

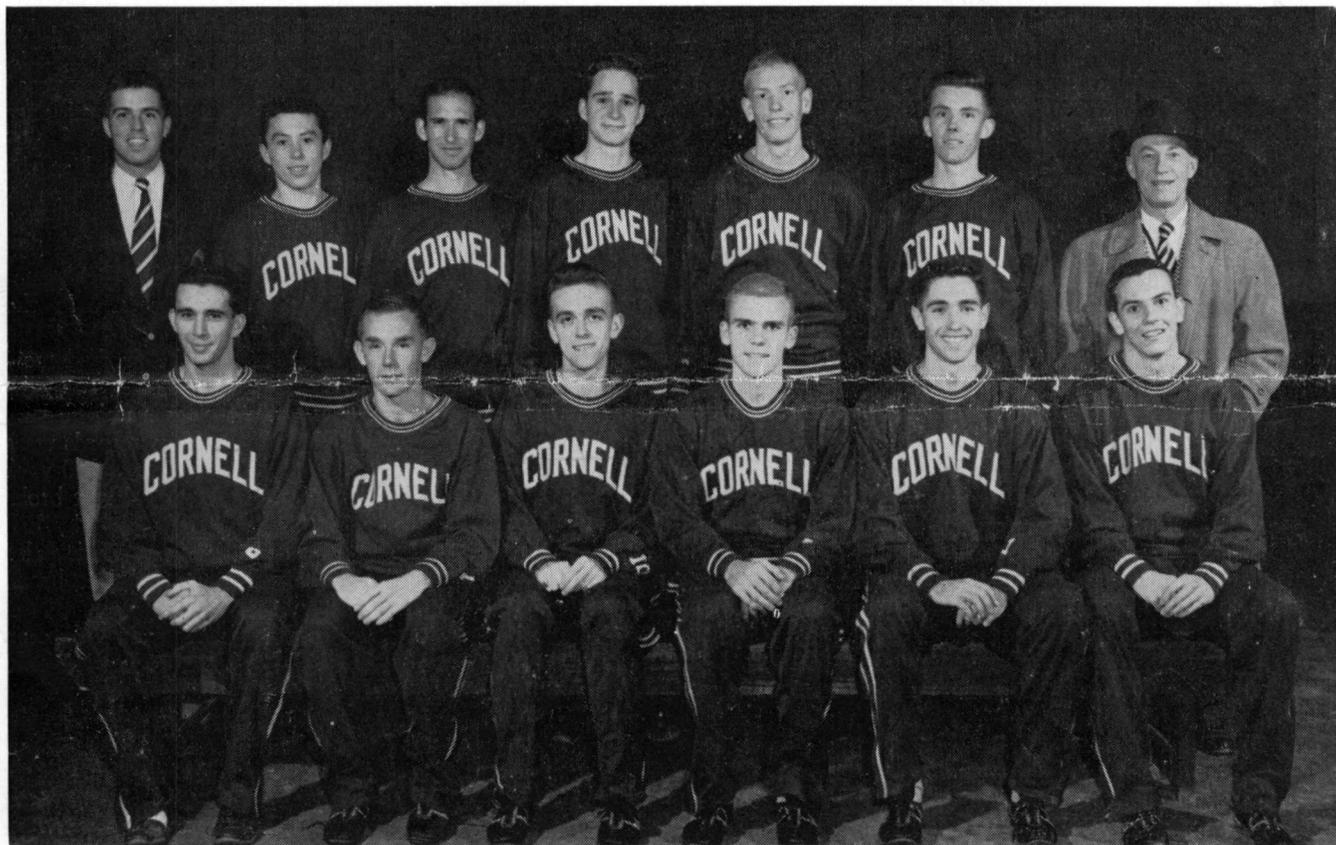
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Cornell Waste Basket

Dec 1954

CORNELL SPIKED SHOE SOCIETY

HEPTAGONAL CHAMPIONS



Seated: Charles Trayford, John Rosenbaum, Donald Farley, and Paul Loberg, Co-Captains; Michael Browne, Howard Shearer.
Standing: Paul Howell, Manager; Russell Taft, Alvin MacComber, Robert Gosse, Donald Secor, William Patterson, Coach Montgomery.

The Varsity Cross-country team held up to preseason prognostications that they were the team to beat in the Heptagonal Championships by doing just that plus having a very successful dual meet season and finishing sixth in the IC4A championships. With a veteran team back from last year's Ivy League championship, composed of Co-captains Loberg and Farley, John Rosenbaum, Chick Trayford, Mike Browne, Howie Shearer, Russ Taft and Don Secor, Cornell was heavy favorite to win the Ivy race and when in our second dual meet, we defeated Penn State for the first time in 21 years, Cornell was being mentioned as IC4A contenders. However an over-confident group went to Syracuse and came home defeated. This was the spark that touched off their ability. The Heptagonal race promised to be a battle, what with Harvard having an undefeated team, and Navy having also beaten Penn State and Army, always dangerous contenders. The Cornell team that won the Hep race, compiled the fastest five-man team in Cornell's history over the VanCortland course. Rosenbaum became the first man to run under 26 minutes. Don Farley also ran under 26 minutes doing the course in 25:58.

Although finishing sixth in the IC's, the Cornell team avenged the Syracuse defeat by placing ahead of them in the IC race. Cornell also beat Michigan State for the first

time in years, and was far ahead of the next Ivy League team.

The Freshman team had an undefeated season and climaxed it by winning the IC4A Freshman race for the first time in Cornell's history. The time for the first five Cornell men was the fastest team time ever made in the IC4A Freshman race. The Cornell men placed 2nd, 4th, 5th, 8th, and 22nd and moved up to 1-3-4-6-19 for a low total of 33 points when individuals were eliminated from team scoring.

The Freshmen then very confidently entered the National A.A.U. Junior Championship race in Buffalo on Sunday, November 21st, which was a $6\frac{1}{4}$ mile race, the farthest they had attempted. In placing second to Michigan Normal team (a team that had won the Michigan Conference) the Cornell freshmen ended a very successful season, probably the best in Cornell history, and give great promise to fill the gap left by the graduating seniors (co-captains Farley and Loberg, Trayford, Browne, and MacComber). Captain-elect John Rosenbaum will have Taft, Shearer, Secor, and Patterson back from the Varsity plus the following freshmen: Mike Midler, Dave Eckel, Kirk McCreary, Russ Palmiter, John Little, Bob Lyle, and Dave Cadiz. Bill Lauck will be the manager of the team.

Freshman Cross-Country

The 1954 Cornell Freshman Cross-country Team was undoubtedly the most noteworthy in the school's history, winning handily all of its dual meets, bringing home the first IC4-A Freshman title in 31 years, and losing only to a powerful Michigan Normal Varsity team in the National A.A.U. Junior Championship.

An indication of the power and the depth of this team was given in the Colgate meet in which eight Cornellians beat the first man of the opposition for a perfect 15-50 score, with Dave Eckel, Mike Midler, and Bob Lyle in a dead heat for first. The following week against Penn State the Frosh emerged not only victors but one of the outstanding teams in the East, as Dave Eckel set a new record over the 2.7-mile home course of 16:02, followed by Midler and Lyle, Russ Palmiter and Kirk McCreary for a 15-33 score. An informal meet against Cortland State Teachers College Varsity was another low-score race, Eckel, Midler, and Lyle coming home first ahead of John Little and McCreary (15-46). On the long and difficult (3.4-mile) Drumlins course, warm weather and a good Syracuse team gave Cornell its first real competition, Bryant Wood of the Orange beating Eckel and Midler handily. The fourth, seventh and eighth place finishes of Palmiter, Little and McCreary brought Cornell a 24-31 victory, however. Alfred was far outclassed next week in Ithaca as Eckel, Midler, Lyle, and Palmiter finished in a dead-heat, followed by McCreary and the loser's Doug Smith. The return match with Syracuse was much easier than expected, as Eckel, Midler, and Palmiter beat the previous victor, Wood, who was followed by McCreary and Lyle. Eckel's time over the soggy course, 16:03.2.

Even after this exceptional dual meet record no one was more surprised than the Cornell team and its supporters at its overwhelming victory in the three-mile IC4-A cub run. Villanova's Irish import Champion Delaney beat Midler by 11.5 seconds in 14:53.5 in a surprisingly outstanding race for Mike. Eckel in fourth, McCreary in fifth, and Palmiter in eighth made the unbelievable record of four places in the first ten, followed by Dave Cadiz in twenty-second, John Little in twenty-third, and Bob Lyle, eighty-third. Tremendous improvement by Cadiz and McCreary particularly were important in our very low revised team score of 33, beating second-place Syracuse by 64. The following Sunday on the 10,000 meter course at Delaware Park in Buffalo (National Junior Championship) the Freshmen suffered their only defeat at the hands of Michigan Normal, a team good enough to beat Michigan and Michigan State, by a score of 37-51. The 25-second spread for the first five over the six-plus-mile course was outstanding but perhaps indicates that the unfamiliarity with the course and the pace for this longer distance caused Midler and Eckel to hold back too long. Midler in ninth (33:38), Eckel eleventh, McCreary, Palmiter, and Little, fourteenth through sixteenth, comprised our scoring, with Cadiz thirty-eighth and Lyle forty-seventh.

INDOOR SCHEDULE

January 15: Dartmouth at Ithaca; Freshmen in afternoon against Colgate.

February 19: Army—Ithaca

February 26: IC4A—New York

March 5: Heptagonals—Ithaca

March 19: Yale at New Haven

Spring Season

Led by Capt. Mac Booth, Cornell's track team carried their winning ways of the indoor season to the cinders and notched their sixth straight undefeated dual meet season. An omen of the future was provided at the Southern Relays where the Big Red after training in Alabama for a week, showed plenty of strength in scoring 24 points to tie for the unofficial championships with Loyola of the South. Victorious for Cornell were the two-mile relay composed of Paul Loberg, Chick Trayford, Dave Pratt, and Mike Browne and the Sprint Medley relay composed of Andy Dadagian, Larry Lattomus, Al Sebald, and, once again, Browne.

Returning to Ithaca, Cornell next appeared at the Penn Relays and again showed well, highlighted by victories in the Heptagonal Mile Relay and the 880 yard Championship of America. By turning in 1:26.7, the 800 yard relay team of Booth, Jack Morris, Sebald, and Lattomus established themselves as one of the best in the country.

The following week Cornell opened their dual meet season by whipping Penn 95½-44½. In winning 10 of the 16 events and by taking 12 seconds the team qualified 22 places for the trip to England in June. Two records were set as Capt. Booth broke the meet record in the 220 yard low hurdles with a time 23.4. Just after this Pratt broke the oldest existing Schoellkopf record set in 1916 by Bill Bingham by finishing the 880 in 1:54.0 The varsity also showed much strength in sweeping the javelin, broad jump, and 440 from Penn.

Cornell "swam" its way to a victory over Princeton at Princeton by a score of 78¾-61¼. Booth was the only double winner as he won the highs and the lows but the main factor in the victory was the strength shown by the distance runners and the weight men. Al Hall and Fred Weicker scored 1-2 in the hammer and were matched by Marshall and Wechter in the javelin. Out on the track Browne and Jack Rosenbaum were 2,3 in the mile while Don Farley and Loberg took 1-2 in the two mile. In the last event of the day Wechter, McLay, and Boger swept the high jump.

Turning in their finest performance of the year, Cornell was runner-up to Yale in the Heps, 61⅔-44½ with Navy third with 25½ points. Evidence of the showing is the fact that the point difference between Yale and Cornell was accounted for by one man, Stu Thompson, who scored 18 points for the Elis. This coupled with the weak showing of our weight men was the difference between defeat and victory. The outstanding man at the Heps next to Thompson was probably Mac Booth who placed 3rd in the high hurdles, won the low hurdles in 23.3 and ran a leg on the 440 yard relay that took a 3rd. The only other winners for Cornell were Norm Beachley who was in a 6-way tie for first place in the pole vault and the mile relay team. The Big Red showed that it had very strong runners by placing both its entries in the 440, mile and two mile. In the 880, Pratt lost at the tape to John Meader of Yale after leading most of the way. High point total for Cornell was the 7-point effort of Farley and Loberg who placed 2, 3 in the two-mile.

Closing out the dual meet season, Cornell trounced Colgate 91⅔-48⅓. Once again, Captain Booth led the squad with a double win, setting a new meet record and running the fastest collegiate time (:22.9) of the season in the 220 yard low hurdles. Don Wechter also stood out as he won the discus and high jump. Sweeps were recorded in the two mile, pole vault, high jump and broad jump.

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Looking Ahead In Track

The coming Indoor season should find Cornell again fighting for top honors in the Ivy League. We lost quite a few good men from last year's team which placed 2nd to Yale in both indoor and outdoor Heptagonal meets. Not too much material came from the Freshmen team of last year and men such as Wechter, Sebald, Pratt, Herr, Captain Booth, Trayford, Allison, Klein, Willig, Smith, will be missed and their places hard to fill.

The Indoor team should be something like this:

- 60 Yard Dash — Larry Lattomus, John Morris, Dick Stanton.
60 Yard High Hurdles—Dick Mathewson, Dick Abell, George Kendall.
600 Yards and 1000 Yards—Captain Andy Dadagian, Lattomus, Art Boland, Art Fertman, Stanton, Mike Browne, Paul Loberg, John Rosenbaum, Howie Shearer.
One Mile and Two Mile—Browne, Rosenbaum, Don Farley, Loberg, Russ Taft, Don Secor.
High Jump—Tom Hibben, Mathewson, Robert Boger.
Broad Jump—Dick Todd, Tim Hibben, Dadagian.
Pole Vault—Norm Beachley, Larry Sutliff, Dick Silliman, Bill Carpenter.
35 lb. Weight—Al Hall, Fred Weicker, Frank Vadney, Sergio Betancourt.
16 lb. Shot Put—Joe Simon, Vadney, Dick Allman.
Mile Relay—Dadagian, Lattomus, Morris, Stanton, Boland, Fertman.
Two Mile Relay—Loberg, Browne, Rosenbaum, Shearer, Dadagian, Boland.

English Trip ✓

It was on June 5, 1954 that the combined University of Pennsylvania and Cornell University track team boarded TWA's noon flight at LaGuardia Airport with destination London. The track men had been selected on the basis of the first two finishers in the fourteen events held on May 1, in Ithaca, when Penn and Cornell met for their traditional outdoor track meet. Those qualifying were:

- 100—Haines (P), Kline (P)
220—Haines (P), Morris (C)
440—Sebald (C), Dadagian (C)
880—Pratt (C), Weber (P)
Mile—Raudenbush (P), Browne (C)
2-Mile—Farley (C), Loberg (C)
High Hurdles—Booth (C), Mathewson (C)
Low Hurdles—Booth (C), Lattomus (C)
Pole Vault—Beachley (C), Owen (P)
High Jump—Wechter (C), Lee (P)
Broad Jump—Allison (C), Todd (C)
Javelin—Wechter (C), Lewis (C) Lewis '55
Shotput—Gaspari (P), Fisch (P)
Discus—Intihar (C), Wechter (C)

This team, composed mainly of Redmen, was headed for the second renewal of the Oxford-Cambridge vs. Cornell-Pennsylvania Series which was inaugurated at Franklin Field, Philadelphia on June 13th, 1953, when the U.S. contingents scored a 9-6 victory over the visiting Britishers.

With the meet scheduled for June 12, 1954, at White City Stadium, the trackmen were guests of the British for the week preceding the competition. The athletes were extended gracious hospitality characteristic of their entire stay in England. The British provided conducted tours of

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Track Alumni Club

The enthusiastic response of many alumni to Mr. Charles Treman's proposal for a track alumni club encourages us to set forth these concrete terms which seem acceptable to most of the men who have written in. The possibility is one which is welcomed by all in Spiked Shoe and the Athletic Association, especially since the current resurgence of interest and performance in Cornell track is severely hampered with the rest of the athletic program by a general increase in the expense of almost all equipment and training at a time when the Association is experiencing annual deficits.

I. The Cornell Track Alumni Club shall consist of all former lettermen, other team members, managers, and coaches, who wish to advance the spirit and performance of track and cross-country at Cornell, especially through the provision of training facilities and equipment not available through Athletic Association funds.

II. The annual dues of the Club shall be two dollars a year.

III. The dues shall be expended for purposes connected with training in the spirit of traditional academic and athletic standards at Cornell as approved by the President of the Cornell University Athletic Association, upon the recommendation of the track coach and the officers of The Cornell Society of the Spiked Shoe, except that funds may be withdrawn toward the expense of printing two issues of the WASTEBASKET each year (each issue has been costing \$70-\$80 per issue for printing and mailing, about half from Spiked Shoe dues and half from voluntary contributions).

It is anticipated that most of the funds will be spent in the near future for films, both for recording important performances and slow-motion examination of form for corrective purposes, although as other uses seem necessary they will be announced in the WASTEBASKET. (The WASTEBASKET will continue to be delivered to all now on the mailing list, even if they are financially unable to pay dues in any given year).

Freshman Prospects

Probably one of the greatest arrays of Freshmen prospects entered Cornell this Fall and if all indications hold up, Cornell will have one of the strongest Freshmen track teams in Cornell history.

Sprints—Micky McHugh, Jack McFadden, Bo Roberson, Bob McAniff, Don Shive, Wake Myres, Bill Trimble.

Hurdles—Art Nordby, John King, Bo Roberson, Dave Wagner, Jerry Knapp.

440 and 880—John Ingley, Micky McHugh, Jack McFadden, Barry Stallman, John Morrison, Dick Parker, Russ Palmiter, Dave Cadiz, Alan Stout.

Mile and Two Mile—Bob Lyle, Dave Eckel, Kirk McCree, John Little, Mike Midler.

High Jump: John King, John Wysard, Grant Gregory, Jerry Knapp.

Broad Jump—John King, Bill Trimble, Bo Roberson, Jerry Knapp.

Pole Vault—Hugh Mottern, Bob Flynn, Max Schlopy; Andy Winebrenner.

Weights—Bob Cuzb, Clarence LaBonte, Martin Bender, Jerry Knapp, Robert Endries.

Javelin—Frank Wyskiel.

Football men among the above mentioned:

Jerry Knapp, Bo Roberson, Bob Flynn, Bob McAniff, Don Shive, Max Schlopy, Clarence LaBonte, Bob Endries, Martin Bender.

Spring Season

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With exams the following Monday a very small group of Cornellians traveled to the IC4A's led by the mile relay which was edged out by Manhattan for 1st place. However, the team of Lattomus, Morris, Sebald, and Dadagian turned in a time 3:13.5, only .4 second off the Cornell record.

Ending the season with the annual Spiked Shoe banquet, Andy Dadagian was elected captain while Mike Browne was chosen to head up Spiked Shoe. Recipients of the traditional awards were Dave Pratt for the most improved trackman, Capt. Mac Booth for the most valuable trackman, while Al Sebald received the new Jinky Crozier Award as the outstanding quarter miler. With this banquet ended a very successful season. This was a team of few stars but one which had as much depth as any team in recent history, and 18 trackmen went through Spring exams with dreams of the coming meet in England against Oxford and Cambridge.

English Trip

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the city of London and of the quaint districts bordering the Oxford grounds immediately after the practice sessions on the Oxford oval were terminated. (It was on this very same track, incidentally, that Roger Bannister ran his historic 3 min. 59.4 sec. mile). The tour of Blenheim Palace, where the team was introduced to the Duchess of Marlborough, was especially noteworthy.

As expected, June 12 opened rainy, damp and gloomy; it was, from the British viewpoint, "not unusual conditions for a good track meeting." But despite the pouring rain that led to unfavorable track conditions, the Cornell-Penn troupe duplicated its 1953 victory by a 9-6 score—first places only counted in the final scoring. Penn and Cornell provided four winners each, and the winning relay foursome, composed of two runners from each university, provided win number nine.

Captain MacAllister Booth scored two victories in his hurdles specialities, while Haines of Penn took top honors in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes. But the Americans weren't alone in providing double winners; Derek Johnson, who later won the 800 meter run in the British Empire Games, swept the 440 and 880 crowns. Though the performances in all the events were comparatively good considering the poor conditions under which they were registered, the most outstanding mark of the day was turned in by Ian Boyd (Oxford) who was clocked in 4:08.8 for the mile. The final results rounded out with Dick Allison taking the broad jump, Jim Gaspari the Shot Put, Bob Owens the Pole Vault, and Stan Intihar the discus.

Proceeding on their tour of the British Isles, the U.S. aggregation continued to make impressive showings in Dublin and Belfast. Despite the continued abnormal drizmal conditions, and Michael Browne's twenty-hour filibuster on the beauties of his ancestral Ireland, the Americans summoned enough energy to make the clean sweeps of the 100 and the 440, plus victories in the 440 yard relay, pole vault, high jump, shot and discus, thus giving the Irish little to cheer about. Kline, Morris and Booth formed the threesome which dominated the 100 while Lattomus, Dadagian and Raudenbush showed their heels in the 440; then Lattomus, Morris, Raudenbush and Dadagian pooled talents to take the 440 yard relay.

The Americans turned in their best performances during the second day of the two-day meet, however. The

American entourage, running at Trinity College on this final day, took most of the scratch races, but couldn't overcome the handicaps delegated against them in the handicap events. Leading the meet off with a 54-second clocking in the 440 yard hurdles, Dadagian tied a 22 year old Irish National Record; then Kline took the 100 in a fast 9.8, Lattomus captured the 440 crown in 49.8 and Wechter took the handicap shot with a 46' 1½" push. The meet ended with Lattomus, Morris, Raudenbush and Dadagian teaming to take the mile relay on the comparatively fast Irish grass oval. Here in Dublin the American squad was proudly introduced to the Lord Mayor of Ireland's Capital. Of course, everybody stocked up on Irish Linen for gifts expected at home.

Boarding what many ventured to label as a bus, the Penn-Cornell team departed from Dublin the next day, headed for their final encounter with the Irish at Belfast in Northern Ireland. Despite the time lapse which was engendered by a wheel's spinning loose from the antediluvian vehicle and the unexpected detour resulting from a phalanx of sheep crossing the four-lane highway outside of Belfast, the squad arrived at their destination amid the first diffident drops of rain.

It was during their warm-up procedure that, in another meet across the channel in Brussels, Haines was winning the 100 and 220, Al Sebald was scoring a second-place in the 440 and Norm Beachley was winning the pole vault. Under the tutorage of Coach Lou Montgomery, the threesome of Sebald, Beachley and Haines were also performing in a meet with an international setting. And while this meet in Belgium was being terminated, the Americans in Belfast were showing their heels to the Irish for a grand wind-up of the English tour.

For the Americans, Dave Pratt turned in the most outstanding performance, though he placed second in doing so. Running behind a fabulous Irishman who turned in an incredible 4:06.7 clocking for the mile, Pratt registered a 4:14.6 timing, his best for the distance by far and the closest any Cornellian has come to the world record-breaking feats of Cornell's John Paul Jones. Morris followed by taking the 100 and 220, Lattomus the 440, Raudenbush the 880, Wechter the high jump and Owen the pole vault. The meeting ended with the team of Kline, Morris, Dadagian and Lattomus capturing the 880 yard relay laurels—the track tour was now ended.

Immediately after the meet, the Americans were given a final banquet by the Irish at Belfast and were extended a warm hospitality which the team will never forget. Each competitor was given a box of handkerchiefs made of the finest Irish Linen and the local dignitaries displayed a warm, sincere interest in the visiting athletes.

Though the track meets were over now, and the men were heartily singing derangements of old Irish favorites in their bus headed for the airport, the trip across the Atlantic had only started for many of the Americans. The majority of the men were setting plans for a tour of the Continent and, once they arrived in London, they separated into smaller groups, parting ways for their European escapades. Booth, Lattomus, Buchan, and Wechter toured by car; Sebald, Loberg, Hibben and Farley by motorcycle; and Intihar, Mathewson, Beachley and Dadagian, with more cunning than currency, hit the by-ways with bicycles.

In retrospect, the men, having returned from their "summer school" abroad, consider the "English Trip" a misnomer; rather, they regard it more as the Cornell-Penn European Trip, one that will always remain on their list of unforgettables.