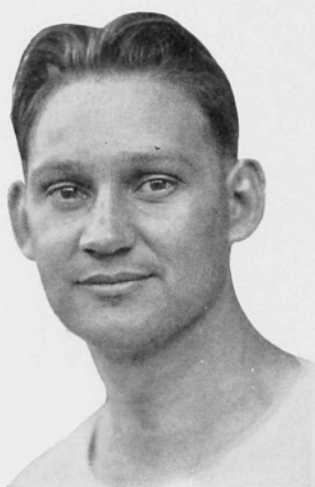


Track



COACH McLAREN

An exceptionally strong track team at Miami last year prevented the Bearcat squad from ranking as a top-notch in Ohio collegiate circles, but the fact remains that Coach McLaren's 1926 cinder-path team was one of the best ever turned out at U. C. The Bearcats were well fortified in almost all departments and made an excellent showing. They won four of their five dual meets, placed third in the B. A. A. meet, and fifth in the Ohio Conference meet.

The team's greatest strength was manifested in the dashes, distance runs, broad jump, and discus. In the 100 and 220, Ethan Allen and Ralph Bennett proved themselves capable of stepping with the best of them. Unfortunately their good work was largely nullified by the phenomenal sprinting of Tom Sharkey, Miami star. Captain George Hilker and Ed Wilson formed another stellar pair in the two mile, but here again Miami turned out a crack runner, Weaver Emery, whose work overshadowed that of the Bearcats. Hilker set a new Varsity record of 9:56.6 in this event.

Bill Dunkman, Clarence Gallimore and sometimes Ed Wilson carried Varsity's colors in the mile and did consistently good work in that event. In the broad jump, "Eth" Allen was undefeated all year. He established a new school record of 22 ft. 7½ in. in this event. Ralph Bennett and Allen Stone also did well in the broad jump in several of the meets. Allen was also Varsity's strongest entry in the discus. He twice broke the record in this event, his best effort going 122 ft. 7 in. "Red" Bolton and Bob Maddux were also capable performers in the discus.

The team was well represented in most of the other events. Bolton was outstanding in the shot put, with Lee Grasfeder and Bob Sachs also competing. Grasfeder, Bolton, and Maddux took care of the javelin throw. Snooks Hyer, Wes Schmid, and Lee Davis carried Varsity's colors in the pole vault, while Allen and Stone were the regular entries in the high jump. Stone and Bob Wettengel represented the Red and Black in both the high and low hurdle races. In one meet Stone tied the Varsity record of 0:26.8 in the 220-yard low hurdles.

Glenn Biggs and Bill Hammelrath were the team's best bets in the 440, while Norman Bukey and Ran Emig occupied similar positions in the 880, although Bill Dunkman also did well in the half when he chose to run it along with the mile. Biggs, Hammelrath, Bukey, Emig, Jesse Cobb, and Paul Wilson formed a sextette of runners from whom Coach McLaren usually picked his relay team. On one or two occasions Allen and Bennett ran in this event.

In addition to the men mentioned so far, the following placed in one or more meets, but were not regulars on the team: George Hoffman, mile; Orville Locklen, mile and two mile; Dick Bryant, high jump; Carl Rivas, shot put; Frank Dost, javelin. Eleven members of the squad were veterans, the rest were new men. The "vets" included Captain Hilker, Allen, Bennett, Bukey, Cobb, Dunkman, Grasfeder, Hammelrath, Hyer, Schmid, and Ed Wilson.

As usual, the Ohio Relays at Columbus marked the opening of the season for the Bearcats. Coach McLaren took three relay teams to the meet and also entered Allen and Bennett in the open 100-yard dash. Schools from all over the country competed in the Relays and the Ohio schools didn't have much of a "look-in." Varsity's 880-yard relay team composed of Cobb, Biggs, Allen, and Bennett, ran third in this event for the only place the Bearcats secured. Miami and Ohio Wesleyan were the only other Ohio teams to place in the meet, which attests the caliber of the other teams that were entered.

Cincy's first dual meet was with the Central Y. M. C. A. and resulted in a 76-54 win for the Bearcats. Both teams were allowed an unlimited number of entries and Coach McLaren took advantage of this to give his entire squad a chance to prove their ability. Varsity won eight of the 15 events, including the relay and also carried off nine second places. In the 220 and two mile all three places went to U. C. Ethan Allen with the modest total of 22 points was the leading scorer of the meet. "Eth" won the 220, discus, and broad jump, tied for first in the high jump, and ran second in the 100.

The Antioch College tracksters were Cincy's second victims, going down by the one-sided score of 105 1/6-25 5/6. Like the "Y" meet, this affair was run off on the local track. U. C. won every event except the 440 and high jump, placed at least two men in every event, and in the 100, mile, 220, and shot put captured all three places. Allen again was a high-point man, firsts in the 100 and broad jump and seconds in the discus and high jump netting him 16 points. Red Bolton won the shot put and discus and took a second in the javelin for 13 points. Allen Stone finished first in both hurdle races and Bill Dunkman won the half and the mile.

The Bearcats most gratifying performance of the season was their work in the Denison meet at Granville. Coach McLaren's charges carried off a 69-62 victory after one of the best and most closely contested meets on record. It was the first time Cincinnati had beaten Denison in track in nine years. Only four men competed in each event, two for each team. The Bearcats took eight firsts, and same number of seconds. They also placed two men in eight of the events and took both first and second in the 100, 220, and two mile. The meet was nip-and-tuck until the completion of the two mile and broad jump. The result of these events cinched the meet for Cincinnati.

A first in the broad jump and seconds in the 100, 220 and high jump enabled Allen to once more top the rest of the team in scoring. Bennett with victories in the 100 and 220 and Bolton with a first in the shot put, second in discus, and third in the javelin were also well up in the scoring. Other firsts in the meet were won by Dunkman in the mile, Grasfeder in the javelin, Bukey in the 880, and Captain Hilker in the two mile. Heinrichs starred for Denison, winning both hurdle races.

Coach McLaren's cohorts hung up their fourth straight victory a week later in a meet with Ohio U. on Carson Field. The score was 99-32 with the Bearcats winning every event but the high jump and placing two men in all except the shot put. The team was without the services of Ethan Allen, who was out of town with the baseball nine. In his absence, Allen Stone carried off high scoring honors. "Ackie" won the two hurdle races and placed second in both jumps, giving him a total of 16 points. Ralph Bennett with firsts in the 100, 220, and broad jump was right behind Stone. George Hilker's time of 9:57.6 in the two mile set a new varsity record in this event. Dunkman's time of 4:34 in the mile was also noteworthy, being the best a U. C. miler has done for many a day.