Sophomore Experience Produces 47-0 Shutout Win in Glove Fight

by Lee Holloway '58 and William C. Daly '58

As in previous years, Sophomore experience defeated Freshman numbers in the battle for the six glove fight points, the final score being 47-0. Both teams, remembering last year's invulnerable man on the goal post, based their strategy on this example. The Sophomores were equipped with army duffle bags, chains, and locks, with men chained to the bags, while the yearlings madly searched the ground on the off side of the goal post for their gloves. The Sophomore crew won the traditionnal match by a clear margin. Not since 1949 had a sophomore crew won the traditionnal match.

The Freshman used a greasing pole, which was not to the convenience of the Sophomores, as they tried to smother and stuff their gloves into the smaller bags. The first wave of second year men was rebuffed and lost their pants immediately but the purpose was accomplished and over half of the final gloves failed to reach the post. The numbers at each end of the field soon evened out as the battle of the pants began.

At the sophomore end of the field, Jim Butterfield, '58, president of the Quadrangle Club, was on a side of the post, holding tightly to a bag containing old rags and his gloves, which he had forgotten to put in the right bag. On the other side of the post a sophomore stood motionlessly with the bag containing all the purple gloves, while the yearlings readily attacked Butterfield. One stout freshman had managed to reach the crocket of the post, but a heavy boxing clutch retained the lead until the baton was passed. The Sophomores were provided with a dry and ample supply of rags, chains, and experience which they were wise enough to use to the full advantage.

Sophomores Sweep Field Day... Win 23-0

Class Of '58 Blanks Freshmen For First Shutout Win Since 1932

by Bill Daly '58

Meeting in the mid and cold of the fall, rather than the "fast and heat of the arena," as runs the inscription on the Field Day cup, the Classes of '58 and '59 met in the fiftieth annual Field Day Saturday afternoon.

The Sophomores moved fast and sure in every phase of the competition, and when the sophomore's batons were over, '58 had accomplished the first shutout since the Class of '50 shut out '58 in 1912. All credit is due the sophomores as skilled gainers of victory. Their sevens were victorious in the car races, the crew race, and the football game, a combination of skill and speed in swimming, and organization in the tug, the glove fight, and the purple shaft. The victors showed spirit as well as nerves, but won as they always have, through a combination of skill and strategy.

Although this year's presentations of the purple and silver tumbler was tardy as last year's brush with the ROTC department, two well placed and well executed presentations coupled with a not planned but well executed rival, made for some very interesting competition.

The freshmen were given the shaft two weeks before Field Day and promptly made a congratulation in the 600 lecture on Monday. An attempt had been made in the morning 605 lecture but a riot developed and outcome of the law was guarding the physical fitness for the rest of the day. The afternoon presentation came off well except for the fact that several sophomores observed the fresh with the shaft and lined them to where it was hiden. They took it from its hiding place in a women's rest-room and stored it away in building one.

That evening Jim Butterfield '58, president of the Quadrangle Club, informed Mickey Reiss '56, chairman of Field Day Committee, that the sophomores were in possession of the shaft.

(Soph Grid Team Triumphs 12-0)

On Muddy, Rain-Drenched Field

Playing under the worst weather conditions possible, the Class of '58 football team won a close and hard fought game with the Class of '59, in the fiftieth annual Field Day, 12 to 10. Both teams played fairly evenly and at such a rate that the players were not fatigued by the game.

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(Soph Captue Crew, Set Field Day Mark)

A six-year skeel fell by the boards at the Charles Saturday on the 80-yard scull through the cold, muddy water to take the Field Day scull by a close margin. For 1948 had a sophomore crew won the traditionnal event.

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Sophomores in Tug-of-War

In Field Day 1956, the sophomores had their revenge in the tug-of-war event, as they defeated the frosh 4 to 1. The Frosh used a cleaning pole whereas the Sophomores had a steady but that gained more ground on the off than the Frosh gained on their short handles.

The pulls were fairly even for the first minutes or so, but the Sophomores held on against the heavy Sophomore power.