

ATHLETICS

Basketball



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The pre-season dopesters at Armour were willing to admit that the 1922-23 season would be one of the best in history. The reasons offered for the above opinion were, that most all of last year's squad was back in school, many new men were in line for the competition, upper classmen who had come out before were going to display their wares, the A. T. A. A. was beginning to function and hence the team would have more and better equipment, a bigger gym had been procured, and that the general atmosphere indicated a healthy future for basketball.

The squad was called out after the warm weather had departed and started practicing in the 7th Regiment Armory. Great was the delight of the men at being able to run about in a gym that provided more than a ten yard straight-away. For a week the spirit was high and the candi-

dates skampered about like colts; then the first stretch of muddy road was encountered. The state legislature decided to tear up the floor in our playground and the squad had to adjourn to the bird cage once more. This necessitated cutting the squad to about half its initial size. Finally, through the faithful efforts of the Director of Athletics, the 8th Regiment Armory was obtained and practice started there about a week or ten days before the date for the game. By this time the squad had dwindled to about fifteen members with last year's captain among those missing.

The first game with Marquette University of Milwaukee was disastrous. However, Marquette was recognized as a very strong team and hopes were still high for a victorious season. Notre Dame was the next opponent. The team looked fairly good for the first part of the game but during the second half they permitted another bad score to be hung up against them. The silver lining showed itself in the next contest, which was against Western State Normal College. Armour came out on the top, but accurate goal throwing rather than team play was responsible for the victory. Nevertheless a new life was instilled into the squad and the future again looked bright. Three trips, broken by the alumni game at home, were the next items on the program. The trips resulted in collecting defeats at the hands of Notre Dame, Bradley Polytech, Augustana, Western State Normal, Detroit University, and Michigan Aggies.

Edward McLaren, the captain, played the back guard and any success that may have been attained must be credited to him in the way that he held the team together. Johnson played running guard while Lee and Busch were the reserves for these positions. Terry and Gaylord performed at center while "dead eye" Schumacher, Joe McLaren and Danziger held down the forward positions.