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Blue and White Lose Hardfought Struggle in Rain, Fog and Mud at Stadium Field.
Miller Stars Brickley, Mahan and Hardwick Feature for Harvard.

Defeated but not disgraced, in fact, honored in defeat, tells the true story of Penn State's loss to Harvard on Saturday at Cambridge. Those who saw the game are unanimous in declaring that 29-0 gives no idea of the intensity of the struggle nor of the game played by representatives of the Blue and White. The word comes home that the game was one of the hardest fought games of the season and at the same time one of the cleanest of games.

The fact that the Blue and White suffered but one five yard penalty shows the class of play from a local standpoint while the Penn State men are unanimous in saying they have never met on the gridiron a cleaner bunch of players than Harvard's representatives.

Probably no game has ever been played at the Stadium or on a Harvard field under quite such adverse conditions as those of Saturday. With mud ankle deep, rain falling in torrents most of the time, and clouds and fog hanging so low over the field that the spectators could not distinguish the players or follow the ball, a truly phantom game resulted, according to a Boston reporter. Even the players were unable to distinguish their own men, and somewhat ludicrous although disastrous events took place in two or three instances when a man tackled or took out from the interference one of his own teammates. It was necessary to take out time in one or two instances to clean the mud from the faces and out of the eyes of the men.

The unfavorable conditions were without a doubt a greater handicap to the Blue and White than to Harvard. Boston writers and Harvard critics admit this. The Penn State

open play was almost impossible while the dodging of Miller and open field running of Berryman and Tobin was reduced to a minimum in efficiency. Harvard's powerful heavy backs, helped by a line of forwards that greatly outweighed the Blue and White, were able to gain on straight football.

Miller was the brightest luminary among those who distinguished themselves. Although handicapped by the slippery heavy going, the midget played one of his most brilliant games. He was in every play, tackled fiercely, carried the ball the majority of times, and ran back punts in his inimitable style. When Clark's kicking proved of no avail, Shorty shouldered this additional duty and acquitted himself with honors even; pitted against one of the best kickers in the country. Boston sporting writers and the Harvard players write in unstinted praise of our great captain. His work is compared in brilliancy to that of Thorpe, the Indian All-American back, while Brickley, the star Harvard fullback, says that "Shorty" Miller, the stocky Penn State quarterback, who played a whirlwind game, was the most conspicuous man on the field and one of the hardest men to tackle that he had ever played against. A prominent Princeton alumnus who witnessed the game is credited with having remarked to "Tad" Jones, former Yale star, that Miller was one of the greatest quarterbacks that he had ever known in the game, while Jones reiterated the remark.

Next to Miller shone Harvard's wonderful trio of backs, Mahan, Hardwick, and Brickley, who without a doubt form the most powerful backfield in the country. All are

big men who possess speed, courage, and football sense. Mahan starred with his long end runs, Brickley with his kicking and together with Hardwick with hard line smashes. Hitchcock and Gilman were other stars for Harvard while Lamb, Clark, Bebout, and Weston, played strong games for the Blue and White.

A noticeable feature of the game was the excellent physical condition of our men especially. Pitted against a heavier team they showed wonderful power after a fresh team had been sent in against them. The men came through in good condition excepting Yerger, who sustained a sprained ankle, and Wood who suffered a broken jaw.

The first quarter resulted in no score. Penn State kicked off to Harvard. On an exchange of punts Clark lost ground when he kicked out of bounds on Penn State's 45-yard line. Miller soon after made a brilliant return of a punt, followed by a punt which placed the ball on Harvard's 40-yard line. The Harvard backfield then showed its gaining power and on short but consistent gains carried the ball to Penn State's 25-yard line, where they were forced to kick. Brickley tried a drop kick from the 30-yard line, but it went wild. Miller then got a punt from his own 20-yard line past Logan to the latter's 17-yard line. Brickley kicked out of bounds on his 40-yard mark. Penn State lost the ball soon after on a forward pass out of bounds with no gain having been made. An exchange of punts and a 10-yard gain by Miller gave Harvard the ball on her 43-yard line from where Mahan made a 28-yard gain. Short gains finally placed the ball on the Blue and

White 6-yard line. Here Penn State put up a stonewall defense and took the ball on downs as the quarter ended.

At the start of the second quarter a short punt out of bounds gave Harvard the ball on Penn State's 23-yard line. A 12-yard gain followed by a 15-yard penalty placed it on the 25-yard line from where Brickley kicked a goal from field. Following the kickoff and a loss on an exchange of punts. Mahan got away for another long run behind good interference, covering 45 yards and placing the ball on the visitor's 5-yard line. It took four trials before Brickley was shoved over for the touchdown. Following the kickoff, Miller signalled for a fair catch of a punt on his 25-yard line, but miscalculated the flight of the ball, which was picked up by O'Brien and carried for the second touchdown of the quarter. Storer again kicked the goal.

The next touchdown followed a 36-yard run by Brickley, after Mahan recovered the ball on Lamb's attempted placement goal. In the third quarter Mahan scored on a beautiful 38-yard end run. Soon after with Miller doing most of the gaining State carried the ball to Harvard's 4-yard line. On fourth down the forward pass grounded and Harvard got the ball on downs. Penn State had the advantage in the last quarter, Miller starring with

35 yards from a forward pass from Berryman and a 35-yard return of a punt. The lineup:

Penn State		Harvard
Cornog	l. e.	O'Brien
McDowell	l. t.	Hitchcock
Bebout	l. g.	Cowen
J. Clark	c.	Trumbull
Sayre	r. g.	Pennock
Welling	r. t.	Gilman
Weston	r. e.	Storer, Capt.
Miller, Capt.	q. b.	Logan
Berryman	l. h. b.	Hardwick
Welty	r. h. b.	Mahan
H. Clark	f. b.	Brickley

Penn State—Wood for Cornog; Craig for Wood; Hartman for Craig; Lamb for Welling; Vogel for Sayre; Tobin for Clark; Yerger for Berryman; Berryman for Yerger.

LaCrosse Comment

LaCrosse practice is still being held each day in the rear of McAllister Hall. Beginning Monday eleven Sophomores and eleven Freshman will be excused from drill. The most promising new men are three freshmen who have played on the strong George School team. The sport will receive recognition this year as a minor sport and will have the support of the Athletic Association in arranging a schedule. The team will not be picked until next spring and for this reason new men reporting will have plenty of opportunity to make good. The underclassmen particularly should turn out because a class scrap game may be arranged and the contestants given numerals.

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