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1917 WINS PUSHBALL SCRAP

Freshmen Fail to Follow Ball—New Ruling Proves Unsatisfactory.

The sophomores did not have much trouble in winning the pushball scrap last Saturday, although the score of 6 to 1 seems to indicate a rather good fight on the part of the freshmen. With only one or two exceptions 1917 was on the offensive and apparently were able to control the direction of the ball without any difficulty. In several instances the freshman line held, but at such times a flank movement again started the ball down the field toward their goal.

Briefly, the play was somewhat as follows: The sophs started down the field with the ball against feeble resistance, carrying it to the 10 yard line where it was pushed out of bounds. The freshman line held and no great gain was made in the next few minutes. The ball was then grounded on a flank movement and, on resuming the scrap, was carried across the field and in a few minutes pushed across the freshman goal line. In the next few minutes of play the freshmen succeeded in keeping the ball in sophomore territory when the period ended. In the second period the freshmen held very well and little or no gain was made in the first four minutes. The sophs then started a march down the field. After a little scrapping the ball was again sent across the freshman line. This period ended with the ball in freshman territory. During the last period the fighting was strongest and 1917 was unable to cross its opponent's goal line. This period also ended with the ball in freshman territory.

The sophomores owe their victory to the superior work of the men on top and to their ability to keep the mass of their men directly in back of the ball. The freshmen lacked aggressiveness. Only one or two men were injured and their injuries were of a very trivial nature.

The new ruling providing for a lining-up of the two classes 15 yards distant from the ball proved to be unsatisfactory in that every time the ball was poised ready for the starting signal it was grounded before the two classes could come together. It would seem that the rules governing previous pushball scraps are to be preferred.

The list of religious preferences of the students of Penn State has just been compiled and is as follows:

Baptist 107, Bethel 5, Brethren 14, Christian Science 7, Church of Christ 3, Church of God 2, Congregational 50, Disciples 7, Greek Catholic 5, Hebrew 41, Lutheran 308, Mennonites 3, Methodist 464, Moravian 4, Presbyterian 594, Protestant Episcopal 132, Reformed 155, Roman Catholic 150, Schwenkfelder 6, Society of Friends 39, Swedenborgian 2, Unitarian 3, United Brethren 86, United Evangelical 18, United Presbyterian 32, Universalist 3, no preference indicated 95.

All freshman candidates for the editorial staff of this paper are requested to report at the Collegian room, basement of Library, Saturday, at 2 p. m.

Varsity Basketball

This year the prospects look very bright for a successful basketball season. From the freshman class alone a wealth of good material has reported. These new men play a promising game and may easily be developed into first line varsity material. The old men who have returned are: Park (Capt.), Wilson, Metzger, Jester and Walton. The regular varsity practice begins in the Armory on November 18. The coach for the team will probably be Mr. Taggart, of Harrisburg. The management is now trying very hard to secure him for the coming season. With Taggart as coach and Park as captain it is expected that Penn State will be in first at the finish for the Intercollegiate League championship.

The schedule, which has been arranged for this season, is long and hard and contains some of the best teams in the country. It is as follows:

December 12, Juniata, at State College.

January 9, Lehigh, at State College.

January 12, West Virginia Wesleyan, at State College.

January 14, Westinghouse Club, at Pittsburgh.

January 15, Washington and Jefferson, at Washington, Pa.

January 16, University of Pittsburgh, at Pittsburgh.

January 31, Gettysburg, at State College.

February 5, Washington and Jefferson, at State College.

February 13, Michigan Aggies, at State College (negotiating).

February 18, Swarthmore, at Philadelphia.

February 19, Georgetown, at Washington, D. C.

February 20, Navy, at Annapolis.

February 27, University of Pittsburgh, at State College.

March 6, Lafayette, at State College.

There will also be an interclass basketball league. The managers of the different class teams have already been elected, but as yet a definite schedule for the interclass games has not been arranged.

Interclass Wrestling Meet

The date of the interclass wrestling scrap has been set for November 14, or the Saturday after Pennsylvania Day. The scrap will be held in the Armory at seven o'clock. Seats will be put up on all four sides; the side toward Old Main will be reserved for 1917, the opposite side for 1918; and the seats at each end will be reserved for visitors. Sections may be reserved by applying to either of the class managers, R. E. Hoffer, Pi Kappa Alpha house, or J. A. Gates, 222 West Beaver.

The Civic Club

The Civic Club will meet in room 202, Engineering Building, at 6:45 next Thursday evening. The program should be one of profit and interest. Wolfe and Zarnke will discuss current events; Gregg and Perry will discuss the recent elections.

A cafeteria will be held at the Presbyterian church, Friday, November 6, from five to seven o'clock. Proceeds are for benefit of the Belgian sufferers.

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