

Basketball Prospects Dependent On Spirit, Attitude of Players

Dismal Outlook if Past Conditions Prevail

By Jim Fahey

After perusing the basketball schedule released on this page last week, one is inclined to analyze the program and make some sort of a prediction for the ensuing. In this story we'll analyze but we'll withhold a prediction until such a time as we believe we have all the information we need. But before looking into the future, it is necessary to study the past.

Last year the Techhawk cagers won five and lost nine. George Williams, De Kalb, Arkansas State fell along with double killings of Chicago Teachers. Of these four teams only De Kalb and Arkansas State had any right on the same floor as the Institute men and Armour didn't beat Arkansas, the officials did.

Chicago, Detroit Too Good

On the other side of the record, the cagers bowed to Chicago, Detroit U., Detroit Tech, Elmhurst, North Central, and twice to De Sales and Lake Forest. Of these losses, the De Sales, Chicago, and Detroit U. games were excusable as the Federalists were definitely not in the same class as the university men. However the other games were games the Techhawks could have won and should have won.

Several factors enter into the poor showing. First, Paul Henriksen, co-captain and regular guard was unable to play a game due to injuries. This left the team without a scoring guard and this loss was felt more as the season progressed. Second, the team took little or no interest in the proceedings. Even some drastic measures used failed to bring response. Third, the team was terrifically handicapped by the fact that it didn't know, wasn't taught nor allowed to practice a zone defense or the methods of penetrating the same. This cost us the Detroit Tech game and was the cause of the despicable display in the Chicago, Detroit, and De Sales games. On top of that, the team had no organized defense nor offense and as one former player said, "They're the only team I've seen that can start working the ball in at the free throw line and end up in the center of the floor." Fourth, too many of the players were playing outside ball and their interest there was greater than their interest in the Techhawk's outcome.

Dirty Playing

From the foregoing, one may assume we're trying to alibi for the team. We're doing nothing of the kind. In our opinion the 38-39 squad was the most dissented, unspirited and unorganized group of individuals we've ever seen on one floor. It is an actual fact that the players were deliberately fouling each other with indications that no "accidents" were meant. This resulted in one sprained ankle as well as some very sore spots in various parts of the anatomy.

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Two Changes Made at Touchball Rules Meet

Intramural touchball officially got under way as new rules and old were discussed in a meeting of some of the managers of the teams last Friday.

After considerable discussion it was decided that there would be just two rule changes from those of last year. One important change states that on a kickoff there will be no forward passing. Last year the receiver could forward pass the ball, if he caught the ball and did not advance with it. It was decided that due to the many arguments about the play, it would be eliminated this year. The other important rule change stated that the team just scored upon had the choice of kicking or receiving. The 1939 Spaulding Football rule book will be the "Hoyle" of the tournament. All the rules will be posted on the bulletin boards before the first game, so it is hoped that there will be no arguments during the games.

Teams so far entered in the tournament are the Junior Fire Protects, Junior Civils, Junior Chemicals, Soph Fire Protects, Senior Fire Protects, Junior Juicers, Junior Chemicals, and Freshman Comets.

Intramural manager Frank Opila said that he hoped to have play started today.

Junior's Nine Has Easy Time Taking Baseball Tourney

By Fred De Money

By beating a mediocre senior team and a fighting frosh squad, the junior nine snatched their second straight interclass hardball championship. The champs trounced the seniors 11-6 on Wednesday, and won the playoff with the freshman team 3-1 last Thursday.

Reinforced by several members of the regular nine, the juniors proved to be the sluggers of the tournament. The junior-senior contest showed the eventual winners scoring seven runs on three hits and three errors in the first inning. For their turn of the inning, the seniors mustered two runs on three walks and an error. And so went the game, with the juniors picking up runs by the two's and three's, and the seniors making a futile rally of three runs in the fourth inning.

Frosh Score First

And so, filled with optimism from their previous game but forwarned of Silla's pitching skill, the defending champs entered the play-off game. Winning the toss, the juniors elected to field the first part of the inning. Brazelton, first man up for the class of '43, grounded out to Carrier. Krause then walked Guetzow, who immediately stole second. In Benz' blast to center for a single, Guetzow scored with the frosh's lone tally.

Combining a walk and three hits, the juniors moved two men across the plate during their half of the opening inning. With one gone, Bauch walked, sneaked to second, and scored when Pfeffer drilled one through the box. Pfeffer moved to third on "Moose" Krause's safety, and walked home when Yursis caught hold of Silla's groover.

Frosh Threaten

The only time the frosh threatened
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An Open Letter to the A.T.S.A.

Last spring, after a year of debating and discussion, a group of the leading students of the school gave to this paper their suggestions for changes in the A.T.S.A. Constitution. These suggestions were printed and by means of a petition, one suggestion—the elimination of the two-thirds rule—was realized.

Two of these suggestions are of special interest to this department, mainly due to their athletic nature. The first is the plan to give the power of purchasing intramural equipment and awards to the intramural manager. This plan should be of import to every Techhawk who participates in intramural or interclass activities.

The reason for the change is found in the particularly inefficient record of the present dispenser of awards. It has not been uncommon for recipients of awards to wait for from four to seven months for their medals. Was such delay necessary? Did appeal to the offender yield any type of action? No! Why? Simply because the items of the intramural, having small pecuniary consequence, are too minor to merit immediate consideration. Consequently it is essential that a new system be found as it is clear the present one is not serving the men who are paying the freight.

A second item of interest is the amendment which gives the purchasing power of the athletic equipment and awards to the athletic director or such persons as he may designate. To tell how the power ever migrated from the athletic department to the treasury department would be the narration of how one executive branch of the school pulled an "anschluss."

The present situation might have gone on pleasantly but for several circumstances. First—the exasperating delay in obtaining awards. Why should the basketball team, whose season ends in the middle of February, be forced to wait till the end of May before receiving sweaters? What good is a letter to a senior if he can only wear it around school for one week? After all, the reason we give letters is so that the students who have distinguished themselves athletically may be recognized by the wearing of the "A". If this delay was necessary we have no kick, but sweaters can be obtained in four days if necessary.

Second—the method used in purchasing. In this type of buying, our agent has seen fit to ask bids from a number of concerns. Well and good. But why should the bids of these companies be made known to the competitors? The reason—to cut the price—in simple language, to chisel. What's the result? A large nationally established firm has lost its respect for Armour, the other companies most likely have also. But striking home closer, the company that received the bid for major awards gave the athletes a reciprocal treatment. Few, if any, received sweaters that fitted, nametags were misspelled, and several other less important but irritating items were received. We got the raw deal, and we dealt the cards.

By the above it can be seen that the two items are in need of change, and may we suggest action be taken immediately. Things could, should, and must be different.

Announce New Practice Program For Matmen as Gym is Swarmed



By Jim Fahey

Wonder why the Senior Chems and Mechs failed to enter the touchball tournament. We know that there's dissent in the chemical ranks but we can't see why the Mechs weren't the first entered. They're prospective champs.

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The chemicals just haven't the interest. A team composed of Puhl, Norkus, Grigas, Kazmierowicz, Sher, Meyer, and Natinchek could hold its own with anyone but only Grigas and Meyer have expressed any desire to uphold the honor of their department.

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Because of this, Manager Opila has extended the entering deadline to Friday. Any late entries should be given to Jesse Kremer in the bookstore.

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It is of the utmost importance that the playing times for your team be included with your entry. If it isn't you'll have to play at the time arranged or at some mutually agreed time during the week the game was scheduled, otherwise you'll be eliminated.

Touchball Schedule

Tues. 10:00
Jr. Chem vs. Sr. F.P.E.
Wed. 2:00
Jr. E.E. vs. Jr. F.P.E.
Thurs. 2:00
Comets vs. Jr. Mechs
Fri. 2:00
Jr. C.E. vs. Soph. F.P.E.

Turnout Increases to 106 as Earnest Work Starts

By Floyd Andersen

In keeping with Armour's rapidly expanding front, the boxing and wrestling teams are making great strides forward in increased manpower under the guidance of "Sonny" Weissman. A new record turnout of 106 men is reported for instruction in the art of self defense. Equipment has been issued to over 70 men and workouts have started while a schedule of matches is being rapidly drawn up. A new time schedule for practices has also been set up.

Men are standing six and seven deep for each weight division in wrestling, and the competition will be very keen. Some of the new comers have a fine build to back up a good past record, and every man will have to be on his toes. Not many men were lost by graduation last year, so a number of men are returning who have had intercollegiate wrestling experience. The returning lettermen are Balsewick, heavy; Captain Hanna, 145; Kazmierowicz, 165; Nigrelli, 155; Harrison, 135; and Till, 121.

Practices Four Days a Week

Coach Weissman calls attention to the new schedule of practices put into effect this year due to the large turnout of candidates. Practice will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday nights of every week from 4 to 6. All those competing for team berths should attend at least two of these practice sessions. If some of the men have classes until 5, they can still come out and get a workout before the squad quits for the night.

Plan On Two Teams

With such a great display of interest in boxing and wrestling, the school should be able to put an even stronger team on the mat than in previous years. The squad will have sufficient time to find itself and get into shape since the opening meet is not until

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