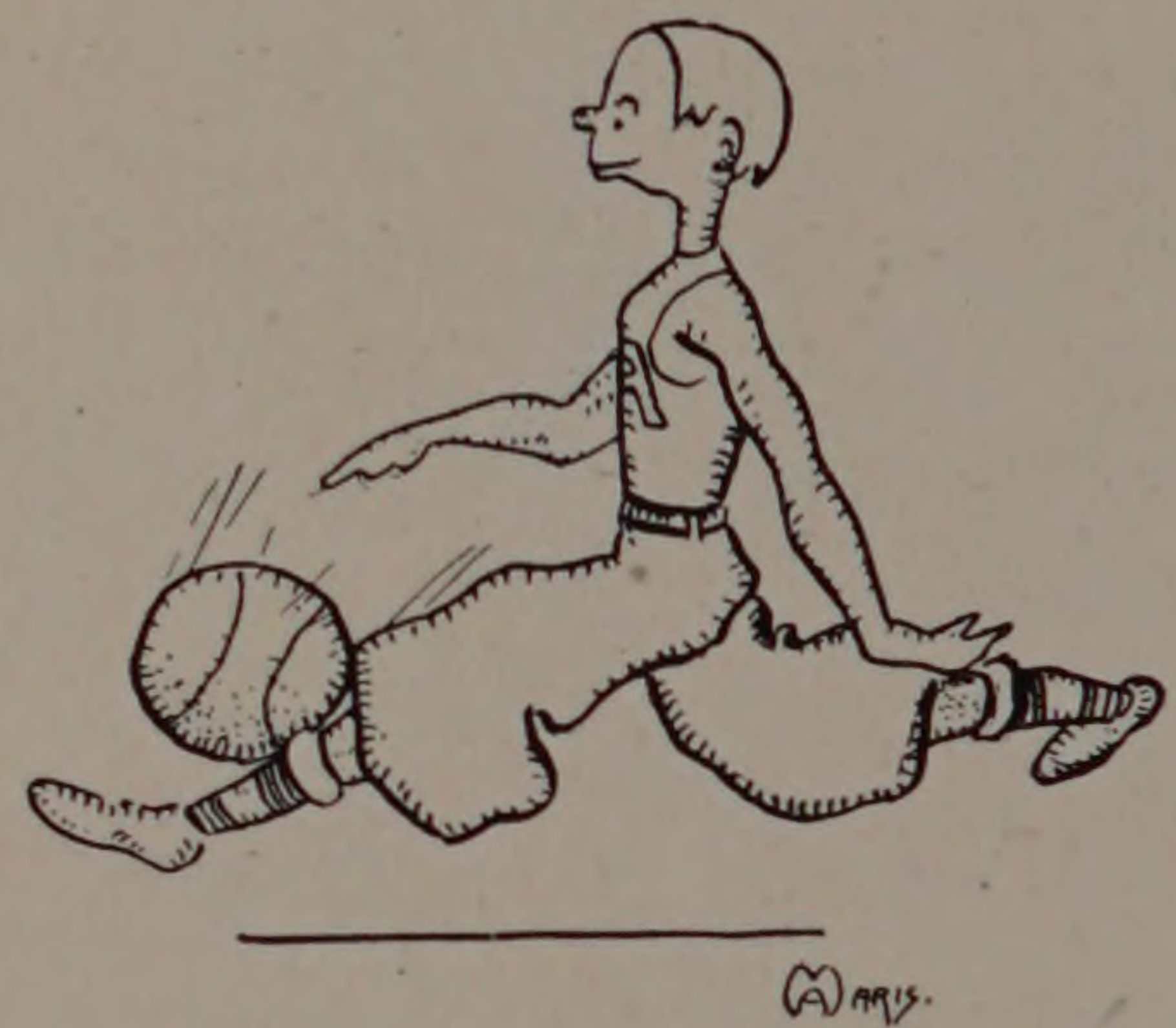


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THE 1903-1904 basketball season did not develop all it promised to become at the beginning of the year. In contrast to the usual late start, the first week in October saw the men already beginning on their preliminary endurance and general training exercises under the new coach, B. G. Maris, and with most of the old men back; bright times seemed in store for us. Our first game was with the Central Y. M. C. A., and resulting as it did in a defeat, it had a discouraging effect on the team. Through the absence of the two forwards, the next game was also lost to Wheaton College, and then seemed to start a series of injuries, absences and misunderstandings in which every man was more or less involved, which extended throughout the season.

In spite of all this, however, we won both games from Lewis, 67-33 and 33-27; the Crescent Five and Elgin Y. M. C. A. were similarly treated, while through unpardonable partiality on the part of the officials, did we lose by only a few points to the Haskell Indians, Monmouth and Purdue. In the last game at Lafayette, Armour received by far the worst treatment any of our basketball teams has ever received.



Individually we had a good team. Kretsinger as captain and right guard proved himself an excellent leader, and prevented many of the opponents from scoring. In this respect he was almost equaled by Leininger, a new man on the team, and a decidedly aggressive player. Jens at center was usually good for the jump off, and made good use of his ability to cover ground. Battis and Carpenter, the two forwards, played similar games, being fast passers and sure goal throwers. The work at times was fast, and when we had to win, was at times brilliant.

LINE-UP:

Right forward, Carpenter, manager
 Left forward, Battis
 Center, A. Jens
 Right guard, Kretsinger, captain
 Left guard, Leininger
 Subs., Liebermann, Johnson, Lundgren