

ATHLETICS



M. H. ROMNEY

Basketball 1926-27

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The schedule arranged for the Tech team was undoubtedly the hardest ever undertaken, with such teams as Notre Dame, Lombard, Augustana, Carroll, St. Mary's, and Kalamazoo on the card.

"Milt" Romney again coached the team and injected the old fighting spirit into the players as only "Milt" can. With hard luck following them everywhere, the team dropped many close games; but the students think of them as a hard scrapping outfit.

Gale Morgan, captain-elect, did not return to school; hence, it was necessary to choose a new captain. Augustine was given this honor to carry the team through the season.

Nineteen games were on the schedule and the season ended with seven wins and twelve defeats. This is a fairly creditable showing considering the strong competition our men were up against. With the first call for candidates the second week in November about thirty-five men reported at the Armory for the early practice sessions. The team had to be built around six of last year's men: Augustine, Kuffel, Eisenberg, Hofer, Brumund, and Egan. After a week or so of practice new and hopeful material was discovered in Tavlinsky, Tell, Fabian, and Reifler.

A few practice games were arranged in preparation for the season's opener with Notre Dame on December 6. On this date the team journeyed to South Bend to play practically the same team which last year had won the Western Championship. The first half was fairly close and hard fought, the half ended with Notre Dame leading 19-11. In the last half Coach Keogan's shock troops tired out the Tech players, while the accuracy of their long shots bewildered our men, and we were defeated.