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THE disappointment felt by the student body when the telegram arrived announcing U. of Pa's., intention of cancelling our game there on Nov. 3rd, amounted to a righteous indignation. The terms of the game were those of manager Delabarre, and no excuse can be offered that will justify the withdrawal of the date. The reasons given to the press for their action, that the team was over-trained and would only indulge in sign practice until Nov. 10th will not hold water as the University played Warren A. C. two days after the Lafayette game. Is it possible that the University team was afraid of not running up a high score, or even entertained the thought of being defeated by the team from "little State College?" Let us sum up the pros and cons and note the result

Begin with a comparison of their games with the one college that both have played this season. In the State-Lafayette game, the ball was in Lafavette's possession four times and then only once by downs. Lafayette secured the ball from the University ten times, forcing her to kick five times and getting possession of the ball the other five by Ouaker fumbles. The University team regained the ball one half of the times by Lafavette's offside plays, while State permitted her to kick twice, and twice got the ball before the third down. The sum total of the gains made by Lafayette against State would do little more than carry the ball over the line from mid-field while a Lafayette half back made a single run of sixty yards through Pennsylvania's line.

An impartial judge, in reviewing these statistics would undoubtedly say that the Centre Co., team was the stronger. Is there anything further to confirm him in this decision? Let us, after the manner of one of our great daily newspapers, compare the respective scores, and gauge the teams by this comparison. State wins a game by seventy-two points while Pennsylvania defeats the same college by twenty-six points. This would indicate that State was forty six points better than U. of Pa. Divide this by two and there is still a margin of three points above any defeat that State has met at the hands of the Quaker team. After the exhibition the University team gave on the 31st of October, their management probably made a summation similar to the above and, concluding "that discretion is the better part of valor," retired in disgrace. The frank acknowl-