

Northwestern Closes Successful Year in Athletic Competition

Sport activities at Northwestern drew to a close this week as all teams completed their spring schedules and prepared to pack away equipment until next year. The past year has been one of the most successful athletic years in the history of the university. The Purple crashed through to its first football championship and placed well up in a number of other sports including swimming, track and tennis.

Director "Tug" Wilson announced that he was pleased with the results of his second year at Northwestern but hoped to see the Purple colors advanced still higher in the years to come.

Grid Team Star Performer

"We had a successful year but there is still a lot of room for improvement," he said. "Our football team, of course, was the high spot but a number of our other teams made fine showings also. The track team enjoyed a fine season and will improve next year. The swimming team pushed the leaders at all times and will be even better next year.

"One of the greatest accomplishments of the year was the establishment of our intramural program on a sound basis. We had more men than

ever before out for the inter-class and inter-fraternity teams. This is a big field and we intend to stress this department more than ever in the future."

The year 1926-27 will long be remembered at the university for it marked the return of Northwestern to the upper division in Big Ten athletics. The great football team turned out by Coach Thistlethwaite did much to revive the spirit of Purple fans. Hope for a successful season next fall is high, with Coach Hanley at the helm. The new Purple mentor has won the confidence of his men and associates.

Northwestern's fine showing in the Big Ten track meet at Madison last week shows that this sport is also beginning to climb steadily upward. Purple athletes won three first places and piled up more points than ever before. "Tiny" Lewis tossed the 16 pound shot 47 feet 3 inches for a conference record. This is the first conference record held by a Northwestern athlete in many years. Bill Droegemueller leaped 13 feet, 3 inches in the pole vault which is also a conference record but may not stand since it was held indoors because of the bad weather.

Robert Yates, formerly of Kenilworth, spent the Decoration day period in Kenilworth.



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