

## BASKETEERS TAKE FLOOR TONIGHT IN INITIAL PRACTICE

### Prospects For One of Best Teams in History

#### BOOK TWO MORE TEAMS

The first basketball practice of the season will be held tonight in the Armour gym. New men are urged to try out for the team, several positions being open.

Coach Kraft will have to develop several guards this season because Rummel is the only one back from last year's squad. One or two of the forwards may have their talents turned to the task of guarding Armour's basket. Several freshmen show promise of developing into consistent guards.

Captain H. C. Rossing will lead one of the strongest basketball squads that Armour has ever had. He will be assisted by five regulars from last year's team who are: ex-Capt. Robin who will be back for the first semester, Lind, and Setterberg who are all forwards, Beemsterboer at center, and Rummel who is a guard.

Two more games have been added to the tentative 1931-32 schedule since last week. The additions are: Chicago Normal College at Armour, December 3; and Michigan Normal College at Armour, February 25. The team will probably journey to Michigan for a game February 8. The complete schedule will probably contain fifteen games, the Alumni game opening the season on Tuesday, December 1.

### Boxing and Wrestling Progressing Rapidly

Tech boxers will be aided this year by the advantages of new equipment. The Athletic Association has given its approval to the buying of punching bags, mats, ropes, and the other necessities for training good "pugs." A systematic conditioning will begin when the new equipment arrives.

Manager Ustryski states that a large number of meets will be scheduled this year. The first will probably be held with Loyola sometime before the holidays. Other meets will be arranged with Valparaiso University, St. Viator College, Culver Military Academy, and De Paul.

Heavyweights and men for the 112-pound class are still needed to fill the gaps in the squad. Only five regulars from last year have returned to the ring this season.

Wrestling will be managed separately from boxing. Although this sport is not officially recognized, a large number of men are practicing regularly in Armour's gym. A coach has not been appointed, and Professor Schommer has not stated that letters will be given for participation.

It will be possible to schedule many wrestling matches because more colleges have wrestling than have boxing.

### Tennis Tournament Approaching Finals

Given another week of fair weather, the tennis tournament will in all probability be completed. A. J. Cohrs is in the semi-final round, defeating Gunderson in the quarter finals in two straight sets, 6-4, 6-3.

In the quarter finals are Graham, who defeated Beal by a score of 6-1, 6-0. Paine defeated Lukas in two sets by virtue of a 6-1, 6-3 victory. Juvinal met H. P. Richter and defeated him in a three-set match by a score of 6-4, 1-6, 6-1. Esbensen defeated Hirsch by a score of 6-2, 8-6 to enter the quarter finals also.

Lind and Curran, and Armsbury and Hendricks, have not yet played off to determine who will enter the quarter finals.

In the doubles tournament Cohrs and Graham defeated Hirsch and Nelson by a score of 6-4 and 7-5. Davidson and Richter finally defeated Collatz and Trudelle after three long sets by a score of 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Graham and Lukas defeated Monger and Bollinger. Lyford and Messinger have not yet met Magnussen and Schultz.

## TECH SHORTS

### Kraft's Basketeers

Tech's varsity basketball team will start its 35th annual season tonight when practice will begin in the Armour gymnasium. A record turnout is expected, and according to the latest reports the 1931-32 team will be one of the best in the history of the school.

About forty-five men answered Coach Stagg's call for track candidates at the meeting held last Wednesday afternoon. Indoor practice will be held this fall in the new University of Chicago fieldhouse, which will be one of the leading indoor tracks in the country.

### Do You Know That?

Professor J. J. Schommer entered Armour in the spring of 1913 as coach of Tech's track, baseball, and basketball teams? Previous to this he had graduated from the University in Chicago in 1909, and from Armour as a Chemical Engineer in 1912.

While at the University of Chicago, he had won national fame in basketball, baseball, track, and football, being the winner of twelve major C's in these four sports. He was All-Western center in basketball for three consecutive years, All-Western end in football in his senior year, held four individual records in track, and was captain of the basketball team which won the World's Olympic Y. M. C. A. championship at St. Louis in 1905.

### Beat Phi Pi Phi

Phi Pi Phi ably represented by Carlson, Giske, Leichtenberg, and MacLennan, of last year's team will be out gunning for their fourteenth consecutive interfraternity basketball championship this year. All of the other nine teams' slogan is "Beat Phi Pi Phi!"

Armour's annual fall tennis-tournament is slowly but surely furnishing its schedule. If weather permits, the championship ought to be decided within the next week or two.

H. P. R.

## TRACK MEN BEGIN INDOOR PRACTICE AT BARTLETT GYM

Although the track season does not open officially until the Christmas holidays, a meeting which took place last Wednesday gave the track aspirants an early start.

Coach A. A. Stagg, Jr., addressed the old members and new candidates, and ordered light practice for all immediately. Captain C. Jens also gave the squad pointers on training. Equipment was given out, first to last year's letter men, then to the experienced candidates and to the new men. Everyone will be furnished with suits, etc., as new equipment is expected in the near future.

Coach Stagg announced that the Bartlett Gymnasium and the U. of C. field-house will be available to Armour track men and lockers can be obtained there by candidates who intend to stick it out.

The manager for the 1932 season is Colcord and his assistant is Erisman. With a majority of the veterans returning for competition, Coach Stagg sees a bright outlook for the 1932 season but will not express himself as to the caliber of the new material, as he has not seen them in action yet. However, the fact that the squad is becoming larger every year indicates increasing efficiency with a mentor like Coach Stagg at the helm.

Major letter men returning to keep up the track standards at Armour are: Capt. C. Jens, G. Nelson, Hirsch, Sademan and Oberbeck, but Nelson is out for a few weeks with a broken collar bone. Other veterans who won minor A's in track last semester and who are returning for competition, are: Richter, Barnett, Setterberg, Helmick, and Manson.

Other candidates are: Krause, Probeck, Kulpack, Freitag, Van Dyke, Roberts, Hendricks, Scanlan, Tiensuu, Holland, Babcock, Tilt, Finnegan, Mueller and Freer.

## Inter-Fraternity Tournament Soon

With the opening games of the 1931 tournament approaching rapidly, basketball again looms up as the favorite inter-fraternity sport. The teams have been organized and practice is in full swing.

Whether the momentum gathered by the Phi Pi Phi team in the last 13 years, during which that team hung up a record of 13 straight victories, is greater than the determination of each of the other fraternity teams to be the one to snap this winning streak, will be decided in the next few weeks. The games should be full of action.

The backbone of the Phi Pi Phi team which defeated the Sigma Kappa Delta team in the final game of last year's tournament, will return to stretch the victory string to 14 straight wins. If the Phi Pi's win again, the victory will be the second of three needed to obtain permanent possession of a cup, of which they have four already, representing 12 of their victories.

None of the fraternities have announced their line-ups as yet. The playing schedule has not been arranged, but the preliminary games will be played during the week of Dec. 2nd to 11th, and the semi-final and final games the following week.

## Gridiron Queries

By Professor John J. Schommer

Editor's Note: Professor John J. Schommer, star player, conference umpire, and leading football authority, will answer through this column any questions on football which are puzzling our readers. Questions may be submitted to the Sports Editor, H. P. Richter, or they may be placed in the Armour Tech News box, which is located in the main building adjacent to the elevator on the first floor.

**Question 9.** A player catches a punt behind his own goal line. Is he allowed to run with the ball, or what is the ruling?

**Answer.** When a punt crosses the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, it automatically results in a touchback, and the receiving team puts the ball anywhere on their twenty-yard line.

**Question 10.** On the kickoff the ball is kicked past the end zone. A player on the kicking team recovers. Is the touchdown allowed?

**Answer.** No. The receiving team puts the ball in play on the twenty-

yard line, for the above is a touchback.

**Question 11.** A man kicks from in the end zone. The punt is blocked and downed behind the goal line by the blocking team. Is this a touchdown? What happens if one of the defending team falls on the ball?

**Answer.** When the ball is downed by the blocking team it is a touchback, but when downed by the defending team or if out of bounds in end zone it counts a safety for blocking team.

**Question 12.** May a ball carrier as he is tackled toss the ball back to a teammate?

**Answer.** Yes, but not forward.

**Question 13.** May a ball carrier hurdle or jump a man about to tackle him?

**Answer.** Yes, if the tackler is on his knees and the ball carrier does not hurdle with both feet or both knees foremost at a distance of 5 yards on either side of where the ball was put into play.

**Question 14.** Is a player permitted to re-enter a game in the same half?

**Answer.** No.

## Swimmers Continue

### Training for Meets

The activities of the mermen are as yet just confined to practice at the Chicago "U" pool. Practice and tryouts are still continuing and will probably continue until the first of the year. It is still too early in the season to have a complete schedule made up. The manager has not as yet been selected.

The Armour tanksters have the privilege of using the Chicago "U" pool any school day in the afternoon for practice. Aspirants for the team are urgently requested to turn out for practice.

Application for the position as manager of the swimming team should be turned in to Professor Schommer as soon as possible. Manager's award and sweaters are given to managers appointed for the various teams.

The swimming prospects are bright for the coming season. With Capt. Weston, Cavanagh, Byanskas, Carlstrom, Thompson, Giovan, Kolve, Davison, Davidson, and Pfeiler back and with the expected new material an even better season than the last may be expected.

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