

RETURN OF WINTER PUTS DAMPER ON ALL ATHLETES

WEATHER PREVENTS BASEBALL PRACTICE

Players' Batting and Fielding Averages to Be Published During Season

Baseball has retired with the ground-hog to wait for the sunshine and spring again, but while the practice on the diamond has not been carried through, due to the cold, many of the men are getting their training in other ways. Track and gym work is being resorted to by more than a few of the ball-tossers for the preliminary conditioning, for the majority of the men appreciate the fact that with two games a week on the card for each team, good condition at the start is going to mean much better work on the field.

Averages Will Be Kept

It is planned to carry up to date fielding and batting averages in The Tech this spring, and it is likely that the batting averages will be run every Monday morning, to include the games up to the previous Saturday. Team percentages, pitchers' averages, and other data will also be tabulated, as interest in the institute seems to indicate that it will be a big year for baseball.

The Junior class team has been on the road again, looking for new material, and will have a corking aggregation by the time the season starts. This does not mean, however, that Captain Bill Walterskirchen is going to rest on the men who are already signed up, but is anxious to have several more come out for the first few practices so that the best can be weeded out.

Jerry Dalton Expected Out

Among recent names that have been mentioned as prospective tossers, in addition to the summer camp team, is Jerry Dalton, varsity hockey center for the past two years, whose arm is reputed to be pretty good for pitching. Dalton will be a welcome addition to the Junior class mound staff, and with the other candidates reported to be available, will give them the advantage of a good sized group of recruits. Lieutenant Levy, who is to coach the team this spring, is awaiting the signing up of some of his brother officers to run the other class teams, so that some competition will exist up in the Military Department. The rest of the classes are also hopeful that more of the army and navy men at the Institute will interest themselves in the work.

The baseball diamond, if it survives the entrenching methods used by the frosh army, will need some reconditioning this spring. A winter of ice and mud has made the grass pretty scant in some places, the natural background of blast-furnace slag doesn't work very well as a baseball surface.

Frosh Prefer Sports to Monkey Drill— Many Out for Track

The freshmen this year show a decided inclination to go out for various sports instead of performing monkey drill. Track has the largest number, 110 having signed up to work under Frank Kanaly. The freshmen are realizing the value of steady exercise in connection with study and are acting accordingly. Crew is the next in attraction for the freshmen and 55 have decided to row instead of doing the setting up exercises. Crew is gaining in popularity at the Institute and it is a good sign to see so many men going out for it, because if Technology is going to have a winning eight it must have plenty of material to pick from in later years.

All Sports Popular

Baseball has drawn 19 and should have drawn more because the chances of having a varsity team will increase if more men show their interest in the sport. The freshmen will have a hard job this year to defeat the other class teams and more men should signify their intentions of coming out. The gym team ranks next on the list and 14 men have signed up for work in the various events. This is encouraging for the gym team and the men should furnish a lot of competition for places on the team next year. Fencing and boxing have each drawn 10 men for this term's work and they will be preparing for next winter's work.

There was a change in the work of the freshmen in the physical training classes this year. Last year the West Point system was used for the first term, the Swedish system for the second term and the Sargent system the last term. This year due to the greater familiarity on the part of the instructors with the West Point and the Sargent systems the Swedish system was dropped and the West Point system used for two terms and the Sargent for this term. In the later part of the term the men will have an opportunity to do outside work on the track and this should make the work more pleasant.

Icebergs on River Put Crew-Men Back on Boathouse Machines

With the upper part of the river full of ice yesterday afternoon, the crew men were left in a bad way for any outside practice. The launch, instead of containing the usual amount of water, was frozen solid on the inside with a few inches of ice, and hence will have to be left to the favor of the weather before it thaws out.

The first and second varsity boats were able to get shipped for a short time, but the intense cold and high wind were too much to combat, although they were not as bad as on the previous day, when it was impossible to get a boat on the water at all.

SHELLS NOT HERE YET

Yesterday's practice showed that the first varsity boat is coming on well, the rowing showing some precision in spite of the high wind, and it is certain that decent conditions will find the eight putting up some good times. The second boat had slightly more trouble in getting under way, but will need only a few days of smooth water to take out the kinks.

The new shells, which were supposed to have arrived from Worcester last week, have not been brought here yet, due to lack of transportation facilities and poor weather and road conditions, but with any kind of luck they will be here the first of the week, and their arrival will greatly improve matters up the river.

With the enlarged coaching staff, the arrival of several new boats, and the large numbers of men now on the river, it will be a short time before a creditable showing can be expected with a good deal of dependence on the weather.

FRESHMEN TO HOLD TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A freshman tennis tournament which will end up with a first class schedule has been planned for the early spring. The first year men have a very good schedule this season and the team positions will be hotly contested for. In regard to using the court in the New Gym, everyone can have the use of it from 9 to 2 o'clock, but no one can sign up for more than two consecutive hours of playing. The plan in effect which allows the challenging of members of the squad will keep all on their toes in order to be sure of holding a regular place on the team.

The varsity tennis schedule is one of the best. It includes 13 matches, and with Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and the Navy on the schedule, some great matches can be expected. The Intercollegiate come at the end of May when the players are in the height of their form.

SALUTE RULING SURPRISES (Continued from Page 1)

of the new ruling. One man said that he did not believe he was in a position to question any ruling of the war department, but later added that he thought it a good idea for the students to recognize their superiors, and if they would not do it through common courtesy that it was all right to order them to do so.

When asked if he intended to return any salutes he might receive, he replied that he was in the habit of acknowledging courteous recognition, and would, therefore, return the salute. When Major Putney was asked if he expected the salutes to be returned he replied that the Lord only knows.

Another man affected by the ruling said that the joke was on the President and the Dean, for the heads of the departments, being less widely known, would not be continually kept returning salutes, although, he added, the strain might not be as great as one might expect, due to the fact that there would be no way of making the undergraduate army give the salutes.

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The hot sun of the past few weeks has delayed baseball considerably, but the example of the frosh army has helped get the men back on the job. The frosh did so much turning on one point on the bituminous part of the campus that they dug themselves into a hole, and the diamond enthusiasts will have to be on the job to protect their rights.

Show Mails 11,000 Applications

During the last few days the Tech Show management has mailed out 11,000 ticket applications. These are going to the undergraduates, professors, alumni and persons in and about Boston who are interested in the show. The rehearsals are still going and will culminate in a theatre rehearsal with lights and music on the Thursday before the performance.

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