

FOUR Short-Circuits Win Lewis IM Cage Tourney

Air Corpses Take 2nd Place; Vigilantes and Jerks Tied for Third

The Short-Circuits captured the west campus intramural basketball crown, defeating the Air-Corpses 29 to 21 in the play-off game last Thursday. The game was necessary because the two teams finished their seven game schedule in a dead heat. As a result of their loss, the Air-Corpses took second place.

After the regular 32 minutes of play, the two teams were deadlocked, but the Short-Circuits forged ahead to win with an 8 point margin. Morris Kaplan, of the Circuits, was high scorer with 11 points.

The Air-Corpses were handicapped by the absence of two of their regular players, Walter Czeropski and Ed Kovacik, for most of the second half. They both were removed from the contest for committing 5 personal fouls.

To gain a place in the playoffs, the Air Corpses defeated the Morons Wednesday, 48 to 22. George Prochnow scored 19 of the losers, 22 points. Because the gymnasium was being used by the girls for the badminton play, the game was played at Duncan Y.M.C.A.

The Vigilantes came from behind to beat the Jerks 41 to 33 on Thursday. Losing by 4 points with only 50 seconds remaining in the game, the Vigilantes put in two field goals in quick succession to tie the score. They then scored 10 points while holding the Jerks to one basket in the 4 minutes overtime period to win.

Several flareups between players occurred in the game, and play appeared rather rough throughout the contest. Frank Lucatorto, of the Jerks, dislocated his shoulder while jumping for a ball, and was taken to the doctor's office. Since his team had no substitutes available, the Vigilantes consented to playing the remaining 3 minutes of the game with 4 men on each team.

The Phenortens walloped the Iso-Dopes 4 to 20 in another contest played Thursday. Ralph Devine was high scorer for the Phenortens with 7 baskets.

One game remains to complete the tournament. The Vigilantes must play off a tie with the Jerks for third place.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Ave.
Short-Circuits	7	1	.875
Air-Corpses	6	2	.750
Vigilantes	6	2	.715
Jerks	5	4	.558
Iso-Dopes	2	5	.286
Morons	2	5	.286
Phenortens	2	6	.250
Tigers	0	7	.000

Tankmen Beaten by Western Michigan

The Techawk tankers lost to Western Michigan College on Saturday, February 4, by a score of 39-24. The Techawks took three firsts, three seconds and three thirds.

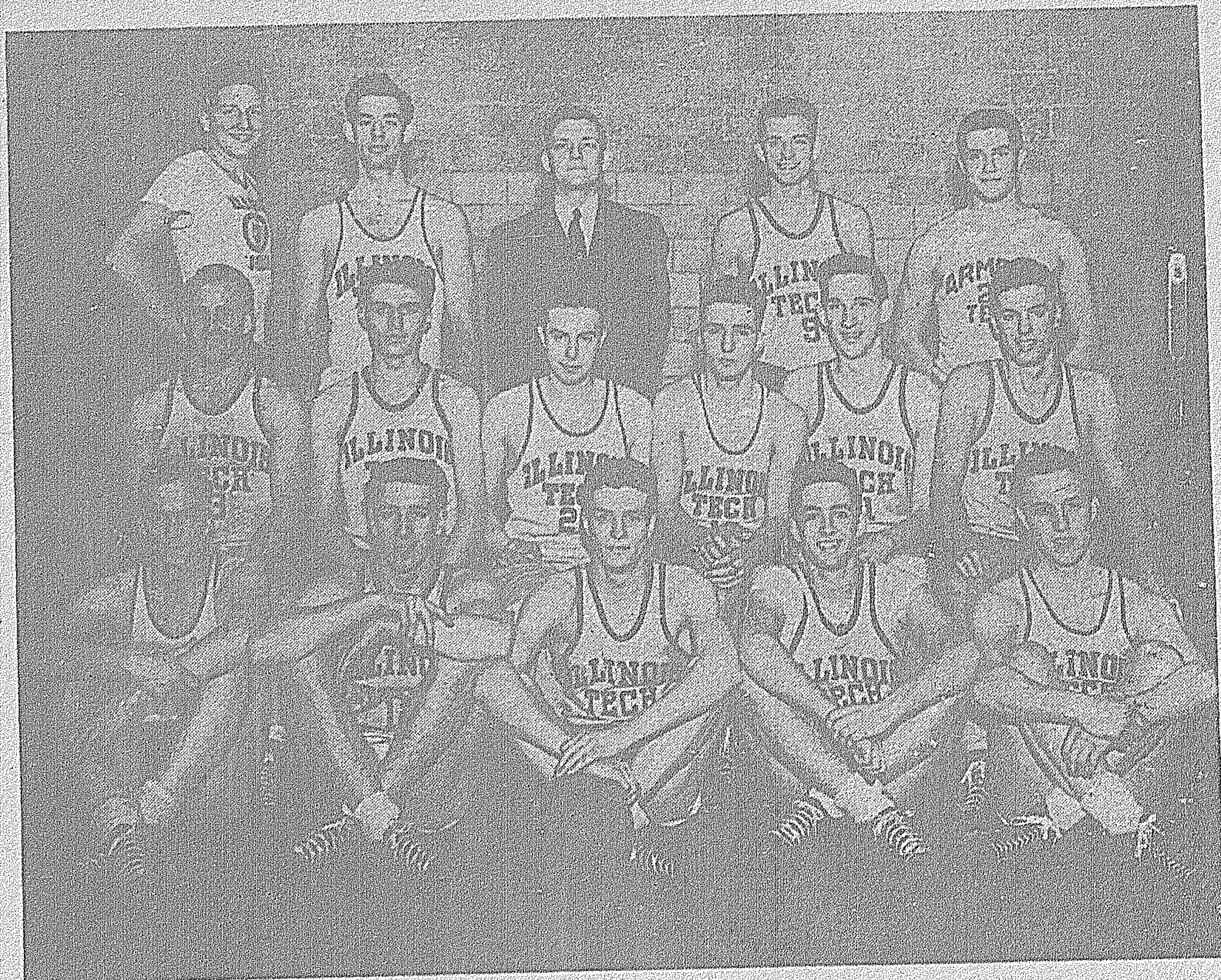
Tom Lechner swam to a first in the 100 yard back stroke, while Jack Tregay took a first in the diving. The medley relay (Lechner, Hellmer, Seegers) outdistanced its opponents by two yards.

Second place in diving was taken by Tom Boyle while Bob Young took a second in the 220 yard free style. John Tatter nosed out his opponent to gain a second in the 100 yard free style.

Glen Seegar came in third in the 40 yard free style and Richard Young took a third in the 100 yard back stroke. Ernie Hellmer managed a third in the 100 yard breast stroke.

To date the team has won one meet and lost four. The swimmers will meet George Williams this coming Wednesday at Ida Noyes Pool.

1943-44 Illinois Tech Basketball Team



WIN 13 STRAIGHT—The Illinois Tech basketball team won 14 of the 16 games they have played thus far this season. In doing so they have established a record of 13 straight wins in one of the most successful seasons in Techawk history.

Junior Juicers and Junior Chems Reach Semi-Finals of Basketball Tournament

The Junior Juicers and the Junior Chems moved into the intramural basketball semi-finals this past week. The Juicers set the Soph Mechs back 26 to 18 on Monday to gain their semi-final, while the Chems tripped up the Soph Electricals 36-21 on Thursday to gain theirs.

The Juicers-Mech game was slow moving, with the Mechs far below their usual form and the Juicers taking advantage of every opportunity.

The Juicers led at the quarter, 8-5 on two buckets apiece by Warren Furst a/s and Al Roberts a/s.

In the second half the Juicers increased their lead with baskets by Art Granum a/s, and Furst making the half time score Juicers 18, Mechs 11.

In the half the Juicers got 8 tallies to the Mechs' 7, making up a final score of 26-18 in the Juicers, favor.

Furst was high point man for both teams with 12, followed by Tom Kilgariff of the Mechs with 10. Juicer Art Granum a/s came next with 7 markers while Don Lange a/s playing only part of the game got 3 buckets.

On Thursday the Junior Chems thoroughly outclassed the Soph Electricals by a score of 36-21, sparked by the play of Tom Gavin a/s who sank 4 out of 5 field shots, the Chems were able to remain in front 27-18 at the half.

In the second half, the Chems had difficulty in hitting the hoop and were only able to pick up 9 points while the Electricals garnered 3 points.

Chem Louie Hagan was high man for both teams with 9 points followed by Tom Gavin a/s and Al Zadravetz a/s of the Chems, with eight points each. Joe Masewicz a/s was high for the Soph Electricals also with 8.

First Hockey Game Set for Saturday

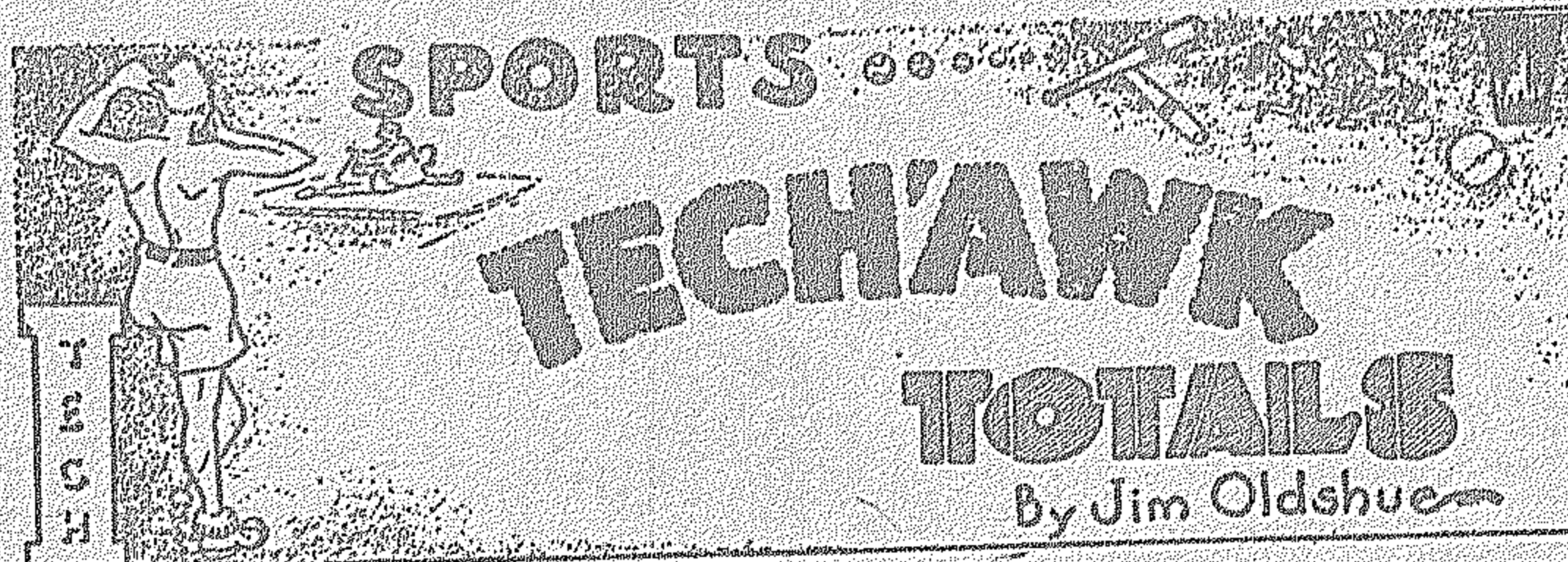
In their first match of the season, the hockey team will meet the Chicago Hornets, a semi-professional team. It will be a practice game, played next Saturday in the Chicago Arena at 11 p.m.

According to Jack Eulitt, co-captain of the team, the playing team will probably be composed of the returning players who are Bill Parks a/s, Jack Weidenmiller, Ray Flood, Bob Sodaro a/s and Ralph Arboe.

ITSA Awards Oliver With Major Letter

The ITSA has announced that Cliff Oliver will receive a major award in athletics for his work as intramural manager.

His successors are to receive the same acknowledgment for their endeavors. In the future a senior will be the intramural manager with an assistant selected from the junior class. When the manager graduates, the assistant will take over his position.



This snowy weather has killed all chances of completing the intramural football tourney. The tourney got off to a good start, but interest seemed to die out as it continued. The finalists had their chance to play it out during the warm weather, but through a general desire to let the other fellow play, the tourney came to an end with no champion.

The Soph Mechs have the most wins, but they played more games than the others, so they cannot be considered the champions, since the others might have won more games if they had played them. Thus, it is impossible to determine a champion with things as they are.

Most of the basketballers were peeved the Saturday night that the 87th Street Marine team failed to show up. For the fellows living on the South Side, it wasn't so bad, but some live far up north, and many of the players knocked off work early to be on time for the game. After making such efforts to get to the game, it was a disappointment when the opposition did not appear.

In the past, when Illinois Tech scheduled a varsity game, each team put up a \$50.00 forfeit fee. If the game was called off without both teams, agreeing to the postponement, the defaulting team paid fifty dollars. However, service teams will not do this, so this type of contract was not in effect for the 87th Marine game.

The Marines' excuse for not playing was pretty good too. It seemed, according to the Marines, that they have only six or seven men on their team and one was in sick bay with a swollen hand and two others had to go to Indiana to be at a funeral. It's too bad when a Marine Station can't scrape up enough men to play basketball.

IIT's hockey team is finally swinging into action. They've had tough going so far this year, but several practice sessions were held last week in the gym and with colder weather they should be able to get some practice this week.

The Lewis basketballers have issued a challenge to Armour to again settle the supremacy between the two campuses. Their tournament was over last week, and they think they might beat Armour this time. All that remains is to make up of the teams to be agreed upon.

Quintet Piles Up Record IIT Victory Streak

Team Has .875 Averag Glen Neiswander Leads Cagers With 157 Points

If they win the next two and final basketball games of the season, the Tech Cagers will have completed the best season of any Techawk quintet.

At the present time, this team has the best average of any Tech combination but these two wins are needed to exceed the high of 15 wins by the 1909 basketball team.

Tech's scarlet and grey had the usual hard time in getting the season started and so lost two of their first three games. One of these, the Glenview Naval Base game, was lost in the last few minutes of the final quarter when the sharpshooting seamen forged ahead of the weary but fighting Techawks.

The other loss was to the fast-breaking George Williams team. Their fast play was confusing to Tech in the first encounter, but, in a return game, the Techawks outplayed and outfought them to win.

In the fourth game of the season Coach Ed Wagner inaugurated his present, two-team style of play. This system has the starting five play the first quarter of each half while another equally balanced team plays the other two quarters. In this manner a fresh Techawk team is always on the floor.

The success of this strategy is evidenced by the fact that this two-team system has yet to be beaten. In its initial showing Chicago Tech-ers was routed by 28 points.

Next to feel the power of the Techawks was North Central to the tune of 60-33. This was the first time in fifteen years that a Tech basketball team was able to defeat them. Later on in the season the Techawks traveled to the North Central court to defeat them at home for the first time in IIT history.

After easily disposing of Concordia the Tech cagers proceeded to trounce the University of Chicago, 43-35.

Other teams overcome in the present winning streak were the University of Chicago Aerology, Jewish Peoples Institute, Coast Guard of Whiting, Indiana, and Northwestern Navy.

The latter two service teams proved the toughest of opponents, as it was only through excellent team play and fighting spirit that these games were won.

Disregarding superstition, the Tech Cagers defeated the University of Chicago Aerology in the "unlucky 13th" win in a row. This game was won in an overtime, the only overtime of the season.

In the scoring department, Glen Neiswander a/s leads with 157 points. This is exceptional as Glen plays only half a game under the two team system.

Fighting it out for the lead in the number of fouls are the two co-captains, Ed "Casey" Puchalski and Tom Kilgariff.

PLAYERS RECORD (To Feb. 14)

PLAYER	fg	ft	ftm	pts	fouls
NEISWANDER	61	31	15	157	18
KILGARIFF	50	20	25	120	26
KIDD	41	20	12	102	19
GRANUM	41	7	24	89	21
GAVIN	30	24	0	84	17
LANGE	28	11	12	67	22
OLDSHUE	24	8	8	51	11
KOCI	22	7	27	51	20
PUCHALSKI	14	7	15	35	28
PLEISCHER	15	7	4	37	10
KASNIKA	0	8	6	26	14
ROBERTS	2	2	2	6	2
BUCKLEY	1	3	0	6	6
ZADRIVETZ	1	0	1	2	3
OLIVER	1	0	4	2	4
BASICE	0	0	2	0	0
BELOVE	0	0	0	0	0

TEAMS RECORD TO FEB. 14

TEAM	W	L	Avg
Illinois Tech	47	Horzel	55
Illinois Tech	42	Glenview Naval Base	52
Illinois Tech	58	Chicago Teachers	50
Illinois Tech	29	George Williams	49
Illinois Tech	61	North Central	38
Illinois Tech	59	Concordia	42
Illinois Tech	43	University of Chicago	35
Illinois Tech	47	Chicago Teachers	33
Illinois Tech	52	Jewish Peoples Institute	40
Illinois Tech	42	Univ. of Chicago Navy	33
Illinois Tech	61	North Central	33
Illinois Tech	68	Coast Guard	33
Illinois Tech	58	Concordia	33
Illinois Tech	55	Northwestern Navy	33
Illinois Tech	45	George Williams	33
Illinois Tech	60	Univ. of Chicago	33

14 wins—2 defeats
Average to date: