostoria Additions

Harold Freese from Fostoria alternated at forward last year with Teeter and is back in the harness again this season. Some apprehension has been felt that he would not return owing to an injury received in football but he donned the togs and presented himself with his team mates for inspection at the first practice last Monday. One of the most valuable additions to the squad this year is in the person of Hatfield who played a forward position on Fostoria High School's crack team last year. Fostoria was a runner up at the Delaware Tournament last year and Hatfield has so far proved equal to his reputation.

With this likely squad Ashland has hopes of producing a team that will make the fans sit up and take notice. In Al

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IMPROVEMENTS MADE ON GYMNASIUM

The gymnasium will be a very much better place to play in this year than it was last year. Some improvements have been made which will not only add to the spectators' pleasure but will give the visiting teams more nearly an equal chance than formerly.

While the playing floor in the College gymnasium is not large it is rated as the best in the city because the balcony does not protrude over the playing space. This does not place the visiting teams at a disadvantage as is the case when a visiting team is forced to play under a balcony when they are unaccustomed to it.

Last year the out of bounds lines, which were black, were somewhat vague because of the dark color of the boards in the floor, but all of the lines on the floor have now been painted white. This makes it less easy for the players to run out of bounds and aids the referee in catching players who step out of bounds.

Another new addition are the new backboards which will be installed this week. The old backboards were not heavy enough nor live enough to give the proper rebound to the ball and the replacement of the old ones by the new and heavier ones will add to the sureness of the players' shots.

New baskets have also been ordered with leather nets to replace the cord nets which are now in use.



To Coach Murray belongs the greater part of the credit for the football team which made such a record this season. A number of men without a good coach would make a failure of the gridiron game and to the man who trained the men in America's autumn sport due credit must be given.

Coach Murray has won the admiration of the followers of the sports which he sponsors by his clean methods, his fairness to opponents and his all-around ability to handle men and situations.

He is known as never formulating an alibi for a contest lost, but going after the next one with a dogged determination.

Murray has been one of the most powerful factors in bringing Ashland to the front and the College can surely be elated over having a nonpareil coach to guide her athletic destinies.

1922-23 Basketball Schedule

Dec. 14—Kent here.
Dec. 20—Lorain Y. M. C. A. at Lorain.
Dec. 25—Mansfield Ohio Brass here.
Dec. 29—Canton Grottoes at Canton.
Jan. 1—Wooster Korner Club here.
Jan. 5—Kenyon here.
Jan. 12—Baldwin Wallace at Berea.
Jan. 13—Hiram at Hiram.

Jan. 19—Dayton here.
Jan. 25—Defiance here.
Jan. 27—Mount Union here.
Feb. 2—Bowling Green here.
Feb. 9—Baldwin Wallace here.
Feb. 15—Hiram here.
Feb. 17—at Defiance.
Feb. 19—at Bowling Green.
Feb. 23—Capital here.
Mar. 2—Findlay here.
High School Basketball Tournament.
Mar. 9 and 16 open.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE, 1922

Sept. 30—Ashland 0—Wooster 7.
Oct. 7—Ashland 0—Mt. Union 0
Oct. 14—Ashland 14—Kent 0.
Oct. 20—Heidelberg 6; Ashland 13
Oct. 28—Ashland—8; Hiram—7.
Nov. 11—Ashland 61, Defiance, 0.
Nov. 18—Ashland 21, Orrville—0.