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AS is the custom at most colleges, the football season closed with the game on Thanksgiving day, and the members of our team as well as those of others look back and reflect upon the games won and lost. Fortunately there is not one of the latter class for a State man to review. Instead he looks upon a list of seven games, six victorious and one a tie. He adds up the scores of the season, and finds that where our opponents have scored one point we have scored ten; that the totals stand eighteen points against and one hundred and seventy-nine for us. Undeniably a brilliant record.

The first two games of the season were on the home grounds and were both characterized by large scores. No one entertained a thought that we would lose the game with Gettysburg, but players and all anticipated a closer game with Lafayette. The overwhelming defeat inflicted upon the latter college can be attributed, firstly to the slight advantage entertained by the home team; secondly, to the fact that our team, recognizing that they were of lighter weight than in former years, had determined to play a very quick, snappy game; and thirdly, to the fact that Lafayette overestimated the strength of her team and underestimated State's. Lafayette thought herself unusually strong in that eight of her old men were back and the three vacancies had been filled by men from the teams of other colleges or schools. With an ex-Princeton guard as coach and a new athletic field upon which to practice, Lafayette began the season with the false impression that they "had no superiors in the Middle States except Princeton and U. of P." that they fell short of their mark is evident; and is likewise plain that State has the right to this distinction.

At this part of the season, games were arranged with the U. of P. and Princeton. It is not hard to conjecture why the University cancelled our date immediately after their game with Lafayette. It is also not hard to see that they could not have played the game against us that they did against that college and have been the victors. The withdrawal of the date by the University was disheartening enough, but when coupled with that of Princeton it left our team with practically nothing for which to look forward. They visibly lost interest, but managed to keep up a little enthusiasm over the game with the Naval Cadets. The good showing at Annapolis failed to revive the lost vim, and State played the last games of the