



SPORTS

BASEBALL

The "Tech" brought her athletic season of 1914-15 to a fitting close by decisively winning the Baseball Championship of the Little Five Conference. Only one game was lost during the season to a member of the Conference, and this was the last game of the season, played at Lake Forest. The old jinx, that Lake Forest cannot be beaten on her own grounds, seemed to be in effect, although it received a terrible scare when it took the North Shore team ten innings to get the decision. A weird decision by the umpire also helped to bring about the downfall of the "Tech" and thus spoil a perfect record for the season.

When the practice season started, Coach Schommer had his regular outfield, composed of Hook, Herman and Trinkhaus, the same trio that had played for three years previous. The infield was the same as the year before, with the exception of Conway, a freshman who proved a valuable man before the close of the season. Thus, for infielders John has Captain Sullivan, Katzinger, Paskill, Bruce, Hall, Chamberlain and Conway. Hill and Allender were the catchers. As for pitchers, at the beginning of the season there were only three prospects, in Broman, Wilcox and King. The strong practice games that were played against such teams as the University of Wisconsin, Chicago, Illinois, Notre Dame, Northwestern and Northwestern College, served their purpose in developing the three men and also the men behind them.

In the first game of the season, Chicago was beaten at Midway, 9 to 1. Chamberlain letting the Maroons down with four hits. This made our pitching stock sore, but Chamberlain took sick after this game and was unable to take his turn in the box again during the season. The pitching then fell upon Broman, King and Wilcox, and each did wonderful work after they had been beaten by Illinois, Notre Dame and Wisconsin. Nervousness and lack of control was the main fault at first, but this disappeared when the season got under way.

The team showed a lot of fighting spirit and the ability to hit when hits meant runs. This spirit showed itself in the game at Monmouth, when, after Monmouth had acquired a lead of four runs in the first inning on a series of punts and errors, the "Tech" came back and held them safe, and proceeded to cut down the lead, and finally won out in the eighth inning. Also in the Lake Forest game at Ogden Field, Armour showed her sterling qualities when in the ninth inning, Lake Forest forged to the front and acquired a lead of one run, the "Tech" came right back and scored two more, thus winning the game in the ninth inning. A lightning double play killed a rally at Beloit that threatened to be the score of the eighth inning after Armour had been leading all the way. The defeat put Beloit out of the running and cinched the championship for the "Tech."

For this year we have the same pitching staff, the same infield, with the exception of Sullivan, Mouat and Hullinger, who substituted both in the infield and outfield throughout the season. The loss of the star outfielder is the most serious blow and will cause a hole that will be hard to fill. However, as each of the pitchers are hard hitters, Coach Schommer expects to be able to work alternate his pitchers in the outer garden, and thus making it unnecessary to develop three new outfielders.