

Reporter Sees Tech Relays As Top Collegiate Track Classic

STARS SMASH RECORDS

By Warren Spitz

Another milestone in the road of Armour achievement was passed, last Saturday night, as over three hundred sturdy athletes from every section of the midwest staged the eleventh annual Armour Relays in a manner unequalled in track successes. Vigor and keenness were featured in all events and top-notch performances were presented by unknown stars as well as by men of reputed caliber.

The setting was one of ideal conditions, the track being firm and well kept and jumping pits outfitted with new bars and fresh, clean sawdust. Officials, newsmen, and coaches mingled with the tracksters as they gradually warmed up, while wearing their gayly colored sweat suits. Occasionally a spectator from the well filled stands would rush out onto the track to obtain the autograph of his favorite and would return to his seat with the coveted signature.

Hackney Takes It Easy

Early in the evening, unnoticed by most of the audience, Elmer Hackney, of Kansas State, set a new Relay record in the shot-put. The giant All-American grid star seemed to put little effort into throw as he bettered, by over three feet, the existing mark of 48 feet 4 inches. Hackney's record toss was made on his first try. A fault was declared on the second attempt and as onlookers were awakening to the prowess of the star, he put a third shot three inches past the first.

All eyes were on the straightaway as the sprinters towed the mark in the university seventy yard dash, which was expected to be a duel between Piker of Northwestern, Kaufmann of Wisconsin, and Davenport, Chicago star. Kaufmann had equaled the existing record in his semi-final heat and was the favorite, but, as happens in many close races the Wisconsin ace pulled a muscle and was handicapped in the finals.

Piker Leads Till Finish

Piker led the sprinters all the way until the lame Kaufmann and another runner pulled ahead at the finish. The race was won by a dark horse, Shelton of Marquette who equaled the record of 7.1 seconds.

A Negro flash from Wilson Junior College upset all competitors in the college dash as Rikli of North Central followed on his heels. The lad's name is Evans Walker and he is only a college sophomore. Intimates from Wilson claim that Walker will be among the fastest runners in the country in a few years.

Grindle Poor Prophet

During the record-breaking two-mile relay run by Michigan Normal we overheard an interesting conversation between a track official and Grindle, Normal's first man. Having just given his team a nice lead, Grindle remarked that the team would cross the finish line ten yards ahead of their opponent. The official stated that Grinnell would outrun the Michigan four and boasted of the speed of his favorites. Grindle was a little off on the final result however because his team outran the second squad by forty yards instead of ten. Tsk-Tsk.

Amongst the few spills of the evening one of the victims was Harv Rothenberg, Armour star, who slipped in the college sprint medley relay. Almost as soon as he had fallen, Rothenberg was up like a flash and on his way, but the Armour rosters were doomed to disappointment again.

Burke Takes Time

Ed Burke, holder of the world's high jump record, drew the spotlight in his attempt to break the 6 foot 6 inch mark set by Charlie Bechel last year. Burke, Marquette's most famous son, brushed the bar three times and knocked it down, thus failing in his effort. Each jump took the champion about ten minutes as he flexed his muscles and took careful studies of every step in the runway.

Ten minutes after Thistlethwaite of Northwestern had set a new relay record of 13 feet 11 1/2 inches in the pole-vault, he missed a jump of less than eleven feet, while posing for photographers. The modest Northwestern vaulter landed on the edge of the pit and smiled with the audience in his embarrassment. Auto-graphers hounded him all night after his record-breaking act.

Fenske Fails To Break Record in Special Mile Run

"Chuck" Fenske, winner of the Columbian mile, tried and failed in an effort to better his own mile mark when he negotiated the Armour Tech mile in 4:12.5 last Saturday night in the special feature of the Tech Relays. The former Wisconsinite won his specialty, beating Tommy Deckard of Indiana by five yards.

Fenske and Deckard were the only entrants in the feature when Walter Mehl, who was substituting for Jimmy Smith, withdrew to run in the open college mile. In place of Mehl, Dick Cooper was entered as the pace setter.

First Quarter in One Minute

Cooper set a blistering pace for the first lap, bringing Fenske past the one-eighth mile mark in 29 seconds and the quarter mile in one minute. However in the second quarter the pace slowed and hope for a new record vanished as the time for the half mile was announced as 2:05.

At this point Cooper dropped out and Fenske moved on trailed by Deckard who remained about five yards in the rear. The third quarter was slightly better than the second, being timed in 64 seconds.

Deckard Makes Bid

It was at this point that Deckard made his bid pulling to within two yards of the leader but falling back when the Badger ace started his sprint. Deckard was left behind and Fenske crossed the finish line unchallenged.

While Fenske's effort was disappointing due to the terrific buildup given the feature, it was his second best effort of the year, being surpassed only by his Columbian Mile time of 4:11.1.

Rifle Club Points For Chicago U. Invitational

Having already won six of their eight matches, Armour's rifle team will try to improve their record when they go after their seventh win this week against Northwestern Naval Reserve. If past meets are any criterion, the Techawks should have little trouble in overcoming the seamen.

Indiana University and Drexel have been the only squads thus far who were able to cope with the Institute shooters, winning by three and four points respectively. Following the Naval meet, Wilmette will furnish the opposition with the University of Chicago Invitational in the offing. The latter is the high spot on the sniper's schedule and will be held on March 30, and April 1 and 2.

Anticipating the graduation of several vital men, the squad is already busily engaged in the building up of new material. Chief among the graduating gunmen will be George Bjornstad whose shooting has won several matches for the Techawks this year.

The greatest applause was given spontaneously to Walter Mehl, famed Wisconsin distance man, who practically single-handed, won the university two-mile and sprint medley relay events. Mehl ran anchor on both teams and came up from behind to win going away. Later in the show, Mehl ran a perfect race to edge out all competition in the one-mile open, thus scoring a triple feat for the evening. He didn't run in the match mile, but his place was taken by a teammate, Cooper, who paced the great Fenske for the first two laps in the special feature event.

Fenske ran a good race, but wasn't forced into record time. A slow second quarter put "Chuck" a way off balance in his record attempt.

Medals Coveted by All

It was interesting to note the faces of the athletes wreathed in smiles as they received the beautiful medals and cups awarded to the winners.

All in all, the eleventh Relays was a credit to Armour and to all, who competed in the affair. Next year, the stars will go to even greater performances and in time the Tech Relays the track classic of the nation.

Shelton Ties Record



Walter Shelton, Marquette's star sprinter, pulls an upset and ties a record as he noses out Kauffman of Wisconsin and Pikers of Northwestern in the 70 yard dash.

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Number Eleven

Last Saturday, Armour acted as host to some 400 track and field athletes who, although highly touted, were hardly expected to crack four classic records and to tie another. The scene again was the University of Chicago Field House and the occasion, in case you may have been wondering, was the eleventh running of the now famous Armour Relays. Individual honors were again carried away by a Wisconsin Badger. Instead of its being Fenske this time, it was Walter Mehl who was the bellwether of the Wisconsin team.

Fenske vs. Deckard

The main topic of the night was the match mile with Wisconsin's famous Fenske running against Indiana's Tommy Deckard and with Dick Cooper of Wisconsin doing the pace setting for the first 850. We need not mention the 4:08.9 American Collegiate record set by Fenske last year. He was out to better this effort and for the first 660 was well on his way. At that moment, he was timed in 1:31 which was two seconds under the time at the same point last year. Then the pace lagged and the fourth and fifth

220 sections were run in 68 seconds which was about four seconds above the agreed pace. The last quarter went at 63 seconds which was almost equal to last year's time at this point; yet the vital seconds had already been lost and only a 59 second last quarter would have saved the record. Even for a man of Fenske's calibre, in view of the competition, this was expecting just a little too much.

They Grow Strong Out In Kansas

Record shattering began almost with the first heave of the 16 pound ball in the shot. On his first effort, Kansas State's Elmer Hackney was considerably over the 51 foot mark. From that point on, he increased the distance until the finals showed 51 feet 9 1/4 inches. This chap has taken the measure of Michigan's Collegiate champion Bill Watson on several occasions the last of which was at the Illinois Relays when he cast the brass shell 51 feet 3 3/4 inches for a new record. There is scarcely a question that this lad will carry the stars and stripes to the winner's mat at the time of the 1940 Olympics.

So as before, we come to the end of our string. In closing this 73rd issue of the Shorts, our hope for Armour Institute is that the next year will show as much advancement in all directions that the Relays showed this year.

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Summary Armour Tech Relays

UNIVERSITY DIVISION
70 YARD DASH—Won by Shelton, Marquette; Kauffman, Wisconsin, second; Piker, Northwestern, third; Ashley, Illinois, fourth; Black, Marquette, fifth. Time .57.1.
200 YARD DASH—Won by Wisconsin (Cooper, Fenske, Buxton, Mehl); Illinois, second; Marquette, third; Kansas State, fourth. Time 1:58.3.
SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY (440-220-220-880)—Won by Wisconsin (Petrie, Darling, Mueller, Mehl); Marquette, second; Kansas State, third; Michigan State, fourth; Chicago, fifth. Time 3:33.6.
440 YARD RUN—Won by Toole, Kansas State; Downs, Illinois, second; Resley, Northwestern, third; Schenck, Wisconsin, fourth; Butler, Marquette, fifth. Time 2:59.6.
70 YARD HIGH HURDLES—Won by Finch, Northwestern; Hotchkiss, Kansas State, second; Schweppe, Marquette, third; Wasson, Chicago, fourth; Hathaway, Northwestern, fifth. Time 3:08.8.
MATCHED ONE MILE RUN—Won by Chuck Fenske; Tommy Deckard, second. Time 4:12.5.
70 YARD LOW HURDLES—Won by Shurilla, Marquette; Robinson, Michigan State, second; Schweppe, Marquette, third; Gurdien, fourth; North Central, fifth. Time 3:06.5. (New record. Old record 3:07.9, made by Illinois Normal in 1934.)
70 YARD DASH—Won by Walker, Wilson Junior College; Rikli, North Central, second; Tozlati, Milwaukee Teachers, third; Terwilliger, De Kalb Teachers, fourth; Powers, Grinnell, fifth. Time .57.2.
ONE MILE RELAY—Won by Illinois (Ashley, Downs, Krivice, McGowan); Marquette, second; Michigan State, third; Wisconsin, fourth; Kansas State, fifth. Time 3:25.4.
COLLEGE DIVISION
TWO MILE RELAY—Won by Michigan Normal (Grindle, Hughes, Quinn, Zempert); Milwaukee Teachers, second; Grinnell, third; Gurdien, fourth; North Central, fifth. Time 8:06.5. (New record. Old record 8:07.9, made by Illinois Normal in 1934.)
70 YARD DASH—Won by Walker, Wilson Junior College; Rikli, North Central, second; Tozlati, Milwaukee Teachers, third; Terwilliger, De Kalb Teachers, fourth; Powers, Grinnell, fifth. Time .57.2.
ONE MILE RELAY—Won by North Central (Rikli, Stanger, Arlen, Wagner); Michigan Normal, second; Grinnell, third; Illinois State Normal, fourth; Carleton, fifth. Time 3:27.6.
70 YARD HIGH HURDLES—Won by Thompson, Western State Teachers; Bailey, Grinnell, second; Ralston, Coe, third; Jamnik, Wilson Junior College; Miller, Michigan Normal, fifth. Time .59.2.
440 YARD RUN—Won by Wagner, North Central; Moore, Coe, second; Rogel, Iowa Teachers, third; Clark, Michigan Normal, fourth; Corvick, Armour, fifth. Time .59.4. (New record. Old record .59 seconds, made by Her, Northwestern, 1936.)
70 YARD LOW HURDLES—Won by Powers, Grinnell; Mayer, Iowa Teachers, second; Miller, Michigan Normal, third; Ralston, Coe, fourth; Meeson, Iowa Teachers, fifth. Time .58.8.
SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY—Won by North Central (Rikli, Stanger, Arlen, Wagner); Michigan Normal, second; De Kalb, third; Iowa State Teachers, fourth; Grinnell, fifth. Time 3:42.5.
HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION
HALF MILE RELAY—Won by Crane (Kawalik, Taylor, Malloy, Sarley); Englewood, second; Tilden, third; Austin, fourth. Time 1:36.2.
OPEN DIVISION
SHOT PUT—Won by Hackney, Kansas State; Mills, Nebraska, second; Wibbels, Nebraska, third; Malisch, Wisconsin, fourth; Rendleman, Chicago, fifth. Distance—51 feet 9 1/4 inches. (New record, old record, 48 feet 4 inches, set by Davis, Hillsdale, in 1935.)
HIGH JUMP—Won by Burke, Marquette; Best, Wisconsin, second; Harrier, Wisconsin, third; Northwestern, fourth; Robinson, Illinois; Morningstar, Michigan Normal, and Pfahl, Grinnell, tied for third. Height 6 feet 4 inches.
POLE VAULT—Won by Thistlethwaite, Northwestern; Cassels, Chicago, and Stagner, Marquette, tied for second; Gardner of Wisconsin, White of North Central, and Robinson of Grinnell, tied for fourth. Height 13 feet 11 1/2 inches. (New record. Old record, 13 feet 9 1/2 inches, set by Padway, Wisconsin, in 1938.)
ONE MILE RUN—Won by Mehl, Wisconsin; Pedler, Western State Teachers, second; Wickelsham, Marquette, third; Toole, Wisconsin, fourth; Mitchell, Kansas State, fifth. Time 4:23.2.
880 YARD RUN—Won by Buxton, Wisconsin; Hebler, Marquette, second; Quinn, Michigan Normal, third; Merriam, Chicago, fourth; Haymaker, Kansas State, fifth. Time 1:59.8.

Gym Practise Bears Fruit As Pitchers Start Bearing Down

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the field, giving Wisconsin firsts in those events.

Elmer Hackney of Kansas State showed his prowess in putting the shot by heaving the metal ball to a new record distance of 51 feet 9 1/4 inches. His feat is notable in that it not only broke the record, but that it shattered the old mark of 3 feet 5 1/4 inches. Also in the record break—Thistlethwaite of Northwestern who vaulted to a new high of 13 feet 11 1/2 inches in the pole vault, and thus broke the one year old mark of Wisconsin's Padway. College teams also did their part to lift the Tech games to an even higher level by establishing two new marks. Wagner of North Central covered the 440 in the college division in :49.4 to lower the old mark by 0.6 seconds. In the two mile relay of the college division the Michigan Normal team stepped out to a record time of 8:06.5. The record in the 70 yard dash in the university division was tied twice. In the semi-finals Kaufmann of Wisconsin equaled the mark of :07.1 as did Shelton of Marquette in the finals.

Three Firsts for Winners

In winning the team trophy Michigan State Normal scored three firsts, one tie for first, and three seconds. The Michigan Normal men seemed to have a group of husky shot put artists for they took both first and second places in that event in the college scoring. North Central's relay team of Rikli, Stenger, Arlen, and Wagner scored almost a half of the Naperville team's points by coming out victoriously in the college one mile relay and the college sprint medley relay. In the pole vault the North Central men also proved their worth by gaining ties for the first and third places in the college scoring of that event. White, North Central, and Walters, Grinnell tied for first places honors, while Mazza, North Central, and Frid, Michigan Normal, were deadlocked for the number three position. An unusual event occurred in the pole vault in that three men shared honors for fifth place. Elwood, Armour Tech, Allen, Northern Teachers, and Morningstar, Michigan Normal, each earned a third of a point for his team.

Among Grinnell's points were one first, two first place ties, two seconds and, two thirds. Powers of Grinnell showed his heels to the rest of the field in the college divisions of the 70 yard low hurdles to win over Mayer of Iowa Teachers. Pfahl, Grinnell, and Morningstar were quite evenly matched in the high jump, participating in a five way tie for third in the open division and tying for the first position in the college scoring.

Mehl Star of Evening

The university two mile event proved to be of the most thrilling events of the games, and brought the crowd to its feet due to the close finish. In this race Mehl showed how an anchor man should run as he came up to pass the Illinois anchor man and break the tape. The first three teams, Wisconsin, Illinois and Marquette were all close at the finish with but ten yards separating the first and third place men. The university sprint medley relay also caused some thrilling moments before it was won by Wisconsin. With Petrie running the 440, Darling the 220, Moeller the second 220, and Mehl finishing up with a steady 440, the Wisconsin boys took first place honors.

Armour did not play such a very conspicuous part in the games, but they were a very gracious host. Last year the Armour team was able to collect 18 points for fourth in the games, but this year the 2 1/3 points relegated them to the last position. Beside Elwood's part in the three way tie for fifth in the pole vault, Corvick gave Armour a fifth by his running in the college 440, and Vandekieft placed fifth in the college scoring of the shot put. The Armour fans had a chance to cheer when Armour took the lead in the first lap of the college medley relay, but this advantage was soon lost and the home team failed to place in the event.

Coach Has to Build New Team

While major league teams are training in the South, Armour baseball squad has been practicing in the gym in anticipation of an early start of the season. The squad will take to Ogden Field as soon as the weather permits and daily practice will become the custom.

Practice so far has been limited to easy throwing and has been particularly for the pitchers and catchers, consequently the hurlers are expected to be ahead of the batters when the latter get their turns at the plate.

All Positions Open

Due to the loss of eight lettermen, Coach Stenger and Captain Kruse are faced with the problem of completely rebuilding the team that two years ago won the championship. Graduation left the squad without an experienced infielder, all five having left, and the chief worry is located in bolstering the inner defense.

At present, it appears as if Leonard is set at shortstop but that's all that definitely can be said about the infield. At first, Lyckberg and Tullgren will battle for Tommy Green's old spot with neither one having an edge at present. The guardians of second and third base are unknown and will most likely be new men.

Kruse Might Play Outfield

In the outfield, Kruse appears to be the only letterman returning unless Willie Kruse decides to play the center garden and let someone else do the hurling. However this latter possibility is doubtful as "El Capitan" stands head and shoulders above the rest of hurlers.

Behind the plate, Bauch, major letterman, will battle Rehwaldt for the job. Last year as a freshman Bauch understudied Captain Seidenberg and replaced him when the latter came up with a bad knee after the Lake Forest game.

Mound Staff Strong

It will be on the mound that all of Armour strength will be mustered and there especially in the right wing of Kruse. Last year Willie split assignments with Joe Pacocha and between them, they gave the opposition plenty to worry about. This year Pacocha didn't return to school so Kruse is left alone.

Of the other hurlers Alex Yursis is expected to show the most although neither Penn nor James can be counted out. Yursis possesses a terrific fast ball which if controlled will win several games for the Techawks.

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mal, and Herman of Carleton, when he breasted the tape in 7.1 seconds, tying the Relay record.

The record was again equaled in the finals when Shelton of Marquette pulled the upset of the meet by beating both Kauffman and Piker of Northwestern in one of the closest finishes in Relay history.

Thistlethwaite Does It Too

In the pole vault, Ed Thistlethwaite of Northwestern set a new mark when he traversed a height of 13 feet 11 1/2 inches, bettering the old mark by 1 1/2 inches. The former record holder, Padway of Wisconsin, was not on hand to defend his title having traveled to Butler for the Hoosier Relays.

Thistlethwaite left all opposition behind at 13 feet 6 inches and after scaling 13 feet 8 inches moved to 14 feet. Three efforts were necessary before he made it but the official measurement insured a new record of 13 feet 11 1/2 inches.

North Central Star in 440

The last individual mark to fall went to the Cardinal star from Naperville, Wagner who clipped 6/10 of a second from the previous mark of .50 for the quarter mile. Despite the fact that he won by nearly twenty yards, Wagner covered the distance in the same interval as did Howells in winning the Big Ten championship in record time.

Michigan Normal, winner of the Armour Tech Cup, also set the record man in search of pen and ink when they swept through the college two mile relay in 8:06.5. This better a five year record by 1.4 seconds. It was the stiff competition offered by Milwaukee Teachers, and Grinnell that pushed the champs to a record breaking performance.