Frosh Outnumber Sophomores In Field Day Crew; Class of '58 Has Experience For Saturday Meeting

At twelve noon this Saturday, Field Day will officially open by the starting gun for the Freshman Sophomore crew race on the Charles. The race course runs from the starting point at the MIT boathouse to the Harvard Bridge, a distance of three-quarters of a mile. The record for this distance in 3:56 set in 1950 by the Varsity crew, and a good Field Day crew can stroke the distance in about 4:20. The three Field Day points at stake in the race may very well decide the competition, and as a result, another saga for both classes now "up" for the race.

As usual the Fresh cut for this sport greatly outnumber their opponents, and at the five shell races, four out of the six races will be freshmen boats; but the opponents' lack of numbers is compensated for by their experience, for of their team of nine all but Dick Gane have had previous experience and Robert, Prinzen, and Israel all rowed for last year's '58 Field Day crew. This team has been coached by Bob Wilkin, captain of the MIT 1855 Henley Cup crew. Although the team is in good spirits and looks well coordinated on the water, they conservatively expressed the opinion that, "Chances are very good.

The Frosh crew, with inexperience still somewhat hampering its boat, is coming along very well under the competent coaching of Al Lawn, now at MIT this year, and assisted by Val Skov, the redheaded stroke man for last year's '58 Field Day crew. This team has just been coached by Bob Wilkin, captain of the MIT 1855 Henley Cup crew. Although the team is in good spirits and looks well coordinated on the water, they conservatively expressed the opinion that, "Chances are very good.

In the past several years this race has been almost exclusively Frosh controlled; last year all three frosh boats finished ahead of the opposing class's boat. This year, however, the '58 crew has developed unusually well, so that this year's race promises to be a much better contest than those of the near past. Frosh coaches Lawn and Wilkin agree that this year's class race has more definite promise of being a closely contested race; and although the Sophomores have been more impressive in recent workouts, the '58 crew have shown great improvement and the race will most likely be cleansed by a close finish."