

1906 SEASON

J. W. H. POLLARD
WASHINGTON MOODY
B. F. CAFFEY

Coach
Captain
Manager

PLAYERS

Ends: C. E. Garrett, G. S. Foster, B. B. Edwards, C. E. Rice . . . **Tackles:** A. Franklin, W. T. Neill, T. C. Sims . . . **Guards:** Henry Burks, S. W. Compton . . . **Centers:** Captain Washington Moody, J. G. Donald . . . **Backs:** Emile Hannon, Paul Stephenson, Auxford Burks, P. B. Jones, N. S. Curtis, S. T. Whatley.



OCTOBER 6: Alabama defeated Maryville on the campus by the score of 6 to 0. The Maryville team outweighed the Crimson but were not so fast. Fumbling was frequent on both sides.

Alabama scored in the first half on a series of line plays and end runs without once yielding possession of the ball.

In the second half, Alabama fumbled a punt on her own 10 yard line Maryville recovering. Two plays resulted in losses and a place kick failed.

After the game, Coach Pollard put his team through a tough scrimmage with the scrubs. "Chick" Hannon, Alabama's 120 pound quarterback, showed to advantage.

Barr and Taylor, backs, and McGill, end, were the stars for Maryville, whose line as a whole showed up better than Alabama's.



OCTOBER 13: Alabama played listlessly in defeating Howard on the campus by the score of 14 to 0. The train on which the Howard team was traveling was several hours late and the game did not get underway until 4:30 P. M. By agreement the halves were 15 minutes.

In the first half, Howard played Alabama to a standstill, the play being in Alabama's territory most of the time. Howard had the ball on Alabama's 3 yard line at one time but Alabama held.

In the second half, Alabama scored on straight line plays, Curtis making the touchdown.

Alabama's first score was a safety. Davis Stakely, Howard quarterback, and now a Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, dropped back to punt. The ball was passed over his head and he was downed behind the Howard goal for two points. Stakely punted and, a few plays later, Curtis scored and Foster kicked goal.

Another touchdown was later scored for Alabama by Burks after a drive of over 50 yards. Foster converted.

Alabama lacked aggressiveness, Burks being the exception. Stakely was Howard's star.



OCTOBER 20: Vanderbilt's fine football team ran around and through an Alabama team composed mostly of substitutes and won by the score of 78 to 0. Fifty-seven of these points were made in the first half. The game was a farce as Alabama had but three regulars in the line and Hannon in the backfield. The rest of the team was composed of substitutes and this band of Crimson, averaging only 145 pounds per man at best, was no match for Vandy with the best team in the South. Seven of Alabama's regular players were out with injuries. So Alabama tried to cancel the game but Vanderbilt refused. It seems that some of the Nashville papers had written up Alabama as being a strong team and one likely to hold Vandy to a close score.

Halves were 17 minutes and 12 minutes.

Touchdowns: Manier 5, Craig 4, V. Blake 2, D. Blake 2, Costen 1. Goals kicked: V. Blake 8.

Vanderbilt—Ends: V. Blake, D. Blake. **Tackles:** Pritchard, E. Noel. **Guards:** Sherrill, Chorn, King. **Center:** Stone. **Backs:** Costen, Hall, D. Blake, Craig, Lockhart, Manier and Crawford.

Alabama—Ends: Seay, Edwards; Cunningham, B. Jones, Lanier. **Tackles:** Donald, McLeod, Franklin. **Guards:** H. Burks, Compton. **Center:** Moody. **Backs:** Hannon, Burks, Lampley, Foster, King.

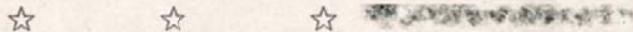
NOVEMBER 3: In Starkville, Mississippi, Alabama defeated Mississippi A. & M. by the score of 16 to 4. Alabama was frequently penalized. There was general dissatisfaction on the part of the Alabama players about the officiating as five times during the first half, Alabama had plays called back that advanced the ball inside of A. & M.'s five yard line and penalties inflicted. During the game, rocks and sticks were thrown at the players by the A. & M. supporters and they were subjected to all manner of abuse. Because of the apparent partiality of the referee, Alabama despaired of ever scoring and centered their efforts on preventing Mississippi from doing so. The first half was scoreless.

In the early part of the second half, Mississippi had the ball on Alabama's 20 when Henry Burks was injured. Captain Moody and Umpire Hobbs called for time out and the entire Alabama team gathered around the injured Burks. The referee ran to the A. & M. backs and said "Kick a goal, kick a goal quick." With not an Alabama man on the line of scrimmage or paying any attention, the ball was snapped back and a field goal was made for four points. The referee said he hadn't heard anyone call for time out.

Alabama then received and Hannon returned 40 yards. After a punt and a recovered fumble, Alabama drove to A. & M.'s one foot line where the ball was given to Mississippi, who then punted 30 yards to Burks, who stiff-armed his way to a touchdown. The referee then turned to the A. & M. rooters and said: "That's a touchdown, boys. I'll have to let them have it." Goal was missed.

Later, Burks punted to about mid-field. Mississippi attempted a double pass. "Booze" Jones got the ball and ran 40 yards for a touchdown. The referee, who was in the center of the field, ruled that the ball was downed on the one inch line. Jones scored but goal was missed.

Edwards scored the final touchdown, when Moody broke up a double pass in the backfield by knocking the ball to the ground. The ball rolled behind the goal line and Edwards fell on it. This was not a forward pass. Goal was kicked and the final score. Alabama 16, Mississippi 4.



OCTOBER 17: The fair grounds in Birmingham furnished the setting for the annual game between Auburn and Alabama before 5,000 spectators. Alabama won 10 to 0.

Just prior to the start of the game, Coach Donahue filed a protest against the playing of Sims, Alabama's great tackle, alleging that he was not a legitimate student and that, after matriculating, Sims had obtained a furlough to look after some business matters in Birmingham and returned to the University only six weeks ago. Coach Pollard answered the protest by asserting that Sims had complied with all of the rules of the association, had registered within 30 days after the present session opened and that the furlough granted was permissible. Further answering, Pollard claimed that even if Sims were ineligible, the protest had not been filed 10 days before the date of the game as the rules require. The protest was disallowed and the incident forgotten as was the case a year previously when Alabama protested the playing of Frank Jones of Auburn.

Alabama's line was air tight and Foster and Garrett, ends, played brilliantly to stop Auburn's wide end runs. On the offensive, Alabama was considerably stronger, especially in the first half when tackle over tackle plays seldom failed to register substantial gains. Fumbling and offside penalties hampered Alabama. The first half ended scoreless.

Auburn made more effective use of the forward pass and punt than did Alabama and thereby probably kept the score down.

Alabama used the "military formation," which previously had not been seen in the South. It is said that Coach Pollard had perfected this play in secret practice on the Alabama campus and that very few people, outside of the players, knew anything about it. On this play the entire line, except the center, took their position behind the line of scrimmage and joined hands. Then quickly, the men returned to their regular positions or to the right or left, resulting most of the time in an unbalanced line. The ball would then be snapped and the play set in motion. This play produced gain after gain.

Auburn used an open formation effectively. The team would spread out and the ball would be run or passed to the end. The plays from this formation require speed and the wet field handicapped Auburn in its use.

Alabama kicked to Auburn to start the game and soon forced a punt from Auburn. Alabama drove to Auburn's 20 by straight line plunges, where an offside penalty and a fumble lost the ball. Alabama held and Auburn punted again. Jones and Burks on triple pass plays, which gained 20 to 30 yards, advanced the ball close to Auburn's goal only to lose the ball again on a fumble and a penalty

for off-sides. Auburn then took over. By the clever use of quarterback kicks, trick plays, double and triple passes aided by frequent penalties against Alabama, Auburn drove to Alabama's 10 yard line, where they were stopped as the referee's whistle ended the half.

In the second half, Alabama used the "military formation" and drove to Auburn's 15 yard line. With Hannon holding the ball, Burks kicked it through the goal posts and just over the cross bar for 4 points. It was reported that this was the first successful place kick ever made in Birmingham.

Alabama then kicked to Auburn, who used the "open formation" to drive down the field into Alabama's territory. Alabama held, forcing Auburn to punt. The kick by Captain Whitner was blocked by Donald, Alabama's center, and Alabama recovered. Alabama couldn't gain the required yardage so Burks punted to Auburn's five yard line. Just as McClure of Auburn caught the ball, quarterback "Chick" Hannon, the smallest man on the field, nailed him with a terrific flying tackle. Auburn punted 35 yards to Burks, who caught it on the run and set out straight ahead. Burks stiff-armed and dodged three tacklers and only one Auburn tackler remained between Burks and the goal and that was Lacey, Auburn's fullback, who leaped toward Burks's shoulders, was thrown off by Burks who scored the only touchdown of the game. Hannon kicked goal. The game ended a few moments later.

Burks was Alabama's star and played a magnificent game in bucking the line and circling the ends in addition to registering a field goal and a touchdown. Quarterback Hannon ran the team cleverly and distinguished himself several times by his deadly tackling of punt receivers made possible by his tremendous speed in racing down the field. Curtis and Jones in the back field showed up well on their line plunges while Sims, Franklin, Moody and Henry Burks were aggressive in the line.

Hughes and Ware were bright stars for Auburn, especially in catching passes. McClure was a fine field general, while Lacey, Sparkman and Whitner were outstanding in their plunging through the heavier Alabama line.

Auburn—Ends: Whitner, Hughes. **Tackles:** Penton, Holley, Harris. **Guards:** Gaunt, Pickett. **Center:** Davis. **Backs:** Ware, Locke, Lacey, Sparkman, McClure.

Alabama—Ends: Foster, Garrett. **Tackles:** Sims, Franklin. **Guards:** Moody, H. Burks. **Center:** Donald. **Backs:** A. Burks, Curtis, Jones, Hannon.



NOVEMBER 29: Alabama defeated Tennessee on Thanksgiving Day in Birmingham by the score of 51 to 0. Tennessee was held to two first downs during the game, both resulting from forward passes.

Alabama scored nine touchdowns and kicked six goals after touchdowns, piling up 33 points in the first half. Hannon returned a punt 45 yards to Tennessee's 5 by a dazzling exhibition of speed and dodging.

Jones ran 75 yards for one of the scores on the most sensational play of the game. The ball was snapped to him for an end run and as he caught the ball, the referee's whistle sounded. Jones stopped, thinking the play was off. As Tennessee tacklers charged at him, he dodged them, and, as his interferences formed, ran for the score. Curtis scored six times, Jones twice and Burks once. Most of these were on short line bucks of five yards or less except the run by Jones. Hannon gained 40 yards on an end run and was prevented from scoring when he ran into a spectator.

Burks, playing his last game for Alabama, was fittingly accorded the privilege of making the final touchdown. He ended a career of brilliant playing for the Crimson.

Jones and Curtis were Alabama's stars while Cochran and Donaldson, ends, played brilliantly for Tennessee.

Tennessee—Ends: Cochran, Donaldson. **Tackles:** Walters, Ring. **Guards:** Gunther, Ragsdale. **Center:** Proctor. **Backs:** Loucks, Leech, Baker, Perry.

Alabama—Ends: Garrett, Edwards. **Tackles:** H. Burks, Franklin. **Guards:** Compton, Moody. **Center:** Donald. **Backs:** Hannon, Foster, A. Burks, Jones, Curtis.