

CAGERS TURN OUT FOR BASKETBALL PRACTICE IN GYM

Tech Squad to Be Cut to 30 Candidates

Basketball Schedule is Booked

An auspicious turnout of more than forty basketball candidates answered the initial call made by Coach Kraft and appeared at the first meeting of the coming cage season, held last Wednesday afternoon in the Tech gym. This hearty response pleased Captain Ray Pfum and Manager Harold Davidson, and as in the case of the first meeting for the Techawh swimmers, gave proof that the Armour fighting spirit was on a definite upgrade.

Bill Kraft, veteran coach of many successful basketball campaigns, is back again with the cagers after being forced to retire from activity last fall because of illness. The meeting opened with a short talk in which the coach stressed the importance of good foods, proper rest, and a correct mental attitude toward the game. During the meeting Coach Kraft explained a few simple fundamentals of the game, details of future proceedings and the method of conducting the practice sessions.

To Cut Down Squad

It was decided that basketball practice would continue to be held up in the Tech gym on Wednesdays and Thursdays while on Friday of this week the squad would report at the Eighth Regiment Armory, at 36th and Giles Avenue, the home floor for the Armour team, where a regulation hard-wood floor is available for the future Tech varsity. Tomorrow afternoon the squad will be cut down to thirty candidates in order that more attention can be paid to each individual in the short time available before the regular schedule opens.

During the meeting Captain Pfum and Manager Davidson were introduced to the new men. Ray Pfum stated in a few words his appreciation of the turnout and the importance of developing a fighting spirit. Immediately after the meeting, the large squad was divided into several groups and the fundamentals of basketball were practiced extensively. Methods of holding the ball, short chest shots at the basket, pivot and over-arm pass, follow-through pass, the single bounce pass and other essential fundamentals were stressed.

Another fact that Coach Kraft mentioned was that although a lot of lettermen were returning, any candidate has an equal chance to make the team, ability proven, even to the extent of taking Captain Pfum's place.

Tough Schedule Ahead

As it can be seen from the schedule, the Techawh squad will have to face one of the toughest schedules in the history of the school and will need a lot of intensive practice and the whole-hearted support of the school to make the cage season a success. The opposition this year consists of some of the finest teams in the Middle West.

Of the seventeen games scheduled to date, nine of these games will be played at home. This will give the Armour student body a chance to root and see some real basketball games.

Manager Davidson announced that a definite schedule has been arranged with the exception of the game with Arkansas State on December 18, which is tentative.

Varsity Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 6—George Williams at Armour.
- Dec. 9—Armour at University of Chicago.
- Dec. 14—Armour at North Central.
- Dec. 18—Arkansas State at Armour.
- Dec. 20—Chicago Normal at Armour.
- Jan. 5—North Central at Armour.
- Jan. 11—Armour at De Paul University.
- Jan. 13—Armour at Augustana.
- Jan. 18—Armour at Wheaton.
- Jan. 20—Armour at George Williams.
- Jan. 26—Michigan State Normal at Armour.
- Feb. 3—Armour at Detroit City.
- Feb. 5—Armour at Michigan State Normal.
- Feb. 8—Wheaton at Armour.
- Feb. 16—Detroit City at Armour.
- Feb. 21—De Paul at Armour.
- Feb. 23—Augustana at Armour.

Wattley Defeats Shanahan in Tech Golf Tournament Finals 3 and 2

The annual Tech golf tournament drew to an end Saturday, October 28, with the two finalists playing at Evergreen. The match was finished at the end of the sixteenth hole with Tom Wattley victorious over Jack Shanahan, 3 and 2. Playing under adverse conditions, and on an exceedingly cold and windy day, both men played as well as could be expected.

The match started off with Wattley winning the number one, three and four holes; and Shanahan taking the second. At the fifth Wattley lost his ball in the rough, losing the hole to Shanahan as a result. Shanahan was stymied on the next hole leaving him two down, and the seventh was halved, both men chalking up a par four.

Shanahan Two Down for Nine

Shanahan started the eighth badly, rolling a long brassie shot into a trap. Meanwhile Wattley, using his niblick to good advantage, was lying on the green in three. He holed his putt for a par four while it took Jack 5 strokes to hole out. A nice 12-foot putt for a par three won the ninth hole for Shanahan, leaving him still two behind Wattley.

To open the home stretch Shanahan just missed an eagle and had to be content with a birdie three; Tom taking a par four. Both men were on the green in two; Jack's second shot rolling over the cup. The eleventh was taken by Tom with another par four, while the twelfth was halved, each taking four strokes on a par three hole.

Shanahan was handicapped at the thirteenth hole when his drive hit a tree and bounced back to the tee. Wattley played safely down the middle and won with another par.

Wattley Wins Sixteenth

Wattley was stymied at the fourteenth hole and lost that one. In retaliation he stymied Shanahan on the next hole. Both men were on line with the cup at the sixteenth, but it was Shanahan who was again stymied. He made a good try but the ball bounced out of the cup, and the match was over with Wattley winning 3 and 2.

As only sixteen holes were played there could be no accurate individual score for eighteen holes. But the following statistics might be used to judge the worth of Wattley and Shanahan: Wattley was out in 40 and in with a 31 for seven holes for a total of 71 for 16 holes of play. He made nine pars. Shanahan was out in 42 and came home with a 32 for a total of 74 for 16 holes. He made four pars and a birdie.

Wattley:

Out — 5 5 3 4 6 5 4 4 4—40
In — 4 4 4 5 6 4 4

Shanahan:

Out — 6 4 4 5 5 6 4 5 3—42
In — 3 5 4 6 5 5 4

Medal to Victor

Coach Leigh announces that the medal award will be presented to the winner in the near future. It is hoped that the presentation will be made at a student assembly.

TECH SHORTS

By Ray Fleissner

Suggestions have been made to the effect that touch football be added to the list of inter-class sports. Several games were played in the last few days which shows that the sport is popular, but to make such a tournament more of a success than the present inter-class sports are, we would suggest that it be made inter-class and inter-departmental at the same time. This would make a longer and more complete series, and produce the proper amount of rivalry.

Such a tournament would have to be started immediately, and if a representative of each department-class, (i.e., senior mechanical, junior civil) turns in a short list of periods that the regular men of that class have open, to the News sports department, arrangements will be made to match the teams in some definite series of games. Any suggestions forthcoming will also be given proper thought. The best probable system would be to have each of the registered teams play every other team in the league, and determine the winner by the percentage basis, giving a much better arrangement than the other inter-class sports provide. The teams should have about nine men, thus allowing every man in his class to play, another advantage of the tourney.

Awards would not be necessary unless proper provision be made, as most of the fellows play for the sport itself.

Listen My Children!

They have our own Jawn Schom-

mer at it again. But this time we have him where we want him—over the radio. We can turn him off anytime we care to. Listening to the program last Friday, there was only one thing wrong. Of the fifteen minutes of its duration, only six or seven were taken up by John, and his stuff was the most interesting. A review of the program will be found on the inside of this issue of the News, for those who couldn't tune in.

A petition is being circulated among the lettermen here in charge of athletic letters. It was presented at the Honor "A" meeting last week and seems to be pretty well advanced.

The main objection to the new "A's", is the color combination, and a letter similar to the old style is more popular. Our athletes evidently don't approve of flashing advertising, proving that they are a modest bunch.

The size and quality of the basketball turnout last week makes us all feel good. Not that a prediction is going to be made. We got it on the chin again last week when Tom Wattley showed us by defeating the peoples choice, Jack Shanahan, in the finals of the golf tournament. Good work, Tom. You get the medal.

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It's a good thing there's nothing definite to predict for a while now. But the interfraternity games will be here soon, and with the indoor track season in the offing, something will be doing anon.

Boxers to Have Meet Soon

If everything goes off right, the boxing team will have a m.p.u. a week from next Friday, according to Jimmy Castanes, manager. The pugs are all for it, even though they have been practicing for only a few weeks. From all indications the boxing and wrestling tournaments will be bigger and better than ever. Better start training now or never.

Don't forget the touch football tourney. Turn in those free periods.

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