

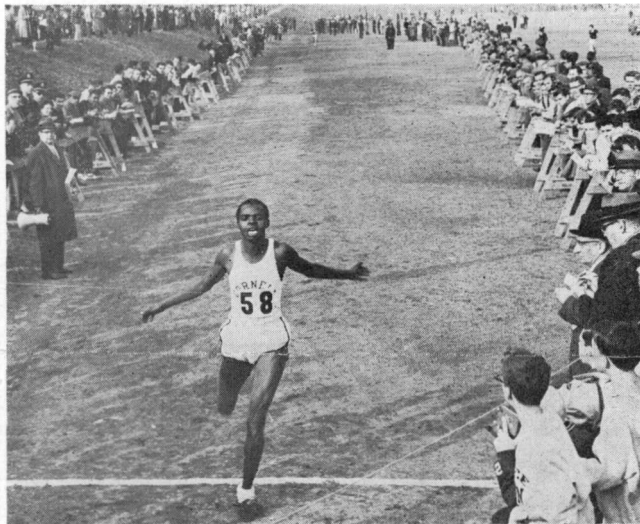
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Steve Machooka, 4:13 frosh miler, snaps tape in IC4A's
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Colgate Defeated in 4-Way Tie for First

Cross Country got off to a fine start this season when Frank Brockman, Whitey Deignan, John Munday, and Ray Westendorp thundered away from the line and finished their first race of 1960 in a four way tie for first. Their mutual time was 28:07. This hot quartet was followed shortly by Brandeis, McSweeney, and then Slater. The final score was Cornell 21, Colgate 40, LeMoyne 72. Several of the Red runners from previous seasons—particularly Eric Groon were not able to compete because they were suffering various injuries. Knees seem to have been the pet grievance this year with Groon, Moulding, and Einaudi all reporting for treatment. Mile hopeful Al Chapman was also out.

The Freshmen likewise put on a good show with Steve Machooka (of whom a good deal more will be heard) flying across the finish line with high honors. Behind him were Byard, Conway, Cederholm, and Smith to round off a well run victory for the neophytes. Coach Montgomery expressed some concern that they didn't run up to the standard set by their trials earlier in the week, but a victory (Cornell 16, Colgate 51, LeMoyne 81) can never really be complained about.

Varsity Loses to Army 42-17 Frosh Win 27-30

The to be Heptagonal Champions had no trouble placing four men before Cornell's leaders, Frank Brockman, and Ray Westendorp. John Munday, our next regular finisher, improved on his previous performances; he was followed soon after by Dave Craver and Bill Arnst. Two of the regular five, "Whitey" Diegnan and Pete Slater, had to sit out the race due

to an aggravated muscle strain and Achille's tendon trouble.

Army's Cross Country Course itself was a second barrier for the injury prone Cornell runners. The first half of the race was uphill, mostly on hard road, with the second half almost completely down hill over the same bone breaking hard road surface. Moreover, where ever it was excessively steep coming down, it also was sure to be a paved section. Fortunately for Cornell, all the pounding and knee jamming, necessitated in running with speed down hill, had no serious consequences for the Varsity; although Frost Jim Byard, one of our record breaking trio missed the next week and a half because of an injured knee.

Frank Brockman and Ray Westendorp, crossing the finish line together, again leading the team against some very strong opposition. Captain Brockman, still fighting off a mild case of the grippe and resisting the temptation to stop the beating his aching arches were taking, again displayed the determination that characterized his successful cross country season.

The freshman victory over Army (27-30) provided one of the most exciting highlights of their season. Cornell's first three men all were under the previous record set the week before by Army's Lingle who also went under his previous time by four and a half seconds while running behind Cornell's third man, Jim Byard. Four more Army runners were followed by Hugh Conway and Al Hunter to complete the Cornell quintet.

For Steve Machooka, Cornell's phenomenal front runner all season, it was an outstanding victory over Lingle of Army, touted earlier in the season as one of the country's best Freshman runners. Not afraid to get out early and punish himself in order to kill off the opposition, Machooka ran a 4:34 first mile and finished over half a minute under the course record.

The extraordinary performances of Jim Sims, who was still nursing a bad ankle and Jim Byard in defeating the best the cadets could offer, made gay the many Cornell rooters present at the finish. Sim's feat of staying on the heels of Steve Machooka, and the considerable improvement of Byard, Conway, and Hunter, indicated well the determination and conscientious work that will assure these frosh important places in Cornell Cross Country for the next three seasons.

In the issue just prior to this one, the Wastebasket featured an article about a loyal friend and track enthusiast at Cornell, Tar Young. It is the responsibility of this issue to sadly announce that Mr. Young passed away at his home here in Ithaca earlier in the fall. His death leaves vacant a spot in a great Cornell tradition.

Harvard Defeated Machooka Breaks Course Record

Cornell's third dual meet of the season was run on October 8th on the Moakley course. Under ideal conditions, Captain Frank Brockman led the Red to a resounding 22-33 victory over highly-touted Harvard. The Cambridge squad boasts three milers of 4:10 caliber and a sophomore who has run 4:15; they had not expected to place only two of these in the top seven. Brockman, in outrunning Crimson flash Mark Mullin, was clocked in 27:31, the fourth best time ever on Moakley, and the second fastest ever by a Cornelian. Even more encouraging than its captain's fine performance, however, was the great team effort. Running with a mere :39 second spread between its first and fifth men, Cornell moved into the number two position among the teams having the fastest aggregate times on the course. Following Brockman to the tape were Whitey Deignan, John Munday, Ray Westendorp, and Pete Slater. Each of these took approximately a full minute from his best previous time, while Brockman took close to 80 seconds from his former best.

The freshman victory was sparked by the record-breaking performance of regular record breaker Steve Machooka. His time of 15:35 for a full three miles and a tenth brought him in at the head of the pack a healthy 59.6 seconds under the old record. Jim Sims, who must find it nothing short of complete frustration running against Machooka, placed a strong third and also managed to clip 24.6 seconds off the old record. Byard, Conway, and Williams were fourth, ninth, and tenth giving the frosh a total of 27 and also the victory by a narrow margin of one point.

Penn State Places First 5, Lose to Freshmen

The locker room was unusually quiet after the Penn State meet. But then, as Coach Montgomery pointed out in his comments on the board that Monday, "We have only beaten them twice in the past twenty-five years . . ." The final score was Penn State—15, Cornell—48. From this a student of cross country should immediately recognize that Cornell's first man, Frank Brockman, came in sixth. His time, however, which was his fastest on the Moakley Course, was 28:51 and against any other team would doubtless have brought him into the winner's circle with ease. Penn State, it might be noted, went on to win the IC's a little over a month later. It might also be noted that Penn State's Deardorf, who placed first in the dual meet, finished only forty-eight seconds ahead of Brockman.

Pete Slater finished only a hair behind Brockman and ran his second best time on the Moakley course. Owing to the closeness, he was also given 28:51. Charging through the guide ropes in position number nine, Ray Westendorp likewise showed his best effort on the course with a clocking of 29:06. Jim McSweeney, too, ran his fastest, coming in fifteenth. Dave Craver placed seventeenth, with Bob and Marco Einaudi nineteenth and twentieth.

Things, particularly the score, were brighter in the freshman race. Steve Machooka again demon-

strated his tremendous natural running ability by taking the event with ease in 16:35.7. Close behind was Jim Sims who was timed in 16:41.4. Certainly we can look for great performances from these two lads in the years to come. Jim Byard finished in the number four slot with a time of 17:57, and should also be a man to watch in the future. Conway was eighth; and Frans Smith, who will be the frosh hope this season in the thousand, came in ninth.

Bulldogs Nipped 26-29

At the halfway point it was evident that the Cornell-Yale meet would be decided by the runners far behind leaders Mach and Bachrach. Carroll had dropped from the top five and thus Yale could not capture the first three places at it had hoped. Westendorp, in third place, bravely stayed close to the two leaders, but at the end he was only to maintain this position against Brockman and Munday behind him. Deignan struggled against Carroll for sixth place, and Slater against two Yale men for eighth. The outcome was a dispiritingly close loss to Yale by a score of 26 to 29.

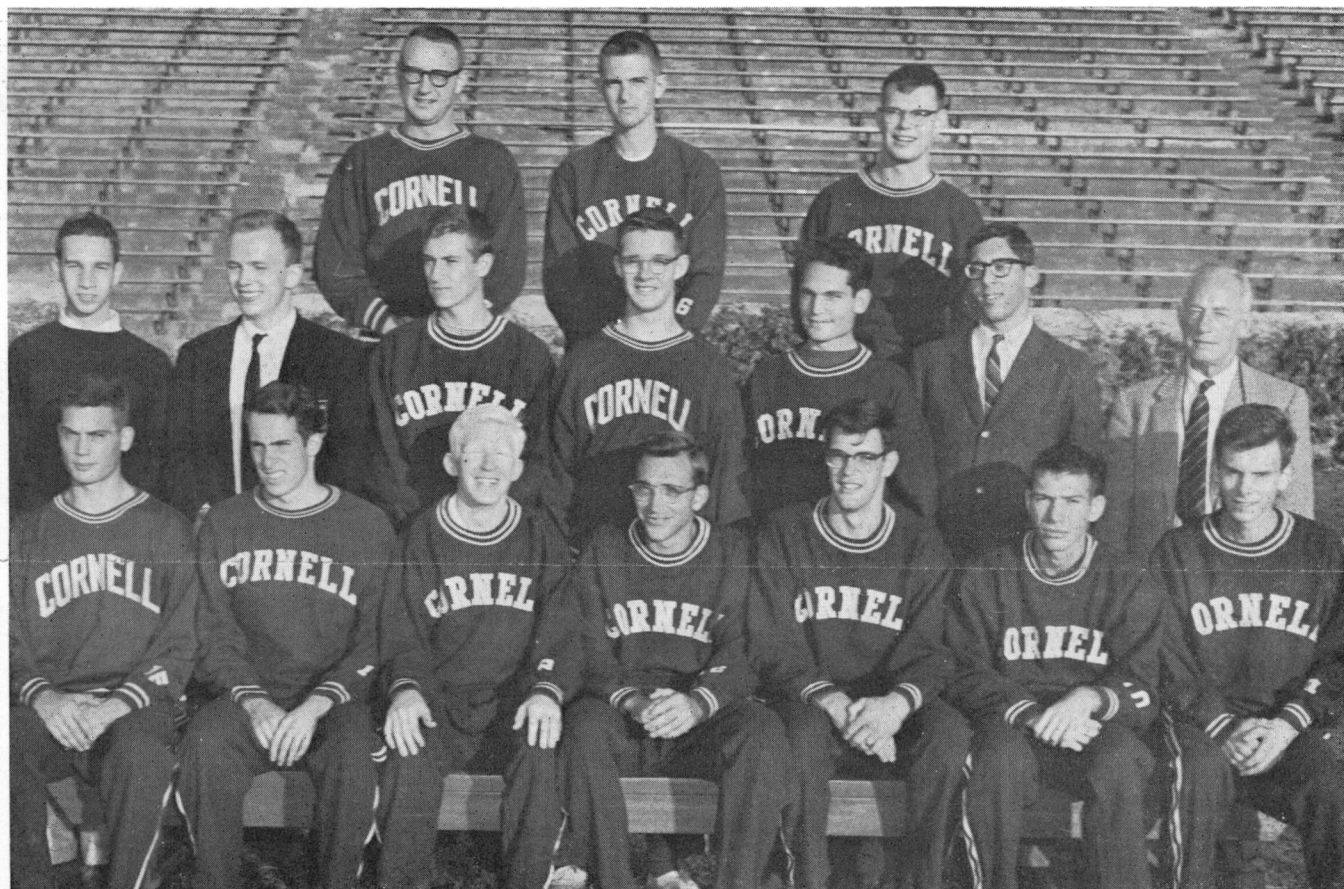
The next day, back at Cornell, Lou Statistics went to work. His figures were encouraging. They showed Cornell's performance to be one of the best ever for any team on Yale's three-loop course. The 1956 championship combination of Hill, Cravener, Midler, Eckel, and McCreary would have won a slim 26-29 victory over our 1960 team. The 1958 squad, the only other Cornell outfit besides 1960's with three men under 25 minutes, would have been forced to a tie. Coach's closing comment was, "Only injuries and probation have kept this team from being the all time best."

Victory Over Syracuse Still Closer: 27-28, Frosh Lose

An inspired Cornell team turned in one of the most exciting victories of the past three years by beating the very strong Syracuse team, 27-28. Captain Frank Brockman led the team all the way, turning in a record breaking performance all were glad to see. Frank broke the old Cornell record for the Moakley Course—held by none other than Mike Midler—by five seconds; Frank's time was the fourth fastest ever run on Moakley where many another star performer has had his chance at the distance. Nearly every other Cornell runner also improved his best Moakley time; but most noteworthy was the performance Bill Arnst who, in taking one minute and thirty seconds off his previous best, displayed running courage sufficient to make the all important difference that swung the victory to Cornell. Where lesser runners would have begun counting the toll of fatigue, Bill pushed himself to his limit to the last mile, moving up to and past a pair of Syracuse men who could have swung the final score in Syracuse's favor.

The Grieve-men were considerably taken aback by the defeat Cornell handed them. Their strong man, Joe Francello, ran the second fastest time ever recorded on the Moakley Course, but his teammates could not follow it up with the needed places.

Coach Montgomery's beaming face after the race



1960 Varsity Cross Country Team (Bottom row, left to right): M. Einaudi, Groon, Deignan, Brockman, Westendorp, Slater, Munday (Middle row): Doshan (Mgr.) Graybill (Mgr.) McSweeney, Lynman, R. Einaudi, Hoffman (Mgr.) Coach Montgomery (Top row): Meader (Ass. Coach) Craver, Collins.

made each runner realize that he had accomplished something significant of which he could be quite proud. With all Syracuse's recruiting and emphasis on winning, they still met their match in a group of determined Cornellians.

Syracuse's Freshmen team, one of the strongest in the country, handed down a disappointing defeat to Cornell's five by putting no less than five runners under the old record for the Moakley Course before the advent of Steve Machooka. Steve himself ran only ten seconds off his record by taking a commanding first in the meet. Our second man, Jim Sims, finished fourth in the race after being able to train only one day for the race because of trouble with his ankle. Byard, Conway and Hunter took eighth, ninth and tenth respectively to finish out our top five.

The team as a whole slipped in comparison with their shout-out victory over Ithaca College the week before. Men such as Hunter, Lindo, and Anthony, however, showed improvement over their previous times.

Cornell Takes 11th in Heps Brockman Places 9th.

Bob Lowe of Brown wants to make the Olympics in 1964 and his chances look pretty good. He has been winning just about everything he enters, and the only cause he might have for regret is that his

teammates can't keep up with him. In spite of Lowe's 25:59 victory, his team as a whole was only able to capture third place. Cornell was fourth with Frank Brockman its ablest representative coming in a very respectable ninth place with a time of 26:47. Behind him came Ray Westendorp in seventeenth place (27:17); John Munday in twentieth (27:29); Pete Slater in twenty-seventh (27:50); and in thirty-eighth place came Paul (aptly known as Whitey) Deignan with a time of 28:13. Sad to say, Whitey was considerably hindered by a recent leg injury which would have kept the average runner back on the bench. With Deignan up to par, Coach Montgomery expressed confidence that Cornell would have been very close to if not one up on Yale who finished second in the team scoring. Slater was also running under the handicap of an injured leg. The alarming number of leg ailments are, according to Coach, the result of not enough pre-season training. Potentially, this year's squad was certainly of championship caliber.

Additional individual acclaim should go to Brockman for his great effort across the new Van Cortland Park course. Frank also suffered multivarious injuries this season and during the race he was fighting what was termed on the board following Monday "an upset internal disorder." Whatever the upset was, Brockman nevertheless came through as a genuine inspiration to the rest of his teammates.

Injuries Hold Cornell to 9th in IC4A's, Frosh Take 3rd, Machooka Wins

Lowe of Brown again narrowed the distance between him and the '64 Olympics by handily copping the top honors in the varsity race with a time of 24.40.4—just under twenty seconds better than his effort of the previous week at the Heps. Things were different in the team scoring, however, with Cornell taking eighth place (out of a total of forty-seven schools) as opposed to Brown's tenth. Frank Brockman again led the Cornell contingent by placing twentieth with the time of 26:59. Ray Westendorp was twenty-third, and John Munday thirty-ninth. Bill Arnst was Cornell's fourth man and got there by running his best race ever, which was timed at 28:43. Pete Slater, Red runner number five, was off his usual solid pace, while Whitey Deignan was unable to run at all. Had the season regulars been fit for the chase, Coach Montgomery feels they would likely have been clear up in the number five spot.

The freshmen still shine as a ray of tremendous hope, particularly with the glitter of one Steve Machooka. It is unfortunate Machooka was running on the revised course since his win only established a record instead of breaking one. Nevertheless, his time of 15:24.9 will very likely remain in the book for quite a few years to come. To keep you posted on the interesting sidelights, Machooka is a willowly 132 pound six footer who speaks very softly and, says Chick Werner of Penn State, "... is the best runner I ever saw—freshman, senior, anything." He is twenty-one years old and has been to perhaps four practices all season. To summarize, Machooka runs the way Mozart created music, i.e., sans effort.

In the IC's his virtuoso performance was closely supported by Jim Sims, who placed sixth with a time of 16:08; and by Jim Byard, who was seventh in 16:10. Bob Anthony was thirty-fourth, and Bill Brockman (brother of Frank—if he isn't too sick of being identified that way) was seventy-sixth thus finishing off the quintet that captured third place in the team scoring.

Alumni Corner ...

Death of Senator Thomas Hennings Jr., '24 Mourned by All Who Knew Him

"A great Cornellian..."

In the untimely passing of Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. on last September 13, Cornell lost a devoted alumnus and the Cornell Track Team one of its staunchest supporters. The metropolitan press, generally, gave a complete account of Senator Hennings' distinguished accomplishments in public life, but mentioned only in passing his association with track and field athletics at Cornell University.

In September of 1920, almost exactly forty years to the day of his death, Tom Hennings arrived in Ithaca and signed up for freshman track and cross-country at Schoellkopf Field. He and other aspiring track athletes entering with the Class of '24 found a great Cornell track tradition awaiting them on

their arrival at Ithaca. For the next forty years Tom Hennings did all in his power to nurture that tradition. The first two decades of the 20th Century were halcyon days for Cornell track teams under the direction of the late, great Jack Moakley. It required five victories in the IC4A to gain permanent possession of the championship trophy, and in the period, Cornell had gained permanent possession of two cups and had won four legs on a third. Up to that time no other member of the IC4A had ever enjoyed more than temporary possession of the much sought after cup that goes to the team winning the Intercollegiate Championship. In that fall of 1920 Jack Moakley had just returned as head coach of the victorious United States Olympic Track Team from the Games held in Antwerp. It was in this background of tradition and success that Tom Hennings began his career of devotion to Cornell in general, and track and field athletics in particular. He was always a team player, accepting any assignment if it meant picking up extra points that made team victory possible. In later years in his successful attempt to win the nomination that led to his first term in the United States Senate, newspapers throughout the country expressed great doubt that Hennings could win against the formidable opposition of not only the Party leaders in Missouri, but also the President of the United States, Harry Truman, who used the prestige of his office in a vain effort to prevent Henning's nomination as the Democratic candidate for the United States Senate. Those of us who were associated with him on Cornell Track Teams were not surprised by his victory. We had seen him come through many times on the athletic field against almost insurmountable odds.

Even though his career in public service kept him far from Ithaca, it was he more than any other one person who kept alive the interest of his fellow track men in the support of Cornell Track after graduation. Each year he would arrange for a group of us to meet for dinner before the Indoor Intercollegiates in New York, and to attend the Meet at Madison Square Garden to cheer on the then current members of the Cornell contingent. World War II interrupted this pleasant get-together, and it was as recently as his 35th Reunion at Ithaca last year that he was making plans to revive the custom of meeting once a year before the IC4A Indoor Meet. At this same Reunion he took time to meet with Coach Montgomery in order to get some ideas as to how he might best serve Cornell Track. Several of us are hopeful that we shall be able to implement some of the plans he had developed to keep Cornell Track Alumni interested in the affairs of track and field athletics at Cornell.

Those of us who knew him well mourn the passing of a good friend, a great Cornellian, and a devoted representative of his constituents in the Congress and Senate of the United States. We hope his accomplishments will be a real inspiration to present-day Cornellians, and Cornell Track men in particular who are carrying on the great Cornell traditions that Tom Hennings fought so hard to perpetuate over the past forty years.

Alfred Rauch
Cornell Class of 1924