Oscar Hedlund, Track Coach Has Hobby Of Collecting Statistics

There is no one man about the Institute when the student body as a whole thinks of track and field and with whom it has the most friendly relations it is Oscar Hedlund, the Intercollegiate track coach. A large percentage of such freshman class peer under his sparkling tongue, and many a freshman continues with him in their following years.

In the training of his runners, he and his red, while, and nonsecret sweatshirt, are the personification of the most familiar sights on the Institute campus.

His history is no less remarkable than his personality and pep. When he was a kid, he was skinny and weak, and so he took up running to build himself up—settling a precedence which Congrady and Bushnell both, either temporarily or unanimously later followed.

He made his debut by winning a Fourth of July invitation race—that was his first competitive effort. From then on he went on to establish many records, outstanding among which are the mile and half-mile runs, and the two mile indoctrinate which still remain, run on the four mile relay team which set a world record in 1918. His last competitive effort was in 1946 when he set his New England two mile standard. After this race he hung his spikes up, and since then has devoted his time to coaching. Coach Hedlund recently started at Boston University in 1921, from where he came to the Institute in 1923.

Not content with an active business life, and a vigorous amount of coaching, he has maintained a lively interest in track as a whole. That interest has taken the form of track statistics, in which he is a national authority. At the moment, he is engaged in writing a book about them—claims he are the most fascinating thing in the world.

His office in the track house is lined with pictures of world famous track men in all-manner of their accomplishments—and of record setting Institute teams and men.

Bates Handers Netters Season’s First Defeat

Team Losses 6-3; Freshmen Drop Third Straight At Brown

Losing to Bates College by a score of 6-3, the varsity tennis team suffered a worst defeat of the season on Saturday when it engaged the Bates netters on their home courts.

Uncontested in the third earlier in the season at the hands of the Tech aggregation, Bates took advantage of the loss of Wylad and Kelby and gave the Beavers a taste of their own medicine. All three of Tech’s wins were in the singles, where Bush, playing no. 2 for the Beavers, Shan, no. 3, and Miller, no. 5 posted victories. The closeness of the match was evidenced lower by the no. 1 and 3 double matches in which Tech extended the Bates netters to three sets before losing. Victories in both of these matches would have given the match to the Beavers.

Traveling to Brown Saturday, the Tech aggregation had no better luck than has previously followed them in their visits, as the Bates men triumphed them to the tune of 6-3. In spite of the lopsided score, the teams were close, for most of the matches went in three sets.

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Harvard Oarsmen Win Compton Cup For Second Time

Crimson Crew Sets Record As It Defeats Four Other Schools

Freshmen Get Only Win Of Day

The varsity crew of Harvard University won its second Compton Cup and broke the course record in defeating Princeton, Technology, and Syracuse on Lake Cayuga, Saturday. The Syracuse eight, outdistilled to receive the Compton trophy, finished second, a length and a quarter behind the Crimson shell. Princeton was third and Technology fourth.

Tech Finishes In Heat

Syracuse took an early lead but the strong Harvard crew paced too much power for the Orangemen and went to the front in the last quarter-mile of the mile and three-quarters course. Princeton was a close third all the way, while Technology was all but it- self in the rear.

The Junior Varsity crew fared no better in the J. V. 's race, finishing well behind Harvard, Syracuse, and Princeton.

Fresh Win Over Princeton Freshmen returned to their winning ways against the first-year men. The cubes, in productive ways capturing the race for the Orange and went to the front in the last quarter-mile of the mile and three-quarters course. Princeton was a close third all the way, while Technology was all but itself in the rear.

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