

Review of the Season

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Many athletic dreams indulged in by students, faculty, and alumni in past years were realized in the spring of 1923. This revived athletic activity may be attributed to two things—an active student body and a sympathetic executive council.

Track athletics were placed in charge of Professor H. R. Phalen, tennis was put under the control of Professor C. A. Tibbals, swimming practice at the University of Chicago was placed under the charge of J. H. White, golf was put under the management of Professor C. W. Leigh, wrestling and boxing were made a part of the athletic program and J. Smith retained as an instructor, W. C. Krafft again was given the management of the basketball team, and baseball was assigned to J. L. Walsh. Professor P. C. Huntly, H. W. Munday, and the writer were appointed to procure all possible information regarding football at other colleges in order that the feasibility of establishing football at the "Tech" might be determined.

The baseball season for 1922 promised to eclipse the season of 1921, but the rainbow soon faded due to the inability of our pitchers to adequately withstand their opponents. The team was composed of good hitters, and enough runs were scored in many games that should have won but were lost due to opponents "lambasting" our hurlers. The "Tech" team defeated, amongst the better rated colleges, Columbia, Des Moines, and Lake Forest. Purdue University and the University of Chicago each defeated Armour by one run.

Basketball opened with fairly bright prospects. A hard schedule was arranged. Some injuries and sickness cost the "Tech" several deserved victories in games that went for defeats by two or three points. The Armory at 35th and Giles was used for practice.

Track athletics were inaugurated last fall by holding a meet at Ogden Field. Some good material was uncovered, and at this writing, about twenty men are training at the Bartlett gymnasium. It is the intention to schedule several dual meets this spring.

Tennis was given a splendid impetus last fall when some sixty men engaged in a tournament for the championship of the "Tech." Also, four courts, the best that can be built, were decided upon and will be built back of the flats this spring. A team will be picked and matches have been promised us by Northwestern and the University of Chicago.

Golf was given a start last spring by some of the students. Later a team was picked and matches between Armour and Northwestern and Chicago were arranged. Although the "Tech" lost, they gained tremendous interest and spirit in the sport, insomuch that golf has gained school recognition.

Boxing and wrestling have been rapidly developed since their inception last fall. Some thirty men have been busily engaged on the gym floor. A meet is to be arranged with one of the colleges close by. The result will be watched with interest as our gladiators are all "home grown."

Swimming has not thus far received the support it should, due mainly to the great distance that must be traveled for practice. We are necessarily handicapped by our lack of swimming facilities here in our own location, yet with consistent effort on the part of our natators, Armour may well take a worth-while place among the more favored colleges.