

MIDWEST TRACK STARS GATHER FOR RELAYS

Last Year's Champions Return; Several Old Records At Stake

Ed Thistlethwaite Enters Pole-Vault **Review Of '40 Relays Reveals Keen Spirit**

Representative schools of the midwest make the 13th Annual Illinois Tech Relays a wide open field for new records and thrills. From these colleges and universities come athletes many of whom are defending champions in the scheduled track and field events. Northwestern University's Joe Finch, daring hurdler who has been making a name for himself in the Big Ten conference this year, will be defending his 70-yard high hurdle record against several Marquette timber-toppers. Another of Marquette's runners, Walter Shelton, dashman, whipped in a photo-finish last year by little "Gene" Littler, Nebraska star, will be returning to regain his hold on this 70-yard event. Shelton is co-holder of the record in this event with Littler, two former University of Illinois athletes and one from Carleton College of Minnesota.

Another returning defending champion is Terwilliger of De Kalb Teachers who won the quarter mile in the college field with a time of 51.5 seconds, while Jenkins of Iowa Teachers will defend his crown in the one-mile run.

In the team championship competition, both of last year's winners are returning. While there is no actual award in the university division for total team points gained, the highest scoring team is always recognized as the winner in this division. Marquette University of Milwaukee rated this honor in 1940 by virtue of an especially well-balanced team in all events as well as fast-running combinations in the relay events. Marquette placed first in the two

Last year's Tech Relays presented one of the biggest and most spectacular track meets that the midwest has seen for a great many years, and can only be surpassed by the coming Illinois Tech Relays, which will be the thirteenth annual invitational presentation by IIT.

Such stars as Chuck Fenske, the "red meteor" from Wisconsin, Jimmy Smith of Northwestern, Elmer Hackney of Kansas State, and Ed Thistlethwaite of Northwestern competed. Also, there were several new stars born, namely, Bill Williams of Wisconsin and Harold Hunt of Nebraska. These men forced Thistlethwaite defending title holder, out of the pole vault at a height of thirteen feet six inches, and went on to a tie for first and second place at a height of thirteen feet nine inches after attempting to set a new record of fourteen feet, but each failed in three attempts.

Fenske's three-quarter mile run provided the thrill for the evening as he flashed across the tape in 2:59.7 to cut 3.7 seconds off of the old record of 3:34 seconds which was established by Lloyd Hahn in 1925. Two other records were broken and one record was tied as Michigan Normal of Ypsilanti paced the college division to retain the college trophy for the second time in two years. Although there were no trophies awarded for team performance in the university division, Marquette, by unofficial count, was high scorer with 56 points.

With the possible exception of Fenske's remarkable exhibition, the university two mile relay af-

OVER THE TOP!



Up and over goes Ed Thistlethwaite, Northwestern track star. Record holder in 1939, he is looking for new laurels this year. A consistent hitter over 13 feet, 9 inches, he may break his own record.

SEASON ENDS FOR FRESHMAN TEAM

Bill O'Brien's Frosh Cagers ended their 1940-41 cage season last Thursday as they went down to defeat at the hands of the fast improving "B" team by a score of 37-28.

In the first half of this game, the "B" team led by "Sunny" Sundstrom went ahead at the half 16-12. Dan O'Connell and Ed Lally collaborated to score all of the points for the Freshmen in the first half, scoring six apiece. In the second half, Silla, the "B" team's high scorer, potted four baskets to bring his total to ten points for the game, while Lally copped scoring honors for the freshmen by making ten points.

As a team, the Greenlings are not as well developed as they could be. Their season record of five losses indicated this very plainly. However, O'Brien's work has not been entirely in vain, for there are three men who have developed so well that they have already been moved up to the varsity. They played in the St. Sabina's tourney recently. These men are Danny O'Connell, Bob Kidd, and Jim Dunne.

Lose to Varsity

Due to the fact that most schools do not have intercollegiate freshman basketball, only five games were played. However, in the first of these five games, the freshmen showed up remarkably well against a strong Loyola team but were defeated 25-18. Then, in their second game, they gave the Varsity quite a tussle, even though they did end up on the short end of a 28-18 score. The Greenlings third and fourth games against Elmhurst and the Lewis Frosh, respectively, were heart breakers and could have been won had the breaks fallen their way. The scores of these games were Elmhurst frosh 18, I.I.T. 15, and Lewis Frosh 22, Armour Frosh 19.

TECH SHORTS

By John Butkus

Those interested in organizing softball teams kindly submit your list of players to Coach Stenger. This is required so schedules can be made as soon as possible. Competition is expected to start about the middle of April or as soon as the weather permits.

And here is some good news for the golfers. Mel Korrell, who was about to leave IIT for the army, will play with the team after all. It seems that the draft will be without another good Techman.

Yippee!! The Junior Arx have three young ladies on the team. This has been the first team they have entered in the tournament for quite a number of years. That is the spirit—gals.

Last Friday, March 7, the boxers left for Valparaiso to repeat their previous victory of 2½ to ½. The team is in very good shape for the meet.

The deadline for the Intramural Softball entries has been extended. It is the managers' hope that more freshmen participate this year. Boys, look at the Arx turnout!

Congratulations to Howie Pendlebury! The basketball players elected Howie as their captain for the next season. The sports department wishes him a successful year.

Here is news! Sonny bet Jesse that he could bowl a 200 game. Came the game—came the score. Sonny returned with 235. Jesse and the grapevine got to work and came out with a different story. The actual score happened to be 135. Sonny, is that nice?

Tennis Men Open Spring Practice; Face Full Card

With the advent of spring and an early tennis schedule to fill, the Techawk net men are beginning pre-season practice sessions at the 108th Engineers Armory this week.

Coach Hal Davey has issued a call for new material and all new men will be given their chance to make the squad in these practice sessions. Announcements as to the date and time of these practices will be posted on the bulletin boards.

Heavy Schedule

Faced with an unusually heavy schedule and the rebuilding of almost an entirely new team. Coach Davey will have less than a month to mold the team into shape for its first match.

Returning to compete for the scarlet and gray will be three lettermen from last year's squad. Captain Bob Lange, Mike Schultz, and Dick Dunworth.

New Men Shine

Fall practice sessions which were initiated last year brought forth several possibilities for filling the remaining positions on the team. Among those competing for places on the squad are Earl Sherman, Charles Woehrl, Don Schiller, Jim Ferguson, and Dick Larson.

The netmen will open their nineteen-match schedule by being hosts to Loyola University Thursday, April 3, on the University of Chicago courts which will be the site of all the Techawk home matches. Included in the schedule is a Junior Week trip to Indiana when the racquetteers will play Indiana State Teachers, Butler University and Purdue.

1941 TENNIS SCHEDULE

- April 3, Loyola University at IIT
- April 9, DeKalb at IIT
- April 10, Wabash at IIT
- April 17, IIT at Chicago Teachers
- April 23, IIT at University of Chicago
- April 26, IIT at Lake Forest
- April 30, IIT at George Williams
- May 5, Lake Forest at IIT
- May 6, Chicago Teachers at IIT
- May 7, IIT at Indiana State Teachers
- May 8, IIT at Butler University
- May 9, Illinois Tech at Purdue
- May 12, Indiana State Teachers at IIT
- May 14, George Williams at IIT
- May 20, IIT at Loyola University
- May 21, DeKalb at IIT
- May 23, IIT at Concordia
- May 27, Wheaton at IIT
- May 31, IIT at Wheaton

Tech Cagers Lose; Name New Leader

Tech's cagers entered the St. Sabina tournament on Sunday, March 2. They played St. Mel in the opening round and lost by two points 30-28.

The first half was slow and ended up with the score 12-9 with St. Mel on top. Howard Pendlebury and Jack Byrne found the basket in the second half and scored 16 points between them. With the score see-sawing back and forth, the Techawks tied the score with a few seconds to play. Then, King of St. Mel basketed a two point advantage which remained for the rest of the game.

The game marked the end of Henry Sliwa's and John Brierly's basketball careers at Illinois Tech. It was the beginning of the work of Dan O'Connell, Bob Kidd, and Jim Dunne on the varsity.

Following the St. Mel game, Howard Pendlebury was elected the captain of the Illinois Tech team of '41-'42.

| PAST WINNERS OF TECH RELAYS | |
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| 1929 Chicago | |
| 1930 Armour | |
| 1931 Loyola | |
| 1932 Indiana | |
| 1933 Chicago, Illinois State, Northwestern | |
| 1934 Michigan State | |
| University Division | College Division |
| 1935 Pittsburgh | 1935 Butler |
| 1936 Kansas State | 1936 Wayne |
| 1937 Wisconsin | 1937 Wayne |
| 1938 Illinois | 1938 North Central |
| 1939 Marquette | 1939 Michigan Normal |
| 1940 Marquette | 1940 Michigan Normal |
| 1941 ? ? ? ? | 1941 ? ? ? ? |

mile event, nosing out Illinois by a scant margin and then trailed the latter in both the sprint medley and the one-mile events for second places, to pile up the largest university division point total.

Northwestern sends a team favored to capture the University championship. Ed Thistlethwaite is looked upon to cop the pole vault and set a record. He is backed up by Myron Pikey in the dash; Joe Finch, ace hurdler; Don and Jim Smith, high jumpers; Jerry Schneider, 440; and Chuck Horvath, hurdler.

Michigan Normal returns to defend its title in the college division. They have a well balanced team and will be hard to beat. Close contenders for the crown will be Loyola of Chicago, winners of the Midwest Intercollegiate at Naperville a week ago; North Central of Naperville, Iowa Teachers, and Lawrence College of Appleton, Wisconsin.

forded the greatest thriller of the night by staging a nip and tuck battle between the crack squads of Marquette, champions in the university division, and Illinois, runners up. First the Illini and then Marquette 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 lead, but Pruski, a tall serious Marquette runner, put on a tremendous burst of speed to bring the crowd to its feet in a photo finish which showed Marquette to be the winner, and at the same time setting a new relay record of 7:54.4.

All in all, the Twelfth Annual Tech Relays held the audience spellbound for several hours. The performance was of such high caliber and thrilling nature that the audience did not leave until the last man had made his final effort at the pole vault.