Tech Cagers Whip Chicago 48-35

Techawks Fly High Over U of C To Avenge Lone Defeat 48-35

Lake, Murphy Set Scoring Pace for Tech As Cagers Tie Up 8-Game Series at 4-All

The Illinois Tech basketball team shifted into high gear last Wednesday when it trounched the University of Chicago cage squad 48-35, avenging a previous and only defeat handed to them by the Midway crew in the first game of the season. "Gunner" Murphy whipped in 5 field goals and 3 free tosses to lead the Tech scoring parade while Frank Lake was runner-up with 12 markers. Freeark led the scoring for the losers with 13 points.

The team, although handicapped by the loss of Captain "Pete" Browning who sprained his wrist during a practice session, played smooth and aggressive ball. The cagers have ironed out some of the difficulties experienced in the first two games, polishing up on their passing, rebound shots, and free throws. In the first tussle against the U of C the Tech cagers averaged an even .400 in free throws while in last Wednesday's game they hit eight out of ten for an .800 showing.

Tech's starting lineup found Lake and Smart paired at the forward positions, Bergstrom at center, with Evers and Murphy rounding out the list at the guard spots. Tech grabbed the opening tipoff and jumped ahead of the Maroon quintet when Bergstrom registered the initial marker. Murphy followed Bergstrom's tally with a free toss and Lake boosted the score with another basket to give the Techawks a five point margin. As the first half progressed, the Techmen maintained this lead garnered in the first few minutes keeping the Maroon attack well in check. Melek contributed two field goals with beautiful mid court long shots. The halftime found Tech on the long end of a 24-19 score.

In the second half, the Scarlet and Gray hardwood athletes began building on the lead established in the initial period, and gradually outdistanced the Midway aggregation insuring another victory to be added to the season's 'victory chain.' The final whistle marked the 85th win for Techawk basketball squads in the last ten years.

Last Saturday night the Techmen journeyed to Bloomington, Illinois to clash with the Illinois Normal quintet. At this writing the result of the game is unknown.

Two home games are carded for this week's competition. Tomorrow night at 5:30 in the Valentine gymnasium, the Techawks play host to the Concordia college five. Saturday night the Techmen play Illinois Normal in a return contest with the downstaters. This game will also be played on the Tech home court. Greeting the spectators at these games will be the newly chosen cheerleaders.

Illinois Tech 48

	FG	FT	F
Lake	6	0	3
Smart	3	2	1
MacAdams	0	0	0
Bergstrom	2	3	2
Futterer	0	0	0
Evers	2	0	1
Melek	2	0	1
Murphy	5	3	2
Geffke	0	0	0
Totals	20	8	10

Chicago 35

	FG	FT	F
Sharp	2	2	1
Buscio	0	0	1
Raby	3	2	0
Riley	0	0	1
Lillien	2	0	5
Pipenbrink	0	0	0
Freeark	6	1	2
King	1	2	0
Totals	14	7	10

Free throws missed IIT: Smart 1, Bergstrom 1. Chicago: Raby 2, King 1.

IM TABLE TENNIS TOURMAMENT

Singles

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1945
W. Czeropski vs L. Baker
11:00—12:00 am
R. Czeropski vs C. Futterer
2:00—3:00 pm
M. Larson vs winner Johnson-Eaton match
3:00—4:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 20, 1945
Matt vs Mussbaum
1:00—2:00 pm
Rutz vs Schless 2:00—3:00 pm
Kleeman vs Newlander
3:00—4:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 21, 1945
Zavodny vs Zucker
11:00—12:00 am
Goehring vs Tatter 1:00—2:00 pm

Doubles

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1945
W. Czeropski, R. Czeropski vs P. Zucker, L. Baker
1:00—2:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1945
Keiffman, Moran vs Goehring, Schless
4:00—5:00 pm

Track Team Needs Men To Serve as Managers

Track coach Roy McCaulay is in need of two managers to school his sprinters this coming season. Requirements are that the manager posts be held by a senior and at least a sophomore.

Candidates for the position should contact Coach McCaulay in his office in Machinery Hall, before Friday of this week.

Yells, Cheerleaders To Be Featured at Tech Home Games

Inspired by the sudden surge of enthusiasm sweeping the campus as a result of the basketball team's accomplishments on the hardwood courts, the female students of Illinois Tech have chosen four girls to act as cheerleaders at the Techhawk home games. The girls named to lead the spectators in cheering the team are: Helen Gordon, Gloria Landin, Shirley Langill and Irene Radvilas.

Several small groups of students have added their lusty vocal support at the home games and this spirit did not go unnoticed by the women members of the student body. The girls have taken it upon themselves to band the disorganized cheering together to spur the team on. The above named girls volunteered to direct these cheers.

At present the cheerleaders are searching for a suitable set of yells to use at the games. Some of the old cheers used by previous Tech pep groups have been resurrected but the girls urge anyone to submit suggestions for new ones.

The cheers when decided upon will be presented to the students at the next pep rally which will be held soon after classes are resumed after the Christmas holidays.

IM Bowling Tournament Postponed Until Spring

With the new shakeup in plans regarding the NROTC trainees, the intramural managers have decided to postpone the intramural bowling, tentatively slated to be run off this term, until next term. This will eliminate the conflict experienced by the Navy men's restriction policy and with the resumption of a peacetime training program this barrier will be removed facilitating the scheduling of matches during the week.

The first four classes of the Techawk cage season bring out some interesting statistics. The total points at this writing stands at 195, an average of over 48 points per game, and over a point a minute. At first glance this appears impressive, but a look at the opponent's total changes this slightly. A total of 159 points have been looped through by these four opponents, an average of about 40 per game, and an even point a minute. The Maroons from the Midway with their 43 point total and the Naval Armory, which amassed 56 in losing to IIT, helped boost this average considerably.

Averaging 12 points for each game played, Bill Smart leads the scoring column for the Techawks, with George Lake climbing up behind with slightly over 11 average. Norm Hankins' record-breaking 12.5 for 18 tilts last season could fall under the pressure these two boys are turning on. Lake's specialty, a hook shot from the side, is fast and nearly impossible to stop once it gets under way. Smart's snap pivot shot is accurate, as can be seen from his total of 48 points thus far. Either of these men could crack the Hankins record this campaign.

Bob Browning, leader of this year's quintet, was sidelined for the clash with the Maroons last week, and may not get to see action against Illinois Normal. Bob suffered a sprained wrist at a workout a week ago. Bill Smart had an injured hand at the U of C tilt also but played nevertheless.

Track coach Ray MacCaulay, making preparations for the cinder season soon to get under way, has sent out a call for managers. An upperclassman, probably a senior, will have the top spot, with a sophomore to act as assistant. Candidates should see Ray as soon as possible in his office in Machinery Hall.

It looks as though the pick-pushers will have to abandon their plans for a rink near at hand. After setting up boards for the project, banking it up, and pouring in several tons of water, it has been found that the water manages to break down the banking and run into Federal Street. Armour Square, the only other available spot, has the disadvantage of no boards, and is an area flooded by the city for public amusement. The public and the hockey squad vie for use of it. The setup is poor, but under existing conditions nothing else can be done. Home and home schedules with other teams are an impossibility as it stands now.

COMPOSITE BOX SCORE FOR FIRST FOUR GAMES

Player	FG	FT	PF	FTM	TP
Bergstrom, cf	4	7	10	6	4 24
Browning, fg	3	6	5	10	5 17
Bruening, f	3	0	0	1	0 0
Bulka, f	1	0	0	0	0 0
Evers, g	4	8	2	4	2 18
Futterer, c	3	1	0	2	2 2
Garbalinski, g	3	0	0	4	1 0
Geffken, f	2	1	0	0	0 2
Goehring, f	1	0	0	0	0 0
Lake, cf	4	22	1	10	3 45
Loomis, g	1	0	0	1	0 0
MacAdams, f	4	1	0	0	2 2
Melek, g	4	2	0	2	0 4
Murphy, g	4	12	9	8	7 33
Poulter, g	1	0	0	0	0 0
Shore, f	1	0	0	0	0 0
Smart, f	4	21	6	9	7 48
Totals	81	33	57	33	195

Game	FG	FT	PF	FTM	TP
U of Chicago	18	6	19	9	42
Naval Armory	23	12	18	13	58
Lake Forest	20	7	10	9	47
U of Chicago	20	8	10	2	48
Totals	81	33	57	33	195

Flooding of Rink Started for Squad

Flooding of the rink built for the hockey squad has been started and should be completed by this weekend, according to Coach Hans Landay.

The rink, built by the pucksters under pressure of necessity, stands on what was thought to be a level plot of ground adjacent to the railroad tracks, and across from the field house. Borrowing a hose from the Chicago Fire Department, Bob Hauser and Harry Feldt spent Thursday evening filling the area from a nearby hydrant. A high spot of ground could not be covered, however, and leveling operations will have to be undertaken before enough water can be streamed in to make the rink useable for hockey workouts.

Several puck squads in upper Minnesota, the center of the Midwestern hockey world, have been contacted regarding the scheduling of games, but as yet no answers have been received.

Two Home Games Await Tech Cagers

Two games are scheduled for the Techawk basketball aggregation before the next issue of *Technology News* bursts into print. Wednesday night Concordia Teachers College of River Forest will make their initial appearance of the season against IIT in a game scheduled to begin at 5:30 at Valentine Boys' Club.

As yet, of course, this squad is an unknown quantity so far as the Techhawks are concerned. And, as proved so ably in the Chicago game last week, comparative scores usually mean little when two strong squads tangle on the court.

The Illinois Normal game on January 8, one brief week after the New Year is ushered in, ought to be somewhat different. After last Saturday's encounter, Meyer's squad should be in pretty good shape to keep the lads from Bloomington slightly "sub-Normal."

The rest of the Techawk schedule should present a less difficult problem, discounting floods, earthquakes, and sudden injury. Lake Forest presents a line-up boasting of little more than fair high-school calibre, and the IIT second string should see quite a bit of action on January 9.

Lawrence College is next on tap, and although the Vikes have the nucleus of the squad which last year had the Techmen snowed under until Norm Hankins unleashed a 16-point scoring spree in the second half, they probably lack the overall balance to register an upset. Little Mission House College won from the Vikings by a comfortable margin early in the season, which may or may not be an indication.

Loyola and North Central, next on the Tech schedule, as yet haven't had an opportunity to prove their respective worths, but if you're in a betting mood, Tech fans might do well to keep their money on the Hawk's nose. A return game with Naval Armory should be smooth sailing with the two top scorers from the sailors' squad missing from the ranks.

The four remaining game are with Chicago Teachers and George Williams College. These two squads battled for 39 minutes on even terms a couple of weeks ago before the pedagogues scored a quick basket to win 33 to 31. All in all, as the handicappers say, "No cause for worry here."

Of course it is a sports writer's prerogative to voice undue optimism, but, on the strength of the Techmen's last four starts, particularly the Chicago fracas, the home team should be heading for a season comparable with those of '43-'44 and '44-'45.

Delts, Sammies Win First Tilts

The victors in the first of the interfraternity clashes this season were the Sigma Alpha Mu aggregation and the Delts. The Sammies defeated the Pi Kappa Phi Squad 20-13 and the Delts ran down the Triangle fraternity, 33-4.

The hard-charging Delts, led by David, "Demon" Hoffman, with 14 points, were in a class far above the boys from Triangle. Hoffman and Sammons at the guard spots showed ability at defensive backboard play, limiting Triangle to very few shots.

The box score for the game is as follows:

Delta Tau Delta

	FG	FT	F
Fries	2	2	0
Haney	3	0	1
Hoffman	7	1	0
Carstens	3	0	0
Sammons	0	0	0
Kuhnle	1	0	0
Totals	16	3	1

Triangle

	FG	FT	F
Thompson	0	1	2
Lund	0	1	2
Lund	0	0	0
Delaney	0	0	1
Cook	2	0	1
Newman	0	0	0
Totals	2	1	3

Ping Pong Tourney Reduced to 16 Men

The number of participants in singles competition in the intramural table tennis tournament has been reduced to 16. Before Christmas vacation this number will drop to eight.

Norman Schless has been installed as the favorite to cop the singles crown. Schless is paired with Dick Goehring in doubles and they look like a hard team to beat.

J. Ash and Ray Parker forfeited their matches, by not showing up at the scheduled hour. If they see Marv Larson or Ed Arends, the situation on matches will be remedied.

A listing of this week's singles and doubles matches will be found elsewhere on this page.

IM Table Tennis to Be Scheduled for Women

Women's athletic activities on the campus will get underway the second week in January in the form of a girls' intramural table tennis tournament.

The contests will be run off in the Student Union lounge. Entries are to be made for both singles and doubles and to the victors in both classes go sterling silver medals.

All entries are to be in on or before January 11th. Those wishing to enter should deposit a paper in the intramural box in the Student Union lobby with a schedule of free time to play. Ed Arends and Marv Larson have all information on the tournament.