FOOTBALL

With the majority of the men from the year before back in school, this year's team of Marlin High School gained much more, due somewhat to the rich experience that the previous year had given. This year's work was a crowning success, even though in the last game of the season, the glory seemingly went to another team, that of Anson's. Victory can be spelled in different ways, however, and we claim that we were truly victors throughout the entire season.

The Bulldogs showed a great and clean fighting spirit. The rooters showed very much respect to their team, also, and both kept fighting from the start to the finish. No discourtesies were shown by either. Marlin should be very proud of their team and their successes throughout the year 1926.

Captain B. A. (Toby) Pierson won a great recognition throughout the state as a clean sportsman, as well as a captain. He will have to be given credit as a hard hitting and fighting player.

Hardy, ex-captain, has proved himself a good, clean, sportsmanlike field general. We are very sorry to have lost Jack. Some college will get a sure-enough ball player.

Sebesta, the football demon, was a great help on the team and was an all-around clean athlete. He may next year prove himself a better man.

Lenoir, due to his weight, was a very good half. We look for great things from "Boots" in the coming years. In the next two years "Boots" can't be stopped. He was known at Abilene as "half-pint" half back.

Steele played his position at guard as well as any college man. He was up and ready to go all the time. He was in every play. "Curly" will remain another year.

Snell was the surest pass receiver the team had. He was a light man but fast. "Bee" will prove himself even greater next year.

Criswell was the fast half of Marlin. He gained much ground for Marlin. When it came to tackling, there was no surer man than he. He may remain another year.

Bitner, the heaviest man on the team, was placed as one of the best tackles Marlin ever had. We grieve much that we shall lose Johnson.

Hunnicutt, the other tackle, was a sure and safe tackle. He was a good offensive and defensive man. Howard will remain another year.

Leach held a wing, and held it down at that. This being his first year of football, some might have doubted him, but he showed himself a real end. He and Pierson proved to be the best pair of ends in the country. Hopes are that he will remain here.

Golightly, the fiercest tackler on the team, got his opponent around the shoestrings and would not let go till the referee patted him on the back. Marlin will lose a good man, while some college will gain one. George played his sensational ball at center.

Powell, a tackler, played a great season, if he did get too old. "Cotton" would have shown somebody something if he had not been ineligible.

Neumann was used as a utility man and could play any position well. He usually outran his opponents, as he was too light for line plunging. Neumann graduates this year and we are very sorry.

Pauling, the heavy man in the line, was hurt early in the season. Nevertheless, he proved himself a good guard.

Young was the best fighter on the team. He was at the bottom of every play. He was light as a guard, but proved himself as good as any large one. He will graduate this year, and some college will gain a good man.

Reed, Maxwell, Williams, F. Turner, M. Turner and Pittman saw service this year and hopes are that they will be able to take the places of the men who will go out from the school this year. Probably Reed at center, F. Turner in backfield, Williams and Pittman in the line. M. Turner and Maxwell graduate.

As a whole, the team was a light one, but was one of the fastest in the state. They carried the glory of M. H. S. as far as any team has carried it. We hope next season will only be a greater season.