

"Big George" plays last game tonite

Tech Sports

Seals face city's best tankers in U of C Tournament tonite

By Joe Rodgers

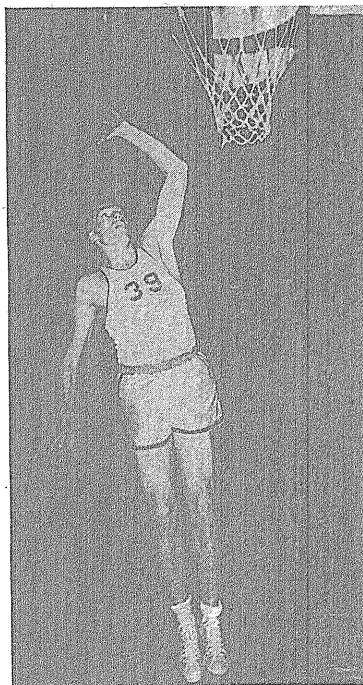
Tonight the Illinois Tech swimmers return to the waters of the University of Chicago to meet some of the finest collegiate aquamen of the Chicago area in the City Invitational Championship meet sponsored annually by the U. of C. Leading the squad in their attempt to better last year's effort will be Ramon Klitzke, team captain, and defending champion of the fancy diving event.

Ray will be up against tough competition in the persons of Ackerman and Haggerty of Loyola, Haggerty having been beaten by Ackerman since he bested Klitzke in the IIT-Loyola dual meet early in the season. Hopes are also pinned on Ted Erickson in the 1,500-meter event and Jerry Zichter in the individual medley. This will be the first time these events have been swum in this meet.

In last year's contest, the second running of the city championships at the U. of C., the Seals took third in the senior division behind the hosts, the University of Chicago, and De Paul. The team fared better, however, in the intermediate division by winning over Navy Pier and Loyola to place first by a narrow margin. The preliminary races will be staged tonight at Bartlett Gym beginning at 7:00. The intermediate finals being held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and the senior finals at 2:30 p.m.

In their final dual meet of the season last Friday night against Illinois Wesleyan, the Tech swim squad eked out a 39-36 win to finish a tough schedule with 5 wins and 5 losses. Victories by Takata in the 150-yard back stroke event and by Carlman in the 200-yard breast stroke race were the extent of the first place marks made by individual IIT men, although the IIT combination of Campbell, Zichter and Takata started the meet off in the right direction with an easy victory in the 300-yard medley.

Forcing the Scarlet and Gray to be satisfied with seconds and thirds the Wesleyan swimmers tied up the meet with wins in the next three races and the fancy diving, in which Smiley performed flawlessly to win by a narrow margin over IIT's Klitzke and Brown. In the back stroke and breast stroke events, however, the Tech mermen came back with a vengeance, winning first and second places in each. A second by Erickson in the 440-yard event clinched the meet for the local boys in the closest meet since the Navy Pier clash.



CAPTAIN GEORGE SCALAMERA practices one of his deadly shots.

Greatest center in Tech history leads team against Concordia

By Larry Shapiro

At 8:00 tonight, Captain George Scalamera will lead Glancy's Gladiators against Concordia on their River Forest court. The varsity will be out for their eleventh win of the season and the eighth in their last nine games. Our "beautiful" win string was snapped by Navy Pier, Tuesday, 48 to 41. Scalamera and Chuck Beilfuss of the Chi-Illini split the scoring honors with 19 points each.

"Big George's" 19 point spurge enabled him to break the Tech season scoring record of 279 (set by him last season). He has a total of 286 points as he enters tonight's game. His 100 field goals and 86 free throws not only make him the highest scorer the Scarlet and Gray has ever had, but give him a per game average of 19.1 which places him among the top scorers in the country.

Besides his very valuable scoring talent, George has been the wheel horse of the team, doing yeoman work under both the offensive and defensive backboards all season long.

Tech's number one gunner has been consistent on his free throws, meshing 86 out of 138 for a percentage of 62.3.

Scalamera has done all this scoring despite the "loving" attention given him by at least two players on every team Tech has opposed.

We have tried to present a picture of what George Scalamera has meant to Tech basketball. However, mere statistics do not tell the entire story. George will of course be missed for his playing ability, but he will perhaps be best remembered by his coach, his teammates and his friends for his great friendliness and spirit of competition.

The loss to Navy Pier was a replica of bygone days. The boys couldn't seem to get their bearings; there was no resemblance to the five which had won their last seven games.

Navy Pier lead by Beilfuss and Dick Gainer jumped off to a quick 8 to 3 lead, but Tech, with Tommy Goralka and Scalamera doing the scoring pulled up to a nine all tie. It was nip-and-tuck for a few moments, and our varsity seemed to be settling down.

However, with the score 17-15 against us, the team swooned. Eight minutes went by before we scored another point; while the

Illini started cutting our zone defense to pieces. The first half finally ended with the scoreboard reading Illinois Tech 17-Navy Pier 31.

Following the second period tip off the action slowed down. The Hawks shifted to a man-for-man defense, which brought the Illini offense to a crawl, but Tech still couldn't seem to unravel itself.

With about twelve minutes to play the varsity seemed to suddenly wake up, and with George, Howie Gardner and Bob McCue tallying quick buckets, Navy Pier's "insurmountable" lead began to vanish.

This valiant scramble slowly edged the Hawks back into the game. However, the constant pressing by Tech caused foul after foul to be called against our men, and it soon became a question as to whether or not Tech's surge would be ended by the clock or by the referees.

There was still hope as Tech pulled within four points of the Pier with four minutes to go. Then Gardner, Scalamera, and McCue fouled out; and Illinois Tech's winning string was no more.

BOX SCORES

Illinois Tech 34—Aurora College 31			Illinois Tech 41—Navy Pier 38		
fg	ft	pf	fg	ft	pf
Leiser 4	1	0	Mauer 2	2	0
Moock 8	1	1	Nelson 2	0	1
Gardner 3	0	3	Puklin 1	0	0
Peterson, R 2	0	2	Berg 1	1	1
Scalamera 2	1	4	Chambers 1	0	0
Urasky 1	0	1	Paul 0	0	2
Schultz 2	0	1	Gregor 0	0	1
McCue 2	0	1	Hilwick 3	7	0
Peterson, R 2	0	2	Brackett 3	0	2
Goralka 7	0	1	Janavian 0	0	0
Maatman 1	2	0	Brooks 0	0	0
Hall 1	0	2	Bullard 1	1	0
Burke 0	1	1			
Heersma 1	0	1			

Halftime score: Illinois Tech 39—Aurora 22			Halftime score: Illinois Tech 19—Navy Pier 14		
fg	ft	pf	fg	ft	pf
Leiser 0	0	2	Behrens 1	0	0
Hall 0	0	2	Wolinsky 1	0	3
Gardner 3	0	5	Beilfuss 6	7	2
Moock 2	1	4	Stainer 0	0	3
Scalamera 7	5	5	Stewart 0	0	0
Urasky 0	0	1	Kozio 2	1	3
McCue 1	5	5	Mandell 0	0	0
Peterson, R 1	0	1	Du Fore 5	3	2
Goralka 3	0	4	Robinson 0	0	0
Maatman 0	0	1			

IM cage nears close; volleyball to follow

By Sonny Mann

As the IM basketball tourney nears the finish line, preparations for the IM badminton and volleyball tournaments are being made. Entries for both sports are now being accepted and must be in no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8. Entries should include free hours available.

The IP's (5-0) clinched the D league title by smothering the Gas House boys 45 to 25 to join the Whiz Kids (5-0) as the only undefeated IM basketball teams. The Wolves took over the C division by ripping the up-to-now unbeaten Sharks 48 to 40. Greg Haugan hit 18 points for the losers. Both teams have lost only one game and are destined to meet again to see who goes to the playoffs.

Farr Hall stayed in the A league race by quenching the Fire Proteks 29-28 while the Rasslers whipped the NROTC sailors 26 to 20. The Rasslers then walked off with the title on Tuesday beating Farr Hall by a 23 to 20 score.

The finals will be played in the afternoons of Tuesday and Thursday, March 7th and 9th and this will settle the IM basketball question until the IM-IF final.

Coaches named for annual Tech News IM-IF All Star cage classic

By Marv Feldman

March 17 is the date . . . ! For what you ask? Why for the annual IM-IF All Star spectacle sponsored by TECHNOLOGY NEWS, featuring the brightest stars of the Intramural and the Interfraternity basketball leagues. Last year the cream of interschool competition played to a tremendous overflow crowd, with the favored and loaded IM All Stars coming out on the long end of a 47-31 score.

But before the teams come the coaches. The outstanding mentors of each league have been selected by TECHNOLOGY NEWS to pilot their respective All Star squads. From the IF circuit, Bob Thoreson of the league leading Theta Xi quintet will match wits and strategy with IM All-Star Coach Jerry Maatman of the Wolves. Thoreson will be assisted by Claude Herick of the Alpha Sigs, while Maatman's "aide de camp" will be Carl Moock of the NROTC team.

The All-Star selections will be completed this week and will be announced in next week's TECHNOLOGY NEWS. The IF squad will be selected by a committee of coaches from each house, while the IM All Stars will be chosen by a committee consisting of sports-writers of TECHNOLOGY NEWS, referees, and the IM director.

