

# Schommer Ref On Major "Big Ten" Gridirons

## Professor at Armour, John's Sport Life Eminent

### A NEW PROF THEOREM

That a professor must be nothing more nor less than a bookworm who leaves outside activities for the less educated is the oft used theorem that proves false here at Armour.

In its stead is another theorem who is John Schommer one of the best known men in the middle western sports world today.

First of all, John is a professor. He is an assistant professor, associate professor, professor of industrial chemistry and in addition to these he holds other positions on the Armour faculty—namely, athletic director, trustee, director of placement and president of the Armour Alumni Association, which by the way, is his fifth consecutive year in the latter office.

**Twelve Letter Man**  
To continue, John was a twelve letter man at the U. of C.—in baseball, basketball and football, not to mention his track coaching at the same school. In baseball he acquired the somewhat quaint name of "Long John" because of his unerring ability at reaching far off the initial sack and making the putout.

Our "theorem" graduated from the U. of C. in 1909 and then came to Armour to spend a year and one-half in graduate work.

John Schommer is not now engaged in any active line of his favorite sports, but he is engaged in an angle of the game that would appeal to almost anyone. John is a "Big Ten" football referee—a position which is filled by those who are picked by the coaches themselves of the various schools in the conference.

**Knows the "Big Boys"**  
Through his work in this and other lines of the sports game our coach has become very intimately acquainted with many celebrities of the sports world. While playing football at Chicago, John played with Walter Eckersall and played under the immortal Alonzo Stagg.

Among those notables which are friends of "Long John" are Yost, Williams, Huff, Zuppke (of Illinois), George Halas (owner of the Chicago Bears), Dr. Raycroft, the immortal Knute Rockne, and Howard Jones. These are among those who might be considered "old timers."

We wonder who, at some time or another, hasn't thrilled to the mere mention of such well known and unforgettable names as Stuhldreher of the "Four Horsemen," "Potsy" Clark of the Detroit Lions, or that famous flying "77," Red Grange? However, to most people these men are only ideals and dreams but to John Schommer these men are just "some of the boys" and are real friends.

### Complete Ref Schedule

Through his present position, John has become acquainted with all the great coaches of the middle west. He will officiate at the following games this season:

Oct. 1—Nebraska at Minnesota (John has some good inside dope on that game); Oct. 8—Indiana at Illinois; Oct. 15—Illinois at Notre Dame; Oct. 22—Wisconsin at Purdue; Oct. 29—Minnesota vs. the N. W. Wildcats, a real battle; Nov. 5—Pennsylvania vs. Michigan; Nov. 12—N. U. at Michigan. And on Nov. 19, that great classic of the middle west—the Wildcats of Northwestern vs. the Notre Dame "fighting Irish."

However, last and most important, is the game between Male high school and Du Pont Manual Training high school, to be played Nov. 24 at Louisville, Kentucky. This is the game that John appreciates more than any of the others and will be his 18th consecutive handling of the referee duties of this forty-six year old pigskin feud.

John Griffith, the "Big Ten" athletic commissioner, made a statement concerning John that brings our proposition to a fitting conclusion.

He says, "John is a man's man with plenty of color and a keen sense of humor."

Kindly consider this problem in social geometry, Q. E. D.

## REFEREE



Director of Athletics, Professor John J. Schommer, who at moments not engaged here at Armour Tech, will be a key man on many a gridiron this fall. As one of the foremost referees in the mid-west, he will officiate such clashes as the Illini-Indian, Badgers-Boilermakers, Gophers-Wildcats, and the Wildcats-Fighting Irish conflicts—the full schedule mentioned in the accompanying story.

## TOUCHBALL STARTS TODAY

Football will officially return to Armour today at 10:30 when last year's winners, the senior chems, face the senior civils. On Wednesday at 2:00 the senior fire protects will face the junior civils.

Thursday at 12:30 the junior mechs will meet the junior fire protects, while at 2:10 the soph fire protects fight the "Short Pants," a freshman entry. The junior elects will play the soph elects on Friday at 10:30.

These are the official dates, although if any of the team captains mutually arrange a different, non-interfering date after first notifying Tom Clark, it is understood that the change will be permissible. As before, teams that fail to show up on the scheduled dates will forfeit the game.

# Sophs Take Tech Series Flag Behind Yursis' One Hit Pitching

Tech's world series came to a brilliant finale last Wednesday when Alex Yursis and his sophomore friends squeezed a 2-0 win out of the juniors in the playoff on Ogden Field. The afternoon saw little in the way of hitting, but strikeouts were plentiful on both sides with four errors on the upperclassmen.

James, pitching for the juniors, allowed only three hits in the five inning duel, but costly errors made his twelve strikeouts ineffective.

Yursis was even more penurious with hits, surrendering only one, while dishing out a baker's dozen strikeouts. His teammates backed him up with perfect fielding, there being only five opportunities for them to interrupt the game of catch between "Axel" Yursis on the mound and Billy Bauch behind the plate.

The two soph tallies come in the first inning on a hit, walk and an error. Grosse began things by slamming a hot grounder to Natinchek at second who booted it around. Carrier then made his first of three strike outs, but Bauch got a walk.

Slugger Krause leaned on a well intended pitch and chalked up a clean double to left center, scoring two runs, but was out trying to hike as far as third. Nick opened the junior far by grounding out, and of the next eight men to face Yursis, one walked and the other seven fanned.

In the second frame Pfeffer was safe on Kahl's error, but James struck out three batters to eliminate difficulties. Carpenter drew a pass for the juniors and stole second on the first pitch, but wilted there.

The sophs might have increased their winning margin in the fourth had Yursis been awake. He was safe on Kahl's juggling act, but Carpenter pulled the good old hidden ball trick and nipped him. Pfeffer immediately singled and stole second but the next two batters whiffed.

The juniors had an opportunity to tie things up in their half of the fourth but muffed it. Eggers led off with a long single over the west fence into the Machinery Hall

bleachers, the only junior hit. James and Griegas each hit at three had pitches to no avail. Carpenter looked the deliveries over carefully and took a pass. Kahl did the same, and the bags were loaded with two down. Kotulla had a chance to be a hero, but duplicated his original efforts and fanned. The final inning ended with a pair of strikeouts and a ground out for each team.

## Sieg Low Scorer In Final Golf Round

Armour's fall golf season ended a week ago last Saturday when the last contingent of the school tourney made their way around the Cherry Hill Golf Course. Only two scores of any note were listed. Harry Sieg had 82-83 for 165 and Al Bredau had 88-80 for 168. Assistant Coach Ahern turned in the best round of the day with a 78.

Coach Bibb announced last week that he will use a six man varsity squad next year, with all six men receiving sweater awards. The varsity will have eight matches scheduled, including the usual several day trip into the nearby states.

The "B" team, consisting of four men, will play four matches with local junior colleges and, though they will receive no awards, shall receive balls and green fees as usual. Seven new men are needed for the two teams and any student in the day school, co-op, or night school courses, will have a chance to compete for a position.

A gala golf meet is scheduled for next spring, the winners of which are to be made team members. If possible three medals will be awarded to those that reach the top.

As soon as possible the net up in the gym will be made available for those who would like to get in some helpful practice.



By TOM CLARK

Yursis, pitching for the sophmores, let up a little against the juniors, only striking out twelve men. Comparing this against the fourteen strikeouts against the frosh, anyone can see he's slipping. He had a couple of bad moments though, and was lucky that with five walks and a hit the juniors only got one run home.

If inter-class baseball were any indication (and it isn't) of the hitting powers of our batsmen, it would look pretty dark for the Tech nine next spring. In the three games there was a total of twenty-three hits out of 126 batters, or a .182 batting average, but, as we said before, it doesn't mean a thing.

When the rules were drawn up for inter-department touchball, one of the items specifically stated that no football equipment of any kind could be used. After due consideration, however, it was deemed advisable to make exception to the rule and permit the use of a football.

All of which reminds us, the first game of the tournament will be played to-day at 11:30. If any of you freshmen want to see how the experts do it, get out and watch the senior civils and senior chems go to work.

Last year a miracle was performed when the tennis tournament was drawn successfully to a conclusion. This year it looks like that feat will be duplicated, what with the first bracket completed and some men into the third round already. Incidentally our own courts are looking in great shape, all freshly rolled and marked, and ready for play.

The first call for basketball will be issued around November 1, according to Coach Stenger. This will go for

# No Changes Made To Curb Danger In Touchball Play

This year the annual touchball tourney is being played with a definite set of rules drawn up. All of the customs used in the touchball games in the past have been incorporated into the set of rules, and the rules committee has tried to state definitely what can and what cannot be done in the tourney.

All other questions not included in the rules are to be settled by consulting Spaulding's 1938 Football Guide. It appears that no steps have been taken, however, to tone down the style of play involving the danger which produced several injuries last year.

As in years previous, there will be two officials, a referee and a linesman. The referee has the final decision in all phases of the game's play. The referee will impose all penalties. Penalties will be imposed for flying blocks, interference with pass receiver, roughing a kicker, or clipping. If the penalty is against the offensive team, then they shall lose the ball, while if the defense team is at fault, they shall be penalized by giving the offensive team a choice of either the gain or the down.

Forward passing is allowed at any point behind the line of scrimmage. It is also allowed on the kickoff provided the receiver advances forward only one step and has caught the kick on the fly. Lateral passing is allowed at any time, and a fumbled lateral is considered a free ball but can not be advanced.

Each department is allowed to enter one team with no limit being placed on the number of freshman teams. A man's eligibility to play with department's team is determined solely by the school's records.

the freshman team too, if the gymnasium is vacated by that time. We sincerely hope it is, for that is not the only sport that is being slowed down by the inconvenience of having the lunchroom there.

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