

Techawks edge Chicago Teachers

Bucketeers upset Colonels in overtime period, 81-75

By Ronnie Sager

Illinois Tech's basketball squad scrambled its way back into the local limelight Tuesday night as they upset Chicago Teachers College, 81-75, in an overtime game at the Colonels' gym. The game was a fast-starting one, with the Teachers taking a slight lead from the gun. This lasted only about four minutes as Tech roared back to tie and go slightly in front.

Both teams got hot and the battle was nip and tuck until the last seven minutes of the half when John DeRoo sparked a rally that sent IIT ahead 38-28 at the intermission. Unfortunately DeRoo was injured toward the end of the half. A medical examination showed a broken cheekbone and an operation was scheduled for yesterday.

The Techawks displayed superiority at the beginning of the second half, widening their lead to 15 points and holding it for most of the half. A hectic rally in the last few minutes, and a desperation shot by Helmar Rengstrom of CTC as the gun went off, tied the score at 68-68.

The overtime period was all Tech as Joe Byerwalter scored as many points as the Teachers' outfit combined, and Fred Cassel threw in two baskets and a free throw.

Byerwalter and Bob McCue led the winners in scoring with 18 points each, while Howie Gardner added 12 and DeRoo contributed 10 before his injury. Center Jim Tracey of CTC led

all scorers with 22 points before fouling out near the end of regulation time.

Previous to the CTC game, Tech's basketball fortunes were both hot and cold. On January 5, the Techawks blew a 19 point lead and were edged out 61-60 on the Concordia court. After that they were not to taste defeat for a month. In the interim they enjoyed a five game winning streak which began January 9th, as the red and gray avenged a previous two-point defeat to outlast North Central 65-63 at Naperville.

Two days later, IIT ran up its highest total of the year as they defeated Milwaukee Teachers 78-70. The game was highlighted by Bob Leiser's 28 points and Bob McCue's 19. The University of Chicago was the next victim as the Techawks extended the Maroon's losing streak 57-53 and

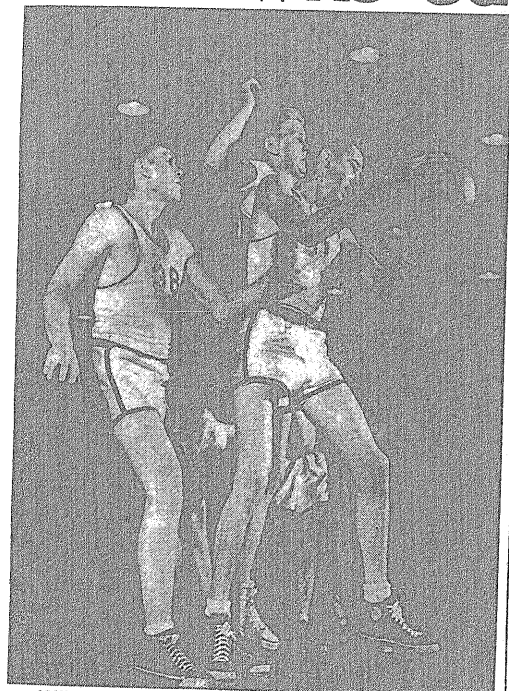
at the same time captured both ends of the home-and-home series.

It was the next game in which the cagers displayed their finest brand of ball. This was the upset defeat of Wheaton College, which had previously beaten Loyola of Chicago. The Wheaton court was the scene of the 71-63 victory in which Bob McCue's brilliant performance sparked the victors to their greatest triumph.

McCue hit for six field goals and sixteen consecutive free throws. The sixteen free throws placed McCue second in free throw production in a single game among small college players for the entire country.

A two-week layoff due to final exams followed with competition resuming February 1, facing Omaha College in the Tech gym.

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JOHN DEROO PICKS ONE off the backboard while Howie Gardner backs out of way. Tech took this game from the University of Omaha by a narrow four point margin.

Tech Sports

Wolves' crown contested by intramural quintets

Though checked by final exams and mid-semester vacation, intramural basketball action moved steadily towards its climax with five teams pacing the action. The defending champion Wolves opened defense of their title with a convincing 44-10 win over the Archs. Center Sherwin Small led the winners with 15 points, and guard Jerry Maatman added 12 more points to their final count.

This impressive victory marks them as the team to beat for the title and the right to play IF champs in the annual battle. The Accidents seem to be the Wolves' chief opposition for the Section B crown. Podunk AC fell before the Accidents, 38-30, as Tony Weaver hit for seven field goals.

Both the Ravens and the NROTC gained consecutive wins to tie for the lead in League A. The Ravens whipped the Gooks and the Friars, while the Navy was taking care of the Gooks and the Newman Club.

A new team, the FPE's have taken the lead in the third league. Their initial contest found them whipping the Hungry Five, 41-20. Their second win was a bit closer as the Fowler Hall five bowed 25-16.

Other action in this league saw Farr Hall route the Chem Grads, 34-6, as John Scheet dropped in 9 shots from the court. Meanwhile Fowler Hall took their second game in three attempts by edging the Archs, 30-26.

The Bears, led by the Lokay brothers, have rolled to three successive triumphs and are a virtual cinch to take the League D crown. Their latest win was over the Polecats 40-24.

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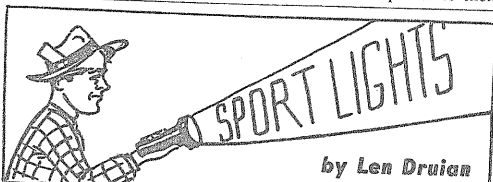
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

1 p.m. Farr Hall vs Fowler Hall

Bears vs Rossiers

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1 p.m. Accidents vs Wolves



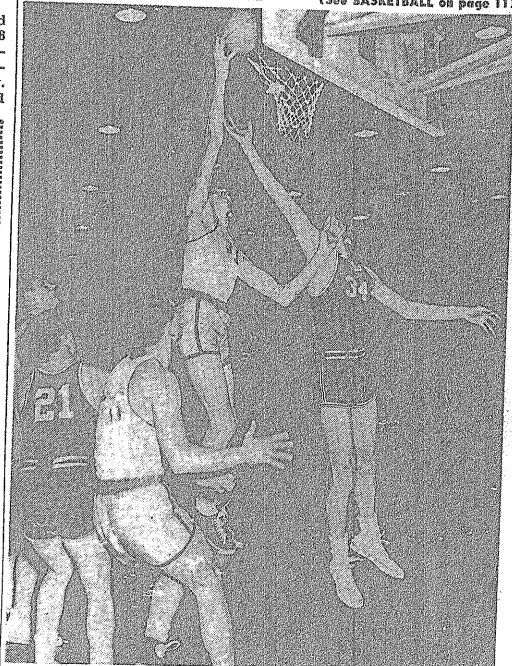
by Len Druian

Greetings! To all who have the time and patience enough to get past Slipstick, I welcome you. As usual, a new semester brings a new sports editor, and a new line of hogwash. Last semester's editor, Marks Levy, finally graduated and bequeathed me the delightful (?) job of writing this column. Marks, by the way, was in the NROTC and therefore draft exempt. I understand he left Monday for a position on one of Uncle Sam's new destroyers

Orchids to Tech's basketball team for once again fooling the experts and coming up with a victory over a tough Chicago Teachers' College squad. Our boys took and held the lead almost from the start to the last few seconds of the fourth period. In the overtime period the Techawks picked up almost twice as many points as the teachers.

The only bad feature of the game was the accident which happened to John DeRoo. The latest word is that he has a chipped cheekbone. He was operated on yesterday and, although he won't be able to play the rest of this season, he should be in fine shape by fall.

The Honor I movies will be continued a week from Tuesday with a film on the 1950 World Series game between the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Phillies. The place is the MC auditorium and the time is 1 p.m. You'd better come early or you'll find yourselves standing in the aisles.



JOHN DEROO DROPS ONE IN as Nelson of Omaha vainly tries to stop him. Fred Cassel of IIT and Fitch of Omaha look on.

Wrestlers beat U of C by 12 points

The Illinois Tech grapplers once again proved their spirit and ability by trouncing a strong University of Chicago team 22-10 at the end of last semester. Things looked bad for the matmen in the first few seconds of the first match when Richard Svec had to call a time out for a bloody nose. Nose or no nose, however, 123 pound Svec returned after a minute's rest to pin his opponent in 68 seconds.

Bill "Scissors" Staehle picked up some more points for Tech by outpointing his 130 lb. opponent 5-2. Jim Lingeman, 137 pounder, advanced Tech's score another three points by beating one of Chicago's best men 9-8. Co-captain Dean Levi added five more points to IIT's mounting score by throwing his 147 lb. opponent for a fall.

Sam Faravich, taking over the 157 lb. spot for Al Siede who broke his finger before the meet, battled

his way to a 6-5 decision. Clinching the meet for Tech, 187 lb. Ernie Honigman piled up 11 points to his opponent's five, bringing the team score to Tech 22, Chicago 0.

Chicago's only wins came in the 175 lb. and heavyweight divisions. Pete Schutz and Bill Winkler, although fighting their hardest, lost their bouts to give Chicago its ten point consolation award.

February 23 the wrestlers will face a well manned and well coached Wright Junior College team at the Tech gym. Last year Wright trounced the Techawks, but the matmen are eager to avenge last year's defeat