



Kruse Poles One Out. "Si" Warming Up a Pitcher. "Willie" Burns One Across. "Jimmy" Completing a Double Play.

To speak of the Armour Tech Baseball team is to speak of the Northern Illinois Conference Champions. That is the illustrious title that the Tech nine earned when they wound up the '37 season with ten wins and a tie out of fourteen games scheduled. Coach Krafft led the diamonders through this commendable record. The initial games with the University of Chicago accounted for two of the blemishes on the neat record. After DeKalb's win over Armour, there were eight straight wins for the team. The N.I.C. found the Techawks at the head of the list with a duo of wins over Elmhurst, North Central, and Wheaton.

The Tech pitching staff was somewhat of a paradox, for while it is common knowledge that "pitchers arn't hitters," Pacocha and Kruse, both top-rating pitchers, were first and third, respectively, in the list of sluggers. Pacocha led the list with a batting average of .385, while short-stop Wagner was second with a .377. Kruse saw the ball for a .375, and then came Shewchuk with .333. Green, Seidenberg, and Dunne were fifth, sixth, and seventh in the order named.

Graduation treated the nine with more than a little respect last year, taking as its toll only three men, Co-captains Logullo and Bartusek, and Shewchuk. Of course the loss of these men is bound to be felt, yet the main body of the team will remain intact. With this as a nucleus and the possible addition of some lower classmen, who are always pushing up from the bottom to get a place in the sun, Coach Stenger will have some pretty nice material to work with.

The only hold-out of the '37 season was "Old Sol", who warms the atmosphere, dries the fields, and takes the kinks out of unused arms. Until a few weeks before the opening game he refused to shine; and while this was no obstacle to the batteries, who were able to limber up in the gym, it was a definite hindrance to the fielders who need a dry field on which to work out.

In the opening game of the season the Tech nine bowed to the University of Chicago, losing by the score of 4 to 1 in Greenwood field. Kruse's first hit in the initial bracket drove in Logullo for Armour's lone tally. Chicago made only five hits off of the Tech pitcher, Pacocha. He walked two men in both the fifth and the sixth innings, following a clean record in the first four. Five batters fanned for him in the first six innings, while Green, his helper, netted two in the seventh and eighth. Chicago's pitcher, Mastrofsky, yielded three hits, two made by Kruse and one by Green, walked five and struck out eight.

Mastrofsky yielded two walks in the first inning and Kruse officially opened the game by cracking a liner out to right center. Logullo crossed the plate on this slam, leaving Seidenberg and Kruse on, while Dunne and Gebel closed the inning. With two on, Shipway hit one to Skrzydlewski, at first, who tagged the base and threw to home for a double play. Bernard then crossed the plate on Soderlind's single, to tie up the score for Chicago. The tie was broken in the fifth inning when Mastrofsky drove in two men who had taken walks. In the sixth, Gillerlain grounded one to third and Gebel threw to first, failing to see White rounding the base. White made the final score.

Louis Logullo

Joseph Bartusek

