

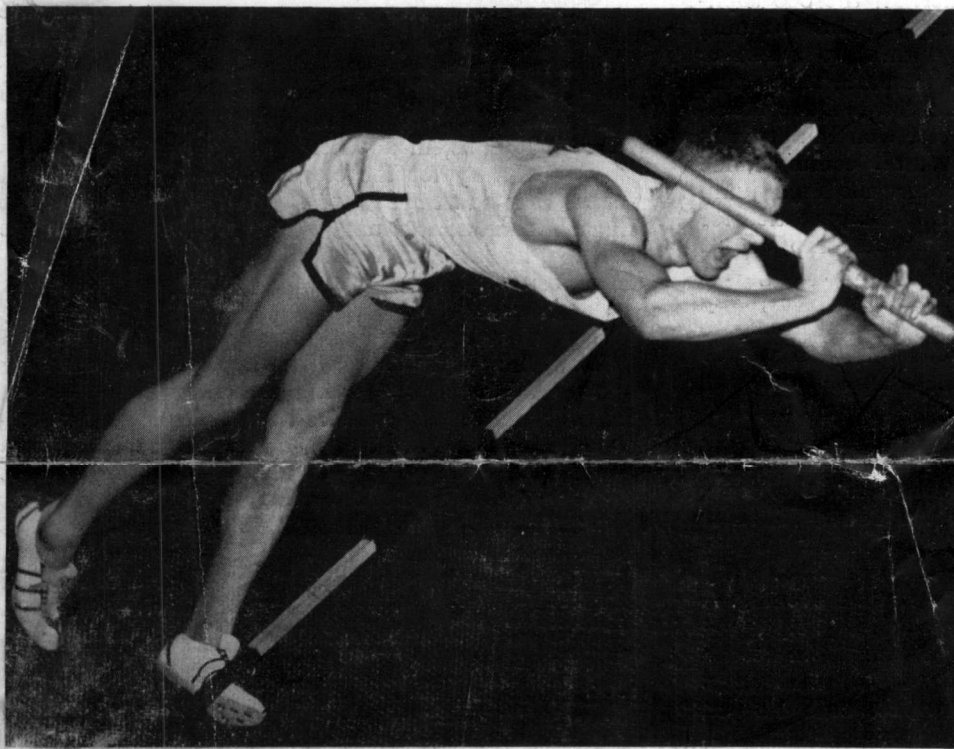
Cornell Waste Basket

CORNELL SPIKED SHOE SOCIETY

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Cornell University

Ithaca, New York



JOHN MURRAY vaults to victory in the 1959 Indoor Heptagonal Pole Vault with a leap of 13' 9", climaxing an otherwise gloomy evening for the Big Red. Cornell's Sixth place Heps team finish culminated a mediocre winter season marred by injuries and illness (see pages 1 and 2). For a personality sketch of John Murray, see page 4.

Survey Of Winter Track, 1959

Army-Cornell

JANUARY 24, 1959

In the opening dual meet competition of the indoor campaign, Cornell fell victims to a powerful Army team, 67 1/3 to 41 2/3. Nevertheless the times and distances indicated that the Cornell team possessed moderate potential. This was Army's third dual meet of the young season. The Cadet's finer physical shape was the deciding factor.

Dave Heasley had to settle for third place in the broad jump (21' 4") while 2nd by a scant 3 inches. Dick Healy of Army set a meet record in the mile (4:21) as Chuck Hill and Nat Cravener finished second and third respectively.

Sophomore Murray Moulding ran a fast 600-yard race to defeat two good Army contenders in 1:14.6. A pulled leg muscle forced Heasley to scratch from the High Hurdles and the High Jump. John Winter filled in admirably by taking second in the High Hurdles and tying for second in the High Jump.

Sophomore football player George Ekstrom won the 60 Yard Dash in 6.6, Pete Brandeis and Hill finished second and third in the 1000.

The Sophs continued to spark the team as John Murray won the pole vault with a leap of 13' 6". John missed 14 feet by an eye lash when he barely touched the cross bar off. Bob Bevan was second in the event.

The One Mile Relay was won by Cornell with Bernie Dannov, Harvey Weisband, Ted Voigt and Moulding's terrific anchor leg. The time was 3:27.

Cornell-Dartmouth-Colgate

FEBRUARY 14, 1959

Rebounding from a defeat at the hands of a strong Army squad, the Big Red trounced Dartmouth

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Cornell Track Team at Texas Relays

Through the efforts of Bob Koch, a Cornellian with the Morse Chain Company and former Houstonian, coupled with the Cornell Club of Houston, a dream of training for the Spring Recess in Texas and participating in the Texas Relays came to a reality when the Cornell Club of Houston flew 7 men to Houston, housed them at the Dormitories of the University of Houston, fed them, banqueted them and drove them to Austin for the meet.

Co-Captain Hill will cover the details of the trip, their week of training in the wonderful sun of Texas, and tell of the social experiences that Messers Van Sickle, Dicianne, Barbour, Gallagher, Hewitt, Masters, Freeborn, Smith, Nebbeker gave them. The team was banqueted at the Houston Club as guests of Kenneth Owen.

Six men competed in three relays and the pole vault. The team in the Distance Medley raced against 10 other teams and finished 6th in the field of eleven. Oklahoma was first in 10:00 min flat; Kansas University 2nd; Notre Dame 3rd; Colorado 4th; and Iowa State just nosed out Cornell for 5th place. Cornell beat Baylor, Houston University, Kansas State, Oklahoma State, and Wichita; Pete Brandeis led off with a 1:55.5 half mile leg, followed by Murray Moulding running the 440 leg in 49.1 with Arnie Cummins running the 3/4 mile in 3:06.2 and Co-captain Chuck Hill anchoring with a mile in 4:17.6. Cornell's time of 10:08.5 was the fastest Distance Medley in Cornell's history for the past 20 years at least and is probably the fastest ever. Only three times in the history of the 32 years of Texas Relays was the winner's time faster than Cornell's 6th place of this year's race.

On Saturday the Cornell team of Brandeis-Cummins-Hill and Nat Cravener ran the 4 mile relay and again finished 6th, with the same Iowa State team just beating Cornell for 5th place.

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WINTER TRACK SURVEY (CONTINUED)

and Colgate respectively in a Barton Hall encounter. The final score was $76\frac{1}{2}$ - $53\frac{1}{2}$ -7.

Co-Captain Chuck Hill and Arnie Cummins led off the evening's proceedings with a photo-finish 4:22.7 mile effort. With Cummins setting the pace the race was never in doubt, as Hill finished with a rush that brought them to the tape together. In the 600 sophomore Murray Moulding maintained his winning streak and continued to lower his time, to 1:14.1 in this effort. Co-Captain Harvey Weissbard, leading up to the quarter mile mark, finished third. Dave Heasley, high scorer for the home forces, won the 60 yard High hurdles in 7.8 with John Winter coming home in fourth position. Heasley also won the high jump with a leap of 6'2". Winter and Bob Shappee tied for third. A very close second in the broad jump with a $21'7\frac{1}{4}$ " effort completed Heasley's point splurge for the meet. Bruce Davis was fourth in this event, only a few inches behind his teammate. Also continuing to improve was soph George Ekstrom who won the 60 yard dash in 6.5 with a fourth place assist from Ray Burton. Completing a great day for sophomores, Pete Brandeis won the 1000 yard run in an effortless 2:18.7. A devastating finish brought Chuck Hill, in his second race of the night, to the runner-up spot. Nate Cravener and Frank Brockman brought Cornell another one-two finish, as the former clocked 9:48.2 for the two mile grind. Winning performances in both relay races concluded the running events for the evening. A team of Weissbard, Bob Shappee, Ted Voigt, and Moulding took the mile relay in a come-from-behind anchoring leg, with a time of 3:28.9. The two mile relay, with Chuck Hill running his third race of the night, won in 8:14. The quarter was composed of Cummins, Eichorn, Hill, and Brandeis.

Al Finch, at 13', and Bob Bevan, at 12'6", tied for first and third in the pole vault, respectively. Al Kaneb pulled down third in the shot put. Sophomore Mike Schenker was second in the 35 pound weight throw with a toss of 51 feet. Bill O'Connor followed him with a third place.

A highlight of the evening came in the freshman two mile run where Tom Laris of Dartmouth set a new Barton Hall record of 9:23.5, as Cornell's Eric Groon was far behind in a respectable 9:47.

Cornell vs. Yale—February 21, 1959

A strong, well-balanced Yale track team beat Cornell handily, $76\frac{1}{2}$ to $32\frac{1}{2}$. For Cornell there were some bright spots but not enough to offset the depth of the Eli. A one-two sweep of the mile by Co-captain Chuck Hill, who broke the meet record with 4:18.7, and Arnie Cummins, whose sub-4:20 performance placed him with the Ivy League's best and represented great personal improvement, highlighted the Cornell performances.

Al Finch and John Murray, in a tie at 12 feet 6 inches, represented the only other Cornell win. Sophomore George Ekstrom placed a close second to Yale's Snyder in a fast 6.4-second 60 yard dash, with Ray Burton third. Mike Schenker placed third in the 35 pound weight with a 49 ft. 10 inch toss. Nat Cravener ran third in 9:32 to John Morrison's new Coxe Cage record of 9:25.

Cornell's lack of depth and individual brilliance was caused in part by the absence of Co-captain Harvey Weissbard, Dave Heasley, and Ted Voigt. Particularly unfortunate was the recent illness of brilliant soph quartermiler Murray Moulding.

IC4A—FEBRUARY 28, 1959

While two and one ninth points is not a staggering accumulation, it is an indication that Cornell was

at least represented at the IC4A Championship at Madison Square Garden last February 28th. Further, however, it represents a disappointment to the men who, owing to bad weather with resultant colds and low morale—were unable to turn in the "blue chipper" performances that the ICs usually draw from its contestants.

Nonetheless, for their point-winning efforts several of the Big Red will be wearing intercollegiate stripes when they appear on the cinders this spring. Co-captain Chuck Hill finished third in the mile preliminaries on Saturday afternoon, and came back in the evening to snag a fifth place in the final contest. Arnie Cummins, in another qualifying race, eased his way to victory for the eleven laps with the time of 4:20.8 that had the best of them in anxiety before the finals. Cummins was unable to repeat his effort in the evening, however, and crossed the finished line in seventh position.

The tension of the always gripping sixty yard dash was heightened by the speed of George Ekstrom. Working his way through the labyrinth of preliminary and trial heats, George snapped the yarn ahead of some of the finest sprinters in the East. With a personal best of 6.3 Ekstrom captured the fifth place crown in a close competition with such dash greats as Bobby Brown of Penn State and Ed Collymore of Villanova.

In the two mile, outdoor Heptagonal champion Nat Cravener was hampered by a bronchial cold. As a result he did not score in his specialty. In the next heat, Frank Brockman rounded the twenty-two laps only to come away from his effort with a fractured foot.

Mike Schenker hurled the weight out to the fifty-three foot marker, but failed to keep within the sixty degree sector—a new ruling in that event—and thereby lost credit for his fine toss.

The freshman medley relay, composed of Ray Westendorp in the 880, Joel Heine in the 440, Bruce Rogers in the 220, and Eric Groon finishing with the mile, qualified in the afternoon trials—Groon turning in a quite substantial 4:22 for his leg; and the quartet then went on to contribute another point to the Cornell total by winning fifth place in the finals.

The remaining ninth of a point was credited to Al Finch for his pole vault of thirteen feet. Coach Montgomery observed that the stocky vaulter had cleared thirteen feet six inches with ease but ticked the bar off on the way down. Fortunately, Finch's commentary on the leap was not recorded.

Heptagonals—March 7, 1959

The 1959 Heptagonals had all the splendor and excitement of past years as many of the Alumni who attended will verify. Yale's powerful team defeated a determined Army squad and a surprisingly strong Navy team. Cornell simply did not have the depth this year to be a serious contender and finished sixth with 10 $\frac{1}{5}$ points.

The only bright spot during the evening for Cornellians was the effort of sophomore John Murray. In winning the pole vault, Murray established a personal record of 13'9". Attempts at a new Cornell record of 14' were barely missed. Truly a fine competitor, Murray should be one of Cornell's greats.

Save for a surprise 3rd in the 1000 by Pete Brandeis and a 3rd place tie in the pole vault by Al Finch, the team met disappointment after disappointment. George Ekstrom, who had finished 5th in the IC4A 60 yard dash a week previous, did not qualify for the final. A cold hampered Murray Moulding's efforts in the 600. Nat Cravener did not place in the two mile. Co-captain Chuck Hill, and Arnie Cummins, both finalists in the IC4A mile, did not score in the Heps mile.

Letter From The Captains

It seems like only a few days ago that we dusted off our spikes in preparation for the indoor season. At the time, we all realized that the season would be a long up-hill grind. Yet the team spirit shown during the Army meet was the best we've seen since donning a Cornell uniform. Sure, last year's Indoor and Outdoor Heps Champions had a lot of pep and spirit. But this year's team showed a fighting spirit when it really counted—when the odds against us were overwhelming.

Unfortunately, our moments of triumph were few and far between. Nevertheless, we had some bright spots, and the forthcoming outdoor season promises

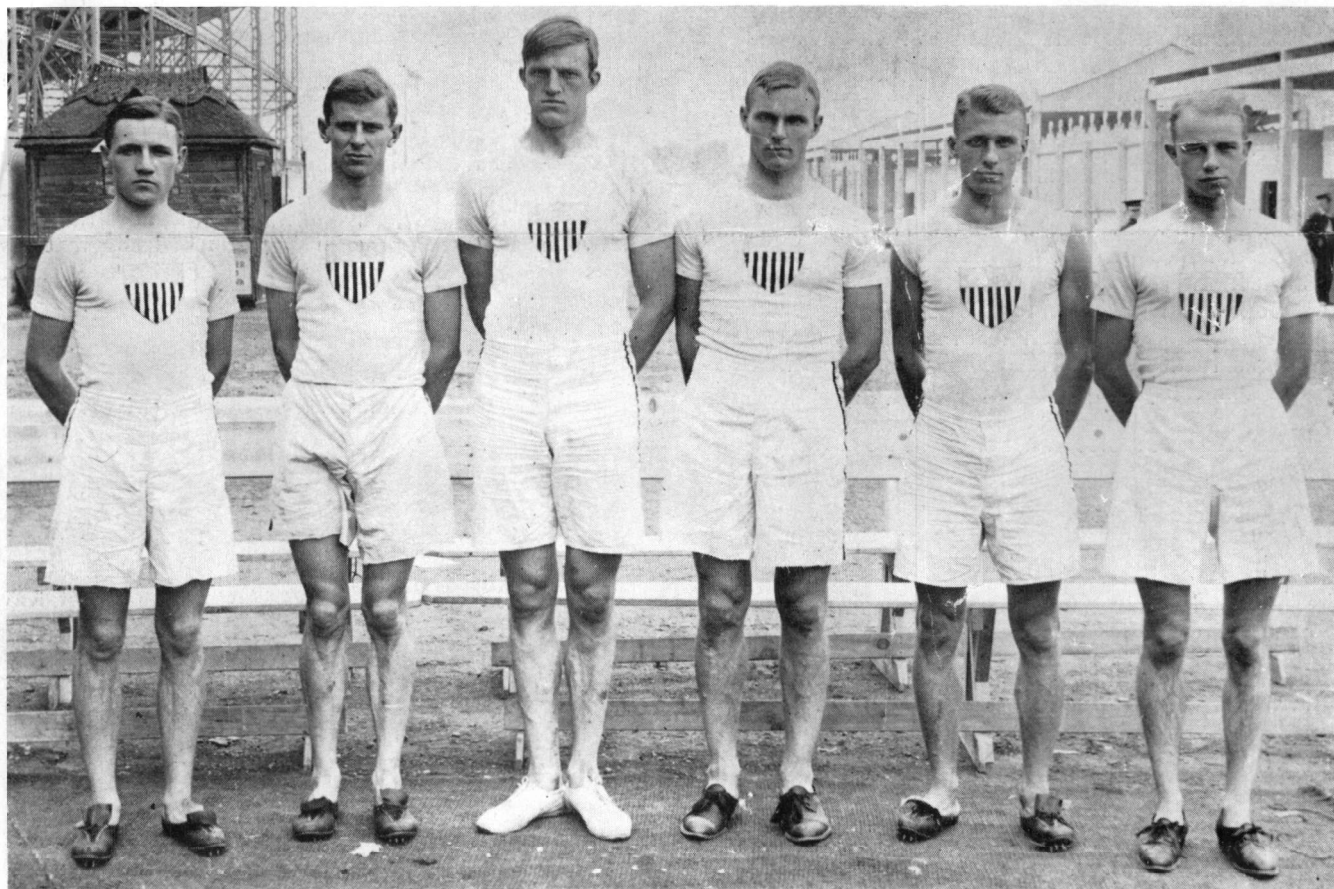
to be much more successful. Oddly enough, we have a chance to do better than any other Cornell team since 1955 at the Penn Relays.

Our moderately full outdoor schedule affords each and every one of us an excellent chance to improve considerably, both individually and team-wise. So, the challenge is there. Will you accept it, and undergo the daily vigorous training necessary to achieve your aspirations? Let's work hard now so that at the end of the season there will be no regrets.

Your Captains,

Chuck Hill
Harvey Weissbard

ALUMNI CORNER



REMEMBER THESE YOUNGSTERS? They are Cornellians who represented the United States in the 1908 Olympics in London. Left to right are: J. P. Halstead, 1500 meters; J. Carpenter, 1st-400 meters; Harry Porter, 1st-high jump; Charles French, 800 meters; Edward Cook, tie 1st-pole vault; and H. L. Trube, 2 miles.

Letter From Spiked Shoe President

Dear Alumni,

Let me start out my letter this month with a sincere Thank You. Your response to our Wastebasket publication has been simply heartwarming. Few organizations can boast of such a large percentage of contributions as our Spiked Shoe Club. In our files we have listed approximately 800 members of which 70-80% have shown an active interest.

Starting with this issue of the Wastebasket the editorial staff will attempt to initiate an alumni news section. As we are treading on new ground, we would appreciate your comments and suggestions on this matter. It is hoped that such a section will afford the alums a little added interest. We are planning to run articles on individual Cornell tracksters and teams from the past. *So won't you help us by sending in any information about you and your former teammates?*

Finally, it is the time of year when high school juniors look toward the hallowed halls of higher education—Cornell, we hope. If you know of any high school track man who has a good average, let us

Reunion Week at Cornell

All former track men are invited to visit the track locker room for a get-to-gether to see some of your old track teammates.

Get the smell of liniment again.

Visit the old haunts of years ago—even put on a uniform and jog around the track.

Look at the pictures of the teams—your team—see the picture gallery of former track greats—of Cornell's Olympic competitors.

See the pictures and names of Cornell's present all time record holders—also see the list of last year's best performances, names and times.

This visit will be on Saturday, June 13 any time from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

know about him. Perhaps we could make arrangements for him to visit us this spring. Only through your help can Cornell continue to produce top competitive teams.

Sincerely yours,
Chuck Hill, President

TEXAS RELAYS (CONTINUED)

Brandeis led off with a 4:24.5 mile, his first and fastest mile. Cummins, who has run 4:19, gave us only a 4:26.5; Chuck Hill took care of the 3rd leg with a 4:20.8 mile and Nat Cravener came through with his fastest mile ever in 4:22.9. Cornell's time for the 4 miles was 17:34.7. This was faster than Cornell ran last year in the Penn Relays when they ran the fastest 4 mile relay in Cornell history, a 17:37.2.

The two mile relay came late in the afternoon and Cornell's effort was far under their 7:54.9 which they ran this winter. Moulding led off with a 2:02; Hill ran 1:59; Brandeis ran 2:03 and Cummins anchored with a 1:59.6. for a 8:03.4. The only explanation I can give is that it was too early in the season for the boys to double and especially in the heat of Texas.

Our other competitor was John Murray, the Heptagonal Indoor Pole Vault Champion who has vaulted 13'9" and who only made 13' in Texas. John hurt his leg the first day in Houston (an old muscle pull from indoor season) and did not get to train the balance of the week.

All in all I feel satisfied the boys did as well as they did. I only hope that the Texas alumni will understand that we were far under the competition that the Texas and other teams, who have had as many as 6 outdoor meets before this one, were in.

Cornell track wishes to thank all of the Houston Club for their contribution to this Texas venture and hope that future Cornell teams may have this wonderful trip in the years to come.

Impressions Of The Texas Trip

by Co-Captain Chuck Hill

During the past Spring vacation six members of the track team competed in the Texas Relays, April 3-4. Those representing Cornell were: Pete Brandeis, Nat Cravener, Arnie Cummins, Chuck Hill and Murray Moulding in the distance and sprint medley relays, and John Murray in the pole vault.

This trip was made possible through the generous gifts of the Cornell Club of Houston. Bob Koch, a former Texan residing in Ithaca, set plans in motion by contacting Alumni in the Houston areas. These congenial Texans responded immediately, and idle dreaming became a reality.

The team flew from Newark on March 28th, arriving in Houston at 3:30 in the morning. Here we were met by our most amiable host, Walter Van Sickle. Walter, President of the Cornell Club of Houston, kept us chuckling with his clever humor. We shall never forget him.

Getting back to the topic at hand, we trained twice daily at the University of Houston under warm spring skies—quite a change from trudging in the snow of Ithaca. It seemed that everyone at the University went out of his way to be helpful and friendly to us.

On Tuesday night we were entertained at the Houston Club by the Cornell Alums. After a fine banquet of "Iowa-corn-fed" Texas beef we were conducted on a tour of some of the private clubs in Houston by Henry Barbour. All of us expressed amazement to learn that Houston was almost 35 miles wide. It is certainly a wonderful city, and now we realize why yo'all are so proud of it.

Finally, the day arrived for us to leave for the University of Texas and the Relays. We would like to express our thanks to Joe Gallagher, who aided us in our transportation to Austin. At the University of Texas we were received most cordially. And right here the members of the team would like to express their appreciation to the wonderful southern bells of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority for their wonderful hospitality. These lovely ladies made our stay most enjoyable.

Cornell captured 6th place in both the distance medley and the 4-mile relay. In both races Cornell was always in contention and barely missed fourth place in the distance medley. The time of the 4-mile relay (17:34.7) is a new Cornell record. Our time in the distance medley was the fastest time recorded by a Cornell team in the last 30 years. John Murray, hampered by a muscle injury, vaulted 13 feet.

It is difficult to thank individually everyone who made our trip so wonderful. Never before were we received more cordially than down at Houston. We would like to give special thanks to the Houston Club who made the trip possible, to Henry Barbour, who entertained us at the Shamrock, to Leo Dicianne, who conducted some of the boys on a tour of that fascinating city of Houston, and to Joe Gallagher, who made our connections and handled our mail.

In conclusion, I know that I speak for the team when describing what this experience meant to me. It afforded us a chance to train under ideal weather conditions and to compete in top-flight competition. The times in the relays indicated how much we benefited from our stay in Houston. Bearing the Ithaca weather in mind, we must have gained an advantage of at least 2-3 weeks by our trip. We shall never forget our wonderful friends in Houston. I know I count it as one of my most rewarding college experiences.

PERSONALITY SKETCH:

JOHN MURRAY

HEPTAGONAL INDOOR VAULT CHAMPION

John is from Ames, Iowa, played football, basketball and track in High School. He entered Cornell to study Government in the Arts and Sciences College with a National Scholarship. John played Freshman football but gave up football this year to concentrate on being a good pole vaulter. His best effort in High School was 12'4. John did 12'9 in his Freshman year, has improved his performance to 13'9 and is just ticking the bar at 14'. He should be Cornell's first 14 Foot vaulter.

John's improvements can be explained by three factors:

1. The coaching he has received from Larry Anderson, graduate student from University of California who still vaults 14'6 and has been an inspiration to all Cornell vaulters.
2. The good luck of having a team-mate Al Finch, also a 13' 7" Vaulter, to train and compete with. the work-outs that these two men do each day would ruin the average man just watching them.
3. John's determination and dedication to being a great vaulter.

John's father was a track man at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was a high jumper. This was back in 1924. He now holds a Professorship of Agricultural Economics at Iowa State College.

John's ambition is to enter Government Foreign Service work. He is 20 years of age, 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighs 180 pounds and is fast. His speed coupled with his 180 pounds necessitated a special valuting pole, which he treats with care.

SPRING TRACK SCHEDULE—1959

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| 18 | Colgate | Ithaca |
| 24-25 | Penn Relays | Philadelphia |
| May | | |
| 2 | Penn-Harvard | Cambridge |
| 9 | Princeton | Ithaca |
| 16 | Heptagonals | New Haven |
| 29-30 | IC4A | New York |