

Pitt and Great Lakes Won't Play Because of The Influenza Epidemic

But W. & J. and Indiana Normal Will Meet at Washington and Kiski is Scheduled to Oppose Geneva at Beaver Falls—Tech to Take State's Place With Red and Black for Next Saturday.

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THE Pitt football team will have to wait until a later date, next Saturday perhaps with West Virginia, to open its 1918 football season, for the scheduled game with the Great Lakes team for this afternoon, was called off yesterday afternoon on account of the influenza epidemic throughout the state. Most of the Pitt players are in quarantine in their barracks. Graduate Manager Karl E. Davis took up the matter of calling off the game with the health authorities yesterday morning and he was advised to comply with the order. The Great Lakes team reached here yesterday morning.

As Tech will be idle today also, Pittsburgh sport-loving folks will have an idle day of it, as there will positively be nothing doing in the realm of athletics. However, those who wish to travel may go to Washington, Pa., where Indiana Normal will play W. & J., or to Beaver Falls where the Kiski team will meet Geneva College.

And furthermore it is not certain that Pitt will play next Saturday, as it all depends upon the ability of the West Virginians to make some arrangements whereby they can leave Morgantown at noon and reach Forbes Field in time to get in a game before darkness. Harry Stansbury tells us he is aiming to have a special train bring the team and students to the scene of the game. The matter is now up before the proper authorities in Washington and a favorable decision is expected in a day or so.

Penn State is scheduled to play at W. & J. next Saturday, but that game will not be played, and instead Carnegie Tech will occupy the date.

BOB FOLWELL STRICKEN.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 4.—(Special.)—It was reported here that Bob Folwell, coach of the Penn football team, has been stricken with Spanish influenza.