

are comparatively little known. The record of the last two or three years has been gradually bringing us into prominence, but the fine showing made this last Fall has finally placed us where we rightly belong—in the second rank of colleges, by the side of Cornell, Lehigh, Michigan, Virginia and Annapolis. It is extremely unfortunate that the University of Pennsylvania did not see its way clear to keep its date with us, as no one denies that our showing against them at that time would have been very creditable to us. As it is, our games next autumn will be a drawing card, and other teams can afford to give us sufficiently large guarantees, while nobody can refuse to play us on the grounds that we are a small college and not worthy of their steel. We have seldom been able to get guarantees when away from home that would come anywhere near covering expenses, but in the future that should not be the case. Consequently, not having to make up losses on foreign trips we can offer larger inducements to visiting teams, and in that way secure more games at home. We have as good a right to play anyone of the larger colleges and demand as large guarantees as Lehigh, Lafayette or Annapolis, and we see no reason why we should not have a full schedule of good dates for next season.

We trust that our manager has without delay, sent out letters to all the important teams in this and neighboring States, so that when their managers are elected the first thing that confronts them upon assuming the duties of their office is a challenge from State. Being among the first on the ground, we cannot be refused, as we have been, on the plea that their schedules are already filled up. This will also give plenty of time for changing around and fitting the dates together.

Another point that must be remembered is this. Only the larger and more important colleges should be written to first. Time should not be wasted on the smaller ones as we can fill in our schedule with them at any time. What we want is big games. It avails us little to boast that we were not once defeated during the recent season.

The retort always is—did you play Pennsylvania and Princeton, or—how many games did you play? We saw few accounts of your contests in the papers.

Let us see for a moment what games we should have on our list. We should and very probably will meet Lafayette again. She would gladly welcome the chance to wipe out last fall's crushing defeat. Then we should by all means have a game with Cornell. We have never met before; but there is no reason why we should not meet next autumn, and a very tight and interesting contest be the result. Annapolis very unfortunately will not have a team in the field, as the authorities have prohibited football, but we should be able to arrange a southern trip to take in the University of Virginia and the Virginia Military Institute or some other of those numerous Virginia colleges. In the west are W. & J. and Oberlin with whom we should gain make dates, and if possible we ought to get a game with the University of Michigan. There is no reason why we should not play Princeton and every reason why we should and then last and most important are the U. of P. and Lehigh.

After the way the University treated us last fall, they can hardly do less than give us a good date with as large or nearly as large a guarantee. A galling defeat could hardly have been more disappointing than the cancelling of that game just three days before it was to take place. The whole College was looking forward to it eagerly, and our boys were playing as a State team had never played before. The bad news took all the spirit and enthusiasm out of them, and their play for the rest of the season was limp and listless. Of course we can hardly blame the University. Even if they had won from us by a good, safe score, it is the writer's private opinion that they would not have won from Princeton. They were over-trained and tired out, and they needed the rest. They had everything to gain by not playing us and nothing to lose, for they well knew that we would play a hard, fast and furious game,