

FENSKE SETS RECORD IN RELAYS

Relay Audience Held Spellbound As Many Star Athletes Perform

Bill Williams and Hunt Share Spotlight With Fenske

By Warren Spitz

Number twelve in a series of twelve gigantic track successes was chalked up on the scoreboard of time last Saturday evening as hundreds of top-notch performers competed in another annual running of the Armour Tech Relays. From 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. an overflow audience was held spellbound, watching runners whirl round and round the beautiful oval track in the University of Chicago fieldhouse, while at the same time other sturdy athletes displayed perfect grace and timing in field-event competition.

Rousing Spirit Is Present

There was no doubt of a thrilling evening in store as the competitors bubbled with versatility and spirit while they warmed up for each individual event. We overheard Coach George Marshall, of the champion Michigan State Normal squad, as he was addressing a few of his lads before one of the relay events. He spoke jokingly of the need of about twenty points for good luck, whereupon his relay men shook hands and guaranteed to run like h--- so as to give their coach a present. The boys did not fail and in a few minutes they gaily returned with ten points, garnered from a first in the college two-mile relay.

Relay Race Brings Greatest Thrill

The university two-mile relay afforded the greatest team-event thriller of the night by the staging of a nip and tuck battle between the crack squads of Marquette and Illinois. First the Illini and then the Wisconsin school was in the lead, the baton-changing being the important factor. As the two anchor men sped into the final lap, Illinois was far in the front. However, Pruski, the tall, serious Marquette lad, put on a tremendous burst of speed to bring the crowd to its feet in a photo finish, showing Marquette the winner, setting a new relay record of 7:52.4.

Elmer Hackney, the pride of Kansas State, was hindered by an injury, but, with his hand taped he still managed to output his opponents to steal the shot-put title. Hackney broke the existing record last year but unfortunately was unable to give his best in the 1940 event.

With Fenske's performance leaving the crowd dazed, it took a red-headed streak from Nebraska, Littler by name, to awaken the spectators as he flashed home to victory in the university quarter-mile. Littler also won the 70 yard dash, upsetting Shelton of Marquette, earlier in the evening.

Armour Almost Does It

Armour rooters were given a thrill in the final running event of the spectacle when George Matthews took the lead in the first 220 yards in the college sprint medley relay. This was the first time in the show that the Techawks displayed a victory spurt, but high hopes diminished as the lead was lost and consequently Armour failed to score in their own games.

Pole Vault Holds Audience

From early in the night until long after all other events had been completed, the eyes of every onlooker were drawn to the pole-vault, where there ensued a tingling battle of nerves betwixt three outstanding men. Ed Thistlewaite, the defending titleholder, was forced out at a height of 13 feet 6 inches and left two sophomores, Bill Williams of Wisconsin and Harold Hunt of Nebraska. The boys attempted to set a new record at close to 14 feet, but each took three serious tries and failed. By this time, the entire remaining audience was crowded around the vaulting circle, gasping as the two athletes brushed off the bar in each successive effort.

Falls and trips were a constant occurrence throughout the various races. At one time a second-place runner collapsed just before the finish line to bring disappointment for his cohorts.

Mermen Trounce DePauw 39-27; End Seven Win Season

In their final meet of the 1939-1940 season, the Tech swimmers trounced the mighty DePauw mermen by a 39-27 score. The meet was held last Saturday evening in Bartlett pool.

By beating DePauw, the Techawks broke a five year jinx. For this period of time the Hoosiers have always beaten Armour. Last year the Indiana school barely managed to eke out a 39-36 win at Bartlett. Saturday marked the second meeting of the season of the two schools. On Feb. 9 the Techawks were whipped 52-32 while swimming intercollegiate distances at Greencastle.

In copping the meet, the Black and Gold took six firsts including thrilling wins in both relay events. DePauw came through with triumphs in the 40 yard free style and in the fancy diving, whereas the Federalists finished first with Koos in the 100 yard breast, Pearson in the 220 yard free, Huxhold in the 100 yard back, Pearson in the 100 yard free style, Huxhold, Svagdis, and Blume in the medley, and Rademacher, Talcott, Mankus, and Pearson in the free style relay.

As a result of this victory, the season's record stands at 7 wins and 3 losses. After the meet, the team elected Arney Blume, junior architect and versatile free styler and backstroke captain for the 1940-1941 season; and Dick Larson, junior fire protect, manager.

Tech Thinclads Beat Elmhurst

Chalking up their first meet victory of the year, Armour's track team decisively defeated Elmhurst College, last Wednesday afternoon at the University of Chicago Fieldhouse. The Techawks ran up their highest total of the current season in winning the meet by the score of 59 to 36.

Techawks Take Seven Firsts

Armour's track men captured seven first places, while Elmhurst took only four. As expected, our thinclads won the three field events, but unexpectedly split the eight running events, scoring a greater total number of points than Elmhurst in the running events.

The fine showing in the running events was mainly due to Co-Captain John Cerovski's victories in the quarter-mile and half-mile events, to make him the leading scorer of the day. Hank Jackowski, with a first in the mile and a third in the two mile, and Barry with a first in the low hurdles, and a third in the high hurdles, were other leading point getters.

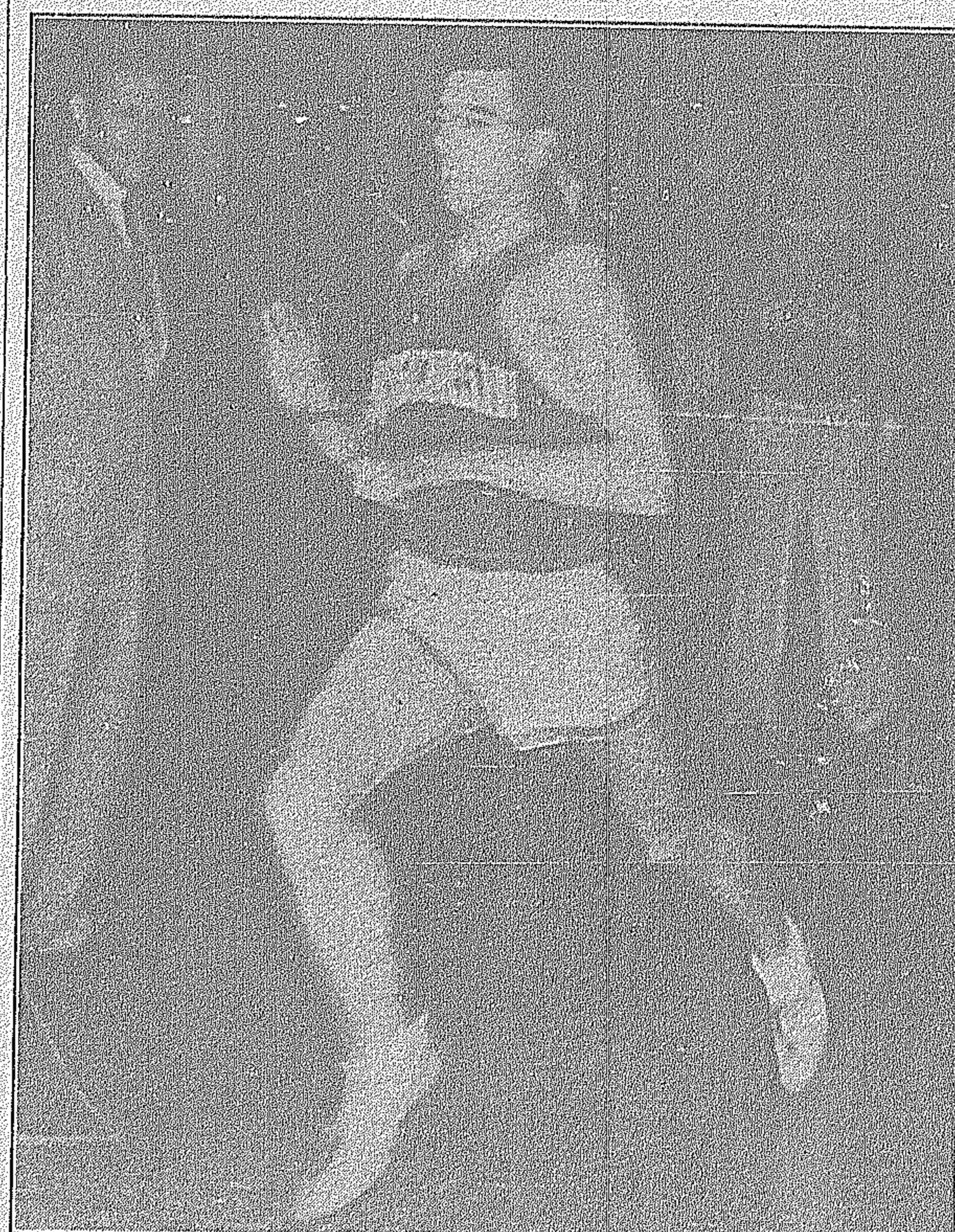
Burman Breaks Record

In the field events the best performance of the meet occurred when Roy Burman putt the shot forty feet six and one-half inches, for his best mark of the year, breaking the meet record. Lefty Mongeau also starred in the field events with two thirds and a tie for first in the high jump.

Egan led Elmhurst in scoring with a first in the high hurdles and a second in the lows. Elmhurst won the half-mile relays in what proved to be the most interesting race of the day.

Summary

60 YD. DASH—Bohle (E.); Ryant (A.); Redmond (A.). Time—06.4.
MILE RUN—Jackowski (A.); Lane (E.); Heidenreich (A.). Time—5:07.
440 YD. DASH—Cerovski (A.); Redmond (A.); Matthews (A.). Time—5:57.
70 YD. HIGH HURDLES—Egan (E.); Keigher (A.); Barry (A.). Time—09.8.
TWO MILE RUN—Schierhorn (E.); Lanson (E.); Jackowski (A.). Time—19:51.3.
880 YD. RUN—Cerovski (A.); Amstutz (A.); Manstetter (E.). Time—2:14.6.
POLE VAULT—Edwood (A.); Heidenreich (A.); Mongeau (A.). 11 feet 9 inches.
70 YD. LOW HURDLES—Barry (A.); Egan (E.); Keigher (A.). Time—08.9.
SHOT PUT—Burman (A.); Cash (E.); Mongeau (A.). 40 feet 6 1/2 inches.
HIGH JUMP—Clark (A.); Mongeau (A.); and Brown (E.). Three way tie. 5 feet 6 inches.
RELAY—Won by Elmhurst (Roshack, Gerten, Meitz and Bohle). Time—1:38.4.



(Photo by Raymond)

Chuck Fenske breaks the tape and the three-quarter mile record.

Colleges

Michigan Normal	62 5-6	Milwaukee	6
Kansas Teachers	40 1/2	Macomb	6
Loyola	26	Wilson	5
Iowa Teachers	20	Beloit	2
De Kalb	16	Culver-Stockton	2
North Central	12 1/2	Cornell College	2
Coe	9	Wheaton	2
Lawrence	6 1/2	Heidelberg	1
Mt. Pleasant	6		

Universities

Marquette	56	Nebraska	25 1/2
Illinois	38 1/2	Kansas	20
Wisconsin	28 1/2	Chicago	11 1/2
Northwestern	26 1/2	Michigan State	1

TECH RELAYS—

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successfully retained their positions. Joe Finch of Northwestern beat Bob Shurilla, star sprinter from Marquette, to keep first place, coming within a tenth of a second to the meet record for the event. In the low hurdles Shurilla equalled his time of last year when he won over Bill Lewis of Illinois in 7.7 seconds.

The college sprint medley relay saw the brilliant running of Max Lenover as anchorman for Loyola, to beat Michigan Normal for first place.

The high jump event was disappointing as Jim Smith took top honors with a 6 feet 1 inch leap. This was far below the record for this event set in 1938 at 6 feet 6 inches by Charles Bechtel of Northern Illinois State Teachers College.

TABLE OF SUMMARIES

COLLEGE TWO MILE RELAY—Won by Michigan Normal (Gildenstein, High, Lee, and Paris); Kansas Teachers, second; Loyola (Chicago), third; Milwaukee Teachers, fourth; Iowa Teachers, fifth. Time, 8:05.3. (New record. Old record of 8:06.5 established in 1929 by Michigan Normal.)

COLLEGE 70 YARD DASH—Won by Lewis Taylor (Wilson Junior college); David Conway (Michigan Normal), second; Woody Kramer (Kansas Teachers), third; Lincia Bartnik (Central Michigan Teachers), fourth; Claude Santee (Iowa Teachers), fifth. Time, 07.2.

UNIVERSITY 70 YARD DASH—Won by Gene Littler (Nebraska); Walter Shelton (Marquette), second; Maynard Black (Marquette), third; John Davenport (Chicago), fourth; Jack Turner (Elmhurst), fifth. Time, 07.1.

(Ties relay record. Record first established in 1933 by Johnson of Illinois Normal, tied in 1934, 1936, and 1939 by Herman of Carleton, Clieve of Illinois, and Shelton of Marquette, respectively.)

UNIVERSITY TWO MILE RELAY—Won by Marquette (Bob Monahan, John Hohler, Don Vosberg, Leonard Pruski); Illinois, second; Wisconsin, third; Kansas State (Manhattan), fourth. Time, 7:52.4. (New record. Old record, 7:53.2 seconds, established by Michigan State in 1933.)

CITY HIGH SCHOOL HALF MILE RELAY—Won by Tilden (James Cagwin, Frank Varrik, Al Grochowski, Harry Tyree); Austin, second; Crane, third; Lake View, fourth. Time, 1:36.5.

COLLEGE ONE MILE RELAY—Won by Michigan State Normal (Ronald Clark, Ralph Gildenstein); Kansas, second; Loyola (Chicago), third; Kansas Teachers (Pittsburg), fourth; North Central, fifth. Time, 3:23.5.

COLLEGE 70 YARD HIGH HURDLES—Won by Charles Hind (Michigan State Normal); Walter Revel (Kansas Teachers), second; Sterling Paris (Michigan State Normal), third; Art Lancaster (Loyola), fourth; Walter Kinch (Coe), fifth. Time, 08.8.

UNIVERSITY 70 YARD HIGH HURDLES—Won by Joe Finch (Northwestern); Robert Shurilla (Marquette), second; William Smutz (Nebraska), third; Richard Roising (Illinois), fourth; George Foster (Marquette), fifth. Time, 08.7.

UNIVERSITY SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY—Won by Illinois (Donald Bailey, William Lewis, John Turner, Park Brown); Marquette, second; Kansas State (Manhattan), third; Chicago, fourth. Time, 2:04.4.

COLLEGE 440 YARD RUN—Won by William Terwilliger (De Kalb Teachers); Ronald Clark (Michigan State Normal), second; John Clark (Iowa Teachers), third; Bob Reed (Wheaton), fourth; Quinton, Foster (Western Illinois Teachers), fifth. Time, 2:11.5.

JUNIOR COLLEGE SPRINT MEDLEY—Won by Wilson Junior (James Driscoll, Joseph Grand Pro, Lewis Taylor, Carl Denoms); Morton Junior, second; Wright Junior, third; La Grange Junior, fourth. Time, 3:44.6.

UNIVERSITY 440 YARD RUN—Won by Gene Littler (Nebraska); Jerry Schneider (Northwestern), second; Wilfred Burnham (Kansas of Manhattan), third; Byron Zolin (Wisconsin), fourth; John Zales (Michigan State), fifth. Time, 55.6.

UNIVERSITY 70 YARD LOW HURDLES—Won by Robert Shurilla (Marquette); William Lewis (Illinois), second; Arthur Schwoppe (Marquette), third; Clyde Hale (Illinois), fourth; William Smutz (Nebraska), fifth. Time, 07.7.

COLLEGE 70 YARD LOW HURDLES—Won by Charles Hind (Michigan State Normal); John Meson (Iowa Teachers), second; Walter Kinch (Coe), third; Art Lancaster (Loyola), fourth; Sterling Paris (Michigan Normal), fifth. Time, 07.8.

880 YARD RUN OPEN—Won by Jerome Bauer (Wisconsin); Howard Schoenike (Wisconsin), second; John Hohler (Marquette), third; Wolfgang Schubert (Illinois), fourth; Harley Mead (Coe), fifth. Time, 2:00.6.

COLLEGE SPRINT MEDLEY RELAY—Won by Loyola (William Elson, Joseph Dougherty, Roy McCall, Max Lenover); Michigan Normal, second; Kansas State Teachers (Pittsburg), third; Iowa State Teachers, fourth; North Central, fifth. Time, 3:52.2.

UNIVERSITY ONE MILE RELAY—Won by Illinois (William Lewis, John Krivec, Don Bailey, Earl Burns); Marquette, second; Northwestern, third; Wisconsin, fourth; Chicago, fifth. Time, 3:22.9.

SHOT PUT OPEN—Won by Elmer Hackney (Kansas State), 48 feet 4 1/2 inches; George Fastvan (Wisconsin), second, 47 feet 7 inches; William Walsh (Wisconsin), third, 47 feet 4 1/2 inches; William Vanderhill (Kansas State), fourth, 48 feet 9 1/2 inches; John Sikich (Illinois), fifth, 44 feet 5 1/2 inches.

HIGH JUMP OPEN—Won by Jim Smith (Northwestern), 6 feet 1 inch; Jim Ray (Chicago), and Charles Ray (Northwestern), tied for second and third, 5 feet; Alfred Harter (Wisconsin), Robert Stark (Illinois), Don Smith (Northwestern), Dave Timmerman (Wisconsin), Russell Ray (Northwestern), and Alfred Rasi (Macomb Teachers), tied for fourth and fifth, 5 feet 10 inches.

ONE MILE RUN—Won by Harold Brooks (Nebraska); William Farin (Wisconsin), second; Richard Wickham (Marquette), third; Ely France (Marquette), fourth; William Jenkins (Iowa Teachers), fifth. Time, 4:23.7.

OPEN POLE VAULT—Harold Hunt (Nebraska), and William Williams (Wisconsin), tied for first and second, at 13 feet 9 inches; Ed Thistlewaite (Northwestern), Harold Stein (Michigan State Normal), and Rob White (North Central), tied for third, fourth and fifth, at 13 feet.

Bettors Borican's Time Set Five Nights Before by Second and Half



By Art Jens, '31

Relays in the Armour style were presented for the twelfth time last Saturday at the University of Chicago Fieldhouse. A far cry from the First Invitational in old Bartlett Gym in 1929 when Chicago romped off with most of the ribbons, Saturday's meet had all of the svelt of any of the highly advertised eastern meets. Collectively and individually, the performances were of such high caliber that the audience did not leave until the last man had made his final effort in the pole vault.

FIRST WORLD MARK

Chuck Fenske, the red meteor from the garden spot of the world, Madison, Wisconsin, raced the listed world mark for the three-quarter mile run into the clay of the Fieldhouse with a tremendous 2:59.7 effort. At the start, the question in almost every mind was: could this almost machine-like runner put together three quarters at slightly less than one minute each to replace Lloyd Hahn's indoor mark of 3:03.47. He did, and in this fashion: first eighth mile, :29; quarter mile, :58.7; three-eighths mile, 1:30; half-mile, 2:00; five-eighths mile, 2:30; three-quarters, 2:59.7. You will note this is almost perfect timing. He was probably too fast for the first quarter, but hit the three-eighths point and thereafter was right on the dot. He finished strong.

We saw the watches at the finish of the race and with a slight stretch of the line the time could have been 2:59.6 for more watches had this number showing than 2:59.7. However, head timer Joe Lipp called the latter and it was official. Application forms were prepared after the run for recognition of this time as a world mark. After a survey of the track, the completed form will be sent to the National A.A.U. headquarters for consideration. It is probably that, because this was a paced race, it will not be accepted.

STAR OF STARS

It may be interesting to note the progress of this lad Fenske in the relays since the time his name first appeared in the summaries. In 1937 he was second in the mile to his Wisconsin teammate Cook who was timed in 4:29.8. In '38 he ran the fastest indoor dirt track mile on record in 4:08.8. In a special race last year with Tommy Deckard of Indiana providing the competition, he won in 4:12.5. This year he has already won more than eight feature mile races and has replaced the master miler, Glenn Cunningham, as the star of stars.

JUNK AND STUFF

After Fenske, what more is there to say unless we put it all together under a column of Tech Shorts within Tech Shorts as so: Great consternation was expressed by the officials when it looked as if the afternoon events would extend into the evening program. Dr. Monilaw took a hand and his starter's gun was red hot when the six o'clock dinner bell was rung. . . . Dinner was at the Del Prado and began with sirloin steak and ended with fancy stories by John Schommer and Joe Lipp. . . . John won the first prize, a slightly anaemic wiener in an overstuffed bun. . . .

The toughest job of them all is placing the bar on the standards in the pole vault after each try. This honor fell to an eminent physicist and a well-known mathematician, respectively Professors Colbert and Bibb.

DIAMOND NEXT

We close this column for the 74th time, ever looking forward to the bigger and better things to come. Next year, undoubtedly, a finer Relay meet with the hope that Chuck Fenske will put on another of his world record breaking performances. Nuff said.

Travels Paced Distance In Remarkable 2:59.7 Time

OFFICIAL RECORD?

By Jim Fahey

Last year on this page was written a head to a story on the Armour Tech Relays which brought a flood of protests upon the sports editor. That heading read, "Fenske, New King of Milers, Coming to Armour Tech Relays." In the course of the story it was predicted that this bespectacled Wisconsinite would in a year's time assume the role formerly held by Glenn Cunningham. That, we believe, was one of the first, if not the first, predictions of Fenske's future success.

Beats Borican's Record

Last Saturday night, this prediction was satisfied as Wisconsin's favorite son came home with a world's record for the three-quarter mile. Not an American record, not an Armour Relay record, but a world's record. It was the first time any human had traversed the distance in less than three minutes. Five nights previous Johnny Borican, Fordham negro middle distance man, went the route in 3:01.2 but Chuck cut a second and a half off this to make it 2:59.7.

Due to the fact that it was a paced race and not competitive, it probably will not be accepted by the International Amateur Association. A precedent for not accepting this mark was the passing up of Cunningham's famous 4:04.4 mile at Princeton a few years back. However even if not accepted by the Association it will be, like Cunningham's mark, accepted by the public as the acme of perfection.

Pacers Deserve Share of Credit

To Jerry Bauer and Howel Schoenike, pacers in the race, must go the credit for setting a perfect pace. All through the race, one of them kept five yards ahead of Fenske and this distance never changed.

Bauer and Fenske left the finish line together but the Wisconsin half miler went into the lead at the turn and held the lead for three laps. All the way, Fenske ran with a smooth easy pace and it seemed as if he wasn't even trying to break a record. Starting the fourth lap, Schoenike relieved Bauer and stepped the pace up a few seconds but Fenske kept right with him. Bauer meanwhile was getting his second wind, and on the start of the last lap, came in again and the pace became a sprint with Fenske now showing his powerful last lap kick as he ripped down the final straightaway for the new record.

Co-holder of I.A.A. Title

The three-quarter mile is the first world's record held exclusively by Fenske although he is co-holder of the mile indoor record recognized by the I.A.A. His time bettered Borican's and also Wayne Rideout's 3:00.3 for the outdoor record.

So with this prediction come true, may we make another. Watch a chap named Bill Baker of De La Salle high school. Last week he ran the mile in 4:25.3 and this is the best any Chicago high school runner has ever done. Five years from now Baker will be a senior at Notre Dame and the new king of the milers. Remember when we come up and say, "We told you so."

Hank Sliwa Elected Captain of Quintet

In their final official meeting of the year, the basketball squad met last Friday and elected Hank Sliwa, junior chem, captain of the 1940-1941 squad. Hank has seen almost constant service with the Techawks as guard for two years. He earned his first "A" last season. Although primarily a guard, Hank tied for third place in individual scoring with Eddie O'Connor with 53 points each.