

Champs Resist Junior Elects Twice to Maintain Title

Basketball Squad Will Open Season Against Arkansas

Injuries, Turnout Hinder Complete Scrimmage

Efforts to secure a cage battle with either Beloit or Ripon for the open dates of December 1 or 2 fell through last week, and so the Techawks plan to open their twelve game schedule against Arkansas State, Thursday, December 8.

With daily practice the custom, last week, Coach Stenger nourished hopes of getting the varsity in its entirety. Due to injuries, meetings and what not, the coach had yet to see the full team on the floor. However practice sessions have shown results although the first scrimmage didn't show up as well as expected.



Lloyd Norkus joined Johnny Eggers on the sick list when he found that the knee he hurt in touchball wouldn't hold up, and at the doctor's advice took a week's rest from practice. He however, rejoined the squad early last week and is catching up with the rest of the fellows. The other casualty, Johnny Eggers, has had the bandage removed from his nose and expects to work out this week although he will not be able to scrimmage for a short time.



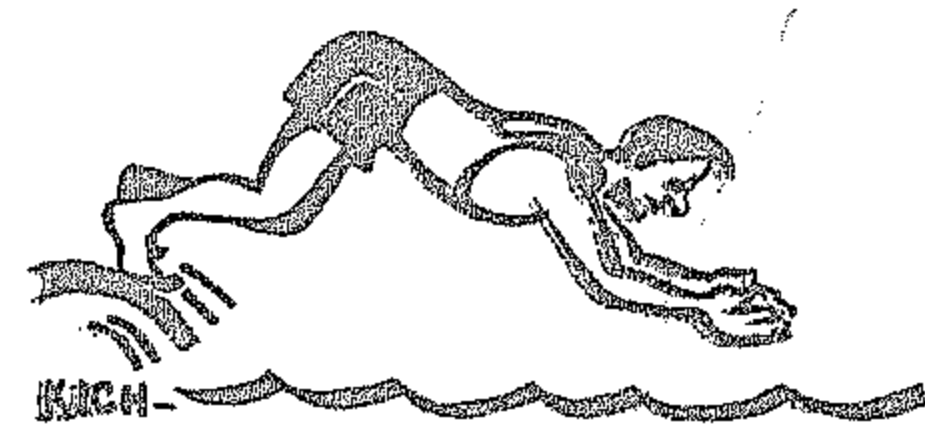
Two weeks ago saw the first cutting of the squad and about ten men were dropped. The remaining newcomers are still fighting hard for the few open positions on the squad. Present developments show few outstanding players among the new men, but the coach is confident he can develop at least one or two possibilities.

Co-Captain Swanson has expressed his pleasure with the progress of the squad and thinks the team is coming around in good shape. It might be said for Ed that he and Bill Scherer are, perhaps, the best conditioned pair of athletes on the floor.

Swimmers Turn Out; To Start Time Trials

With the wintry blasts again laying siege to the Armour campus, another sport comes to the foreground with the rapid approach of the swimming season. A meeting of the swimmers was held last Tuesday.

Announcing that the first meet will soon be held, and that probably with George Williams late in December, manager Roy Burman warned the men to start their time trials. Fortunately, most of last year's men have returned, and along with the veterans are several promising newcomers.



Included in the latest arrivals to the team are two experienced divers. Last year it was this event that caused a continual headache to the team. Also there are Tarnowsky, a backstroke man, and Heidenreich, who will do the longer distances. Coming back for their fourth year of competition will be Ray Dodge, Captain Winblad, and Vic Svagdis. These three have accounted for most of the points in all previous meets.

With all of the events seemingly now in competent hands, Armour should put out a strong team when the first meets are held. The squad usually opens its season in December but as yet no meets are definite.

Power, Let's Have Action

A SPORTS EDITORIAL

When the Armour Tech intra-mural delegates convene with those of the University of Chicago this week, they will face a problem more difficult than one of just setting a date. Coordination of two entirely different sets of touchball rules and styles of play will be the objective.

Whether the Techawks, represented by Tom Clark, Jim Fahey, Harv Rothenberg, and Willy Kruse, will get far with their set of rules is doubtful. The Midway has gone into some research in devising sensible rules which eliminate danger to inequipped and unconditioned players who have little experience in the safety techniques of power blocking.

Tech's legalized murder rules make little attempt to remove unnecessary danger. Because touchball implies touching rather than tackling a runner, Tech's rule-makers were short-sighted enough to let this theme alone form the backbone of the intra-mural touchball rules.

They didn't see that the entire purpose of such adjustments are to eliminate all forms of body clashing, or power plays which lead to injury. These include not only tackling, but equally blocking. Tech's rules are merely the results of a job half considered, half done.

There is a power in Tech's activity board, no less centralized and authorized than in perhaps any other college. In fact, all of this power is vested in the one A.T.S.A. Board of Control. This is an ideal set-up—one which we would like to favor—so long as it produces action.

There is nothing to prevent this organization from setting down the rules in black and white. Thorough foresight should be used, however. Provided the Midway board refuses to compromise (and it should refuse to degenerate into Tech's style of play), the aforementioned delegates will be making an intensive study of sane rules. If the Board favors conservation of energy, it could use this research to formulate the system for next year's play—following a bit of inspection by the Board to see that the delegates were not biased in preserving too many of the present rules.

Authorization of such a rules system would be a great advancement in our local intramural rules, which thus far have been characterized only by short-sightedness and negligence.

Chems Fight to Break Juicers Lead; Week Sees Hectic Play

Amid flying fists and bruising bodies, the Senior Chems maintained their undefeated record by routing the same of their rivals, the Junior Elects, 7-6 last Tuesday. The defeat was the first of the season for the Juicers and left the '39 Chems as the only undefeated team remaining in the championship race.

All of the scoring was crowded into the first half with the Juicers taking the first advantage. After several exchange of punts in the initial part of the half, the Elects' real break of the game came. The Chems, attempting a lateral back on their goal line, fumbled the ball, and the Juicers recovered, giving them a 6-0 lead. The try for the extra point failed, and this failure proved later to spell defeat for the '40 men. This was the second touchdown scored on the Chems all season.

In the closing minutes of the first half, the Chems struck unexpectedly, and quickly changed the tide. With the ball in their open territory, the Seniors with Rothenberg on the throwing end unleashed a long pass over the goal line into the waiting arms of Adesko. The game-winning point was scored a moment later when the Chems were successful in passing over the extra point.

Bitter fighting marked most of the play during the second half. The Juicers were striving on every play to batter down their opponents and make a break for themselves. Several fights broke out between the opposing players, and at one time a riot threatened as both teams became swept away with the intensity of the struggle. Neither team was able to cross the goal line in the face of such strong opposition.

In the final minutes of play the Juicers started a drive towards the goal, but their threat and the game ended with a well directed but incomplete pass into the end zone.

ELECTS REACH FINALS

In a closely contested semi-finals, the Junior Electricals came from behind to push across two touchdowns in the second half and set back the Junior Mechs, 13-6, last Thursday while both teams were placing their bids to play in Friday's final.

Opening with a fast running attack and deadly passing, the Mechs held

the edge in the first period. A pass intercepted by Clark of the Mechs, who ran it down to the 15 yard line, gave them their first scoring chance which they made good on a pass into the far right side of the end zone from Clark to Kraus. They were not so successful with the conversion as it was grounded by the alert secondary of the Elects.

Being on the short end of the score didn't affect the Juicers who came back early in the second half to score on a pass from Oldenburg to Shaver, who snagged the pigskin amidst three Mechs. They were unable to break the tie when the pass for the extra point was high and wide.

Not satisfied with a tie, however, the Juicers quickly chalked up another tally on a long pass from Oldenburg to Daum. Rehwaldt scooped the ball from just above the dirt for the conversion.

JUNIOR MECHS WIN, 10-0

Relying once again on the services of their star back, Jack Clark, the Junior Mechs decisively whipped an unorganized Soph Mech squad last Monday, 13-0. By this defeat the Sophs were eliminated from the tourney.

During the entire game the Sophs were unable to come within easy scoring distance of the Juniors' goal. On the other hand, the upperclassmen were continually threatening the Soph's goal. Long passes to Wolniak and Clark featured the Juniors' game during the first half. The first touchdown came from a pass to Wolniak from Clark.

Smashing runs and accurate passes punctuated the second half play for the Juniors. Midway in the second half Clark threw another long one that Epstein grabbed for the final touchdown. Wolniak scored the extra point on a short pass over the line.

For some reason the Sophs failed to start their scoring machine that had howled over the larded Junior Chems a week before. As the final whistle blew the Juniors were again storming the Soph's goal.

SET NEW HIGH, 52-0

Sophomore firemen took it on the chin last Thursday as the Senior Chems administered a blistering record-breaking defeat with a 52-0 score. Harv Rothenberg, the all around per-

Schommer Speaker At Football Dinner

Eight former All-American football stars, two famous mid-western football coaches, four prominent Chicago sports writers, two popular Chicago sports announcers, and John J. Schommer, Dean of all football officials and former star of the early U. of C. gridiron, made up the panel of speakers for the University Club of Chicago third annual "Father and Son" Football dinner which was held last Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Club at Monroe and Michigan.

"For the veteran of the class of '90 (or earlier) to the prospective backbacks of 1940-50, the panel of speakers presented the inside dope on football," said John Schommer, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements and toastmaster of the occasion. "The program," he continued, "is planned especially for the 'grandstand quarterbacks' to give them the opportunity of talking heart-to-heart with the speakers in round-table discussion style—to ask them questions and get their frank opinions on the football situation."

Wrestlers Start Against Morton

After weeks of practice, the 1938-39 edition of Armour's mat artists will test its strength for the first time when it clashes with Morton Junior College on December 2.

Last year the Armourites traveled out to Morton and started a very successful season by outclassing their opponents 35-5.

Revenge will be in the heads of the Techawks, however, as Morton returned last season's opener with a closing meet that threw the sadly depleted and dethroned Tech squad on its heels, spoiling the Tech meet record with a 6-3 final standing.

The current wrestlers, under the head of Captain Tullgren and manager Ropek, should be able to compile a better record than last year's, since only a few men were lost by graduation, and new recruits show real promise.

Fraternity Division Winner Determined In U. of C. Tourney

Delta Kappa Epsilon snagged the Fraternity title at the University of Chicago last Friday as they downed the Alpha Deltas, 25-0. This closes the Fraternity division of the Midway conflicts, but Armour Tech's appointment is as yet undetermined.

Tech's Senior Chemicals will meet the winner of the playoffs between the three divisions, fraternity, independent, and dormitory, sometime in the next two weeks, provided plans materialize. Two Senior Chems, Willard Kruse and Harv Rothenberg, intra-mural manager Tom Clark, and Jim Fahey of the Junior Chems, were to meet with the intra-mural men of the Midway this week.

The essential object would be to iron out the differences between the two styles of play. Also the time of playoff, the field to be used, and other conditions were to be considered.

Delta Tau Delta, champ of the local fraternities, is mailed out of intra-mural play here at Armour, it is understood, owing to some such rule which refuses to recognize fraternity touchball as intra-mural sport.

former, continued in fine style by throwing five touchdowns passes—two to Willie Kruse, two to Ches Adesko, and one to Sig Moculeski.

The first touchdown was preceded by a play which almost could be used against Chicago. Willie Kruse grabbed one of Rothenberg's short passes to start festivities and then promptly lateraled the pigskin to Ches Adesko who turned on the heat behind Lyckberg's blocking.

Lyckberg made two of the many, and "powerhouse" Ryan made another on a dash through center. This represents a total of 48 points and to which was added a brace of extra points. Heroics being the order of the day, Ed Loutzenheiser wrenched a safety from his luckless opposition to bring the grand total to 52.

Senior Chems Find Juicers Stubborn; Repeat Title 13-0



By TOM CLARK

The touchball tournament of '38 is history. All that remains in the way of intra-mural athletics is swimming, soft-ball, bowling, track, boxing, wrestling, and basketball. The latter named, should be current now, but due to lack of facilities in the gym they have to be postponed. However, it is just that, a postponement, and these tournaments will be held as soon as conditions will permit.

This comes under the heading of ancient history, but just for the record the Senior Chems won the tournament, with the Junior Juicers runners up and the Junior Mechs third. From the looks of this year's tournament we'll predict that the present Junior Elects and Mechs will battle it out for first place next year, with the Soph Mechs as possible dark horses.

In winning the touchball tournament this year the Senior Chems leave quite a record for posterity to shoot at. They haven't lost a game in the two years they have won the tournament, with one tie game last year. They amassed a total of 287 points during this two year period as against their opponents' total of 31, nineteen of which are from last year. Last year they won after eight games one of which was a tie, this year they had to win eight straight before they emerged victorious.

Those who like facts and statistics may be interested in the following items concerning the touchball tournament: Eighteen teams entered the tournament, including every department, with one exception, and four freshmen teams. . . . Not a single game had to be called on account of rain, a remarkable stroke of good fortune, when it is remembered that for a week at a time rain prevented play last year. . . . The Senior Chems played the opening and closing games of the tournament. . . . The tournament took five weeks to complete, a total of 42 games being played which includes but one forfeit.

Surprise game of the tournament was the victory by the Soph Mechs over the Junior Chems, considered at that time potential winners. . . . There were only two tie games, and the Junior Electricals played in both of them. . . . Of the eighteen starting teams, three were eliminated after their first two games, seven after their third, two after their fourth, and six teams played five or more games. . . . Since the inauguration of the tournament there has been at least one freshman team entered each year which has called itself the Flashes.

If all the classes that were cut to play a touchball game were laid end to end, you wouldn't believe it. And that's that for the touchball tournament.

In their own quiet way the rifle teams has been spreading far and wide the fame of Armour, having won two postal meets already this season. One of these was against Morton Junior College, against whom Sonny Weismann's grapplers open their season on the second of next month. For those who don't know, a postal meet is one where the teams remain at their respective schools to shoot and then each mails its targets to the others. It's all on the honor system.

Perhaps this might be a solution to the fencing team's difficulty of not being able to obtain money to travel to other schools for meets. Couldn't a postal fencing meet be worked out, where the teams stay home and do their fencing? (We hope nobody takes this seriously, even though Reh did.)

Grabacki, senior manager for

Rothenberg Intercepts Pass, Runs to Break Scoreless Tie

EIGHTH WIN OF YEAR

Senior Schmiers, long hailed as the potential '38 champs as well as the champs of last season, came through last Friday 13-0 over a stubborn Junior Juicer squad to win the second touchball championship and keep the title in the chemical department for the fourth consecutive year. It was their second victory over the Juicers during last week.

Because the Senior Chems were expected to breeze through the final week, the Juicers nevertheless reaped a moral victory. Friday's entire game saw a slight favor of speed, technique, and fighting spirit among the Juniors, who held and aggressed on their senior foes despite the Chems' advantage in height and weight. The Chems broke the scoreless tie toward the close of the game with a beautiful interception and field length run by Harv Rothenberg.

Juicer Trio Shows Fight

For the Chemicals, Rothenberg, Kruse, and Adesko stood out, but they were no better than Shaver, Rehwaldt, and Oldenburg. It was Rothenberg's run that won the game for the Chems, but a passing combination of Adesko to Kruse made the Schmiers a constant threat.

For the Elects, their trio showed more fight, grit and determination than has been seen on Ogden Field for a long time. Shaver was hurt twice during the battle but was still in there at the finish. Oldenburg, completely exhausted by his efforts, had to be taken to the hospital after the game. The Elects weren't the only ones to suffer. Rothenberg came up with a badly bruised finger.

The Chems received the kickoff to start the game but because of a hard charging Elect line, couldn't get anywhere. In fact, it wasn't till late in the first half that either team showed any threat. At the time Adesko completed a long pass to Kruse that both Oldenburg and Ptak touched but couldn't hold.

Chems Checked at Goal

With three downs to make ten yards, the Chems were stopped completely and the Juicers took the ball. On the first play Kruse intercepted a bad pass by Rehwaldt but again the Chems were stopped on the threshold.

In the second half, the Juicers aggressed, and a long pass Rehwaldt to Oldenburg put them in scoring position. They couldn't gain, however, and on last down, they tried a pass with five men going out. Rehwaldt was rushed by Jaffee and Isaakson and his pass went short. Rothenberg took it on the goal line and out-raced Shaver to the other goal line for a score. The point was good on a pass Adesko to Isaakson.

On the ensuing set of downs, the Elects were stopped at their goal line, and Shaver went back in kick formation. The pass from center escaped him and before an Elect could recover the ball, Moculeski fell on it for the score that put the game on ice. Oldenburg blocked the pass for the extra point. This preceded the close of the game by about two minutes time of long incomplete passes by Rehwaldt of the Juicers.

the basketball team announces a new system for the selection of basketball manager. In the past, two juniors would battle it out for the position, but this year a sophomore will be awarded an assistant-managership. After two years of this he will automatically become manager. Any sophomore who is interested in this proposition should get in touch with Grabacki immediately.

In closing we would like to suggest that touchball be completely revised next year, and that rules be adopted approximating those of the U. of C., where blocking or any rough body contact is not permitted. This would almost completely eliminate injuries, of which this year, as in the past, we have had too many.