

So I've Heard!

By Art Hauswald

It looks like another Mech Touchball championship this year. The Senior Mechs 1939 touchball champs, are on the road to their second straight touchball championship by virtue of their seven wins in a row.

All the remaining teams in the touchball tourney have played one another at sometime this fall. The Senior Mechs have beaten the Soph Mechs 19-15, and the Senior Civils 7-0. The Senior Civils and the Soph Mechs played a 6-6 tie in an earlier game.

The Senior Mechs have piled up a total of 91 points as against 15 points for their opponents. All the points scored against them were scored by one team, namely, the Soph Mechs in the first half of the game.

Sonny Weissman has announced that there is still time to enter the wrestling and boxing tournaments.

The first official intramural touchball tourney was started in November of 1934. Following is a list of the championship games since then:

- 1934—Junior Juicers, 24; Frosh Team, 0;
- 1934—Junior Chems, 6; Senior Juicers, 0;
- 1936—Senior Chems, 14; Junior Mechs, 8;
- 1937—Junior Chems, 6; Senior Chems, 0;
- 1938—Senior Chems, 13; Junior Juicers, 0;
- 1939—Junior Mechs 30; Junior Chems, 0.

Only eight men have entered the bowling tournament this year. Last year's tourney was a great success, so how about getting your entries in. Intramural manager Chuck McAleer has extended the deadline for entries making today the last chance to enter.

The basketball tourney gets under way this week, with the fifth floor gym taking almost constant punishment during the day.

The Techawk basketball squad meets Chicago Teachers College this afternoon at the Armory. Let's all get out there and give the new coach plenty of support.

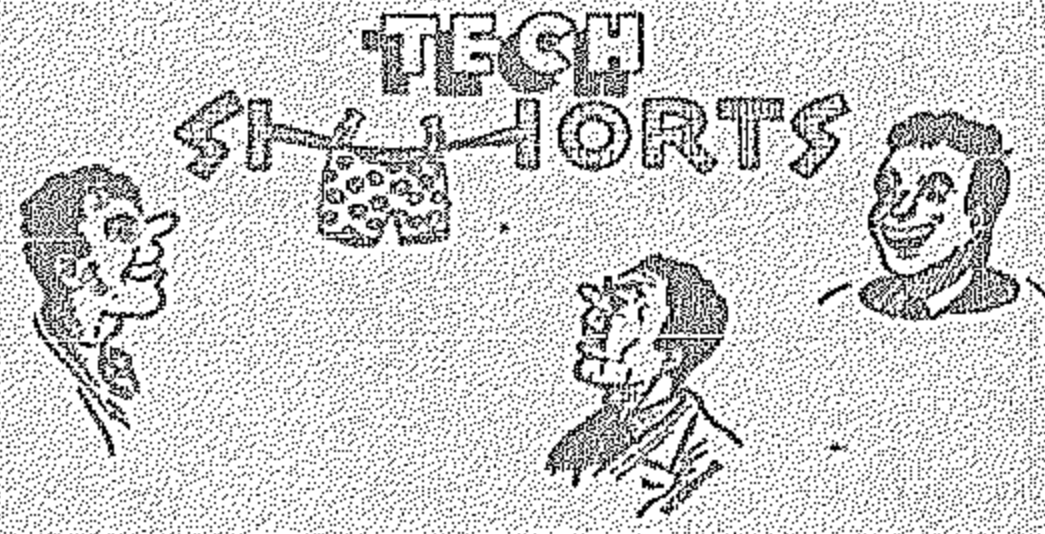
Touchball—

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ek, Watson, Morgean, and McFarland.

After opening with the 6-6 tie with the Senior Civils, they whipped a strong Junior Mech team, 12-6, lost to the Senior Mechs in their next game, 19-15, defeated the Senior Chems, 7-0, licked the Junior Civils, 6-0, and won over the Senior Juicers, 7-0.

Hockey! All hockey aspirants are requested to meet tomorrow, Wednesday, at 4 o'clock in U2W of the Armour Student Union to arrange for practice sessions.



By Fred DeMoney

Basketball is here. Thursday will see the Techawks in action for the first time in the Gray and Scarlet of Illinois Tech. While wearing the Black and Gold of yesteryear, the Techawks have had their good and bad moments in about equal amounts. The last year was a particularly bad year; whereas that of 1934-35 made the Engineers nationwide famous. We could go on saying that the cagers would continue with their see-saw record, although now clad in the Gray and Scarlet, but because of certain developments in the basketball curricula we intend to present a different story.

Four years ago there was but one regularly coached basketball team. That was the Varsity. Then, a year later a full time Freshman coach was appointed. Needless to say, this put an official stamp on the Freshman team. It was the purpose of the squad to supply material to the Varsity.

Despite practicing but two or three nights a week in the space-abundant 5th floor collar box, Bill O'Brien turned out potent Green Cap crews that would be an asset to any major quintet. But somehow or other, the products of the Freshmen team never quite reached the Varsity in sufficient

quantity and quality. It seemed that between the freshmen year and the junior year—the time average basketball players were admitted to the varsity—a great majority of the boys got lost in the shuffle.

This year a possible solution to this problem has been put into effect. That is, a "B" team has been formed. Known in many high schools as the JayVees, or Junior Varsity, the "B" squad to keep those who, when normally cut from the Varsity would go back to their slide rules, on the ball and in a basketball uniform. Only sophomores and juniors are eligible for the squad, and hence, all "B" team members are prospective Varsity candidates for the ensuing season.

Now let's look at the situation. A former high school player enters Freshmen team and makes it. He spends a year keeping in good condition and learning college basketball. The next year, as a sophomore he tries for the varsity, but can't quite make the grade. Instead of throwing up the sponge and forgetting all about basketball, he now can join the "B" squad.

The benefits of this system are many. Way back when a similar system produced for John J. Schommer top caliber Techawk teams. He had four and five teams running around the country. This is standard procedure in many Big Ten schools. It should produce better teams for Illinois Tech.

GRAPPLERS WIN PRACTICE TILT; WHEATON NEXT

On November 19 about eighteen members of the wrestling team journeyed to the Division St. YMCA for their first meet. The engagement took place in one of their gymnasiums at eight o'clock that evening. Although this meet was not an inter-collegiate affair, its primary purpose was to acquaint the new men with the style and methods of wrestling that they will encounter in future bouts. The evening ended with a 20½-15½ victory for the Techmen, counting only the points made by the tentative first team.

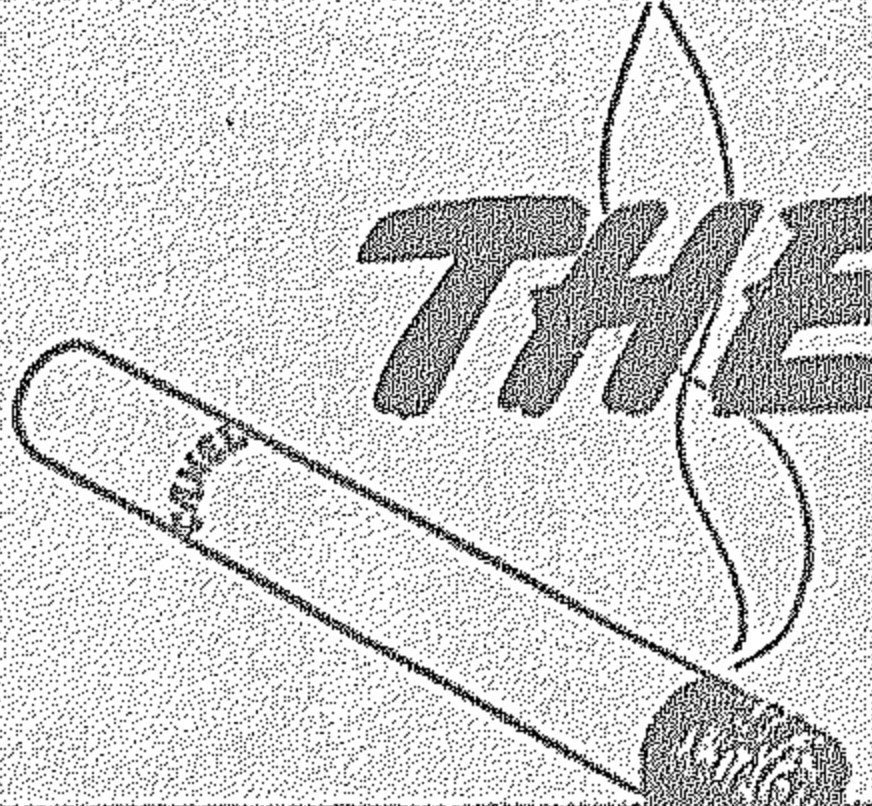
Time Advantage Counted

The scoring was tabulated according to a time advantage rather than the point system, which the Techawks now use. In the latter, points are awarded so as to eliminate stalling or resting and to increase the speed and activity of the match. By this method a man, knowing all the holds, was not entirely dependent upon his strength. In other words the match required more brainwork than previously. The other system gave points to the wrestler that had an indisputable advantage hold over his opponent. For the duration of this advantage he was awarded time; and the person having the greater total of

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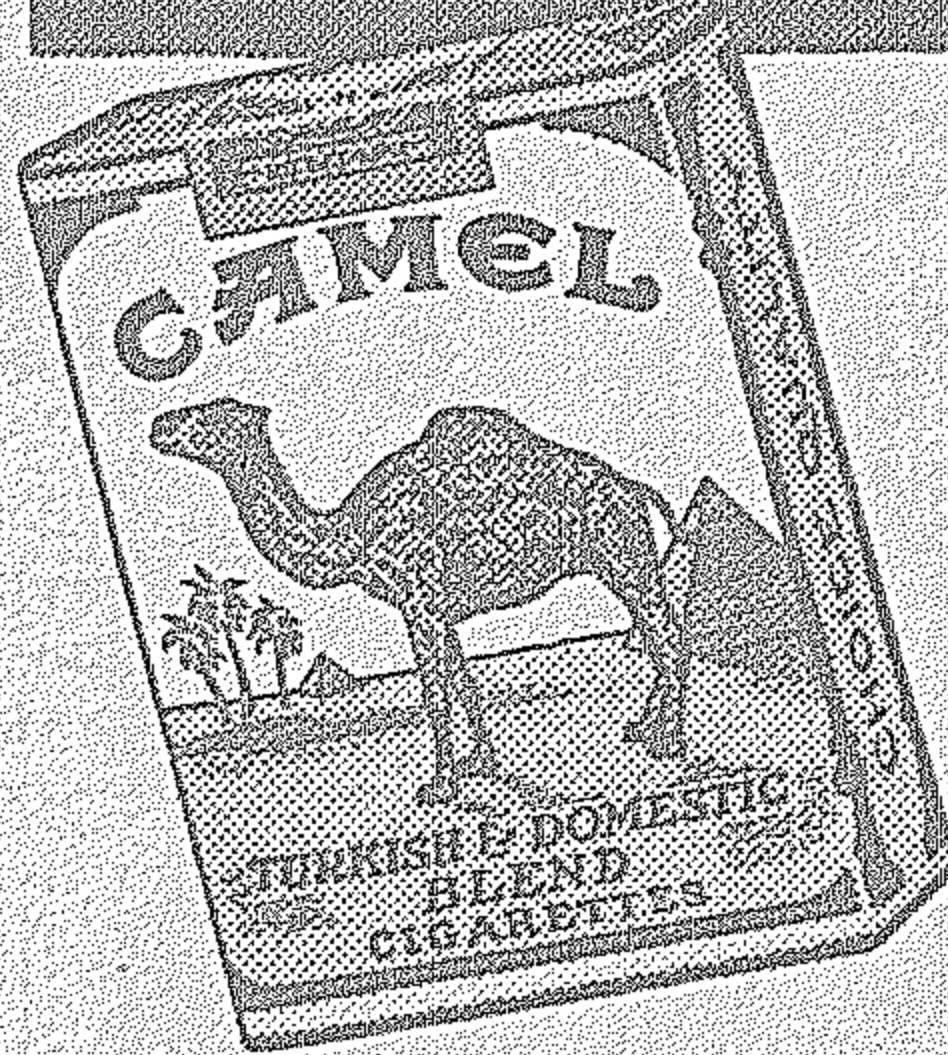
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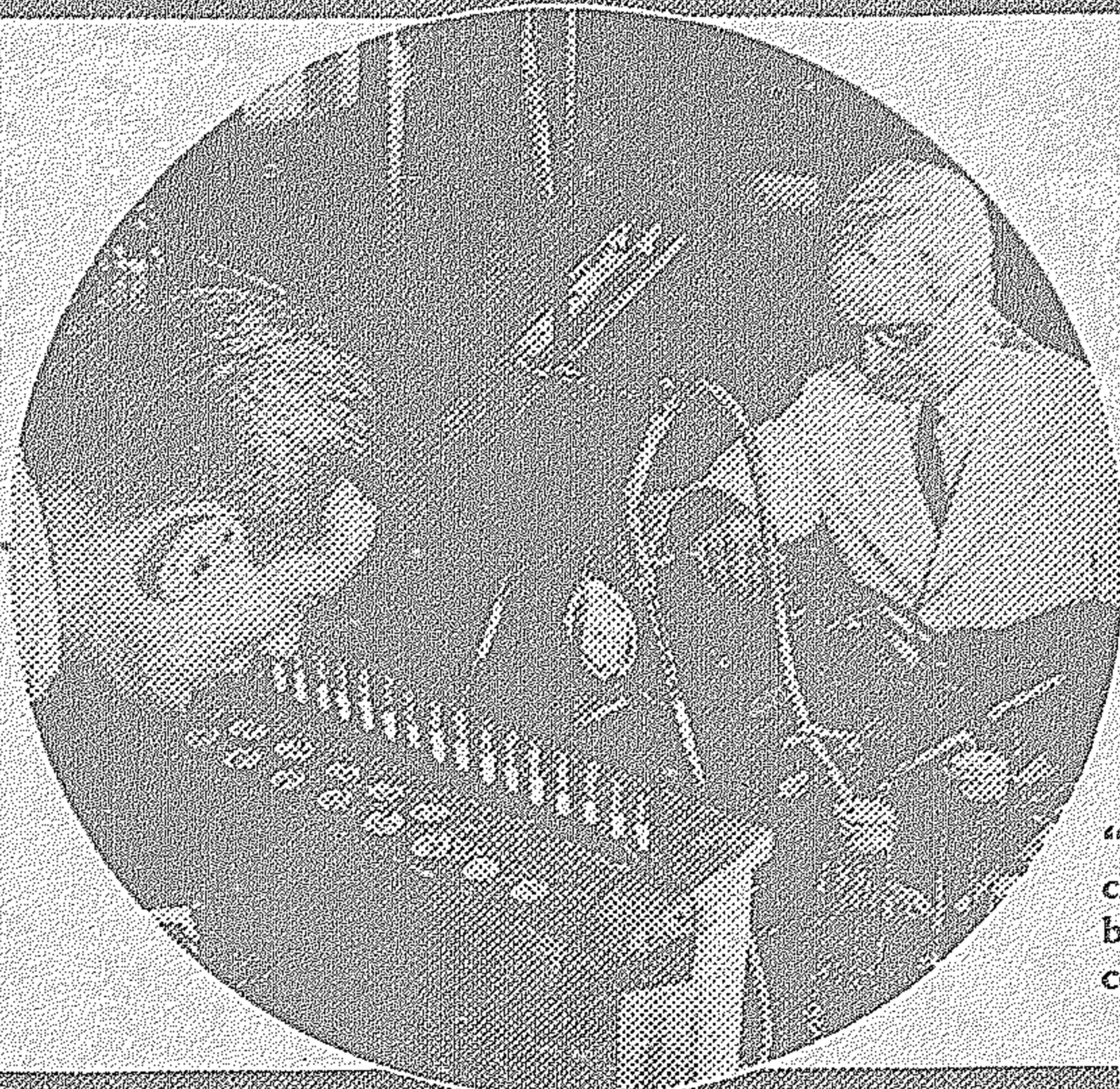
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