

ments, since the three great centers of population in Pennsylvania were covered and the white and blue advertised in the best possible way



Captain McCleary

Our schedule was one which no team in the country would have tried with the possible exception of the Indians. It resulted in the disabling of quite a number of varsity men, and the final game in Pittsburg was played without the services of captain McCleary, halfback Ballou, left guard McClellan and left tackle Weaver. Yet the white and blue won on sheer merit in that final struggle and no end of praise is due our players for the true "State spirit" shown in that game. It is very likely that next year will see a revision of the schedule with fewer difficult contests, yet Penn State stands on such good terms with all opponents that it is difficult to see just whom we can drop.

For the fifth consecutive season the popular "Tommy" Fennell coached the white and blue. During this half decade our eleven has been returned a winner in 32 games, lost 17, and tied one. Such is a record to be proud of, but we are to lose the

Cornellian's valuable services since he will be able to spend only a few days on Beaver Field next fall. In all probability the graduate system of coaching will be tried and State is bound to make a success of this plan just as she has surmounted like difficulties before. Our alma mater has turned but some of the best players who ever handled a football on any gridiron, and these men will come back to instill into our elevens the State style of play—the one that has brought us victory after victory and given Penn State a splendid name the country over.

With Captain McCleary, one of the finest players who ever wore a Penn State uniform, out of almost one half the games, "Larry" Vorhis led the team this year as acting captain with great success. The little New Yorker is State's football captain for 1909. Here is our '08 record:

State 5, Bellefonte Academy 6, on Beaver Field; State 31, Grove City 0, on Beaver Field; State 5, Carlisle Indians 12, at Wilkes Barre; State 0, University of Penna. 6, at Philadelphia; State 51, Geneva 0, on Beaver Field; State 12, West Virginia University 0, on Beaver Field; State 4, Cornell 10, at Ithaca; State 33, Bucknell 6, on Beaver Field; State 0; Navy 5, at Annapolis; State 12, University of Pittsburg 6, at Pittsburg.

Games won, by State 5; Lost 5.

Points scored, by State 153; opponents 51.

#### Opening Basketball Game.

Last Friday evening our basketball five opened its season at the Armory with a fine victory over the Harrisburg Athletic Club. The visitors had an all-college aggregation with Mc Cormick of Bucknell, Johnson of Princeton and Gaffney of West Virginia University in their lineup. A clean article of basketball was furnished by the team from the capitol city and at times their

passing was brilliant, but the white and blue overwhelmed and outplayed them at all points.

PENN STATE-42 HARRISBURG A. C.-13  
Hermann.....r f.....Taggart  
Reed, Hoerle.....l f.....Gaffney  
Waha.....c.....Tome  
Funston (Capt.)Barnett.r g.....Johnson (Capt.)  
James, Harrington.....l g.....McCormick  
Field goals—Reed 10, Waha 3, Hermann 3, Barnett 3, James 1, Gaffney 3, Tome 2, Johnson 1. Foul goals—Hermann 2, Taggart 1. Referee—Candy, Greensburg. Time of halves—20 minutes.

#### Basketball Prospects.

With captain Funston, Hermann, Waha, Reed, and Barnett—all basketball "S" men—now in school, there is a sturdy nucleus around which to build up our '08-'09 five. Amidon, Davis, McIntyre, Armstrong, and Harrington are members of last year's scrub team who are again out for the varsity, while there is also a good crop of new candidates.

Gotschall, who played well for F. & M against State in two games last season, is showing up well at forward. James at guard and Hoerle at forward, both Johnstown High School candidates, are also making a good impression with their work. Barr, end on this season's football eleven, Blythe of Philadelphia (Central) H. S., Cooper, McKee and Doster are other men who are trying for places on the team. Altogether the prospects for a team which can equal last year's excellent record of ten victories out of fourteen games played are favorably encouraging. The only cloud in a bright sky at present is the injury to "Jimmy" Funston, the brilliant little leader, who may be kept out of the game with his bad knee. With captain McCleary on the injured list in at least one-half of the important football games this fall and Funston injured at the beginning of the basketball season, the fates appear to have a grudge against the white and blue captains.

This year's schedule is one of the best we have ever had. Games with Allegheny, West Point, and the University of Pittsburg have been arranged for the first time. Among the others are Penn, George Washington, Bucknell, F. & M., Swarthmore, and Manhattan.