

FOUR Baseball Starts With 63 Out

10 Lettermen Back; No Schedule as Yet

With a turnout of 63 candidates for the baseball team, organized outdoor practice will begin this week, weather permitting, announced Coach Bernard "Sonny" Weissman.

The warm weather at the end of last week brought out most of the players for a preliminary limbering up, but no organized drill has taken place as yet. Batting practice will begin as soon as the batting net is put up.

No schedules have been drawn up as yet, since it has not been decided as to the days available for games. According to present plans, games will be played throughout the summer up to October.

Ten men from last year's squad reported for practice. New men with previous experience include Vic Mieczkowski and Bob Slazinski, who have played some semi-pro ball.

Coach Weissman thinks that with such a turnout, the show of this year's team should be considerably better than last season's team.

Women to Battle Men In Volley Ball Tourney

For the first time in the history of Illinois Tech, women will compete against men in volley ball. The announcement was made last week, by Stan Sourellis, intramural manager on the west campus.

Women will be required to play volley ball with the same rules set for men. This is not a disadvantage since the difference in the rules is not great.

The need for women in intramurals was made necessary due to the acute shortage of men on the West Side. Previously women participated in sports such as badminton, archery, and ping-pong.

Former Varsity Tanker Returns From Sea Duty As Member of V-12 Unit

Among the new group of V-12 trainees entering IIT this semester is Whitney Pearson, a/s, former swimming star and winner of the Freshman Award. This award is given by Honor I for the outstanding freshman athlete.

Competing for two years with the varsity tank-men, Whitney was one of the high scorers on the team. His presence on the team resulted in one of the better seasons for the swimming squad.

After attending several semesters here, Whitney decided to answer the call to service, and so joined the navy in the latter part of 1942. Following a short "boot" training, he was transferred to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Swimming with the navy team, Whitney was able to take two events in the Hawaiian A.A.U.

His appointment to the V-12 branch of the service, terminated a 14 month hitch on foreign duty. At the end of this time, his rating had increased to that of a pharmacists mate, 2nd class.

Traveling from the west coast Whitney was able to arrive at IIT in time to start a new semester on March 1, 1944.

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is vice-president, Joan Nicholas secretary-treasurer, and Charles Doering social chairman.

Jane Coburn will lead the freshman class this term, assisted by Vice-president Arthur Mullen, Secretary Rita Guerrieri, and Treasurer Edmund Shanahan.

Lorrene Mattern was elected Law-ITSA representative-at-large.

Keep Your Eye on the Ball



FIRST OUTDOOR PRACTICE—Last Thursday saw the first outdoor practice of the season for IIT's baseball team. Manager Herb Miller shows aspiring team candidates Bob Lichtman and Al Roberts (wearing George Schober's sweater) one of the 12 dozen pre-war balls which will be used this season.

42 Tech Men Report for Track; Prospects for Team Are Bright

A turnout of forty-two men, the greatest number ever to try out for Illinois Tech's track team, was witnessed last week at this year's first thinclad assemblage.

Lack of a coach is the only thing that dims what appears to be the brightest outlook in Tech's track history. However, ef-

orts are being made by John J. Schommer, director of athletics, to secure Dr. Wilmer Rinehart of the Armour Research Foundation to coach the team.

Rinehart coached last year's Tech track men. A former track coach at Indiana and a Big Ten javelin champ as a student, he was labeled by track fans as the greatest coach in IIT history.

Giving promise of the bright future for track team is the fact that John J. Schommer, athletic director has announced that the team will be able to use the facilities of Stagg Field on the University of Chicago campus. This track is one of the better outdoor ovals in the middle west.

Presided over by Bill Cooley, last year's dash and hurdle star, the meeting laid the groundwork for the season. Returning from last year's squad are Al Purzycki, Bob Anschicks a/s and John Enander.

Outstanding among the turnouts is a small group dominantly navy students. One of these is Tech's own "Superman", Ernie (Situps) Niemi, a distance and field event man of exceptional ability.

Sharing the preseason spotlight is a fellow navy man from Mississippi State, John Hammach, a/s, a quarter miler with a low time for the event of 51.5 seconds.

The group is a cosmopolitan one having experienced men from a dozen or so states.

There will be a notice posted on the intramural bulletin board in the Student Union in regard to the issuing of equipment.

Acting manager is Don Arenson whose position will soon be taken over by Hans Nord and Robert Narofsky.

Lack of Enrollment Hampers FPE Clubs

There probably will be no meetings of the fire protection engineering departmental societies this term—such is the prediction made by Prof. Joseph Finnegan, head of the department.

Salamander has only one active member back, and the number of members of the Fire Protection Engineering Society in school is very small. In fact, there are but 16 fire protection majors now enrolled at IIT.

Douglas Snyder, a/s, is the only active member of Salamander.

Enrollments in the department show: three seniors, four juniors, nine sophomores and no freshmen. Inability to obtain deferments for fire protection students is given as the cause of the limited enrollment.

IIT Matmen Lose Chicago Times Central AAU Meet by One Point

Albert and Johnson Advance to Finals At Marigold Gardens but Lose Close Matches

One point separated IIT's wrestlers from victory in the Central A.A.U. meet, losing to Tilden Tech 21 to 20 for the team championship. The finals were held at Marigold Gardens last Friday.

Honor I Lists 12 Eligible Men

Twelve men met the qualifications of Honor I, Illinois Tech's honorary letter men's fraternity, it was announced today by Gordon Fleischer president. The men will be asked to join today and they must accept by Wednesday.

Those eligible for membership are the following major letter winners: Tom Kilgarriff a/s, co-captain of basketball and second high scorer for two consecutive years; Glen Neiswander a/s, top scorer in basketball; Bob Kasnicka eager guard; Hank Koci, scrappy center of the basketball squad; and Don Lange a/s, smooth play maker and guard.

For his letter awards in baseball and basketball, Jim Oldshue was the only two sport pledge. Two wrestlers, Ronald Ailara and Victor Mieczkowski a/s, and one boxer Bob LaCivita were named. One swimmer, Tom Lechner a/s, a trackman Bill Cooley and Bob Lichtman a/s, of the baseball team complete the list of honored athletes.

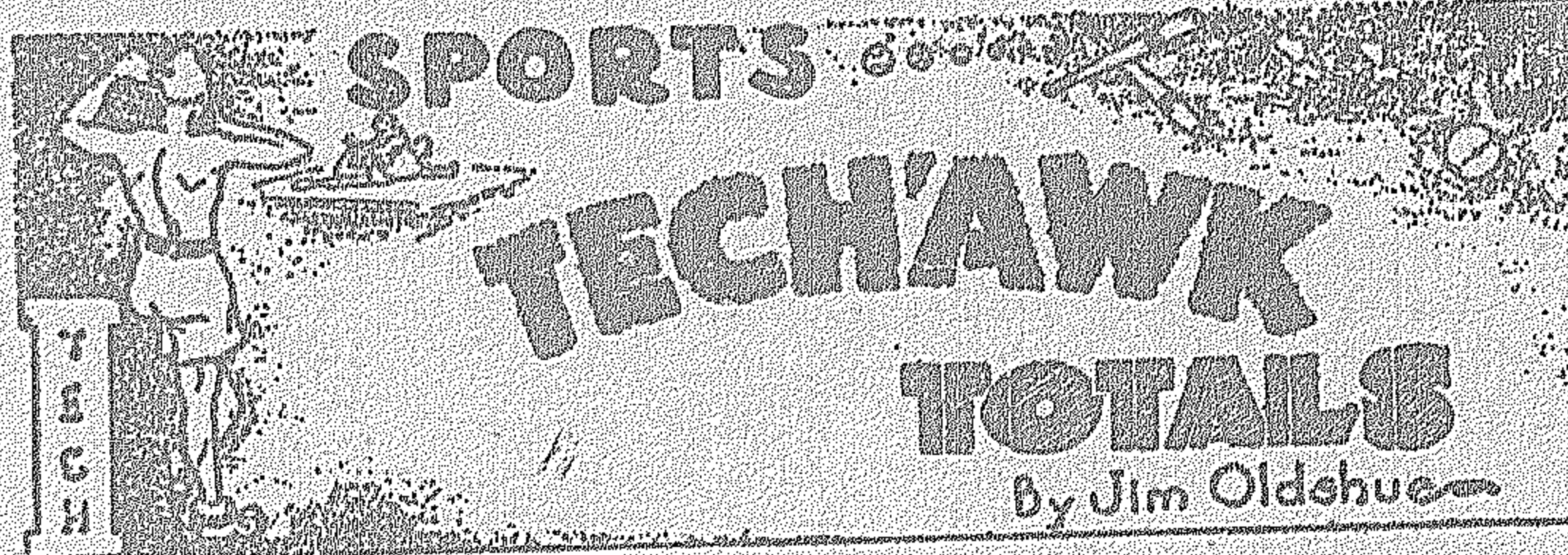
As is the custom those pledges who are not sailors will be required to wear their respective apparel on the campus and while in class. Since navy men must wear their uniforms, other pledge duties will be assigned to them said Fleischer. A party will be held Friday to introduce the pledges to the seven remaining activities. Initiation ceremonies will take two weeks with Warren Furst a/s acting as pledgemaster.

Bill Cooley Enters 1944 Purdue Relays

Illinois Tech's track competition has already begun.

Bill Cooley, letterman from last year, was an entrant in the 1944 Purdue Relays last Saturday. Cooley was IIT's lone entry as he was the only member of the track team in shape.

He has been training at Northwestern with two Wildcat trackmen. Cooley has been working out for two months preparing for the quarter mile and hurdle events.



Ogden Field was humming with activity this past week with the coming of balmy weather. The field is still muddy but a few sunshiney days will fix that.

Football seems to be as popular as baseball if not more so. All the softballers seemed to be throwing the old ball around as if it were the middle of summer. They'll soon find out that they weren't in the shape they thought they were.

Now that fellows will be wanting to check out school athletic equipment, all softball equipment will be located in the cloakroom in the Student Union and any student can check it out. It's still a case of first come, first serve.

Our wrestlers certainly made a good showing in the Central A.A.U. meets. Twenty men entered the tourney and eleven advanced to the semi-finals and two others to the finals. Coach Bernard Weissman entered all his wrestlers in the open division to try and win the team trophy.

After the semi-finals, Tilden Tech and Illinois Tech were the only ones who had a chance for the trophy. IIT had 14 points and Tilden had two points going into the finals, but Tilden had five men in the finals to our two. A first place counts five points, second 3 points, third 2, etc. By calculating all the possible results, it developed that Tech could either win or lose by one or two points. One slight break either way would determine the winner. The final result appears elsewhere.

After a 15 game winning streak the cagers met their downfall in a strong Durso Produce team, which was loaded with players like John Jorgenson, former DePaul star and Bob Reyfelt, all-city high school center. Tech was off its' game slightly, but they were beaten by a powerful team.

At the half, Tech was behind by only four points, but Durso started off the second half with a rush and IIT could never catch them. The tourney is still running and is producing good games.

Baseball plans are still undecided. With the warm weather everyone moved outside, but the diamond is far from ready. The infield looks like it's well stocked, with eight or nine men out for first base alone.

Bill Cooley, who is doing most of the work in organizing the track team, entered a team in the Purdue Relays last Saturday. He couldn't find anyone else in shape to run, so he was the only one entered. He's been getting in condition for about two months and really has the jump on the rest of the others.

Two of Illinois Tech's men were in the finals, Don Albert and Don Johnson a/s, but they lost to take second place.

Albert, 128 lbs., lost by a 6-2 decision to Bob Kyros of Tilden in a tough match. Albert had previously beaten John Piazza on a fall to reach the finals.

Don Johnson lost to Morrie Shapiro on a fall in 3:31 in his final bout. In gaining his position in the finals, Don beat Jack Schulman by a fall in 7:43.

Six of Tech's wrestlers got third place in the meet; Ronnie Ailara, Roy Churan a/s, Jack Eulitt, Bernard Steenson a/s, Vic Mieczkowski a/s, and John Landers.

Illinois Tech had two fourth place winners, Chuck McEhlane a/s and Don Feldkircher a/s.

Vic Mieczkowski, 175 lbs., lost a very close bout in his battle for a place in the finals. Vic lost a 7-5 decision to Chuck Strad, CYO, and had to be satisfied with third place.

Roy Churan at 135 lbs. also lost a close match against Joe Large, CYO. The decision went against him five to four.

A total of 20 men entered the meet and 10 advanced to the semi-finals. This match completes the 1943-44 wrestling season.

PRELIMINARIES	
115 Class	
Ailara—Bye	121 Class
Short, Wheaton 10-4 decision over Baughton, IIT.	
	128 Class
Alberts, IIT pinned Golinski, Delano in 6:46	
	135 Class
Churan, IIT 7-2 decision over Halenar, unattached	
Feldkircher, IIT forfeit over Callocho, McKinley	
Lange, CYO forfeit over Meissner 1:00	
	145 Class
Eulitt, IIT 4-0 decision over Bryk, McKinley	
Dwyer, Tilden forfeit over Mancusson, IIT 7:52	
Golden, Tilden decision 9-1 over Centa, IIT	
	155 Class
Johnson, IIT decision 9-3 over Neukuckatz, Unattached	
Harris, Crane 4-0 decision over Ruck	
Klendon, Lindbloom decision 8-2 over Givat, IIT.	
Shapiro, Joliet pinned Bruegman, IIT in 4:00	
	165 Class
Pfeiffer, McKinley pinned Freund, IIT 5:12	
Stenson, IIT decision over Kauler, Mozart	
Mutter, McKinley pinned Capran, IIT 5:00	
McEhlane, IIT decision over Dorezo, CYO 4-2	
	175 Class
Mieczkowski, IIT pinned Adams, New Trier 1:26	
Martin, Tilden pinned Goldberg, IIT 7:10	
	Heavyweight
Lander, IIT pinned Shea, CYO 1:10	
Lander, IIT decision over Beada, McKinley 15-7	
Bojanowski, IIT pinned Ashower, in 8:12	
SEMI-FINALS	
115 Class	
Martin, Tilden pinned Ailara, IIT in 7:50	
Ailara, IIT pinned Newman, Amundsen in 12:10	
	128 Class
Albert, IIT beat Piazza, Crane 5-3	
	135 Class
Large, CYO beat Churan, IIT 5-4	
Watts, Tilden beat Feldkircher, IIT 8-4	
Churan, IIT beat Feldkircher, IIT forfeit	
	145 Class
Dwyer, Tilden beat Eulitt, IIT 6-2	
Eulitt, IIT beat Golden 5-2	
	155 Class
Johnson, IIT pinned Schulman, Henry in 7:43	
	165 Class
Mutter, McKinley Park beat Steenson, IIT 6-1	
Stenson, IIT beat McEhlane 5-2	
McEhlane, IIT beat Pfeiffer, McKinley Park 12-1	
	175 Class
Mieczkowski, IIT pinned Martin in 0:42	
Strand, CYO beat Mieczkowski, IIT 7-3	
	Heavyweight
Gordon, CYO beat Lander, IIT 7-5	
Lander, IIT beat Frey, CYO on forfeit	
FINALS	
128 Class	
Kyros, Tilden beat Albert, IIT	
	155 Class
Shapiro, Joliet beat Johnson, IIT	

Bibb Promises Golfers A Season of Swinging

Coach Samuel Bibb of the IIT golf team stated that they would play this season, despite all handicaps.

The two principle handicaps are obtaining a course for practice and securing funds from the ITSA. A possible course is open for the fairway hikers in one of the various Chicago Park courses.

A meeting to discuss definite plans will be held in the near future. "Sammy" Bibb requests all interested swingers to come out.