Field-day Prospects.

A NY attempt at a comparison of the teams to represent the two lower classes in the meet Saturday must be very general, owing to the inability to get a line on the respective teams from the actual work done. While the football teams have each played several games, they have been with respectively different teams and give no direct comparison. The relay teams have had no outside contests, have run on entirely different tracks in all respects, and have timed their trials at different distances. The tug-of-war teams have done no work whatever to give actual results. The only approximate comparisons can be on the general form, condition and "size-up" of the opposing teams, which at the best is always a doubtful method.

From this point of view, the football teams are the hardest to judge, each showing advantages over the other. The '05 squad started out better, gained more time on the Freshman, and has developed considerably better team work as a whole, and better condition in the players. Hill has worked his men hard, and devoted much care to their individual training, but has tried them out in matched games comparatively little, so while they show better form, they have had less actual experience than the Freshmen. The Freshmen, on the other hand, show poorer team work and coaching, but have had twice as many games, and at times have shown amazing strength and fighting spirit. They have recently developed their defense to a great degree over its early weakness, and possess a set of backs hard to match on the offense. Besides, they show more personal interest and enthusiasm in their game than the Sophomores, whose victory of last year seems to have made them over-confident. It will be a case of superior team work against superior spirit, with the weight about even, and promises an exceedingly hard-fought and close battle.

The relay teams furnish a more accurate comparison than the others, and to all appearances '05 should win. Her team is better than that of last year, has been well coached and trained, and is in good condition physically. Moreover, her men have accustomed themselves to running with sneakers on the asphalt track to be used Saturday, which is considerably harder than running with spikes on a cinder track, especially for a man with a long stride. The times made in the trials were very good, several men doing exceptional work. The '06 team, on the other hand, is somewhat of a dark horse, and at the time of this writing is just beginning to round into good shape. Her trials, though made on a track about ten yards too long, were slower even than the distance would account for, and besides, were run on a cinder track and in spiked shoes.

As for the tug-of-war, so little work has been done by either team, and they have been so long in picking even their general squads from which to choose their teams, that it is impossible to tell just how they will compare until they line up Saturday. On the whole, '06 seems to have more heavy men to choose from and has done more conscientious work for her team, while '05, realizing her weakness of last year, is appreciating the fact that she must accustom her men to pull together and at a given signal, instead of distractedly hanging on for dear life, in order to offset what disadvantage her weight may have.

On the whole, we would sum up the situation by saying that, judging from form, '05 should win the relay race, and appears to have a slight advantage in football, while '06 has apparently the best prospects for the tug-of-war. But with this, it must be remembered that the Freshmen, as the entering class, are going into the contest with all possible zeal, and looking forward to it with the spirit that