

## Big Loss for Old State.

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aggressive has our staunch Varsity Captain become, and our '05 eleven is one of the very best ever turned out here. Last year against W. U. P. Yeckly entered the game in miserable condition, and was carried weeping from the field after ten minutes of play. But in this year's big battle he was right into fight every second of the time, and every spectator noted how our gritty captain tackled, advanced the ball, helped the runner, and "took out his man" like a thunder bolt when leading the interference, besides constantly urging all his men to their best efforts. In the Annapolis game this fall, after making a superb 85 yard run for a touch down. Yeckley had both an arm and a leg rendered practically useless by a severe "charley-horse," an affliction greatly feared by every athlete. After a week's rest State's leader returned to college, although Dr. Robison had sent him home to stay the remainder of the season on account of his poor physical condition. But "Yeck" told the coaches he was going to play, and play he did in such magnificent style as to aid tremendously in three desperately fought 6 to 0 victories over Dickinson, West Virginia, and W. U. P. No State eleven has ever possessed a more magnetic chieftain, and Thanksgiving night at the Varsity banquet, when the final song and toast was rendered, "Oh! here's to dear old Yeck, drink him down!" there were tears in many an eye around that festive board. Yeckley graduates next June as a chemist and is a student of high standing.

His first knowledge was gained at Patton High School and Indiana Normal, and when he came to State in the fall of 1902 his splendid work at left end won him a place on that Varsity made up of such old stars as "Big" Smith, Hewitt, Dodge, Cummings, Arbuthnot, Junk, Mono-

han etc. The next two seasons Yeckley was an end of exceptional ability, finally shifting to half-back in the W. & J. game Thanksgiving Day '03, where State won 23 to 0, and "Yeck" has ever since played the half-back position.

As for full-back George McGee, Pittsburgers saw in him Thanksgiving Day a line-plunger second to none on the college gridiron. Six feet in height and tipping the beam at 179, McGee has played two seasons on State's Varsity elevens. Last season at Annapolis Captain Forkum was so ill that he could not even don a uniform. McGee was Forkum's only substitute and had played two seasons on "the scrub" without showing any marked ability. At his prep school, Bellefonte Academy, his position had always been at half-back. Nobody had dreamed of the rugged old "Forkie" falling sick, and McGee was naturally looked upon as a poor substitute, having received very little coaching. At Annapolis, however, George received his first "baptism of fire," and was so nervous and unsteady that the coaches were in despair. Then a week later Forkum was taken down with pneumonia on the very eve of the all important Dickinson struggle. Times were dark at Old Penn State! But then it was that George McGee came to the call and displayed his inherent manliness and State spirit. For against Dickinson's confident warriors the irresistible hurdling and line-plunging of this new son of Old State went a great way towards sweeping State's rivals down to overwhelming defeat. And from that day to this McGee has come forward with such strides as to now be classed as a better line plunger than Forkum, who in all-around ability is rated as State's greatest of full-backs.

Against W. U. P. McGee's fierce tackling and secondary defense work was cheered over and over again. And no line this season has withheld



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