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LAWRENCE,Kan., March .---Glenn Cunningham, the greatest miler of all time, will be the feature attraction of the sixteenth annual Kansas Relays,April 23.

The Jayhawk flier recently astounded the sports world by running a mile in the previously unheard of time of 4:04.4 and his return to his alma mater should attract even more attention than usual. Cunningham has already notified "Bill" Hargiss, Kansas track coach, that he will be here for the Relays and all that remains is for selection of Cunningham's opponents.

Glenn is enjoying the greatest indoor season of his career and should fare even better outdoors. Since falling in his first race of the season, Cunningham has not been defeated at any distance,

In the space of six days he set two world records. First Glenn cracked the 1500 meter record of 3:49.9 with a time of 3:48.4 at the National A.A.U. meet in Madison Square Garden and then five days later he chopped four seconds off the world indoor record in the mile at Dartmouth with his time of 4:04.4. The latter time also surpassed the outdoor mile record of 4:06.4 set by Woodersen of England last summer.

Cunningham first broke into the national spotlight in 1930 when he won the mile in 4:24.7 at the national high school meet. He had earlier in the season set a Kansas Relays high school record that still stands. The following year he was a freshman at Kansas Universit and so was not in intercollegiateccompetition. 1932 saw Glenn, a sophomore, winning a place on the America Olympic team and then being the first American to finish in the Olympic 1500 meter run.

The following winter he began his appearance in the feature races in the east, both indoor and outdoor. He won the Columbian mile in New York four years out of five, and in 1934 in this race he set the world mark at 4:08.4, which he himself broke this season. He won the Baxter mile in New York four times in the past six years and the Wanameker Mile five times out of six.

At the Princeton Invitation meet in 1934 he set the outdoor record of 4:06.7 which stood until last summer, and is yet the American outdoor record.

Cunningham ran again in the 1936 Olympics, pressing Lovelock to a new Olympic record, and himself being clocked in time better than a the previous record.

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