

CAGERS OPEN AGAINST COLONELS

Senior Mechs Whip Three Teams In Drive for Second Championship

Mud, Snow Feature Tournament Finals

Two mud-splattered teams emerged from the murk of Ogden Field on Monday, November 18 as the Senior Mechs eked out a last minute victory from a fighting Junior Mech squad. The final score was 7 to 0 with the touchdown coming on a run by Frank Pfeffer, after what looked like a sure 0-0 deadlock.

The kickoff was received by the Juniors who failed to gain. Mud offered the chief resistance to the attempts of the Senior Mechs and the ball reverted to the Juniors after a touchback.

With no score at the half the contest developed into a dog fight in the second half as the squads battled back and forth over the field. The Junior Mechs threatened constantly, but were stopped in two more Senior Mech stands on the goal line.

Last Minute Score

Enthusiasm was at a deadlock as the game went into its closing minutes and there seemed to be little hope of a score. Inspiration was revived, however, when Senior Mech, Pfeffer, completed a long pass to Krause. Barely three seconds later, Mr. Pfeffer was away on a touchdown run and the Seniors were the victors. The point after touchdown was scored very quickly on a short pass and the game ended immediately after.

CIVILS DROP FIRST, 7-0

The Senior Mechs continued their drive for another touchball championship the day before Thanksgiving with a 7-0 victory over the Senior Civils. It was the sixth win in a row for the Mechs and the first tourney lost for the Civils.

Olson Gets Away—Almost!

With Ed Knorring place kicking a long end over end ball to the Civils who brought the pigskins to midfield the game started. After failing to advance the ball on the two plays, the Civils ace passer, George Tykowski, spiraled a long pass to Bob Olson who caught the ball on the goal line. The referee and linesmen called the play incomplete when they ruled that Olson was out of bounds when he caught the pass.

Mechs March

At the start of the second half after an exchange of last down points, the Senior Mechs proceeded to march down to the Civils five yard line, as power plays through the center of the line and short passes began to click. On the fourth down the Mechs took time out, and then proceeded to run a play, Olson of the Civils knocking down the pass in the end zone. The referee ruled, however, that he had blown his whistle signifying time in, and, therefore, the down had to go over. On the next play, the Mechs scored the only touchdown of the game on a flat pass from Frank Pfeffer to Walt Rusanowski. Pfeffer ran the ball over for the extra point as the Civils defense broke to make it 7-0.

Making this their seventh consecutive win the Senior Mechs defeated the 1B co-ops by a score of 14-0.

In the second half the Mechs opened up their offense with hard driving through the center of the Co-ops line which gave way under

Three Teams Remain In Touchball Tourney

Snow and cold weather have momentarily halted the finals of the 1940 Touchball Tourney. Of the original seventeen teams who entered the touchball classic, only three teams remain after seven weeks of play. The Senior Mechs, the Senior Civils, and the Soph Mechs are still awaiting favorable weather to decide the championship.

At present the Senior Civils and the Soph Mechs still have to play each other, since their previously scheduled games have been postponed. These same two teams played a 6-6 tie in an earlier game in the tourney. The winner of their game will play the Senior Mechs for the championship, since each team has had one loss.

Senior Mechs Have Edge

The Senior Mechs, 1939 Touchball champions seem headed for their second championship in a row. This Mech powerhouse composed of Frank Pfeffer Ed. Knorring, Walt Rusanowski, Howie Obergfell, Bill Krause, Bud Murray, and Ozzie Ozinek, has won seven straight while losing none.

Power plays and short quick passes, behind fine blocking have featured their strong victory. Opening with a victory over the Stardusters, the only frosh team to enter, they defeated the Soph Mechs, won on forfeit from Soph Civils and then took the Junior Civils, Junior Mechs, Senior Civils and the Co-op No. 1 team in order.

Civils Dark Horse

The Senior Civils, the inevitable dark horse in the tourney, have won three, tied two, and lost one. This team paced by the running and passing attacks of George Tykowski, consists of Olson, Hauswald, Bach, Rockmann, Daley, Jacobson, and Zimmerman.

Opening with a 6-6 tie with the Soph Mechs, the Civils followed with a 20-0 win over the Senior Juicers, an 18-18 tie in overtime with the Senior Chems, an 18-0 win over the Senior Fire Protects, a win on forfeit from the Co-op No. 2 team, and finally losing to the Senior Mechs, 7-0.

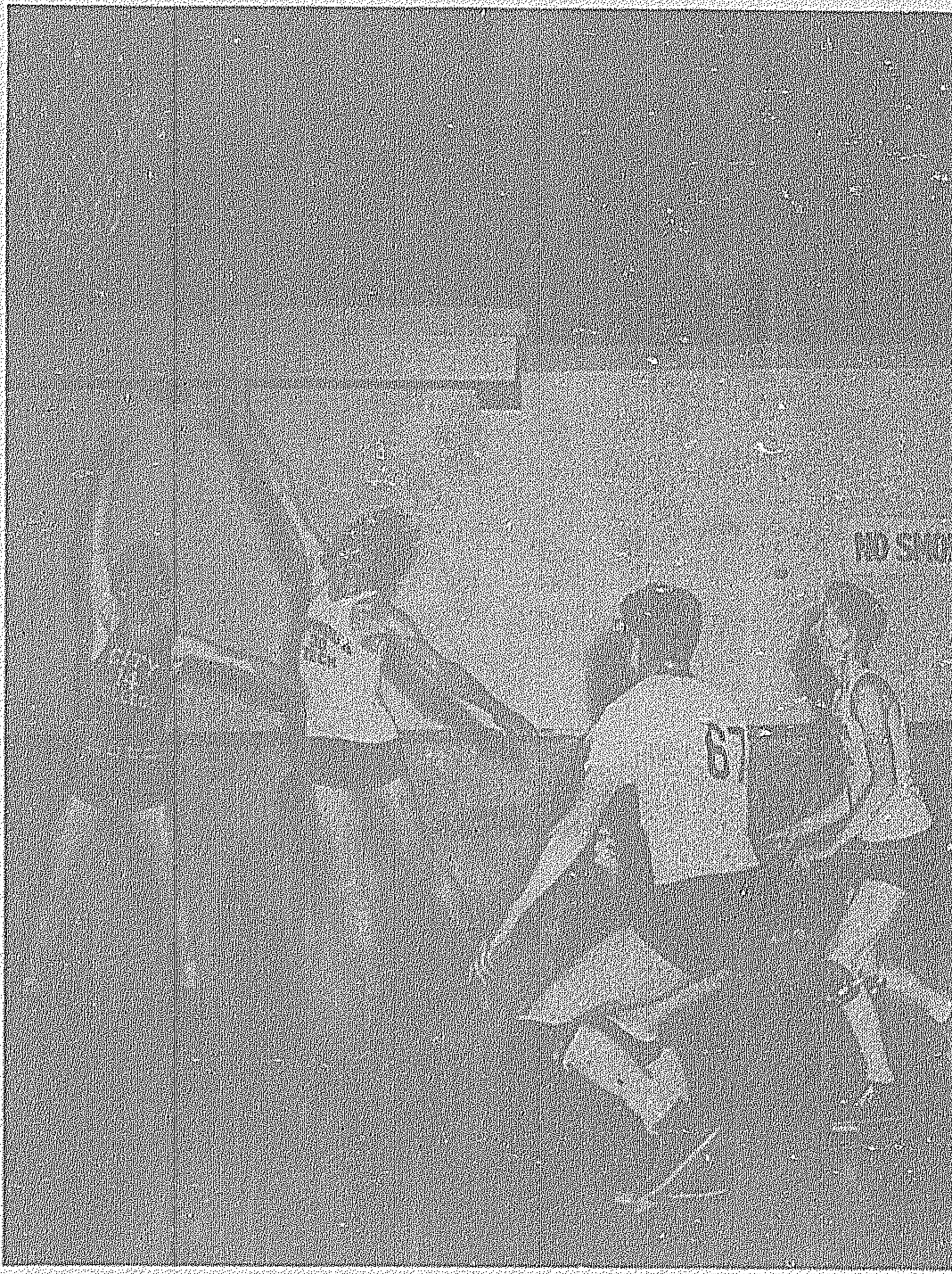
The Soph Mechs enter the semi-final round of the tourney with a record of four wins, one loss, and one tie. This team composed principally of the members of last year's frosh Booster outfit, consists of Byrne, Zemaite, Martin.

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the Mech's power. With two men watching him Krause snagged a pass in the end zone which was thrown by Frank Pfeffer. Krause, going over. Towards the end of the game Rusanowski turned on the "steam" and received another bullet pass from Pfeffer.

Technology News has a small but competent sport's staff. Even so we could use a few more good men. All those who are interested in writing for these pages, please see Fred DeMoney or Art Hauswald in the Technology News office this Friday evening after five o'clock. Freshmen and sophomore students from either campus are especially urged to report.

CITY COLLEGE TRIES FOR A BASKET



Action shot during Friday night scrimmage between Armour and City College at the Armory.

By Bob Anderson, Staff Photographer

Quintet Strong; Finest Team In Years For CTC

Thursday, December 5, the Illinois Tech cage squad, sporting a new name, and composed of practically all new men will open its 1940-41 season against the well known Chicago Teachers College team at the 108th Engineer's Armory starting at 4:15 o'clock. Thus far, the Colonels have played four games, losing one.

Coach Makes Bow

Under the able direction of Remy Meyer, new Techawk Coach, the Engineers are looking forward to a very successful season. The Illinois Tech squad is composed of men from both campuses, although but one man, Sol Fishman has had the time to come over from Lewis. This squad is new from start to finish. It has a new name, although retaining the old Armour Tech trade mark, "Techawks." At the same time, the squad has a new coach, Remy Meyer, former U. of C. nine-letterman, and basketball captain who took over the duties of Grant Stenger at the beginning of the season when the latter gave up his basketball duties to devote all of his time to the direction of physical education for the Armour-Lewis axis. To top off the newness of the squad, the 1940-41 combination is new as far as talent is concerned, for there is only one returning major letterman, Captain Hank Sliwa.

Theme Is Work

During pre-season workouts, according to Coach Meyer, the theme has been work, hard work, and plenty of it. Opening practice sessions on November 1, the Techawks have now had a full month of practice. During the coming season, Remy Meyer's Techawk five will feature what is known as a shifting man-to-man defense, and a fast-breaking offense.

Leading the cagers in his third year on the squad will be Captain Hank Sliwa, Senior and a chemical engineering student. Sophomore Jack Byrne, St. George High School graduate is expected to be Sliwa's running mate at the guard position. Byrne is a small man, with plenty of ability, very shifty and fast, and has a very fancy and baffling left hand hook shot which he used with great facility under the basket.

LaGodney at Center

Ray LaGodny is expected to be the tip-off man. Ray was the key man of the 1939-40 freshman squad. The running offensive players, the forwards, have not as yet been selected for permanent, or even temporary berths on the varsity. Listed among the possible forwards by Coach Meyer, are Mike Carey, Bob Neuhaus, and Howard Pendlebury. The latter is a transfer student from Valparaiso U., and shows plenty of promise as a scoring threat.

The last two times that the Techawks faced the Colonels, they emerged victorious. Since that time, the Colonels have become a greatly improved team, but the Techawks too are improved in every department, so needless to say, this game is practically a toss-up with a very slight edge in favor of Illinois Tech.

Missing from action due to their graduation last June are Bill Sherer, Lloyd Norkus and Jim Fahey. All of these boys will be missed, but we have quite a number coming up and assume that the shoes of the graduates will be capably filled.

WE GOTTA YELL! HEAR IT THURSDAY

Pep! That's the word for it! This Thursday, December 5, at 11 o'clock, the Second Annual Pep meeting will be held in the Student Union Auditorium. Under the guidance of Laurie Donoghue, head cheerleader and Pep Club organizer, the rally will imbue the student body with enthusiasm for the Techawk quintet, which opens the season the very afternoon against Chicago Teachers college.

Pep by John J.

John J. Schommer, athletic director, will be the principal speaker of the session. Hank Sliwa, captain of the 1940 cage team, and members of the squad will be introduced to the assembly. In the role of coach will be Sonny Wiessman, pinch hitting for Remy Meyer, the quintet's mentor, who can not leave his position for the meeting. Sonny, however, has been working very close with the squad this season and will handle the necessary duties of the popular Remy Meyer.

Cheers, songs, and pep talks will be the order of the day. "Buck" Donoghue, supported by Ed Dost and two girl cheerleaders from Lewis promise to astound the crowd with their antics and yells. New cheers have been devised, and although the old fight song is outmoded, an adapted version will lend its meter to the throaty crowd. A band, with bass drum and all, will play foot-stamping tunes.

Classes Dismissed

With classes dismissed for the hour, and with an all-star revue of Schommer, Weissman, Sliwa and company, and music by Elmer Ratzel and his marching band, every student should attend this assembly and give the basketball team a solid send-off for its first tilt of the season.

CAGE RECORD OF 1939-40 REVIEWED

We are about to embark upon a new basketball season and therefore it appears feasible to review and familiarize ourselves with the cager's record in the past year so that we may profit by the experience. The Techawks in the 1939-40 season did not fare any too well, but with new spirit and the aid of a new coach, Illinois Tech may well be expected to improve on last year's final record which showed the team with two victories against twelve defeats.

George Williams, First Victim

It seemed like an exceptionally long season as the squad left off from the previous year and continued a losing streak to sixteen straight, before annexing a victory from George Williams by a final count of 34-33. The second success was also scored near the end of the season as the quintet nosed out Elmhurst for a 53-49 tally.

Injuries and ineligibility played their usual jinx roles throughout the year. Captain Bill Scherer and Herb Sher suffered the major casualties, both being out for a substantial period.

Cardinal Battles Hot

Perhaps the most interesting battles of the campaign were fought out with the North Central Cardinals of Naperville. The contests were sparked with highlights and just a little sway might have changed the final results, which showed the North Central lads on top in both occasions.

Inasmuch as Tech's victories were chalked up near the end of the 39-40 season, we may hope to forget the earlier attempt and start this year with a continuance of the 'end-of-the-season' record. Hank Sliwa, a steady performer during past years, has been chosen to captain the current quintet.