

Norkus, Scherer, Soph Sensations, Forwards With Promising Futures

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Lloyd Norkus may not have an athletic past, but he certainly has a present and future as one of Armour's best basketball players. At present a regular on the Techawks, Lloyd's only pre-college athletic accomplishments include a regular berth on his seventh grade quintet and a two-week experience with the Hirsch High School basketball team.

Played With Frosh

However, at Armour it's a different story. Norkus was a member of the freshman squad under "Pop" Warner, where he earned his numerals and developed into varsity material. He played second baseman on the frosh and soph baseball teams, and although not a Billy Herman he played good ball. The sophomore chemicals let him play on their 'ouchball team, and it's rumored he'll be captain next season.

Working in the afternoons kept Lloyd from going out for the team at Tilden in his last two years there. At present Norkus is working his way through Armour playing nursemaid to a family of apartment house radiators, knowledge of which has helped him considerably in his physics and mechanics. His class elected him (without personal campaigning) as treasurer for its first two years.

A Good Forward

Norkus makes an excellent leader, and his six feet one inch and 180 pounds of spirit and skill have convinced Coach Stenger that he needn't worry about a good forward for the next two seasons—unless Lloyd falls in love. To date he hasn't. He usually manages to tell them he's married and consequently they don't insist. But if Lloyd ever takes a young lady as seriously as he does his basketball—well, here's hoping he sticks to the latter; the Techawk five needs good forwards.

Tech Wrestlers Drop Opener to Wheaton by 24-6

Wheaton's wrestlers clearly showed why they are the little nineteen champs by spoiling Armour's home opener, 24-6. Wheaton proved to be just a little too much for the Armourites, although the bouts were much more interesting than the score would indicate.

Every match was a hard fight throughout. Three of the bouts were won by Wheaton on falls, the remainder of the bouts being decided by the referee.

Wheaton Takes Opener

It was Adelson against Sheroma in the 118 pound division. Sheroma got off to a good start and had the advantage over Adelson all the way, pinning his man in 3:39. Adelson fought well and broke several good holds. Wheaton came back strong again in the second bout. After a hard struggle Schoon, 126, pinned McDaniel in 6:52.

Captain Dunne, 135, enabled Armour to break into the scoring column by winning on points from Hess. In the 145 pound division, Hanna made a good showing with Pitt, team captain, little nineteen champion and runner up in the State A.A.U. Hanna extended his opponent to the limit with Pitt finally getting the nod from the referee.

Frame Pins Nigrelli

Nigrelli and Frame tussled in the 155 class, but Frame proved to be a little too much. Nigrelli valiantly tried to ward off defeat by breaking several potential pin holds, but finally succumbed in 5:10. Maxant found some tough competition in Berghouse at 165. The match was evenly fought throughout, but Berghouse added another three points to Wheaton's total by winning on points.

Tullgren started his bout with Taylor with a rush. The two grapplers fell off the mat and Taylor was knocked out but quickly recovered. Tullgren then went on to win on points, holding the advantage over his opponent all the way.

Hanson Wins Final

The match ended with an evenly matched bout between McIntyre and Hanson, heavies, but Hanson got Wheaton's final three points by decision in the nine-minute bout. The final tabulation found Wheaton with three falls and three decisions for a total of 24 points, and Armour with two decisions for six points.

Bill Scherer, sophomore Techawk forward, is a serious chap and a serious ball player. A graduate of Naperville high school and an architect student in the Institute, Bill has had four full years of varied athletic experience, for which he was awarded an even dozen monograms.

Played at Naperville

As a freshman at Naperville he played with the lightweight basketball team and was a member of both the track and football squads. He remained on all three for the next three years. His basketball experience includes a year on the lightweight squad and three seasons with the varsity. This, and natural ability, largely accounts for his accuracy and confidence on the Armory floor. Experience has made Scherer a balanced player in spite of the state or score of the game. His speed and elusiveness make him an excellent forward and difficult man to guard.

Captained High School Team

Bill's four years of play on his prep school eleven is at times reflected in his basketball. By no means a sloppy or rough player, Bill does play a hard and aggressive game. Weighing 170 pounds and six feet tall Bill has a swell athletic build. As a junior he was elected co-captain of the varsity quintet in recognition of two years play and leadership ability.

Between basketball games Scherer managed to high jump, run hurdles, put the shot, toss the discus and throw the ball on the Naperville track squad. He took a first place in the shot put at the Little Seven All-Conference track meet, and was herthed on the second teams of both football and basketball for the same inter-prep school organization.

Twelve Letter-Man Bill

Bill admits he isn't consistently hot on the gym floor, but he's plenty consistent with reference to a certain little Jane (by name), who goes to the National College of Education which isn't too distant for week-end jaunts we hear.

Bill's laurels to date include four letters each in basketball, football, and track, but his crowning accomplishment will be his Delt pin on a would-be teacher's dress front.

Wrestling—

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Nichols and featured some of the wildest swinging of the tournament. Stober, the ref., had all he could do to keep clear of flailing fists. The judges decided that the match was a draw. With the bout postponed, Clark went ahead to defeat McMahon and bring himself against Nichols in the final. In the last bout of the 160 pound class Clark triumphed to take the title.

Baum showed to advantage among the 145 pound wrestlers when he pinned first Brandenburg and then Wagner for the title. His bout against Wagner took 3 minutes and 40 seconds.

Finnegan Wins on Pin

Some of the nicest wrestling of the tournament was exhibited in the 155 pound class which opened when Finnegan pinned Engelthaler in just over two minutes. Kubik took his first bout from Lasker by default, and then pinned Anthon. Finnegan had little trouble in winning over Olson but it was by advantage rather than a pin. The title bout was the outstanding wrestling match of the tourney with Kubik defeating Finnegan for the title.

Wrestling in the 165 pound class saw Carlson pin Schlax in the opener. Jensen pinned Rehwald after about four minutes of tugging. Kazmierowicz used his superior experience to defeat first Moleculeski and then Carlson. The title bout brought Kazmierowicz against Jensen. After six minutes Kazmierowicz was on top and Jensen's shoulders rested against the mat.

Balsewick Wins Heavyweight

The heavyweight wrestling title went to Balsewick whose weight and experience proved the deciding factor. The final scores found the seniors winning the wrestling division with 16 points, followed by the frosh with 15 1/2 and the sophs with 15. The juniors outboxed the other classes with a large 21 points, the frosh again second in order, but with only 9 1/2.

Armour Loses to Beloit 32 to 25

The long absence of the News from the eager reader's hands may have resulted in a lapse of memory as to the goings on of the Tech five the week previous to the Christmas holidays. Just four weeks ago tomorrow Armour met Beloit at the 108th Engineers Armory, and while playing perhaps one of its best games up to that date, lost 32 to 25.

Fleming and Tamulis, Beloit veterans scoring beat Armour last year, again paced the visitors. Swanson with eight points, and Scherer with seven, led Armour's attack. It was this game in which Henriksen received a sock of sufficient force to break his nose.

Armour started the scoring when Scherer stepped in with one on a long pass from O'Connell a few seconds after the tipoff. Two successive free throws by Beloit tied the score. Another free throw again put Armour in the lead, a position that the Techawks failed to regain for the duration of the game after a tip-in by Tamulis following a missed free throw by one of his team mates. It was nip and tuck up to the middle of the second half, Beloit never leading by more than two to three points. At this time Beloit began to steadily pull away, at one time having a margin of 10 points.

Speedy Chicago Five Stops Armour 45-32

Renewing an eight year south side rivalry, Armour fell before the superior playing of Chicago University 45 to 32 on the Midway, Saturday evening, Dec. 18. Chicago's height and experience helped her to take a lead of 21-14 at half time which she easily held throughout the game.

Playing cautiously both teams tried to break through tight defenses, but passes were blocked and no scoring resulted in the first several minutes of play. Finally Lounsbury took a long hook shot which was good, Rosin following with a fast set up shot.

Mullins, a fast breaker, was easily fouled, but like his teammates, failed to connect many of his free throws. On baskets by O'Connell, Scherer and O'Brien, Tech drew up to within two points of Chicago at 16-14. Paine's long shot and Meyer's underhand basket closed a slow first period 21-14.

Meyer and O'Connell traded baskets to open the second half, but a trio of field goals by the Midway five brought them ahead 28-17. Armour, playing with more pep than in the first period, started to worry the U. of C. quintet, slowly gaining on them, 32-24.

In the closing minutes, on wild attempts at scoring breaks, the Techawks lost the ball several times, leaving an unguarded floor behind them. Chicago capitalized with three baskets.

Freshmen Tests—

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mental attribute or in educational training. An unusual strength may indicate hidden powers of which the student is unaware. An unusual weakness may indicate a region in which that weakness can be remedied. An illustration of a handicap under which many students unconsciously labor is a slow reading rate. If such an individual discovers this in time, and is able, say to double his reading rate, he can read twice as much in the same amount of time.

After the scoring is finished and the computed results transferred to the alphabetical list, the assistants turn to the task of analyzing the data. Such work of course is largely basic and preparatory, and the results are not immediately apparent. Some of it for final results must wait until students who took the examinations have had an opportunity to show what they can do in their studies. Some of the projects on which work began last year were attempts to predict from these examinations success or failure in such subjects as mathematics and chemistry. This work will be extended to other subjects as other data become available. It is not expected that a student will be handed in September the grades that he will make the next February, but it is hoped that two things can be done. The first is to guide individuals so that they will make the most of the tal-

ents with which they are endowed. The second is to help students who cannot possibly become engineers find that niche in life for which their Creator intended them. In this way, not only will a prospective student save money, and what is more valuable, time, but the Institute itself will gain. It will not try to perform the impossible, and it will make friends out of individuals who are happiest in some other occupation.

Last February an attempt was made to derive an equation which would predict the February grades in Mathematics 101 on the basis of the scores made in one of the September examinations. The equation which was derived predicted the grades accurately in 32 percent of the cases. Since the probability of predicting a grade by pure chance is 20 per cent, this was some improvement but not a great deal. Further investigations are now in progress to improve the predictive values of the September examinations.

Other projects now under way are the rating of preparatory schools and experiments in the method of selecting cooperative students. Many other projects loom up in the future. Some of them are purely utilitarian, others are theoretical and are concerned with mathematical methods which now are coming into the field of education. What interesting results can be secured will depend entirely on the size and the training of the staff who correct those September examinations.

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