FOOTBALL TEAMS IN READINESS FOR GAME

Sophomores Outweigh Opponents in Both the Backfield and Line.

Neither the freshmen nor Sophomore football teams have shown signs of championship eleavens, but nevertheless the contest will be far from dull. The Sophomores will gather their forces ready to get the ball across the freshman goal line either by rushing or through the more spectacular use of the forward pass or trick plays. On the other hand the youngsters have a solid defense, and they will play the game according to the "watchful waiting" policy, waiting for the breaks in the game.

918 Has Better Record.

As far as past record goes the Sophomores seem to be the better team. Although they lost their first game by a large score, being scored under by Williams to the tune of 42 to 9 they managed to tie both of their other opponents. The Lowell Textile team was held to a 5-7 tie, and the game with Mechanic Arts resulted in a scoreless match. Their improvement must have been great, but the scoring power of the team, upon which it must depend today, has certainly not improved as much as their defense.

Frosh Have Strong Team.

The freshmen have not as good a record, but their team is easily the stronger. The first three games were lost by large scores, but the team which they played were strong combinations. In the Newburyport game their only score came through a drop-kick, while they were unable to stop this eleven from scoring a touchdown. The first game with Brookline High was lost by the score of 14-7. The third game of the season, against the Harvard 2nd team, was lost by the score of 21-0, but the youngsters learned a lot in this contest for the Crimson used the forward pass frequently, and by the end of the game a good defense for the Harvard team was out. The results of the coaching showed up in the Tufts freshman game in which the freshmen players were unable to score.

Sophomores Depend on Speed.

The Sophomore team has several (Continued on Page Three)

PUBLICITY COMPETITION

The next meeting of freshman candidates for the publicity department of Tech Show 1916, will be held in the Show Office on Monday at 4:00. Sixteen men have reported for the competition to date.

FRESHMAN CLASS NOMINATIONS OPEN TOMORROW

PRESIDENT MACLAURI N SENDS FIELD DAY MESSAGE TO THE TECH

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

I WISH YOU ALL SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORT TO AROUSE A WIDER INTEREST IN ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES AT THE INSTITUTE BY MEANS OF A SPECIAL NUMBER OF THE TECH. UNHAPPILY IN SOME COLLEGES ATHLETICS HAVE BECOME AN ABSORBING BUSINESS RATHER THAN A HEALTH-DIVING EXERCISE. THERE IS NO DANGER OF SUCH AN ABUSE AT TECHNOLOGY, PERHAPS AS IT IS BY THE PROFESSIONAL SPIRIT OF WORK, THE DANGER HERE IS RATHER THAT MEN MAY NEGLECT THE HEALTHFUL MEANS OF SELF-IMPROVEMENT WHICH COMES FROM TAKING PART IN ATHLETICS. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT MEN, WHETHER THEY BE ENGINEERS, OR ARCHITECTS, OR ANYTHING ELSE, SHOULD PLAY THE GAME OF LIFE MORE SUCCESSFULLY IF THEY HAVE LEARNED EARLY TO TAKE PART IN THE RIGHT SPIRIT IN MANLY SPORTS, NOT THE LESS INAPPROPRIATELY THAT SHOULD COME IS THE GAIN OF ROBUST HEALTH, A PRICELESS POSSESSION RARELY ESTIMATED AT ITS TRUE VALUE, UNTIL IT IS LOST. WE ARE HERE IN A PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL PREPARING FOR VERY EXACTING PROFESSIONS BY PURSUING EXACTING STUDIES THAT MAKE A HEAVY DEMAND ON MEN'S CAPACITY AND ENERGY. IF THE STUDENT DOES NOT TAKE CARE HE MAY BECOME SO ABSORBED AS TO DEGENERATE INTO A MERE GROIN. HE MUST CONTINUOUSLY SUBJECT HIMSELF TO SELF-EXAMINATION TO MAKE SURE THAT IN HIS STUDIES AND IN HIS SPORTS HE LEARNS TO STUDY IN THIS WAY, HE SHOULD FIND THAT HE CAN DO ALL THAT IS ASSIGNED HIM AND HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REASONABLE PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS. MANY MEN STUDY FAR TOO LONG AND INSTEAD OF PROGRESSING BECOME STALE. IN MY COLLEGE DAYS, THERE WAS A SAYING WITH REFERENCE TO THE HOURS OF STUDY THAT 8 AND 2 ARE 10, AND 2 ARE IF WHICH MEANT THAT TWO HOURS SPENT IN STUDY BEYOND WHAT WAS THOUGHT OF AS THE NORMAL NUMBER 8, MIGHT HELP A MAN, BUT THAT 2 HOURS MORE THAN THAT WOULD DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD. THE INSTITUTE HAS SUFFERED A GOOD DEAL IN THE PAST FROM THE INADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR ATHLETICS THAT HAVE BEEN FURNISHED, THE ATHLETIC FIELD BEING SO FAR AWAY AS TO BE ALMOST INACCESSIBLE. HAPPILY, THE CONDITIONS TODAY ARE GREATLY IMPROVED AND THEY WILL BE VASTLY BETTER WHEN WE GET ACROSS THE CHARLES AND HAVE AN ADMIRABLE ATHLETIC FIELD RIGHT AT OUR DOORS. I HOPE THAT ALL TECH MEN WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE PRESENTED AND PREPARE FOR THE BETTER DAYS THAT ARE COMING BY GETTING INTO THE HABIT OF EXERCISING NOW.

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### RELAY TEAMS MAKE FAST TIME TRIALS

Sophomores Have Experienced Team—Freshmen Show Good Form.

In the relay race the Sophomores will have the benefit of their year of experience, and as a rule the second-year men come out the winners. But the freshmen are far from discouraged by anything that has happened in the past. If the weather conditions are suitable the time of the round should come close to breaking the record, according to Coach Ranaly. At any rate the race will be very close.

1918 Team.

The 1918 team is the same as last year's with the exception of two new men, Fishley, of Princeton, and Collier. These two men have added strength to the team. This, combined with the greater experience in flag passing, has given the Sophomores a much faster team than that of last year. In the 1914 race, 1915 just lost only through an unfortunate accident, after gaining a commanding lead in the early stages of the race.

The passing has been worked upon and it has been practically perfected. The Sophomores pin great hopes on this point. (Continued on Page Three)

### THE FRESHMAN NOMINATIONS.

So much of the success of any class depends upon a capable body of officers the first year, and so difficult is it to determine in six weeks who the most capable men are, that the period during which freshman nominations are made is about the most critical one through which the class ever has to pass. The best results in any election can be hoped for only when there are nominated those men who are considered pre-eminently fitted to discharge the duties attached to the various offices.

The president devolves the greatest responsibility. The spirit of the class will be largely a reflection of his own spirit, and it is with the full realization of this fact that the president should be the men whom the class will be largely a reflection of his own spirit, and it is with the full realization of this fact that the president should be the men whom the class will be largely a reflection of his own spirit, and it is with the full realization of this fact that the president should be the men whom the class will be largely a reflection of his own spirit, and it is with the full realization of this fact that the president should be the men whom the class will be largely a reflection of his own spirit, and it is with the full realization of this fact that the president should be the men whom the class will be largely a reflection of his own spirit, and it is with the full realization of this fact that the president should be the men whom the class will be largely a reflection of his own spirit, and it is with the full realization of this fact that the president should be the men whom the class will be largely a reflection of his own spirit, and it is with the full realization of this fact.
HERE IS WHAT THE CAPTAINS AND COACHES

Think of Their Teams—Who Has the Right Dope?

Captain Gleason, Sophomore eleven: "We expect to clean up the freshmen with our fast attack.

Captain Reis, Sophomore eleven: "If we do nothing else we will at least keep the Sophomores from scoring.

Coach Miller, Sophomore eleven: "I expect to see the Sophomores win from the freshmen.

Coach Gleason, freshman eleven: "The freshmen have a strong defense, and should win if they get the breaks.

Coach T. F. McSweeney, 1918 tug-of-war: "I am hopeful of the chances of the Sophomore team to win out if every man pulls as hard as he has in the last week of practice they should have no trouble doing so.

Manager J. L. Ricketts, 1918 tug-of-war: "I feel that the team had improved wonderfully during the last week of practice and is pulling in the form which enabled it to win last year. I expect every man to pull for all he is worth.

FOOTBALL TEAMS

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good stars, and their team will attempt to force the issue by scoring as soon as possible. Their team is experienced and they have one year's experience to back them up. The coach of the team, A. B. Miller, feels confident that his charges will give a good account of themselves in the contest. The captain of the team is H. L. Gleason, and his open field running from full back position has been a great source of gain for his team. If the Sophos ever get within scoring distance of the freshman goal line they will probably try some of the forward passes and trick formations that are rumored to have up their sleeve. Malley can be depended upon for a goal from field if kicking must be resorted to.

Stars Among Freshmen.

Depending, as the youngmasts do, upon their defensive game the freshman line and backfield is considered a very good one. Their forwards have lots of "pep" in breaking through and getting the opposing players behind their line of scrimmage. The backs have studied defensive tactics for the forward pass and the Sophomores will have trouble in getting away with any hoaxes. Paige is the punter on the team, and his good work has enabled the first-year men to keep the ball out of danger by kicking. Paige is unfortunately out of the game today with a cut on the knee. Young, who was a star man at Andover, is a star man. Murphy is a fast man in the backfield and helps in the offense of the team. Two experienced quarterbacks are found in Hyde and Reis. There is little doubt but that a break in the game in favor of the freshmen will mean a score for them.

Coach Smith, 1919 tug-of-war: "I am confident that the 1919 tug-of-war team will take the rope prepared to fight to the last ditch. The men have shown admirable spirit in practice, and despite their inexperience they will give all they have in them.

Captain Lamont, Sophomore tug-of-war: "If we don't pull the Sophomores will have a fight for their money. Break the rope, we will be out.

Coach Kanaly of the relay teams in perhaps on the safest side. He is quoted as saying: "I feel that the Sophomores are heavy favorites in doing so."

"I am confident that the 1919 tug-of-war team will take the rope."

If they do there will be "something.

RELAY TEAMS

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Kwan an led-off man. Lorenz has been chosen captain of the team. Only once have the Sophomores failed to win the Relay on the first Field Day, when both teams were equal in experience. Largely on this account the Sophomores are heavy favorites.

1919 Team.

The 1919 team is a more uncertain quantity, never having run together before. Undoubtedly there is a great deal of inherent speed in the team individually, but it remains to be seen how they will run in a race. Probably the most experienced man on the team is Strubchenberg, but Captain Wright is also a very fast man. Dell, of Worcester Academy, and Scranton, of Worcester Academy, are both runners of experience. The team is much better than any previous freshman team.

THE RELAY TEAMS

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Both Sophomores and Freshmen Have Trained Hard For Big Struggle.

It is expected that the tug-of-war contest will decide whether or not the freshmen are to smoke their class pipes this year. For this reason, the freshmen are expected to fight harder than any freshman team has before. The Sophomores have given up all weights, and "on paper" they are lighter, than the first-year men, by just 10 pounds for the entire team. But the freshmen have an idea that their opponents have dropped several pounds per man, and they expect to pull as if they had twice their weight on the other end of the rope.

The 1918 Team.

1918 practice has been held regularly since the opening of the term under the competent coaching of T. F. McSweeney, '16, a well-rounded aggregation will represent the Sophomore team. While the candidates were somewhat slow in coming out for the team at the start, the showing made during the last fortnight has been extremely satisfying to Captain Burton and Manager Ricketts.

One point in favor of the 1918 team is the fact that 14 veterans will appear in the lineup, which is larger than the usual percentage of men who appear on the team in their Sophomore year. These men have the advantage of having worked out on last year's winning team and the "taste of blood" is unusually noticeable.

Studled among the veterans will be the new men, the work of whom is likely to prove a big surprise. Captain Burton will hold the same position as last year, that of anchor.

About the only disappointing bit of news to the Sophomores is that H. L. Smith, one of the best of the last year's crew, and who showed up well in the early practices this year, has given up team work, and will not be able to work out with his classmates. He was one of the heaviest men on the rope, and his loss will undoubtedly be felt.

The Freshmen Taggers.

"Trained to the minute in team work and counting, and slight outweighing their rivals, the 1919 tug-of-war team will go to the rope today confident that they will be the victors. The men have been training hard every evening for the last five weeks under the supervision of Coach R. S. Smith, '17. During this time they have been taught all the finer points which go far towards deciding the contest, and while the 1918 crew will be composed of a majority of experienced men, Captain Oman of the freshmen declares that the spirit with which his team will enter the contest will more than make up for the experience. Over fifty men reported as candidates for the team, and those in charge had an exceedingly difficult job in picking the 25 men who will represent the freshman class this afternoon. In making the last cut, Coach Smith took everything into consideration.

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TUG-OF-WAR
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The attendance of the men at practice was a big factor,
but the strength tests and weight
given their due place, as well
as the endurance of each candidate.
Both Coach Smith and Captain Cau-
mann are confident that the crew will
give a good account of itself, as their
erience has been overbalanced
by their hard work and persistent
improvement during the last two weeks,
both in team work and endurance.
Much time has been spent in "start-
ing with the gun." and the '19 team
is assured of an even start, at least.
The fact that winning Field Day may
depend upon their efforts, and that
the freshman teams have won the
majority of the tug-of-war contests,
will make them fight all the harder
to keep up the prestige of the odd
classes.
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FIELD DAY HISTORY

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on a fiercer fight than ever. It was with difficulty that the battle was brought to a close, with the sad results that have been named.

Moore had spoken briefly at a class meeting held a few days before the rush, warning them that the pistol shot was the signal to fight all the harder to make desperate attempts to throw off their opponents and to secure possession of the cane themselves. He acted as he had advised his classmates to do, and threw himself into the thick of the fight as the pistol went off. Others followed him, and in some way he was thrown down beneath the pile, although still retaining his hold on the cane. Those nearest him asked if he was all right, receiving an affirmative reply. It was not until the end of the struggle that his prostrate body was found.

The other victim of the struggle, Sherrill, received his injuries because of the great strain to which he was subjected at the bottom of the pile, in the prolonged holding of the breath and the external pressure of the crowd. Like Moore he fought all the harder at the sound of the pistol shot, being thrown down in the same way. He was confined to a dark room for nearly a fortnight and never entirely recovered.

On the third of December of the same year the Institute Committee appointed a committee to confer with the Advisory Council on Athletics on the question of substituting an athletic meet for the cane rush. As a result the first Field Day was held the following year, the event being won by the freshmen.

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