

ATHLETICS



TAYLOR.—A long rangy man, and they called him “Kat,” appeared on the basketball floor as a freshman aspirant for the “Tech” team. By his great work he won a place as a substitute on the team, and was carried as a sub all year. Although he had never handled a basketball before that year, he showed such ability that we expected great basketball history from him. Next season he went out with a vengeance and won his “A,” but only his inexperience in basketball kept him from being a regular.

We admire his grit in sticking and in receiving hard knocks and a continuation of them without a murmur but knowing that it was for the good of Armour that he was taking these hard knocks.

The 1916-17 season he came out in the class games and showed a fight and form that delighted the hearts and eyes of Armour fans and “pretold” much of his coming success in basketball. When the season opened for Tech men immediately after the closing of class basketball “Kat” was on the job every night. He fought hard and held a position as forward with a vengeance that prevailed thru the season. It is a marvel to Armour how “Kat” Taylor can hold so much fight, sand and stick-to-it-tiveness in such a small body (although he is by no means a midget). Kat plays the game in a clean way, being always on his toes and never crabbing. His love for Armour, his true Tech spirit and his personality have won their way into the hearts of all Tech men. We expect much more of the same stuff in basketball next season from Kat.

KERR.—Kerr’s work in behalf of the basketball team this year was very much appreciated by all who followed the team. His spirit and aggressiveness were a great help to the team in times of trouble, and his fight and pep a source of delight to the fans. When Sandroff was compelled to drop basketball, “Vol,” because of his jumping ability, was shifted from guard to center, where he stayed all year. The way he used to “knock ‘em dead” and then innocently turn his back on the referee was a good example of his versatility. He played a fast, hard, game, and was in the fight all of the time. He always managed to slip in a few of the points along with his great defence game. His big jumps under the opponents’ basket when the ball was up in the air will be remembered for some time, and we look for a lot more of it next year.



ERICKSON.—A tall, rangy, tow-headed, good natured Freshman came out for basketball this year and his name was Erickson (or “Ery” for short). As this build of man always delights Coach Schommers’ athletic eye, Ery, by hard work, made the team. He had a peculiar knack of caging a few extra goals from the center of the floor in each game. But the whirlwind Ira Bready kept working for the same position and in the last half of the season won out after a long hard fight. But you can’t keep a good man down and Ery is with us for three more seasons. If he improves as much as he has since he struck Armour in the future he will be a colossal force in keeping old “Tech” at the top.