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## Tars Hope for Upset

### Cardinals Favored over 18-Team Field

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Cooley, the perennial track champion, and Denby, the No. 1 challenger, will come face to face in the semifinals of the City League's indoor campaign at 3 p. m. Wednesday.

Coach Claude Snarey, who piloted the Cardinals to four track crowns last year, has another powerhouse which will be favored to keep the crown when 18 high school teams clash at Central.

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the semifinals will advance to the final championship meet, slated for 8 p. m. Friday at Central.

While Cooley has ruled the City's track world with a strong hand in recent years, it must be even stronger than usual to beat out Denby.

The Tars' little Tom Stewart, one of the outstanding trackmen in the league, seems determined to play the spoilers' role.

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#### IF STEWART

can repeat his performances that brought Denby the East Side championship, the Tars will be well on the way to their second indoor title in three years.

The versatile veteran of three seasons walked off with three first places as Denby qualified for 15 places in the semifinals.

His most noteworthy performance was an .03.9 effort in the low hurdles, but even in that event he must improve. Although Stewart was one-tenth of a second better than the league record, Western's Bob Jackson turned in an identical time in qualifying for Wednesday's round.

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#### DENBY'S RELAY

team, which Stewart anchors, seems set to smash the league record for that 880-yard event. The Tars were clocked in 1:34.9 last week, 1.7 seconds under the established mark.

Cooley, which topped all teams with 18 qualifiers seems a cinch to walk off with at least two first places. Bob Hahn was far out in front in the West Side's mile race with 4:42.3 and two other Cardinals followed him in Denby's Tony Cuzenza was tops on the East Side with 4:38.5.

Cooley's second "cinch" should come in the pole vault, where Bob Smith unofficially cracked the league mark with a 12-foot vault. That's three inches better than the record, and a foot over Stewart's winning leap on the East Side.

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