



Facing a very rigid schedule, the 1939 tennis team managed to come out on top with a seasonal record of six wins, four losses, and a tie. This included wins over Chicago Teachers, Indiana State Teachers, George Williams, Wheaton, and North Central; while three of the five losses were by single matches only, and these to Butler University, the University of Chicago "B" team, and Loyola University.

Ed Swanson, Melbourne Biddle, and Bob Lange each scored seven victories while losing only five. Captain Nick Natinchek dropped his first five matches by close margins, and then evened up his season's record by winning the last six matches in great style. Ralph Wagner finished the season with three wins and six losses.

Swanson and Natinchek proved to be the top doubles combination, taking six matches while dropping only one throughout the entire season. The other doubles team of Swanson and Lange did not fair quite as well, for they showed up with a one and three record at the end of the spring campaign.

The 1940 season found Swanson and Biddle the only members of the team lost through graduation, all other men returning. Competition was keen for these two open positions, and all indications pointed to a good 1940 season.

Manager John Balsewick arranged a schedule for this spring which included an opening tilt with the University of Chicago "B" team on the Midway courts. Meets followed with Chicago Teachers and DeKalb. During Junior Week the netmen donned their seven league boots for a trip to Purdue, Indiana State Teachers, and Butler University.

Wagner
Captain



Balsewick
Manager



Colvert
Coach

