

FRESHMAN ATHLETICS

The Class of '24 first made itself prominent by the excellent basket-ball team which it entered into the inter-class contests. Any class might well be proud of the record which this team made. Throughout the schedule they lost only one game, and at the finish they were tied for the championship of the Institute. Lack of time prevented the playing of any more games to decide the championship.

The fine playing of the team in the first game, against the Seniors, convinced the school that the Class of '24 was a serious contestant for the championship. The game was a hard earned victory for the Freshmen, although they took the lead early in the game and held it until the final whistle. The score was seventeen to sixteen. The second contest was lost to the Juniors by the close score of seventeen to fifteen. It was this one slip that cost the Freshman the title of champions. In the third and last game, against the Sophomores, the Frosh won; the tally being twenty-three to twenty-one. A longer schedule would have been preferred had time permitted, but that being impracticable, they had to be contented with the indecisive results.

By far the best player on the team was Captain Witashkis, who later won recognition by his brilliant playing on the Varsity team. "Phil" acted as right forward, being assisted by Mollering and Farrell, who alternated as left forwards. These two could always be depended upon in a tight play. Thorsen played center and as he invariably outjumped his opponent he proved to be a valuable man. Gardner and Ciha, by their excellent guarding, were quite effective in preventing their opposing forwards from scoring. A great deal of credit is due to the substitutes Olsen, Ruddimann, Brinkman and Mark, as it was their eagerness to enter the game at any time that carried the team over many rough spots. The class showed its appreciation of the work of the team by awarding numerals to all the players.

The Freshman class had two men on the Varsity basket-ball team; Witashkis and Farrell. The fine work of Witashkis won him a letter and a sweater, besides the applause and praise of the entire school. Farrell joined the team rather late in the season and so was unable to display his ability to any great extent.

At the first call for the baseball team, about fifteen Freshmen responded, among whom are several who have already won baseball honors elsewhere. It is expected that the Freshmen will have a fair representation on the Varsity nine this year.

