

# TENTH ANNUAL ARMOUR TECH RELAYS

record of 8:07.9 held by Illinois State Normal would have fallen.

Bingham featured an upset in the college 70 yard dash by breasting the tape two feet ahead of Rikli of North Central, seeded favorite to win. By winning this event, Bingham earned the honor of being the first Tech man to take a blue ribbon in a track event in Armour's own Relays. His showing here, which set a new Armour record of :07.3 for the college dash, indicates that the century outdoor mark set in 1909 at Tech is doomed to fall at last during the 1938 outdoor track season.

The closest race of the evening ended in a tie when the anchor men of Wayne and North Central ran their last 220 yards to a dead heat at the finish line in the college mile relay. Coe College started off as leader but relinquished first place to North Central on the third quarter when Rikli carried the baton for the Cardinals. Volta, anchor man for Wayne, last year's team champions, did some beautiful sprinting to close the gap between himself and the leader by the end of the race.

North Central's victory and twenty point margin over the second place Wayne team is largely due to the fine work of Lindstrom in the hurdles. He took a close second in the highs behind Thompson of Western State Teachers, and a first in the lows in the good time of :07.8. The Cardinals scored heavily by taking the important and colorful sprint medley relay. Led by Rikli, the well-balanced dash and distance men covered the eight laps in 3:36.9. Armour starting well with a large lead by McDonald was unable to maintain the pace and took a fourth in this event.

In the University division, competition ran high between the members of the Big Ten, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Chicago. Davenport of Chicago, missed tying the Armour record of :07.1 in the 70 yard dash by a scant tenth of a second. Kansas State took the University two mile relay in 8:04.1, comparatively slow time. The shot put and other field events were largely dominated by the universities. Frary of Illinois heaved the sixteen pound shot forty six feet nine inches to take the honors.

Sam Smith of Wisconsin scored a double win in the University high and low hurdles. His time

for the low sticks was :07.7. He tied the American record and broke the Armour record in the 70 yard highs. The judges clocked him in :07.8 in the high hurdles to equal the standing American mark.

Charles Bechel of Northern Illinois State Teachers deserves a lot of credit as winner of the open high jump for four consecutive seasons. Three times previous to this year he tried bettering the six foot five mark set by Nelson of Butler in 1932. This year he succeeded when he calmly cleared the bar at six feet six inches.

Earl Covington took a fast start and ran a smooth, well paced 440 to win Armour's second blue ribbon for the evening. He now shares the honor of a first place individual track event medal with Bingham. Armour's distance men failed to count in the open mile, but Platz took a second in the 880 yard run among the college entries.

The pole vault record of 13 feet 8 5/8 inches which Siebert of North Central set last year in the Relays was never thought of as being in danger for some time. That no record is too sure in the Armour Relays was well illustrated by Milton Padway of Wisconsin. The soaring Badger added almost another whole inch to the one year pole vault record, and now the new mark to be sought for, equalled, and excelled if possible in future Relays, is 13 feet 9-3/8 inches.

An added feature of the Relays was the running of a half mile Chicago high school relay. Austin High won the singular event in 1:35.7, with Steinmetz taking a second and Lakeview a third. These prep school athletes will no doubt participate some day as college or university stars in future Tech Relay games.

The final track event was the very fast University mile relay, each man carrying the baton for 440 yards. Chicago's team of Powell, Sponsel, Webster, and anchored by Halcrow, who had previously won the University 440 in 51 seconds flat, edged out Illinois for a first place in 3:24.2. The Champaign men who won the University meet took second, Kansas and Wisconsin taking third and fourth respectively.



View of The  
Tenth Armour  
Tech Relays

