Athletics

The athletic program of the University of Delaware has experienced a renaissance during the past few years. With the advent of the recently instituted intramural setup, and the expansion of the Varsity squads, participation in sports has tremendously increased. There is no question as to the importance of the place of sports in the composite picture of college activity. For the men who are interested in some form of athletic activity but are not endowed with the physical prowess required for varsity competition, the well-planned intramural program has provided a much needed impetus to student enrollment in the realm of sports—regardless of the lack of herculean ability. The pictorial and prose accounts that follow briefly scan the development and progress of athletics during the past two years.
FOOTBALL

The 1939 Season

The 1939 grid season hit a new low, for the Delaware eleven went through seven games without a win before finally taking the closing engagement of the season from the ancient foe, Washington College. Even this was somewhat of an upset, because the Sho-men had had an average season and were expected to take the Blue Hens into camp handily.

The season was further disappointing due to the fact that it was Steve Grenda’s second season as coach and much was expected after a year in which to install his system into the Blue and Gold. The 1938 team had scored three wins on an eight game card, and improvement was expected. The fact that it did not materialize was ascribed to many sources, but, as is usually the case, no one could decide what actually happened, unless it was a combination of possible circumstances.

The first game of the year was against Ursinus. This game began a trio of tough decisions against the Hens, for after a game in which neither team showed any marked superiority, the Bears won by the margin of a last-quarter field goal, 3-0.

The second engagement marked the first appearance of the Delaware team on Frazer Field for the season, and, although the Hens outplayed their opponents, the Dickinson Red Devils took the long end of the score, 13-7.

The third battle was against Jerry Frock’s Lebanon Valley eleven. The Flying Dutchmen brought to Newark one of the best teams in the history of the school and were expected to swamp their opponents, but the Blue and Gold played one of their finest games in years, only to lose when they failed to convert the point after their touchdown in the final period. The final score was 7-6.

In all of these early games the Delaware team had exceeded expectations. Much was expected of them in the later games, but after dropping three tough games, they seemed to lose interest in their next four games. The first of these was Hampton-Sidney, which had only a fair team. The expected turning point of the Hens’ campaign failed to materialize when, after a slow game, the Tigers walked off with a comparatively easy 26-0 victory.

The following week the Blue and Gold combine journeyed to Randolph-Macon where they gave one of the worst exhibitions of football ever witnessed...
by a grandstand of spectators. In this battle they were slaughtered to a 26-0 tune.

With this utter about-face the team went to Atlantic City for the annual night game in Convention Hall with Pennsylvania Military College. The Cadets were the favorites, and the Hens did not disappoint the mob, for the Cadets walked off the field after the game on the long end of a 20-0 count.

The next-to-the-last opponent was Lehigh. The game was played on the Engineer's gridiron. The home team had very little difficulty, only a fourth period score keeping the Delawareans from being shut out. When the final result was tallied the Engineers had won 39-7.

The final game marked one of the most surprising reversals of form seen all season on any gridiron, for the Blue and Gold went into this game without a mark on the win column of the ledger, scoring. Only four touchdowns had been registered in seven games, and the lookout was very dismal. Washington College on the other hand had scored three victories and four defeats. However, the Hens played as if they were trying to complete an unbeaten season, never giving the Sho-men a chance to get started. The final score was 20-0 with the Hens on the heavy end of the score. The captain of the team was Howie Viden, who also was a letterman in baseball.

Following is a resume of the season:

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Recapitulation: Won 1; Lost 7.

The 1940 Season

Under a new coach and a new system, the Delaware football team entered the 1940 campaign with no great hopes for a successful season, mainly due to the fact that the new mentor, William Murray, and his assistants, Flucie Stewart and Joe Shields, had practically the same group of players to work with who had managed to win only one decision on an eight-game card in 1939, and since these players had to absorb the Duke system of Wallace Wade and relinquish much of what they had been taught during the two previous seasons under the Columbia system of Lou Little as taught by Stephen Grenda, the Blue and Gold's retiring coach. What no one had foreseen, however, was the addition of an unusually adept group of freshman players. Messrs. Murray and Stewart won the respect and admiration of the players from the beginning. History will show that this has won many a battle which otherwise would have gone the other way.

Hampden-Sidney, perhaps one of the strongest elevens on the schedule, was the first opponent. The game was played on the Tiger's home field on a clear, cool day, which was ideal for the spectators but not for the players. The Virginians prevailed in
an unexpectedly close battle by a 7-0 score. The game was not expected to offer a severe test for Hampden-Sidney, since they already had played and won two games, one over the University of Maryland. The winning score came on a pass from Harry Murdock, Sidney back, to Syd Weed, elongated end, who took the ball over his shoulder on the twenty-yard marker and danced over to complete a total gain of 38 yards. The score came with less than a minute to play in the first half.

In view of the fine showing of the Hens in their opening encounter, they were not expected to have much trouble with their second foe, Dickinson, who also were not on foreign soil. However, the Red Devils pushed the Delaware team all over the field for practically the entire 60 minutes of play, and only superlative work by the Hen line when in the shadow of the goal posts prevented a score, until, with three and one-half minutes to go, Walt Paul, Delaware kicker, booted from behind his own goal-line for about the umpteenth time during the game. The ball, after traveling high in the air and hitting on the twenty-eight yard line, bounded high and back toward the Delaware goal-line. Since the forward walls of both teams were rushing the other way, it was an easy matter for Sanford Bertratowicz of the Devils to snatch it out of the air on the ten-yard line and amble over. The try for conversion failed, and on the ensuing kick-off Delaware took the ball on their own thirty yard stripe, and proceeded to unveil their one and only real offensive of the first pair of games. They marched down the field to the Dickinson eight, but, after recording a first down there, a fumble on the first play in the next succession of downs gave the Dickinson gridders possession, and the Hen's doom was sealed.

Ursinus was the next foe and the first home battle of the season. Since it was also Homecoming Day for the alumni, Delaware adherents were hopeful of an improvement over the previous week. In this they were disappointed, for the Blue and Gold gave possibly one of the worst exhibitions of football seen on Frazer Field in many years, and succumbed to a fair Ursinus eleven by the crushing margin of 25-0. The kicking, passing, running, and defensive work of the entire squad degenerated into practically nothing. Paul Augustine, the Bear's passer, was good at finding receivers, but, without detracting from his performance, it seemed from the stands as if a blind man could have completed passes against the Hens that day, for Augustine always had at least two men in the clear, and on several occasions had at least four or five men to choose from, all of whom were behind the Delaware secondary.

The next battle was against Drexel Tech, a team which, throughout the years of its rivalry with Delaware, had prevailed with one exception. However, the Blue and Gold went to town from the start and won an easy 19-0 verdict, although from a Drexel standpoint, the Dragons probably looked about like the Blue Hens had against Ursinus. Here for the first time, Delaware began to uncover a lad who, at the end of the season, was touted as one of the finest passers possessed by the Hens in many a day. This lad was Bill "Red" Hogan. He was honored with an honorable mention on the Little All-American football team. The victory, although gratifying, was not unexpected, since the Drexel school brought to Newark one of its weakest teams in a decade.

The fifth game on the schedule was Johns Hopkins. The Blue Jays showed little or nothing after the first period, and the home team romped to an easy 25-0 conquest.
Next came the annual P. M. C. game, which was taken from Atlantic City's Convention Hall for the first time since 1932, and turned into a daylight affair. The game was played at the newly-built athletic plant, Wilmington Park, and marked the first appearance of a Delaware sports team in the city since 1922 when the Hens pulled a surprise out of the bag and defeated a highly favored team. This year the Cadets were heavily favored, but the Hens exhibited a great offense and defense, and conquered the P. M. C. outfit 14-7. This was the Hens first win over the Cadets in four years. This game was supposed to show whether the Delaware eleven had really improved or whether the two victories had been scored because of the class of the opposition. The team answered this question adequately, mainly due to the passing of Hogan, the receiving of Jarvis, the running of Mel "Ripper" Brooks, and the superlative play of the Blue and Gold line during the entire afternoon, and, finally, the vicious blocking and tackling at all times.

The next-to-the-last game of the season was against the Hen's traditional foe, Washington College. The game was played at Chestertown, Md., and victory for Delaware would mean permanent possession of the Daniel O. Hastings trophy, for three straight victories in the series, and also the first time in the history of Blue Hen football that wins were scored over both the Sho'men and P. M. C. in a single season. In the first quarter an adverse wind forced the Hens to give ground on punts until the Marylanders finally scored a safety. Soon after they also notched a touchdown, giving them a 9-0 lead in the first quarter. The second quarter was fairly even, but in the third the Hens began pushing the Sho'men all over the gridiron. However, it was not until the final canto that they scored. Delaware scored first when Brooks galloped over after a thirty-five yard run, and scored again when Al Newcomb, aggressive signal-caller, bucked over from the three-yard mark, making the final count 13-9.

For the closing game of the season the Hens returned to Wilmington Park to meet a strong Lebanon Valley eleven on Thanksgiving Day. They were seeking their fifth straight victory. The Delaware team showed from the opening whistle that they were out for blood, and maintained the spirit to the end, meting out a 16-0 defeat to the Flying Dutchmen. The passing of Hogan once again was the deciding factor, while Bill "Rebel" Sloan, freshman end, played a fine defensive game at end, and made one of the finest catches of the season, when he reached far above his head to pull down one of Hogan's pretty heaves on the 10-yard line while protected by two Lebanon Valley defenders. The gain was for nearly 35 yards, and was directly responsible for the first touchdown of the game.

Among other things the 1940 season proved to Delaware followers that a team well-drilled in fundamentals, and imbued with the will to win, can overcome a myriad of faults that might crop up in the finer points of the game. With only co-captains Wilmer Apsley and Bill Wendle and substitute end, Joe Julian, lost by graduation, prospects are the brightest in a decade for continued success in 1941.

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Basketball reached a low ebb during the season of 1939-40, for the Blue and Gold five scored only four victories in a 16 game schedule. The only wins were scored at the expense of Drexel (twice), Haverford and Brooklyn Poly. Haverford defeated the Hens in a return game.

There were no games previous to the Christmas holidays as had been the rule in other years, so that the first game didn't come until January 5, 1940, making the season in reality the '40 season. Dickinson was the first opponent and the Red Devils nosed a victory by a score of 42-41, following which the Delaware team lost a second close one when West Chester Teachers nosed them out in the last 10 seconds, 38-37.

The first victory was the one over Haverford and was accomplished to the tune of 37-28. After this came the annual trip to New York, during which the Blue and Gold dropped both starts, to Pratt by a score of 64-41, and to Upsala by 63-45. Although on the defeated side Captain Eddie Anderson scored a total of 41 points in these two encounters, 21 against Pratt and 21 in the Upsala game.

Following the recess after mid-years the Hen court men nosed out Drexel for their second decision of the year, this by a score of 38-35. Two more trouncings followed at the hands of American University from Washington and P. M. C. by scores of 53-42 and 55-42, respectively. The first of these battles saw the Hens playing one of the finest groups of set-shots they were to see all season, for the Star-Spangled boys seemed to be able to sink them from almost any spot beyond the foul line.

Swarthmore was the next opponent and the night could well have been called "Stan Cope Night" for the big fellow was a one-man ball of fire as the Garnet won an easy 52-29 decision. Cope and his teammates were one of the fastest teams ever to appear in Taylor Gym, running up and down the floor like a bunch of greyhounds.

The third win of the campaign was a repeat victory over Drexel, who went down before the Hens to the tune of 57-44, the high-water mark in scoring for the season as far as the Hens were concerned.

Washington College just about set a scoring record as they won on their own floor by a score of 78-37,
scoring almost at will from the beginning to the end. Following this the return game with Haverford was dropped by a score of 39-36, in a tight encounter which was decided from the foul-line. Delaware had only four conversions while the victors had a total of 15.

In the return battle with Washington, played in Newark, the Sho'men marched off with an easy 50-33 win, after which the Blue and Gold completed their quartet of victories by winning from Brooklyn Poly by a score of 35-23. The final pair of games were dropped to West Chester and P. M. C., both away from home. The Teachers prevailed by 50-34 and the Cadets ran up a 57-47 count.

The Delaware team lost one of its mainstays early in the season when Earl Sheats, playing his fourth year at center, was injured in practice before the season opened and played in only parts of two games. One bright spot on the team was the shooting of Captain Anderson and the floor play of Bill Gerow, the Captain-elect. Anderson set a new University scoring of 186 points for a single season, topped by his spree on the trip to the Big City. Curly Douglass was second in line with 143, and the only other player to get into triple figures was Benny Crescenzi with an even 100. Gerow scored 92.

Lettermen for the year were: Anderson, Gerow, Douglass, Crescenzi, Cas Blasca, George Barlow, and Conrad Sadowski.

The 1940-41 Season

The season of 1940-41 saw the Delaware basketball team start the season under a new coaching regime and then switch in mid-season due to the resignation of Coach Flucie Stewart, who accepted a position as athletic director at Tampa (Fla.) University. Coach Joe Shields finished out the season as mentor of the cagemen. The record for the entire season was seven wins against nine losses, a fair record when compared to some of the previous court combines.

The first game of the season found the Hens meeting Loyola College of Baltimore which they lost 48-34. Freddy Mitchell's fine shooting stood out even in defeat, for he was the high scorer with an aggregate of eleven points.

In the only other game before the Christmas holidays the Delaware cagers wiilopped Philadelphia Textile by a score of 53-23, during which contest Conrad Sadowski displayed his ability to sink long shots from the middle of the floor.

American University of Washington was defeated by the Hens who took them into camp 46-41. The Blue Hens scored their first victory in nineteen contests with the Sho'men of Washington College and defeated them 41-36. Captain Bill Gerow was the outstanding player of both contests and showed a remarkable steadying influence upon the members of the team in the pinches.

P. M. C. was the fourth straight victim of the Blue Hens, falling by a count of 43-35 in a game marked by wholesale substitutions after the Delaware team had acquired a twenty point lead in the first three quarters.

Dickinson and Swarthmore brought smooth-passing and good-shooting combinations against the Blue and Gold to administer defeats 49-34 and 46-34, respectively.

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The 1939 Season

Paced by Delaware's only All-American soccer player, Captain William Thomson, the Blue and Gold booters succeeded in winning four of their nine games. In the middle of the season the team was severely handicapped by the loss of Thomson, who suffered a painful leg injury.

The Blue Hens opened their season with an easy 6-0 win over Dickinson. Going next to Philadelphia, the team suffered defeat at the hands of the Temple Owls by the close score of 1-0. After this the University of Maryland handed the Hens another setback by a 3-0 score. Seton Hall came to Newark and squeezed a narrow 2-1 margin victory over the Blue and Gold. However, the Hens broke their losing streak in the next game, which was with Ursinus, the Delaware team coming out on top by a 3-2 margin. Bucknell and Stevens were the next teams to leave the Delawareans trailing at the final gun. The season ended with two Delaware wins, those against Franklin and Marshall and Gettysburg.

The 1939 team was characterized by a lack of scoring punch, which was practically nil upon the absence of Captain Thomson. The backfield is to be complimented for its defense work, with special mention to Malloy Vaughn, goalie, for his brilliant stops.

After the last game, the fourteen letter-men assembled and elected Truxton Boyce captain of the soccer team for the 1940 season.
The 1940 Season

Delaware's 1940 varsity soccer team, under the leadership of Captain Truxton Boyce, succeeded in winning 50% of its games. In so doing, the team bettered expectations. Graduation seemed to have taken more than its usual share of veterans, leaving many holes in the team which had to be filled with newcomers. Coach Lawrence did a fine job in converting his embryo booters into first squad men.

The team got off to a bad start, dropping its first three games to Maryland, Rider, and Temple, in that order. The Blue Hens managed to break into the win column by beating Western Maryland. The team then travelled to New York to play Seton Hall and Stevens. Seton Hall was easily downed, but a hard fighting Stevens eleven defeated the Hens. Dickinson then fell victim to a Delaware scoring spree. Gettysburg turned the tables, completely outclassing the Blue Hens. The team turned in a brilliant finale by downing Ursinus and F. 6 M. in two thrilling games characterized by last minute Delaware rallies.

Delaware's scoring honors for the season go to Elmer Harrington, small, speedy, left outside. As a whole, the team was good but erratic. At times the Hens seemed potential champions, but would soon hit a slump, during which they seemed unable to cooperate, with the consequent disastrous results.

At the end of the season, the letter men voted Ames Betts, varsity center half-back, captain of the team for 1941.
The University of Delaware baseball team had a very good season during the Spring of 1940, winning 10 games while dropping seven. The Hens started their campaign with their annual Southern trip while the other students were enjoying their Spring vacation.

The first opponent was Randolph-Macon College which took the Hens into camp by the score of 2-0. On the following day the Blue and Gold dropped their second straight game to Hampden-Sidney 8-2. Behind the two-hit pitching of John Daly the Hens found their batting eye and cracked out ten hits to defeat the Medical College of Virginia 5-0. The scheduled game with Lynchburg was called off because of rain.

The Delaware nine returned to their home field to face the always flashy combination of the Penn A. C. The game was tied up at the end of the ninth inning, but in the tenth the Pennsylvanian stars unleashed two hits, combined with a fielder’s choice, to push across three runs. Delaware was held hitless in their half of the tenth.

Seeking revenge for the three defeats which had been handed them, the Hens picked their next opponent, Swarthmore, as their victim. The Delaware team rapped out a total of thirteen hits to score eleven runs while Bill Tibbett allowed the Pennsylvanians seven scattered hits which did not not them any runs. Delaware entertained the West Chester nine and won the game 4-3.

The Blue and Gold journeyed to Chester where they played P. M. C. Although outhitting the Cadets seven to six, the Delaware nine lost the game 3-2 due to three wild pitches by Jack Daly which were responsible for two of the Cadet’s three runs.

Andy Tomico of Temple starred against the Hens when his team played on Frazier Field. He allowed only one hit which was made by Conrad Sadowski, scoring Bill Tibbett who had walked and been sent to second by a sacrifice in the sixth inning. The Temple team garnered only seven hits, but they were good enough for three runs.

The Delawareans broke back into the win column by slaughtering American University at Washington 11-2. They added another win at Philadelphia where they defeated the Drexel Tech nine 5-3.

Lynchburg College came to Delaware on their Northern tour and absorbed a 12-4 lacing at the
hands of the rampaging Hens who put on their batting shoes and knocked out seventeen safeties, including four triples. On the very next day the Blue and Gold won their fourth straight by trimming the Haverford College team 6-1.

Jack Daly played his role as hard-luck pitcher when the Hens met the West Chester Teachers at West Chester. Daly allowed the Teachers only two hits while Delaware collected six, but errors contributed to give the Teachers the win 3-1.

Lefty Copple's jinx worked on Delaware as always when the Washington College kids came to Newark. The Sho' men left town with an eight to four win.

In a weird game at Annville the Blue and Gold eked out a twelve to eleven win over the Flying Dutchmen of Lebanon Valley. Both teams had a total of eleven hits. Coach Gerald Doherty's charges played their next-to-the-last game of the season at Westminster where they shellacked the Western Maryland Green Terrors 10-2.

In the year's finale John Daly avenged his defeat at the hands of the P. M. C. Cadets in the first game by allowing them only four hits while the Hens wasted no time getting to Bill Butts, former Newark High pitcher, for fifteen hits which netted them sixteen runs to close the season with a bang 16-0.

Delaware had 124 men left on the bases while their opponents had 107 stranded. Captain Earl Sheets led the team at the plate with a .311 average. Jack Daly had the most strikeouts with 46 and Bill Tibbett was not far behind with 42. The Hens did well with extra-base hitting, collecting 33 extra-base blows.

RECAPITULATION OF THE SEASON OF 1940

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The 1941 Season

At this writing the University of Delaware baseball team has played seven games. During Spring vacation they took their annual Southern trip, and awed by the unusually beautiful weather, won three games while dropping two.

Previous to this trip the Hens had dropped their opening game to Dartmouth by a 6-2 count. The first game of the Southern trip was played in Washington against American University. The Hens at the end of the ninth stanza were far out in the front, 14-4.

The Hens then went on to Richmond and conquered the Medics of Virginia Medical College 3-2. The Randolph-Macon Tigers plucked some of the Blue Hen's feathers 3-1, and were helped by eight errors committed by the Blue and Gold nine which found it hard to cope with the rough infield. The Delaware swatters then had a two-day stay at Uncle Sam's Naval Training Base in Norfolk, Virginia. In the first game the Sailors took the Hens' measure 5-4. On the following day the Blue and Gold displayed a supreme will to win, after losing their promising first baseman, Greg Hillman, who suffered a broken leg in the second inning, by a score of 6-4. With the score tied in the ninth inning Sadowski broke up the game with a single while the bases were loaded.

The Hens played their sixth straight game away from home with a trip to Carlisle. The Dickerson Red Devils came from behind in the tenth inning to win 5-4. The Delawareans disputed several decisions which they did not feel were right, but it availed them nothing.

The prospects of the 1941 season appear very bright from the Hens' standpoint. The Mitchell-Crowley combination at short and second is functioning very well, while Captain Lunk Apsley is holding down his post at the hot corner. Tommy Skripps came from behind the plate to take over the first-sack position after Greg Hillman's injury. Conrad Sadowski was then shifted from the outer garden to the spot behind the batter. Coach Doherty has several good men to choose from for the outfield posts with Gerald Doherty, Jr., Perry Burkett, Harry Irwin, Bill "Red" Hogan, and Bill Tibbett all being ready and capable. The Delawareans are especially fortunate to have a first-class pitching corps composed of Bill Tibbett and John Daly, juniors, and Hugh Bogovich, sophomore. Bogovich has proven himself very able.

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1940 TRACK SEASON

Delaware's 1940 track team, although decidedly an improvement over the 1939 team, experienced only a slightly better than fair season as far as winning dual meets was concerned. The most profitable meet for the Blue and Gold thinclads was the Mason-Dixon Conference Meet and the Penn Relays.

A relay team composed of Captain Alex Timme, Norman Lord, Bill Gerow and Gene Vernon walked off with a second place in the Penn Relays, finishing behind a crack Catholic University quartet. Carty Douglass, Delaware's elongated 6 foot seven hurdler and high jumper, broke the Delaware high and low hurdle records, running in the Mason-Dixon Conference Meet which was won by Catholic University. Delaware finished third, just behind Johns Hopkins University.

Three out of five dual meets were won by the Delawareans in 1940. The Hens were victorious over Washington College, Drexel, and St. Josephs, and the defeats were suffered at the hands of La Salle and Dickinson. In the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Track Meet, Bill Gerow took a fourth place in the half-mile and Carty Douglass took a fifth in the high hurdles. This meet brings together the best track men in all the Middle Atlantic Colleges.

PROSPECTS FOR THE 1941 TRACK SEASON

This year, as in most years, prospects for a winning track team at Delaware are not very bright. Coach Bardo has only four lettermen back from last year's team and must rely on this year's freshmen and returning members of last year's squad, if the track team is to be well balanced enough to win any dual meets.

Captain Bill Gerow, our quarter and half miler, is back to take care of the middle distance events, and Carty Douglass is certain to garner points in the high and low hurdles, high jump, broad jump, and discus. Ames Betts, high jumper and hurdler, and Guy Wharton, javelin thrower, are others of the returning lettermen who are expecting to help the Blue Hens immensely.

Prospects returning from last year's squad include Norm Maxwell and Jack Phillips, distance runners; Norm Lord, middle distance man; Bob Sieman, sprinter; and Lee Boer, who specializes in the discus and shot-put. Promising freshmen include Tom McCarthy, middle distance runner; Art Millican, distance man; George Limperos, high jumper and sprinter; and Marvin Zeitz, weight man.

The season depends mainly on the ability of the men to get in shape and keep in good shape.
1939-1940 SEASON

The beginning of the 1939-40 season saw Coach Ed. Bardo with only six veterans on hand. However, Delaware Swimming teams are traditionally small and, luckily, the swimmers are generally versatile. Although the loss of Bob Monihan, who was Captain-elect, through scholastic deficiency cannot be minimized, several promising Freshmen made the outlook fairly bright. The Blue and Gold natators made a record of seven wins and five defeats.

The high point scorer for the five meets was Rowland Marshall, Freshman sprint star, who had never swam in competition prior to entering Delaware. A1 Lemlein, Freshman diving sensation of the previous year was in even better form, and accounted for the second highest point total. Reid Stearns continued his winning ways in the backstroke, while George Houchin, Harry Neese, Don Weldin, Ray Hecht, and Freshman Bob Dickey all had a big part in enhancing the Delaware totals.

The swimmers started off in a blaze of glory, winning five of their first six encounters. West Chester, Brooklyn College, Gettysburg, and Dickinson all went down by lopsided scores, while Lehigh was defeated in a 39-36 thriller, and Villanova steamrolled the Delaware representatives by a 52-24 score. After this great start, the team, decimated by illness, lost 4 in a row to Swarthmore, Slippery Rock, Carnegie Tech, and Temple. The season closed on a happier note, however, when a rejuvenated Delaware outfit squeezed through over Manhattan, 39-36, and then trounced Johns Hopkins, 44-31.

1940-1941 SEASON

With only two lettermen missing from the 1939-40 squad, prospects looked good this year. However, the aqua-athletes exceeded all expectations in winning nine meets while losing two. It was the best record made by the tanksters since 1938, when a ten and two count was hung up, and the second best season ever enjoyed by a Delaware swimming team.

The largest share of the individual honors rightfully belong to Dave Funk and Don Weldin. Funk, Freshman backstroke sensation, three times broke the Delaware record in his event, finally lowering the standard to 1:46.4 in the Carnegie Tech meet. Weldin, a Junior, who has developed rapidly since entering college, cracked the breaststroke record in the Dickinson meet. The Weldin-revised mark is 2:44.2 for the 200 yard event.

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The Blue and Gold had a very successful season on the clay courts in 1940. The team was captained by Steve Bartoshesky who accumulated several victories himself to help the Hens along their winning ways.

In the first match of the season the Hens were defeated by the Dickinson Red Devils. After getting a little more practice the Blue and Gold racquetsers took on the Villanova Wildcats and licked more than their weight in them, by a 4-3 score.

The third match of the season was against Western Maryland College and the Hens took them into camp easily scoring seven points to their opponents two. The Sho' men from Washington College were the next victims of the Delawareans who won their third straight 5-2.

Drexel Tech spoiled this row of wins by giving the Hens a 61-3 set-back. Western Maryland played against the Blue and Gold again and seemed determined to win, but they were unable to get their revenge, for the Hens turned them back again although by a closer score, 5-4.

Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute came to Newark, and left with a defeat chalked up against them 4-3.

The Hens were seeking there third straight when West Chester Teachers College took to the opposing courts. However, West Chester put on the pressure and defeated them 6-3.

The last match of the season was against St. Joseph's. The Blue and Gold courtmen made it a grand and glorious finale by winning the match 8-1. Al Mock was elected to the captaincy for the 1941 season.

PROSPECTS FOR THE 1941 SEASON

Captain Al Mock and Coach Ralph Jones are fast whipping their tennis team into shape for the 1941 season. Blessed by fair and warm weather, which is very unusual and is regarded as a phenomenon, the Blue and Gold courtmen are getting the practice which is imperative in this game of skill.

Returning members of last year's team are Captain Al Mock, Wilbur Habicht, "Tank" Jordan, Truxton Boyce, and Bobby Walls. There are also several promising freshmen. A successful season is expected, because Steve Bartoshesky is the only man not returning from last year's team.
GOLF

The Blue and Gold golf team had a successful season during 1940. They opened against the Dickinson Red Devils whom they defeated by the top-heavy score of 8-1.

In their second match they received a 6-3 set-back from the Franklin and Marshall linksmen. Bucknell wallopred the Hens 8½ to ½. After this set-back the Blue Hens went on a rampage against New Jersey State Teachers College, running up an 8-0 score at the end of the match.

The third and final loss of the season was administered to the Hens by the Fordham Rams in a close contest which saw the Hens lose by the score of 5-4. Seton Hall was an easy victim, falling before the Hens 9-0. Villanova was the last opponent of the year and the Hens made the credit side of the ledger look better by taking the Wildcats 6-3.

PROSPECTS OF THE 1941 GOLF SEASON

Captain Raymond Burnett is busy getting the 1941 Delaware linksmen through practice before the season starts. He has quite a bit of material to work with, since there is only one veteran of last year not returning. George Anderson, who was the best golfer for the Hens last year, did not return, but his place as top golfer is ably taken by Captain Burnett. Alex Timme, a senior, who is out for the team for the first time, seems to be quite good, and will undoubtedly help out the team very much. Bob Goldey, returning sophomore, has improved over last year, and will be an added asset for the Blue and Gold linksmen in what appears to be a successful season ahead.
RIFLE

1940 RIFLE TEAM

Under the leadership of Captain Lloyd Shorter the Delaware marksmen established a very good record for 1940. The record for the season was thirteen victories and six defeats.

In all of the shoulder to shoulder matches the Delaware sharpshooters emerged victorious. At this date all of the rifle team records are not available.

The highest men were Warren Snow, Leonard Eshman, and Gilbert Thornton. These men received medals for their excellence in shooting.

1941 RIFLE TEAM

The 1941 University of Delaware rifle team couldn’t seem to get going, and consequently fared poorly this season. Out of the entire season of eighteen matches the Blue Hen representatives won only one match—that against Utah State University.

Captain David Taxter was high man of the season with Leonard Esham and Gilbert Thornton not far behind him. The new Coach, replacing Major Thomas Waters, is Lieutenant William Zabel, who has been trying to get the men into shape in preparation for next year’s team.
INTRAMURALS

1939-1940 SEASON

The intramural activities at Delaware have aroused great interest on the campus. Under the leadership of Coach Joseph Shields who coordinates the schedules, and arranges for the officiating, many men have turned out for the different sports that are offered under the intramural program. The main purpose of this program is to give the men who are not good enough to make the team in a varsity sport a chance to develop their skill in the sports in which they are interested, and have the fun of playing instead of merely watching the varsity in action against intercollegiate competitors.

In touch football there were two leagues. The “A” League was won by the Comets with the Theta Chi fraternity as runnerup. The “B” League was won by the Kappa Alpha fraternity with the Refugees as runnerup. The play-off for the college championship was cancelled because of bad weather.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity won the swimming title in the fraternity league in swimming and defeated the Seniors, who were winners in the non-fraternity league, for the college championship.

Table tennis was inaugurated into the intramural program with the Sigma Nu fraternity winning the college championship after defeating the “B” league winners, the Theta Chi’s.

The “Basket-hangers”, a non-fraternity basketball team won the “A” league while the “Training House Terrors” took the title in the “B” league. A play-off for the college championship was not arranged.

In six-man volley ball the college champs were the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity with Harter Hall taking second honors. In the two-man division Earl Sheats and Howie Viden led the field with Emil Kielbasa and Hal Gerner taking the runnerup spot.

Bill Richey became singles king in badminton. In doubles Richey combined with Boulden to take the crown. Bill Backus and Bill Gregg took second-place.

Boxing held more interest than usual in 1940. Sigma Nu’s team emerged victorious although Theta Chi gave them very stern competition which placed them in the runnerup spot. In the hard-muscle sport, wrestling, the Training House placed first with the senior-junior combination of the non-fraternity coming close behind.

An intramural track meet was held on the same lines as the intercollegiate ones and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity conquered the field and won the title with the Training House placing second.

The interfraternity relay was held after the seventh inning of a baseball game and the Sigma Nu’s won the four lap baton relay by about two steps over Sigma Phi Epsilon. Kappa Alpha placed third.

This year was the best year for the intramural program since it was started. Six hundred and forty-one men participated in these activities.

1940-1941 SEASON

Intramural touch football in the fall of 1940 found the Kappa Alpha fraternity winning the fraternity crown and the Oscars winning the non-fraternity title. The Oscars won the college championship from the K A’s in the play-off.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity took the title for the second year straight in the swimming contests. Table tennis ended in a tie between Sigma Nu and the non-fraternity aces. There was a play-off which ended in a 2-2 tie.

In basketball Sigma Phi Epsilon outclassed all of the other teams in the league to easily win the championship.

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