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FIELD DAY LOOKS LIKE HARD FIGHT

Close Contest Predicted for
Annual Class Event
This Afternoon

OUTCOME UNCERTAIN

Football Game Will Probably Be
The Deciding Contest
1911 Relay Strong

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Four magnificent contests will be fought out this afternoon on Technology Field, and the result of none of them can be predicted with any degree of certainty. The eighth annual Field Day at the Institute promises to be one of the closest in the history of the event.

Both the two lower classes which meet in the three inter-Technology events have given their teams splendid support during the season. Nothing has been left to be desired in this regard. In no instance has a team fallen down conspicuously and in every department of the class athletics, contests of the first order may be expected.

The other event of the day will be the cross-country race with Harvard which is the fifth annual contest.

1911 and 1912 will clash in the football game, the relay race and tug-of-war, named in the order of their importance as regards score. In many of the past Field Days the football game has been the deciding issue, one class taking the track event and the other the pull. It has generally been the upper class that has established its supremacy in the relay race and the freshmen that have turned out the best tug-of-war team.

From all indications it would seem that the same conditions would prevail. The sophomores have a decided advantage in the relay race on account of having several of the varsity sprint men to depend on and by reason of their previous experience which counts for a good deal in the event. The freshmen have done considerable to overcome this advantage, notably by practicing the flag between relays. This is a point that has been generally neglected in the past by the teams of the entering class because it never came up for consideration until the time of the race.

In the tug-of-war it is difficult to predict which class will be the victor. Both sides have been working hard, and at best the event is a good deal of a lottery, in spite of the fact that everything possible has been done to eliminate the element of chance this year. The innovation which has been put into effect with this end in view has been the increasing of the number of pulls from one to three. Instead of the single five-minute pull, three three-minute pulls have been substituted. The pulling is to be the same as before except that each team is to be allowed a coach on the field to count for them. This is a novel idea, and it will be very interesting to see how the experiment works out. Also a new and experimental idea is that the sophomores are to have the large men in front.

The star event of the day then will be the football game and on its outcome will most probably depend the result of the contest between the classes. The rivalry that exists will be most keenly felt in this contest.

Little can be said about the chances of the two teams except that the sophomores are the popular favorites. This, however, is no more than natural and too much weight should not be attached to it. The sophomores have the advantage of weight and the freshmen seem to have superior speed. In accuracy of play both teams are very even. As far as comparative scores are concerned both teams are also on the same footing, both having rolled up the same score against the Lowell Textile School team, 18-0.

The sophomores will in all probab-

1911 FOOTBALL 1912

Smith	145	l.e.	r.e.	Torry	144
Adams	176	l.t.	r.t.	Barnes	173
Kimball	205	l.g.	r.g.	Kebbon	170
Hall	154	center		Hooper	186
Hutchins	185	r.g.	l.g.	Robertson	182
VanTassell, Cap.	178	r.t.	l.t.	Whittlesey	165
Williams	148	r.e.	l.e.	Riddell	151
Schatz	133	q.b.		Eicher, Capt.	138
Odell	154	l.h.	r.h.	Clark	172
Metcalf	190	r.h.	l.h.	Raymond	167
O'Neill	185	full		Beale	172

168½

AVERAGES

165½

ity confine themselves to fairly straight and steady football, while the freshmen will, without doubt, spring some plays decidedly open in character. This outlines in the main the difference in style that has distinguished the two teams during the season.

One thing is fairly certain, however, and that is that neither side will try any risky plays until it gets behind and is forced to take chances. Extreme caution and a continued use of line plays are sure to be in evidence during the first stages of the struggle.

The order of events will be: first pull tug-of-war, first half football game, relay race and second pull tug-of-war, second half football game. The finish of the Tech-Harvard cross-country race will probably come some time during the second half, when the game will be stopped until the race is over. After the second half of the football game a third pull will take place if necessary to decide the tug-of-war.

Football

The football game will undoubtedly be one of the closest contests on record. Both teams are in prime condition. Notwithstanding the loss of two of their best men, Morey and Bakewell, who were injured in a scrimmage two weeks ago, the sophomores will enter the contest with a team which will tax the ability of the freshman eleven to the highest degree. The 1911 ends, which were weak at the beginning of the season, have, by hard work and constant application, developed into fast players, and the punting by Metcalf, the star University of California man has been wonderfully improved. In the Somerville High game Metcalf missed a goal from placement from the Somerville 45-yard line by the narrow margin of eight inches, demonstrating the fact that one of the weaknesses of the team shown in the Waltham game had been overcome. The offense played by the sophomores is a better game than their defence, due largely to their full back, F. M. O'Neill. O'Neill has played in all the games this season, was on the team last year, and is unanimously selected as the star of the team. L. Odell, manager of the team last year, will play at half. He puts up a strenuous game, playing as if his life depended upon it. Schatz, the fast 1911 quarter, will play the same position he held last year. Another good man for the position has been developed, who will probably get into the game in the second half.

The freshman team is composed of excellent material. Five men measure six feet or more, Hooper, Kebbon, Robinson, Whittlesey and Beale. The first four play in the line, while Beale plays at full and is an old hand at the game.

Captain Eicher, the little quarter, has shown his merits in all the games played by the team this season. He is one of the best players on the team, and makes the team jump around in lively fashion Torrey and Riddell, who are holding down the end positions, are very fast and play the game well.

Relay Race

In relay work the sophomores reported for practice in large numbers at the beginning of the season. These numbers increased almost every day un-

til the preliminary trials two weeks ago. The work was hard and consistent up to this time and at these trials the squad was reduced from 25 to 16 men.

Many of the candidates were entered in the Fall handicap meet. In the 100-yard dash N. N. Prentiss, W. J. Seligman, and P. D. White each won preliminary heats, and J. L. McAllen and R. H. Gould qualified in the heat for second men. In the finals, to the surprise of the spectators, P. D. White, the half-miler and cross-country man, broke the tape first in the time of 10.3.5 seconds, with a 4-yard handicap. W. J. Seligman, scratch, and N. N. Prentiss, 5.1-2 yards, finished third and fourth respectively. W. C. Salisbury did not run.

W. J. Seligman and D. R. Stevens each won their heats in the 220-yard dash, and N. N. Prentiss won the heat for second men. The finals resulted in a win for P. Hart 1910, who had a handicap of 13 yards over Seligman. The latter finished in third place, a few feet behind the freshman, Oettinger, who also had 13 yards. Prentiss did not win in the finals.

The final trials for the team held on Friday and Monday last resulted in the choice of the twelve fastest men and two substitutes. Of the twelve men on the team W. C. Salisbury, W. J. Seligman, P. D. White, N. N. Prentiss, R. H. Gould, F. C. Dolce and J. L. McAllen are veterans of last year's team, which ran a close second to the record 1910 team. The other men, H. L. Robinson, R. O. Wood, S. A. Bigelow, and G. A. Hodge, proved fast enough to displace C. P. Kerr and D. R. Stevens who ran last year, as did C. R. Johnson, the first substitute. C. P. Kerr placed as second substitute.

The freshmen did not answer to the call for candidates well at the first of the season, but interest has increased since then and good times were made at the preliminary trials.

Of the men to make the team Capt. W. C. Read was two years captain of the Manchester (N. H.) High School team, running the dashes. Manager H. S. Benson was a distance man on the Syracuse 1911 track team last year. I. S. Grant comes from M. A. H. S., and two years ago won the interscholastic hurdles at the B. A. A. L. B. Walker was a crack Quincy High 100-yard man and has a time of 10.3.5 seconds to his credit. L. Thompson comes from Lowell High; he placed third in the 600 at the B. A. A. last year and won the thousand in all the Lowell High dual meets. H. A. Robinson ran on the Powder Point relay and C. L. Tuller was a track man for two years at English High. Of the others, N. G. Herreschoff, has done very consistent work and is considered one of the fastest men. M. A. Oettinger did creditable work at M. A. H. S., and proved his worth in the Fall handicap meet.

In the 100-yard dash in this meet Oettinger was the only man to score for 1912. He won his heat in 10.3.5 seconds and placed third in the finals with a seven-yard handicap. In the 220 again Oettinger was the only freshman point winner, winning his heat in 23.2.5 seconds and placing second to Hart in the final heat. Reed and Shepard each took second in their heats,

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TECH-HARVARD RUN TO DECIDE SERIES

Winner of Today's Race Will
Receive Cup for Five
Year Victory

CRIMSON STARS FAST

Tech Runners Have Advantage
in Familiarity With
Tricky Course

Harvard and Technology will have the closest cross-country race today that has ever been held over the 4.4-mile course from Highland station to the Field. Each team has won two races so today's event will decide the winner of the series and the holder of the cup.

Tech has the advantage of long practice over this unusually severe course. At the very start the men must run up a steep hill which rises 100 feet in 1000. This hill has proved the undoing of one or more men in every race. The next two miles is a long succession of up and down grades, fences, stone walls, brooks and other obstacles. At the well known pig pens the course follows the road for a short distance. "Larz Anderson's hill" is the next and most difficult obstacle in the whole race. A man who can get to the top of this hill without falling over a pipe running across the summit, 15 inches off the ground is considered to be in good shape. The race is usually lost or won at this point as the rest of the course is down grade and the relative positions of the men do not change materially from there to the Field, a distance of about 1.2 miles.

The Harvard men, perhaps Jacques in particular, excel in track work and their past performances give hopes that the stiff cross-country running will favor the Tech men, who will therefore win only by making the most of the first half of the course. Minot, who has run the mile in 4:26, and Crosby, who has done the 2-mile in 9:50, have both been badly beaten over this course.

Harvard's trials were held last Saturday over a new course laid out at Chestnut Hill where the Yale-Harvard cross-country race will be held Nov. 12. Jacques and Whitney led the field by a large lead and this fact gives Tech hopes of scoring several men close behind these two.

The race between Jacques and Howland will almost certainly result in the establishment of a new record. The present mark of 24 minutes and 19 seconds was made by Howland in 1906. McCarthy and Mills should give Whitney a good fight for third place. The Tech team as a whole is far better than last year's team, but the Harvard men have no doubt made a big improvement also and expect to turn out the strongest team they have ever had. A study of the times made by the Harvard men shows a consistent improvement. Four years ago the first Harvard man ran the course in 25:40, the next year in 25:15. In 1906 their time was 25 minutes, while last year Crosby won the race in 24:44. This year the Harvard men will probably come within a few seconds of the record.

The Harvard team will be the following men:—H. Jacques 1911, M. H. Whitney 1909, R. E. Dole 1910, Capt., P. C. Heald 1911, E. Parson 1911, H. V. Mastern 1910, G. Murphy 1910, C. D. Burrage 1911, W. P. Rogers 1911, and Harding 1911.

The Tech team chosen last Thursday is as follows:—H. H. Howland 1908, L. O. Mills 1910, W. T. MacCreadie 1911,

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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

2:15 P. M.—Field Day contests begin at the Field.

8:00 P. M.—Tech Night at the Colonial Theatre.