

Tech Relays To Be Nation's Largest

Famed Indoor Meet Scheduled March 13

Entries Will Be Limited To 600 Participants: Many Stars To Return

With the 17th annual Illinois Tech Relay Games only a matter of ten days away, entries began pouring in this week from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest.

Again virtually assured of being recognized as the nation's largest collegiate indoor track and field meet, the Tech Relays are expected to draw from 500 to 600 individual entries from about 40 institutions. Last year's vast field, which numbered nearly 1000 contestants, proved far too unwieldy for a single day attraction and forced the committee to limit entries from each school.

Harrison Dillard Returns

Already in the hands of John J. Schommer, chairman of the tradition-laden Relays, are entry blanks from Michigan State Normal College of Ypsilanti, which last year capped honors in the college field for the fifth time in six consecutive appearances; Baldwin Wallace college of Berea, Ohio, sparked by the phenomenal Harrison Dillard who has won nearly every honor obtainable in both high and low hurdles; University of Michigan, which ran second in the 1947 university division; Notre Dame university, Marquette university, Ohio Wesleyan university, Indiana State Teachers college of Terre Haute, Yankton College, of Yankton, South Dakota; and several others.

25 Records Set or Tied

That the Tech Relays have risen to a position of national prominence in the nation's athletic scene was emphasized by press reports following the Relays last spring. Will Smith of the Tribune described the Games as "the greatest gathering of talent ever seen in one day." International News Service reported that "both quantitatively and qualitatively, the Tech Relays comprised the most spectacular indoor meet ever conducted" and the Herald-American reported it as "a ruthless mass assault on records quite unlike anything in the past."

In all, a total of 25 assorted records, including four American indoor marks, were either equalled or broken during the afternoon and evening program, with Herv McKenley's tremendous 47.9 effort in the 440 topping all individual performances.

Fonville Seeks Honors

This year records may be broken by a number of competitors in the field. Harrison Dillard may crack marks in either the high or low hurdles. Charlie Fonville, the new American record holder, may top his 56' 6 1/2" throw of several weeks back and win from his leading challenger, Norm Wasser of Illinois, who edged him out last year for the university crown. Also Dwight Eddleman of Illinois may erase his own Relays record of 6' 6 1/2".

Two Competitive Divisions

Competition, as usual, will be broken into college and university divisions, with fourteen events held in each class and champions crowned separately. Events include mile relay, two mile relay, sprint medley relay, distance medley relay, 70 yard dash, 70 yard low hurdles, 70 yard high hurdles, 440 yard run, 880 yard run, mile run, shot put, high jump, broad jump, and pole vault.

The meet as usual will be run at

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HARRISON DILLARD, flashy Baldwin Wallace university hurdler, displays the form that makes him a heavy favorite in the forthcoming Illinois Tech Relays. Dillard is also an outstanding American Olympic prospect.

Harrison Sets New Mark After Injury

Highlight of the Techhawk track meet with Loyola and North Central Saturday was Arnie Harrison's broadjump of 22 ft. 2 1/2 in., which is a new Illinois Tech record. Harrison's effort was the more remarkable as it came after he had suffered a scalp wound when struck by a falling pole vault standard. The injury was serious enough to require that a doctor stitch it together.

Prior to the vaulting accident, Harrison placed third in the shot put for a total of seven points. Second in scoring, with five points, was Milt Cox who tied for first in the high jump and took fourth in the low hurdles.

Bill Blackmore strengthened the team's hopes by tying for first in the pole vault, and Al Ashurst turned in a fine performance his first time out to place third in the two mile.

Other IIT points were scored by Jim Sauer who finished fourth in the mile and Walt Coniff who tied for fourth in the high jump.

The final score of the meet was Loyola 57 5/6, North Central 51 5/6, Illinois Tech 20 1/3.

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Whiz Kids, Fire Protecs Lose; Shrink Unbeaten List To Four

By Larry Shapiro

Intramural play started rolling this week after the vacation (gone are the days!) layoff with upsets and loose play predominating.

The Whiz Kids were knocked out of the ranks of the unbeaten. They dropped a "close" to the Soph Archers, 22-21. Jim Bobzin of the Arch's sank five field goals for high point honors.

De Pauw Scuttles Techhawk Tankers

By Cliff Nelson

The Tech tankmen dropped their second chance at the team from Greencastle, Indiana as they went down to a 44 to 31 defeat before DePaw University last Friday.

Ted Erickson and Joe Peters as usual took first and second in 220 and 440 yard freestyle, and Leonard Carlman and Ernie Hellmer took first and second respectively in the 220 yard breaststroke. Bill Maier came in second in the 60 yard freestyle as Jack Madsen finished third. Ray Klitzke took third place in the diving. Ray has been winning all firsts with only a couple of seconds this season. Art Altman took a third in the 150 backstroke and Jack Madsen came in third in the 100 yard freestyle.

This meet was once again decided in the last event of the meet. The Techawks lost the race by a fair distance thereby losing the meet. The tankers weakness in freestyle diving was evident in this meet. DePaw with an exceptionally strong sprint department won all the sprints and both relays.

Saturday Tech went to Detroit and met the University of Detroit powerful "tank team. Detroit won 57 to 18. Tech beat them last season but the Titans had improved considerably since then and only Klitzke, with a fine diving performance, won top honors for IIT.

Honor I To Enforce Foreign Letter Ruling

Honor I, under its newly elected president, Carl Bergstrom, will undertake a strict enforcement of keeping foreign athletic letters off this campus. Many jackets and sweaters with letters from other schools are in evidence about the campus.

"If a person needs a particular sweater or jacket to keep warm he should have the common sense to remove the letters", said Bergstrom. This practice is not unique to IIT but is common to all the colleges and universities throughout the country.

The other new officers of Honor I are Charles Swanson, vice-president and Robert Hall, secretary-treasurer.

Fencers Bow To Tri-State Face Cnver In Next Meet

The Techhawk fencing team went down before the swordsmen of Tri-State College of Indiana, 17 1/2 to 9 1/2 last Friday. With each man dueling three times the Tech victories were as follows:

Foil: John Balikov (1) and Bob Billy (1)
Sabre: Bill Clark (1) and John Bergeson (2)

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