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FRAZER FIELD







## Football Season of 1925

The Football season for 1925 opened with two new coaches, Forstburg of Franklin and Marshall, and Myers of Brown. "Bill" McKelvie, "Sook" Jackson, and "Chock" Gibson, three outstanding stars of previous years, had been lost by graduation. "Huck" Kramer, giant center and captain-elect, had broken his wrist a few weeks before college opened and consequently was unable to participate in the training camp and early season activities. The letter men that were on hand for the new season were: Captain Kramer, Lohmann, Torbert, Owens, Creamer, Hubert, Weggenmann, Reybold, Beatty, Wootten, and Cherpak. "Stem" Atkins was Manager and Mark Donohue Assistant Manager.

Thus, with few seasoned veterans back, a stiff schedule ahead, new coaches to become accustomed to, and Captain Kramer unable to lead his teammates, Delaware's prospects looked uncertain to say the least. By the time for the opening game, about sixty men were working out daily fighting for positions on the team. The large number of men were showing up well and everything was going smoothly.

### The schedule

Oct. 3 St. Josephs	Home	Oct. 31 Upsala	Home
" 10 Ursinus	Home	Nov. 7 Juniata	Home
" 17 Swarthmore	Home	" 14 Haverford	Home
" 24 St. Johns	Home	" 26 Dickinson	Carlisle

## Delaware: 14 St. Josephs: 6

Ed McGinley, star tackle for several seasons at Penn and all-American tackle selection for 1924, brought his charges to Newark to oppose Delaware in the first game of the season. The proteges of Coaches Forstburg and Myers, after undergoing a thorough trouncing for half of the game, came back to win a 14 to 6 victory. St. Josephs ripped off six plays in less than two minutes. Johnny Oakes had gone over for a touchdown. The touchdown was the result of a steady march down the field,





Delaware's defense crumbling before the onslaught of a powerful line. In the second quarter, Delaware took advantage of a break to score her first touchdown. The St. Joe quarterback, standing in mid-field, fumbled one of Creamer's punts. After a mad scramble for the ball, it was found safe in the arms of Max Glasser, only three feet from St. Joe's goal line. On the next play, "Dutch" Weggenmann took the ball over. Creamer drop-kicked the goal.

Delaware's second touchdown came as a result of a concentrated aerial attack plus poor generalship on the part of St. Joe. Delaware had advanced the ball to St. Joe's ten-yard line where the latter held four downs. On their first play, St. Joe tried a forward pass which was intercepted by "Red" Owens, who dashed fifteen yards to the shadows of the opponent's goal posts. Glasser on a perfect pass from Creamer, scored the second touchdown. Creamer kicked the goal. Creamer, Lohmann and Glasser played best for Delaware.

## *Delaware: 6 Ursinus: 2*

Ursinus was Delaware's second opponent. The team showed a far superior brand of football compared to that played against St. Joseph's. This was especially true of the line.

Delaware's score was the result of two perfect drop-kicks by "Fritz" Creamer, playing quarter for the Blue and Gold. Near the end of the first quarter, a Ursinus back fumbled and Coppock recovered on the run. He was stopped on the Ursinus' 10-Yard line. Three line plays failed to gain. Fritz dropped back and kicked his first goal into the face of an exceptionally strong South wind. It was a perfect kick. For the remainder of the first half the two teams battled on about even terms, neither side scoring. In the third quarter, with the big Red team on the defensive most of the time, the Delaware team looked good. It was in this quarter that Creamer kicked his second goal. It was from a difficult angle on the 25-yard line. Ursinus's score was the result of a safety handed to them by Creamer. Ursinus had advanced the ball to Delaware's 10-yard line by trick plays and line plunges. Delaware held four downs on her three yard line. At this stage of the game, Creamer used excellent judgment which probably saved the game for the Blue and Gold. Creamer, standing somewhat back of his own goal, received the ball in kick formation. Instead of kicking into the treacherous wind, he fell on the ball, giving Ursinus two points rather than a possibility of six or seven.

The entire Delaware line played excellent football. In the backfield, Creamer, Loveland and Wootten showed up well.

## *Delaware: 0 Swarthmore: 2*

On October 17, the fighting Blue and Gold team handed the football world one of the season's surprises by holding the strong little "Quakers" to a 2 to 0 score. Despite the fact that Swarthmore was a heavy favorite to win the contest, it was a tough game for the Blue Hen's Chicks to lose. The score came in the final moments of the game after Delaware had withstood the onslaught of those brilliant backs, Wilcox and Evans, and had, in a great many instances, thrown them for losses.

The Swarthmore game marked the return of Captain Kramer and "Scoop" Hubert. These two men, crippled by early season injuries, had been spectators up until this game. Their return was covered with glory as they were both mainstays in stopping the Swarthmore chargers.

The break of the game that gave Swarthmore the tussle came in the closing minutes. Creamer fumbled a Swarthmore punt on our thirty-yard line and Palmer recovered. A brilliant twenty-yard run by Wilcox gave Swarthmore a first down on the ten-yard line. Delaware, showing that same fighting spirit that she had displayed throughout the entire game, refused to budge and held for four downs, taking the ball on the three-yard line. Here Creamer's punt was blocked by Seymour, the Garnet left end. The ball went into the crowd which had surged out into the end zone of the field and when the mass of players who dove for it was finally disentangled, Richards had the ball. There was some question as to the play but the officials decide upon a safety and gave Swarthmore two points. Shortly after this play, the game ended.





The defensive play of Delaware against the veteran team coached by Roy Mercer is a never-to-be-forgotten feat. Delaware stopped such stars as Ned Wilcox, Pete Richards, Castle, and Evans. Captain "Huck" Kramer led his cohorts in a manner most befitting to a Captain and covered himself with glory as well as Swarthmore players. The spirit displayed by the team was excellent, and they fought in true Delaware style.

## *Delaware: 6 St. Johns: 7*

The defeat at the hands of St. Johns was a great surprise as well as a great disappointment to Delaware's followers. For the last three years we have lost to the Johnnies when our teams have been far superior to theirs. The game was played in a downpour of rain which made it difficult for either side to hold the slippery pigskin. On six different occasions, Delaware's line broke through to block St. Johns' kicks, but not on one occasion did they recover the ball after blocking the kick. Delaware practically gave St. Johns the game. Shortly after the game had started, the Johnnies had the ball in mid-field. The ball was snapped to Lutz, St. Johns halfback, and, as he started to run through the left side of Delaware's line, the Umpire blew his whistle for a Delaware offside. The Delaware players hesitated for a moment, thinking the ball dead, but Lutz kept on. When our players finally realized that the Umpire's whistle did not govern the play, Creamer was the only man between Lutz and the goal line. Creamer tackled him and slowed him up long enough for another Delaware man to down him on our three-yard line. Dugan put the ball over and kicked the goal for St. Johns.

The touchdown for the Blue and Gold came in the final minutes of play as a result of a long forward Creamer to Weggenmann, the latter running 20 yards to score. Creamer missed the goal.



## *Delaware: 24 Upsala: 7*

Displeased with the showing in the St. Johns game, Coach Forstburg made many changes in the Delaware line-up to send a revamped team against Upsala. Delaware had Upsala on the defensive from the start. Forstburg's "pony" backfield did good work, but they did not have the punch to put over any touchdowns. Loveland scored a touchdown on a forward, and Lohmann and Coppock each blocked Upsala kicks to fall on the ball for touchdowns. Creamer kicked two drop-kicks. Upsala scored against Delaware's third team. Barkley, Lohmann, Coppock, and Loveland played best for Delaware.

## *Delaware: 13 Juniata: 6*

In this game with Juniata College the wearers of the Blue and Gold held the upper hand throughout. The Pennsylvanians were powerless against Delaware's line, although they did run our ends to advantage. Twice Juniata put the ball into dangerous territory by end runs and clever forward passes. Our scores came as a result of straight football. Weggenmann, Hubert, and Loveland alternated in carrying the ball. Weggenmann went over for both scores. Capt. Kramer played his usual brilliant game at center. Loveland, Weggenmann, and Coppock also played exceptionally well. Juniata made her score in the last quarter as a result of the long pass thrown to Kelley who, catching the ball on the run, had a clear field all the way to the goal line.



## Delaware: 0 Haverford: 18

Delaware suffered its third defeat of the season at the hands of its long-standing rival—Haverford. Delaware went into the game with two important changes in her line-up. Cherpak was at quarter in place of Creamer whose injury kept him out of the game, and Captain Kramer was back at his old position at center. The Blue and Gold got off to a good start and in four minutes time had the ball on the Haverford 10-yard line as a result of runs by Loveland and Weggenmann. In the shadow of their own goal posts, Haverford presented an impenetrable defense. Cherpak attempted a drop-kick which was blocked and recovered by Haverford. Near the close of the second period Haverford, by the line bucks and runs of Webster, Middleton, and Lambert, carried the ball from their own 35-yard line to Delaware's goal, where Webster took the pigskin over for Haverford's first touchdown. Again, in the early part of the second half, Webster blocked Hubert's kick and Buselle scooped up the ball and went over for the second six points. The third touchdown was made near the end of the game on an intercepted pass.



## Delaware: 0 Dickinson: 23

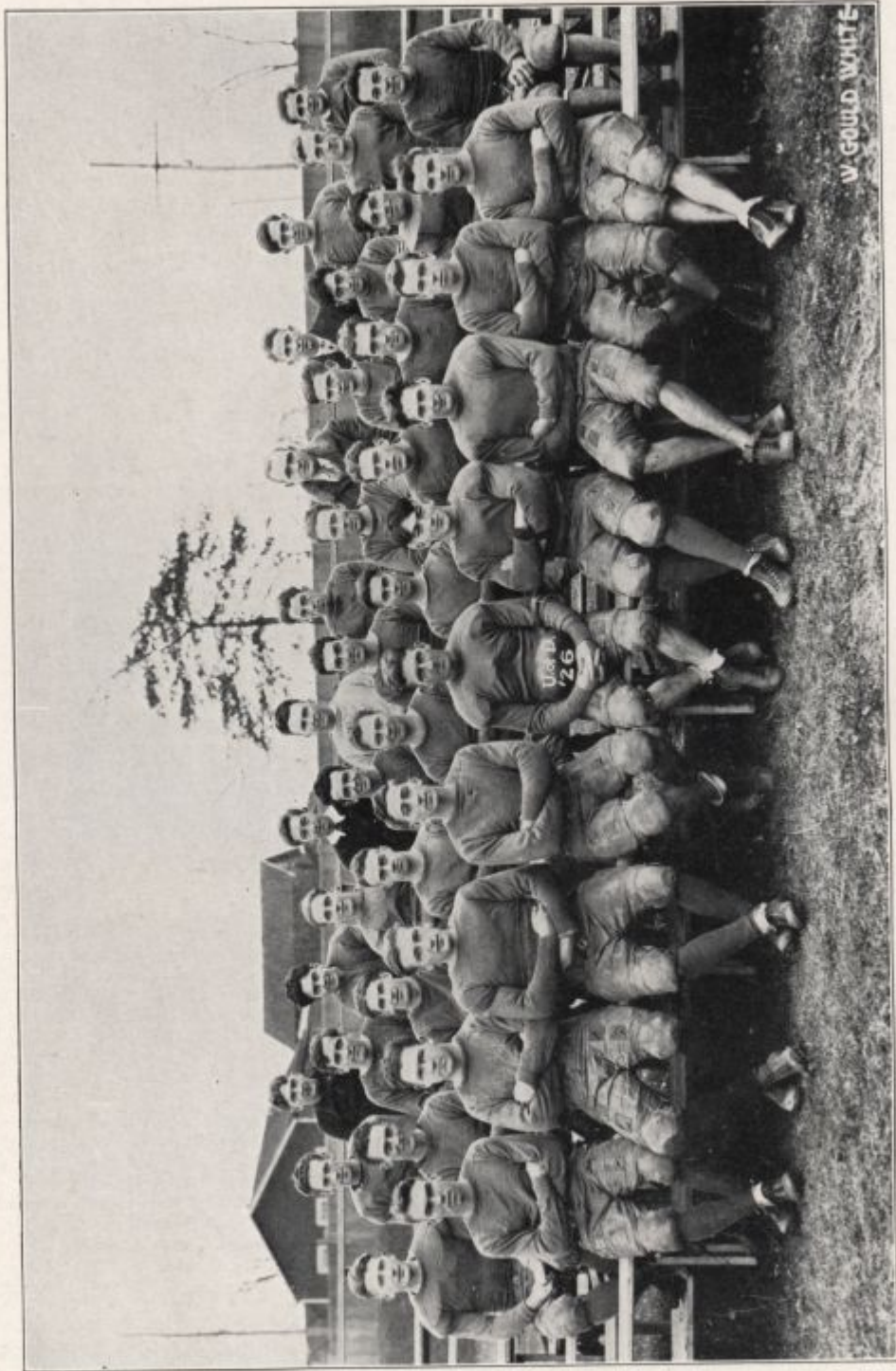
Held scoreless in the first quarter by a fighting, aggressive Blue and Gold team, Dickinson unleashed a fierce attack in the second quarter to land two touchdowns. Books and Harter registered the two touchdowns for Haverford, Books kicking both goals. In the final period, Books scored his second touchdown and goal kick. Late in the game Wootten downed the ball behind his own goal line for a safety and the final score. Delaware gained most by the aerial route whereas Dickinson's mainstay was displayed in end runs. Neither team showed a consistent defense. The light, wiry Blue Team put up a plucky fight against the crushing attacks of a heavy Red and White Eleven. Kramer was a pillar of defensive strength. Weggenmann, Hubert, and Coppock had a big day in the line.

Although we lost to Swarthmore, Haverford and Dickinson, the season was not as disastrous a might be inferred. Light material and heavy injuries greatly handicapped the team and coaches. The Blue and Gold put up a fighting game the entire season, and, with the exception of the St. Johns game, acquitted themselves well. The stellar playing of Captain Kramer was the high light of Delaware's season. "Huck" was never stopped by any opponent. At the end of the season he was named by many sports writers as their selection for the center position on their all-star teams.

The "D" was awarded to the following men; Captain Kramer, Torbert, Owens, Reybold, Glasser, Draper, Lohmann, Weggenmann, Wootten, Hubert, Cherpak, Creamer, Hanson, Coppock, Loveland, Rose, Patchell, Davis, Barkley, and Manager Atkins.

"Bill" Lohmann, product of Wilmington H. S. and Perkiomen, was elected Captain for the 1926 season. Mark N. Donohue was elected Manager and James E. Wilson Assistant Manager.





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FOOTBALL TEAM—1926





## Season's results:

Opponent	WE SCORED	THEY SCORED	Opponent	WE SCORED	THEY SCORED
St. Josephs	14	6	Upsala	24	7
Ursinus	6	2	Juniata	13	6
Swarthmore	0	2	Haverford	0	18
St. Johns	6	7	Dickinson	0	23
			Total	63	71

## Football—Season of 1926

Delaware opened the season with a host of letter men back and a lot of new material on hand. "Doc" Doherty, an Alumnus of Delaware, was elected assistant coach to succeed Coach Myers. Manager Donohue had arranged a schedule that was very attractive save for the feature of having only three games home and five away. Rutgers and Gallaudet were to be met for the first time in many years. Drexel replaced St. Josephs and Delaware was to journey to New England for the first time in its history to meet Springfield.

## THE SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 Drexel	Home	Oct. 30 Rutgers	New Brunswick
" 9 Ursinus	Collegeville	Nov. 6 Swarthmore	Swarthmore
" 16 Springfield	Springfield, Mass.	" 13 Gallaudet	Home
" 23 St. Johns	Annapolis	" 20 Haverford	Home

## Delaware: 6 Drexel: 7

The Blue and Gold outplayed their opponents throughout the game and had the Drexelites on the defense most of the game, but the team had that final necessary punch on but one occasion, when Loveland scored on a long forward from Sweeney. The team suffered greatly from injuries in this opening contest. Draper, who started at fullback and showed great prospects was put out for the season with a broken ankle. Green sustained a broken nose which kept him out for a couple of games. The line play of Lohmann and Glasser at the ends and Coppock and Green at the tackle positions was exceptionally good.

## Delaware: 6 Ursinus: 0

After a week of intensive work, the Forstburg-Doherty machine went to Collegeville to match its skill with Ursinus. Maintaining a tight defensive in the pinches and maintaining one sustained goalward march, the Chicks upset the dope and tripped the Red Team by a 6 to 0 score. The lone score came in the second quarter by virtue of a forward from Creamer to Glasser, after a march beginning on the Blue and Gold's own thirty-yard line. Chevin, a phenomenal back, N. Moyer, and S. Moyer played best for Ursinus. Creamer, Captain Lohmann and DiJoseph were in the lime-light for Delaware.



## *Delaware: 3 Springfield: 0*

In a practice scrimmage during the week preceding the Springfield game, Captain Lohmann received an injury to his shoulder which kept him out of the game for the remainder of the season.

Delaware upset all the dope by defeating the Springfield Y. M. C. A. huskies to the tune of 3 to 0. Steenes, of Springfield, punted to Loveland who caught the ball in mid-field and raced to Springfield's thirteen-yard line before being brought to earth. Three attempts at the Springfield line failed to gain an inch. On the fourth play, Creamer booted a neat drop from the 35-yard line. Delaware put up a great game against a team that outweighed them twenty pounds to the man.

The brilliant aerial attack of the crab-towniers proved to be the undoing of the Delaware clan



## *Delaware: 3 St. John's: 13*

The first touchdown came late in the first quarter—a long pass from Zimmerman to Captain DiSantes, who ran 30 yards to cross Delaware's goal line. In the second quarter, in dangerous territory, Creamer kicked a drop-kick from the 25-yard line. St. John's second score resulted from an intercepted Delaware pass. Zimmerman and DiSantes did great work for St. John's. Loveland, Glasser, and Creamer starred for Delaware.

## *Delaware: 0 Rutgers: 21*

This was the first time since 1911 that Delaware had met Rutgers in an athletic contest. In 1911, Delaware defeated Rutgers, 3 to 0.





Although Delaware was defeated by the New Jersey team 21-0 they should feel no shame at the result. Injuries, Rutgers superior weight and training facilities contributed largely to Delaware's defeat. Rutgers scored early in the second period after a stubborn fifty yard drive. Young went over for the touchdown and Gardiner kicked the goal. In the third period Tony Zaller made a sensational 50-yard run to place the Scarlet in position for their second touchdown. This was but the matter of a few rushes. The third touchdown was made on a forward pass to Captain Hauf. Creamer, by his good kicking, and Reybold, by his "Kramerian" line play, played best among the members of an entire team that put up a good game.



### *Delaware: 7 Swarthmore: 47*

It is hard to give an account of the worst defeat suffered by Delaware in several seasons. If Delaware had anything to be proud of, it was the fact that her student body and Alumni turned out strong and gave the team their loyal support.

Swarthmore gained 21 first downs to our four. "The little Quakers" employed every means of offensive and succeeded in amassing seven touchdowns, five goals after touchdowns, and a safety, for a total score of 47 points. 'Twas Dave Loveland who prevented the Blue and Gold from being white-washed. The lad intercepted Garber's forward and dashed madly 87 yards for Delaware's lone touchdown. Rose kicked the goal. Pete Richards, of Swarthmore, was the outstanding player of the game, being all over the field, distinguishing himself in almost every play.

### *Delaware: 10 Gallaudet: 7*

The Gallaudet team from Washington furnished strong opposition and the game proved to be one of the best and hardest fought this season. The mutes, a strong and much heavier combination, were a tricky bunch and pulled off several plays that were consistent ground gainers. In the second quarter, Dyer threw a long pass and, because of interference, the officials gave the ball to Gallaudet on Delaware's three-yard line. Byouls took it over in two plays and Killigan kicked the goal. The Blue and Gold scored in the third quarter when Creamer booted a drop-kick from the 20-yard line. Then Fritz Creamer threw a pass to Loveland, who caught it and raced sixty yards for a touchdown. Our backfield displayed its smoothest work of the season.



## Delaware: 6 Haverford: 27

In the annual grid classic with Haverford, Coach Hannon brought to Delaware the best Haverford team in many years. It was a smooth-working, well-balanced organization that played superior football throughout the game and deserved to win. Haverford experienced an excellent season, losing only one game, that being the victory of Johns Hopkins.

Things looked bad for Delaware from the start. Shortly after the kick-off, Middleton, Tripp, and Webster plunged, passed, and knifed their way to the Mainliner's first touchdown and subsequent goal. Haverford scored their second touchdown in the first frame also. Middleton, sheltered behind perfect interference, made a long run for the second score. The try for the goal failed.

Although decisively outplayed in the first quarter, the Blue and Gold gave hope to their followers in the second period. They uncorked an aerial attack that carried them seventy yards to a touchdown. Creamer and Loveland were the main figures in the goal-ward march. The try for goal was blocked.

Haverford offset Delaware's temporary comeback with their third touchdown. The superior team scored on straight football. The third period was scoreless and marked by desperate fighting on both sides. Delaware broke through the line and stopped many bruising Haverford plunges. In the final stanza, the Haverford eleven scored another six points.

Despite defeat, the team played a good brand of football. The entire line did well. A fighting spirit that refused to be downed kept Haverford from piling up a larger score. The defense play by Glasser and Reybold stood out as did the line plunging of Lou DiJoseph.

### THE SEASON'S RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

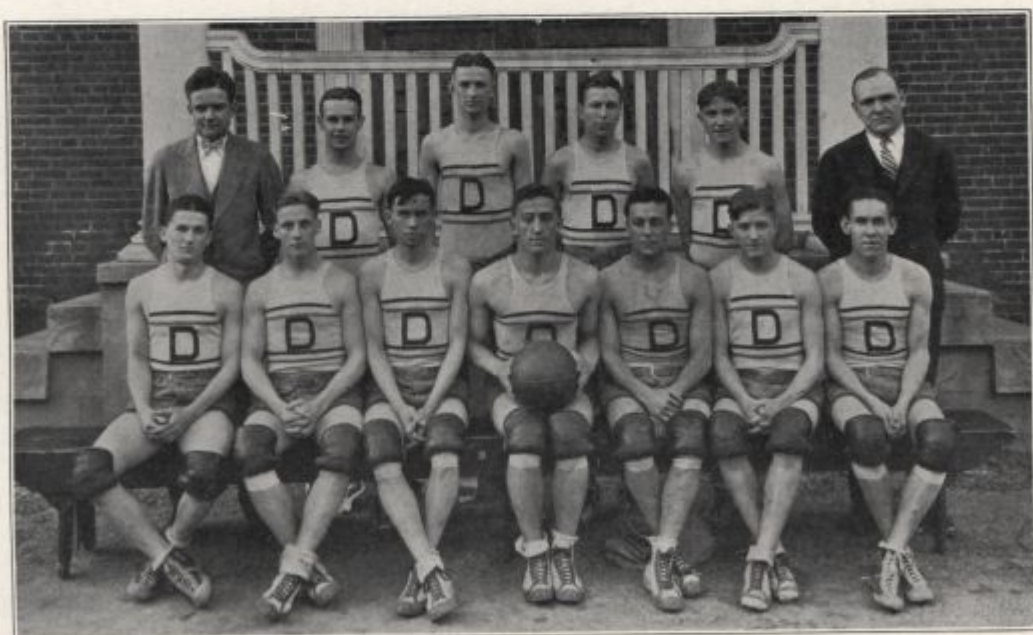
Opponent	WE SCORED	THEY SCORED	Opponent	WE SCORED	THEY SCORED
Drexel	6	7	Rutgers	0	27
Ursinus	6	0	Swarthmore	7	47
Springfield College	3	0	Gallaudet	10	7
St. Johns	3	13	Haverford	6	27
			Total	41	128

The "D's" awarded for the season of 1926 went to the following men: Captain Lohmann, Reybold, Reese, Cathcart, Thompson, Boyer, Benson, Glasser, Schagrin, Beatty, Creamer, Patchell, Sweeney, Loveland, DiJosephs, Green, Coppock, and Manager Donohue.





# 1927 BLUE HEN



## *Basketball—Season of 1925-1926*

With two letter men surviving from the "five" that was wrecked by graduation, Coach Forstburg had no easy task in moulding together a quintet worthy of carrying the colors of the Blue and Gold through the campaign of 1925-1926. "Vic" Lichtenstein was honored with the captaincy of the team. Along with Captain "Vic" were Carroll, Jacobson, Mannix, and Creamer of the squad of the previous season; the Holt twins and DiJosephs were new faces conscripted from the Freshman Class. The five that finally was given the privilege of shouldering the basketball burden weathered through one of the most severe storms ever encountered by a Delaware combine. When the salvaging of the worn-out ship of basketball was done, the estimate of the damage was in the neighborhood of twelve defeats out of fourteen starts. Although the record of the team is quite miserable, the defeats are not justified by the calibre of play demonstrated in some of the traditional battles. In no small number of games the Delawareans were nosed out by a lone field goal.

### *Delaware: 33 Temple: 29*

In the initial contest, the Blue and Gold dribblers, following the example of their crafty leader, sent the Temple Team away with a 33 to 29 defeat.

The play of the Delaware five was not as good as it might have been, but, considering the opening game and the ultimate result, the game was chalked up as a good win with expectations of decided improvement.

### *Delaware: 20 Dickinson: 32*

### *Delaware: 19 Ursinus: 23*

The Dickinson chargers and our friends of Collegeville were the next games of the season. Both of these games found the Delaware team in a period of depression. Dickinson romped away with a 32 to 20 win, while Ursinus took the measure of the Lichtenstein crew to the tune of 23 to 19. In the latter game the Delaware team played a classy brand of ball but were unable to check a last minute rally. A pair of field goals took the game away from the Newarkers when it was least expected.

### *Delaware: 25 Drexel: 15*

Captain "Vic" and "Billy" Carroll picked the night of the Drexel game to do a little sharp shooting. To the satisfaction of all present the pair of tossers divided nineteen points between them. The Blue and gold five broke into the limelight by annexing this game by the score of 25 to 15. The contest was an exhibition of a resurrected quintet. It was their best game, thus far, of the season. The Forstburg chargers looked keen in this game and things loomed bright for the future.

### *Delaware: 20: Swarthmore: 24*

The gym was filled to capacity to witness the traditional battle with Swarthmore. The rejuvenated spirit which had awakened in the Delaware team in the Drexel battle again put in its appearance. The Blue and Gold five battled the husky Garnet team to a standstill in the first twenty minutes of play. With the Delaware team working to perfection and the defense of the combine well-formed, it looked like a big Delaware night. The score at the end of the first session found the Swarthmore team a poor second with a 14 to 5 score against them.

The play of the Delaware team in the second was the antithesis of the form in the first half. The Garnet five cut loose with an attack that swept the Delaware defense before them. The Delawareans slipped into a profound state of lethargy while the Mainliners ran wild. The result of this hectic game was that Delaware trailed by four points when the final whistle sounded.





*Delaware: 21 Haverford: 27*

Haverford was the next to administer the dregs of defeat to the home club. The 41 to 20 defeat handed to the Haverford crew in the previous year was avenged by a 27 to 21 setback. The Blue and Gold combine showed signs of speed in this game but their good form was short-lived.

*Delaware: 25 Davis-Elkins: 35*

The Forstburg team again bowed to supremacy when the Davis-Elkins five trotted out five six-footers who knew the game to the tee. Flashing some of the speed which was demonstrated by the Fordham team in the previous year, the Southerners romped away with a 35 to 25 victory.

*Delaware: 15 Dickinson: 20*

Dickinson duplicated the game played in the earlier part of the season and handed the home boys a 20 to 15 defeat. The same old story was told after the game. The Blue and Gold could not continue their fast play for the full forty minutes. The Dickinson crew was outplayed in team-work in the first half, but the surplus of height told the tale in the last minutes of battling.

The trip north again brought disaster to the Delawareans. The climate failed to agree with the local artists and the result was a trio of defeats for the club. Brooklyn Poly, St. Johns of Brooklyn, and Stevens handed reverses to the Blue and Gold. Lichenstein, who had distinguished himself as the leading scorer on the team, was disabled and was unable to take part in the games on the northern trip. With the scoring ace out of the game, and the team-play off color, the defeats were not surprises to the close followers.

*Delaware: 18 Haverford: 22*

This disastrous season was brought to a close when the Haverford team brought the string of defeats to twelve. The Delaware team led throughout the first half and the early part of the second session. Once again it looked as though the Blue and Gold would finish with flying colors. The expectations of the Delaware followers were shattered when Mr. Logan of the Haverford team tossed in a trio of two-timers from mid-floor. This performance sent the locals behind with a four point score—22 to 18.

Although the season was one of the worst ever suffered by Delaware, it had its value. The experience gained by the Sophomores and Freshmen on the squad will later be of great value to the team. Only two Varsity men will be lost to the team by graduation. Immediately, the past was forgotten, and the prospects of the next season became the general topic.

## THE RESULTS:

Delaware	33	Temple	29
"	20	Dickinson	32
"	19	Ursinus	23
"	25	Drexel	15
"	20	Swarthmore	24
"	21	Haverford	27
"	25	Davis-Elkins	35
"	15	Dickinson	20
"	28	F. and M.	32
"	26	Brook. Poly	30
"	30	St. John's	38
"	24	Stevens	39
"	18	Haverford	22



## *Basketball—Season of 1926-1927*

Basketball loomed as a big thing in the early days of practice about the gym. There was Captain "Fritz" Creamer, Jaquette, DiJoseph, and the Holt twins from last year. Lichenstein, captain of the tossers of last year, was in school but had announced his desire to give up the game, due to an injury sustained in the previous year. The Freshman Class presented a combine which later proved to be as fast as the Varsity. Barton and LeCarpentier of Wilmington High, along with Milne, Hill, and Taylor, completed the five.

With these ten men as a nucleus, Coach Forstburg began his work. A two-team combination was the design of the Coach. Although the squad was over-stocked with speed, it lacked the greatest requisite of basketball—height. Of the ten men, Jaquette was the only man who managed to see over a six-foot mark. It was thought, early in the season, that the two-team combination would be able to offset the lack of height, but this turned out to be a mere illusion. The greatest difficulty of the season was selecting five men who could manipulate together to advantage. The ten men were of equal calibre; the difference in ability was so slight that many changes were made to find the five that could work with precision.

Philadelphia Textile was the first on the Blue and Gold schedule. In the initial game of the season the Delawareans took an easy win, leaving Textile on the far end of a 28 to 19 score. Barton playing his first game of college basketball was foremost in the teamplay of the Blue and Gold and likewise the leading scorer of the game. The two-team system worked well in the opening game and the Delawareans looked like world-beaters.

### *Delaware: 29 Philadelphia Osteopathy: 11*

Osteopathy failed to furnish worthy opposition for the Delaware Quintet. In a listless game, the Philadelphians went under an avalanche of field goals when every member of the Delaware team scored. The Blue and Gold team again looked good, but the opposition was so weak that the true caliber of the local five remained an unknown quantity.

### *Delaware: 28 George Washington: 29*

Down Washington way, the Delaware team experienced its first defeat. After battling for forty torrid minutes, the Newarkers were forced to submit to a 29 to 28 defeat. The Washington combine was one of the strongest quintets on the Delaware schedule, and the game proved that the Forstburg team would be equal to the task of pulling through a tough schedule. The Blue and Gold played a wonderful game throughout the allotted minutes.

### *Delaware: 34 Western Maryland: 15*

Back to the plus column was the path of the Blue and Gold after their sensational victory over the Western-Maryland cagers. DiJosephs was the big gun in the scoring department in this game. He played a clever floor game and figured high in the scoring column. This win encouraged the followers of the team as the passers were about to embark on a difficult schedule through the north.

### *Delaware: 19 Army: 23*

Again the trip north proved the Nemesis of the Delaware aggregation. After playing nothing less than sensational ball against the Strong Army and Pratt teams, the home club was forced to take the sponge in both games.

The highly reputed Army team received one of the biggest scares of the season on the night of the Delaware game. In this battle the defense of Creamer and LeCarpentier offered more than keen opposition to the much advertised Army forwards. At the end of the first half the Cadets were trailing the Delawareans by a field goal. The second half was a repetition of the first session. However, in the last few minutes, the Army team drew to the lead and remained ahead in the home stretch and thus took the game by three points. In this contest, the guarding of Creamer and LeCarpentier was most remarkable.



*Delaware: 17 Pratt: 21*

Another superior team took the Delaware team into camp. Over in New York, the Blue and Gold fell before the speedy Pratt club. Although the score was comparatively close, the superiority of the New Yorkers was displayed throughout the battle.

*Delaware: 21 Drexel: 23*

In this game the playing of the Delaware team was a disappointment, to say the least. The form and fight that the team displayed in the games against more superior teams of the north was absent on the night of the Drexel affair. After passing and shooting in a slovenly manner for forty minutes, the whistle came as a god-send to end the worst exhibition put on by the Delaware team thus far. The game ended with the Drexel team having a margin of 2 points over the Newark combine.

*Delaware: 32 St. Johns: 13*

A complete revision of the Delaware team was made after the Drexel game. A new team trotted out on the floor to represent the University in the game against the Annapolis five. If ever a change worked it was on this evening. The five youthful passers made everything they shot, and the grand finale was a big score against the cadets.

*Delaware: 16 Mount St. Mary's: 29*

The boys from the mountains lived up to the expectations of those who follow the Malloy-coached team. They had little trouble in handing the Forstburg crew a 29 to 16 defeat. The game was a fast and hard fought battle, but, as the local team was against a squad of clever and experienced tossers, the defeat was inevitable.

*Delaware: 22 St. Johns: 14*

St. John's again fell before the Delaware team in a listless game at Annapolis. Although the cadets were represented by a team of much better calibre than at their first meeting with the Newarkers, it failed to make a good showing. Milne showed excellent form in this game.

*Delaware: 32 Penna. Military Academy: 33*

After a weird exhibition against the P. M. C. aggregation, the Newarkers were let down with a 33 to 32 defeat. Save LeCarpentier, the local team was altogether off color. This small defensive start kept the Forstburg machine in the running throughout the game. His speedy floorwork and long shots were the only redeemable feature of the play of the locals. LeCarpentier was responsible for fifteen of his team's points.

*Delaware: 18 Swarthmore: 26*

Swarthmore appeared while the Delaware team was in an unavoidable slump. Taking advantage of everything that came their way, the mainliners chalked up a 26 to 18 win. The game was one of those typical, traditional battles between the two institutions. It was marked, however, by very poor sportsmanship on the part of some of Delaware's followers. The Student Body should be cautioned against such occurrences. The Delaware team was often in striking distance of winning the fray. However, when the opportunity presented itself, the Swarthmore team staged a beautiful rally which sent their team far to the fore.

*Delaware: 15 F. and M.: 18*

With a record of fifteen wins and four defeats, the Franklin and Marshall team payed their respects to the Delaware team by taking away with them an 18 to 15 victory which was snatched out of the hands of the Blue and Gold aggregation in the last minutes of play. The Delaware Crew had things their way the first half with the Lancaster team, and at half time was enjoying a lead of two points. But, true to the games in the past, several changes played havoc with the Delaware team. The Blue and Gold was unable to check a last minute rally which put the game in the bag for the Pennsylvanians.

Up to the time of going to press, three games remain to be played. We have yet to meet Haverford, Western-Maryland and Ursinus on the wooden ways. It is unsafe to pick letter-men before the season ends, but indications are that all of the eleven regulars will receive their letters. The team has fought well and has gained valuable experience for years to come. Conditions surrounding the team have been more than discouraging, and we consider that they have done well.



## Baseball—Season of 1925

The season of 1925 gave promise of being one of the best in the history of baseball at Delaware. When Dick Hoch, who was a letter man for the past three years at Delaware, decided to enter Temple in order to study medicine, the honor of the captaincy was given to Jimmy Mannix, one of the fastest outfielders in local history.

On March 11, Manager Herbert Ickler issued uniforms to the squad. Mannix, Pryor, Hunt and "Choc" Gibson were the only varsity men back from the previous year. The following day, the initial practice of the season was held on Frazer Field; it was very light. Freshman candidates were numerous, of which Fred Creamer and Victor Lichenstein showed up the best. Subsequent practices gave promise of a well-balanced team, with Pryor, Beck, Roth, and Harper holding down the pitching mound.

In the opening game with Philadelphia Textile on the local diamond, "Lefty" Pryor pitched a rather listless game until the last four innings, when he tightened up and did not allow a man to reach first base, while his team-mates batted in enough runs to win, 6-2.

In the second game, Swarthmore walloped Delaware 11-0, knocking Pryor out of the box in the fourth inning. Dickinson won from the Blue and Gold after a serious error by Hunt with two men on, 2-1.

While on a two day trip to New York and vicinity, Delaware split even in the two games played, winning from Stevens Tech 5-4, but losing to Pratt Institute 10-0.

On May 13, the Naval Academy was very lucky to win from us 11-10, by putting over the winning runs in the ninth inning. In this game, Vic Lichenstein garnered five hits and scored three runs.

We split even in the next two games, winning from Drexel by the score of 10-5, and losing to Ursinus 4-3 on Frazer Field. Saint Joseph's was white-washed in the following game, 8-0; Pryor allowed but four scattered hits.

In the game with Georgetown University at Washington, Delaware suffered her worst defeat of all time, losing 33-0. An Associated Press Dispatch said that this score established a record in collegiate circles. What could have been the trouble, no one is willing to say, and details of this harrowing conflict are mercifully lacking. The game took a lot of pep out of the locals for the important game of the season, with Haverford at Newark.

When the game was called by Umpire Smith, and the opposing team trotted out on the field after having held Delaware scoreless in the first inning, spectators groaned and predicted dire results for the Blue and Gold warriors. But at the end Delaware, was leading by the significant score of 11-1. Captain Mannix went on a batting rampage in this game, getting four hits and a walk out of six trips to the plate! In addition, he had four putouts and two assists.

Cut of the thirteen games played, the Blue Hen's Chicks won six and lost seven. The team had an in and out season, looking especially good at times and just the reverse at others. With the exception of the Georgetown game, Pryor pitched every game, and, with better support, would have won more often than he did. Captain Mannix, Pryor, Ickler, Lichtenstein, and Ash played steady games all season, but errors on the part of other players were the direct cause of at least four defeats. Then, too, the lack of capable pitchers to take their turn on the hill with Pryor, or to relieve him when necessary, was a determining factor in the defeats.





## Baseball—Season of 1926

On March 21, the baseball squad was put through its first practice session under Coaches Forstburg and Meyers, both men new at Delaware. An abundance of material in the Freshman class made the prospects especially bright for a banner season, and Captain Jimmy Mannix, again elected by his fellows, was expected to lead a team on the field in the first game that would come through the season with few defeats. In commenting on the prospects, Coach Forstburg said, "The possibilities are exceptionally good, providing the pitchers come across. With one or two good pitchers to help Pryor, the ace of the previous year, I believe that this will be accomplished." Of last year's varsity, the only ones lost by graduation were Gibson, third base, and Ickler, catcher. This left the entire outfield, consisting of Mannix, Cherpak, and McKelvey intact, while Prettyman, Wooten, Lichenstein, Hunt, and Pryor were practically sure of making varsity positions.

Prevented by cold and rainy weather, the team progressed slowly. The candidates were forced merely to throw a ball around, or jog around the track. In a few days the new diamond was ready, and as soon as the team moved on it, practice began in earnest.

On Thursday, April 12, the team returned from its annual invasion of Southern soil with an empty sack. Out of the three games scheduled in Maryland and Virginia, two resulted in defeats for the locals and the odd game was called off because of rain. Playing first at Hampden-Sidney, the Blue and Gold lost 6-1, gathering but three hits off Zimmerman's delivery. Wednesday's game with V. P. I. was called off at the last moment by the home management following a heavy rain. Later in the afternoon, belief was expressed that the field could be sanded and the game played, but by this time the players of both teams were scattered around the campus, and could not be brought together in time to play the game.



On the way home, Delaware stopped off in Annapolis long enough to drop the second game of the trip to St. Johns, 9-5, after a weird eighth inning. Five runs on three hits was the amazing performance of the Blue and Gold batters. The sudden collapse of Roseberry, the Maryland ace, in the first part of the eighth, brought runs trooping in through free passes. But in St. Johns half, Crossgrove lost his cunning, and, aided by errors of his support, let in five runs, enough to sew up the game. Only six hits rang off Delaware bats during the entire trip.

In the first home game of the season, we nosed out Philadelphia Textile in the closing innings 4-3, thus repeating the performance of the previous year. Pryor had seven strikeouts to his credit, and although he allowed eleven hits, they were well scattered. Jaquette, a Freshman, made his debut by slamming out two hits, one a triple, and had thirteen putouts at first. The game was free from errors, save for two committed by the visitors.

On May 5, Delaware lost a loosely played game with Swarthmore, 17-7. Prettyman and Mannix starred for the locals. Swarthmore did its best work in the second inning, when they pounded Pryor from the box and scored five runs. Mannix scored one run, and made four hits. Lippincott and Fox of Swarthmore had three hits each.

In the first game of a two-day trip north, Stevens Tech lost to the Blue and Gold 17-2. On the following day, Upsala defeated Delaware 7-5 in a game featured by the timely hitting of Cherpak. Jaquette had a big day in the field with sixteen putouts and four assists.

On the sixth day of May, we lost another to St. Johns, 8-2. Both teams hit hard and often. St. Johns usually falling safe, while the locals' swats travelled into the hands of the infielders. Pryor pitched a poor game, but had no incentive to do otherwise when his teammates were committing serious errors behind him. In the sixth, seventh, and eighth innings Delaware filled the bases, but could not put across a winning punch.

Putting up a sorry exhibition of ball playing, Delaware bowed to the lads of the Naval Academy to the tune of 11-5. The sailors ran up an early lead and were never headed. A total of eleven errors was charged to Delaware players in addition to a wild pitch and a passed ball. Crossgrove, in the face of such odds, pitched a good game of ball and allowed but five hits before the seventh inning, and but two afterwards. A Delaware rally in the ninth was nipped by sharp infielding. Jaquette again starred with Mannix.

In the closing game of the season, Delaware dropped to Ursinus 13-0. Pryor and Crossgrove were pounded unmercifully by the visiting sluggers. In addition to being hard hit, the local pitchers had terrible support; Lichtenstein alone made four errors.

The season of 1926, from the standpoint of games won and lost, was the poorest in the history of this sport at Delaware. The locals won but two games. But despite this woeful record, followers of the game may console themselves with the thoughts of a banner season in 1927, since there is great material in the Sophomore and Freshman classes which remains to be developed.





## Letter Men

1925-1926

### FOOTBALL

*Lewis Kramer, Captain*  
*Richard Torbert*  
*Charles Owens*  
*William Reybold*  
*William Lohmann*  
*Max Glasser*  
*William Draper*

*William Wootten*  
*Floyd Hubert*  
*Joseph Cherpak*  
*Fred Creamer*  
*Murray Hanson*  
*Walter Coppock*  
*Raymond Atkins, Manager*

*David Loveland*  
*Almaron Rose*  
*Horace Patchell*  
*Clyde Davis*  
*Francis Barkley*  
*Earl Weggenmann*

### BASKETBALL

*Victor Lichtenstein, Capt.*  
*William Carroll*  
*Louis Jacobson*

*Fred Creamer*  
*Walter Coppock*  
*Robert Hayes, Manager*

*Louis DiJosephs*  
*Roger Holt*  
*Hugh Holt*

### BASEBALL

*James Mannix, Captain*  
*Milman Prettyman*  
*William Wootten*  
*Joseph Cherpak*

*Preston Beck*  
*Robert McKelvey*  
*Earl Pryor*  
*John Ash*  
*Alton Hobbs, Manager*

*James Jaquette*  
*Emerson Maxwell*  
*Victor Lichtenstein*  
*Robert Crossgrove*

### TRACK

*Lewis Kramer, Captain*  
*Breckinridge Tremaine*

*Justin Steel*  
*David Loveland*  
*W. N. Cannon, Manager*

*Edwin Beatty*  
*Harold Paxson*

### TENNIS

*Fred Creamer, Captain*  
*Dudley Johnson*

*David Eastburn*  
*Ira Garbutt, Manager*

*Edwin Meredith*

### SWIMMING

*William Reybold, Captain*

*Bernard Nobis*

*Edgar Reese*

### RIFLE LETTERS

*Ralph Baker*  
*Palmer Craig*  
*August Walz*  
*Theodore Hynson*

*Clyde Davis*  
*William Derrickson*  
*Marshall Manns*  
*Alfred Vincent*  
*Francis Barclay, Manager*

*Roy Corley*  
*Wallace Dutcher*  
*Robert Jaquette*  
*Jacob Short*

## Letter Men

1926-1927

### FOOTBALL

*William Lohmann, Captain*  
*David Cathcart*  
*Fred Creamer*  
*David Benson*  
*Louis DiJoseph*  
*Francis Thompson*

*William Reybold*  
*David Loveland*  
*Edgar Reese*  
*Walter Coppock*  
*Wilson Boyer*  
*Mark Donohue, Manager*

*Edwin Beatty*  
*Max Glasser*  
*Horace Patchell*  
*Leo Sweeney*  
*Walter Green*  
*Arthur Schagrin*

### SOCCER

*George Bringham, Captain*  
*J. Watson*  
*G. Milne*  
*L. Potts*  
*G. Heppe*

*Jacob Short*  
*L. Powell*  
*A. Taylor*  
*I. Hill*  
*J. Roser*  
*William Derrickson, Manager*

*H. Ryan*  
*C. Crothers*  
*R. Snowberger*  
*R. Long*  
*A. Strazzella*

## *Track Season of 1925*

On March 6, a call was issued for all track candidates by Coaches Ralph France and "Bill" McKelvie, who, due to the fact that Coach Keyes was unable to be with the team, took the responsibility of piloting the men through the season. We had only five letter men remaining in school: France, McKelvie, Baxter, Jackson, and Evans; but there were many promising candidates from the Freshman Class. The student coaches worked laboriously with their material in preparation for the next meet with Philadelphia Textile on April 8, and their reward was an overwhelming victory with a score of 84-42. The features of the day were the shot-putting of McKelvie and the final sprint in the 880 yard dash by Tremaine, which brought him from a possible fourth place to a close victory. During the last week of April, intensive practice was carried on in Frazer Field in preparation for the Penn Relays. Every man did his utmost to win a place on the squad, and at the end of the week Gregg, Loveland, Green, and Jones, with Tremaine as substitute, were picked for the relay team, and Baxter for the high jump.

Delaware suffered her first defeat on April 30, at Swarthmore, when we were beaten by a score of 83-43. The opposing team carried practically all the first places in this contest held on a track of mud. France starred for Delaware by taking first place in both hurdles. Baxter also contributed greatly by capturing the high-jump. Delaware next met Drexel here and easily won 82-44. France and McKelvie were the high scorers; thirteen points each to their credit. This was the last time that either of them would have the opportunity to compete for their beloved Delaware on Frazer Field, and their enviable records have done much to boost the scores throughout their life at college.

Thus the season of '25 ended, having been conducted very successfully by Manager Jones, Assistant-Manager Cannon, and Captain McKelvie. The season's record, though not exceptional, was very satisfactory, and no greater credit should be given any members than the student Coaches who, though inexperienced in dictating instructions, turned out a very creditable team. The seasons of '25 left four legacies around which its successors built a very accomplished team. The letter men who returned to college were; Kramer, Evans, Loveland, and Jones.





### *Track Season of 1926*

Official track practice was called by Coach Forstburg about the last week of March, and Frazer Field saw several of its old stars back, together with many recruits from the class of '29. Training continued for several days and was then interrupted by continuous unfit weather. Kramer, who during his entire collegiate life has contributed greatly to Delaware victories in field events was chosen as captain for the season of 1926. Manager Cannon, together with Assistant-Manager Edwards, planned an intensive training period in preparation for the many difficult meets scheduled. Early in the season the relay team, which was to compete in the Annual Penn Relays, began warming up for their appearance at this big athletic carnival, which was to be held the third week in April. The team consisted of Steel, Loveland, Roser, and Evans. During the race, Delaware held closely to third place, but in the final relay was nosed out by the Haverford four.

On April 27, Delaware suffered a miserable defeat on Frazer Field at the hands of Haverford when we were beaten by a score of 108-18. Loveland, who won the 440 yard dash, was the only man to capture a first place. Two second places were taken; one by Tremaine in the 880, and the other by Roser in the 100 yard dash.

Delaware, although making a good showing against the famed Swarthmore team, lost the meet on April 30 when Swarthmore scored 82 points against our 44. Although we were unable to take a first place in any of the running events, we took second and third places in almost every one. The Swarthmore team seemed to lack some of the power they exhibited at the Penn Relays; it fell down considerably in several events. The 100-yard dash, which opened the meet, was the most spectacular performance of the day. Dutton, of Swarthmore, after making a very poor getaway, beat out a big field of Delaware and Swarthmore runners and in the final spurt broke the tape about two feet in front of Roser. The javelin throw was practically monopolized by Delaware when Captain Kramer exhibited the best throw witnessed on Frazer Field during the season, with a distance of 160 feet, 9 inches. Garrett, a Freshman, who promises to become one of the greatest men in this event, took second place with a throw of 160 feet.





The Annual Interscholastic meet which is held every year on Frazer Field took place on May 8. Thirty-two schools from four states were entered, with a total of 350 contestants.

On May 6, the Delaware squad went to Philadelphia for a dual meet with Drexel Institute, and came home victorious with a score of 66-60. Competition was close; several times Drexel threatened Delaware with dangerously close scores. Captain Kramer was the individual star of this hard fought meet, being high scorer with two victories and a second place in the weight events. He heaved the shot 37 feet 9 inches for a first place in that event and tossed the discus 102 feet 6 inches to capture honors in that event. He also gained a second place for Delaware in the javelin throw. In this event, Garrett took first place with a throw of 152 feet 9 inches. In each event the honors were about equally divided between the two teams. Delaware's other first places were won by Beatty, Loveland, Paxson, and Tremaine.

We have left us from last year seven varsity men; Loveland, Beatty, Tremaine, Paxson, Garrett, Steel, and Jones, a very good nucleus around which to build our team for 1927. We lost only two by graduation. There is also an abundance of track material in the first-year class. With this outlook, the future looks bright indeed.





*Track and Field Records*

100-Yard Dash	M. H. Wilson, '05
10 seconds	G. O. Smith, '16
	E. P. Pitman, '23
220-Yard Dash	E. P. Pitman, '23
22 seconds	
440-Yard Dash	W. F. Harmer, '22
51.3 seconds	
880-Yard Run	W. F. Harmer, '22
2.02 $\frac{1}{5}$ seconds	
Mile Run	V. Booth, '23
4.28 seconds	
Two-Mile Run	V. Booth, '23
9.45 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds	
Cross Country	V. Booth, '23
220-Yard Low Hurdles	R. France, '25
26 $\frac{1}{5}$ seconds	
120-Yard High Hurdles	D. Crockett, '28
16 $\frac{3}{5}$ seconds	
High Jump	P. Baxter, '26
6 feet	
Broad Jump	H. Alexander, '18
21 ft. 10 in.	
Pole Vault	T. McDonnell, '22
11 ft. 9 in.	
Discus Throw	G. Carter, '22
126 ft. 2 in.	
Javelin Throw	H. Betzmer, '24
176 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	



## *Soccer*

Soccer, a new sport at Delaware, got its permanent start in the fall of 1926. Coach Forstburg and Charles J. Lewis organized a team in the fall of 1925 but Tome School was the only game played because it was too late in the season to arrange a schedule.

William B. Derrickson, Jr., was appointed manager for 1926-27. He was able to secure games with good college soccer teams. These games were with Beacom's Business College, Haverford Junior Varsity, University of Pennsylvania Junior Varsity, Swarthmore, and Franklin and Marshall. Much interest was shown in practice during the fall of 1926. Every practice day, there were as many as twenty-five candidates out to try for the team. When the season began, we were handicapped by not having a coach who really knew the game of Soccer. Captain Bringham did his best at coaching for about two weeks. Bringham deserves much credit for his efforts in organizing Delaware's first soccer team. Finally, it was found that there was a new faculty member at this University who had played varsity soccer at Amherst College. This man was Mr. O'Brien. He very willingly consented to give his services as Coach. Although the men were all new to him, he was able to put the finishing touches on the team before the season had got a good start. Mr. O'Brien gave the team confidence as well as some very valuable instruction.

## *Delaware: 0 Beacom: 1*

The first game of the season was with Beacom Business College. This team was very strong and went through the season undefeated. During this game, Delaware kept the ball most of the time, but kicks for the goal were never effective. Beacom won the game when Collision headed a corner kick through the goal.





## *Delaware: 0 Haverford Junior Varsity: 1*

The Haverford game at Haverford showed a wonderful improvement in the team. Even though we lost by the score of 1 to 0, the team did very well considering that it played a team from a college that has one of the best soccer teams in the country. Ryan, Roser, and Short were the outstanding stars for Delaware.

## *Delaware: 1 Univ. of Penn. J. V's: 9*

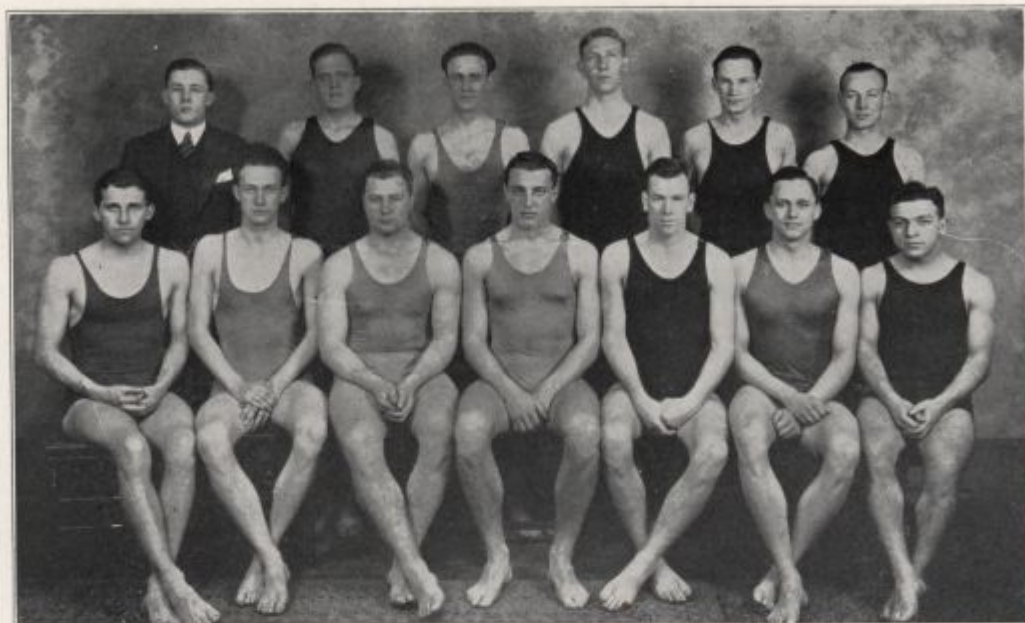
The game with the University of Pennsylvania Junior Varsity at River Field was quite a set-back to the team. The fast playing by the Pennsylvania team had the Delaware team in a daze for the first two quarters. The third and fourth quarters were very fast and exciting. Delaware seemed to be able to stop the wonderful heading pass of their opponents. Roser, as usual, was fast with his dribbling. Bringham, Roser, and Ryan were very good on the defense. Hill scored the only point when he dribbled up and made a clean kick through the bars.

## *Delaware: 1 Franklin and Marshall: 0*

Since the game with Swarthmore was cancelled by the Athletic Council, the final game was played with Franklin and Marshall at Lancaster. Delaware outplayed the F. and M. team throughout the whole game, but, on account of the slippery condition of the ground, was able to score only one point.

Prospects for Delaware's 1927 soccer team are very good. The same team will be back and, since soccer has now been introduced at Delaware, some good soccer candidates are expected from the Class of '31. Soccer is one of our best outdoor sports. Since it requires eleven men to play the game, it draws a large number of those men who are not interested in other fall sports. Soccer should be placed on as firm a foundation as other sports at this University. Manager Derrickson, although not having officially posted his schedule, is assured at this time of games with the following teams for the 1927 season; Swarthmore, Franklin and Marshall, Beacom Business College, Haverford Junior Varsity, University of Pennsylvania Junior Varsity, Western Maryland (2 games), and Wilmington Friend's School.





## Swimming

On the fall of 1925, two Freshmen and a Sophomore, Edgar Reese, Bernard Nobis and William Reybold, began promoting the project of a swimming team at the University of Delaware. These three students had been star swimmers at Wilmington High School. Reese had been very successful in the crawl sprints; he placed second in the "50" at the Columbia National Interscholastics in 1925. Nobis was the best all around swimmer that Wilmington High School had produced; he captained the Wilmington team during 1923-1924. Reybold was a relay and "220" swimmer of ability. Athletic Director Frank Forstburg sponsored the idea of a swimming team at its first suggestion and put the matter before the Athletic Council, who expressed interest, but who saw no way of financing the team. John Robbins was appointed to manage the team. Leroy Sparks, then coach of the Wilmington High School swimming team, was a nationally known authority on swimming. He had produced scores of excellent swimmers from only mediocre material. Mr. Sparks agreed to coach the team. Besides serving without salary, he so interested a prominent Delaware alumnus in the team that this alumnus gave the team two hundred dollars for its support. Since the University has no pool, arrangements were made for the team to practice twice a week in the Wilmington Y. M. C. A. tank. Manager Robbins encountered many difficulties in arranging a schedule. Most of the colleges had already completed their schedules; hence, three meets were all that could be secured.

The first meet ever engaged in by a Delaware swimming team was with Swarthmore College in Sharpless pool in January, 1926. Although Captain Reybold and his men had practised as faithfully as conditions would permit, they were overwhelmingly defeated, 45-14. Delaware got nothing but third places except in the back-stroke and the breast-stroke events which Nobis won. The second meet was more encouraging for Delaware's natatorial hopes. While on a northern trip, Catholic University met the Delaware team in the Y. M. C. A. pool in Wilmington. The inability of the Catholic U. Swimmers to adapt themselves to the miniature pool, together with the improvement of the team, brought the first and only victory to Delaware's first swimming team. The two teams were evenly matched. As was



anticipated, Lee, of Catholic U. won both the "100" and "220," and Nobis won both the "150" back-stroke and the "200" breast-stroke. The final result depended on the relay. The Delaware quartet, composed of Reese, Howell, Reybold, and Nobis, won by four feet. Reese came through beautifully with a first in the "40" and another second in the "220." The score was 33-26. The last match proved to be another one-sided defeat. Johns Hopkins won, 44-15. Nobis scored the only Delaware first in the 150-yard backstroke.

The 1926 season was, in itself, a failure; but as a starter for the future it was unquestionably a great success. Coach Sparks sowed the seeds of future triumphs. By his unusual technical skill and his compelling personality he aroused surprising interest in a sport that had to operate under trying conditions. The lack of a proper pool for practice and for staging meets was very discouraging.

The 1927 season rolled around with the same pool handicaps. Mr. Sparks had gone to Battle Creek and the team was left without a coach, which made its outlook rather dubious. The Athletic Council accepted Mr. Forstburg's proposal that Captain Nobis be appointed to coach the team.

Again the season was opened with a meet against Swarthmore in Sharpless pool. Swarthmore had lost only one man by graduation. Delaware was considerably strengthened by the addition of three Freshmen along with Harry Maier, an upperclassman who had been ineligible the previous year. Boyer, Taylor, and Lattomus were the additions to the team from the Freshman Class. Boyer, besides being one of the leading scholastic fancy divers while in high school, had captained the Wilmington High School team in 1925. Taylor was a distance and relay man, and Lattomus was a dash swimmer. The Delaware relay—Reese, Reybold, Taylor, and Nobis—won with ease and thereby scored the first points of the meet. From then on Delaware was never headed. The Blue and Gold took every event except the fifty in which Reese and Reybold were second and third respectively. Boyer won over both Thompson, and Norton in the fancy dive. Taylor won the "440" with ease. Nobis again captured the back-and breast-stroke races. He lowered the Swarthmore tank record in the back-stroke which he had made the previous year. The surprise of the meet was Harry Maier's victory in the 100-yard crawl. The score was 37-22.

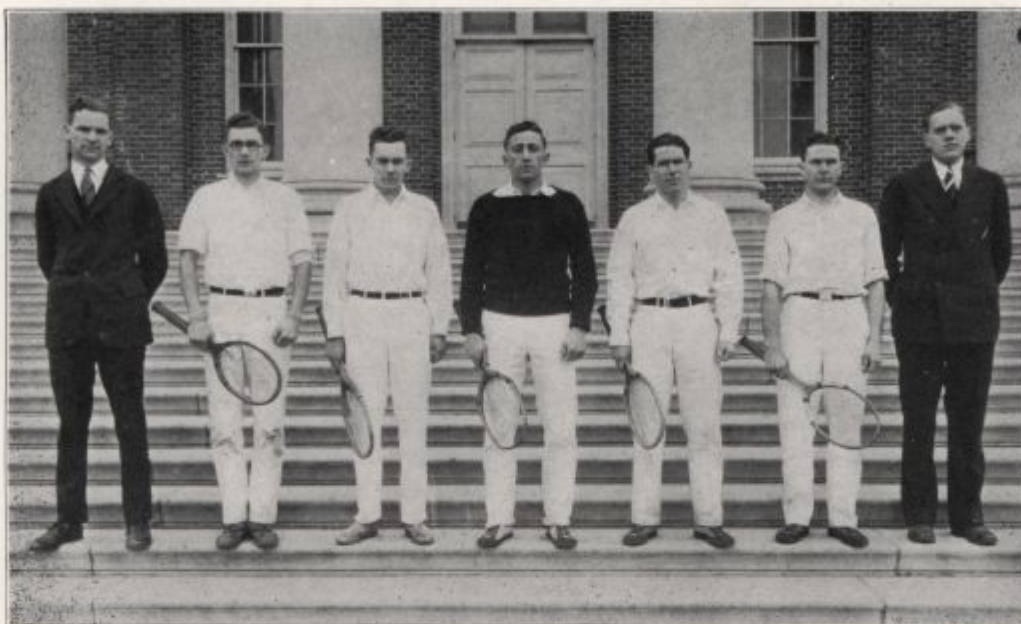
The second meet was another easy victory with Catholic University as the losers. The meet this year was in Washington; the score was 40-19. Every first place went to Delaware. The relay team made a tank record of 1:21.3 for 160 yards. Reybold won the "40" in 21.1 and the "100" in 1:03.1. Boyer again won the dive and Taylor had the battle of his life in the "440" with the fast time of 6:03. Nobis made another tank record of 1:11 in the 100-yard back-stroke. In its short life, the team has done admirably.



## *University of Delaware Swimming Records*

PLACE	MEET	EVENT	TIME	HOLDER
Y. M. C. A. (Wilmington)	Catholic U. 1926	40	20.6	Reese
Y. M. H. A. (Philadelphia)	A. A. U. 1926	200 yd. (Breaststroke)	2:56	Nobis
Swarthmore	Swarthmore 1926	200 yd (Relay)	2:49	Reese, Reybold Taylor, Nobis
Catholic U.	Catholic U. 1927	160 yard (Relay)	1:21.3	Reese, Reybold Taylor, Nobis
Catholic U.	Catholic U. 1927	100 yd. (Backstroke)	1.11	Nobis
Catholic U.	Catholic U. 1927	440 yd.	6.03	Taylor
Turngemeinde (Philadelphia)	A. A. U. 1927	100 yd.	56.3	Nobis





### *Tennis at Delaware*

Early in the spring of 1926 the Athletic Council recognized the need for better tennis facilities at Delaware. Work was immediately begun on four courts that were planned to be as good as those of any school in the east. The foundations of these courts were carefully built to insure proper drainage. The backstops are of heavy galvanized wire, the posts are the best that can be had and the nets are as heavy as those used in championship tournaments. Since these courts were not completed until after commencement, the team was forced to play its games in Newark on the two courts in the rear of Wolf Hall, or on the courts of the Women's College.

### *The Season of 1926*

Practice was started as soon as school opened in the fall of 1925. The only two courts in condition were in use from Monday morning until Saturday night. Creamer was again elected Captain and he began to select a team from the varsity men of the previous year and the new candidates for the squad. Jones and Turner had been graduated; but Johnson had returned from the Foreign Study course in France and he, Vincent, and Hoffercker gave excellent promise of filling the gap caused by the loss of these two letter men. Eastburn, a Freshman from Wilmington High School, showed up well in this preliminary practice.

### *Delaware 1 - Haverford 5*

The University of Delaware tennis team was defeated in the opening meet of the season against Haverford by a score of 5-1. The only victory scored for Delaware was the one by Creamer over Captain Marshall of Haverford in a singles match. None of the other matches went beyond straight sets. The Delaware defenders were Creamer, Johnson, Meredith, and Eastburn (singles), and Creamer and Eastburn, Johnson and Hoffercker (doubles).

### *Delaware 3 - Drexel 3*

The team that faced Drexel was composed of Creamer, Johnson, Meredith, and Eastburn (singles), and Creamer and Eastburn, Johnson and Hoffercker (doubles). Captain Creamer gave the Delaware men the lead by winning the first match after he had dropped the first set 0-6. Drexel evened the count



by winning from Johnson 6-1, 7-5. Eastburn won the other singles match for Delaware, while Meredith was defeated after a hard fight. Johnson and Hofferker accounted for the Delaware victory in the doubles, while Creamer and Eastburn were defeated in the final match of the day after having evened the count by taking the second set.

### *Delaware 5 - Blue Ridge 1*

Delaware next journeyed to Windsor, Maryland, and met the team of Blue Ridge College. Delaware won easily three of the four singles matches and both of the doubles matches. The Blue and Gold men won every set except the two dropped by Eastburn. The Delaware team was composed of Creamer, Johnson, Meredith, and Eastburn (singles), and Creamer and Eastburn, Johnson and Meredith (doubles).

### *Delaware 6 - St Joseph's 0*

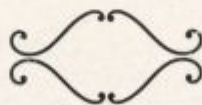
On May 9, Captain Creamer and his team-mates crossed raquets with the men from St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia. Six men had the opportunity of defending the Blue and Gold and only one match was carried to an extra set—the doubles match of Creamer and Eastburn. The line-up for this match was Creamer, Johnson, Vincent and Eastburn (singles), and Creamer and Eastburn, Hofferker and Meredith (doubles).

### *Delaware 0 - University of Maryland 7*

Delaware experienced her second defeat of the season on May 15, when the University of Maryland quintet captured all seven matches in straight sets from Delaware defenders. Captain Creamer was unable to participate in this meet and his loss greatly weakened the team. Johnson played two singles matches, but lost both of them. Hofferker gave the visitors their worst scare by running his singles matches 8-6, 7-5. The Delaware team was composed of Johnson (two matches), Vincent, Eastburn, and Hofferker (singles), and Vincent and Meredith, Johnson and Hofferker (doubles).

### *Delaware 0 - Franklin and Marshall 6*

On May 21, the Delaware net squad met the powerful F. & M. tennis team, and was defeated without winning a match. Captain Creamer was again out of the game and his absence is reflected in the score. Vincent and Eastburn were Delaware's greatest threats, each winning five of the seventeen games in their singles matches. Hofferker and Eastburn turned in the best scores in the doubles matches; they won four of the sixteen games played. The Delaware men in this meet were Johnson, Eastburn, Hofferker, and Vincent (singles), and Johnson and Carroll, Hofferker and Eastburn (doubles).





## *Summary*

At graduation Delaware lost only one varsity man—Johnson. Three men were awarded letters in tennis at the close of the season: Creamer, Meredith, and Eastburn. These men will all return to Delaware in the fall to compose the nucleus of the 1927 squad.

While the season of 1926 was not so successful for the Delaware tennis squad from the point of view of matches won—out of a total of six matches played, two were won, one was tied, and three were lost—the spirit of the team and the great interest aroused in the sport have well repaid the efforts of those who have worked to uphold Delaware on the tennis courts.

## *Prospectus for the 1927 Season*

At the close of the previous season E. P. K. Meredith was elected to captain the team next year. Meredith was a varsity man during his sophomore and Junior years, and he is well prepared for this position of honor.

With the four new courts and the reconditioning of the two in the rear of Wolf Hall, Delaware can more nearly accommodate all her tennis enthusiasts now than ever before. In a practice tournament last fall, thirty-two men were entered. There were many others who played for their own amusement, but who are not interested in winning athletic honors with their skill. These results show that there is no lack of material from which to build up the squad for the 1927 season. The Freshman class is especially rich in varsity material. The most promising first-year men are Pyle, Captain of Wilmington High tennis team last year, Taylor, Lecarpentier, and Speakman.

In anticipation of a fast team, meets have been scheduled with some of the strongest teams in the East. The completed schedule includes Drexel, University of Maryland, Navy, Ursinus, Haverford, Swarthmore, Franklin and Marshall, and St. Johns in the order named. In view of the fact that the lateness of the Easter vacation will shorten the tennis season to four weeks, this schedule is exceedingly heavy; but the men feel confident of an excellent season and victory for Delaware.

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May you, the Delawareans, find in the 1927-1928 BLUE HEN a resounding echo of your college days.