

SWIMMERS CLOSE SEASON; RUEKBERG ELECTED CAPTAIN

In winning five out of eleven dual meets the swimming team has made a record which shows great improvement over that of last year, when two wins resulted from nine meets. After losing the first five encounters this year, the team rallied to take five of the last six and bring a measure of success to an otherwise mediocre season. Following the last meet came the election of next year's captain, Herbert Ruekberg, and the appointment of Jack Stern as manager.

Knaus and Duerrstein received major letters for their efforts and minor awards were given to Dodge, Manke, Ruekberg, Svagdis, and Winblad. Lopina, McGrath and Smidl were the recipients of sweat-ers. Winblad was high point man for the season with a total of 60 points and was closely followed by Dodge and Duerrstein with 59 and 57 points respectively.

Season Starts Quietly

The season, which saw Armour make 379 points as against the 449 piled up by their opponents, started off rather inauspiciously when Wright Junior won six out of seven events to administer a 51-25 shellacking to the Techhawk team. Only Knaus' win in the breast stroke and several second places saved the meet from becoming a rout. The meet with George Williams resulted in another defeat, and return meets with these schools resulted in losses as did the encounter with South Side Junior College. Here, however, definite signs of improvement could be noticed and three first places were garnered.

Then came the awakening! A trip to Naperville resulted in the first victory of the season with a 38-32 win over North Central's Red De-

Track Team to Start Outdoor Competition

With spring just around the corner and balmy breezes promised soon, the Tech track team is ready to start practice on Ogden Field. Lockers are to be assigned Wednesday and all track men are urged to turn out.

A definite outdoor schedule has not yet been arranged but it is known that there will be meets with South Side Junior College, Loyola, and there will be a trip to Bradley Polytech if the budget permits. Participation in the Elmhurst Invitational meet late in the spring will conclude the season.

Each team took four firsts but Armour's usual preponderance of second places gave the Techawks the meet. Having tasted victory, the swimmers could not be stopped. Two meets with Central "Y" resulted in as many wins, and a contest with DePauw gained another for Tech. The first meet with "Y" took the form of a rout with Armour on the routing end for a change. Seven firsts in eight events gave the home boys a total of 50 points against the 21 of their opponents. A return meet with the "Y" offered closer competition, with the medley relay proving the deciding factor. Duerrstein, Svagdis, and Tallafuss, swimming this race, came through to give Armour a much needed first and a 39 to 36 victory.

Tech Beats Red Demons

The tables were turned, however, in the return meet with South Side. Four firsts in a row were nullified when Andalman, swimming anchor man in the medley for the visitors, opened up a lead which could not be overcome. South Side took the meet by a 38 to 36 score. The season's finale saw an inspired team, led by Captain Knaus, take six out of eight events to end the year with a 49 to 26 victory over North Central.



The baseballers, despite our unkind remarks in an adjoining column, are really rounding into fine shape, and the season's opening on April 10 will see a strong home team playing against Chicago University. Good freshman prospects help to make the outlook pleasant and the veteran hurling duo of Dolve and Dollenmaier dispenses with pitching worries.

We're glad to learn that Mike Shewchuck is back to his former mettle. The outfielder has been taking heat treatments on his arm for the past few and is now back in condition. Joe Russek, former semi-pro player, is back this year and he will do much to ease the catching burden of Joe Bartusek.

Our might and brawn luminaries are turning socialite. The wrestlers are planning a party within a few weeks as a climax to their season.

It is interesting to note that at present there are four wrestling captains at Armour. Patterson was captain two years ago, Schmidt last year, Sumner this year, and Kreml next year. These four gentlemen formed the committee which is planning the coming party for the grapplers.

Irv Seidenberg, recruited for the Tech Relays, was a surprise entry in 2 mile relay—not only was the audience surprised but Seidenberg was taken entirely unawares. He had just finished a heavy meal.

The tennis season opened nicely at the Armory last week with ten aspirants out for the varsity. Local colleges, for the most part, will com-

Soft Ball Tourney To Start This Week

The interclass soft ball tourney, the most popular of Tech's intra-school activities, is due to open this week. The schedule of this week's games is posted on the bulletin board in the main building. The popularity of last year's tourney was evidenced by the fact that nineteen teams were entered. After four weeks of play, the tournament narrowed down to five teams and the following week the junior chemicals downed all opponents to cop the title.

Entries this year show that the championship will be more keenly contested than ever. Rules and further schedules will be published in a later issue of the Tech News.

prise the team's schedule this year.

The boxers have been very active this season in everything except inter-school competition. Not even the traditional Culver meet was held. Well, next year we'll see. . .

Ian Ikenn, Carl Forsberg, and Louis Lange have been appointed assistant managers of the baseball team. Manager Laskiewicz says that there are one or two similar positions yet open. Address a letter to Coach Kraft stating your intention.

Baseball is really booming. A check-up shows that 22 uniforms have already been issued, and many men are yet lacking.

More new celebrities! Gene Kreml is the newly elected captain of the wrestling team and P. L. G. Moore now occupies the same position on the boxing squad. Bill Chapin will assume managerial duties for both outfits.

Baseballers Are Full of Ideas on Armour Offensive for First Game

By Bob Worcester

With only a week and a half to go, Tech's baseball squad got together for a pep meeting last Friday in the new field-house on Ogden Field. Presided over by the coach, Bill Kraft, the meeting was a big success and it was moved, seconded, and voted by a two-thirds majority of the quorum present that the team win twelve out of its fourteen games, thirteen being an unlucky number and fourteen, well, nobody can imagine the local nine sweeping the season.

Baseball Stars Talk

Among other things the gathering was enlivened by short, snappy talks from such noted baseball stars as Amel Edamec, Dolly Hollenmaier, and, of all people, Sirving Idenberg. Their topics were of much interest and value to the diamond chasers, such worthy things as "What you owe to baseball and Armour Tech," "Cheating is definitely not in the limelight this year, so don't cheat unless you might lose the game," and "Where to secrete the bases that one steals." Surely it can be said, without reserve, that thoughts so elevating as these are worthy of listening to with all one's heart and soul. Unfortunately, during these heart-to-heart and straight-from-the-shoulder talks, several men were seen covertly shooting dice and cheating every two or three throws, showing that they weren't taking in the golden ideas with a lot of interest.

Start with Eggrolling

One important point was brought

up in regard to the first game of the season, that with Chicago University on April 10. This being only two days before Easter it was suggested that the two teams, to show that only fair play and good fellowship existed between each and each, have a little eggrolling contest before the game, thereby beating the President by some 36 hours. The motion brought a storm of applause (or applesauce) because, after all, the fellows are kids at heart, and what's so nice as a good old egg-rolling? Coach Kraft was all for the idea but reminded the boys that one can not roll eggs on level ground. For a moment the room was hushed, an a flood of tears seemed imminent. But only for a moment was there silence. . . . pitcher Dolve, fired with a new thought, proposed that for the first inning hard-boiled eggs be pitched over to the batter who could enjoy the sport of breaking the poor little would-be-chickens with a vicious thrust. But the fielders cried out that they couldn't enjoy the fun because no one could hit an egg out to them. Assistant manager Lange, rising majestically as befitted his position, then moved that all the fielders come in and throw eggs to the batter which would give the home team a little chance to have some fun at their opponent's expense. The motion was seconded and carried immediately and so Chicago U. will be mighty surprised to have such sport going on.

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