

Baseball Season, 1914

Losing the last game of the season by a narrow margin, the team finished fourth instead of second in the Little Five Conference race. Lake Forest, by winning six games and losing two, finished first, with Beloit, and Knox tied for second, each having won four and lost three. Monmouth finished last, losing all of her games.

To start the season, Coach John Schommer had four big holes to fill, having lost Capt. Spencer, first baseman Joe Lindquist, pitcher Hamilton, and catcher Kann, through graduation. Claude Hill succeeded in developing into a first-class catcher, while from the Freshman, Paskill was selected to take Joe Lindquist's place, and Bruce made the third base position. The hole left by Don Hamilton was never filled, and this is probably the reason why the team did not annex another championship.

Schommer had Captain-elect Hook and six veterans to start the season with, and a very good quantity of Freshman material. "Bugs" Carver, our star pitcher, was back in school, while Katzinger and Sullivan, at second and short, had seen service before. In the outfield he and his full strength in Hook, Trinkaus, and Herman. Hill as catcher, Paskill as first baseman, Bruce as third baseman, Hall a utility infielder, Broman as pitcher, and Clay as pitcher and outfielder were the new men to earn their "A".

Practice started about March 1, when Schommer issued a call for all candidates for the team to report for practice in the gymnasium, and about forty men reported. When the warm weather set in, the men were in fairly good condition.

On April 9, the team journeyed to Northwestern University to play the first game. The weather was cold and the wet field made good baseball almost impossible. Armour was beaten 10 to 9, after a great ninth inning rally which tied up the score. Broman started the pitching, but was yanked when he began to "blow up," and Carver sent in.

The next game was with the University of Wisconsin at Ogden Field on April 11. Carver had a comparatively easy time beating them 4 to 2. Paskill was the leading batter, with three safe ones, while Trinkaus was next with two. Bruce, Sullivan, Hook, Hill, and Carver each produced one.

Hanneman College came down to play the team on April 13, and the game resulted in a runaway for Armour. The score at the finish was 18 to 5. Almost everybody hit the ball for us while Clay and Broman held down our opponents.

On April 15 we again tackled Northwestern University, this time on Ogden Field, and were beaten, 10 to 8. Broman's pitching was poorly supported by his team mates, both in the field and at bat.

The team went down to South Bend, Indiana, on April 18, to play Notre Dame. The game was played in a Kansas blizzard and, being opposed by Kelly, the big leaguer, we were defeated, 5 to 1. Carver and Kelly staged a pretty pitching duel after Carver got used to conditions. Notre Dame scored their runs in the first two innings. Kelly retired in the sixth in favor of Berger, off whom we made our one run. With the bases full in the eighth inning, Bruce spoiled a budding rally by being caught asleep off third base.

The team opened the Little Five Conference season by defeating Lake Forest, 9 to 3, at Ogden Field on April 28. The game was rather one-sided, Carver holding his opponents to three hits while we made thirteen off Ralph Krueger. Carver did not allow a man to reach first base until the eighth inning. Paskill, with four hits, Katzinger, with three, and Trinkaus, with two, were the sluggers.

We next went down to Monmouth on May 1, and put another game in the win column, this time 3 to 0 in eleven innings. Carver and Wasson staged a pretty