

## STATE VS. BUCKNELL.

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Nov. 4.

STATE, with a small crowd of her followers, arrived in Williamsport on Friday evening, Nov. 3, 1899. The men were confident that on the morrow another victory over Bucknell, who came to Williamsport on the morning of Nov. 5th (Saturday), not over confident yet hopeful, would be added to the nine already dangling at her belt. But fate and the elements had decreed otherwise. All day Friday and thro' the following night until midnight it rained, making the Athletic field a stretch of yellow mud on which weight would count more than quickness and agility. Saturday morning dawned cool and with a brisk breeze blowing down the river.

Bucknell's rooters arrived in two sections one at 10:30 a. m. and another at 2:15 p. m., accompanied by a band. State's rooting accompaniment landed at 12 o'clock noon and, headed by the State College Band, marched to the Park Hotel, State's headquarters. By 2 o'clock P. M. the tide of travel had turned toward the ball field and it was seen that the winds of the morning, still blowing briskly, had had a good effect; but the field was still wet and sticky. About all of the fifteen hundred people who saw the game had assembled at 2:30 P. M. when the teams arrived.

The teams were heartily cheered as they appeared upon the field, Bucknell preceding. After some preliminary punting and passing of the ball while the Captains tossed the coin, which toss was won by Randolph, the teams lined up for the final struggle.

Many were the expectant eyes that saw the ball placed and Mathewson wait for the sound of the whistle which should give his right foot permission to strike terror to the hearts of State's supporters; but the kick off was bad, the ball rolling down the field to Ruble. Then after an exchange of punts, Bucknell carried the ball down the field by line plunges until Gilles fumbled on State's 25-yard line, Scholl getting the ball. State, after two efforts to carry the ball back up the field, both of which were successful, was penalized for holding, and Bucknell by hammering away at State's line carried the ball yet closer to goal line, when State got the ball for holding.