

1969 BASEBALL

Won 18 Lost 11
(20-11 including exhibitions)

Eastern League: Won 6 Lost 3 *Buff*
(2nd place)

12 Belmont Abbey 10 (Belmont, NC)	3 Temple 5 (Philadelphia)
2 Belmont Abbey 16 (Belmont, NC)	10 *Pennsylvania 8 (Philadelphia)
3 Belmont Abbey 7 (Belmont, NC)	5 Rochester 4 (Ithaca)
4 Duke 7 (Durham)	3 Syracuse 1 (Ithaca)
5 North Carolina 7 (Chapel Hill)	7 *Yale 3 (Ithaca)
3 East Carolina 2 (Greenville)	7 Buffalo 0 (Ithaca)
0 East Carolina 5 (Greenville)	14 *Harvard 6 (Cambridge)
2 East Carolina 3 (Greenville)	6 *Brown 4 (Providence)
6 Hampton Inst. 1 (Hampton)	8 *Columbia 5 (Ithaca)
7 Hampton Inst. 0 (Hampton)	3 *Army 4 (West Point)
(Exhib) 8 Newport News AS 3 (Newport News)	7 Colgate 5 (Ithaca)
(Exhib) 7 Newport News AS 5 (Newport News)	3 *Princeton 5 (Ithaca)
11 East Stroudsburg 4 (Ithaca)	6 Syracuse 1 (Syracuse)
2 Mansfield State 3 (Ithaca)	3 Cortland 2 (Ithaca)
10 *Navy 0 (Ithaca)	1 *Dartmouth 5 (Ithaca)
4 LeMoyne 1 (Ithaca)	(*Eastern League)

Batting leaders (at least 5 hits)

	Ga	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	RBI	Ave.
Bob Witkoski (so, ss, Tonawanda, NY)	28	105	27	38	10	3	1	13	.362
Chris Ritter (sr, cf, Belvidere, NJ)	26	100	26	34	5	2	1	16	.340
Ed Mahoney (jr, rf, Kenmore, NY)	29	99	15	30	7	1	2	34	.303
Ed Cott (sr, c, Buffalo, NY)	26	98	19	29	7	0	4	24	.296
Tony Mauro (jr, lf-lb, Elmont, NY)	29	96	16	28	5	3	0	13	.292
Pete Watzka (so, 3b, Kingston, NY)	28	99	13	27	3	2	0	11	.273
Dennis Novak (jr, 2b, Bayside, NY)	16	39	5	10	1	0	0	3	.256
Bill Davies (jr, 2b, Bay Village, O.)	23	51	9	13	3	2	0	5	.255
Lou Verdi (sr, lb, North Haven, Conn.)	24	64	5	13	2	1	1	14	.203
Ed Kosteva (so, ss-3b, Kingston, Pa.)	15	27	2	5	0	0	0	1	.185
Rick Newton (sr, rf-c, Dansville, NY)	15	38	4	5	1	0	0	1	.132
Cornell totals	29	926	156	244	44	14	9	139	.264
Opponent totals	917	123	222	25	11	10	102		.242

Pitching leaders (at least 5 innings)

	Ga	W	L	IP	R	ER	H	SO	BB	ERA
Jim Piersanti (sr, R, Hamburg, NY)	12	2	1	41	9	8	32	30	17	1.76
John Giese (so, L, Elmira, NY)	10	5	0	55	2/3	16	14	50	41	2.28
Eric Shafnisky (sr, R, Fullerton, Pa.)	7	0	3	18		16	6	18	13	3.00
Tom MacLeod (jr, R, St. Louis, Mo.)	10	5	2	39		22	14	39	27	3.23
Tom Faber (so, R, Bay Village, O.)	8	2	1	35	1/3	17	13	26	28	3.31
Larry Rafalski (sr, R, Canonsburg, Pa.)	10	3	3	45	2/3	31	17	41	27	3.35
Steve Kovach (so, R, Commack, NY)	2	1	1	5	2/3	4	4	7	5	6.35

Invited, for first time, to compete in NCAA District II playoffs, Big Red unable to do so following loss to Dartmouth in final game; Dartmouth, winning league title, was selected to represent District I and NCAA rules prohibit more than one team from a league competing in district playoffs...Big Red's league finish was highest since tie for 2nd in 1959...In 8th campaign under Ted Thoren, Cornell had 5th straight winning record; in '67 the mark was 20-8, matching all-time school high for victories.

MacLeod and Mahoney elected co-captains for next season...Ritter won Al Sharpe MVP award; Mauro named club's most improved player, Shafnisky won Cornell Club of Ithaca "most durable senior" award.

Named to the All-Eastern Intercollegiate League first team were Cott (for 2nd yr), Ritter, Watzka and Witkoski...Receiving honorable mention were MacLeod, Mahoney and Mauro.

In league statistics, Witkoski was runnerup in batting with a .444 ave. on 16x36 and was first in hits...Watzka was 7th in batting with .364 on 12x33, Ritter 12th with .350 on 11x40...Cott led the circuit in runs (11) and tied for most homers with 3...MacLeod had league mark of 2-1 with 3.52; Rafalski was 2-2 with 4.20...Other league winners were Faber and Piersanti.

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