

*Pennhurst History to Remember, continued...*

In the illustrated history of Pennhurst [Images of America, Arcadia Publishing, 2015], the picture shown is captioned as follows: "The 1925 team, seated on the front steps of the Administration Building. When viewing this image out of context, one would not identify these players as "different." All there is to see is a great looking team, filled with the proud faces of the players. The most astonishing aspect of the images is the racially integrated team, which was uncommon at the time." Major league baseball would not be integrated until more than twenty years after this picture was taken.

The team played against local clubs, church teams, fire companies, etc. with great success. Pennhurst's "patients" published a newsletter called the Pennhurst Quarterly. The Fall 1931 edition carried a recounting of the season just completed: "Pennhurst State nine had successful year. Managed and tutored by "Larry" Morris, played 17 games, winning 13, lost four and tied one during the 1931 season. ... The Phoenix Falcons held the institution lads to the only tie game, the contest being called in the sixth inning because of the curfew. Paul "Bud" Custer ... was the leading pitcher. He started in five games winning them all with a 1.000 average. Harold "Yellow" Waites was second with six wins and one setback."

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