

HACKNEY IN ARMOUR RELAYS

Last Year's Events Reviewed; Hackney and Thistlewaite Star

Michigan State Normal, Marquette Take Top Honors

By Warren Spitz

As we are practically on the eve of another running of the Armour Tech Relays, the *Tech News* here-with brings to the reader a review of last year's event so that, by comparison, he may be able to judge the forth-coming presentation by what took place one year ago. Good logic tells us that we can not forecast what is to come, by using past events as a premise, but we assuredly can't go wrong by leaving it up to our readers as to whether or not on the eve of March 16 we may expect a repetition of glorious past track performances.

1939 Relays Tops

The 1939 staging of the Relays was run off with the precision and timing of men well versed in the art of track, both as to athletic and spectacle attractions of the sport. An excellent field and near-perfect conditions left much room for startling performances and expectancies were not disappointed as records were constantly defied throughout the evening.

It seems as if a husky young full-back by the name of Elmer Hackney had never heard of an Armour Tech Relays' record in the shot-put, for the Kansas State star stepped into the pit and put the shot 51 feet 9 1/4 inches to better the former record by more than three feet. Hackney will return this year and in all probability will better the record which he now holds, because he has tossed greater distances in current meets.

Michigan Normal First

In team scoring Michigan State Normal stole first honors—a powerful North Central squad which had won in 1938 in the college division. State Normal scored 561 1/3 points whereas North Central garnered 42 points. Marquette was top scorer in the university division by counting 56 1/2 points to Wisconsin's 50 1/2. Grinnell and Kansas State placed third in the college and university divisions respectively.

Shelton Scores Upset

Michigan State Normal's superiority was displayed in nearly every event. The Normal lads collected points in every event throughout the evening, excepting in the 70-yard dash. In the two-mile relay the Normal four established a new meet record of 8:06.5, thereby shattering the former record set by Illinois Normal in 1934.

Kauffman of Wisconsin and Shelton of Marquette equalled the meet record of :07.1 in the 70 yd. dash. Kauffman tied the mark while running in the semi-finals, whereas Shelton scored an upset by beating out both Kauffman and the highly-touted Piker of Northwestern in record time. We may rest assured that the dashes will again furnish their share of thrills in the 1940 show.

Wisconsin Had Mehl

Individual honors in the university division went to Walter Mehl, famed Wisconsin distance man, who practically single-handed, won the two-mile and sprint medley relay events for his team. Mehl ran anchor on both teams and came from behind to win going away. Later in the evening he edged out all competitors to win the one mile run.

Ed Thistlewaite, Northwestern star set a new meet record in the pole-vault as he vaulted to a height of 13 feet 11 1/4 inches to break the height set by Milt Padway of Wisconsin. Wagner of North Central pulled the fourth record breaking performance of the evening as he established a mark of :49.4 in the 440 yard dash. The old mark of fifty seconds was set by Heg of Northwestern in 1936.

Fenske and Deckard—Wow!

In the feature spectacle of the night, "Chuck" Fenske, formerly of the University of Wisconsin was pitted against Tommy Deckard, ex-Indi-

ana runner, in a one-mile match race. Cooper, another Wisconsin man paced the runners through the first two laps and Fenske went on to mark up a time of 4:12.5. As "Chuck" returns Saturday night, we may expect a finer performance on the basis of his recent wins over Cunningham and other top milers in the country.

Eddie Burke, former world record holder in the high jump, failed to set a new meet record as he clipped the bar three times in his attempts. The six foot six inch mark established by Charlie Betchel in 1938 still remains as a challenge to the '40 aspirants.

Grinnell College Constant Threat

Grinnell College was a constant threat to the point-setters in the college division. Third position was won by Grinnell as they totaled thirty seven points. Powers of Grinnell showed his heels to the remainder of the field in the 70 yard low hurdles to win over Mayer of Iowa Teachers. Pfuhl tied for first in the collegiate scoring in the high jump.

Four records were broken and one was tied in the '39 edition of the Relays. As the times are decreased and the heights and distances increased, it is surprising that the Tech Relay marks are becoming a gauge as to what may be expected of our outstanding track performers of the country. A very select field has again entered in Saturday's feature and the caliber may be expected to improve as time marches on.

Stenger Releases Baseball Schedule

Interest is running high on the campus concerning the prospects of the baseball team for the forthcoming season. It is the general belief that a good year is ahead, although the squad will be handicapped somewhat by the loss of Willie Kruse and Berndt Lyckberg through graduation.

Dozen Men Returning

However, Coach Stenger has about a dozen men returning from last year's squad and with these men as a nucleus a good team should develop. The men returning are Alex, "Wildcat" Yursis, Red James, "Slim" Holle, "Moon" Mankus and Bay, pitchers; Bill Bauch, catcher, "Hod" Carrier, Red Mueller, Capt. "Jug" Leonard, Jim Thodos and "Stump" Grosse, infielders, and "Moose" Krause, "Windy" Rehwaldt and "Pe Wee" Achinarian in the outfield. To support these men there are some fine prospects among the underclassmen. However, Coach Stenger said that all positions are open and urges everyone to try out.

Baseball Meeting Will Be Held

A baseball meeting will be held during the week and all men interested should be present. A notice will appear on the Bulletin Board with the announcement.

A tentative schedule has been arranged and includes thirteen games.

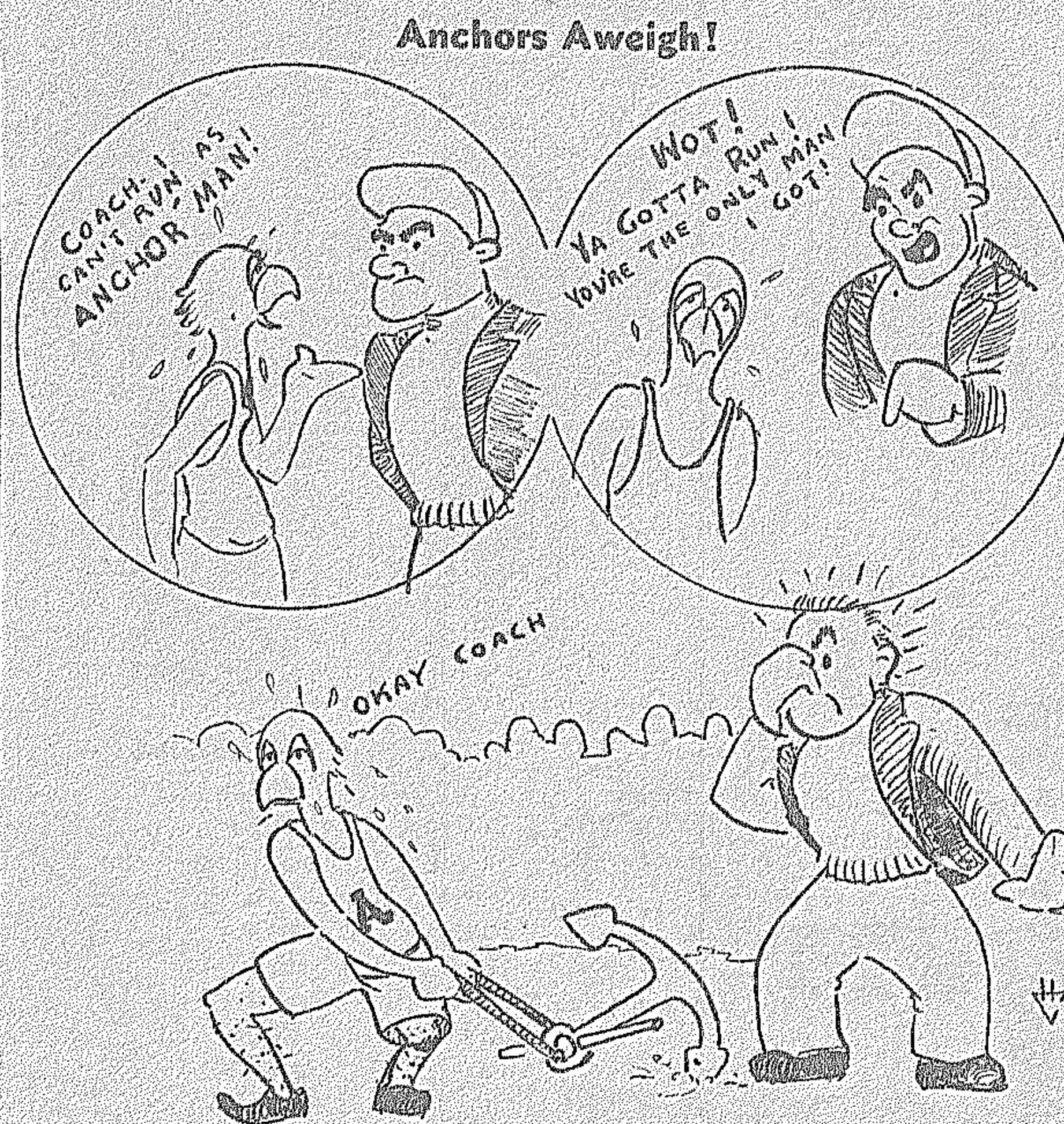
Schedule—1940 Baseball

Date	Opponent	Place
April 10	Geo. Williams Col.	Here
April 16	Elmhurst	There
April 20	No. Central	There
April 24	Lake Forest	There
April 27	Chicago Teachers	Here
April 30	Lake Forest	Here
May 3	De Kalb	Here
May 9	Augustana	Here
May 11	De Kalb	There
May 14	Elmhurst	Here
May 17	Wabash	Here
May 18	Augustana	Here
May 22	Open	
May 24	No. Central	Here

TECH RELAYS—

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Teachers, Beloit, U. of Illinois, and U. of Chicago, North Central, Wisconsin, Michigan Normal, Carleton, and Grinnell are few of the many colleges that have notified John J. Schommer that they will participate but have yet to send in their entry blank.



PAST WINNERS OF TECH RELAYS

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

UNIVERSITY DIVISION

1935	Pittsburgh
1936	Kansas State
1937	Wisconsin
1938	Illinois
1939	Marquette
1940	???

COLLEGE DIVISION

1935	Butler
1936	Wayne
1937	Wayne
1938	North Central
1939	Michigan Normal
1940	???

Tech Thinclads Seek First Win Of Year in Meet with Elmhurst

This Wednesday afternoon, March 13, Armour Tech's Track team will compete in its fourth meet of the current season, against Elmhurst at the University of Chicago Fieldhouse. The Armourites will be seeking their first meet victory, although the other meets have all been close.

High hopes have been expressed for this ice-breaking victory. Despite the fact that Elmhurst is reported through reliable sources to have a fairly good team, the steady improvement of our team seems to indicate victory, according to supporters of the track team.

Cerovski Back in Shape

Ralph Erisman, manager of the track team, commented, "We are certainly due to have a few breaks come our way in the Elmhurst meet. Besides, with John Cerovski back in



Norm Root, Track Coach

shape and the rest of the team in good form, we have great hopes of winning the meet."

According to the results of the first few meets, the leading point-getters can be picked out. In the sixty yard dash Charles Ryant is considered the best bet, while Co-captain Cerovski is the star of the middle distance men. In the mile Henry Jackowski is the leading candidate. Albert Bujan and Donald Keigher are the best hopes in the hurdles.

Field events, the team's best department, contain many potential point winners. In the shot-put Roy Burman, who has placed first in all the meets to date, and "Lefty" Mongeau are tops. In the high jump Mongeau and Co-captain Jack Clark will be expected to place high, while Elwood, Heindenreich and Mongeau are expected to garner many points in the pole vault.

Tie in Mid-West Invitational

On Saturday, March 2, the Fourth Annual North Central Invitational indoor track meet was held. Armour competed in the meet along with fourteen other colleges and universities. The meet resulted in a tie between Butler University and Milwaukee State Teachers, both of whom scored 42 points.

Armour's contingent consisted of only three athletes, one of whom, John Cerovski, had an injured leg and was unable to compete. Charles Ryant entered the sixty yard dash and the 440 yard run, while John Elwood entered the pole-vault.

In both of his events, Ryant just failed to qualify in the preliminary heats. Elwood placed fifth in the pole-vault, thus scoring one point and averting a complete whitewash.

WHERE, WHY, WHEN, ABOUT THE RELAYS

WHAT—12th Annual Armour Tech Relays.

WHERE—University of Chicago Fieldhouse, 56th and University.

WHEN—Preliminaries start at 7 o'clock.

TICKETS—General admission, 40 cents. Reserved seats, 75 cents. Armour students will be admitted on their ATSA cards. (Obtainable in the cashier's office.)

HOW TO GET THERE—"1" to 51st Street, street car east on 51st to University, walk one block south. Surface lines, automobile.



By Fred DeMoney

Faced with the task of commuting ideas we will start off with "corrections." This item concerns the smiling star boarder of the Union building. Sonny Weissman did not graduate from Loyola, but from DePaul. In 1927 he received his B.A. degree; and in 1928 he was presented with the LLB degree. Only needing 72 credits for a degree, Sonny raised the ante to 84 and hence graduated with a surplus of 12 credits. Mr. Weissman's duties as a coach started in September, 1928. Then he had only boxing. The next year he added wrestling to his job, and the rest of Sonny's history is well known.

Here are a few facts about that Kentucky swimming team. They have no pool, and hence are called the "pool-less" Cats. The nearest pool is some 20 miles away. This compares favorably to the U. of C. pool. The "Kaintucks" are forced to take an annual winter training trip down to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There the boys whip into shape, and swim against Florida, Georgia, and Georgia Tech. After this jaunt, the Cats head for home and have a few meets in their neighborhood, including the state conference meet. For the past four years the Kernels have been state champs. Then the tanksters turn north and swim DePaul, Loyola and Armour. Not a bad program. There is only one drawback, however, and that is the Florida escapade. We're afraid the boys had to break the ice this time before they dove in.

We thought the basketball season was over, but now it appears that the old adage "It's all over but the shouting" is true. We believe that Mr. Luber and Shukes have a point.

To Quote:

A recent article by Jim Fahey gave us quite a laugh. To quote his *Memoirs in the Tech News of March 5*, "The best material in seven years isn't much of a season."

Perhaps Jim never heard of the stellar squad of 1934 consisting of Pfum, Heike, Merz, Warner, Dollemaier, Christoph and Lauchkiss. Each man was a star in his own right. That was the team that succumbed to Frank Linskey and his National Championship crew at De Paul 41-40 after two overtimes. It's too bad that the underclassmen have to be fed on this "best material" hokey. We're not trying to cast any reflections on the team's ability, but we doubt very much if the boys could have handled De Paul's Frosh this year.

It's too bad that the fellows on the team won't place even one particle of blame for a disastrous season on themselves but are very willing to pass the entire buck elsewhere.

Maybe Jim would like to write the *Shipstick*, no?

Morton E. Luber, '38.

Charles J. Shukes, '37.

P.S.—The squad of '37 didn't do so bad either facing a similar schedule and being under the tutelage of the present cage mentor.

WAISTLINES

When are those basketball letter winners going to be measured for their sweaters? . . . Or when are the players going to hand in their equipment? . . . I need a pair of gym shoes . . . that Cat team from the U. of Kentucky . . . whew . . . their medley has lost once in four years . . . last season they went through a ten meet season undefeated . . . Jimmie Dunne is finally married to Pauline and settled in the Southwest . . . oil it it . . . tennis, golf, horseshoes, baseball . . . they start soon . . . the Bibbmen have a five day trip planned . . . it needs some additions . . . how about that Intercity conference . . . spring is here . . . we pick a Co-op team to win the softball championship . . .

Piker, Smith, Thistlewaite Also Perform

Outstanding Men Make Competition a Guarantee

By Jim Fahey

*I can't forget the glamour—
Their eyes held a fiery light,
And stars shone at the Relays
Again that night.*

Another year and another Relays about to take place under the guidance of John Schommer. Another year and another parade to Chicago of collegiate stars from all over the Midwest. Big schools, little schools, universities, colleges, high schools, all seeking honors at the top affair in indoor collegiate track.

Among the galaxy of stars coming to the Relays are past champions, present champions, and future champions. But despite the big names, the eyes of the experts will be glued on four men especially. First of these will be Elmer Hackney of Kansas State. Elmer, who last year shattered the shot put record by nearly six feet, is back for another try but under different circumstances. This human Merchandise Mart earned Big Six and All Mid-Western honors in football last fall when he played second fiddle only to Mr. Kimbrough of Texas Aggies. However, during the course of the season, Elmer injured his right wrist to such an extent that he cannot grip the shot properly. This didn't stop Elmer though, now he's throwing left-handed and rigorous practice has enabled him to gradually pull up to his previous effectiveness. This Saturday night will be the big test for Hackney will be trying extra hard to climax a comeback at the meet which saw him become a star.

Another star who will be watched carefully will be Myron Piker of Northwestern, who specializes in the sprints. Last year the Purple Phantom was expected to wade through the opposition on the strength of his victories in the Big Ten meet, but Myron came up with a bum leg and was unable to show any speed. This year he expects to lower the sprint record without the greatest trouble. Opposing him will be Johnny Davenport, sprint king of 1938, and ex-captain of an ex-Maroon football team. Davenport's football playing has knotted his muscles and removed some of his effectiveness.

A star of the 1938 meet returns in the person of Ed Smith, colored streak from the University of Wisconsin. As a sophomore two years ago, Smith broke the record in both hurdle races and became the first double record breaker in the Armour Relays. Last year Wisconsin split their team and sent Smith with Padway to Butler while Mehl and Buxton came to Armour. But this year, after splitting his duel with Gedeon of Michigan at Butler, the bronze timber topper is again headed for Chicago and Relay honors. Despite his past record, Smith is expected to have trouble winning especially against Schrilla of Marquette, who has been particularly effective this winter in the Hilltoppers meets.

Fourth in the eyes of the experts will be a lanky junior from the home of the Wildcats, Thistlewaite of Northwestern. Son of the famous football coach, Ed Thistlewaite, this younger edition is expected to remove the pole vault record from existence. Last year, he failed in an effort to smash the record, after he had broken it by a matter of inches. Again there will be a fight for first place as Bob Davidson of Chicago, who has been tied for first place repeatedly this year with Thistlewaite, will be jumping in his home pit and this might prove important.

Other stars who will threaten the records are Buxton, Wisconsin na-
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