

can be relied upon. Better than this, they act as legal authorities in inter-collegiate circles, making the laws and rules by which sports shall be governed and serving as courts of appeal. It is true that unpleasantness will sometimes arise, and injustice may often be done as in the case in mind; but this should not condemn the whole system, and we would like to call attention to the fact that the whole trouble grew out of an honest and well meant attempt on the part of Yale to raise further safeguards against professionalism.

In this connection we wish to suggest the advisability of attempting to get up a football league next Fall. It was the greatest piece of misfortune that the league of three years back could not have been kept alive. It was a good thing, giving something to work for and by its regulations doing away with the senseless recriminations about professionalism, etc., that have been indulged in the last two seasons between ourselves and Bucknell. A league would be especially beneficial to us as our greatest trouble is in getting good dates and then when we have them of holding the clubs to their engagements. It is well-nigh impossible to get good games here, and it is only by careful management and good fortune that we can escape running very deeply in debt during the football season. A league would furnish us foeman worthy of our steel, and would hold them to their dates.

It would of course be out of the question to resurrect the old league of '91. Two of the members have been entirely below par in football ever since, while the other three have clearly been inferior to us in the last two seasons. Bucknell has made the best showing, although this year unfortunate circumstances caused an unmerited defeat at the hands of Swarthmore. We however have left them all behind in the race as far as football is concerned, and, even could they be prevailed upon to enter a league with us, there is no doubt where the pennant would go.

We must look higher for our rivals. Lehigh is

very naturally the first thought of and justly so. Both in '92 and '93 our teams been have at least on a par, or if, we would judge by comparative scores our boys are somewhat ahead. Both of these seasons, we have tried hard to arrange games with this institution, but unfortunately they have never been played, and, though we claim second place in the State, our title is not clear till we have downed the Bethlehem boys. The failure to play the games has not been our fault for we have been anxious and eager for the fray. We still have fresh in our minds the disappointment we felt when date after date with this club was cancelled this season. Yes, we want to play Lehigh, and we feel that we have a right to meet her as an equal.

Looking beyond Lehigh there are few others in this State. Of course the University of Penna. is too big for such a league, and Bucknell, Franklin and Marshall and Swarthmore could not hope to cope with either Lehigh or ourselves. Lafayette though winning the pennant of a league composed of Rutgers, Stevens and herself had a poor team this year, and for three years past has been compelled to bow the knee to Lehigh and State. Still she might come out again with some of her old time glory and distance both of us. She would be a good candidate.

Outside of the State we find three good teams that stand about on a par with us. They are the University of Virginia on the south and Cornell and Union on the north. We hope Cornell will forgive our presuming to put ourselves on a par with her. We only mean it in football, and, if she will look up comparative scores for the last two years, she will have to acknowledge the justice of the claim. Union College is another institution like ourselves. A small college with smaller facilities than we have, and probably even a smaller number of students, she turns out fine athletic teams and easily vanquishes all her neighbors but Cornell.

Here we have five colleges or probably six if we include Bucknell, F. and M., or Swarthmore.