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Weak Sophomore Game Shows Lack of Enthusiasm

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that there was a surprising lack of coordination among them. Gorsuch and Harrison, both weighing over two hundred pounds, were the mainstay of the line while the backfield was chiefly supported by Dan McGrew. Six men were chosen as coaches, as follows:—Ed Johnson '25, Dave Evans '24, S. H. Baylor '26, G. A. Wallace '25, and L. S. Lankton '24. These men set to work immediately to remedy the faults that appeared in the Andover game.

But the defeat at the hands of a prep-school seemed to dishearten the team for during the following week fully three quarters of the men failed to report at practice. Once more word got around that the Sophs were going to ruin Field Day and once more the student body turned questioning eyes on the Class of 1926. By dint of much encouragement from the Seniors and some frank criticism that appeared in the columns of THE TECH, the team was coaxed out again. With Field Day but a week away the Sophs had not had any serious practice while the frosh had been working away with all their might. The balance of the favor as regarded the football game was gradually shifting to the frosh.

Sophs Put in Big Week

Field Day week showed a changed spirit among the Sophomores. After the showing that the yearling team made against the General Electric team at Lynn the Saturday before, the Sophs woke up to the fact that they had a hard fight ahead. Credit must be given to the team for the way it worked during that week. Practice was held each afternoon until dark and then the whole team adjourned to the track house where skull practice was held for another hour.

On Field Day excitement ran high for it was generally known that the freshmen had brought out a combination of fast, brainy football players who were expressing in no uncertain fashion just what they were going to do to the brawny Sophs. On the other hand, all through the week the Sophs had plainly showed that they were only too willing to mess things up in general and the frosh eleven in particular.

Excitement Runs High

Long before the beginning of the game the stands were packed with a crowd of students already hoarse from cheering. When the two teams trotted on the field, the din was terrific. The preceding events had not been very peppy so that the football game was expected to furnish the excitement. The spirit of the day seemed to be transmitted to the players for they presented a formidable aspect. At the sound of the whistle, both teams went at each other with a rush as if each man was determined to get the one opposite him and put him as far out of the game as possible. Yet the playing was clean enough. Maybe the referee was lenient too, for at all events the crowd was treated to plenty of rough stuff and appreciated it, if the noise could be taken as an index.

The playing was not very brilliant during this first quarter; as the men were over-anxious; so that fumble after fumble was made. A bad break by Capt. Cargile of the freshmen allowed the Sophs to put over a touchdown after less than two minutes to play. Jewell, one of the ends, making the down. Instead of being disheartened, however, the freshmen went after the other team with such determination that little by little the Sophs gave ground. The wonderful line that was so cracked

up before the game failed to hold against the gritty line smashes and the brilliant end runs of the frosh. At a little before the end of the first quarter, the ball was on the Sophomore five yard line and the chances for touchdown looked good. But another bad fumble by the frosh gave the Sophs the ball while from the freshmen section of the grandstand there arose a roar of disappointment.

Sophs Fail at Critical Point

Right at this point the Sophs had a chance to win the game for it was their ball, with only a few seconds to play and they were in the lead. To a well-organized team, the only play would have been a kick out of danger and that was the play called for by the quarter, who sent the fullback back to kick. The Soph team was not a team of kickers and this kick was a difficult one in view of the fact that the frosh were on their toes ready to rush the kicker, line or no line. The ball was poorly passed to begin with and the punter slow to get into action so that by the time his toe had connected with the ball, Volante, the frosh guard, stood ready to receive it with his stomach and to fall on it with a grunt that could be heard from the side lines. Possibly this was the only play to make and if the Sophs had made away with it, it would have been a feather in their caps. Once in a game at Cornell, the Cornell team was in a similar predicament. The score was 6-0 in their favor and they were on their goal line with the wind against them. Instead of essaying a kick with its doubtful results the ball was simply carried back of the goal line and downed for a safety, netting the other team but two points instead of the six that they would have made by a touchdown.

This play would have worked if the Sophs had tried it. A kick was slim chance and they lost out on it, tying the score and virtually losing the game for them for the freshmen were conceded the moral victory even if they only succeeded in tying the heavier Soph team. However, after this one slip, the team played like one man throughout the rest of the game and though not netting any further points, managed to keep the frosh at midfield for the rest of a game that will go down in the annals of the Institute as being one of the best fought.

The Harvard Technology hockey meet is scheduled for January 9 so that there is no time to waste in getting ready. The team that was sent against Boston University was lacking in practice which accounted for the defeat. But the men are shaping up fine under the leadership of Captain Denton Massey and are already much better as can be seen from the fact that they made a much better showing in a practice game with the regular B. U. team recently. It can be said in passing that the Harvard team wiped up the B. U. players to a tune of 8 to 1 so that Technology's meet with Harvard promises to be a first class exhibition of hockey.

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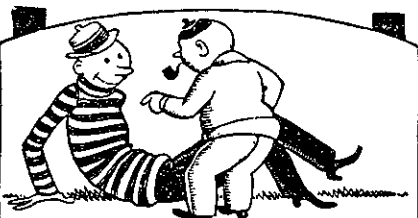
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Competition Open to Organic Chemistry Students

The awarding of prizes for the best constructed models of carbon molecules is contemplated by Professor F. J. Moore of the Chemistry Department. The construction of these models is a required part of an organic chemistry course, but in order to stimulate more interest and provide a greater incentive Professor Moore is planning to reward the most expert craftsmen with something more material than a good mark. The prizes will probably consist of books on organic chemistry.

Professor Moore now has some models of these molecules and expects the class to construct ones somewhat similar to these. They do not have to be made from any definite material or be of a given size. Pasteboard, glass, and wire are some of the best materials for this work according to Professor Moore. One man has made some very good models out of bicycle-wheel spokes.

The competition is open only to the men taking organic chemistry, 5512 with the donor, next term. He believes that a proper understanding of the actual alignment of the atoms in a molecule of carbon is difficult to obtain from the descriptions and plane projections in text books. A much clearer idea can be had from a figure occupying more than one plane. Men not directly connected with the course will be asked to serve as judges.

From The SPORTS DESK

Coach Haines is not only a crew coach of the first water, but he is also an expert boat builder. Under his supervision the shells and other equipment up at the boathouse should soon be in the best condition.

So the Seniors walk off with the Brookline Swimming Club Cup. With the exception of the freshmen the other classes showed up as rather weak. This concentration of strength is, as a rule, a bad thing for the team. The losses by graduation will be heavy next June, and unless more material is developed from the lower classes the team is liable to take a sudden drop. Things look as if the frosh have some good swimmers in the making, but things can not be left all to one class.

The members of the hockey team are to be sympathized with for they have received two tough breaks in succession. First the Canada trip was called off after it had seemed a certainty for some weeks. Then the announcement was made that practice would continue right on through the Christmas vacation. Three men were allowed to go home over Christmas but they will be back to-day and practice will be held the rest of the week.

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