

PUSH BALL

Sophomores Win by Score of Two to One in the New Scrap.

The inauguration of the push ball scrap which was adopted this year for the first time as an underclass contest to fill the gap made by the abolition of the picture scrap, was marked by many injuries, which, however, were not severe and of little consequence. The affair did not prove to be as successful as was expected and at the most, furnished but scant amusement for either participants or spectators. Laurels and honors went to the sophomores by the narrow margin of two to one, and the affair was hotly contested by both classes.

In the first period 1912 succeeded in pushing the ball into the freshman territory and managed to hold it there until the required ten minutes had elapsed. On the exchange of goals in the second part, the efforts of the sophomores were again rewarded by a point gained in similar way, making the score 2-0. The first two periods were merely pushing matches as the ball was kept on the ground throughout, the fighting at the center appearing to be an exact reproduction of the cider scrap. The third period brought the only tinge of real excitement to the match, when the freshmen managed to get the ball up into the air, and aided by a strong wind secured a score. The ball was brought back to the centre, and after a few more minutes scrapping, the match was declared to be over, with the ball in the sophomore territory, the final score being 1912, 2; 1913, 1.

The scrap itself showed many defects which will have to be greatly remedied before it can be attempted again. Primarily the ball was on the ground two-thirds of the time, when the rules expressly direct that it should be kept in the air, and this

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feature tended to produce more of an ordinary rough-house than a scientific college match. It also seems most unlikely that pushball can ever become a class contest, if it is to be participated in by the two entire lower classes, as the large numbers make the scrap appear dull to the onlookers and somewhat dangerous to the participants. Many suggestions as to its revision have been made by prominent college men, and it appears quite evident that from these, the rules will be largely changed before next year. One striking theory is that three teams be chosen, each one consisting of say about fifteen men and each team averaging a specified weight. This, it is believed, would

make a more interesting scrap and one that would be vastly different from any of the regular scheduled contests that take place between the lower classes at the present time. The cider-scrap and flag-scrap are both rushes and it seems advisable to vary the competition for honor between the underclassmen as much as possible. There are, however, many excellent hints as to how pushball may be played to the best advantage, and it remains to be seen just what action will be taken in regard to improving the scrap before next fall.

New Fraternity Men.

The following men have been taken into the various fraternities to date:

Phi Gamma Delta—C.H. Martin'12.