

ing it. Fight and spirit were displayed, however, which helped State to victories in the South despite the poor condition of the team. Thompson injured his knee in the St. Johns game, and was out of it for two weeks and then at Cornell, Haverstick sprained a tendon in his leg, and could not get back into the fray for over a month, while injuries kept both Cree and Ross from playing their best ball during some important periods; so that Coach Golden has certainly had his hands full all spring in looking after States crippled ball tossers, and, often enough it seemed impossible to muster a full Varsity nine. Then early in May a bad all-around slump struck the team, and a defeat by Dickinson resulted, although the Dickinson nine was not within 50 per cent as strong as State's. At Cornell and Yale were lost heartbreaking games, where hard luck and the absence of regular players, undoubtedly caused defeat, though the pitching of Captain McIlveen was superb.

Under such a host of difficulties many a college team would have simply "quit," and slumped all the rest of the season, but Captain McIlveen is a fighter from the word go, and so are the other men on our Varsity squad. No idea of "quitting" was ever dreamed of in State's baseball camp, but everybody worked courageously, until at last the team commenced to play surer, faster baseball and things seemed to go more smoothly. West Point, Fordham, Dickinson, and Lehigh were decisively defeated, and finally against Princeton our team put up such a superb fielding game as to make McIlveen's twirling most effective, and a glorious victory was gained. Against Lafayette an other fine exhibition took place, State winning out in one of the best games ever seen on Beaver Field.

Of the five defeats by Yale, Cornell, St. Johns College, Dickinson, and Villanova, it may be honestly said that the first three named should have cer-

tainly been victories for "Old State," since misplays in the field allowed Yale and Cornell to triumph in desperately close battles; while the 5 inning game in the rain with St. Johns cannot be seriously considered. As for the Dickinson and Villanova contests, State's team was fairly beaten beyond all doubt. But down at Carlisle Captain McIlveen and his men showed the Dickinsonians where they were wrong by a 10 to 2 victory; and in the Commencement game State's sons are equally determined to get even with the strong Villanovans.

In summing up the work of State's nine for the season, it must be admitted by all fair-minded judges that that by reason of high class, consistent ball playing against the very best college talent in the East, Penn State's deserves to be classed among the leading college nines in the country. By going down to Princeton for three successive years and mastering "the Tiger" in his dangerous lair, State's sons have not only established an unparalleled record in college baseball annals, but have fought their way into the front rank of inter-collegiate baseball, which is a very difficult achievement for any college outside the charmed circle of "the Big Six." Three games were called off this season on account of rain, Mt. St. Marys, Annapolis, and Penn, all of which State's players looked upon as sure victories. Here is the complete record for the season.

March 29 at Emmittsburg, State— Mt. St. Marys— (rain)

March 30 at Annapolis, State— Annapolis— (rain)

March 31 at Annapolis, State 3, St. Johns, 4. (5 innings)

April 2 at Charlottesville, State 5, Virginia, 1.

April 3 at Washington, State 6, Geo. Washington, 5.

April 14 at State College, State, 3, Susquehanna, 0.

April 19 at State College, State, 11,

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