

Tennis

The annual fall tennis tournament of the Institute was won by S. N. Abrams. The original number of contestants was forty-six, this number dwindling down to Professor Wilsnack and the winner. In one of the closest fought matches of the tournament Abrams emerged victorious by a score of 2-6, 6-1, 9-7. Professor Wilsnack seemed to have things his own way during the first set, but Abrams came back strong in the following set, winning easily. The final set was to see-saw affair, and it was only by the greater endurance of the younger athlete that he managed to nose out Professor Wilsnack.

The semi-final match was also very closely contested by M. L. Wilcox. Wilcox played brilliant tennis, and had the score tied at 4-4 when the first set was called on account of darkness. In the play-off, the longest set of the tournament was finally won by Abrams by a 13-11 score. Wilcox gamely came back, winning the second set after an uphill battle by barely nosing out his opponent-score 6-4. Displaying the same endurance as he did in the finals, Abrams won the next and final set of this series, entitling him to meet Wilsnack in the final match for the Championship.

Wilsnack showed his remarkable skill as a tennis star by "wading" through the entire tournament up to the finals without losing a set. Abrams found the path to the Championship much harder, being forced to defeat six players and losing one set to each of the following contestants: V. Johnson, W. Burroughs, M. L. Wilcox, and Professor Wilsnack.

The first round of the tournament was marred by a number of defaults. Porges, who was expected to be one of the strongest men in the tournament, gave up his chance to win the laurels by defaulting in the first round on account of being hard pressed for time. The other rounds were more closely contested; the third round being played on merits only; no one defaulting.

Armour to Hold Tennis Conference

For the first time in the history of the school, Armour will hold the Little Five Conference, staging the conflicts at Evanston. Entries are expected from Lake Forest, Beloit, Monmouth, and Knox. The matches are to be played on Friday and Saturday; May 21 and 22, 1915.

After some deliberation, the Executive Council of the Institute decided to officially recognize the sport, and will authorize an expenditure for "A's" if our team should return victorious from the conference.

The prospect for the Conference Championship seems very bright. The Captain chosen is last year's tournament winner, S. N. Abrams, while Professor Wilsnack was elected Manager. The following men will be permitted tryouts, and the team will probably be chosen from them: Wilcox, Burroughs, Porges, Anthony, Johnson, King, Robeck, Wilson, Rosenberg, Bready, and Somers. Of these men, the only one unknown in collegiate tennis is Anthony. He comes from the Case School of Applied Science, and was considered one of the school's stars. We hope that he will live up to his reputation by helping us take the Conference Championship.

On the whole, the past school year has been very successful in tennis and, should we take the Conference Championship, tennis will become more strongly established at Armour.