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Floyd Day Aids Ross To Tie Mark

Former Colt Star Achieves Aim When Old Record Is Equaled.

Track Prestige Means Little to Him if He Succeeds in Coaching.

CONTRARY to the spirit of most track athletes, Floyd Day came little for the low hurdle mark he established while competing for Northwestern high school six years ago if he can succeed in coaching some promising youth to better the record that has stood the attack of the city's best prep stars over a six-year stretch.

Usually it happens that when an athlete reaches the position where his performance eclipses all others he settles back with a hope that his name will grace the record books for all time. Not so with Floyd Day. Despite the fact that his hurdle mark of four seconds is the oldest record in high school track circles, Day is not satisfied with that honor. It now is his ambition to tutor some young fellow, and by doing so aid him in erasing that mark from the records.

FLOYD DAY

Wednesday afternoon at Northwestern gymnasium during the preliminaries of the annual city meet Day, perhaps with memories of other days, witnessed the various representatives compete for honors. Probably his love for the school prompted his actions, but from his conversation it was apparent that he aimed another honor when he journeyed to the gymnasium and with the earnestness of a father told him how he could improve his time.

When the hurdle number was delivered on the program Day, the hero of many a Northwestern conquest, eagerly took hose over the hurdles. He would hurdle with him and then stand and watch him. Day's keen eye and his knowledge of hurdling enabled him to detect flaws in dipping his left shoulder after over the first barrier. This dipping forced him to lean and slowed down his time considerably.

SVEZ ROSS

Noticing this Day called Ross aside to warn him of the defect. He pointed out that Ross was allowing his shoulders to dip and urged him to keep his left shoulder even. He told him the proper form for the first hurdle was to have the left arm extended to a point where it barely touched the right foot in passing.

Once this is mastered, he told Ross, the rest is a matter of speed and the start. He warned Ross to concentrate on the first hurdle for if he could be cured of the defect he would be assured a fine opening. These details the former Northwestern luminary says took his place with the simulation to great developments. He did not have to wait and his patience was rewarded.

Keeping in mind the warning to hold the shoulders straight, Ross sped over the first hurdle almost perfectly retaining his balance to the second barrier. Then he lowered the left arm to advance of his foot the officials timed him at four seconds a performance better than and he ever had accomplished before. Ross had succeeded in his desire to share the mark with his mentor.

There was no happier individual in the gymnasium than Floyd Day when he learned of Ross' success. Having his knowledge as to hurdle one side and through his teaching the mark that was thought never vulnerable now is shared by another—Ross.

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