INTERCOLLEGIATE

SKEET TEAM


SKEET shooting was Babson’s first bid for intercollegiate recognition. Started only two years ago, the sport has grown, from competition with local shooting clubs, to a place of prominence in the national intercollegiate field. As founders of intercollegiate skeet shooting in New England, the Babson group has been instrumental in organizing the sport among the Eastern colleges. The 1948 season ended with Babson Institute being led only by West Point in a field of distinguished rivals at the Intercollegiate Championship Match at the Lordship Gun Club in Stratford, Conn. The final standings for 1948 were as follows: Army, Babson, Yale, and Harvard. The 1949 schedule promises to be many times larger and should find the home team right up there contending for first place.

To maintain their ever-growing schedule and still operate within their budget, the skeet shooters have adopted the use of telegraphic competition with their distant rivals, such as the Universities of Texas and California. This eliminates the travel problem and also gives each team the advantage of its home field.

GOLF is another sport in which Babson has proved very proficient. Last year, in the team’s first attempt at intercollegiate competition, the record could hardly have been more gratifying. While playing ten matches, the team lost only one, winning over such rivals as Holy Cross, Tufts, R. P. I., Manhattan, and Hofstra.

This year the schedule is still more imposing, and expectations are for as admirable a record as before. Additions to the schedule include Dartmouth, Harvard, and Boston College—a schedule, incidentally, which is as fine as any college can boast. Not one of the matches can be considered a breather. The hope is that by summer the Babson golfers, under the captaincy of Dick Gifford, will have a well-established reputation among Eastern colleges.

BASKETBALL came into its own this year as an intercollegiate sport. Although the records show that this game
has been one of the most popular on campus and a team has been in existence every year since the early thirties, it was the '49 season that marked the start of a school-sponsored organization. The success of the undertaking is proof of the wisdom of the move. The turn-out for the home games amply demonstrated the school's interest in the sport and in its team.

More than holding its own against the competition, the team finished the season with six wins and four losses. And it might well be claimed that the team has proved more effective than even this record indicates. Certainly not a minor accomplishment was its ability to foster that elusive school spirit.

SKIING this year was faced with, what was to the skiers at least, unfavorable weather. A mild winter played havoc with the original schedule, but the team was able eventually to participate in several meets. As a member of the newly-formed New England Intercollegiate Ski Conference, the team, under the captaincy of Bill Yeager, who also held membership on the N. E. I. S. C. governing board, met with such schools as Boston University, Tufts, Brown, Springfield, and Boston College.

HOCKEY in '49 might also be considered a victim of the vagaries of New England weather. After a valiant start in '48 under Sam Hutchinson and Vern Hodges, the team this year could hardly offset the effect of untimely weather on an outdoor rink. A study of the individual talent indicates a potentially fine team, but it is probable that little short of the use of an indoor rink will solve the problems faced by the hockey squad.

TENNIS promises to rank among the more successful sports at Babson. In spite of a slow beginning in its first intercollegiate competition, last year, indications are that the available talent for '49 will come through the season with a fair share of the laurels. The competition will include matches with M. I. T., Boston College, Suffolk, and Tufts.
The highly successful intramural sports program, now in its second year, can trace its origin directly back to the student body, and, even more specifically, to the present Senior class, with "Red" Evans undoubtedly deserving a lion's share of the credit. For it was their initiative that was responsible for the present organization.

This year teams were organized on a dormitory basis instead of on the previous sectional method. Inter-league competition has thus been eliminated, and the danger of forfeits has been lessened as each group now has more men. The change has also resulted in fostering an increased competitive spirit.

FOOTBALL last fall brought out some skillful purveyors of the pigskin. The result was a hotly-contested race for the championship, with Coleman South finally emerging as the victor with but one loss out of eight games. A three-way tie existed for second place.

SOFTBALL honors last spring went to what at that time was section J-3. They fielded a team which won supremacy in its own league after beating F-2 in a league play-off, and then went on to capture the championship by downing J-4 in the inter-league play-off. It was this J-3 section that was the winner of the Punch Bowl as a result of its all-round record in the general sports' program.

BASKETBALL proved as popular as ever, and three of the contending teams had a close race for first place. Park Manor
South finally took top honors, finishing the season undefeated. The Off-Campus Seniors were never out of the running, however, and the Frosh up in Coleman South themselves came up as the darkhorse team and very nearly carried away the laurels.

Bowling was well represented in the intramural program. There was the Candle Pin League, and also an active Ten Pin League. The latter, having to play in the afternoon, suffered from conflicts with the scholastic schedule, but the Candle Pin teams enjoyed a successful season. The Off-Campus Seniors were the undisputed leaders, never suffering a loss. The Faculty was represented in this league, and although they came the closest to toppling the Seniors from their lofty position, the supremacy of the O. C. S. team was never seriously threatened.

Tournaments were held in tennis, golf, squash, handball, badminton, ping pong, pool, and horseshoes. In addition to these there was the annual Cross-Country run. The honors for that went to Mat Lombardo this year. All of the activities showed an improvement in '49 over the previous years. There were more participants, and the participants showed a higher degree of skill, with the result that keener competition prevailed and interest remained at a high level.

The Intramural Council is now the body responsible for handling intramural policy. Operating under the direction of the Athletic Council, it is their duty to relate the formulated policies to the various sections and, in general, to administer the program.

BOWLING

Front Row: K. Chase, D. Barlow.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Front Row: J. Copley, K. Robes, D. Mauch, J. Pate.

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