

# Towers Club Winner By Score Of 44-36

## Chicago Medley Relay Team Wins Final Event From Three Wolverine Quartets

By Mill Marsh

Michigan's swimming team gave up its National Amateur Athletic Union title Saturday night to the Chicago Towers club, but Coach Matt Mann's boys went down fighting.

Chicago won the meet by scoring 44 points to 36 for Michigan, but in reality the victory was by a two-foot margin.

That was the advantage that Otto Jaretz had over Gus Sharemet at the finish of the 500-yard medley relay. Had Michigan won this event the final score would have been tied, 42-42.

Trailing by a 10-point margin as the final relay came up, Michigan with three teams qualified, needed to beat the Chicago A team to eliminate the Chicago B team. The Wolverines ousted the Chicago B team from scoring but failed to win from the Towers A team.

### WINNER TURNED OVER SLIGHT LEAD

As Alf Kiefer, holder of all of the world's back-stroke records, worked up a six-foot advantage over Francis Heydt of the Wolverines in the first leg of the relay, Jim Skinner, Michigan's only first place swimmer in the meet, out-swam George Lowe of Chicago in the breast stroke to turn over a two yard lead to Gus Sharemet of the Wolverines.

For 50 yards Sharemet kept ahead of the Chicago ace. At 75 feet they were stroking on even terms. In the last desperate surge in the pool, Jaretz, the fastest swimmer in America, fought his way to the lead and won by an arm's length, over Sharemet.

Michigan's B team of William Beebe, John Sharemet and Charles Sharemet was third while the Wolverine C team of Bruce Allen, Richard Allen and Dehson Burton placed fourth ahead of the Towers B team which was composed of Harold Henning, Henry Kozlowski and Elroy Koenig.

### NEW POOL MARKS SET BY JARETZ AND KIEFER

The relay was a thrilling climax to a great meet. Previous to the relay Otto Jaretz won the 100-yard free style in 51.4 after setting a new pool record of 51.2 in a preliminary heat. Kiefer set a new record of 1:07.1 in winning the 50-yard back-stroke.

Michigan salvaged only two points out of the 440 when Jim Welsh, NCAA quarter-miler, finished third to Paul Herron of San Diego who lifted Tom Haynie's title by beating Haynie in a very close finish. Jack Patten of the Wolverines was eliminated from this event in the afternoon preliminaries.

Earl Clark of Ohio State won the high board diving with Jim Cook of Yale second. Clark is now the premier amateur diver in the country, being champion of the high and low boards in the Big Ten, CAA and AAU meets.

Otto Jaretz, who won two firsts and was on two winning relay teams, was voted the trophy for being the out-standing swimmer of the meet. He personally accounted for 15 points.

All three of Michigan's relay teams swam the medley under three minutes in the Saturday afternoon preliminaries. It was an unheard-of feat in swimming circles for one school to produce three such teams.

### WOLVERINES WENT DOWN FIGHTING

Just before the final relay, Stan Brauningger, coach of the Chicago Towers club, paid great tribute to Coach Matt Mann. "Here my team won five events. Michigan has won only one. And yet I am going to have to win this relay to win the title. Where does Matt get so many good boys?"

Matt was smiling, even after his team had gone down to defeat. "I'll still take my boys," said Matt. "They are a great bunch of kids when they went down fighting."

In a way, Matt appeared rather satisfied with second place. "We needed a sound beating to get us back to normal," said Matt.

One gets the idea that now that Michigan has lost its AAU title it will not be necessary for the Wolverines to enter the AAU meet next year. The pressure will be off and Mann can enter only those boys who want to swim.

### MICHIGAN WAS PAST PEAK FOR AAU MEET

The Wolverine squad reached its season's peak just before the CAA meet. It was past its peak for the AAU meet. Earlier in the season Matt called his present team "the greatest I have ever coached."

Even in defeat Michigan was still great. However, Capt. Bill Beebe and Francis Heydt, back-strokers, Darley Barker, Jim Welsh and Blake Thaxter, free-stylers, and Jack Felin, diver, have finished their varsity competition. Matt will have to start rebuilding next year, although he has a fine returning nucleus.