

Boxers, Wrestlers End Season; Elect Co-captains for Next Year

Tech Grapplers Win Majority Of Bouts

With a record of four victories as against two defeats, the Illinois Tech "grunTERS and groanERS" terminated a successful 1941 season. Wrestling for the most part against teams of far greater experience, the "boys" showed real Techawk spirit by overwhelming the majority of their opponents.

Starting out with a bang, and travelling to the Division street "Y" the team came away victors to the tune of 20½-7½. Outstanding in this meet was the speed with which Captain Biagio Nigrelli won his match, scoring a fall in thirty seconds.

Lose to Wheaton

The Illinois Tech-Wheaton meet at Wheaton, was the first of the two set backs, that the wrestlers suffered from the hand of their opponents. The final score was 26-6, the six points being garnered by the exceptional wrestling ability of "Hirsh" Hurvitz at 175 pounds, and Capt. Nigrelli at 155 pounds. Of some interest, perhaps, was the heavyweight hand-cap match, between Gerry Golden, 175 pounds, and Roger of Wheaton at 225 pounds. Golden ran fast but was caught in the last few seconds, losing by a fall in 7:43.

Against Herzl, at Armour, on December 19, 1940, the "Weissmen" redeemed themselves in grand fashion by trouncing their guests 18½-7½. Sparked by Fred Till, the "grand old man of the wrestling team" who won on a fall, the Techawks' Maihock, at 135 pounds; "Goody" Steinberg, at 145 pounds, and John Butkus, at 155 pounds; beat their respective men. Golden, again at 175 pounds wrestled Bloff, at 210 pounds, and surprised the coach and himself by beating his opponent.

Beloit Meet Outstanding

Clearly the most thrilling meet of the season was the Illinois Tech, Beloit meet, at Illinois Tech. Losing to Beloit at the end of four bouts by the score of 11-5, the Techawks rallied in the next four bouts with three falls and one decision. Those scoring falls were John Butkus, Al Sanowskis, and Gerry Golden, with the Hurvitz the winner of the decision.

Against Herzl for the second time, the wrestlers came out second best in a startling upset losing, 16-14. This is the famous match in which "Lil" was so busy looking at a Lil that the final results were nil. This, however, was the last defeat that the wrestlers suffered.

In the final intercollegiate match, the Techawks ended the season as gloriously as they started, by defeating Augustana, 29-3. This meet featured the exceptional wrestling ability of Emil De Boo, who in the hardest fought match of the day, defeated Petersen 12 and 7.

Of the two invitationals the grapplers entered, one, at least, showed good results. In the Midwest A.A.U. meet, Steve Wasilenko won the championship at 138 pounds and Bob Patterson, captain of the 1936 wrestling team, came away with the 155 pound championship. A fine wrestler Dan Maihock at 135 pounds, dislocated his elbow.

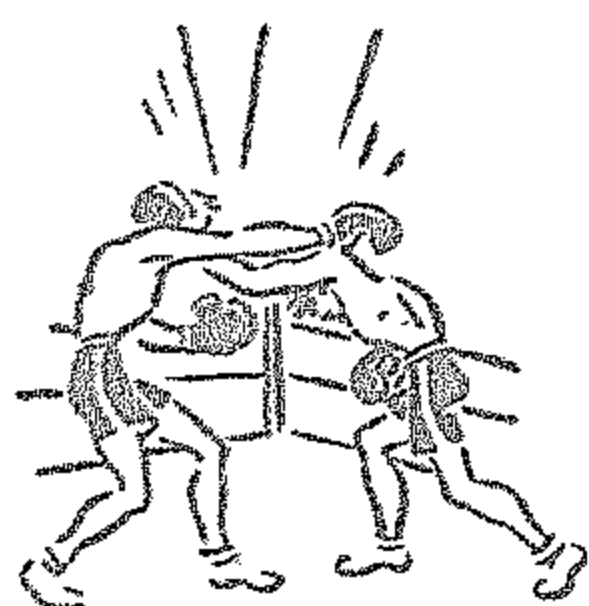


John Butkus (left) and Jim DeGiorgi congratulate one another upon being elected co-captains of the wrestling and boxing teams respectively. Also elected as co-captains are Fred Till (wrestling) and Roy Erickson (boxing).

TWO CO-CAPTAINS FOR EACH TEAM

As the grand finale of the boxing and wrestling seasons the members of the boxing and wrestling teams met in the gym, Friday, March 21, and elected co-captains for their respective teams. The co-captains of the wrestling team for the 1942 season are now Fred "Woo Woo" Till, and John "Lil" Butkus. Both boys with several years of wrestling to their credit, were unanimously elected. The boxers were equally wise in their choice of Jim DeGiorgi and Roy Erickson. Ernie Colant, as graduating senior was named captain of the 1941 squad, an honor which he very well deserved.

At the meeting coach "Sonny" Weissman announced the recipients of the major and minor letters. On the wrestling team, those receiving major letters were Bill Daly, Don Maihock, Fred Till, Goodman Steinberg, John Butkus, Capt. Biagio Nigrelli, Gerry Golden, and Harold Hurvitz. Captain Ernie Colant received the only major letter in boxing. Minor letters in wrestling were issued to Joe DePinto, Ralph Jahnke, Al Sanowskis, Emil De Boo, and Guenther Baum. Incidentally, Joe DePinto has the distinction of being the first one from Lewis Campus to win an athletic award. Congratulations Joe, keep up the good work. The well-deserving members of the boxing team who earned minor letters, were Jim DeGiorgi, Roy Erickson, Ival Buddeke, George Ellis, Bob Merrick, Roy Simpson, and Chester Swan.



All in all, the wrestlers had two invitationals and six intercollegiate meets. The total number of bouts was seventy-six, of which fifty-seven won and nineteen were lost. The team, which started out as a bunch of green novices, have developed into a nucleus for a bigger and better team next year.

Congratulations Fellows!

SOFTBALL MEET PEPS IIT SPORTS

Within the next two weeks intramural softball will make its long heralded entry into the sports calendar of 1941. That is, if Ogden Field and the weather permit the intrusion on their rights.

At present, there are eighteen teams entered including 4 freshman teams. The Davey Boosters, surprising champions of last year, will be broken up, so a few other teams will have a chance. However, the soph mechs, soph civils, junior mechs, senior chems, and senior mechs will furnish plenty of competition for the tournament. No doubt, other contenders will arise as the tourney progresses.

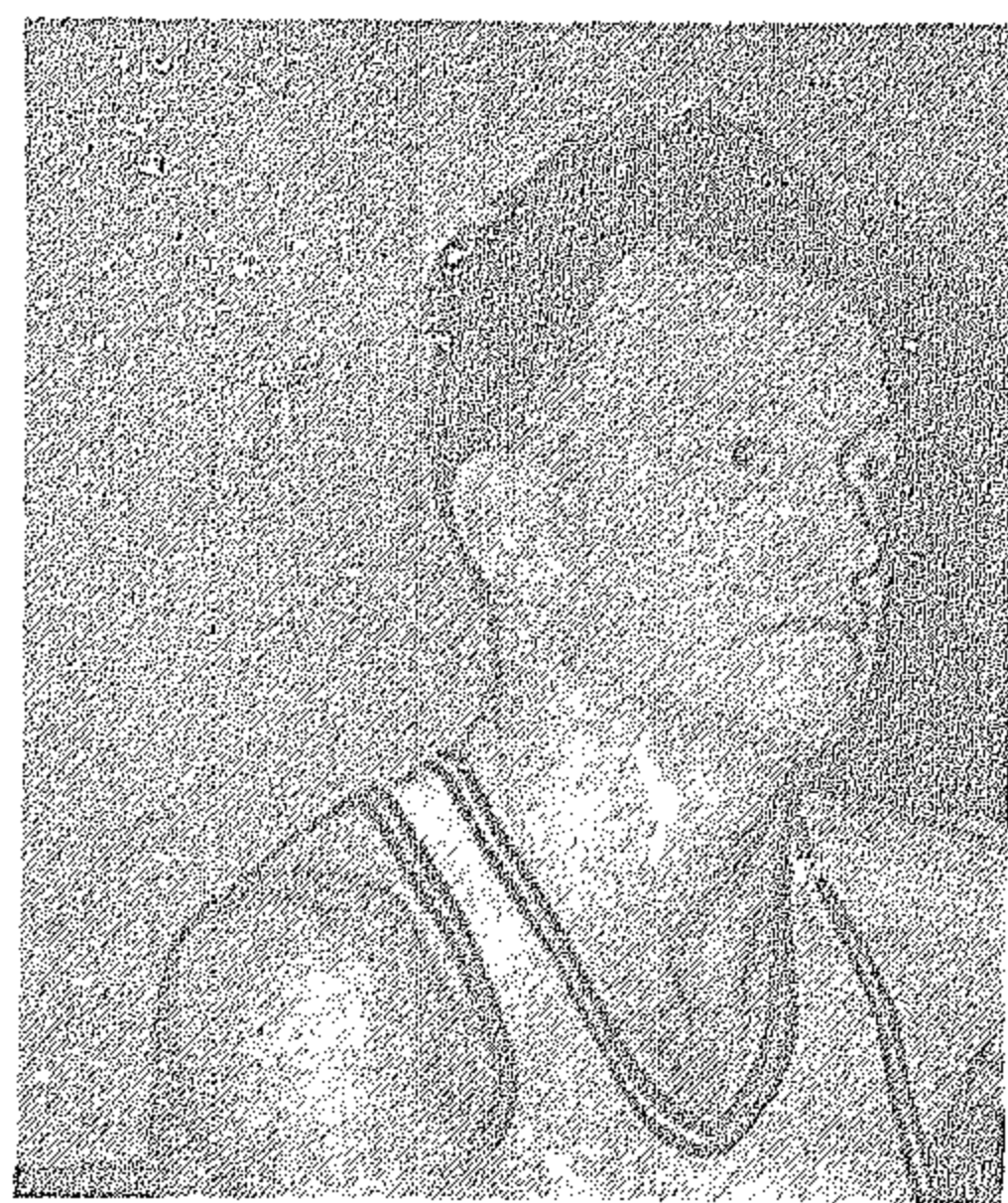
Entries will not be allowed after next Friday, according to the rules, no baseball lettermen will be allowed to play. As in the past the games will last seven innings. McAleer says that a fourteen inch ball may be used in place of the sixteen inch one. If you agree or disagree, see the intramural manager.

Howie Pendlebury New Cage Captain

Illinois Tech's new basketball captain is Howard Pendlebury, E.E. '42. Although the current season was Howie's first for IIT, he was quick to win the confidence of his coach and team mates and his excellent floor play proved him worthy to lead the Techawk cagers in the 1941-42 cage campaign.

Howie prepped at Lindblom High School in Chicago where he engaged in four vigorous years of basketball and was elected to captain the senior five in his last year. Seeking higher learning and an engineering education, Howie enrolled in Valparaiso University in Indiana, where he attended school for two years.

While at Valparaiso, the tall star served as a member of the Student Council, was active in in-



'Howie' Pendlebury

tramural sports and, of course, indulged in his favorite game, basketball. In September of 1940, the six-foot, one-inch cager transferred to Illinois Tech and immediately reported for the cage team.

Coach Remy Meyer was quick to recognize ability and Howie was given a starting post, which he held throughout the season. He was one of the team's leaders in every game and finished the year as second high-scorer with 191 points. His favorite shot is a left hook, which together with fine sportsmanship and spirit, make him a top-notch performer.

Besides basketball Howie finds time for dancing, bowling, and golf. His spare evenings, of which there are many lately, are spent in the company of Florence, the girl of Sir Pendlebury's dreams. It is small wonder that Howie is very anxious to get home early from school.

Swimmers Finish Year With Three Won, Eight Lost

Despite this season's record of three wins and eight losses, Tech's mermen are looking forward to a very bright 1942. Three men, Captain Arnie Blume, Thurber Stowell, and Bill Powers, will be lost to the Techawks due to graduation, and it is felt that, although these men produced for McGillivray in winning ways, their vacancies can be replaced.

Pearson Back

Whitney Pearson, who as a freshman led the Techawks to a brilliant season, has given the signal that he will be back wearing the Gray and Scarlet. Pearson is a free styler of no mean ability, and can easily do a fast hundred. With the exception of Blume, sprint end relay man, and Powers, 220 man, the free style division will remain virtually the same.

At present, the only dark cloud looming on the horizon of the Tech swimmers is the possibility that Larry Rademacher may leave school in preference for work. Rademacher has supplied the team not only with his ability to swim, but also with his undying spirit to win. His loss will be felt keenly by the team.

Breast Stroke Still Strong

All other departments are expected to be as strong if not stronger than was this season, barring sudden accident and draft possibilities. The back stroke section, headed by captain-elect Earle Huxhold, will boast of Huxhold, Talcott, and Wahlgren. Karl Koos will again lead the breast stroke, and next year it should be tops if Karl regains his pre-season health. Versatile Dick Talcott may fill the vacancy left by Stowell.

For the first time in many, perhaps countless years, the McGillivraymen will boast of a near top-notch diving department. Two sophomore co-ops dominate the board. Jack Tregay, an Oak Park product, and Bill Condon, a Crane Tech lad, have been fighting it out tooth and nail for honors in this field. Together, they have taken more firsts and seconds against really good competition than any other divers in Tech's history.

Mankus Another Dodge

In the free style division, Illinois Tech can boast of a well balanced contingent. The probable line-up will read something like this: Pearson in the dashes and relay; Rademacher in the dashes and relay; Talcott in the relay; Taylor in the hundred and relay; Mankus in the hundred, 220, and relay; Gage in the 220. If Mankus keeps up his present rate of improvement, he will soon surpass Ray Dodge's iron horse ability in the distance events.

Taken all in all, next season's swimming team should be as well-balanced a team as has ever taken a dive and stroke in Bartlett pool. The medley relay team of Huxhold, Koos, and Pearson should be invincible and record breaking. However, not only should the medley team prove undefeatable, but the whole team should experience a winning season.

SWIMMERS ATTENTION

Charles McAleer has announced an intramural swim meet at the University of Chicago pool. Each class will have one team. The meet will take place in the first or second week of April.

TECH SHORTS

By John Butkus

Yessiree! Spring (?) and the new awards are the two things most Techawks are dying to see. In the case of the awards, the new letters will be seen very shortly on the campus as a result of the completion of several sport seasons. Most likely the awards will be presented at an assembly.

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After being pushed out of the 108 Engineers Armory for several weeks, (the army was making preparations for moving to a field camp) the tennis team was able to resume their workouts.

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Apologies are due to Bob Kincheloe of the University of Chicago from the sports staff for our error in printing the height of his pole-vault leap. It was printed as 13'6" when it actually was 13'3". We wish that he had been able to complete the former leap in the Tech Relays last Saturday.

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Although the boxers have trouble finding opponents, they have completed their season in fine style. The major event for them was evidently the Golden Gloves tournament. The team hasn't lost a single meet in which they had participated, even though the number was limited.

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Illinois Tech's first baseball game with the University of Chicago squad has been postponed till the end of May. It gives "Sonny" a longer time to whip a good combination into shape before the season starts on April 9.

RESULTS OF SWIMMING TEAM 1940-1941

Chicago Teachers, Lost, 34-31
Illinois Wes., Lost, 36-30
Beloit, Lost, 53-21
North Central, Won, 33-27
Chicago Teachers, Lost, 38-28
North Central, Lost, 39-36
Maryville, Won, 45-30
DePauw, Lost, 57-18.
Illinois Wes., Won, 44-22
Beloit, Lost, 36-30
DePauw, Lost, 40-26
Totals for the season:
Won 3, Lost 8.