

## Prep Stars Set Marks in Track, Swimming

### Willis Ward Established New Records in Hurdles and High Jump

Detroit high school track and swimming athletes broke seven records in 1931 and equalled an eighth mark. All of the free style records in swimming were broken, and new marks were hung up in both indoor and outdoor track for the high jump and hurdles.

The individual efforts of Willis Ward, former Northwestern High School track star and now a freshman at U. of M., were responsible for breaking three records and tying a fourth. Ward set new marks in the outdoor 120-yard high hurdles, and high jump and the indoor high jump. He tied the record in the indoor 30-yard high hurdles.

Ward broke both of the high jump marks which he had made in 1930. He leaped 6 feet, 4 inches in the outdoor City meet, breaking the former record by 3½ inches. The indoor city meet saw him jump 6 feet, 6 inches to a new City, State, and National interscholastic record.

He broke his own record in the outdoor high hurdles by one-fifth of a second. The new mark is 15 1-5 seconds. He tied the indoor

30-yard high hurdle mark of 4 1-5 set by Day, of Northwestern, in 1920 and equalled by Prout, of Central, in 1923.

James Gilhula, Southeastern tank star, was responsible for new records in the 100 and 220-yard free style events. His mark of 2:19 2-5 in the 220-yard free style is also a National record. His time of 54 4-5 seconds in the 100-yard free style is almost two seconds faster than the mark set by Craig, of Northwestern, in 1927.

Two free style swimmers made the same mark in the last City meet in breaking the 50-yard free style record. Livingston Oliver, of Northwestern, and Walter Wonsik, of Western, both swam that event in 24 2-5 seconds. This is a second faster than the time made by Craig, of Northwestern, in 1927.

Another National record was set by the 1931 Northwestern free style relay team. The Colt quartet, composed of Livingston Oliver, Bob Doran, Harry Curtis and Don Bernard, swam the event in 1:30 2-5. The former record of 1:40 3-5 was held by Highland Park High School.

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