

Baseball



GAIN as in previous years the baseball team was the most successful of all our athletic teams. However, the loss of Capt. Trinkaus of the 1908 team, whose pitching ability brought that team through the season with a fine record, was keenly felt in our first games. Out of a total of twenty games played we won 13 and lost 7, five of these being lost out of the first eight games played and the remaining two out of the remaining twelve games. This shows that we were slow in getting started, but had an excellent working and well balanced team after the efforts of Coach Smart's training were felt. We were defeated twice by only two teams, namely Chicago and St. Viateur's, both of whom had exceptionally strong teams.

The work of the team was excellent both in batting and in fielding, as is shown by the individual and also team averages. A batting average of .345 and a fielding average of .900 for the team for the whole season is playing real ball. We had six men batting over three hundred and five men fielding over nine hundred per cent.

The loss of Capt. Hal Smith, Benny McAuley, "Red" Ahern, Freddy Niestadt and "Mac" McMullen by graduation will be severely felt by the team next year; also the failure of Daly and Drefflein to return to college leaves only four "A" men as a nucleus for the 1910 team. However, with the first class material in the Freshman Class and co-operation of all baseball men in College we ought to have a banner team in 1910.

BATTING AND FIELDING PERCENTAGES

Names	AB.	H.	Pc.	P.O.	A.	E.	Pc.
Smith, Capt.	73	28	.383	128	24	6	.692
McAuley	65	25	.384	83	26	6	.950
Niestadt	74	18	.243	33	41	7	.913
Ahern	78	24	.307	30	38	16	.809
Da Silva	57	18	.302	14	0	4	.777
Jens	70	25	.358	100	4	7	.937
Daly	63	14	.222	19	0	4	.826
Taylor	27	5	.185	6	13	4	.826
Eliel	31	8	.258	15	1	1	.941
Drefflein	57	15	.263	20	23	14	.754
McMullen	18	7	.388	4	0	1	.800
Team average345				.900

"To know ones' ignorance is knowledge."