

Tech alumnus in pro sports

Downes referees football and basketball in pro leagues

By Bob Murphy

Although Illinois Tech does not have a football team, the name of IIT is kept before the football public by former graduate, William E. Downes, NFL referee.

Entering Armour Tech in 1922 on a scholarship from Tilden, Mr. Downes was prominent in many activities. In the Sports limelight, he played varsity Basketball from 1924 to 1926 and varsity Baseball from 1923 to 1926, captaining the team this last year.

Member of Honor "A," "Sphinx," Alpha Sigma Phi, associate editor of "Cycle," on the Armour "Engineer" staff, and treasurer of his Senior class, he graduated with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering.

Working for the Bureau of Engineering here in Chicago, he has officiated at football and basketball games since 1926. In football, he spent one year as head linesman, four years as a field judge and since has been head referee.

Appointed to the National Football League in 1941, last season he refereed the Eastern Championship play-off between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, the Chicago Cardinals, Philadelphia World Championship game and the Cardinal-All Star game.

On the hardwood, he referees for the National Basketball League and for college teams at the Stadium. The DePaul-Loyola war is one of the games he regularly officiates. If it is an important game, look on the program; in all probability one of the men wearing a black and white shirt is "William Downes," Illinois Tech.

Heat Jaws keep lead standing

Standings	W.	L.
Heat Jaws	16	5
Lucky Strikes	12	9
Krackpots	11	10
Foul Balls	11	10
Rum Dums	9	12
Shmoos	9	12
Timber	9	12
Hot Shots	7	14

Last Monday was the Chesterfield Sweepstakes. Six cartons of cigarettes were given to the high scorers. Ed Jantho had the high game with 215 points and Harriet Steinberg had the high series.

Mat squad in need of "little man"

By Vic Sirwinski

Monday, the Tech matmen doffed their track paraphernalia and donned wrestling uniforms which are more familiar and much more to their liking. At long last they are to engage in their beloved pastime, that of applying neck - wringing headlocks and breath-taking body scissors to hapless opponents.

However, the roadwork had a purpose behind it. The outcome of many matches depends to a large extent on the physical endurance of the participants. . . those close ones often spell the difference between winning and losing a meet.

Forfeits also can mean the loss of a meet. As the wrestling team shapes up now, they need a man in the 121-pound weight division. In a meet, this bout would have to be forfeited.

Coach Weissman will welcome anyone weighing in the vicinity of 121 pounds. Anyone interested will still have time to get in condition before the first meet. Practice is held in the gymnasium every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 to 6 p.m.

All through November the matmen will be dusting off the cobwebs from their favorite holds. They should be quite deft in the use and application of half nelsons, hammer locks and toe holds by December 3, when they pair off against the University of Illinois at Navy Pier.

Queried as to the possible outcome of this meet, Weissman indicated optimism by saying, "It's too early to say, but we have a strong team."

In two meets last year, the matmen exchanged victories with the University of Illinois at Navy Pier.

SMOKER

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intention of giving undergraduates and alumni an opportunity to get acquainted. These are not fund raising affairs. Consequently, the price is as low as costs will bear.

As a further accommodation to students, the Smoker is scheduled for a Friday evening so as not to interfere with homework. The program is one that should appeal to any Techawk. Preparations are being made for the largest and most enthusiastic undergraduate representation in the brief history of the event.

Don't forget, Friday, November 19—Tickets \$1.90, can be obtained at the Honor I booth or from the Alumni office, 223 MC building.

PROPHETS

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day, November 13 at the Lake Shore Athletic Club.

Frosh B.E., D. Mansfield finished fifth, picking up the thermos cooler bag, and the Pal razor blades went to senior E.E. C. Goding for sixth. Seventh place found Roland Meyer, junior Phyl, picking up his case of "coke," while G. Van Hazebroeck, junior E.E., J. Bobzin, Junior Arch., and R. A. Cafarella, junior M.E. rounded out the winners.

IF 'night' schedule prompts poor play

By Jim Wangersheim

This week we had the opportunity to witness one of the Inter-Fraternity league's new "night" (without lights) football games, and what we saw was rather disgusting. The situation as it exists, however, is not the fault of the fraternities themselves, nor is it the fault of the athletic department.

The league has always been marked with good play and good sportsmanship. This year, as in the past, these same requirements have been met, with one lone exception . . . a suitable field on which to perform.

The re-seeding of Ogden field has prevented its use for a year, thus causing both the IF and IM leagues to move elsewhere. The school-sponsored IM league was first to grab the perfectly-suited Armour square for the non-scheduled hours of 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

This left the highly unsatisfactory late afternoon hours for IF play. To save necessary minutes, the games were scheduled for 4 p.m. in the grammar school yard just west of the campus. This too the local children playing in their yard, have grudgingly been forced to give it up in favor of the IFs. Certainly, they have a right to demand THEIR YARD.

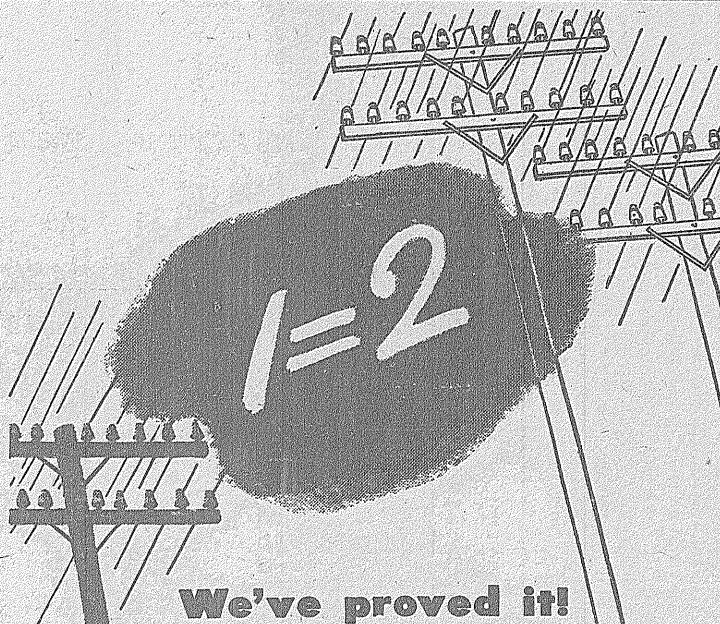
The final result has markedly affected the caliber of play. Games

have been decided in their waning minutes by horrible misplay due to the lack of light. Games previously spotted with outstanding sportsmanship have now fallen to accidental clipping, blocking, and general "bad" play, which always result in hard feelings.

To begin with, why is it necessary to operate two completely separate leagues, entirely divorced from each other, further dividing an already passive student interest? In the past, even a championship game between the two respective winners has been difficult to arrange. Ordinarily this would appear to be a "natural."

The trophies used in the past as awards by the frats could be retained by the highest house in the standings, and above all, the games could be played at the most sensible 1 p.m. hour.

Certainly competition creates no ill will when the opponents can see each other. At least, let's have no more of these IF "night" games.



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