

Review of Athletics

Due to a loyal, active student body, a sympathetic executive council, and an interested faculty, the athletic activities at Armour have been awakened and the teams have been forced to meet hard competition. The enforcement of the Freshman Rule by the members of the Big Ten caused us to lose some of the games which we ordinarily would have scheduled.

The baseball season of 1923 did not start out very favorably for our team. A hard schedule was booked and the team managed to win the majority of its games. Among the schools which met defeat were Bradley, Augustana, DeKalb, and Toledo. Both of the games with the Big Ten teams were loosely played.

The pre-season dope predicted a winning basketball team but due to the large sick list the team did not fare too well. Coach Milton Romney, former football and basketball star of the University of Chicago, had four regulars as a nucleus for the team but Dame Fortune was against us.

The annual Frosh-Soph track meet started the track work for the year. After the meet all the men worked out on Ogden field until the weather interfered. During the winter months the team practiced at the Bartlett gymnasium. The men worked hard and impressed Coach Phalen enough to send them to the track meet at Urbana. Though they did not win the team made a creditable showing.

Tennis took a firm hold on the students and the entries in the tennis tournament were so large that adverse weather interfered with the schedule. Professor Tibbals found good material in these matches from which he will pick his team. Last year the team defeated all but the two Big Ten schools and in these games we had the satisfaction of beating the No. 1 man of our opponent.

Boxing and wrestling are developing rapidly under the coaching of Mr. J. Smith. These teams are now competing in open tournaments as well as the school tournaments.

The swimming team is still handicapped by the distance which they have to travel in order to practice. However, the men are developing rapidly and will soon enter the meets.