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Lee Talbott, in 1910, set world hammer throw mark, and entered 6 events in '08 Olympics.

Owing to the picture and article concerning the Cornellians on the United States 1908 Olympic team, we received a letter from Harry Porter of that team, telling us that we missed another Cornell man who was on the squad by the name of Lee Talbott. After some correspondence with Mr. Addison T. Shepherd of Kansas City, who happens to be the nephew of Lee Talbott, we believe we have the correct information concerning the lost Olympian. To wit:

Lee Talbott set a world's Interscholastic 121 lb hammer record in 1907 at Franklin Field, Philadelphia. Lee entered Cornell in the Fall of 1908 and was elected freshman track captain. He participated in the 1908 Olympics as a member of the Irish-American Athletic Club. He was entered in 6 events including; heavy weight wrestling, shot put, discus, javelin, the tug of war and, of course, the hammer throw in which event he finished fourth. And the records show him finishing fifth in the discus.

The next we hear of Lee Talbott is as a student at Pennsylvania University where in 1910, he set a new world's record in collegiate hammer throwing. After this he returned to Kansas City and was elected captain of the KCAC. In the National Championships at San Francisco in 1914 he scored fourteen points

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4 Sophs & 1 Jr. Take 5th in Heps

Groon runs 26:25

A fifth place in the Heps is not terribly impressive, but when the statistics of the race have been examined it becomes apparent that this season's squad is really far from mediocre. Look at some of the facts: of all ten teams competing, Cornell (1), had the smallest time spread—1 min. 17 sec., (2), had the fourth best average for six men, and (3), had the fourth best average for seven men. These figures point to the undeniable fact that the '59 team is composed of men with very similar cross country abilities. But even more significant is the fact that, with the exception of two juniors, the entire Heptagonal team was composed of sophomores.

Cornell's first man was Eric Groon, finishing the hazardous Van Cortlandt Park course in the excellent time of 26:25 which brought him into the finish shoot in sixteenth place. Just twenty-four seconds behind Groon was John Munday who placed twenty-third. Next man in, and only two seconds behind Munday, was Frank Brockman—the only junior to finish in the top five—; and then came Ray Westendorp, Pete Slater, Paul Deignan, and Murray Moulding.

Sixty-seven men competed in the race with contestants representing all ten schools in the Ivy League. From the spectators point of view, the most colorful part of the race was the beginning. All sixty-seven runners stood nervously at the starting mark forming a line several hundred feet long. Then, at the report of the starter's pistol, they were off across the broad, grassy expanse pounding hard for the first quarter mile pole with their multicolored jerseys brightening up the drizzly afternoon.

First to cross the finish mark was Dick Greene of the Army followed hotly by Tom Laris, the brilliant sophomore two miler from Dartmouth. Bob Love of Brown finished third. The winner's time was 24:42.

Extra Power in the Nucleus

It was pleasing to hear that, during the summer vacation, Chuck Hill '59, co-captain of track and cross country, was accepted at Cornell's medical school in New York.

We have all confidence that Chuck will make good and keep the tradition of Cornell athletics at Cornell Medical School and that he will graduate and become a credit to his University and the medical profession.

At the present time quite a few track men are at Cornell Medical School: Boland, Morris, Betancourt, Tharp, and now Hill. What a nucleus for a track team right there!

Reds Win Triangular

This triangular meet with Colgate and Le Moyne, held after the team had had only one week of practice together, served to answer many questions about Cornell Cross Country for the next three years. Overall, the team percentage was 95.9 with a spread of :61 seconds. Cornell runners took eight out of the first ten places with Captain Einaudi leading the team across the finish. The final score was Cornell 20, Le Moyne 49, and Colgate 69. Individually, Marco Einaudi ran his fastest time ever on the home course, improving over his best previous time by almost a minute. Sophomore Pete Slater placed third behind Ryan of Le Moyne to initiate a successful season after being hampered his Freshman year by a broken foot. Munday and Groom, also sophomores, proved by their first venture at five miles that they were ready to make their marks in varsity competition. Everyone was encouraged to see Frank Brockman run a good race after missing most of the previous season because of a foot injury. The comparatively outstanding performances of individuals, the fact that four regulars were out of competition due to injuries, and the "good spirit" of the team indicated a potentially successful squad with nothing lacking except experience.

Chapman Breaks Frosh Record

Dick Englebrink, Penn State's well known two-miler, led his teammates to an impressive eighteen, thirty-seven victory over the Big Red at University Park, Pa. golf course last October third. Cornell's top scorers were largely sophomores, however, who showed much potential in their performance against this strong team. Eric Groom lead the Cornell squad into fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth, and tenth places after the quartet of Englebrink, Weber, Moorhead, and Johnson finished. The winning time was 26:44.3 on a fast course; Groom, Slater, and Munday finished between 28:01 and 28:13 with Brockman and Captain Einaudi close behind.

The sensation of the day, however, was Allan Chapman's record breaking performance in the freshman race. Chapman, Huntington, N. Y. cross country and mile star, tailed Norman, of Penn State and England, waiting until the last two hundred yards before turning on his winning kick. His time of 15:30.8 was well under the old record of 15:39 set by Dennis Johnson of Penn State in 1957. Penn State captured the next three places as well as eighth and tenth places, however, to beat the frosh team by one point. Final score: twenty-seven, twenty-eight.

Between the Beers . . .

The get-together for all track alumni in the locker room during reunion was a success and many former cindermen visited their old hang out. Among them were Tom Hennings, Ed Kirby '24, Dr. Benjamin Levy, Jr. '39, John Nevlus, Alfred Ranch '24, Hunt Bradley, mgr. English trip team in '21, and Otto Schoenfeld '33.

Olympian Talbott, (Cont'd.)

and was high individual scorer in the A.A.U. Championship meet. He competed in A.A.U. meets until the 1930's.

The story is told that he was late for registration his sophomore year and that Cornell would not allow him to sign up—hence he went to Pennsylvania.

Nothing could be found to explain why Lee Talbott did not represent Cornell in the 1908 Olympics instead of the Irish-American Athletic Club.

Many thanks to Mr. Shepherd for the information on his uncle.

Cornell Ties Harvard, Bows to Brown

Cornell tied with Harvard at fifty-one each while Brown went on to win the triangular contest with the near perfect score of eighteen points. Harvard's sophomore ace Mullin, by placing third, was the only reason that Brown didn't make a clean sweep. As it was, they managed to capture first, second, and fourth, fifth and sixth positions with Lowe the winner. The star from Brown eventually went on to capture a third in the Heptagonals.

If no truly brilliant performances were recorded for Cornell men, at least the afternoon was sunny and warm and even Harvard's President Nathan M. Pusey joined the little cluster of spectators at the starting post. A loud speaker system wired to a roving reporter uttered dry witticisms in a truly Cambridge-like modulation; and the sprinkling of sportily clad co-eds completed the overall impression that it was the opening day of the Ascot Races instead of a cross country meeting.

The Harvard announcer called off the name and place of each finisher while a ripple of applause passed through the spectators' gallery. For the Red from Ithaca, Eric Groom (26:59) was again first, placing seventh in the final standing. John Munday (27:06) was just behind in eighth place, and Pete Slater (27:23) was next, in tenth place. Frank Brockman was eleventh, Murray Moulding fifteenth. Owing to the heel injury he sustained at Penn State, Captain Einaudi was not up to his usual racing peak.

Brown was redoubtable but Harvard was also not to be trifled with. Tying the Crimson this year was a job to be proud of. Running against nearly the same team last year, Hill, Cummins, and Cravener were not able to bring the Big Red to victory. But next year it should be a cinch.

As for the freshmen, Al Chapman again captured high honors. While the onlookers shouted encouragement, Al sprinted up the final quarter mile straightaway, racing for the meet record. But unfortunately, thinking he still had another quarter mile to go, he didn't start his final effort until it was too late. But he still managed to finish the three miles in 14:59 which was fourteen seconds ahead of his nearest contender, Hamlin, of Harvard. Ralabate finished sixth, Hesseltine seventh, Parsons ninth, Thomas tenth, and Hasler eighteenth. Harvard and Brown tied with thirty-three points each in the freshmen race, and Cornell finished with fifty-eight.

Syracuse in the Mud?

unsurpassed . . .

The Syracuse meet was a soggy occasion. The Indians placed four men ahead of John Munday, Cornell's first runner, and thereby missed a perfect score by one point. The team is most grateful to John. His time, 26:42, was one of his best performances of the season and was accomplished in spite of the muddy heath Syracuse calls a cross country course.

Eric Groon slipped into seventh place, Slater eighth, Brockman ninth, and Delamater—with previously hidden energy—was Cornell's fifth man capturing spot number eleven.

Things were brighter in the freshman arena. The rain held off until their race was finished (until just before the varsity began), and, being led once again by invincible Al Chapman, the frosh handily defeated their rivals twenty-three to thirty-four. In fourth place behind Al was Frank Ralabate; in fifth, Pete Parson; sixth, Hesseltine, seventh Thomas; and ninth was Mike Hasler. Collins and Severance finished fourteenth and fifteenth.

Chapman ran a fine race, staying back and encouraging his teammates; and then winning as he pleased in the last four hundred yards.

Army Draws Good Times

In spite of a rainy day in the middle of Fall Weekend and a powerful opponent, the Cornell team ran its best home meet of the year. Cornell's first finisher was Eric Groon in 28:16, a minute faster than his previous best. John Munday (28:45), Pete Slater (29:04), Frank Brockman (29:15), and Mike Adams (29:41) were the next four Cornellians. Five members of the team ran their best times of the year at Moakley, which made selection for the Heptagonals held a week later especially difficult. Army, the 1958 Heptagonal champion, ran its usual fine performance by taking the first three places and seven of the first ten. Greene of Army, who won easily in 27:21, became the second fastest harrier ever to run at Moakley. The predominantly sophomore Cornell team exhibited its potential to become, in the next two years, the best cross-country team in Cornell history.

Bulldogs 3rd Fastest Team Ever at Moakley

On October 17, powerful Yale sent the Red down to its third defeat of the season. Led by Jonathan Blake and Tom Carroll, the Eli took the first five places and scored a perfect fifteen points, while becoming the third fastest team ever to run the Moakley course. Blake's time of 27:42, though a full minute off the record, established him as the fifth fastest individual in the course's four year history. Cornell, taking all places from sixth to fourteenth, was led by Pete Slater, Frank Brockman, and John Munday, all of whom trailed the Yale quintet after the first half mile. The continued improvement of the team, however, was indicated by the spread between the first and fifth men; a season best of only thirty-four seconds.

Brockman Leads Cornell to 15th in I.C.'s

Once again Cornell cross country men vied with the best teams in the East for honors in the IC4A races at Van Cortlandt Park. Upholding what has nearly become a family tradition, Crawford Kennedy won the varsity race in 23:51.8, chopped almost ten seconds from the record held by his brother, Henry, and made it the fifth straight year that a Kennedy has won. The result of this personal victory and strong team support was a total of only fifty points and another I.C. first place for Michigan State. Bob Lowe of Brown and Dick Englebrink of Penn State were second and third respectively.

In 56th place, Frank Brockman led the Cornellians with a time of 26:05. Brockman and John Delamater, 126th., were the only upper classmen running for Cornell. Consequently, it was only through the support of sophomores Eric Groon (26:17), Paul Deignan (26:23), Peter Slater, John Munday, and Ray Westendorph that Brockman was able to pull the team into twelfth place among the thirty competing teams. The mere thirty-one second spread between Brockman's time and that of our fifth man, Munday, is evidence of the sophomore depth which will be an important factor in the formation of a strong team next year.

Although the freshmen placed only nineteenth in their three mile race, the following explanation of their fate is certainly justifiable. Having been plagued by injury and other chance misfortunes throughout the season they were unable to give a valid indication of team potential. Al Chapman, consistently first man for the freshmen this fall, developed a knee injury which forced him to drop out at the mile mark. This was particularly unfortunate because Al had previously beaten the winner of the freshman contest, Jerry Norman of Penn. State. Also unable to run due to a leg injury was Daniel Thomas.

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ALL-TIME INDOOR RECORDS

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| 600 Yards | 1:11 | Charles H. Moore, Jr. | 1950 |
| 1000 Yards | 2:12.8 | Robert Mealey | 1949 |
| 2 Mile Relay | 7:48.5 | P. Loberg, Dave Pratt, J. Rosenbaum, M. Browne..... | 1954 |
| One Mile Relay | 3:18.2 | L. Lattomus, J. Morris, A. Boland, A. Dadagian | 1955 |
| 35# Weight Throw | 63' 3¼" | Albert Hall | 1956 |
| 300 Yards | 30.5 | J. Lingel | 1953 |

(Indoor-flat board track was World's record and probably still is)

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| 75 Yard Low Hurdles | :08.1 | M. Gourdine | 1951 |
| 60 Yard High Hurdles | :07.3 | G. Knorel | 1940 |
| | | M. Gourdine | 1952 |
| 60 Yard Dash | :06.3 | Bo Roberson | 1958 |
| | | G. Ekstrom | 1959 |

Strength for the Future

This year's team was made up of entirely of Sophomores and three Juniors. It was a young team and did very well considering the handicaps and the inexperience of the group. Last year's Freshmen were Intercollegiate champions, and we expected much from them for this year's Varsity. However, our No. 1 man, Joel Heine, left Cornell for the Naval Academy. Whitey Deignan and Bill Arnst came down with injuries that kept them out of practice for four weeks. Westendorp returned to school without any work. This threw the burden on Eric Groon, John Munday, Peter Slater, Mike Adams and the men returning from last year's Varsity: Captain Einaudi, Frank Brockman, Pete Brandies, Jim McSweeney, Jim Palmer, Murray Moulding and David Craver. Pete Brandies did not run due to a returned injury to his broken foot from last Spring.

By the end of the season Cornell was starting to get better. We placed 5th in the Heptagonal meet and the following week placed 12th in the IC4A Championships.

The exceptionally fine running of Frank Brockman, who improved tremendously over last year (broken metatarsal), and the return of Whitey Deignan for the last two meets gave the team a great boost. The team was also fortified by the return of John Delamater who ran as a Frosh two years ago.

Yale and Army also Brown and Navy had their best teams in years while we were in the process of building. Cornell did, however, place ahead of Yale in the IC4C race.

The Freshman team proved also to be jinxed. Not only did we have the poorest turn out in many a year but those who did come out ran into trouble. We had a total of ten men report for running, led by Alan Chapman, who is destined to be one of the greatest Cornell distance men. Our 2nd place man, Charles Hesseltine, left school after the Syracuse meet. This hurt very much. Then our 3rd man, Niel Thomas, came down with a knee injury that forced him to stop running. Alan Chapman won all of his races, but the big one was his objective—the IC4C Freshmen championship. Two weeks before this race, however, Alan also came down with an injury to his knee that curtailed his training and finally forced him to drop out of the IC4C race after staying one step behind the winner for the first mile—where his leg refused to function. The leader at that point was Norman of Penn State (who became the winner) and it was this same Norman that Alan beat in our dual meet with Penn State on their home course.

We are looking forward to next year's season with high expectations of winning the Heptagonal championship.

Coach Montgomery