



FOOTBALL SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE

Loyal Blue and White Sons Have Accomplished Much in the Football World—A Team of Stars

When Captain Mauthe and his men gave the college yell, with three Pitts on the end, at Forbes Field on Thanksgiving Day, the most successful season the Blue and White has ever had became history. Other great teams have represented the Blue and White on the gridiron in past years, but none accomplished quite as much as that of the current year.

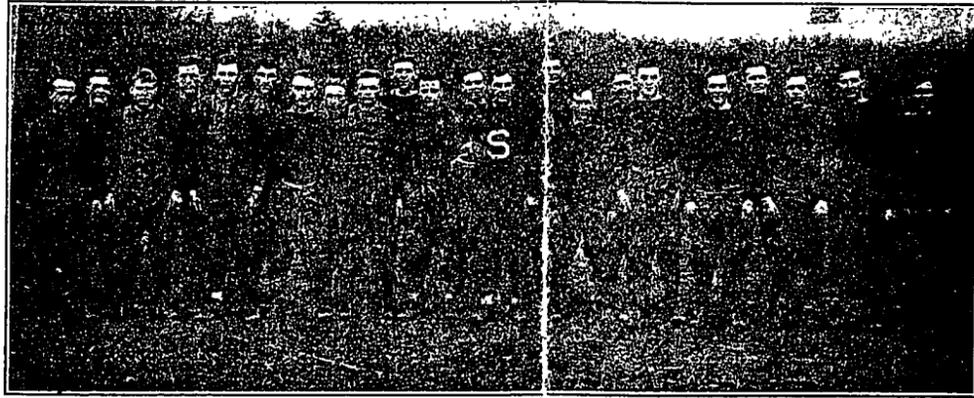
A few critics may say that certain teams of the past were stronger; we answer, without attempting in the least to detract from the glory of any player or team of the past: consult and compare the records. The wonderful elevens of 1909 and 1911 were undefeated, but failed to win all their games. The 1912 team not only won all the games on the schedule, but also won them by a big comfortable margin in every case. Superiority in attack and defense was shown over every opponent of the season.

Several factors played important parts in the success of Penn State upon the football field this season. Of these factors the following deserve consideration: the team's knowledge of the rudiments of the game, the large number of plays mastered, the use of plays calling for open formations, the presence of individual stars on the team, and finally, team work. Most of the credit for the superiority attained along these various lines, is due to the coaching system employed at Penn State and to head coach Hollenback and his assistants.

The Penn State teams of the past two years have been noted as examples of teams well drilled in the rudiments of the game. Probably no college team unless it be the Indians, put more time upon these points. Tackling the dummy, falling on the ball, line charging, getting down under punts and the similar drills become a part of the routine of the Blue and White candidate. It is this that has resulted in comment from coaches of other colleges and sporting writers upon the clean, hard, sure tackling, the quick, low charging, and the close following of the ball of Penn State's men on the gridiron.

While strength on defense has been gained by a thorough application of knowledge of the rudiments of the game, an equally strong offense was exhibited, due in a great measure to the versatility of attack. This meant the mastering of a large number of plays and formations. The Blue and White not only knew but put in practice a great number of plays with success; as the emergency demanded. Line shifts, fake shifts, end over, tackles back, cross backs, criss-crosses, fake kicks, and silent signals, were mixed with end runs, line smashes, and short and long forward passes in a way that produced ample results against every opponent to satisfy the most demanding supporter of the team.

The success of State's attack was, in a great measure, due to the use of open play formations. Many yards were gained through the line but when this failed, a varied assortment of open plays were at hand. By shifts, it was made possible so that any man on the team,



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excepting the guards and centre, might carry the ball. Quick short forward passes were thrown by Miller or a double pass to Mauthe ended in a long forward pass. Sometimes an end playing wide was the receiver, sometimes it went straight over center to one of the tackles. There was probably no other team that used the forward pass to better advantage than our own Blue and White, and in the so-called big teams of the East the success of the forward pass was conspicuous by its absence. In every big game played by the Blue and White touchdowns resulted from the forward pass.

The second greatest asset Penn State had was her sterling players, an all star aggregation. Question this if you will, but no less than ten members of the 1912 Blue and White team have been chosen by critics for places on All-American or all star teams or mentioned among the list of best players of the year. Six members of this greatest of Blue and White teams—Mauthe, Very, Engle, Hansen, Wilson and Whitney—will graduate in June, 1913, and Penn State will have lost some of her greatest players. Space will not permit of words enough to give due credit to the individual members of the team. Captain Mauthe, according to Big Bill, who knows if anybody does, is the greatest fullback of the past season. Eight field goals in as many games, including the longest one of the season, 29 goals from touchdowns out of 34 trials, and the longest and most spectacular forward passes ever seen on a Pittsburgh gridiron, is a part of his great record.

Ex-Captain Very, universal choice for All-American end, received the long forward passes of Mauthe or the short ones from Miller. His play was always brilliant. Miller, at quarterback, was another marvel for speed and change of direction, both physically and mentally. His generalship was above criticism, his individual work in catching punts, throwing forward passes and carrying the ball, was wonderful in its accuracy and speed.

Wilson made a most capable running mate for Very. Although not so brilliant, he was always reliable and much above the average end. He was a certain smasher of interference, a sure, hard tackler and a dependable receiver of forward passes.

Too much credit cannot be given to the Blue and White linesmen. Mauthe's field goals, the success of forward passes, end runs, trick plays, line smashes and punts, was due to the never failing strength of

our line. Protection was given to get all plays properly started and in football attack the old adage holds true "Well begun is half done." Engle was one of the best tackles of the year. Lamb and Whitney lacked only in the experience of the former, Bebout and Hansen were a tower of strength. Clark was a sure snapper back and wonderful defensive player. No opponent charged through this line to block a punt or goal from field. Berryman, Welty, Keller, and Tobin were worthy co-laborers of Mauthe and Miller. All carried the ball well and were good on defense. Berryman proved a wonder at breaking up forward passes while Tobin was the "pinch hitter" of the back field. Vogel, Sayre, McVean, Barron, Fisher, Welling, and Langdon proved to be a set of substitutes which did not appreciably weaken the team. All are hard workers and will be in line for promotion to fill vacant places on next year's eleven. Lastly and most important, Penn State won because of team work. Unity of thought and strength and action produced a power that would not be denied and could not be resisted. The individual was lost sight of in the welding together of one eleven-man multiple power machine. Each performed his part, trivial or great, in the perfecting of a unified whole. When one man carried the ball, ten others were each taking out or blocking an opponent. Every man worked with one end in view, a fair and square victory for the Blue and White.

Here's praise and glory for the 1912 Penn State team, here's success to her outgoing members, and here's hope for a repeater in 1913.

Athletic Association Nominations.
At the Mass Meeting on Monday night, the following men of the class of 1915 were nominated for Assistant Football Managers:—C. B. Dowd, C. A. Lord, W. W. Whetstone, G. R. Thorn, B. L. Schubert, J. D. Gold, J. L. Beatty, F. K. Hoehler, O. B. Gipple, J. E. Dunbar, and E. R. Hitchner. The election will be held on Monday, December 16, from six p. m. to eight p. m., in the Old Chapel.

The Glee Club Trip.

Prof. Robinson has received word from the Santa Fe Railway to hold the college glee club in readiness to make the proposed trip to San Francisco during Christmas vacation. Though the matter has not been definitely settled, things are now very favorable.

Prof. Robinson wants to rent a good piano for four months for the use of the glee club. Send communications to him.

Varsity Soccer Trip.

On Monday, December 16th, the Varsity Soccer Team will leave here to play the following schedule:

December 16—Franklin & Marshall at Lancaster.

December 17—Haverford College at Haverford.

December 18—Westtown School at Westtown.

Until recently, it was the intention to play the University of Pennsylvania on Thursday, the 19th, but due to unforeseen circumstances arising negotiations were discontinued. Manager Savery is endeavoring, however, to secure a game with one of the cricket clubs in the vicinity of Philadelphia for this date.

This year's squad excels to a marked degree that of last year and the new material, particularly that from the incoming class, has shown exceptional ability. It is probable that the following named men will make the trip: Valentour, Stewart, Cuno, Gregg, Vollmer, Allinson, Tobin, Dutemple, Smedley, Worthington, Black and Savery.

Student Council Action.

In a meeting Monday evening the Student Council decided that any student found guilty of mutilating papers, magazines or books in the Library, for the first offense shall give a public apology and shall replace the same and for the second offense he shall be expelled from college. In order to stop petty thefts from the Armory, the Council also decided that all locker keys not turned in last June must be turned in to Shollenberger at once.

Towards the New Organ.

At the recent dinner of the New York Alumni, a pledge of \$1000 was made toward a pipe organ for the Auditorium. It is hoped to secure \$2000 additional for the instrument. The endowment fund being raised by the New York Alumni for the ultimate benefit of the college has now reached \$500.

Eberlein Laid Up.

Jack Eberlein, captain of last year's baseball team, is laid up in Los Angeles, California, because of injuries received in two games last spring. Eberlein is having trouble with his back and his arm that was broken in the Lehigh game. The former captain is at present at 612 So. Daly St., Los Angeles.

Will Speak in Chicago.

President Sparks will leave this week for the University of Chicago where he will give the convocation address on December 17th, on the topic "Agriculture as Related to the Cost of Living." On the way, he will give an address at the Ohio Wesleyan University.

OUR ALL-AMERICAN RECOGNITION

Penn State Players Receive Honorable Mention From Many Football Experts.

A partial list of the newspapers, with their selections, placing Penn State men on their All-American teams is given below:

Boston Journal—Very, end, first team, Engle, tackle and Bebout, guard, third team.

Philadelphia Press—Very, end, first team, Miller, quarterback, second team, Bebout, guard and Mauthe, fullback, third team.

Philadelphia Bulletin—Very end and Miller, quarterback, first team.

Washington Times—Very, end and Mauthe, fullback, first team, Engle, tackle and Wilson, end second team.

Newark Call—Very, end, and Miller, quarterback, second team, Mauthe, halfback, third team.

Scranton Times—Very, end and Miller, quarterback, first team.

Pittsburgh Dispatch—Very, end, first team.

Pittsburgh Leader—Very, end, first team.

Brooklyn Citizen—Bebout, right guard, first team.

New York Sun—Very, end, first team, Mauthe, fullback, second team.

Philadelphia Evening Times—Engle, left tackle, first team.

Walter Camp—Very, end, second team.

Bill Hollenback's All-American Eleven.

Bomeister, Yale—l. e.

Stoyer, Harvard—l. t.

Brown, Navy—l. g.

Ketcham, Yale—c.

Schenk, Princeton—r. g.

Englehorn, Dartmouth—r. t.

Very, Penn State—r. e.

Miller, Penn State—q. b.

Thorpe, Indians—h. b.

Brickley, Harvard—h. b.

Mauthe, Penn State—t. b.

CALENDAR.

THURSDAY DEC. 12

6:45 p. m. Engineering Building.

Pittsburgh Club. Import.

Business Pending.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

Armory. Interclass Wrestling Meet.

7:00 p. m. Engineering Building,

Room 211—A Schuylkill

County Club Meeting.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

8:00 p. m. Auditorium. Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course. The Gales.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

10:00 a. m. Old Chapel. Freshman Service.

11:00 a. m. Auditorium. Regular Chapel Exercises with Special Christmas Music.

6:30 p. m. Auditorium. Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

9:30 p. m. Old Chapel. Student Problems by Dean Holmes.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

6:30 p. m. Old Chapel. Election of Assistant Football Managers.

7:00 p. m. Stamp Club at Prof. H. D. Pallister's, 602 Pugh St.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

6:30 p. m. Old Chapel. Prayer Meeting.

The Registration Days for the second semester will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13, 14 and 15.