

Out of a mass of first year students, there appeared two very able players, namely, Kuehn and Schumacher. These youthful forwards broke into College athletics with only past experiences to offer as proof of their unknown abilities. As time sped by, our boys, Otto and "Gerry," displayed a penchant for making baskets. Our coach, Mr. Volz, took them into hand, removed the rough edges of their own style of playing, and prepared them for forward positions on the team. And when the tournament began, Kuehn and Schumacher registered basket upon basket in every game in which they participated. They were soon looked upon as invaluable players whose sure-shots often tipped the scale of points against our most difficult opponents. In the course of training for work with the College team, two students presented themselves to the coach as material for basketball. McCaffrey and Sipple acknowledged their candidacy and immediately submitted themselves to the coach for proper preparation and training. We do not hesitate to say that "Mac" and "Sip" proved important players whenever it became necessary to call upon fresh, hearty men for assistance in a hot game.

It has been said by men who understood "basketball" that the player in a guard position needs to know how to control himself. Unless a guard is able to do this, he should not be permitted to serve in that capacity. Among the players on the Tech Team could be found a man whose self-composure in any game—rough or otherwise—was clearly evinced. Harry Ahlbeck was so constituted that brutal and pretentiously rough handling by our opponents had no effect to curtail his swift, aggressive playing. Harry truly played basketball in accordance with the Gospel, in that he "offered his other cheek." At certain periods of the game it often appeared as though Ahlbeck's very soul had been crushed, but this determined player just "picked himself together" for further hard playing. His clean-cut playing had a pungent effect upon all who admired him. We know that the College will regret the loss of a sterling fellow as well as a real athlete in the person of Harry, if he fails to return next year, as the situation may be.

We had a Goliath on our squad. Max May, a stalwart personage with an athletic frame, appeared in the limelight of the College. May's preliminary training in basketball was thought at first to be insufficient for a berth on the Tech Team. However after a well spent season of training under the tutelage of our coach, Max became a regular guard for Armour Tech. And as the work of the team progressed, Max disclosed certain essential characteristics which next year will undoubtedly cause amazement among athletic circles, and assure him a position on the team.

When our schedule had almost reached the point of completion, a newcomer offered himself as an utility man. Milton Marks crept into College basketball full of enthusiasm—he poured all of it out too—and we are highly grateful to Marks for his kindly services with the Tech Team.

The intercollegiate basketball schedule for the year 1919-1920 was as follows:

Hillsdale College at Armour, December 12, 1919.  
 Monmouth College at Monmouth, December 19, 1919.  
 Valparaiso University at Valparaiso, January 3, 1920.  
 Monmouth College at Armour, January 9, 1920.  
 Valparaiso University at Armour, January 12, 1920.  
 Wheaton College at Armour, January 14, 1920.