

ATHLETICS

A Review of Penn State Athletics During '08-'09.

With but three baseball games remaining after today's battle against Bucknell, and with Monday's track meet against Pitt the only remaining event on the track schedule, our athletes have almost completed another successful and prosperous year. Our prosperity is evidenced by graduate manager Meek's football report made some time ago and his statement that to the best of his knowledge the Athletic Association will be more nearly out of debt at the close of this Commencement—if not entirely so—than it has been at any time during the past ten years. Our schedules have been exceedingly heavy in every branch of sport during the past ten months and the fact that the victory column is still the bigger of the two speaks well for the athletes of Old State.

No team in the country was pitted against a stronger array of opponents than captain McCleary's eleven last fall. Even with that indomitable leader out of half the games, laid up with injuries, the White and Blue warriors fought on undaunted and won splendid victories over West Virginia, Bucknell and Pittsburg. It is true that we were beaten by Cornell, the Indians and Penn but so small was the margin of victory in each case and so difficult was it for these noted teams to win from us that the '08 eleven must go down in State's annals as one of her best teams.

Basketball

Victories over Bucknell, Allegheny, Manhattan and several other good college teams were the main features of our basketball season under captain Funston and later under acting captain Waha. There was great rejoicing over the smothering of the Lewisburgers since they had won from us a year ago, and the

victory over the Allegheny five, sturdy aspirants for championship honors, was a feat well-worth recording.

Wrestling

During the winter wrestling became more prominent than it has ever before been beneath the shadows of Old Mount Nittany. Under president McKee of the Wrestling Association and captain Craumer, great interest was manifested in the grappling game and the excellent showing of our wrestlers at Ithaca on March 26th resulted in Penn State being favorably mentioned as a member of next year's Intercollegiate Wrestling Association, an organization which includes Cornell, Penn, Princeton and Columbia as members.

Baseball

While our baseball season has not been completed, the White and Blue nine has shown the true Penn State form, and while the percentage of victories has so far been considerably smaller than that during the past five or six years, yet some notable triumphs have been gained with the hardest schedule ever attempted. On May 22 the University of Michigan, again champions of the Middle West, went down to defeat at the hands of Captain Hirshman's trusty nine and a baseball victory over Bucknell gave us a clean slate with the Orange and Blue, which we hope will not be marred by today's game. While the scheduled contests with Princeton, Cornell and Pennsylvania were prevented by rain, fifteen contests have been played, all but five being on foreign diamonds, and our percentage is now .600. The formation of an Interclass Baseball League in which eighteen interesting games were played was a pleasing feature of the '09 baseball season.

The completion of State's new Beaver field with its wonderfully good track has been a great incentive for Captain Maurhoff and his

track-men to do good work for their Alma Mater this spring. We won easily from both Dickinson and Swarthmore in field meets and came in third in the Harrisburg Intercollegiate Meet where ten colleges were entered. The Indians were first and they were the only rival who won from us on the cinder path in a dual meet. Probably we will soon be able to down the Redskins in this branch of sport, too, for the success of our first prep school meet held at the dedication of the New Field on May 7 augurs well for our future track teams. The New York and Boston alumni have liberally aided this year in helping to put Old State's track athletics on a better footing.

This year's record in concise form:

	Won	Lost
Football	5	5
Basketball	7	6
Track	2	1
Baseball	9	6
Total	23	18

Contests at Home, 18—Abroad, 23

Football, E. T. McCleary, captain; P. B. Postlethwaite, manager.

Basketball, J. G. Funston, captain; Track, P. A. L. Maurhoff, captain; L. B. Lindemuth, manager.

Baseball, C. L. Hirshman, captain; E. A. Wilcox, manager.

Wrestling, R. E. Craumer, captain; J. M. McKee, manager.

Order of Exercises for Commencement Day.

The academic procession; invocation, the Rev. Dr. Gill, chaplain of the college; music, overture; the Commencement address, "Ideals," Julian Kennedy, Ph.D., Pittsburg; the valedictory for the senior class, Karl Hartness Marsh; the conferring of degrees, the bachelor's degree, the advanced degrees; the college hymn; the awarding of prizes and commissions; presentations; the President's annual statement; the recession.