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An Opening Victory.

Although Captain Hermann was out of last Friday night's basketball game with Harrisburg on account of a bad ankle and Reed was absent on an inspection trip, our five won its opening game in easy fashion. Just two points more were scored against the Capital City collegians than last year while the visitors annexed the same number of points they got one year ago.

It took several minutes of the first half for the State combination to get together. Then Hoerle threw the first goal and baskets came thick and fast, Hoerle himself was credited with eight clever goals during the game while "Mal" Ross was close behind with one less. These two forwards worked together well and Haddow at center proved his value by getting the jump on his opponent on almost every occasion and thus allowing the Blue and White to pass the ball around her opponents.

Blythe, the only other "S" man besides Ross to play in Friday's victory, worked in his usual steady, consistent, heady style but he had the misfortune to miss a number of close shots. Shore proved himself a good one at the floor game and was all over the Armory at all times. He and Haddow are new faces on our team, and they are surely going to be valuable additions to the basketball five. Barr and Clausen for the Collegians were fast and elusive, the former especially excelling in dribbling, but Harrisburg's team work was not in evidence as our guards did well on the defense. Lineup:

PENN STATE 41	HARRISBURG 13
Hoerle 11	Barr
Ross 11	O'Brien
Haddow 10	Tome
Blythe 10	Gaffney (Capt)
Shore, James 10	Clausen
Goals from field Hoerle 8, Ross 7, Shore 3	
Haddow 2, Blythe 1, Clausen 2, Barr 2, Tome 2	
Goals from foul—Ross 2, O'Brien 1	Time of
halves 20 minutes, each Referee Schein '10	
Timers—Weaver '12 Barrett '13	First half—Penn
State 25, Harrisburg	

Basketball.

In the opening of the basketball season, State easily defeated her opponents in the Armory last Friday night. The spirit and ginger displayed by the team throughout the game, gives promise that the coming season will add more laurels to State's many well achieved athletic conquests. Captain Hermann, who is suffering with rheumatism, was unable to participate in the initial contest, but expects to lead the team in the games scheduled for the Eastern trip. The squad left Wednesday, going to Philadelphia where they meet Penn, then to New York to play Pratt and Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and last to West Point where they wind up the trip with the strong Army team. The idea of installing the interclass basketball has proved its value, in the great assistance that the class teams have given our varsity. The advantage of this system over a scrub team is readily apparent inasmuch as the varsity practices against different teams instead of one team all the time and thus does not become accustomed to the style of play of one particular team. Then the interclass league race will be a most interesting race in itself and the student body has already manifested great interest in the games. The varsity has many good games

scheduled at home, beginning after the Christmas recess and the outlook for a most successful season is very bright.

Some of the rules that were changed at the meeting of the Intercollegiate Basketball Rules Committee, in New York, are as follows:

In Rule 8, Section 1, the clause, "A player cannot advance the ball more than one step in any direction when attempting to shoot," was stricken out.

In Rule 9, the clause referring to dribbling was changed so that dribbling refers to the motion of the ball and not to the player, so that a man may stop while dribbling the ball. As long as he keeps the ball in motion, it is not a foul.

In the rule governing a ball going out of bounds, if the ball goes out of bounds without interference by spectator or player, and rebounds to the courts, the ball is dead and must be thrown up between the two nearest players.

The Cross Country Run.

On Saturday afternoon the annual cross country run took place over the new course. It proved to be very successful in every particular, and the general interest in it was very great.

Sixty seven entrants were on the list up to the time of starting. About sixty men started, and forty-eight finished. The best time was that of J. A. Fulkman '13, 17 minutes, 37 seconds, beating that of B. D. Watts '12, by one second. The time prize was donated by the First National Bank.