

Undefeated Civaero's succumb to Mech no.1

In a gallant, uphill battle a scrappy Mech 1 team emerged victors in an all summer softball fight for supremacy.

Despite a 21 game Civaero winning streak which landed the Civs on the top of the heap, the Mech 1's outlasted a second Mech squad in the battle for a chance to meet the Civaeros, then conquered the favorites in the playoff to cop the title.

Facing a Civaero squad which had encountered the best the other departments could muster over a period of ten defeatless weeks, the Mechs got to the Civaero, Mario "Rocco" Silla for ten runs and victory. Hurlers Jack Byrne and Phil Schubkagel meanwhile held the Civs to three runs and five hits over the nine inning route.

George Martinek paced the winners' attack with four safe blows, while Bob Johnson and Al Dambros connected for three apiece. Earl Sherman aided the losers cause with two safeties.

The battle was decided in a big top half of the fourth rally, when the Mechs broke loose for five runs to break a 2-2 tie. They added one more in the fifth and two in the sixth, to put the game on ice. Though the Civaeros scored once more in their half of the seventh, they couldn't get back in the game. Neither team scored again and the game ended with the Mechs on top by a 10 to 3 score.

Lewis intramurals open with meeting today in gym

by Hank Pachowicz

Listen, fellows, the army needs men so combine your patriotism with pleasure and enlist in the Lewis physical fitness program. The season's activities begin Tuesday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lewis gym, where the intramural athletic program will be determined by the turnout at the meeting.

The list of sports to be offered includes touchball, swimming, ping pong, fencing, track, bowling, badminton, archery, boxing, wrestling, weight lifting, and basketball, depending upon the total response of the student body including regular, co-op, and defense students.

Opening the fall program will be the touchball tournament. Teams should be organized immediately and both team and individual entries will be accepted. Further details will be presented at the Tuesday meeting by Coach Grant Stenger.

Direction of the activities will be conducted by a student intramural manager appointed by the Lewis Student Council. All that is needed now are the fellows to participate and the program furnishes you what you want and when you want it.

"Uncle John" students' pal

Amiable, capable director of the athletic department here at IIT is John J. Schommer, affectionately known to the boys as "Uncle John." Trustee, director of placement, and professor of Industrial Chemistry, are some of the other titles he has also undertaken to administer at IIT. Recently Mr. Schommer turned from umpiring college football games, to step into the professional ranks in the same capacity. He has "umped" several "All Star" games, and has already, this season, traveled to Green Bay to see that our Bears weren't mistreated by those big, bad Packers.

But if you ever want to meet "Uncle John" on his own ground, just mention hunting or fishing in his presence. He is one of the best fishermen in the mid-west, as anyone in Northern Wisconsin will attest. Further evidence may be seen in the many pictures and specimens that adorn the walls of his office.

That Illinois Tech has one of the best, if not the best, placement departments in the United States is due in no small measure to his interest in the student body and his intimate connections with the business world. Through this experience with personnel men and applicants for jobs, he has acquired a vast knowledge on "job finding." The book he is threatening to write is on etiquette of finding and keeping a job.

"Sonny" Weissman leads busy life

Mr. Bernard Weissman, coach of baseball, boxing, wrestling, and better known to the students as "Sonny" begins his fifteenth year at Armour this fall.

The congenial little fellow attracted attention as an athlete while attending Lane Tech, starring in baseball, basketball, track and soccer. In the meantime he found a little time for study, and he entered DePaul University in 1924, to emerge four years later with an A.B. and an L.L.B. degree. Sports were not neglected, however, as he again made a name for himself in the athletic field.

In the fall of 1928 Sonny became Armour's boxing coach, and when wrestling was revived in 1932 he took the responsibility of guiding that team. That he has been a success in these undertakings is amply attested by the records these teams have made since he took the reins.

From April, 1934, until November of 1937, he also served the United States as an enforcement officer in the Internal Revenue department. In December, 1938, Sonny was appointed manager of the Student Union, and in the fall of the following year he became assistant athletic director to John J. Schommer, athletic director of Illinois Tech.

Since that time Sonny has added to his activities the position of referee, since 1934, in the National Amateur Boxing Association. For the past seven years he participated in the Golden Gloves tournaments in that capacity. In addition to this, Sonny has taken on his shoulders a great deal of the administering burden of the Engineering Defense Training Program during the past two years.

TECH TALLIES

as found by Don Keigher

Greetings, lads and lassies. Well, here we are back again starting on another leg toward that coveted degree. Maybe we shouldn't say back again when 275 of us were gone only ten short days. Gosh, we hardly went away! But all the more reason for getting hep on athletics.

Don't forget, fellas, there are a lot of letters to be won, sweaters to be worn, and dozens of intramural medals to be hung on someone's "belly-brass" chain. So let's get cookin', frosh and upperclass men. There's a lot to be done in the varsity and intramural sports.

Saw some of the senior touchball teams out last week getting a little early season practice. Ogden Field was the scene of a lot of sweating and swearing (shame on them!) by the Fire Protects and Chemical last Friday, but that smooth operating senior Mech sextet turned in the best showing so far. Everyone seems to be in terrible condition, however; must be from all that late report writing and book wrestling last summer.

By the way, Ken Jacobs, high mogul of intramural activities, was telling me that the first league games of the '42 touchball tourney are set for October 12, so get those rosters and schedules in now! From present indications, this year's touchball tourney entries will far exceed last year's nineteen teams. Why, it looks like there are going to be that many freshman teams alone. If there are that many frosh sextets it looks as though the frosh will have a league all their own. (Happy thought for upperclassmen teams).

The Senior Fire Protects are already clamoring for second place medals; they've long since conceded first honors to the senior Mechs. Along this same line 'tis heard that Warren Furst, cocky soph of athletic renown, talked his own department into not having a team so he could join the Soph Mech aggregate. The two latest recruits (as if they needed any), to the star-studded senior Mech roster are Chet Swan, 190 pounds of hard-charging lineman, and Ken Jacobs, another Pete Zernaitis. After two years of dormancy, the '43 Juicers have an entry in the tourney already. Say, keep an eye on that frosh team that Larry Rademacher has organized. 'Twas rumored Larry has a skull practice every time he is supposed to be doing his frosh advising.

Another inside fact we picked up on the athletic scene: according to reliable sources the Rifle club has reached the crisis of its career. The Chapin hall gunners are unable to purchase more ammunition to augment their present stock of 44,000 rounds. Of this, 15,000 must be reserved for the varsity rifle team, hence leaving only 29,000 rounds which a hundred riflemen can easily dispose of in three weeks. It seems indeed shortsighted to triple the capacity of the club's ranges which will only hasten the ammunition shortage.

Say, did any of the readers see those Mech 1's smack the highly touted Civaeros all over Ogden Field last Tuesday? That 10-3 defeat was the first the flying Civs had to take in 22 straight games. The irony of it, is the fact that it gave the Mechs undisputed title to the summer softball crown. Guess Lady Luck deserted the Civaeros after months of amiable assistance.

Looks like the intramural champion golfing trio from the Junior Chem department won't repeat with number one divoteer Harry Gillespie, now a Mech Aero. The second place senior F.P.E.'s chances are also dimmed as Joe Pruzinski was awarded a golfing letter, making him ineligible for intramural play.

Another certain-not-to-repeat champion is Delta Lambda Xi in intra frat touchball. The Alpha Sigs should succeed to the title if the Phi Kappa Sigma menace (mostly Bill Lease) can be stopped. Dark horse in this meet is Rho Delta Rho who possesses the best reserve strength on Fraternity Row.

Our boss, Sports Ed. Bechtolt just dropped a hint that our 15 inches of drool for this issue is finished. Any more than this just runs off the bottom of the page, so I'll be seeing you next week, I hope.

P.S. Keep your eyes on this column next week 'cause we're going to divulge some straight dope on the hockey team plus some favorable news on the intercollegiate bowling league.

Ed.'s Note: As you can easily see, this drooled on for over 15" so to save D.J.'s column we kind of caught it up and carried it on to another column.

R. B.

Hayakawa announces fencers' future

Dr. Hayakawa, sponsor and coach of the Fencing Club at Armour announced last week that the future of the Club depended upon the war situation. Enough equipment is on hand for the present season, but the outlook for replacements is rather dark. Together with co-captains Ray Krause and Bob Kirk, he is planning the program for the coming semester.

The schedule of the Club is indefinite as yet, as are the rest of the indoor sports, until the sports program is established at the Armour. Fencing will be offered at last two days a week, and arrangements can be made for other times. Notices will be posted as soon as the organization is ready to commence practice.

In the past, the Club has vainly tried to put a team into the field. Conditions this semester look more promising, as the old veterans are still here, and the incoming freshmen are contributing several experienced men. Anyone interested in the sport is welcome at the practice sessions; experienced men are being eagerly sought.

Interscholarship competition is somewhat doubtful, but the Club intends to enter a team in the Amateur Fencers League of America, Illinois division. This is a national organization which promotes and referees various kinds of fencing matches. The Fencing club is looking forward to a very successful season.

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