

ATHLETICS



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Track

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Track in its short time at Armour has built up a reputation of being one of the strongest of the major sports. Track was firmly instituted shortly after the war, and in its short period has developed tremendously.

A novel idea was introduced by Coach Phalen to develop the interest of the whole school in track activities. A series of events were run off, called the Decathlon or more commonly known as the "all-around." This idea proved so successful the previous year that it was decided to repeat and possibly uncover some new material. The men competing were divided into two classes, Varsity and Novice, and medals were awarded to the three highest of each group. The Decathlon, obviously meaning ten events, was so divided that in each event 1000 points were given for a performance equaling the school record. A few men were found who performed brilliantly in events which before hand they had never entered. The winners of 1926 were as follows:

Varsity

First: SamuelsonGold Medal
 Second: RobinsonSilver Medal
 Third: PayneBronze Medal

Novice

First: BrumundGold Medal
 Second: T. Schuler...Silver Medal
 Third: R. Schuler...Bronze Medal

The Cross Country team coached and captained by Payne disbanded after one meet due to the lack of material. The engineers for some reason do not favor this sport in which to compete; and therefore it was left up to Payne, Deiwert, and a few Freshmen to carry things through. The one meet with North Central at Naperville was lost by a score of 34-21, our men placed in the following order: Deiwert, second; Payne, fifth; Smith, eighth; Schuler, ninth; and Finlayson, tenth. Deiwert was elected captain of next year's team and we hope that more spirit will be shown next year.

The 1926 outdoor season was very successful with five wins and two defeats. Captain Long performed brilliantly throughout the season and was high point man with $75\frac{1}{4}$ points; his specialties are the hundred, 440 and 880 yard runs.

On April 24 the first meet of the year was held at "Y" College in a deluge of rain, and we defeated our annual rivals by a decisive margin; wiping out the close defeats we had suffered the past two years. Armour slammed both the 440 yard dash and the mile run, while "Y" College slammed the pole vault. The wet condition of the field prevented any record breaking performances.

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