

Georgetown Ace Cops Pentathlon; Shields Bit of Real Sportsmanship; Upset in 440-Yard Hurdles Event

By Associated Press to The Patriot

Philadelphia, April 28.—Robert Legendre, of Georgetown University, won premier athletic honors on Franklin Field today in the opening session of the twenty-eighth annual relay carnival of the University of Pennsylvania, when he captured for the third time the intercollegiate pentathlon championship. Overcoming a field of the best all-around athletes of the East, the Washington collegian won three out of the five events composing the protracted struggle and finished second in a fourth and third in the final.

Legendre's victory was the outstanding feature of an afternoon of track and field sport which brought together individual and team performers from a majority of the leading universities and colleges of the country in the first half of what has grown to be the greatest annual athletic carnival in the history of world amateur sport.

In winning the pentathlon Legendre established two new carnival records in five events and tied the record of three victories in this competition made by J. H. Berry, of Pennsylvania, in 1915-16-17. Legendre won the 1919 and 1921, and his new records were made in the javelin throw and 200 metre race.

He shot the spear out to a distance of 171 feet, 1 inch, bettering the Pennsylvania relay record of 168 feet, 11½ inches, made by W. Bartel, of Pennsylvania, last season. In the 200 metres race he sprinted over the course in 22 1-5 seconds, beating the record established by Berry in 1917 by 1-5 of a second. Legendre fell short by several inches of the running broad jump figures made by Sol Butler, of Dubuque College, in 1919. He was also forced into second place in the discus throw when Vernon Clapp, of the United States Naval Academy, scaled the platter 121 feet, ½ inch, to Legendre's 112 feet ¾ inches.

Shields' Sportsmanlike Act

In the final event, the 1500 metre run, the Georgetown athlete had to be satisfied with third place, both Emery, of Princeton, and West, of Washington and Jefferson, outdistancing him in the long run. The time or distance made in these events all fell short of the best figures in past competitions.

Points were allotted upon the position in which each athlete finished in each event and, notwithstanding two setbacks, Legendre finished an easy winner with a total of eight points. Reinarts, of Muhlenberg College, was his nearest competitor with seventeen points, scoring two seconds, a third, fourth and sixth. West, of Washington and Jefferson, was third with eighteen points accumulated with two seconds, a third, fourth and seventh. Emery, of Princeton, was fourth with twenty-one points, while Clapp, of Navy, and Moroney, of Georgetown, were tied with twenty-four points.

In the more important of the championship relay races Georgetown captured the distance medley event after a race marked by a most dramatic

and unusual final lap climax. Early in the contest the struggle settled itself into a battle between Georgetown and Pennsylvania State. The final relay found Jimmy Connolly, of Georgetown, and Larry Shields, of Penn State, leaving the mark on almost even terms. These two famous collegiate milers, both members of the 1920 Olympic games team, raced shoulder to shoulder for three laps. On the back stretch, Shields, who was but a step behind Connolly, attempted to pass on the inside. He shouldered the Georgetown runner in the middle of a stride and caused the latter to cross his legs and somersault along the track. Shields immediately stopped running, waiting until Connolly had regained his feet and his position in the lead. Then the race was taken up again and turning into the home stretch Shields passed Connolly a second time and won by twelve yards. The referee of the games disqualified the Penn State team on the violation of the rule which forbids a runner to pass another on the inside unless the leader swerved wide from the pole. With Penn State out, first place went to Georgetown, while Navy and Ohio State, which had been battling well in the rear, were awarded second and third place, respectively.

Crawls and Rolls for Second Place

The interscholastic medley relay championship race was also marked by a dramatic finish after a thrilling contest between Exeter Academy and Hamilton Collegiate Institute of Canada. The Canadian schoolboys set the pace for the first three-quarters of a mile and appeared to be sure winners until the last lap. O'Neill, who ran the last relay for Exeter, staged a great sprint for the full 440 yards and, overtaking the Hamilton runner thirty yards from home, won handsily.

Ten yards from the finish the Canadian finalist collapsed, falling on his hands and knees with second place just a few feet away, while the third place runner came pounding up a few yards in the rear. Unthinking officials ran to the fallen runner's aid with the intention of helping him across the line, but were waved away by the judges, who recalled that the same tactics lost Dorando the Olympic marathon at London in 1908. Unaided, therefore, the Hamilton Institute relayist crawled and rolled the remaining distance, winning second place by inches, falling over the line as the third place runner strode across.

Raymond B. Buker, of Bates College, also flashed a great race in the two-mile international run, when after laying back in one of the fastest packs of distance runners in American colleges, he came through with a perfect timed sprint on the last lap and won easily for the second time in two years, defeating among others N. Brown, of Cornell; Thompson, of Hamilton; Romig, of Penn State, and Rathbun, of Iowa State.

W. D. Harmer, of University of Delaware, won the 440-yard hurdle race in 56 and 2-5 seconds from a classy field.