



Football Squad

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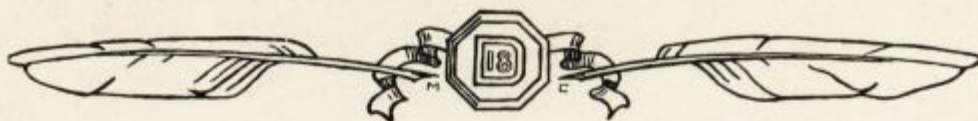
A. Blair '20



In view of the fact that the football team had only four Varsity men back from the preceding year, the 1916 season was a most successful one. As a nucleus for his team Coach McAvoy had H. Weldin at full-back, E. Wilson at tackle, Fidance, captain, at quarterback, and W. S. Fitzpatrick at end. In addition to these men a squad of about thirty reported, including many former scrubs. From all indications it looked as if Coach was going to have a very difficult problem in developing a winning combination. Several of the new men, however, developed rapidly, and aided materially in rounding out a team which excelled in defensive work as well as offensive. The following statistics give evidence of the team's good work.

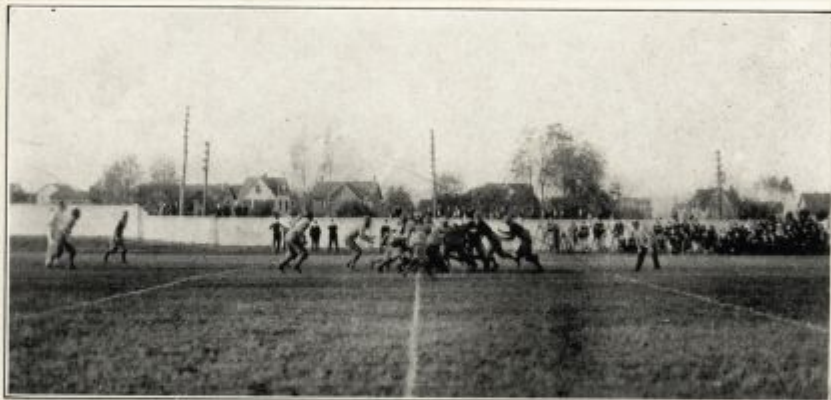
The first contest was staged with Pennsylvania Military Academy, at Chester. It was feared that our team, being comprised mostly of new men, would be rather nervous and uncertain in the first game. The doubts proved groundless, however, for Delaware, by their driving attack, swept away their veteran opponents by the score of 21-0. The team worked like a machine, and no fault whatever could be found with the exhibition. Clancy at end, and Selby at half-back, both new men, put up a great game of football. "Ernie" Wilson, "Herb" Weldin, and Captain Fidance played a steady and consistent game.

Almost on top of the opening victory came the battle with Haverford. This game was undoubtedly the triumph of the year. While the team did not succeed in crossing the opponents' goal line, it was equally strong on the defense,



and the score resulted in a scoreless tie. From a glance one would not think that the team had accomplished such a great feat, but when we consider that Delaware had been playing Haverford annually for a great number of years, and had been defeated every year since 1896, we are forced to admit that the result was almost as good as a victory. Never has a Delaware team played a better brand of football. The whole team fought with a spirit and determination which their heavier opponents could not overcome. No one man can be given the credit for the brilliant result. The game was void of fumbles and was filled with thrills from the beginning until the final whistle was blown. Haverford's team was one of the best and most experienced in the history of that college. This same team defeated Swarthmore later in the season. Here's hoping for a victory next time!

On the following Saturday the team went to Stevens and returned with a triumph almost equal to the Haverford game. Score, Delaware 5, Stevens 0. "Ernie" Wilson netted three points, and two more were added when Fitzpatrick



tackled Steven's full-back behind the line, for a safety. Delaware lost several good opportunities to score. Loose picked up a fumbled ball and ran fifty yards before he was tackled. Clancy and Weldin pulled off several long forward passes, averaging about thirty yards each. Stevens' line held at critical times, however, and the Blue and Gold was unable to score a touchdown. The victory was a hard-earned one and the boys undoubtedly deserved the decision.

In the Western Maryland, Dickinson, and Mt. St. Mary's games, the team did not play up to its usual standard and was defeated by the scores 16-0, 22-0, and 19-7, respectively. In the first and last of these three games Delaware lacked aggressiveness, and failed to play real football until it was too late. At Dickinson, the team was greatly outweighed, and as the game was played on a muddy field, the Delaware boys could gain little ground against their heavy opponents.

In both the St. John's and the Gallaudet games the team came back strong and chalked up 14-0, and 13-6 victories. The scores of both of these games are close and indicate the uncertainty of the outcome. In the former game




Weldin and Fidance, and Marston of the scrubs, played exceptionally well. The Gallaudet game was rather loosely played but hard fought. A forward pass, Weldin to Clancy, gave the home team their first score. Weldin's touchdown in the third quarter raised the total to 13. Gallaudet played her best football of the afternoon in the last period. In this quarter she scored her only touchdown and threatened a dangerous rally. Delaware's line held, however, and the game was won.

During the latter part of the season the team was handicapped somewhat by the absence of Aschenback at tackle, and Lauritsen at guard. The season, as a whole, was a very creditable one. Of the eight games scheduled, four were won, three lost and one tied. The victory over Stevens and the tying of Haverford overbalanced the loss of three other games, which loss can be attributed mainly to over-confidence.


The team lost one man by graduation, and a great season is looked forward to next year. "Ernie" Wilson, who has played right tackle for three years, has been elected captain.



Roughing up "Mike"!



BASKET ~BALL~



The basketball season of last year was most assuredly a successful one. Delaware was victorious over such teams as George Washington University, Susquehanna University, and Richmond College. We also had the honor of being the only team to defeat William and Mary on her home floor. Two of our defeats, Swarthmore and Randolph-Macon, were so unusually close that the games were not decided until the referee's whistle blew, ending them.

The squad reported for practice on January 3rd. There were twenty-five men, all of whom were likely candidates. Four men from the previous year's Varsity and five men from the previous year's scrub team were among this number. The rest of the squad was composed of high school and class team stars. From this squad, capable Varsity and scrub teams were organized. After two weeks' practice, Coach had rounded his new Varsity into good shape and was prepared for the first game.

This game which was with Baltimore "Polly," only served as a tryout for Coach's team. However, the team stood the test and won by the score of 43-16. The team passed well and, at all times, their team was superior to that of their opponents.

The next game was with Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. This game, too, was but a stepping stone to larger ones. The score was 31-8 in Delaware's favor. Almost the entire scrub team played a large part of this game.

The next game was that with P. M. C. Mid-years, with all their disastrous effects, had intervened between this and the previous game. The team was out of practice and lost 36-30. After a hard week's practice, we met Swarthmore on February 5th. They played a good game and, having the lead from start to finish, won by the score, 28-17.

The next event of the season was when Manager Bounds yelled, "All aboard for the Southern trip." Seven players, Manager Bounds, and Coach piled aboard the train. The first stop was at the historic town of Williamsburg. Here we defeated William and Mary by the score of 37-33. Then at Richmond we outstripped Richmond College to the tune of 29-14. The last stop was Randolph-Macon, where we were defeated 22-19.

On returning home, we tackled Drexel and licked them 35-15. George Washington, our next opponent, was nosed out of victory 19-15. This was a fast game. The team found its pace and showed Susquehanna up by the score, 42-22. Many victories caused a slump in the playing and we lost to St. John's 44-26.



BASE ~ ~ BALL



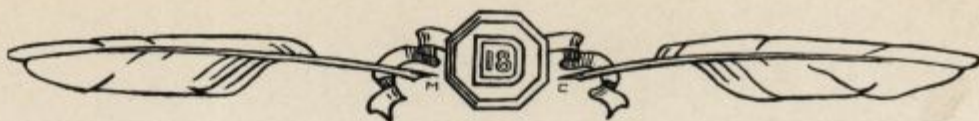

The baseball season at "old Delaware" last year was unsuccessful. We won four out of eleven games. We seemed to have good material, but at no time did the team appear as a good winning combination. We had six of the previous year Varsity men, and the Freshman class was reported to have several baseball men. During the winter, the baseball players and fans sat in front of the open fireplace and promised, predicted, and prophesied. When the season started, neither the old Varsity men or the much tooted Freshmen came up to top notch form.

After the first few games, our Coach realized that his best team consisted of our pitchers and nine hitless wonders. These facts explain the cause of our defeats.

On account of the continuous cold weather, the first game with Baltimore "Polly" was cancelled. The next game with P. M. C. resulted in the first disaster for Delaware. After scoring nine runs in the first two innings, Delaware became lazy and careless and allowed P. M. C. to beat them out 90-9. The next game with Drexel was a reversal of the P. M. C. game, and Delaware easily won by the score of 6-1. The Easter holidays then interrupted.

The University of North Carolina game was the first after the Easter holidays. The Blue and Gold played a good game, but they were forced to submit to the better team. The North Carolina team was the best that played on our field and the Delaware boys deserve credit for putting up such a good game. Rock Hill handed Delaware the next set-back. The Marylanders defeated our boys by the score of 6-1 after our team had led for eight innings. St. John's were our next opponents and victors. They beat us in a close and hard fought game by the score 8-6. Here, again, our opponents beat us in the last inning.

At this stage of the game, Coach saw that his original team was not up to standard. He tried Captain Doherty at first instead of short stop and Morris Pierson behind the bat. Taggart was placed at short stop, "Mike" O'Daniel and Ferguson were put in the outfield. This new combination staged a comeback by defeating Rock Hill 3-1. However, this success could not last long. Mt. St. Mary's came to Newark with a bunch of natural players. They beat us 11-3. Bucknell followed this "lead with a right to the face" by beating us 10-0. Both of these teams were fast and hard hitters. Western Maryland



played us a sensational game and Delaware only succeeded in beating them in the ninth inning. The next game with Rutgers was a real one. Hock only allowed Rutgers three hits, but they beat us by a score of 2 to 1. The team closed its season by a victory over Haverford of 5-2. This was an interesting game but it did not hold the interest of such games as the Western Maryland and Rutgers.

It looked as though we had a world of material at the beginning of the year but it just seemed to fade away again. "Doc" Doherty, our captain, is one of the best all-around players that Delaware has ever had. "Don" Horsey is another fast infielder. Other good players were on the team but there seemed to be some friction in the team work. The unsuccessful season was due in a large measure to the fact that at no time did we have a well rounded team.



Varsity Baseball Team

TRACK

A. Star '20



Captain Steele

The 1915 and the 1916 seasons of track have started a new era in this branch of sport with the rest of the college. There has been more progress in track in the last two years than there has been in the ten previous years. Part of this improvement has been due to the opening of the new athletic field and the other part has been due to the new track coach. The standard of the sport has been raised 100 percent.

The mile relay team which competed at the University of Pennsylvania relays was picked from a large enthusiastic crowd. The candidates worked hard for a job and we believe that their efforts brought about the success of the team. Crockett, Steele, Marshall, and Craig were chosen, with Fitzpatrick as a substitute. The team ran a splendid race and finished second to the fast Maryland Agricultural College.

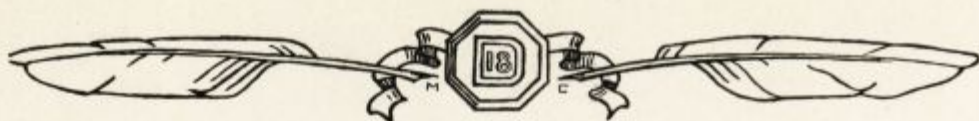
The first dual meet was held at Allentown with the Muhlenburg team. Altho Delaware was defeated, we made a good showing. Crockett, the star hurdler, was out of the meet on account of a pulled tendon. This injury and our weakness in the weight events was responsible for our showing. The next meet was that between the classes in which the Freshmen carried away the honors.

The next meet was with Drexel. Delaware's stars easily won by the score of 69 to 30. Our team was particularly good in the sprints. Steele won the quarter and half mile. G. Wilson and Marconetti (both Freshmen) brought down first places. Delaware lost the next and last meet. We were weak in the field events and could not overcome this lead in the sprints. Gettysburg, our last opponent, had a dandy team and they justly deserved victory. Both of their weight men were good and they showed it in the total number of points. The most exciting race of the year was when Steele set out to lower the half-mile record and Fitzpatrick set out after Steele. It was certainly a pretty race. They finished neck and neck but Fitzpatrick was just a hair ahead. He broke the record by a fraction of a second.

Too much credit cannot be given to Coach Keyes. He had fair material to



Crockett breaking low hurdles record



*Hutton Breaking Pole
Vault Record*

work with, but he developed it in an admirable manner. The success of the track team is second only to the successes of the football team. More care should be given to this sport and a higher point of development will be attained.

At this writing the prospects for the track team of 1917 are unusually bright. A large squad of men are working hard under the careful coaching of Keyes. Fitzpatrick, Steele, Dave Crockett, and Craig are running low figures on the quarter mile. Marston and Crockett are showing their usual form on the hurdles. McDonnell is breaking all previous records in pole vault, and is sure of winning many honors for Delaware in this event. Harry Loose, "Ernie" Wilson, and Harry Alexander are improving rapidly in the discus. "Ernie" Wilson, Harry Loose, Williams, and Morris Mitchell are showing

good form in the shot put. With such men to pick from and with the interest all are showing in the work, it is expected that Coach Keyes will develop a strong squad.

The meets as scheduled for the 1917 season are: The University of Pennsylvania Relays, Maryland State College, Drexel Institute, Inter-scholastic Field and Track Meet, Middle States Track Meet, Swarthmore, Franklin and Marshall, Lehigh, and Muhlenburg.



Track Squad



Track Records

100-yard dash	}	M. H. WILSON, '05
10 seconds	}	G. O. SMITH, '16
220-yard dash	}	W. VIRDIN MARSHALL, '17
23 $\frac{1}{5}$ seconds	}	
440-yard dash	}	E. A. BUCKMASTER, '05
52 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds	}	
Half-mile run	}	WILLIAM FITZPATRICK, '19
2.05 $\frac{3}{5}$	}	
Mile run	}	J. A. CROTHERS, '16
4.57	}	
High jump	}	W. V. MARSHALL, '17
5 ft., 6 in.	}	
Pole Vault	}	WILLIAM G. HUTTON, '18
10 ft.	}	
Broad jump	}	H. ALEXANDER, '18
20 ft., 4 $\frac{4}{5}$ in.	}	
120-yard hurdles	}	DAVID CROCKETT, '18
17 seconds	}	
220-yard hurdles	}	DAVID CROCKETT, '18
26 $\frac{3}{5}$ seconds	}	
Shot put	}	G. W. MILLINGTON, '12
35 ft., 1 in.	}	
Discus throw	}	HARRY LOOSE, '19
102 ft., 6 in.	}	



"D" Men

Football

M. J. FIDANCE	WILLIAM FITZPATRICK
H. W. EWING	HARRY LOOSE
HOWARD BRATTON	A. A. ASCHENBACK
A. L. LAURITSEN	JAMES CLANCY
CHARLES F. MEYERS	JOHN SELBY
E. S. WILSON	BAYARD CARTER
WILLIAM STUART	JOHN BEAUCHAMP
HERBERT WELDIN	ARRIGO MARCONETTI

Baseball

M. J. FIDANCE	MORRIS PIERSON
H. W. HORSEY	RUDOLPH TAGGART
D. P. HORSEY	WILLIAM STEWART

Basketball

H. W. HORSEY	D. P. HORSEY	A. B. THOMAS
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Track

LEROY STEELE	DAVID CROCKETT
W. V. MARSHALL	J. GILBERT CRAIG
HARRY B. ALEXANDER	WILLIAM FITZPATRICK
HENRY W. MARSTON	E. PAUL CATTS
	HARRY LOOSE



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Rah! Rah! Rah!

D Men — D Men — D Men



The Tennis Team

At this writing the following men are out for the 1917 tennis team: A. Gutowitz, R. L. Sumwalt, J. G. McMillan, J. W. Humphrey, Morris and Terry Mitchell, J. W. Olcott, D. H. Brown, J. B. Handy, Jr., C. G. Edwards, J. F. McWhorter, Jr., R. B. Wheeler, 2d, and F. H. Tyson. Prof. Dutton and Dean Cullimore are coaching the men. Manager Pepper has arranged games with the following schools: St. John's at Annapolis, Swarthmore at Swarthmore, Haverford at Haverford, and Western Maryland at Westminster.



Class Athletics

Basketball

The class of 1918 has certainly been successful in basketball. They were the runners-up in their Freshman year and the real champions the next.

In our Freshman year, we met the Sophs for the opening game of the inter-class basketball series. The Sophs were over-confident and greatly surprised when the score ran up to 20-4 in our favor. Our next foes were the Juniors. Their team was composed of four Varsity men and a scrub man. This com-



bination made a good class team, and we were not ashamed to accept a defeat of 17-4.

In our Sophomore year, we beat the Freshies by the score of 10-4. This was mainly due to our excellent passing and general team work. The Juniors had a fast, rough bunch, but they failed to work together and we were made champions of the college by the final score of 7-3.

Baseball

The class of 1918 did not stop at the winning of the college basketball championship. She set right in and practiced hard for the baseball championship games. When the gong sounded our team was in fine shape. We entered the game with plenty of "pep" and got the start on our opponents. We took advantage of their mistakes and tried to make as few as we could ourselves. The result was that we walloped the Freshmen. The Juniors had beaten the Seniors. When we lined up for the final game, we were pretty well matched



off. The first few innings were fast and close. Finally the strain was too much for the Junior team and they went to pieces. We took advantage of the



opportunity and scored enough to beat them. The game was featured by four home runs.

This gave us our second college championship that year.

Football

Wh-r-r-r!! went the whistle. The pigskin oval turned over and over as it sailed thru the air. The eager Freshies rushed down upon the determined Sophs. The Sophs' fullback caught the ball and started back up the field behind his flying wedge of interference. When three Freshies drove at the interference and a fourth downed the man with the ball, the first play of the Freshman-Sophomore game was over. Time and time again the Sophs drove Crawford, their battering ram, at the opposing line, but the Freshies stood like Spartans. Finally a fumble by Fidance and a quick recovery by Freshman Meyers resulted in the only touchdown of that hard-fought game.

In the following year, as Sophomores, the class of 1918 followed the precedent of the preceding Sophomore class and gave way to the Freshmen by a score of 13-0. Thus, with a hard-fought victory and one defeat, the football team of the class of 1918 passed out of existence.