Tech Baseball Under Way; Twelve Games Scheduled

Varsity baseball practice is under full swing in Rockwell cages with coach Roy Merritt's squad putting in shape for the forthcoming four- lane game season. Forty-five men showed up at the first practice and the winding out process will cut the squad down to the final twenty-three men.

Coach Merritt seems to be counting on seasoned veterans for help. The freshman squad was far from impressive last year and this team's sophomores are still inexperienced.

Majority of the team will probably be pitched by Billy Teple '53. Teple, who reached this year's sophomore football team, is an experienced lefty. Other pitchers who will see action are Roland Plant '53 and Ted Stahl, Eugene Vinson, David Morse, and Walt Frey, all of whom will be outstanding players, especially Walt Frey, who showed up at the first practice and the Fresh a surprising fourth. To cap things off the season's efforts in league play, Paul Goldin '54 took the State Class C championship.

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BEAVER BANKS

By Philp Bryden '54

(As the 1952-53 winter sports sea- son was on to a close, THE TECH plans to run an article of each of the Inter- collegiate teams, reviewing the past season and looking ahead to the next. This article on the squash team is the first in the series.)

Winning four of their nine inter-collegiate matches, Tech's varsity squash squad came through with a fairly respectable season. The biggest mistake was in the calculus of some of the opposition. Playing against teams of all types, as at Amherst, Trinity, and Wesleyan, the tunscotters played a fairly mixed bag. Five of the matches, however, were against teams from the so-called Ivy League schools, and these three matches ended in hopeless defeat for the Techs.

Another highlight of the season's play was the excellent record run up in Massachusetts Squash Association tournament play. The varsity team finished third in their league stand- ing, the Jones placed second, and the Fresh a surprising fourth. To cap the season's efforts in league play, Paul Goldin '54 took the State Class C championship.

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