



REVIEW OF BASEBALL SEASON 1921

Armour Tech's baseball season of 1921 was the most successful baseball year experienced by any team representing the school in the last nine years. A summing up at the end of the season, showed that only four games had been lost in a series of eighteen played and those that were lost were games to be proud to lose.

The baseball squad opened its practice season on the 1st of March with about sixty candidates reporting for indoor training, which was kept up daily until March 17th. After a few nights' work outside, we met and defeated Elmhurst College. In this game our team seemed to play very erratically. Our next game, which was considered the big game of the year, was with Northwestern University at Evanston; we lost by a close score. The squad did not play well together and several changes were made so as to derive more strength from the material on hand. This availed us little as immediately following the University of Chicago beat us 11-1. The shifting of players continued until a very formidable combination presented itself. Schumacher was placed at third base, Rowe at shortstop, Witaskis at second, and several men were tried at first. At this time the strong Augustana team from Rock Island was met and held to a tie. It was now seen that the one weak spot was first base and after some students petitioned the Athletic Board of Control, Walsh as a student was allowed to play. This might have been the turning point in the team's frame of mind, for with this combination we went out and defeated some of the strongest college teams in the country.

Without giving the impression of boasting, it can be said that Armour had one of the pluckiest and gamest ball teams in the country. A team whose outstanding figure was its ability to fight hardest under the most discouraging conditions. This team which had been a careless loser turned overnight into a team that won ten straight victories.

Lake Forest, a team that had not lost a game in two years, was taken into camp at Ogden Field in a hotly contested eighteen inning game by a count of four to three. The very next week they were again beaten on their own grounds. Knox, Beloit, Augustana, Bradley Polytech and others were then met for a record run of consistent victories. Our winning streak was broken by Knox College who won in a twelve inning game at Galesburg. The season came to a desirable close by victories over Concordia College, DePauw University and Valparaiso University.

Now in conclusion, it should be stated that with Capt. Bill Zingheim at its head, it will be a long time before any college will be represented by any greater bunch of hard-working, clean-cut fellows. Teams that have on it men who almost cried after losing a game are not made overnight. Nearly all the men will be back next year, which makes the outlook for 1922 very pleasant.

