

THE WASTEBASKET



1951

PUBLISHED BY
CORNELL SPIKED SHOE SOCIETY

Dear Track Alumnus:

This is your 1951 edition of the Cornell Spiked Shoe Wastebasket. We have included results of all the track and cross country meets in which Cornell participated in 1950. My apologies for the omission of results of the National AAU meet last summer. In this meet, Charles H. Moore, Jr., '52, successfully defended his national 400 meters hurdles championship, while Meredith C. Gourdine, '53, placed fourth in the same race. "Flash" Gourdine also won the national junior low hurdles championship.

We hope you will enjoy reading this, and we solicit your assistance in additions and corrections to our mailing list as well as contributions to help defray expenses of this publication. Please address all communications to: Wastebasket Editor, c/o CUAA, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Sincerely,

Jim Meyler
Jim Meyler
Editor

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON 1950

CORNELL 20 - COLGATE 43 - September 30

The Big Red Harriers opened their season successfully by defeating a not too stubborn Colgate team on the Cornell University golf course. The team entered the meet with only two weeks of group training under their belts. Most of the boys, however, had worked out individually at home in the closing weeks of vacation.

Colgate's Jim Hanlon, for the second straight year, won the individual honors. The rugged Junior who is the Red Raiders prime half-miler, battled Cornell's Bob Grossman for 3 miles and then pulled away to win. He covered the 4.3 mile course in 22 minutes 31 seconds. Behind Hanlon and Grossman came four more Cornellians; Captain Bill Kilian, Leo Knapp, Bill Albers, and Bob Robertson. This bunching of Coach Lou Montgomery's charges was sufficient to sweep the team score easily in the Big Red direction 43-20. In all, 11 Cornell men finished before the fifth Colgate man.

CORNELL 50 - ARMY 15 - October 6

For their second meet, the Big Red Harriers journeyed to West Point. Cornell's No. 1 man, Bob Grossman, was unable to make the trip. Grossman, who works for his meals in a University Dorm, was forced to stay home by this obligation. Without Bob, Cornell's hopes against the 1949 IC4A Champs were small. The boys all knew what Army had to offer with Dick Shea, Lou Davis, and a stronger than ever supporting cast.

The first mile and a quarter was run on a flat polo field. Shea took an early assignment as pacemaker and set a fast 4:49 first mile. The whole Cornell team hung with him and they were there when he left the flat ground and headed for the hills. At this point, Shea and his comrades turned it on. Albers tried to follow and faded. Kilian, Robertson and Knapp hung on stubbornly until the highly trained cadets pulled gradually away. Shea came out of the hill alone and was the winner in a new record time of 25:27 for a five mile course. Seven of his teammates followed before Cornell's Captain Kilian finished. Next Cornell man in was Bob Grossman, then Leo Knapp.

The Black Knights who had trained all summer had given the Big Red their first taste of defeat for the 1950 season.

PENN STATE 15 - CORNELL 50 - October 30

Our meet with Penn State was by far the toughest dual meet of the year. The Chic Werner coached teams have been strong for a number of years and the 1950 team turned out to be the ICAAAA Champions and probably the best in the country. We were defeated by a 15-50 score.

Although the weather was good, the times for the 5 mile course were slow, probably due to the unseasonal warmth of the day. The Ashenfelter brothers turned in their usual fine performance in pacing their team to victory. Grossman, the first Cornell harrier to finish, ran a fine race in spite of finishing back of the Penn State pack. Stuckleman, in finishing 3rd, ran one of his best races of the year.

The Cornell-Alfred meet was run under poor weather conditions. A day's rain had rendered the Alfred course slick and treacherous. In spite of this, Pere Anderson, Alfred's top harrier, won the meet in 22:12 and set a new record for the four mile course. Cornell had the better balanced squad, however, and with Grossman, Albers and Kilian taking the next three places behind Anderson, the Big Red were virtually assured of the victory. Harry Henriques finished in sixth place and fourth for Cornell. Knapp, Robertson, Stuckelman and Kahrs all aided the scoring by displacing Alfred men. A heartening note about the meet was that Albers regained his form and ran up with the leaders. From this time on, he ran well in all the meets.

HEPTAGONAL GAMES - November 10

The veterans were headed for their last Ivy League championship race, the Sophomores their first big competition and we Juniors, well, it would be a nice trip anyway. In this spirit we left Ithaca deluged in the usual rainstorm and jerked and swayed our way to New York City aboard a Lehigh Valley sleeper, arriving the usual two hours late.

The day was beautiful, one of those perfect running days that only Indian Summer can produce. The spirit of the day seemed to infect us. We had been pushed around pretty badly for the better part of the season and I guess that we felt due.

The race itself was run under near perfect conditions, with good footing and near optimum in both number and sportsmanship of the competition. We all ran over our heads as the following summary will show.

Robert Grossman	5th	26:23	Harry Henriques	31st	28:12
William Kilian	11th	26:58	Robert Stuckelman	40th	28:28
William Albers	13th	27:01	Leslie Knapp	41st	28:29
Robert Robertson	27th	28:02			

Our total team score was 87, two points ahead of Penn, for a second place in the meet behind a great Army team that had the very low team score of 33.

We all feel that we had won a real moral victory for both ourselves and our coach. We went in discounted and emerged true Ivy League Champions. We will try and do as well next year.

THE ICAAAA - November 20

With their participation in 51st annual running of the ICA Cross Country Championships, the Cornell harriers concluded their 1950 season. The individual champion in this event was the already well known Dick Shea of Army. He covered the five mile Van Cortlandt Park course in 25:14.

In the team scoring, Cornell came thru with a 12th place finish. The first scorer for the Big Red was Bob Grossman in 27:21. Behind him in the following order were Bill Albers, 27:27; Bill Kilian, 27:31; Les Knapp, 22:49; and Bob Kahrs, 29:43.

THE FRESHMAN CROSS COUNTRY SEASON - 1950

The frosh harriers had a good season, ending up with a 2-2 record, both losses being to Syracuse, the IC4A Champs.

First meet was with Buffalo State Teachers J. V. Five Cornell runners and Wetherbee and Wheatley of Buffalo proceeded to leave the pack behind. The Buffalo men stayed with the Big Red harriers for the first half of the race, but then fell further and further to the rear. Trayford, Pratt, and Willig stayed together for the whole race and finished in a dead heat for the initial position. The Buffalo team had been practicing on flat ground over the three mile distance on their home course and the Ithaca hills really put a crimp in their style.

The Syracuse Freshmen, running without one of their best men, still had little trouble in desposing with Cornell. The day was warm and sunny, but the Red's hopes were not justified by the weather, for Syracuse won 17 to 47. Captain Dave Pratt was handicapped by losing a shoe early in the race.

The Cornell harriers just edged a strong Alfred contingent by 29 to 30. Chief reason for this was the excellent running of Hennsler and Snyder of Alfred who were respectively first and second in the race. The first Cornellian was Trayford followed by Wray of Alfred. Then a succession of five Cornell men crossed the line. The team was hampered somewhat by a muddy course. The winning time for two and a half miles was 13:12.

The last dual meet was a repeat with Syracuse on the Orange course. The score was 15 to 49 with the Red Frosh second best. The Syracusans quickly took a commanding position which they maintained throughout the race. At the finish, Fryer, Osterholt, Coulter, Phillots, Calzi, and Behensky crossed the line in that order, then came Pratt who prevented a complete shutout. All the first Syracuse men finished within a spread of 12 seconds.

The IC4A Meet was held at Van Courtland Park under adverse weather conditions. The day was cold, rainy and very windy. Syracuse, as expected, won the meet by a large margin. Second and third were Manhattan and Providence. Cornell's Freshmen placed ninth, with Captain Pratt being the first across the line for the Red. Cornell's times were good for the weather conditions and the first four men had a spread of only 36 seconds.

RECAP

by Bill Kilian, Captain 1950

The formation of the 1950 Cross Country team started with gloomy prospects. It was disappointing when just a handful of former runners showed up for early practice, along with the news that three potentially strong runners were unable to participate because of injury and scholastic difficulties.

Starting with a veteran skeleton group and adding new enthusiastic runners from the previous year's Frosh faction, Coach Montgomery developed them into a well-balanced squad. It was particularly interesting to watch the team perform over the season. From the casual observer's viewpoint, there seemed to be nothing outstanding in their showing in the dual meets. They beat Colgate and Alfred as usual, and, still following the pattern of

RECAP (Continued)

previous years, lost to three of the strongest teams in the country; Army, Penn State and Syracuse. As far as anyone could see, this squad possessed plenty of drive but no outstanding talent. Without expressing it to one another, they felt that the Heptagonal race was the event to let everyone know what they could do, since it contained colleges in their own class, the Ivy League schools, with the addition of Army and Navy.

The Big Red climaxed their season with a startling upset, surprising everyone by coming in second to Army in the Ivy League Heptagonal race. This triumph made the Big Red squad the unofficial Ivy League Champions! Bob Grossman, Bill Kilian and Bill Albers each broke the previous record for Cornellians in a Heptagonal race. The special thrill was watching the team grow from such a poor start to this ultimate accomplishment.

At the post season banquet, the Cross Country elections were held for next year's captain. Because it was felt we had two outstanding men for this position, the team voted Bob Grossman and Bob Robertson co-captains for the 1951 season.

Bob Grossman '52, from Cooperstown, New York, is an Agronomy major in the College of Agriculture. Bob's running career began in his Frosh year when he ran cross country and track. He did not run cross country his Sophomore fall term, but made the English trip with the track team in the spring. This past season, due to a heavy schedule and a job, Bob could not work out with the team. His solo workouts paid off as he lead the Big Red in every race he ran. Bob is a strong runner and a definite leader, beside being one of the most popular men on the squad.

Bob Robertson '53 is in the College of Electrical Engineering and hails from Port Jefferson, Long Island. Bob is at Cornell on a Grumman Aircraft scholarship. In his high school days, Bob was the Suffolk County mile champ, coached by Darwin Bruce, a NYU miler of some years back. Bob was also strong man on Port Jefferson High's cross country team. At Cornell, Bob has shown steady improvement in both cross country and track. He is a team runner; his spirit and verve are sure to spur next year's harriers on to greater accomplishments.

A LOOK AT THE FUTURE

By Bob Robertson

Uncertainty, spiced with optimism is the keynote of the attitude toward the 1951 cross country season. Although Coach Montgomery can be counted on to get the best performance from his team, the usual factors of possible injuries, scholastic troubles, etc., make predictions difficult. In addition to those variables, the critical world situation introduces the chance that next year's squad will have a different composition than might be expected now.

Lost to the 1951 harriers through graduation will be Bill Kilian - this season's Captain - and Harry Henriques. Both are three year letter men and scored for Cornell in the good showing at the Heptagonal Championships this past November. Kilian ran the second best time ever turned in by a Cornellian in the Heps.

A LOOK AT THE FUTURE (Continued)

The team must make up for these losses from several sources. The 1950 freshman team will provide Dave Pratt (Captain and most valuable Frosh medal winner), Chick Trayford, Dave Willig, Dick Neilson, Jim Klein, Al Smith, John Kacandes, Ed Graham, and others. It's hoped that some of these will show the improvement which marked the performances this season of such varsity runners as Les Knapp, Bob Stuckelman, and Bob Kahrs. The intramural cross country meet displayed promising prospects in Clem Speiden - a transfer student ineligible this fall, Chuck Houghton - ineligible as a two-year Ag student but a possibility next year, and Keith Campbell. Further aid to the Big Red cause may come from Hendy Cleaves (star of the 1949 squad but injured this season), Al Hand - hurt after a promising start, and Steve Pierson and Bud Murray who had academic difficulties.

Six letter winners feature the group that will return to carry the Cornell colors next season. They are: Bob Grossman (most valuable varsity runner of 1950), Bill Albers (victor in the annual 8-mile road race for the Hobe Young trophy), Les Knapp (most improved varsity harrier), and three more Bobs - Stuckelman, Kahrs, and Robertson. Also returning to bolster the team will be Jack Allen, Joe Rieman and Ed Bailey among others.

One thing is certain about the future; next year's team will be up against some of the East's top teams in Army, Syracuse, and Possibly Penn State. Yale may be put on the schedule to add Ivy League flavor to the dual meets preceding the Big Red's bid for Heptagonal and I. C. A. A. A. A. honors. If determination, experience, and good coaching have their effect, Cornell will be tough to beat.

THEY ARE RUNNING FASTER AND FASTER

by Louis C. Montgomery - Coach of Track and Cross Country

In 1947, Richard Hart of Pennsylvania won the Ninth Annual Nonagonal Cross Country 5 mile race in the time of 27:06 seconds. The first seven men were under 28:00 minutes, and the first 20 men were under 29:00 minutes. Each succeeding year, the race became faster and in 1950, this Fall, the winners time was 24:54.2 seconds. Eleven men ran under 27:00 minutes. Twenty-five runners bettered 28:00 minutes, and forty-eight men beat 29:00 minutes. The same picture holds true in the IC4A Championship. Men are running faster.

Many colleges and universities have concentrated on Cross Country and Track and obtain their National publicity and recognition through this medium. Many small colleges have been admitted to the IC4A and have entered strong Freshmen and Varsity teams. Newspapers have given much space to Cross Country and as a result, the good High School runner is being offered athletic scholarships on a par with the football player. This naturally brings about keener competition and faster times, but it is quite a handicap to Cornell and other Ivy League teams who give no athletic scholarships and do not go out and gather six or seven of the best runners each year to insure good teams each succeeding year. It is, therefore, unfair to judge any Ivy League team by their IC4A performance, but better to use the Heptagonal race as a criteria as to the teams performance.

The Cornell team has five or six dual meets each year and we meet three of the best Cross Country teams in the Nation; namely, Penn State, Army and Syracuse. We are usually outclassed but these meets give our runners the best of competition which seems to pay dividends in the Heptagonals where we run against teams of our own caliber.

THEY ARE RUNNING FASTER AND FASTER (Continued)

It is interesting to compare the past times of Cornell men running in the Heps, with the Cornell runners of the last three years.

In 1939	Emory Wingerter	placed 1st	in the time of	30:29	
1940	John Ayer	" 1st	" " " "	27:39.4	
1941	I have no record				
1942	John Kandl	" 5th	" " " "	27:59	
1943	No record				
1944	John Kandl	" 4th	" " " "	28:47	
1945	Alfred Koup	" 9th	" " " "	26:25	(4½ miles)
1946	Don Young	" 11th	" " " "	28:51	
1947	Don Young	" 10th	" " " "	28:20	
1948	Don Young	" 2nd	" " " "	27:11	
1949	Hendy Cleaves	" 11th	" " " "	27:06	
1950	Robert Grossman	" 5th	" " " "	26:23	

It will also be of interest to give you the times of the next two Cornell runners of this year: Captain William Kilian, 11th in 26.58 and William Albers in 13th place with 27:01. Don Young in 1948 ran faster than any previous Cornellian. Cleaves broke that record in '49, and the first three men this year bettered Cleaves' record.

They are running faster - believe me.

Cornell has led all the Ivy League teams in the past three years with the exception of Army, who has won the Heptagonal race for four straight years and six times of the last seven years. Cornell finished 2nd to Army in 1948 and 3rd in 1949; Princeton beating us for 2nd by 1 point. (There is a story connected with this 3rd place, we really won 2nd by seven or eight points; I will not go into detail for fear of embarrassing a great fellow, but ask one of the runners sometime about it.)

Note: Army won the IC4A race last year and took 2nd this year.

We are looking forward to 1951. Our 1950 Freshman team will bolster our team greatly next Fall. Men like Pratt, Trayford, Klein, Willig, Smith, Neilson, Kacandes and Graham added to Grossman, Robertson, Albers, Knapp (a most improved runner who never ran before last year), Kahrs and Stuckelman, will give us a stronger team than Cornell has enjoyed in the past few years.

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to this years Varsity. A great gang of fellows and one of the fightingest teams I have even had the pleasure of coaching. We will miss Harry Henriques and Captain Bill (Moose) Kilian. No trip will be the same without Henriques' sentimental songs and his humor. Moose Kilian was a great captain and an inspirational leader and it was through his efforts that what looked to be a mediocre team, blossomed forth into a fighting, determined aggregation of runners that all Cornellians can be proud of.

INDOOR MEETS 1950

WASHINGTON STAR GAMES - January 14, 1950

Flashing to brilliant victories in all events entered, the Big Red track contingent at the Washington Star Games Saturday night opened the 1950 indoor season by bringing three trophies home to Schoellkopf Field House.

Sparked by Charley Moore's third lap which put Cornell in first place to stay, the mile relay team beat Yale and Dartmouth to cop the special baton-passing event for Ivy League colleges. Meridith (Flash) Gourdine led off for the relay, passing the stick off to Pete Chadwick in first place but by the second pass Yale was in the lead. Moore immediately stepped up into first place and when Bob Mealey took off on the anchor leg it was all Cornell.

As Mealey came across the finish line a gasp went up from the timers. The time of 3:08.2 was a full second better than the world's record. A quick check of the track revealed that it was 55.3 feet short per lap so that the relay distance had actually shrunk 142 yards. The director of the meet, Dorsey Griffth, then attempted to rectify this error, but times of the later races are also in doubt. The error came because the measuring tape had been broken and it was shortened by six feet when it was repaired.

In the 1,000, Mealey led from the second lap where he had overtaken Bill Oberholtzer of Navy. With Thigpen having scratched to run in the winning Seton Hall two-mile relay, there was nobody left to challenge the Big Red ace and he won by 10 yards in 2:11.7 with Oberholtzer second and Stoltman of Yale third.

Herb McKenley sprinted out in front at the start of the 600, but halfway down the first backstretch he was collared by Moore and later by Morgan State's George Rhoden. It was Moore from then on in and he finished five yards ahead of Rhoden in 1:12.7. McKenley finished third.

Outstanding in the other events were John Joe Barry of Ireland whose spurt caught Horace Ashenfelter in the last yards of the shrunken two-mile race; Henry Thresher, prepping for Yale at Mercersburg Academy, in the sprints, and Don Gehrman of Wisconsin, who won the mile relay by 20 yards.

Cornell had its first Barton Hall meet with Dartmouth this year with Coach Lou Montgomery planning the strategy. The afternoon went as usual starting at 2:30 P.M. in Bacon Cage followed by the evening events in Barton Hall at 8:00 P.M.

The Big Red started off the meet in fine shape with "Flash" Gourdine jumping 23'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to take first place in the Broad Jump with no trouble. Bob Munsick held second place with a jump of 21'6 1/3" until Jackson of Dartmouth leaped 21'18" on his last jump. Gourdine's jump was a new meet record and Bacon Cage record.

Cornell's Art Gardiner in his first varsity competition took first in the 35# Weight Throw with a throw of 52'6 3/4". Richmond of Dartmouth placed second with 51'5 1/4" and Latshaw of Cornell took a third place with a heave of 49'7 1/2".

The first evening event was the 75 yard dash in which "Flash" Gourdine of Cornell qualified and won the final heat with a time of :07.8. Cach of Dartmouth and Merz of Cornell finished second and third respectively. Hunt, Cornell's Captain, was unable to run because of a pulled muscle suffered a week earlier. Dave Purdy of Cornell also qualified for the final.

No qualifying heat was necessary in the 75 yard High Hurdles: McCreary of Dartmouth won this event with a time of :09.2, which was a new meet record and tied Elmo Carruther's Barton Hall record set in 1926. His teammate Myers finished second with Laibe of Cornell taking a third place.

Bob Mealey ran his first mile in competition for Cornell and easily won the event in 4:31.6. Smiley of Dartmouth and Gere of Cornell finished in the second and third slate respectively, but neither pushed Mealey. Mealey's time was a new meet record.

Old faithful, Charley Moore, won the 440 yard run bringing Cornell five more points. Krivitsky and Pierson finished in second and third place respectively. Moore's time was 50.9. Chadwick also ran the Quarter Mile for Cornell but didn't place.

In his second race of the evening Bob Mealey won the 880 yard run with a time of 2:02.7. He gave up his chances of breaking a record in this event to give the team the points needed in the Mile Run. Daniell of Dartmouth passed Bob Fite in the final lap to take second place but Bob pushed him at the finish.

Henderson Cleaves ran his first varsity Two Mile to win with a time of 10:16.7 for Cornell. His teammate Harry Daniell placed third after getting a slow start. Walsh of Dartmouth took the second place.

Definitely outclassed in the Pole Vault, Cornell managed to take a third with our vaulters Braybrook and Morris tying at 11'6". Our best vaulter, Gene Zeiner, was out for the swimming team at this time. Marrisay and Lawwill of Dartmouth tied for first at an easy 12'0".

CORNELL-DARTMOUTH - January 21, 1950
(Continued)

A similar trampling was experienced in the High Jump with our 6'3" jumper, Walt Ashbaugh, playing basketball at the time. Dartmouth took first and second with Ehinger jumping 6'5 3/8" and Frederick jumping 5'8". Ehinger's leap ousted Paul Robeson's meet and Barton Hall records of 6'2" and 6'5 1/8" respectively. Danly and Talmadge of Cornell tied for third at 5'6".

Art Gardiner took another first place when he heaved the iron shot 48'8 1/4" for Cornell. This established a new meet record by an increase of 2'1/4". Brown of Cornell placed second with a throw of 46'8 3/8" and Hill of Dartmouth placed third with 46'4 1/2".

Reid, Kahrs, Chadwick and Moore held the lead from Reid's second lap to take the Mile Relay in a time of 3:32.7 for Montgomery's squad. This was the final event of the meet.

The final score was Cornell 62 and Dartmouth 51. The next meet in which the whole team will complete will be the I. C. 4As. on February 25. This was Coach Montgomery's first meet as Head Coach and he is carrying on Coach Moakley's old tradition of fine Cornell track teams.

MILLROSE GAMES - January 28, 1950

Cornell's trackmen, facing the world's best in Madison Square Garden made a fine showing, but could not quite match their undefeated record of the Washington Star Meet.

Moore and Mealey, running in the Mel Sheppard 600 and the half-mile respectively at the 43rd annual Millrose Games had to be satisfied with seconds, and the mile relay, competing in the featured relay event, could do no better than a third.

The field of five in the Mel Sheppard 600 was so elite, that not even George Guida, the winner for the past two years, qualified. The promoters finally decided on Frank Fox, the Seton Hall instructor who has consistently been at the top of the indoor "600" heap; NYU Captain Hugo Maiocco; George Rhoden, AAU 400-meter champion; Robert McFarlane, Canadian Olympic team captain, and Cornell's Charley Moore.

Moore got off to a poor start, and at the first turn he was caught in a jam and just managed to keep on his feet. When he finally untangled himself he was in last place, a good 5 yards behind the leaders.

But Moore fought back from his initial handicap and at the half-way point he was in the lead. Around the final turn, the Big Red ace was still leading the pack, but in the stretch, Moore, tired of his early effort, could not hold off the desperate bid by Frank Fox, who beat him by a foot in 1:12.8 Moore's time was also appreciably better than his Cornell record of 1:14.0.

MILLROSE GAMES - January 28, 1950
(Continued)

Mealey, running in the invitation.1 half-mile run against Olympic 800 meter king Mal Whitfield, IC4A indoor 1000 champion Phil Thigpen of Seton Hall, Roscoe Browne of the Pioneer Club, Jim Oberholtzer of Navy, John Moran of Manhattan and Henry Stoltman of Yale were also in the closing yards.

Hugo Maiocco's fiery 48.5 anchor leg cut the lead of Setonia's Carter to three yards, but the latter broke the tape in 3:19.5 for a new Millrose record. Cornell, with Bob Mealey running a commendable 49 flat and Charley Moore hitting 50.8, was timed in 3:23.4, the fourth fastest relay of the evening and speedy enough to have won six of the 16 previous Millrose Anderson Cups.

THE BOSTON A.A. GAMES - February 4, 1950

Turning the tables on Frank Fox, Cornell's Charlie Moore came from behind to win the Boston AA's Hollins "600" in the sparkling time of 1:12.1. This win Moore's second in three cup races this winter, evened his record with Fox at one and one. Fox won their first meet in the Millrose Games with a 1:12.8 performance.

Moore broke out into first place after a staggered start and it seemed that he was going to make it a front-running race through. With two laps left to go, however, Moore slackened his pace and Fox rocketed by.

Fox then held on tenaciously, but coming off the final turn the Big Red flyer collared him and won by a yard. The 1:12.1 time was Moore's best ever, and cracked the Cornell record which he had set only a week previous.

In the Lapham "1,000" Roscoe Brown of the Pioneer Club beat Phil Thigpen of Seton Hall and Bob Mealey of Cornell in 2:11 flat, the fastest time ever recorded in the Hub. Brown had to come from behind to make good his victory, his first in a major cup race. The Pioneer Club ace stayed behind Mealey and Thigpen who alternated for the early lead, until the next to last lap when he really started to pour on the pace. Thigpen was several yards behind and Mealey followed on his shoulder.

Despite these performances, the eight man jury of Boston track writers who voted for the meet's outstanding competitor chose Yale's mighty Jim Fuchs, who won the unicorn meet's shot put with a 57 foot 6½ inch heave. Second honors in the balloting for the John J. Hallahan Memorial Trophy went to Curt Stone of Philadelphia who ran the second fastest two-miles in Hub history, 8:55.1. John Joe Barry of Villanova also figured in the Hallahan Trophy balloting by winning the famed Hunter mile in the mediocre time of 4:13.4.

Olympic Champion Harrison Dillard won the 45-yard high hurdles in 5.6 seconds. NYU's Ira Kaplan sprang a major upset in beating intercollegiate 100 and 220 yard champion Andy Stanfield in the 50-yard dash in 5.4 seconds.

NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB MEET - February 11, 1950

In the N. Y. A. C. meet in Madison Square Garden, Bob Mealey and Charlie Moore had to be content with a second in the Halpin "800" and a third in the Buermeyer "500".

Mealey ran the first quarter too slowly, in 57 seconds, and this caused him to be trapped into pockets later in the race. Winner of the race was Roscoe Browne of the Pioneer Club.

Moore trailed Hugo Maiocco the winner of the "500" almost all the way, and almost passed the NYU captain twice, but was held back by clever running tactics.

NATIONAL AAU MEET - February 18, 1950

With defending champion Bob Mealey scratched, the Big Red trackmen could not match their accomplishments of last year in the AAU National Championships in New York's Madison Square Garden last Saturday night. Although they ran well, the best Charley Moore and "Flash" Gourdine could do was a fourth in the "600" and a fifth in the Broad Jump, respectively,

Hugo Maiocco of NYU shaved four-tenths of a second off the record as he won in 1:11.2. Fighting it out all the way with Frank Fox, the Seton Hall pedagogue, for first place, Maiocco won by a stride.

Moore and Olympic 800-Meter champion Mal Whitfield tangled on the first turn and were both far behind after the first lap. Moore fought his way back into third place, but coming off the final bank, Whitfield drew abreast and finished inches ahead of him. Moore's time of 1:12.1 tied the Cornell record he established two weeks ago in Boston.

Gourdine was fifth in the Broad Jump with a leap of 23 feet and 2 inches. The winner of this event was Doug Fowlkes of the NYAC, who jumped 24 feet and 6 3/4 inches; Wright of Wayne University was second. The Flash was also second in his 60 yard heat, but was eliminated in the quarter finals.

Bob Hunt, team captain, won his heat but was also beaten out in the quarter finals. The eventual winner of the 60 Yard Dash was Andy Stanfield of Seton Hall, who registered :06.2.

Villanova's crack 1000 yard medley relay of McKenna Holmes, Furlinger, and McCreary broke the world's indoor record with 1:53.6.

IC4A CHAMPIONSHIP - February 25, 1950

Sprinting through his qualifying "600" in 1:11.0, Charlie Moore of Cornell broke the IC4A record set by Jimmy Herbert of NYU in 1940 by two-tenths of a second at Madison Square Garden Saturday. This was one of the three records which were bettered in a meet in which the defending champions of Michigan State edged the Pirates of Seton Hall by one point, 21 to 20.

IO4A CHAMPIONSHIP - February 25, 1950
(Continued)

The other Cornell entries didn't quite have Moore's speed or luck, however. After qualifying for the finals in the broad jump and the semi-finals in the 60-yard dash, "Flash" Gourdine fell, tearing several ligaments in his shoulder, and could not compete.

Gourdine's qualifying leap of 23'4" in the broad-jump was good enough to give him a fourth place in the final count. Bob Hunt and John Laibe went through their early heats in the high hurdles in fine style, but were eliminated in the quarter-finals.

Harry Coyle got to the semi-finals of the hurdles, but was eliminated in that race.

The frosh medley relay team fell victim to the system of heat qualification which had already been substituted by time qualifications in some races. The quartet of Jack Allen, Jim Lingel, Bill Escher and Bill Albers missed getting into the finals by inches as they finished fourth behind Georgetown, Brown and Villanova in their heat.

They were only four-tenths of a second behind the winners, however, and their 7:46.2 time was better than the winning time in the other heat. Alber's 4:26 anchor leg mile was outstanding for the cubs.

In the final of the "600", Moore got off in last place and then worked up into third in the first backstretch. He held that position until the bell lap, when he started kicking and caught Hugo Maiocco of NYU at the tape in 1:12.2.

In other events, Bob Hunt was eliminated in the semi-finals of the 60 yard dash when he made two false starts. Gene Zeiner with a pole in his hands for the first time in several months, cleared 12 feet in the pole vault but failed to score.

Bob Mealey, Art Gardiner, and Hendy Cleaves were all unable to compete because of injuries.

Cornell placed 11th in a field of about 40 colleges.

1950 HEPTAGONAL GAMES - March 3, 1950

The injury-ridden Cornell team arrived one half hour before the afternoon events due to the train being eight hours late. Our team was rushed off the train upon arriving and after a very brief warm-up some of the boys took part in the afternoon competition. All those who were able to make the trip ran well, but a great deal of our strength was missing due to previous injuries.

Herb Latshaw started the ball rolling by a first heave of 51'7" in the 35# Weight Throw which held for a third place. He was nosed out of second place by $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch when Army's Lutterlow threw the weight 51'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Borjeson of Brown took first place in the event with a 55' toss.

1950 HEPTAGONAL GAMES - March 3, 1950
(Continued)

In the shot put, Art Gardiner placed fifth to qualify for the finals, but he would have done better had he had sufficient time to warm up. He tossed the iron ball 47'1 3/4" to take a fifth place in the final heat. Jim Fuchs set a new Heptagonal Indoor record with a distance of 56'3 3/4" which was 1/2" better than his throw of last year.

A previous leg injury, loss of sleep and a tough train ride added up to hold Bob Mealey back in a fast qualifying heat, so he failed to make the finals in the 1000 Yard Run. However, his running teammate Charles Moore ran his usual fine 600 yards to qualify for the final heat. Bob Fite placed third in his qualifying heat which failed to qualify him in the 600 yard finals. Leonard Gott also ran the 1000 Yard Run for Cornell but the competition was too stiff to enable him to qualify. No afternoon trials were run in the 75 Yard Dash or the 75 Yard High Hurdles, and the Big Red had no entries in the Broad Jump.

Robert Hunt, our captain, had a share of the team's hard luck when he dropped out in the 50 Yard Dash because of a pain in his side due to the kidney trouble he has been having. Cornell's other entry in this event, Bob Gerlough, also failed to qualify. Ellis of Yale took first place in the 50 Yard Dash with a time of 5.6 seconds.

Charlie Moore ran true to form in the 600 Yard Finals by holding the lead all the way and finishing far ahead of the second man. His time was 1:12.7, just missing the Heptagonal record. Berman of Harvard finished second in this event.

The High Hurdles found Cornell well represented when both John Laibe and Harry Coyle took second places in their respective qualifying heats. In the finals, Coyle finished fourth with Laibe right behind him for a fifth. Schultz of Army won the event, with a time of 6.0 seconds.

Stoltman of Yale won the 1000 Yard Finals in a very close finish with Mullen of Penn. The time was 2:14.2.

Gene Zeiner went to 12 Feet and Braybrook to 11'6" in the Pole Vault but neither placed. This event was won by King of Yale and Morrissey at 13 feet.

CORNELL 50 1/3 - YALE 62 2/3 - March 18, 1950

Able deploying its great depth in the middle distance events, Yale's powerful track team won its twentieth successive dual meet, defeating Cornell in Barton Hall by a 62 2/3 to 50 1/3 score. The loss ended the indoor season for Cornell, giving the Big Red a one-and-one record. The record for the series against Yale, which started in 1924, is now Cornell 11, Yale 7.

Coach Lou Montgomery of Cornell used some ingenious tactics in sweeping both hurdles events, but when Bob Mealey pulled a muscle in the first hundred yards of the quarter, Cornell hopes for an upset victory were dealt a death blow.

CORNELL 50 1/3 - YALE 62 2/3 - March 18, 1950
(Continued)

Despite his shoulder injury which is not yet completely healed, Meredith (Flash) Gourdine was outstanding for the Big Red. The sophomore ace set a meet record in winning the broad jump, took seconds in the low hurdles and the dash, sparked the mile relay with his 49 second quarter and helped to shut Yale out of the high hurdles final.

In the hurdles, Cornell's strategy became apparent. By entering Walt Ashbaugh, Harry Coyle, John Laibe, Bob Hunt, Charlie Moore and Flash Gourdine, Montgomery completely swamped the opposition, making the final a perfunctory jog.

The weight throw and broad jump, held in the afternoon, resulted in a 9-9 tie. Gourdine and Ashbaugh scored one-two in the broad jump, with the winning leap 23'4 1/2". Spencer Cone of Yale won the weight throw with a 52'4 1/2" throw, with Art Gardiner of Cornell scoring a third.

Wade of Yale led the Yale sweep of the mile with a 4-21.2 race, 1.2 seconds better than the meet and Barton Hall record set by Paul Vipond of Cornell in 1934. In the two mile, Ed Mearns of Yale took the lead away from Cornell's Harry Daniell at the mile post and won by eighty yards in 9:50.

Charlie Moore put on a tremendous burst in the last fifty yards of the quarter-mile to cut short Red Stoltmann's bid for victory. Then Corky Ellis beat Gourdine and Hunt in the 75 yard dash.

Five more points were added to the Yale score by Jim Fuchs who put the shot 56'1 3/4" to break his own meet and Barton Hall records. Captain Vic Frank of the Elis was second and Cornell's Gardiner was third.

Neil King won the pole vault for the Blues with Gene Zeiner an unexpectedly strong second for Cornell. For the first time, Zeiner vaulted over the bar at 13'.

Yale scored four points in the high jump which was won by Walt Ashbaugh of Cornell with a jump of 6'2". With Mealey out of the half, Yale's Wade was unchallenged and won handily from his teammates Dick McDougal and Red Stoltmann.

With this event, Yale scoring stopped. Hunt, making his last indoor appearance for Cornell, tied the meet record in leading Cornell's sweep of the low hurdles final.

Another meet record fell in the mile relay finals. Behind by a yard after the first two legs, run by Pete Chadwick and Lenny Gott, the Big Red quartet zoomed into the lead on Gourdine's great performance and then Moore anchored and broke the tape with a tremendous kick in 3:26.8.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA RELAYS

The 56th annual Penn Relay Carnival opened with a meet record and closed its first day with a new American standard Friday on Franklin Field. With the weather as surprisingly bright as the performances, the spectators were treated to a full program of thrills on the first day of the carnival.

Carley Moore, Cornell runner from West Chester, Pa., holder of the National AAU outdoor 400-meter hurdles title, began the day with a new meet mark in the Harry Hillman Memorial 400-meter hurdles. Moore led all the way to win in 0:51.5, bettering the mark of 0:52.1 he set last year. Despite the fact that he missed his steps at the hurdle on the first turn, Moore blazed home only nine-tenths of a second behind the world mark. As might be expected of a runner capable of doing the quarter in 47 seconds on the flat, Moore makes up with sheer speed for whatever hurdling finesse he may lack.

New York University's sprint medley team provided more opening day thrills for the crowd. With Reggie Pearman, who always seems to be at his best on Franklin Field cinders, running the anchor lap of 880 yards, NYU shattered the U. S. mark with a 3:22.7 clocking, achieved in a hair-raising finish. Morgan State's great team had led from the gun and although Pearman started only two yards behind the Morgan anchorman, Bill Brown, it seemed that Brown was too strong for the Violet runner. Brown led by 10 yards as they entered the final lap but Pearman began to move on the final turn and closed in on his man. Not until the final stride did Pearman get his chest in front to win by mere inches. NYU's time bettered the University of Oklahoma's U. S. mark of 3:23.0 set at the Drake Relays in 1942.

In the other opening day relay tests, Penn State won the 440-yard relay and Penn captured the distance medley test. Penn State, anchored by Wilbert Lancaster, led Seton Hall to the tape in 0:41.3, only two-tenths of a second off the carnival mark. Penn, with Mullen in the 880, Kreitzberg in the quarter, Dick Hart running 3/4 miles, and Tom Kirwan anchoring with the final mile leg, defeated Villanova with Syracuse third.

The opening day individual tests produced no surprises. Jim Gehrdes, Penn State's outstanding hurdler, won the 120-yard high hurdles in 14.3, with Bill Mitchell of North Carolina second, and Cornell's Ashbaugh and Coyle third and fourth. Dick Shea, Intercollegiate champion from Army, won the two-mile; NYU's huge Stan Lampert took the shotput and Jim O'Leary, Duke, captured the discus.

The second day opened with NYU taking the 880 relay by inches over Cornell. Ira Kaplan, Violet sprint star, running the fourth furlong, overtook Cornell's Meredith Gourdine in the stretch to win by inches in 1:27.3, nearly two seconds slower than the carnival record. Cornell had the same time. Penn State, with the same team which Friday captured the quarter-mile title - Jim Gehrdes, Guy Kay, Bill Lockhart, and Wilber Lancaster - got off in front but Cornell's great hurdler, Charley Moore, put the Big Red ahead after a quarter-mile. It was then neck and neck on the third leg and then Gourdine went out in front on the anchor furlong. As they entered the stretch, Kaplan made his move. With 10 yards to go, the rivals were stride for stride. But Kaplan held on to win by the same margin that Reggie Pearman had on Morgan State's Bill Brown in the sprint medley Friday. Bill Payne, Dick Maiocco, Hartley Lewis and Kaplan ran for

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA RELAYS (Continued)

NYU, with Hunt, Moore, Miller, and Gourdine carrying Cornell's colors. Penn State was third and Seton Hall fourth.

In the four-mile relay, Penn's Tom Kirwan outlasted Cavanaugh of Manhattan in the anchor leg to give Penn the crown in 17:22. The North Carolina quartet, of high hurdles anchored by Bill Albans, nosed out Cornell's John Laibe to win in 0:60, after Cornell led all the way. In the individual tests, Kirk of North Carolina took the javelin, Stanfield of Seton Hall the Broad Jump, Ben Kreitzberg of Penn the 100 yard dash, Phillips of Brown the high jump, and Fred Wilt the Benjamin Franklin invitation mile.

SUMMARIES OF EVENTS IN WHICH CORNELL SCORED

880-YARD RELAY

1. NYU (Payne, D. Maiocco, Lewis, Kaplan) 2. Cornell (Hunt, Moore, Miller, Gourdine) 3. Penn State 4. Seton Hall Time: 1:27.3

480-YARD SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY

1. North Carolina (Moody, Fitzgibbons, Morrow, Albans) 2. Cornell (Hunt, Ashbaugh, Coyle, Laibe) 3. Army Time: 0:60

HARRY HILLMAN MEMORIAL 400 METER HURDLES

1. Moore, Cornell 2. Gourdine, Cornell 3. Hatch, NYU
4. Salvanell, Maryland 5. Coyle, Cornell Time: :51.5 (New Carnival record)

INVITATION 120-YARD HIGH HURDLES

1. Gehrdes, Penn State 2. Mitchell, Georgetown 3. Ashbaugh, Cornell 4. Coyle, Cornell Time: 14.3 (Ties Carnival record)

100 YARD INVITATION DASH

1. Kreitzberg, Penn 2. Lancaster, Penn State 3. Lewis, NYU
4. Gourdine, Cornell Time: :10.1

CORNELL 84 - PENN 56

May 6, 1950

Paced by Charley Moore, who set a new Schoellkopf Field track record in the 440-yard dash and who took a first in the 220-yard dash, the Big Red swept to an 84-56 victory over Pennsylvania on May 6.

Tom Kirwan, one of Penn's outstanding distance runners ran in the three longest races of the afternoon - a total of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. He won the mile in 4:26.4, was second to his teammate, Dick Hart in the two mile and was second to Penn's Tom Mullen in the 880.

In a race which was so close that the officials had trouble picking the winner, Penn's co-captain Ben Kreitzberg was awarded first place over Cornell's captain Bob Hunt in the 100. Pictures later clearly showed Hunt had won the race.

Harry Coyle, Walt Ashbaugh and John Laibe finished 1, 2, 3 for Cornell in the high hurdles. Coyle's winning time of 14.8 was 0.1 second off the varsity record.

CORNELL 84 - PENN 56 (Continued)

Continuing to pile up points in the sprints, Hunt captured the low hurdles with Laibe second and Coyle third. Cornell's mile relay of Chadwick, Mealey, Moore, and Gourdine just beat out the visitors.

The home team fared well in the field event also - Ashbaugh took the high jump at 6'1", Gourdine won the broad jump with a 22' 1/2" effort and Gene Zeiner took first in the pole vault at 13 feet. Zeiner attempted to clear the bar at 13'4 5/8" for a new Schoellkopf mark but he just missed.

CORNELL 87 1/3 - PRINCETON 52 2/3
May 13, 1950

Repeating his performance of 1949, Captain Bob Hunt scored three victories to spark Cornell's track team to a triumph over Princeton at the Tigers' Palmer Stadium. Art Gardiner's 13 points in the weights, and Charlie Moore's record quarter also contributed to the Big Red victory.

Hunt captured the 100 in 10.0 with Bob Snable of Princeton second and Moose Miller third and the 220 in 21.8 with the same two trailing him. Then he won the low hurdles easily from Flash Gourdine and Keith Schnelby of Princeton.

Gourdine, the speedy invalid who was supposed to have been sidelined by a muscle injury, also won the broad jump and ran a leg of the mile relay.

The Tigers were weakened in the distance by the absence of Bob Akeley, who was taking medical school exams, but Ron Wittreich took his place with an 880 triumph and a tie in the mile with teammate Dick Snedeker.

Bob Fite turned in a neat 1:56.8 half to take a third behind Wittreich and Joe Bolster of the Tigers. Bob Grossman was runnerup in the two-mile and Moose Kilian third in the mile to round out the Red distance scoring.

Carleton Jacob, who tied Gene Zeiner for pole vault honors and took a first in the javelin, with a meet record of 199 feet, was high scorer for Princeton. Gardiner threw in the shot 50 feet, only three inches short of the all-time Cornell record.

Moore, breaking his own meet record of 48.2 by 6-10th of a second, led from the start and was never pushed. He later came back from an eight yard deficit to collar Sam Howell in the anchor leg of the mile relay. Bob Mealey was second to Moore in the quarter.

HEPTAGONAL GAMES
May 20, 1950

Led by the hardware twins, Jim Fuchs and Vic Frank, who shared the high scoring honors with 10 points apiece, Yale's powerful track team rolled to a 62-44 victory over Cornell in the 16th annual Heptagonal Games at New Haven. Army's defending Champions finished third with 36 points.

HEPTAGONAL GAMES (Continued)

The Big Red runners, ahead after the first few events, disintegrated under the weight of their multitudinous assignments and failed to place in the hundred and broad jump, event in which they were seemingly sure of points.

Three meet records fell, the biggest surprise coming from Penn's Dick Hart. Hart copped the two mile in 9:10.4, the fastest in the nation this spring.

Jim Fuchs erased his own shotput record of 55' 3/4" with a heave of 58'2", 3 1/2 inches short of his world's record.

Cornell's Charlie Moore set the third record when he beat his teammate Bob Mealey in the 440 in 47.9 seconds. Moore and Mealey ran even in the first furlong, but Charlie opened up in the stretch and won by five yards.

Cornellians scored three firsts in addition to Moore's. Art Gardiner was an upset victor in the hammer throw, Walt Ashbaugh successfully defended his high hurdles crown in 14.7 seconds, and Flash Gourdine edged out Captain Bob Hunt, last year's winner in the low hurdles.

Gardiner threw the hammer 168'7 1/2", his best ever, to upset Gil Borjeson of Brown, who is the IC4A Champ. In addition, Gardiner scored a third in the shot for a nine point total - third highest in the meet.

Cornell had a bad break in the hundred when Hunt and Gourdine, tired out by a low hurdles heat came in sixth and seventh in the century finals.

The 440 relay of Dave Purdy, Bob Gerlough, Stu Merz and Hunt finished second to Army who won in the uninspiring time of 43.3 seconds. The favored Cornell mile relay dropped out when Pete Chadwick fell on the lead off leg.

IC4A CHAMPIONSHIP - May 26 & 27

With its fired up forces accounting for three of the four meet records that fell on a bright pleasant afternoon at Randall's Island, Yale ran away with the IC4A team Championship in the seventy-fourth annual varsity spiked shoe classic on May 27. Cornell made its strongest bid in several years to score 19 1/2 points in 7 events for a fifth place.

Closest event of the day was the 440. It took the finish judges 10 minutes of deliberation to rule by a 3-2 decision that Cornell's Charley Moore held off Hugo Maiocco of NYU in a furious finish. Both runners were clocked in the scorching time of 47.3 seconds.

Misfortune overtook Andy Stanfield of Seton Hall in his ambitious bid for an unprecedented quadruple victory. Pulling lame as he snapped the tape in a 9.6 hundred triumph, the "world's fastest human" defaulted his 220 title and withdrew from the low hurdle race. He was also knocked down to fourth place in the broad jump in which he had been qualifying leader on Fridays trials.

IC4A CHAMPIONSHIP - May 26 & 27 (Continued)

In Stanfield's absence, Robert Carty of Manhattan and Cornell's Walter Ashbaugh passed him in the broad jump which was won by Princeton's Edgar Davis with 24'7 1/8". "Flash" Gourdine of Cornell was fifth.

Gourdine also scored a fourth in the low hurdle race while Ashbaugh was fifth in the high hurdles and tied for fourth in the high jump.

Here are summaries of events in which Cornell scored:

440 - 1. Charles Moore, Cornell 2. Hugo Maiocco, NYU 3. Dean Noll, Manhattan 4. Reginald Pearman, NYU 5. Richard Maiocco, NYU Time 47.3

120 HH - 1. James Gehrdes, Penn State 2. Horace Smith, Mich State 3. William Mitchell, Georgetown 4. Jesse Thomas, Mich State 5. Walter Ashbaugh, Cornell Time 14.4

220 LH - 1. James Gehrdes, Penn State 2. Horace Smith, Mich State 3. Robert Hunt, Cornell 4. Meredith Gourdine, Cornell 5. William Easton, Yale Time 23.2

220 - 1. Robert Carty, Manhattan 2. Ira Kaplan, NYU 3. William Gould, Holy Cross 4. Charles Moore, Cornell 5. Ben Kreitzberg, Penn State Time 21.2

HJ - 1. Robert Jochens, Trinity 6'6 3/8" 2. tie between Victor Fritts, Penn State and Richard Lyster, Temple 6'2 3/8" 4. tie between Walter Ashbaugh, Cornell; George Hipple, Yale; Richard Phillips, Brown; Calvin Sutliff, Colgate; James Webb, LaSalle; and Charles Fields, CCONY - 6'0 3/8"

BJ - 1. Edgar Davis, Princeton 24'7 1/8"; 2. Rob't Carty, Manhattan 24'2"; 3. Walter Ashbaugh, Cornell 24'1 1/4"; 4. Andrew Stanfield, Seton Hall 23'5/8"; 5. Meredith Gourdine, Cornell 23'1/8"

PV - Tie between Arthur Sherman, RI State and George Appel, Yale 13'6"; 3. tie among Eugene Zeiner, Cornell, Carlton Jacob, Princeton, and Niel King, Yale, 12'6".

Team point scores: 1. Yale - 42; 2. NYU - 24; 3. Mich State - 22; 4. Manhattan - 20; 5. Cornell - 19 1/2.

CORNELL 9 - PRINCETON 4

June 10, 1950

Three Cornellians turned in double victories as the Ithacans defeated Princeton, 9 to 4, in a postseason dual track meet on Schoellkopf field. Only first places counted in the scoring.

More than 2,000 Cornell alumni watched Meredith Gourdine and Walter Ashbaugh set Schoellkopf field records and join Capt. Robert Hunt in the double victory class.

Gourdine's broad jump of 24 feet, 1 3/4 inches broke the old mark of 23 feet 10 3/4 inches set by Ed Boyle of Pennsylvania in 1930. He also won the 220-yard low hurdles in 0:23.6, four-tenths of a second off the field record.

Ashbaugh, with the help of a following wind, ran the 120-yard high hurdles in 0:14.2, cutting five-tenths of a second from the mark set by Donald Weadon of Cornell in 1939. Ashbaugh also won the high jump with a mark of 6 feet.

CORNELL and PRINCETON verses OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE

July 1, 1950

On June 15 the combined team of Princeton and Cornell set sail on the S. S. Georgic bound for Liverpool, England. The Cornell delegation was composed of Coach Louis Montgomery, Robert Mealey, Arthur Gardiner, Robert Grossman, Walter Ashbaugh, John Laibe, Eugene Zeiner, Frank Miller, Harry Coyle, Russel Schuh, Robert Hunt, Captain, and the Co-Managers Jim Meyler and Newton Thomas. Charles Moore and Meredith Gourdine were detained in order to compete in the National A.A.U. meet so they flew over later. The Princeton members were Carlton Jacob, Samuel Howell, Carl Rauchert, Joseph Bolster, Robert Snable, Richard Snedeker, Robert Akeley, Edgar Davis, Ronald Wittreich, Captain; Gene McGrew, Manager and Mr. R. Kenneth Fairman, Director of Athletics at Princeton. Our departure was accompanied with a drizzling rain, but spirits were high. When all farewells were complete, we settled down for an eight day journey. Two of the larger cabins were occupied by the runners of both teams and a smaller cabin was provided for the coaches, managers, and director. On the first day out, the team warmed up with calisthenics and then attempted some leg work by jogging around the promenade deck. However, due to the crowded condition of the deck during the middle hours of the day, we were forced to change practice to 7:00 A.M. before breakfast, which was provided in the officers dining room at 8:00 A.M. as a special favor from the Captain of the ship. A curfew of 11:00 P.M. was imposed on the second day out in order to provide plenty of sleep before the early morning practice. This news was accepted with many groans and when eleven o'clock rolled around each night, it took all three managers and two coaches to round up the curfew dodgers. It seemed like we were eating every two hours and the food was very good and plenty of it. A point of interest which should have been mentioned earlier is that traveling with the team were Mesdames Montgomery, Hunt, and Wittreich, who were compelled to room separately from their husbands due to there being an absence of two person suites. Also along was the Princeton Manager elect, J. J. Hall.

We were able to obtain fifteen deck chairs for the team and they were well occupied during the whole trip as the weather was perfect most of the way. Fortunately for us there were plenty of college girls to keep the trip from getting monotonous and I believe the actual ratio was four girls to one boy. A few of the girls were a little too distracting, causing several of the boys to miss the curfew by an hour or two, but the coaches were quick to take remedial action and the offenders were reduced to a ten o'clock curfew.

The early morning training began to be somewhat of an attraction for the other passengers, so the team had a regular audience, partly because of interest and also due to the fact that none of the passengers on "A" deck could sleep with all the noise. However, they soon became used to it and I think many became attached to the team toward the end of the trip. John Laibe, our hurdler and public relations director, assembled approximately four hundred people one evening for a combination song fest and amateur hour. The ships crew provided singing for us one evening and our other entertainment consisted of movies, dancing, deck tennis, ring tossing, horse racing, bingo, and bridge, for Mealey, Ashbaugh and the Coaches. On the last night out, we had a farewell supper with all the trimmings. Hats and horns were part of the evening's wear and the team was allowed a late night as there was no practice the next day.

On June 22, we arrived at Cobh and some of the passengers were taken ashore on a tender. This was the first day we had sight of land and it was a beautiful sight.

We landed on the morning of June 23, and while at breakfast K. Sandy Duncan, Organizer of the Meet, boarded the ship to give us directions and deliver mail from home. Arrangements for Customs had been made for us, so it was no time before we boarded the train for London. The coaches were very neat and the tables were already set up for lunch. After a four hour train ride, we arrived in Euston Station, London. When all the baggage was claimed, the team was transferred to a bus which took us to St. John's College, Cambridge. Driving on the left hand side of the road was an oddity for most of us, but it was soon accepted and our eyes drifted to the many sights of London and the surrounding country. Gene McGrew, the Princeton manager, brought the baggage out later on a lorrie because the buses can't handle much of a load.

Cambridge was a small college town and the University couldn't have been more beautiful. The architecture of the buildings was amazing and every footstep seemed to retrace some historical point of interest. As soon as we were settled in our rooms at the college, we had supper. At the beginning of each meal we stood while grace was given by one of the Dons (Professors) in Latin and following the supper the same procedure took place. We were prepared for a food shortage, but the British actually "killed the fatted calf" for us and we were fed like kings. While residing at Cambridge, we were given personally conducted tours of the campus by the Cambridge team and we became more impressed as time went on.

Practice began the next day on their one third of a mile track which was our first real good workout since we left the States. We tried to hold two practices a day, but this was interrupted on several occasions. While getting a "Cook's tour" of the campus, we were told that the Trinity College dining hall steps had only been jumped three times in the history of the school; once by Lord Burghley, the famous hurdler; once by Field Marshall Montgomery's uncle; and once by some other nobility. This appeared to be quite a feat and distinction, so our "not to be outdone boys", "Moose" Miller and Walt Ashbaugh, challenged the men of distinction by jumping the steps. Along came Gene Zeiner, who followed suit and the Cambridge boys were so astounded by this that they sent it in to the London Times.

As was to be expected, the English had several Teas arranged for the team, but the whole group was only able to attend one due to the concentrated practice. This was a garden party which was given for the team and a group of Wells girls on tour. The Secretary of the Cambridge Athletic Association and wife also gave a Tea for the Managers, Coaches wives, and Mr. Fairman. Another form of recreation was called "Punting on the Cam" which was pushing a long narrow boat down the Cam River with a long pole.

After a stay of three days at Cambridge, the team left for London where we were to spend the day and then proceed to Oxford. We were entertained at a luncheon given by the British Sportsman's Club at the Savoy Hotel. This was quite an elaborate affair with each member of the team being announced upon their arrival. Cocktails and soft drinks were served in an anteroom from which we proceeded to the dining room and were assigned a special table. The Luncheon was also given in honor of the British officials and Competitors in the Empire Games who had just returned from Australia. As we were finishing dessert, the Orderly called the room

CORNELL and PRINCETON verses OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE (Continued)

to silence for Major General The Earl of Athlone to propose a toast to His Majesty the King and Harry Truman. He was followed by The Rt. Hon. Lord Aberdare, who toasted the Cornell-Princeton and Oxford-Cambridge teams and gave a short talk. Lord Burghley and Group/Captain Donald Finley also presented short talks on the traditional international track meet and the Empire Games respectively. A response for the American team was given by Mr. Kenneth R. Fairman.

Immediately following the luncheon we went to White City Stadium for a short practice and while there, members of the team had interviews with the press and publicity pictures were taken. Following the practice we drove by bus to Lincoln College, Oxford, where we resided until the day of the meet. Oxford was a larger town than Cambridge and it was more developed, but it's buildings were equally old. While at Oxford, we were given a special treat by touring Blenheim Palace, the residence of the Duke of Malborough. We were also to see Broughton Castle by an invitation from Lord Sand Sele, but lack of time prevented it. Our training program began to let up here due to the meet being such a short time away. Here again, we received a refresher course in English History and were well entertained by the Oxford boys. Before and after every evening, beer was served in a small underground room below the dining hall. The Oxford track was being worked on while we were there as they were installing a quarter mile track, so the team worked out on a practice field.

On the big day, July 1, the team drove to London once again for the meet that we had so long been preparing for. A special envoy of a Manager and Mr. Fairman had been set ahead to lay the ground work of getting rooming arrangements settled, baggage delivered, etc. We had an early lunch at the White City Stadium cafeteria and then the team rested before going out to warm up.

Before an amazingly appreciative and sporting crowd of about 16,000, the Princeton-Cornell contingent beat Oxford and Cambridge by seven events to six in a meet sponsored by the London Sunday Times. We expected to be handicapped considerably by the change of diet and the different running conditions, but the rest on the ship did the boys a lot of good and they appeared to be in good shape, with the exception of Bob Grossman whose leg had been troubling him considerably.

The weather was perfect for the meet and the track was a very hard surface of red clay and cinder. At 2:45 P.M. sharp, the meet started and the first event was Pole Vault which the Americans won with relative ease. Both J. H. Davies, Oxford, and M. L. Jackson, Cambridge, dropped out before the bar reached 11'6", but C. W. Jacob, Princeton and E. A. Zeiner, Cornell, went on to win at 12'6". Jacob was rewarded with first place because it took him less tries to make his jumps. Following this event was the High Jump in which Walt Ashbaugh, Cornell, broke the series record previously set by him at Princeton in 1949 with a jump of 6'4". Second was H. W. Leader, Cambridge, at 6'1" followed by L. W. Davies, Oxford, and Karl Rauschert, Princeton, who were third and fourth respectively.

First of the running events was the 100 Yard Dash which R. C. Hunt, Cornell Captain, had won the preceeding year and attempted to repeat his performance. At the start A. R. Pinnington, Oxford, took the lead and held it for about 50 yards, when Hunt and J. M. C. Wilkinson, Oxford, seemed to get on level terms. It appeared that Hunt was leading by a hair, but in a very close finish the decision went to Pinnington with a time of 9.8 sec.

CORNELL and PRINCETON verses OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE (Continued)

This equaled the meet record and the English native record. Wilkinson was third and R. M. Snable, Princeton, finished fourth.

The Half Mile, regarded as a British probability, was won for the second consecutive year by R. C. Mealey of Cornell establishing an all time Cornell record at 1:52.4. At the start, A. W. Scott, Cambridge on inside, tried to get the lead, but had to give way to R. N. Akeley, Princeton, who soon lost it to Mealey. Although Scott ran better than he had ever run before, he was beaten by more than a dozen yards. S. J. Bryant, Oxford, and R. N. Akeley, Princeton, took the third and fourth places, respectively.

Another key event was the Low Hurdles. Here again the Americans made an astute move, introducing Hunt, capable of well inside evens on the flat. S. Brooks, Cambridge, on the inside lane started very well and was soon ahead of M. Gourdine, Cornell, but he hit the sixth hurdle and Hunt came up fast in the outside lane, caught Brooks at the last hurdle and won on the run in. Gourdine was close behind to take third place followed by P. A. L. Vine of Oxford. The time was 0:24.4.

In the Shot Put, the British were no match for Art Gardiner of Cornell who hurled the iron ball 47'7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Those trailing were R. C. Salmon, Oxford, 44'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", R. C. Schuh, Cornell, 44'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and C. R. G. Neville, Oxford, 40'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

In spite of C. H. Moore's efforts in the 220 Yard Dash, due to a poor start from which he never quite recovered, J. M. Wilkinson of Oxford won the event in 0:22.0 seconds. It was the first time the Americans had run this event around one turn on an outdoor track. Charlie was gaining steadily, but the race ended before he could take the lead. N. D. Stacey, Oxford, placed third, followed by F. M. Miller of Cornell.

Two expected British victories were in the Mile and Three Mile. The hosts featured C. W. Brasher and C. A. M. Walkley, both of Cambridge, in the Three Mile who were far superior to the Americans. Three Miler R. B. Grossman, Cornell, who unknowingly was running with a blood clot in his leg, dropped behind early in the event due to the pain. He was required to stay in bed a week after the meet to allow the injury to heal, but he is to be congratulated on finishing the race under such conditions. A. S. Snedeker, Princeton, did a fine job of staying with the British until the last half mile where the experience of his opponents began to show. Brasher won the event with a brilliant finish with a time of 14 min. 36 sec. This clipped 8.8 sec. off the series record set by the former Cornelian H. W. Welch in 1938. In order to finish behind Brasher were Walkley, Snedeker, and Grossman. Roger Bannister, a great miler from Oxford, proceeded to win the Mile with little trouble. His time was his best to date in England at 4:13.0. His last lap was covered in 57.6 sec. and the last half mile was in 2 min. 1 sec. He finished 50 yards ahead of Princeton's Captain, R. A. Wittreich, and behind Wittreich were J. C. Hawke, Cambridge, and J. L. Bolster, Princeton.

The surprise of the meet was the Oxford-Cambridge victory in the Broad Jump. R. C. Salmon of Oxford leaped 23'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " to defeat Cornell's record holder Meredith Gourdine. Salmon's first five jumps were disqualified, and at that time Gourdine and E. F. Davis, IC4A title holder from Princeton, held first and second places, but on his sixth jump he took first place. Gourdine's leap of 22'10 $\frac{3}{4}$ " took second, I. G. H. Walker, Oxford, was third at 22'4" and Davis was fourth at 21'8".

CORNELL and PRINCETON verses OXFORD and CAMBRIDGE (Continued)

The 120 High Hurdles was the last key event. Winning this and the 440 would give us the necessary seven points to win the meet. P. B. Hildreth of Cambridge hurdled better than ever before, but he was out-classed by the Cornell hurdler's W. S. Ashbaugh and H. B. Coyle. Ashbaugh set his second record for the day with a time of 0:14.7. The previous series record was held by Thornton, Cambridge 1933. Ashbaugh also holds the all time Cornell record at 0:14.2. Harry Coyle, who was pushing Ashbaugh, finished just behind him. D. C. Grimes of Cambridge finished fourth. Grimes had run at one time for Yale University.

An expected victory was that of Charles Moore, Cornell, in the 440 Yard Run. He is all time Cornell record holder and N. C. A. A. 1949 title holder in this event. He won the event easily in 0:48.9. S. C. Howell, Princeton, G. P. Lloyd, Cambridge, and H. I. Parker, Oxford finished second, third and fourth.

The last event was the 4 x 110 Yards Relay. The American team was composed of R. M. Snable, Princeton, J. W. Laibe, Cornell, E. F. Davis, Princeton, and M. Gourdine, Cornell. The meet was already won by the Americans, who had collected seven of the thirteen first places. Both teams had bad passes, but the British recovered more rapidly to win by twelve yards. The time was 42.5 sec.

After the meet, the teams showered and dressed and upon leaving the locker room, they were swamped with autograph seekers. Once back at the hotel and in our Tuxedos, we attended a banquet given in our honor by the English Speaking Union. Team Captains Bob Hunt, Ron Wittreich, A. W. Scott, and D. M. Dixon, made short talks following the supper. Before supper, cocktails were served and a combined picture was taken of all the teams. We adjourned from the banquet to see the sights of London.

PRINCETON AND CORNELL COMPETE IN A MEET SPONSORED BY THE CLONLIFFE HARRIERS IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

After spending Sunday, July 2, sightseeing in London, the teams boarded the plane for Dublin on Monday morning. Arriving in Dublin, we were greeted by Mr. Caldwell, Economic Advisor to the American Embassy in Dublin, and Mr. Billy Morton, Vice-President and Hon. Secretary of the Clonliffe Harriers. After going through customs, we were taken to our rooms on Iona Road. The teams were boarded and roomed in two houses. When we got settled, we were taken to the practice field of St. Marys College where the teams loosened up for the meet. Following this, we returned to our respective houses for supper. After supper, some of the boys bicycled for a while, but more of them went to a Variety Show which Mr. Morton had planned for us.

The next day, a trip was arranged through the Guinness Brewery and just preceeding that, some of the Embassy secretaries had volunteered to give the boys a shopping tour. Just about everyone purchased some Irish linen to take back home. The whole day was spent sightseeing and resting up for the meet which began that night.

At 7:00 P.M., the meet started under lights at the Lansdowne Road Field. First there was a program of music given by the Irish Army Band which included some choral singing. The crowds began to build up and

PRINCETON AND CORNELL (Continued)

the total for the evening was about ten thousand. There was a Half Mile Novice and a 100 Yard Open Handicap which we did not compete in. Next came the 100 Yards Scratch, Invitation event. Robert Hunt of Cornell won this in 10.15 by two feet. Meredith Gourdine, Cornell, was second and L. C. Crowe of the Harriers was third.

Following this was a cycle race which was interesting to all the visitors and added quite a bit of color to the meet. I might mention here that the track was a grass track which had been cut very short. In the center was a basketball court, also on grass. The Invitational High Jump was next which was swept by the Americans. Ashbaugh of Cornell placed an easy first with a jump of 5'10", followed by his teammate and Captain, R. G. Hunt, who had never competed in college high jumping, but despite this, managed to jump 5'8". Karl Rauschert of Princeton was third.

In the 440 Yards Invitation, Scratch, Charles Moore with a fifteen yard lead at the finish, won the event in 0:48.9 seconds. Moore took the lead at about 200 yards and steadily gained from there. P. P. Dolan of the Harriers was second and S. C. Howell of Princeton was third.

Cornell showed its power in the High Hurdles Invitation by sweeping the event. Our number one hurdler and record holder, Walt Ashbaugh, ran a beautiful race to win by one foot in a time of 0:14.8 sec. As indicated, he was followed closely by Harry Coyle and next came Meredith Gourdine.

Robert Mealey of Cornell entered the Half Mile Open Handicap and running from scratch, he broke the Irish record by an astonishing margin of 2.2 seconds. He fairly strode past his field in the last lap finishing with eight yards to spare in 1:52.6 compared with Arthur Wint's former best of 1:54.8. He also won the 880 Yard Scratch event the following night besting C. J. Kelly, Liverpool Pembroke, in 1:57.0 on a damp track. Joseph Bolster of Princeton was third in this event.

In the Four Miles Flat Invitation, Special Handicap W. Slykhaus of Holland breezed through to victory after the Irish idol John Joe Barry faded out of the race in the seventeenth lap. Following this, the Eastern Command played the North American Continent in Basketball on the grass. The American team was composed of two marines with the American Embassy plus Walt Ashbaugh, co-captain of the Cornell team, Frank Miller and John Lalbe. The Americans were beaten the first night by a score of 16 to 15 but recovered to win the second night.

Meredith Gourdine of Cornell and E. F. Davis of Princeton placed first and second respectively in the Broad Jump with jumps of 21'7" and 21'2".

The last event of the first evening was the Invitation Mile, Scratch, in which the Princeton Captain R. A. Wittreich scored a first with the time of 4:19.8. His teammates R. N. Akeley and R. Snable were second and third.

The boys then went back to their rooms where sandwiches had been prepared for them. A good nights sleep followed and a new day which was similar to the first. Just preceding the meet, the American Ambassador entertained the team at a lawn party. When meet time rolled around, the doors of the dressing rooms were surrounded with autograph seekers and most of the boys, whether athletes or managers, were occupied with some pencil pushing before entering.

PRINCETON AND CORNELL (Continued)

A drab cold evening and a heavy track at Lansdowne Road made the second and last session of the Clonliffe Harriers International sports a somewhat uninspiring business. No records went that evening, but a very good performance was put up by R. N. Akeley, Princeton middle distance man, who ran away with the 1000 Yard Handicap, in 2:16.0, only a second outside the Irish record set by C. Ellis. It was a commendable job on such a track. J. Murray of Clonliffe was second after he was given a fifty yard handicap.

The Americans also shone in the 440 Yard Hurdles in which C. H. Moore finished in 0:54.0 seconds. Moore was the American 440 Meter Hurdles Champion and gave a fluent exhibition to win by thirty yards in front of H. B. Coyle of Cornell and E. S. Williams of Ireland.

Meredith Gourdine of Cornell gave the crowd a big thrill when he pulled from behind to beat P. P. Dolan, Clonliffe, by two feet in the 220 Yard Dash with a time of 0:22.8 seconds. While this was going on, Carleton Jacob, Princeton, and Eugene Zeiner, Cornell, tied for first in the Pole Vault at 12'6". Zeiner put on a tumbling exhibition as an added attraction.

Princeton's strength in distances was evident when their Two Miler, R. S. Snedeker, won this event in 9:33.6 and he was twenty yards ahead of W. A. Robertson of Queens University. His teammate and captain R. A. Wittreich was third. The Cornell Two Miler, Bob Grossman, was still in London recuperating from a leg injury suffered before the English Meet.

In the Mile Medley Relay (380 -220-220-440) Cornell edged out Princeton to take the event in 3:34.4. Running for Cornell were R. Mealey, R. Hunt, C. Moore and M. Gourdine. They were about fifteen yards ahead at the finish. Clonliffe finished third way behind.

Another Cornell victory was scored in the 16 lb. Shot Put when Arthur Gardiner hurled the iron pellet 48'3". He was trailed very closely by D. Guiney of Clonliffe who threw it 48'2". This event concluded the meet and we adjourned to clean up for a party given by Mr. R. S. Caldwell at his home. Prizes consisted of medals, linen sets, watches, tea services, vegetable dishes, etc., which were very useful to the winners.

The party given by the Economic Advisor to the Embassy was in conjunction with a Fourth of July celebration and besides the track team, the employees of the Embassy were present. Everyone was able to have a taste of that famous Irish whiskey and Guinness stout. A good time was had by all.

The next day we departed for London after paying our respects to all of those who had been so nice to us. Upon arriving in London, the group dispersed to all parts of Europe. Some came back early, but the majority stayed for about three more weeks. Our trip may have been a detriment to the Marshall Plan, but it will be long remembered as one of the most outstanding and gratifying experiences in our lives. We owe a great deal of thanks to our Athletic Director, Bob Kane, who was responsible for making such a trip possible. Such a trip is not only educational, but provides for a greater understanding between the peoples of different countries.

CORNELL VARSITY RECORDS AND BEST PERFORMANCE OF 1949 AND 1950

RECORDS				<u>last year, 1950</u>		1949	
100	Henry Russel	1926	9.7	Hunt	9.9	Hunt	9.8
	Richard Hardy	1932					
	Charles Shaw	1942					
220	Henry Russel	1925	20.8	Moore	21.4	Hunt	21.5
440	Charles Moore	1949	47.0	Moore	47.3	Moore	47.0
880	Robert Mealey	1950	1:52.4	Mealey	1:52.4	Mealey	1:53.2
Mile	John Paul Jones	1913	4:14.4	Gere	4:30	Mellor	4:23.8
2 Mile	Joe Mangan	1930	9:15.4	Grossman	9:41.8	West	9:50
Mile Relay	Seider, Greenfield	1949	3:14.7	Chadwick, Mealey	3:20.7	Seider, Greenfield	3:14.7
	Moore, Mealey			Gourdine, Moore		Moore, Mealey	
High Hurdles	Walter Ashbaugh	1950	14.2	Ashbaugh	14.2	Ashbaugh	14.7
Low Hurdles	James Hucker	1937					
	Meredith Gourdine	1949	23.2	Gourdine	23.6	Gourdine	23.2
Pole Vault	Everett Colyer	1931	13'10 1/4"	Zeiner	13'	Morris	11'6"
Broad Jump	Meredith Gourdine	1951	25'1 3/4"	Gourdine	24'1 3/4"	Owen	23'11 3/8"
High Jump	Paul Robeson, Jr.	1948	6'5 1/8"	Ashbaugh	6'4"	Robeson	6'4 7/16"
Hammer	William McKeever	1939	172'8"	Gardiner	168'7 1/2"	Servis	161'8"
Discus	Walter Wood	1936	158'1 1/2"	Gardiner	138'	Servis	147'7"
Shot	Walter Wood	1935	50'3 1/4"	Gardiner	50'0"	Schuh	47'6 1/2"
Javelin	Warner Mackay	1950	195'1 1/2"	Mackay	195'1 1/2"	Bishop	171'0 1/8"
400m Hurd	Charles Moore	1949	51.1	Moore	51.5	Moore	51.1

INDOOR

600	Charles Moore	1950	1:11.0	Moore	1:11.0	Moore	1:14
1000	Robert Mealey	1949	2:12.8	Mealey (unofficial)	2:11.5	Mealey	2:12.8
#35 Wt	John Servis	1949	57'8 7/8"	Gardiner	52'6 3/4"	Servis	57'8 7/8"

FROSH TEAM UNBEATEN

The Freshman Track Team romped through three dual meets in 1950 to hang up an unbeaten record. Showing exceptional depth and balance, the team gave promise of providing valuable material for future Varsity teams. The team was ably coached by Johnny Craig and captained by Jim Lingel.

The season opened May 6 at Syracuse against the Syracuse Frosh; final score was 80 to 46. Steve Pierson's 4:30.3 mile was outstanding. Todd Kolb, with only one week of practice, won both hurdle events.

Over Spring Weekend, the Cortland Frosh were easy victims, 98-32, with Cornell winning all but one first place. Outstanding were Lingel, with victories in the 220, 440, and broadjump, and Kolb, Poe Fratt, Bill Albers, and Don Wechter, all double winners.

The last meet of the season resulted in an 85-41 victory over the Colgate Frosh. Lingel again had three firsts, while Kolb and Fratt each picked up ten points. For the third straight week, Ray Collier pole-vaulted twelve feet to lead the vaulters in their third sweep of that event.

Following the season, Porter Stone broke the Frosh record in the hammer throw with an effort of 148 feet, 8 inches. With all due respect to the high scorers, all credit for the successful season belongs to the balance and depth of the entire squad, with a final vote of thanks to Coach Craig.

A TRACK PREVIEW

by Charles Moore & Bob Mealey

Gazing into a crystal ball is no easier in track than in any other sport, but we feel that it's safe to say that the Cornell track team should enjoy a very successful year. Of course there are many irreducible factors entering into the picture each year that go along with any predictions, first and foremost being the weather. Working out all winter long on our outdoor board track at Schoelkopf presents many problems - the usual blizzards, sub-zero temperatures, pulled muscles, shin-splints, and the like.

We have two dual meets scheduled for the indoor season, opening with Army and closing with Yale. Both teams will definitely prove a challenge to our squad in as much as both possess outstanding stars, supported by extensive depth in all events. The meet with Army is the first of what we hope will be a long and pleasant series of competitions between the Cadets and the Big Red. The Black Knights are at no time a push-over but are even more troublesome in an early dual meet owing to the tremendous year-round physical condition of the West Pointers and their elaborate indoor facilities. Yale, our jinx for several years in the past, has compiled a formidable dual meet record of 18 consecutive victories. The scene of this annual classic shifts this year from Barton Hall's flat floor to the indoor cinders of the Eli, and in doing so we hope that the meet results will likewise be reversed. To fill in the weekends between these two dual meets, we will compete in the Philadelphia Inquirer Meet, the Millrose Games, the Boston A. A. Games, the New York Athletic Club Meet, the National A. A. U. Championships, the Intercollegiate Championships (IC4A), the Heptagonals (Ivy League Championships), and the Buffalo 174 Regiment Meet, in that order. The first three of these meets and the last one are individual invitational competitions while the remaining three are championship meets in which Cornell will compete as an entire team.

A TRACK PREVIEW (Continued)

Starting off the spring season, as usual, will be the Penn Relays, followed by the Penn Dual Meet, the outdoor Heptagonals, the Princeton Dual Meet, and the Intercollegiate Championships. Last year the Big Red was victorious in both these dual meets and from all pre-season indications, should be favored again this year. Penn, more than any other Ivy League school, was hit hard by last June's graduation. This does not hold true with respect to Princeton, however, and this meet should prove to be one of the high lights of our Spring Day celebration. In the Heptagonals, Army, Yale, and Cornell should rank as co-favorites. In the past two years, we have placed second, once behind the Cadets and once behind the Bull Dogs, and perhaps this season the Big Red can pull itself from the runner-up ranks and take the coveted trophy back to Ithaca. In the IC4A's, Cornell should share top billing with Manhattan, Georgetown, and Seton Hall. To round out the year for those competing after the spring term final exams will be the annual Metropolitan and other sectional A. A. U. Championships, the National Collegiate Championships, and the National A. A. U. Championships.

The team should be aided by a strong and undefeated freshman squad, outstanding of which are Jim Lingel, Todd Kolb, Bill Albers, Don Wechter, Stu Black, Ray Collier, Dick Jessup, Tex Williamson, Porter Stone, and Poe Fratt. In addition to these men, we have the eligibility of two West Coast transfer students to anticipate. Clem Speiden will be eligible to toe the mark in the mile in February; while Craig Weisman, though he will not be eligible to run for Cornell until next fall, will compete in many of the invitational meets unattached in the sprints.

In concluding such a brief preview of our track season it might be in order to quickly run down through the events naming the men on which we shall depend to make this a most successful year. In the sprints we have Meredith "Flash" Gourdine, John Kerr, Stu Merz, Frank Miller, Bill Esher, and Bob Gerlough; whereas our strength in the hurdles will center around Harry Coyle, Walt Ashbaugh, Bill Dalton, Ralph Balzac, Kolb and Gourdine. The middle distance specialists include Lingel, Bob Kahrs, Fritz Thornton, Harry Henriques, and Charlie Moore in the 440 and 600 and Pete Chadwick, Ed McCulloch, Kahrs, and Bob Mealey in the 880 and 1000; while the stand-outs in the distance events consist of Cross Country Captain, Bill Kilian, Albers, Speiden, and Bob Robertson in the mile and Bob Grossman and Les Knapp in the two mile. Turning our attention to the field events we will rely on Gene Zeiner and four excellent freshmen from last year's undefeated team in the pole vault; Ashbaugh, Wechter, Bill Zimmer, and Don Danley in the high jump; and Gourdine, Ashbaugh, Lingel, and Esher in the broad jump. Art Gardiner reigns as the mainstay in the weights along with Sophomores Fratt and Porter Stone. These will be supported by Dick Brown and Merz in the shot put; Walt Stone and Mark Bressler in the 35# weight throw, Warren Bishop and Wechter in the javelin; and Wechter and Thurm Bodie in the discus. The mile relay will be chosen from Gourdine, Lingel, Chadwick, Mealey and Moore and should be one of the leading baton squads in the country.