

Cunningham's Master, Fenske Heads List of Stars at Relays

Records Endangered In Every Event

By Jim Fahey

Baseball has its All-Star game, football its All-Americans, and hockey its Stanley Cup playoffs, but comparatively they all take a back seat to this year's edition of the classic of mid-western collegiate track, the Armour Tech Relays.

It is doubtful if ever before has such an aggregate of stars assembled to participate in the Relays. To list the names is to record the tops in track talent in the Midwest for the feats of Fenske, Deckard, J. Smith, Burke, Diefenthal, Padway, Ed Smith, Greer, Davenport, Buxton, Piker, Rikli, Kauffman, Mehl, Best, Gragg, and others have already been stamped in the books time and again.

Fenske Out for Record

The feature of the big evening will be the special mile which will see Wisconsin's "Chuck" Fenske out to better his record time of last year, 4:08.9, which still stands as the fastest mile ever run indoors in the Midwest. Last week "Chuck" became "king of the milers" when he showed Venske, San Romani, and Cunningham his heels on the Columbian mile in New York. His time of 4:11.1 should be improved on the faster track of the U. of C. and with the

Wrestlers Head For Invitational After Herzl Win

This Saturday, the Armour Tech wrestlers will travel to Wheaton to participate in the second annual Wheaton Invitational Meet. The team will leave Saturday morning and will be under the direction of Coach Weissman.

Last year in this meet, the Techawks came off with several secondary honors, but this year the team expects to take a couple of firsts. Tullgren, Till, and Kazmierowicz have all shown that they are going to be extra hard to beat when the tourney starts.

Whips Herzl, 23 to 9

Last week as a tune-up, the squad took on Herzl Jr. College and won by a 23 to 9 score. Balsewick, Tullgren, Kazmierowicz, and Till all won bouts on falls while Nigrelli came through with a decision.

Hanna and Ropek, after getting stuck on the time advantage, chased their men all over the mat but couldn't catch them and consequently lost. In an exhibition bout, Harrison of the Techawks had little trouble beating his opponent from Herzl.



By Art Jens, '31

(Ed. Note: This week Tech Shorts is written by Art Jens, who originated this column when he served as sports editor in 1930-31. This annual visit by Art will be continued next week.)

The Cubs may head for Avalon and the Blackhawks may enter the Stanley Cup series, yet the true harbinger of Spring to us is the annual running of the Armour Relays. This will be Armour's eleventh meet of the series and promises to surpass any and all of its predecessors. This sounds like big talk and probably it is, but we cannot recall a single instance in the past ten years when the successor did not exceed its predecessor.

We have been at this thing for a long time now. This column represents the 72nd effort of your correspondent over a period of ten years and this will be our eleventh Relay meet. Nuff said.

Armour is especially fortunate in the conduct of its meet in that it does not have to compete with highly organized carnivals such as are held in the east each year. True there are the Chicago Relays, the Illinois Relays and the Butler Relays to contend with yet the spacing of each of these, with the exception of the latter, are such as not to offer serious conflict.

Armour Relay winners have gone on to greater triumphs. Many have won collegiate, national and world titles. A roll call of great names over the past ten years would reveal some of America's leading track and field performers. To mention a few we give you McCormick of Notre Dame, Brooks of Chicago, Fuqua of Indiana, Brocksmith of Indiana, Don

Paul of Armour, Ike Lenington of Illinois, Pongrace of Michigan State, Hermann of Carleton, Tolmich of Detroit, Lash of Indiana, Haller of Wisconsin, Grieve of Illinois, Fenske of Wisconsin, Mehl of Wisconsin, Davenport of Chicago, Frary of Illinois and Ed Smith of Wisconsin. There were many others and there will be many additions in the future.

Again it appears that the high jump and the pole vault will provide the greatest customer interest. Padway, the Wisconsin sky-toucher, should hoist his present record to above fourteen feet. He made an attempt in a dual meet with Minnesota several weeks ago to equal the World indoor record. He scarcely failed in his third attempt. In the high jump Diefenthaler of Illinois has reached 6 feet 6 3/4 inches which is almost a full inch over the present record. He should replace Bechel, the four time winner in this event, as the record holder.

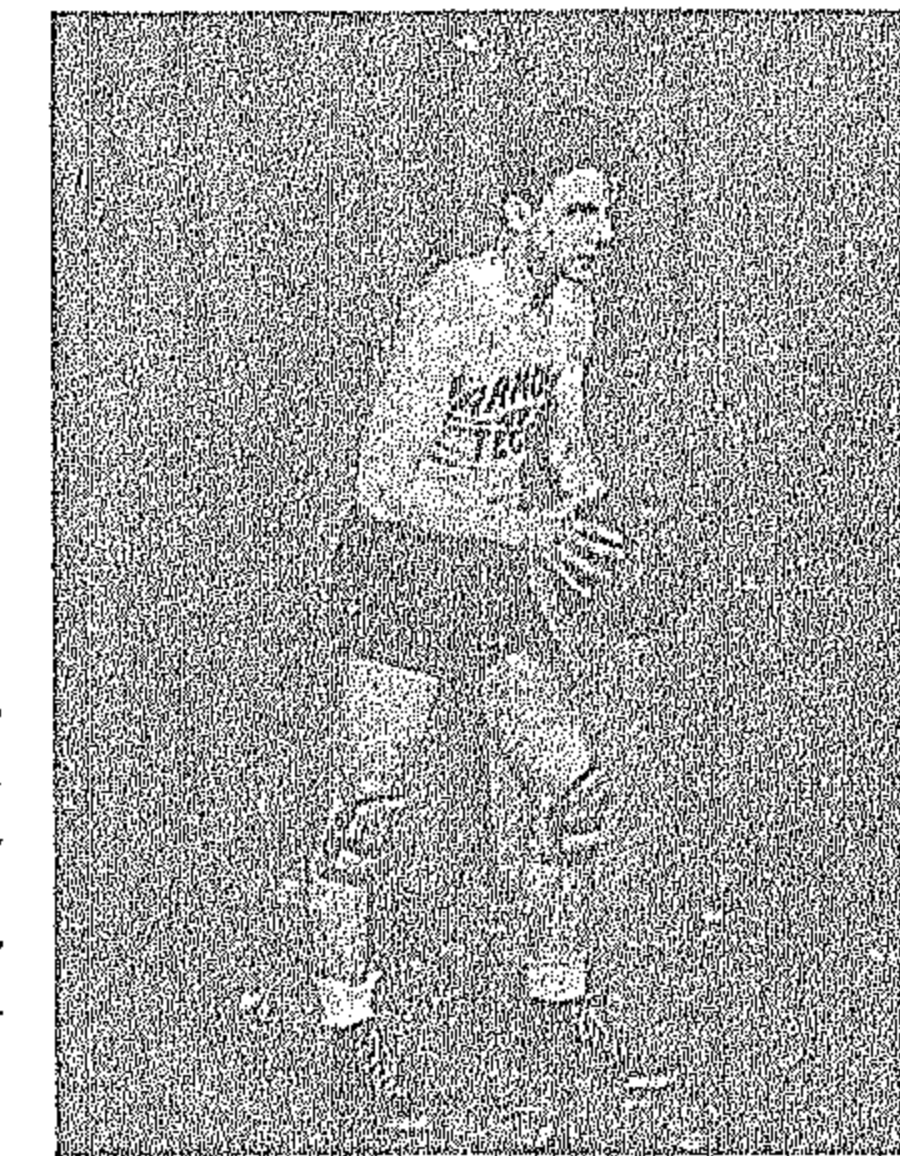
It is difficult to forget the notable performance of Chuck Fenske in the mile last year. Had he run against Cunningham that night the record would probably read close to 4:06 instead of 4:08.9. We saw the Cunningham-Fenske mile at the Amphitheatre the week following the Armour meet last year and in spite of the setting, it lacked the thrill of Fenske's run on the Field House track.

It is difficult to predict the outcome of many of the running events. The hurdle records seem vulnerable especially with Wisconsin's Ed Smith in both the tall and short sticks. Smith equalled the American record in the highs last year with an :08.6 race. The 880 seems plenty safe at 1:55.5 which is the record set by Calvin Beckett of Marquette in 1936.

If you have never seen an Armour Relay Carnival; if you have never heard the bark of a starters gun then come to the University of Chicago Fieldhouse Saturday and see one of America's premier track meets. For those who have been there before no further invitation is necessary.

Bill Scherer, Veteran Guard, Elected As Captain of Cagers

NEW CAPTAIN



Bill Scherer, who last week was elected to succeed Ed Swanson and Paul Henriksen as captain of the Techawk's basketball team. Bill is a Junior Architect and a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Fourteen Lettermen Approved By A.T.S.A.

LASKER MANAGER

Last Thursday afternoon, the Armour Tech Student Association met and approved the selection of Bill Scherer as captain of the 1939-40 varsity basketball squad. In addition to approving the new captain, the Board awarded major letters to thirteen players and to the student manager.

Heading the list of lettermen were the co-captains of this year's squad Ed Swanson and Paul Henriksen, followed by Joe Janicek, Al Kubicka, Paul Hofmann, Bill Scherer, Lloyd Norluk, Herb Sher, Ed. O'Connor, Frank Lurz, and Hank Sliwa. A manager's award went to Ed "Streaky" Grabacki while Rupe Weber, Johnny Rudakus, and Tom Barrett-Smith received minor letters.

Stars at Guard

The new captain has played varsity basketball now for two years, playing at both forward and guard. Bill came to Armour from Naperville High School where he starred in both football and basketball. Enrolling in the Delta Tau Delta frat at the Institute, Bill soon became known for his passing ability in touchball and his pitching in softball.

Playing for the frosh team, he was one of the leading scorers at the forward position but when he went out for the varsity, he was shifted to guard because of his superior defense play. Last year the Naperville Techawk alternated at guard and forward but this year he stayed at the guard post, from where he scored 54 points to be fifth high scorer on the team.

Lasker Succeeds Grabacki

Replacing Ed Grabacki as manager will be Frank Lasker, a junior mechanical, who has just finished a year of service as assistant manager. Due to the fact that Frank was the only junior to stick as assistant to Grabacki, he was appointed without election.

PAST WINNERS OF TECH RELAYS

1929	Chicago
1930	Armour
1931	Loyola
1932	Indiana
1933	Chicago, Illinois State, Northwestern
1934	Michigan State

UNIVERSITY DIVISION	COLLEGE DIVISION
1935 Pittsburg	Butler
1936 Kansas State	Wayne
1937 Wisconsin	Wayne
1938 Illinois	No. Central
1939 ?	?

competition Tommy Deckard and Jimmy Smith will give him.

While entered in the mile, Deckard is best known for his ability to beat Lash at the two-mile jaunt. Tommy was a member of Uncle Sam's Olympic team in 1932, being the No. 1 man in the 2,500 meter steeplechase.

Watch Burke, Padway

In the high jump, the spectators may witness the setting of a new world's record, and if not, surely a new Relay mark, when Burke of Marquette and Diefenthal of Illinois square off. Both have done 6 ft 6 3/4 inches repeatedly and that is already 3/4 inches better than the present Relay record.

The pole vaulting of Milt Padway also insures a record breaking performance for 14 ft. 2 1/2 inches has been common for this sky-toucher, and this is only a few inches off the world's record held by Wambersham.

To sum it all, no record is secure and at least four are doomed as Armour truly presents a "night of stars."

Sixteen Athletes Pledged By Honor A At Gathering

Sixteen men met last Wednesday night in an informal smoker to receive the highest honor an athlete can receive at Armour, pledging to Honor A. The recipients of the award can now be seen about the Institute wearing the traditional black and yellow Honor A pledge ribbons.

Pool and ping pong tournaments along with the Armour pastime, card playing, rounded out the entertainment which was climaxed by refreshments galore. Following the refreshments, each pledge was called upon to demonstrate his ability in an exhibition of interesting feats which included a display of wrestling holds by Kazmierowicz, and swing steps by Ropek.

President Bill Kruse addressed the pledges, stating the purpose of the organization and a resume of its activities. Another pledge meeting is forthcoming at which each pledge will be assigned his respective duties.

This year's list of pledges consists of: Scherer, O'Connor, Hofmann, Sliwa, Janicek, of the basketball team; Ropek, Kazmierowicz, Hanna, Tom Clark of wrestling and boxing; J. Clark, Ryan, and Elwood of the track team; Leonard and Bauch, baseball, and Dodge and Svagdis of the swimming team.

I'M GLAD YOU CHANGED TO CAMELS

I SURE LEARNED A LOT WHEN I BEGAN TO LET UP... LIGHT UP A CAMEL

SMOKERS FIND: CAMELS NEVER JANGLE THE NERVES