

TECH BOXERS AND WRESTLERS HOLD INITIAL WORKOUT

Fifty Men Appear At First Meeting of Season

FIVE LETTERMEN BACK

At a meeting held a week ago in the gym, fifty men presented themselves to Coach Weissman as candidates for the boxing and wrestling teams. As a result, evenings were arranged for practice as follows: Monday for wrestlers, Tuesday for boxers, and Friday for both groups. Coach Weissman will give a course of instruction in boxing and wrestling for a number of weeks before beginning actual work in the ring, so that any additional men who would care to profit by these lessons and work-outs, are invited to come up on the scheduled nights. Entrance in interschool competition is not necessary to work-out with the squad and the instruction class will be maintained throughout the boxing season.

Coach Weissman and Captain-elect McDonald expect the boxing and wrestling teams to make good showings in the current season. Besides Captain McDonald, the other lettermen returning for competition are Marcus, Schaville, Behmer and Talar. There will be a call for applications from managerial candidates in about a month. No schedule has been started as yet but the annual boxing tournament is going to be held some time before the Christmas holidays. A wrestling tournament may also be held if enough men signify their intentions of competing. No men who were on the team last year will be allowed to compete in either of the tournaments, which gives all new men, experienced or not, a chance to win.

Team Successful Last Season

The end of last season found the boxers and wrestlers with an enviable year's record behind them. In spite of the tough schedule, the team had one of the best seasons ever experienced. The victory column was broken into four times while two meets were lost and one tied. The first commendable victory was turned in when the Tech pugilists handed the 124th Field Artillery fighters a surprise defeat early in the season. The second meet of the season ended in a tie with the South Chicago "Y". This team coming to Armour at a later date and winning the return engagement.

The next two meets at home were victories for the Armour men, the victims being Valparaiso and St. Viator. The latter, however, turned the tables in the return engagement, to give the Tech men defeat number two. In the last meet of the year, the engineers scored another upset when they defeated the Culver Academy team for the first time. McDonald, who is now captain, went through the season undefeated, having won all five of the bouts he fought in. Captain Sandstrom and Heckmiller were lost to the team by graduation.

Class Teams End Baseball Practice

Interclass baseball has passed through the practice stages, and although the schedule has been altered somewhat because of rain, the sophomores and freshmen were scheduled to square off in the first game today. Each team seems confident of winning the championship. The seniors expect to win because they're seniors and also because of precedent. The juniors, who have the best reason, are confident of winning because of the large number of lettermen in the junior class. The sophs haven't very many baseball veterans, but their main reason for confidence is the fact that the sophomore team each year is considered a dark horse. The freshmen prospects are very good if quantity means anything for thirty men showed up for practice at their session.

One thing is certain. This year's interclass baseball tournament promises to be an exciting one, and we will print the results next week.

PROF. SCHOMMER EXPLAINS CHANGES IN FOOTBALL RULES

In this article, Professor John J. Schommer gives his opinion of the changes made for the coming season to make football a safer sport.

The changes in the football rules for the season of 1932 have for their main purpose the elimination of serious injuries and deaths. In spite of rigorous attempts to end these casualties the number of injuries and deaths for the past twenty years has steadily mounted.

Up to date, the kickoff was a serious menace to the safety of the game. In recent years, the ball carrier, upon receiving the kickoff, was immediately surrounded by four or five men. This phalanx, with high stepping knees, rapidly advanced toward the opponent, who were forced to herd their bodies into the mass of flying legs surrounding the ball carrier. This crushing of bodies often resulted in broken ribs, arms, legs, collar bones, and even broken necks.

Change Number One

To prevent this mauling, the rules demand that at least five of the men on offense must be within five yards of their restraining line when the ball is kicked. The restraining line is ten yards in advance of the forty yard line, on which the ball rests for the defensive team, ready for the kickoff. Therefore, the distance from the forty yard line on which the ball is held in position to be kicked, to the restraining line on which the five offensive men are located, is fifteen yards. It is hoped that by this rule, the men will become engaged too quickly to form a mauling interference encountered in previous years.

To eliminate the injuries sometimes resulting from the flying tackle and the flying block, a five yard penalty is to be exacted for these acts. The rule must be enforced even though the tackler or blocker missed the man. To prevent these acts, it is better to exact a five yard penalty when the man is missed and increase the penalty to fifteen or twenty-five yards when the illegal contact is made.

Filing on Prohibited

To prevent gilling on, diving on, or jumping on a ball carrier who has more than his hands or feet touching the ground, the ball is to be declared dead by the referee. That is to say that if any part of the ball carrier's anatomy other than his hands or feet touch the ground, the ball is dead and cannot be advanced no matter how far away the nearest opponent is from the player carrying the ball. The referees are instructed to blow a short blast on the whistle on this and all other plays involving a dead ball. This is for the purpose of saving the ball carriers from being struck by tacklers after the ball is down.

The use of the hands by the defensive linemen has radically been restricted. As the rule now reads, these men can not change forward with straight fists into opponents' faces. The face may be pushed by arms above the elbows but cannot be struck by straight arm jab. Neither may the head or back of the neck of the opposing lineman be struck by his opponent.

First Round Begun in Tennis Tournament

The fall tennis tournament was momentarily stopped the first part of last week by the rain, but as soon as the courts were dry the tournament matches were started, and on Thursday and Friday a total of six matches were decided either by forfeit or play. J. Laschober advanced to the second round by a forfeit from B. Hamlin. Other men who survived the first round were: W. Gundersen, who defeated M. C. Adair 6-1, 6-1; A. Feinberg who eliminated H. Levin, by set scores of 6-2, 6-2; J. Ahern who defeated G. Rosenthal 6-3, 6-1; L. Lammers who triumphed over E. Curran 6-1, 6-2; and C. Rapprecht who defeated P. Walchunas 6-4, 6-4.

In the second round matches J. Ahern meets A. Feinberg, while the other men are still waiting for their opponents to finish their first round matches. Although the tourney has moved rather slowly so far, some nice fall tennis weather would make it advance more rapidly.

TECH SHORTS

The Armour Tech sports world has started its rotation, with tennis, golf, boxing, wrestling and interclass baseball well begun. Swimming and basketball will also get into the limelight soon.

Up to date, a large number of men have answered the first calls in all sports. This indicates a successful year of athletics for Armour. Not speaking of school spirit in athletics, some guy put his thoughts in a poem that runs like this:

Said Mr. Penn to Mr. Heald,
We need a new athletic field.
Said Mr. Heald to Mr. Penn,
We'd need some more athletic men.

It is herewith evident that the Slipstick and Steamshovel columns don't get all the good quadrants. From now on, all poems and information of athletic nature will be treated with respect by this column.

Even the faculty is breaking into school athletics. Dean Penn broke the ice by entering the golf tournament, but he denies even knowing how to play golf. Many students withdrew from the tournament upon finding his name on the list. Get back in the field, boys.

The freshmen turned out en masse for baseball practice. Thirty candidates showed up to try out for positions on the fresh interclass baseball team. We hope they know that only nine men can play on the team

at one time. A goodly number of first year men also turned out for boxing and wrestling practice. In fact, the freshmen seem to be everywhere and in everything.

Because of rain the dates of interclass baseball games were set back several days. The games between the seniors and juniors will be held Wednesday, the sophomore-freshman contest today, and the championship game on Friday.

Thanks to the fact that several of the fellows have cars equipped with radios the broadcasts of the World's Series games were heard by many of the students who crowded about. It was suggested by some that radios be installed in various classrooms and labs, but no one offered to take this idea to the dean's office.

The tennis tournament schedule of matches has been posted and all contestants are urged to play their opponents as soon as possible. Unless this is done the tourney will not be concluded before bad weather sets in.

Indoor sports have also had their fling last week. Several fellows were taken out of the "bush" league. In other words, they had their mountaintops removed, gently but firmly. It's starting already.

Any of those guys wet has contraband send in the dope to the sports editor.

H. F. B.

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. F. Becker, 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 1. What are the duties of each official?

Answer. In the main, the referee legislates the downing of the ball, scores, yards to be gained, backs in motion, and illegal plays.

The umpire mainly rules on the conduct of the men in the use of hands, feet, and body, and also on illegal pass receivers and illegal plays. The head lines-man and field judge really are assistant referees and umpires.

Question 2. Who is eligible to receive a forward pass on the offensive team?

Answer. The players on the end positions of the line and those back one yard of the line of scrimmage at the moment the ball is put in play. At least seven players must be on the line of scrimmage on all plays, the moment the ball is snapped.

Question 3. Who may intercept a pass on the defensive team?

Answer. Anybody.

Question 4. Are offensive back-field men allowed to play on the line, or does the line have to contain seven players, no more, no less?

Answer. The offensive line must have at least seven players on the line of scrimmage the moment the ball is put in play. This line may have even ten men on it and one man back to run, kick, or pass.

The defensive line may contain one to eleven players on the line or more. The defensive team may play their line as they wish.

Attention Freshmen!

All freshmen who are interested in becoming sports reporters on the News will please see the Sports Editor, H. F. Becker, within the next two weeks.

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