



Top Row: Hering, Lurz, Sheehan, Hofmann, Sher, Weber. Second Row: Widell, Janicek, Brown, Norkus, Eggers, Stenger. Third Row: Swanson, Wagner, O'Brien, O'Connell, Hendricksen, Scherer.

The '37-'38 season saw the Armour Techawks engaged in fifteen basketball games that comprised a well-rounded, really tough schedule. All types of playing and kinds of teams were encountered in the season's play, but all had one thing in common and that was stiff competition. The season opened with a win over the Milwaukee Engineers and closed with a narrow loss to the University of Detroit. Between these dates, they played thirteen games, of which they won three and lost ten.

In print these figures don't look so good, but the Techawks presented a smooth-working team to their opponents with a spirit and fight that would make any school proud to call them their own. More than a few games were lost by close-margin scores that would give any coach heart-break. This is testified to by the 43-40 loss to North Central, the defeat at the hands of Beloit of 32-35, or the loss suffered to the powerful University of Detroit squad of 39-33.

At the conclusion of the season the squad elected Henriksen and Swanson as co-captains of next year's team. Both men have turned in fine performances in the past season, Ed Swanson being second high scorer this year and Paul doing some fine work in the guard position. Swanson's scoring power coupled with Henriksen's aggressive spirit should form a combination that will lead the Techawks to many victories in the coming season.

For the second successive year, Bill O'Brien, retiring co-captain with Monty O'Connell, took high scoring honors, making 145 points in the fifteen game schedule. O'Connell, one of the leading fighters in this year's Tech frays, chalked up a total of 36 points, followed by Henriksen with 29 points. Graduation will see not only the loss of the fighting Irish co-captains, but also Ed Wagner and Jim Sheehan.

This year twelve letter awards will be made to various members of the cage squad. O'Brien, O'Connell, and Wagner are the retiring seniors who will receive major letters and Sheehan and Brown, also seniors, will receive minor letters and sweater. The juniors who will receive awards are Henriksen, Swanson, Hofmann, and Janicek, the former two being awarded major letters and the latter two minor letters. There will be three letters given to the sophomores, majors going to Scherer and Norkus, and a minor to Frank Lurz.

The season opened against the Milwaukee Engineers in the 108th armory on the first of December. Fourteen Techmen entered the game, including six sophomores led by Bill Scherer, high scorer, who dropped five baskets and three free throws for 13 points. Co-captains O'Brien and O'Connell netted 17 points between them for second honors. A small but enthusiastic crowd saw the Techawks roll up 18 points to their opponents' 6 in the first several minutes of play. A free throw by Henriksen, O'Brien's long basket, and two slow, dead shots by Scherer gave Armour a handy lead. Both teams swapped points on free throws and a pair of field goals by Reese of Milwaukee. Tech accumulated its 24-15 lead at half time on some very accurate shooting from mid-floor and dropping 9 out of its 10 free throws. The referees called a large number of fouls on both teams because of overanxious first game tactics by the fives.

William O'Brien

Jack O'Connell

