

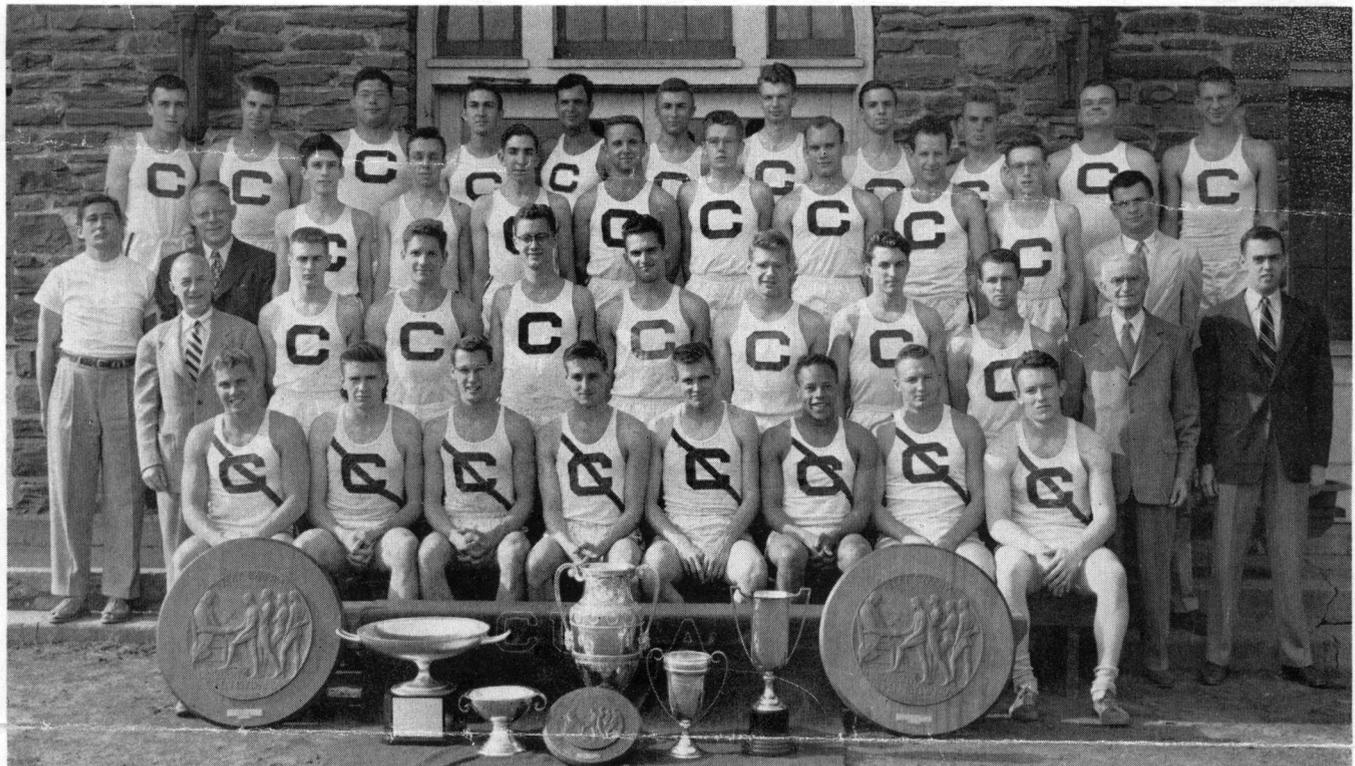
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1951 TRACK TEAM



Trophies—left to right—Penn Relay 480 yard Shuttle Hurdles Plaque, Heptagonal Championship Cup, Mile relay trophy, IC4A Championship Cup, Penn Relay Heptagonal Mile Relay Plaque, Mile relay trophy, Shuttle hurdles relay trophy, Penn Relay Mile Relay Championship Plaque.

- Front Row—Zeiner, Linge, Ashbaugh, Mealey, Moore, Gourdine, Brown Gardiner.
- Second Row—Coach Montgomery, Herr, Merz, Escher, Zimmer, Coyle Forsman, Henriques, Coach Mookley.
- Third Row—Coach Borhman, Coach Ellis, Segre, Robertson, Stuckleman, Otten, Albers, Reiman, Meng, O'Brien, Coach Laibe, Manager Williams.
- Fourth Row—Hoffman, Williamson, Bressler, Killian, Thornton, Hand, Chadwick, Speiden, Stone, Hannon, Roess.
- Absent—Bishop, Allen, Henn, Collier, Jessup.

CORNELL WINS HEPTAGONALS—IC4A'S

In the diamond jubilee of the IC4A Track Championships Cornell came through winning its first championship since 1936. Cornellians won four individual titles and accounted for one new record in beating Manhattan by 33¼ to 29½.

Perhaps the most dramatic occurrence of the meet was Flash Gourdine's recording breaking 25' 9¾" broad jump. Flash did this on Friday afternoon while the loud speaker was announcing that Andy Stanfield had just broken the record with a jump of 25' 9".

On Saturday Flash won his second championship by beating teammate Charley Moore in the 220 low hurdles in 23.7. In the qualifying heats on Friday, Flash managed to win his heat even though he had to stop dead at the first hurdle when an opponent got in the wrong lane.

In the half mile Bob Mealey passed three Georgetown runners on the inside at the beginning of the last lap and then proceeded to use his kick to come in on top in 1:53.2.

Walt Ashbaugh won his first IC4A title and avenged his defeat in the Heptagonal Championships by beating

Cornell won its first Heptagonal Championship since 1939 by scoring 50 points to 39½ for Yale and 34 for Navy.

Flash Gourdine won a double by taking the low hurdles and the broad jump. In the lows he set a new Heptagonal record of 23.2 which is .4 seconds better than the previous record held by Walter Zittel of Cornell and Jeff Kirk of Penn. He won the broad jump by eight inches with a leap of 24' 3⅞".

Next to Gourdine in the point getting chores came Walt Ashbaugh with nine points. In the high hurdles Walt's attempt to make it three straight Heptagonal hurdles championships was foiled by Dartmouth's Pete McCreary who won by about a foot in 14.5. After this Walt came back to tie for second in the high jump with a leap of six feet and take fourth in the broad jump.

Cornell's power showed up in the middle distances where we won first and third in the quarter and first in the half. In the half Bob Mealey's blazing kick in the last furlong took Bob Akeley of Princeton by twelve yards in 1:53.1. In the quarter Charley Moore pulled away in the

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PROSPECTS FOR 1952

by Coach L. C. Montgomery

The names of Moore, Mealey, Ashbaugh and Brown will ring through the ages of Cornell track and take their places along side of such names as John Paul Jones and Tel Berna and hosts of other former great names in Cornell Track history. These four men were the Keystone of Cornell's victory in the IC4A last May scoring 20 points and all played a prominent part in breaking ten of Cornell's all-time Track records. When a coach loses men like this he loses something besides the scoring power of their efforts; he loses the intangible something that creates a spirit of endeavor that results in championship teams.

The task of filling in these holes is now underway and the outlook is brighter than the casual observer would think. On the shoulders of Captain Meredith Gourdine goes the brunt of the responsibility. The 1952 Cornell Track team will be a good team, a fighting team, a team that Cornell will be proud of. The indoor season does not seem too bright due to the usual circumstances, the difficult conditions of training and probations. Therefore we must look towards the Spring for the true power of the team. Football men who are also track men have not yet reported and will be expected to do so after the mid-year examinations. These men are Stu Merz in the sprints, Todd Kolb in the hurdles, Al Sebald in the quarter and mile relay, and Poe Pratt in the shot and discus.

In the sprints Merz, Bob Gerlough, Boyce Thompson and John Herr will be greatly aided by Paul Craig Weisman, a transfer from the University of Washington, who will give us a great scoring threat in even the big events.

The gap left in the high hurdles by Ashbaugh will partly be filled by Harry Coyle who has developed the speed he needed to make him a great hurdler, and by Captain Gourdine who can concentrate on both hurdles and the broad jump due to the presence of Weisman who will relieve Flash of the sprint load. Then we also can count on Todd Kolb, Ralph Balzac, MacAllister Booth and Richard Allison to give us additional power in both hurdles.

Upon the shoulders of James Lingel will fall the gargantuan task of filling Charley Moore's shoes in the quarter mile. If there is anybody capable of accepting this task, it is Jim, and I am looking forward to seeing many honors fall upon this modest, capable, amiable son of Cornell. He will have help in this event from Al Sebald, Johnny Allen and Pete Chadwick.

Dave Pratt, Ben Carr, Pete Chadwick, Allen Smith and William O'Brien will be our hopes of replacing the loss of IC4A half mile champion Bob Mealey, and his co-worker Harry Henriques. The above mentioned will give us more depth in the 880 than we have had and to Dave Pratt goes the lion's share of the responsibility of filling Mealey's shoes.

In the mile and two mile we will be stronger than last year. Clem Speiden is stronger this year due to a season of cross country running and his efforts to date give hopes of his fulfilling "Frosty" Speiden's burning desire that his son be a great runner. Clem can give us the scoring punch in the mile that we have long needed, and with Bob Robertson, Allen Smith, Bill O'Brien, Chuck Trayford, Steve Pierson and Dave Willig all fighting for a place on the team that scoring punch will be a reality.

In the two mile we have the above mentioned names plus Bill Albers. We lose a scoring punch here this February when cross country captain Bob Grossman graduates

in 3½ years and accepts a fellowship in the Ag School.

When we try to fill Walt Ashbaugh's shoes in the high and broad jump we find a real problem. I am hoping Dan Wechter, Don Danley, Dick Allison or Raey Sterling will take care of the high jump, but to find another broad jumper to help Gourdine to give us the 1-2 punch we had last year appears to be the hardest task.

In the pole vault Gene Zeiner, Ray Collier, Dick Jessup and Tex Williamson give us the same power we had last year. The hardest task is to awaken this power into realization of its potentialities. In the weights Cornell will be stronger than last year. This sounds like a paradoxical statement when the Cornell record holder in the shot put is one of the gaps that will have to be filled. However, Arthur Gardiner promises to beat Brown's 50' 6" record, and Art is the boy to do it. Gardiner will have additional help in the shot from the presence of Poe Pratt who has corrected his academic difficulties.

In the discus we have Doug Fuchs, the Cornell freshmen record holder, up from last year's freshmen ranks, and Doug is going to give us a scoring punch so badly needed. Along with Fuchs in the discus will be Gardiner, Pratt, Talmadge and Wechter.

In the hammer throw Gardiner will have two "Stones" to help him; Walter and W. Porter plus Marcus Bressler and Louis Roess, if academic situations are corrected.

In the javelin Walter Stone, Wechter, Fuchs and Sterling will undertake the responsibility of that event.

That leaves the mile relay. To replace gaps left by Moore and Mealey is very difficult. We will have a good relay with Captain Gourdine and Jim Lingel as the nucleus. The other two positions are still probabilities. They could be any of the following, Sebald, Allen, Chadwick Merz, Weisman, Speiden, Gerlough, Carr, Pratt or Smith, all of whom aspire to replace the magnificent Moore-Mealey combination.

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IC4A'S (Con't)

Dartmouth's Pete McCreary by five feet in the high hurdles.

In addition to his second in the low hurdles, Moore took second to Dick Miacco in the 440. Charley lost this by a matter of inches and it was the third straight year that he either won or lost the quarter mile championship by a yard or less. Finishing right in back of Charley was Jim Lingel in third place.

The other Cornell points were accounted for by Dick Brown's tie for fourth in the shot put and Gene Zeiner's tie for fourth in the pole vault.

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HEPTAGONALS (Con't)

home stretch to win in 47.9 while teammate Jim Lingel was nosed out at the tape for second place by Ed Grutzner of Harvard.

Gene Zeiner came up with the best vault of his collegiate career to tie George Appel of Yale for first place in the pole vault at 13' 4".

Other scorers were Art Gardiner who took fourth in the hammer, a fifth by Stu Merz in the 100 yard dash, and a fifth by Dick Brown in the shot put.

To top the day off, Cornell's mile relay of Flash Gourdine, Jim Lingel, Charley Moore and Bob Mealey won in 3:17.8 finishing twenty yards ahead of Navy.

DUAL MEETS

Cornell's 1951 dual meet record was two wins and two defeats.

In our only Barton Hall meet we lost to Army 65-48. The outstanding performance in this meet was a 25' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " broad jump by Flash Gourdine. This not only set a new Bacon Cage record but also an all-time Cornell record. Besides this Flash took firsts in the high and low hurdles and a second in the seventy yard dash to be high scorer with eighteen points. Charley Moore won the quarter and tied with Bob Mealey for first in the half mile. Jim Lingel ran well to take second in the quarter. In the distance races we were outclassed as Army swept both races with Dick Shea winning a double. Art Gardiner was first in the shot, while he and Marc Bressler were second and third in the 35 pound weight and Don Wechter was second in the high jump.

The scene of our other indoor meet was Coxe Cage at Yale. Here we lost a 56 $\frac{2}{3}$ -52 $\frac{1}{3}$ decision. It was a great meet with the lead changing hands many times, and then Yale's winning it by taking the last event. Three new Cage records were set by Cornellians with Charley Moore winning the 600 in 1:11.6, Bob Mealey taking the thousand in 2:14.2, and Flash Gourdine winning the high hurdles in 7.3. Flash also took firsts in the broad jump and 60 yard dash with Walt Ashbaugh and John Herr taking a second and a third in these events. Another one two punch was scored in the shot put by Gardiner and Dick Brown. After only a week of practice, Walt Ashbaugh jumped 6' 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " which was good enough for second in the high jump. Cornell's final victory came in the mile relay which preceded Yale's victory in the two mile relay.

In the first outdoor meet we crushed Penn by a score of 100 to 40. This meet saw many Cornellians scoring their first victories with Bob Robertson winning the mile, Stu Merz taking both the 100 and 220, Jim Lingel running a .49 second quarter, Bill Albers taking the two mile, and Gunther Meng winning the javelin which was swept by Cornell with Warren Bishop and Walt Stone taking second and third. Besides these efforts we had the usual array of points being scored by the veterans. High scorers were Walt Ashbaugh and Art Gardiner with thirteen points apiece. Walt won the high hurdles and high jump and took second to Gourdine in the broad jump while Art won the discus and hammer and took second to Dick Brown in the shot put. Other Cornell firsts were scored by the mile relay and by Bob Mealey in the half mile.

Our final victory was gained at the expense of Princeton on a muddy Schoellkopf track. The final score was 77-63. Charley Moore took a double by winning the quarter and then nosing out Gourdine in the low hurdles. Our other double winner was Walt Ashbaugh who established the only new meet record of 14.5 in the high hurdles besides winning the high jump. Bob Mealey won the half and Jim Lingel turned in a good 21.8 in the 220 besides taking second in the quarter.

We still are having trouble financing the Wastebasket. We wish to thank those who contributed last year, but we only received enough to cover about half the costs. We would appreciate any contributions to defray the costs of publication. Please let us know of any changes in mailing addresses or of any suggestions you may have for improving the Wastebasket. Please address all letters to: Wastebasket Editor, c/o Cornell University Athletic Association, Ithaca, New York.

INDOOR MEETS

Cornell had another successful season in the indoor invitation circuit this year.

Charley Moore won the Mel Sheppard 600 in the Millrose games and the Beurmeier 500 in the N.Y.A.C. meet. Besides these victories he got several places in six hundreds taking second at the Philadelphia Inquirer meet, fourth in the Boston A.A. and third in the National A.A.U. championships. He was unable to defend his IC4A title due to a knee injury.

Jim Lingel came through with a third in the 600 yard race in the IC4A meet.

Flash Gourdine came along rapidly in the high hurdles taking a fourth in the Boston A.A., second in the N.Y.A.C. meet and then winning the 60 yard high hurdles title in the IC4A meet to account for Cornell's only first there. He also took a second in the broad jump in the IC4A and a third in the A.A.U. broad jump.

The mile relay took first in their sections in the Philadelphia Inquirer meet, Millrose Games and N.Y.A.C. meet and a second to Villanova in the Boston A.A. meet. Their best clocking was 3:22 in the Millrose Games.

For the second straight year Cornell was hampered by injuries in the Indoor Heptagonal meet. This year we were fourth behind Army, Yale and Princeton. Charley Moore again accounted for our only first, winning the 600 in 1:13. Flash Gourdine took third in the broad jump and a fourth in the high hurdles. Art Gardiner and Dick Brown took second and fourth in the shot put.

PENN RELAYS

At the Penn Relays this year's Cornell team put on one of the best performances in Big Red history by winning two major relays, one minor one, the 400 meter hurdles, and taking a second in the 120 yard high hurdles and a third in the shot put.

Starting off on Friday afternoon Charley Moore won the 400 meter hurdles race for the third straight year in 51.8.

Later in the afternoon Gourdine, Lingel, Moore and Mealey won the first Heptagonal Mile Relay Championship by forty yards in 3:16.3.

Also that same day Dick Brown set an all time Cornell record by heaving the shot put 50' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to take a third in that event.

On Saturday Harry Coyle, Charley Moore, Flash Gourdine and Walt Ashbaugh teamed up to win the 480 yard shuttle hurdles championship. Their time of 59.5 was only .2 seconds off the carnival record.

In the 120 yard high hurdles Walt Ashbaugh took a second to Johnson of Army.

To climax the two days Cornell's mile relay put on a great performance by beating Morgan State by seven yards and setting a new Penn Relay record of 3:13.1. Flash brought the baton home second, a yard behind Villanova. Then Jim Lingel slipped past Villanova on the inside on the first turn, and Charley Moore and he built up a considerable lead. George Rhoden tried desperately to make it up but he was no match for Bob Mealey in the home stretch and Cornell won going away for its first mile relay championship in the Penn Relays.

GOURDINE 1952 CAPTAIN

Meredith "Flash" Gourdine will be the Big Red track captain for 1952. Flash, who hails from Brooklyn, N. Y., has been one of Cornell's most versatile performers in the past three years.

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CROSS COUNTRY

by Rob Robertson

The 1951 cross country team, probably the best Cornell aggregation since the prewar era, produced a winning dual meet record in addition to strong showings in the Heptagonal and IC4A championship races. An outstanding feature of the latest Big Red squad was its depth and the accompanying strong competition for berths—no less than ten different men having placed in the five scoring spots during the season.

The schedule opened with the Big Red harriers defeating Colgate on the loser's course by a 25 to 32 score. In the absence of Cornell's co-captain and star, Bob Grossman, Buzz Bradshaw and Les Wallack of the Hamiltonians finished in a tie for first place. However, the victors massed their strength with Bob Sutckleman, Bill O'Brien, Steve Pierson, Dave Willig and co-captain Bob Robertson crossing the line together to sew up the meet.

The picture changed the following week when the Big Red traveled to Penn State and received a 16-47 defeat. In this meet the power-laden Staters, won the first four places with Grossman finishing strongly to take fifth. O'Brien, with a good race to gain ninth place, was the next Cornellian, and the other scorers were Stuckleman and Pierson tied for twelfth, and Robertson in fifteenth.

Yale became Cornell's first Ivy League opponent and victim as the Ithacans negotiated the rough New Haven course successfully and gained a 26-29 victory. Grossman led the field home by a comfortable margin and Pierson surprised the Elis by easily beating Yale's George Dole for second. O'Brien finished sixth, not far out of third, despite the fact that he and Pierson had lost more than twenty yards by taking a wrong turn. Willig and Andy Keller gained eighth and ninth places as the Big Red had a creditable spread of 1:01 for its scorers.

The scene shifted to the five miles-plus Ithaca course the following week where Cornell defeated Alfred 25 to 32 to make its dual meet record 3 and 1. Grossman won a tense duel with the Saxon's Bruce Aiken in the time of 28:05.5, a new course record for Cornellians. Robertson was fourth, Pierson fifth, Pratt seventh, and Knapp eighth to provide the remainder of the punch for the home team.

The Heptagonal championship race, with the eight Ivy League schools plus Army and Navy contending, was held at New York's Van Courtland Park. A tough Army team successfully defended its title with Cornell putting up a strong showing to defeat Navy for second place.

Army's winning total was 20, with Cornell 98, Navy 110, Yale 140, and the others following. West Point's Dick Shea won his third successive individual title and teammates Lou Davis and Bob Day took the next places. Grossman, the first Ivy Leaguer to cross the line, sparked the Cornellians as he finished fourth in the fast time of 26:36. Pierson was the second finisher of the Big Red team in 16th, and Willig (23d), Robinson (25th), and Pratt (30th) were the other point producers.

Syracuse apparently found the Ithaca course to its liking as it produced a 16-47 victory with Orange ace Ray Osterhout shattering the course record with a 27:20 clocking. The Cornellians, obviously not "up" for the mid-week encounter, were unable to do much with the Saltine harriers. Grossman in fifth place broke up the Syracuse scorers, and Pierson, Bill Albers—a 1950 star who was making his 1951 debut—Keller who turned in one of his best races and Pratt followed.

The season's finale was the IC4A meet in New York. Grossman in gaining sixteenth place ran 26:28, thirty seconds faster than any previous time recorded for Cornellians on the course. Albers, Pierson, Pratt, and Willig were the other Red scorers while Keller and Robertson completed the Ithaca contingent. Cornell notched eighth in team scoring, a performance highlighted by the fact that the nearest Ivy League squad was over 100 points behind.

TEAM SECOND IN NCAA'S

In the N.C.A.A. championships Cornell turned in an excellent performance to place second with 40 points to 56 for Southern Cal and 38 for Morgan State. Southern Cal was favored by even more points, but Cornell's five man team came through with six places.

Charley Moore gained our only first when he nosed out Flash Gourdine in the low hurdles. Charley's 22.7 was a new Cornell record and Flash's 22.9 also broke the previous record.

Charley also took a second in the 440 with a 47.1 to finish behind George Rhoden. Jim Lingel was fifth in this race.

Flash also accounted for another second place by broad jumping 24' 1 1/4" to finish behind George Brown of U.C.L.A.

Our other four points were gained by Walt Ashbaugh's fourth in the 110 yard high hurdles.

NATIONAL A. A. U. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Charley Moore again won the National A.A.U. 400 meter hurdles title in 51.4. Jim Lingel was the only other Cornellian to place in the meet. He was fifth in the 400 meter race.

ALL AMERICANS

Charley Moore and Flash Gourdine both made the All-American track team in two positions. Charley made it in the 440 and low hurdles and Flash in the low hurdles and the broad jump.

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