

Touchball Play Opened Monday

Eleven Teams Entered in Tournament

With the game scheduled between the junior civils and firemen yesterday, the annual fall touchball tourney got under way. Eight games have been put on the card for the week among the eleven teams which have entered so far.

Only One Frosh Team

Only one frosh team has signed up for the tourney, although this class has been granted the right to put as many teams on the field as it can muster. Teams will play in round robin fashion until they have suffered two losses, after which they must drop out.

Each fall touchball play has progressed and developed a better style of play. Teams have become more coordinated, and fancy plays have been the makings of many winning teams.

Chemicals Win

Two years ago, the junior chemicals smashed through to win all the games and the championship of the departments. Last year the same squad, under the heading of senior schmiars, again came through for the title, but found the competition tougher. A frosh team, under the heading of "Meteors," actually upset the champions, and gave them the only defeat in two years of play.

Frosh Split Up

This year the Meteors are split into departments, so the runner-ups of last year, now the senior mechs, will draw a large proportion of the attention in this season's play. This team fought last year's champs to a tie in the finals, but then yielded in overtime play.

Any team may do the surprising thing with some new dazzling system or exceptional power, much as the frosh did last year with their threat team.

This week's schedule:

Yesterday

C.E. '39-F.P. '39. 10:30.

Today

Ch.E. '40-E.E. '38. 1:10.
C.E. '38-"A" '41. 2:10.

Wednesday

C.E. '38-F.P.E. '38. 2:10.

Thursday

M.E. '38-F.P.E. '39. 10:30.
C.E. '40-E.E. '38. 2:10.

Friday

Ch.E. '39-F.P.E. '40. 10:30.
"A" '41-Ch.E. '40. 2:10.

Time Trials To Be Held For Swimmers

In their second get-together of the current year, the Tech swimmers went through plans for the use of the Chicago pool during the coming season, and also discussed the coming time trials which have been scheduled to be run off in about three weeks.

This year's arrangements with the U. of C. make it possible for the Tech natators to have the use of the pool daily from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., with the exception of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday when the Armour men must be out by 4:00 o'clock to make way for the home team.

Wrestlers Look for Busy Season

If things work out according to the tentative schedule the Tech wrestlers will get a chance to test their mettle against a Big Ten team from Wisconsin, along with six other teams during the coming year. As usual their season will include matches with Morton, DeKalb, Wheaton, North Central, Illinois Normal, and Wright, making a grand total of fourteen meets over a period which begins on November 17 and should close sometime about the middle of March.

From all indications the coming year should be as successful if not more so than last year, since most of the team has returned and quite a likely bunch of recruits have appeared in the way of new material. Practice will be held, as has been mentioned previously, on every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening.



It looks as if this year's touchball tourney will be as much of a success as last year's was. Entries so far have reached the total of eleven which includes a full quota from every department except the mechanicals and the electricals, and one team from the freshman class.

Since it is not too late to enter we're still looking forward to seeing entries come in from the sophomore and junior chems and juicers, and also a few more from the class of '41.

From the amount of time put in in touchball practice during the past week, it looks as if the senior chems are in earnest about keeping the touchball championship in the chemical department. Last year's tourney was won by their predecessors, the chems of '37.

The tennis tourney in the past week has made progress by leaps and bounds, but all of the progress seems to be coming from the upper classmen's division. Come on frosh, don't let them get a head start on you.

As to the inquiries that have been going around of late about a bowling tournament in the near future, all that we can say is that all those that are interested should get in touch with Chelgren, intramural manager, who is open to any suggestions as to how and when of getting it started.

As has been the custom of the past years Tech men will again serve as ushers at the University of Chicago's football games during the coming season. So far some 40 men have signed up with Dunbar and have seen action in the Wisconsin game of last Saturday.

If all the plans of the wrestling team materialize, it looks as if Weissman's gruners are sure going

W. Krafft Resigns As Baseball Head

Culminating sixteen years of service as Director of Athletics at Armour, Coach W. C. Krafft has found it necessary to give up his regular coaching activities in favor of his business enterprises.

Krafft Enters in 1921

Coach Krafft came to Armour in 1921 from Waukegan Township High School. A graduate of North Central College of Naperville, he had attended the graduate coaching schools of the Universities of Illinois and Iowa. He was tremendously handicapped by deficient athletic equipment and accommodations, but during his sixteen seasons of baseball and basketball he turned out teams that made Armour a name respected among other schools for its good competition and fine sportsmanship.

Athletic Curriculum Grows

In addition to developing excellent teams, Krafft went much farther in building up the athletic department at Armour. New sports were introduced, and men with ability were selected to guide them. The entire athletic curriculum grew with him, and a number of improvements in coaching technique were introduced during his stay.

Last year Krafft found it necessary to drop the work of general athletic director at Armour, because of interference with his insurance business. However, he made it possible to remain as coach of his baseball squad. An appropriate finale to his last year here was the production of a Northern Illinois conference championship team.

Stenger to Coach Baseball

Coach Grant Stenger will take over managing the baseball team. His excellent showing as basketball coach and head of the athletic department, combined with the fine team of last season, sheds a rosy glow on the '38 diamond possibilities.

to have a busy year of it. Not being satisfied with ordinary college competition they have reached over into the Big Ten and sent a challenge to Wisconsin.

Football Makes Halfwits of Its Men, Says Scully

HALFBACKS BECOME HALFWITS

New York, Oct. 9.—Football makes addled-brained stumble-backs of its players. That is the indictment leveled today against the nation's leading amateur sport by Frank Scully, noted author, who attributes his invalidism to the drubbing he took in school competitions.

Reporting the results of a survey he made of the leading players of twenty years ago, Scully declares in the current Liberty magazine that many of these who weren't killed in the World War either died from tuberculosis or are now addled-brained dim wits.

Halfwits From Halfbacks

"After careful study I have come to the conclusion that you don't have to be a half-wit to be a half-back, but if you are a half-back long enough you will be," he writes.

Scully relates a meeting with Charlie Barrett, former all-American quarterback at Cornell and captain of the 1916 unbeaten team. Barrett was in the last stages of t.b. just before his death. "He told me," says Scully, "that six members of that championship 1916 squad has also broken down with t.b. Barrett's confession was the greatest mass indictment of varsity football I had run into up to that time."

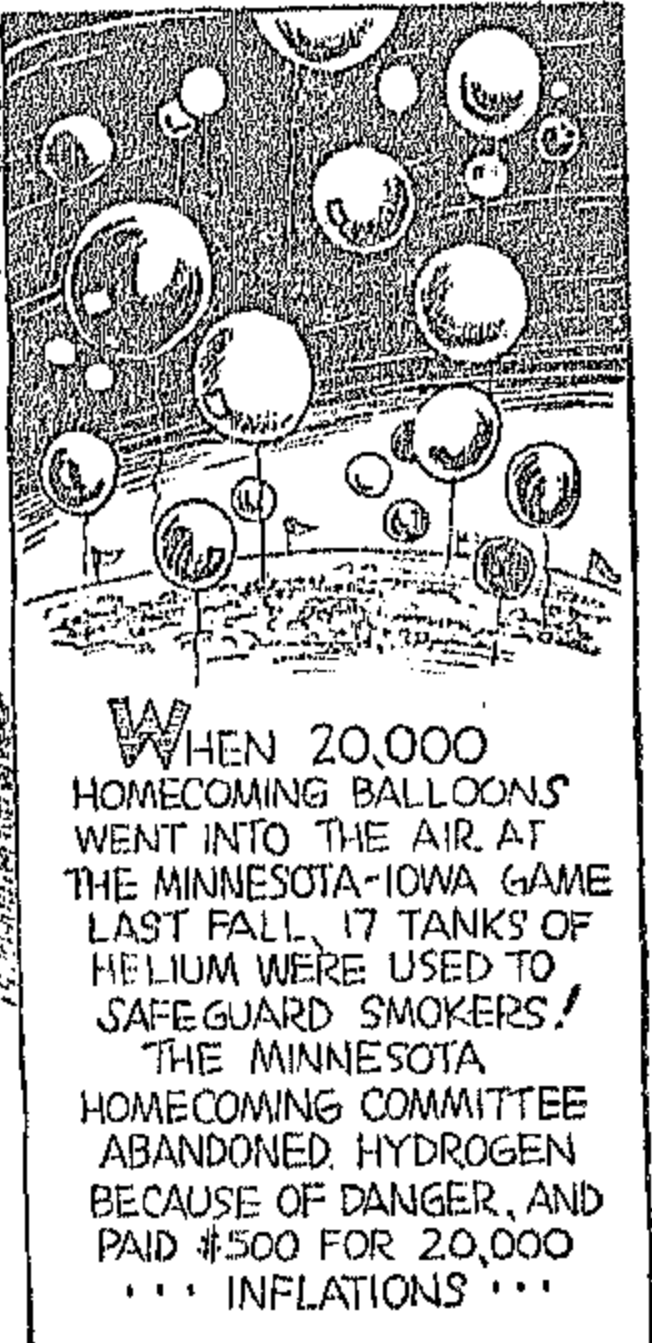
Constant Jarring Affects Brain

But, says the writer, their fate was less pitiful than others whose brains could not stand the constant vicious jarring. He relates the experience of one Coast championship team: "Of the three stars in the backfield, all named on one All-America team or another, subsequently one broke his neck in his last season and therefore missed his chance of becoming a complete stumble-back; the second ended his undergraduate days by walking on his heels; and third was so punch-drunk from too much football that he could see no way out except playing more football, either as a professional or as an assistant coach.



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OXYGEN FOR MENTAL WORKERS

Minneapolis, Minn.—(ACP)—A new oxygen mask to protect mental workers from fatigue caused by thinking was described to the American Psychological Association by Dr. Arthur G. Bills of the University of Cincinnati.

Delivering to the breather a combination of about 50 per cent pure oxygen mixed with air, the mask's use cut in half the number of pauses per minute that come to persons doing brain work. These pauses are the result of mental fatigue — the brain taking a short rest.

The new oxygen mask is the final step in a series of experiments which appear to prove the theory that fatigue is not due so much to the brain becoming "tired" as to failure of the blood to supply all the oxygen the brain wanted. Dr. Bills has been testing this idea for several years.

Tennis Tourney Gains Round Two

After two weeks of steady play, the large upperclass bracket of the tennis tourney has passed its halfway mark. Completion of the tourney looks optimistic since the entire first round, constituting over half the matches, have been run off.

Hunter and Marsch lead the play, the former defeating May and Schweitzer to reach the third round, and Marsch doing the same with a bye and a victory over Johnson. Unless cold weather sets in or too much attention is diverted to the touchball games, the play may reach the semi-finals by the end of this week.

The frosh have been less fortunate in running off their bracket, having played off only five games.

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