Groon shows spectacular finish, beating Slowick to the tape in a 4:18.5 mile.

Cornell & Harvard Tie For 4th In Heps

Cornell gathered 20 points in the Heps this year to tie with Harvard for fourth place honors. Since last year, the team has improved three places, and at that rate should score a crowning victory in '61.

Cornell's most brilliant performance came from sophomore Eric Groon who, running before a capacity crowd of 5,000, gave the papers something to get spectacular about by nipping Yale's Captain Ed Slowick in the final inches of the mile run. On the far straightaway of the last lap, Slowick burst ahead of Groon and gave every indication that he meant to finish in that position. But Groon stuck with him and collapsed in the arms of his teammates after his spectacular finish. Slowick, somewhat disheartened, spent the rest of the evening prostrate in the locker room.

Next on the list of spectaculars is George Ekstrom's 6.2 clocking in the 60 yd. dash. Beating out some of the East's top sprinters, George galloped his way to the tape in first place in his heat and in so doing equalled the all time Cornell record. But in the finals a few minutes later, he could snatch no better than a fourth, being unable to match his new mark.

But the winner, Harold Sprague of Army, was clocked in a somewhat less impressive 6.3, so the speed honors fell to him. The plaques are ready but our coffers aren't. The plaques are ready but our coffers aren't. Pete Slater, Jim McSweeney, Peter Brandeis, and Murray Moulding.

The final team standings were: Army 47, Navy 41, Yale 36, Harvard and Cornell 20, Penn. 19, Dartmouth and Columbia 7, Brown 6, and Princeton 5.

Hallmarks

Come next spring, when the alumni once again rally 'round the analgesic, they will be pleasantly surprised upon walking down the once dour hall leading to the track room, to discover a row of handsome oak plaques bearing the names and standards of Cornell's all-time record holders. There will be one plaque for each event and the lettering is to be done in scarlet decals. Quite a grand addition to a once dingy corridor. But the expense is scarcely modest, either. The plaques are ready but our coffers aren't.

We trust you get the message.

Trip To Ft. Lee Planned


The team will work out twice a day and test the results of its efforts against some of the athletes stationed there. Bobby Seaman—the great California runner—will be coaching the contention and perhaps giving a few of the Big Red a run for their money in the mile.
Outstanding Performances At West Point
Minimize Defeat

There is no disgrace in bowing to a team as strong as the Army squad was this year. Cornell was clearly swamped in West Point depth but nevertheless managed to show a few efforts of brilliance. We'll mention the score—38 to 71—and then forget about it.

Eric Groon, making his debut in varsity track competition, scored a highly impressive first in the mile by completing the distance in 4:19.7. Murray Moulding likewise took high honors, winning the 600 in a venerable 1:12.9—his best time ever.

John Murray and Al Finch took first and second in the vaulting contest, but their accomplishments require a little explanation. Murray cleared what everybody thought was 14' 1½"—a new fieldhouse record. But then when the height was finally measured after an unsuccessful effort by Finch, the officials were embarrassed to announce that Murray had actually won the event with a somewhat more modest leap of 13' 10". Finch later cleared an official 13'.

Peter Brandeis placed second in the 1000 behind one of the East's best men but still managed to stop the watches at 2:16 to mark the third Big Red personal best of the day: the second was Ted Voigt's 1:14.9 in the 600. Frank Brockman was the fourth man to break his own record by pacing through two miles in 9:33.5. In the interest of relativity, one might note that Brockman's time has scored higher than the third place he managed when running in more typical competition. Jones and Roberts of Army, the first and second place winners, are both outstanding runners.

A Depleted Red Bows To Dartmouth

Cornell met defeat in Hanover, against Dartmouth, but the score—62 ½ to 46 ½—does not tell the whole story. Two key men, Brockman and Brandeis, were out of contention with injury and illness, and a third, Pete Slater, had to suffer through three races on a badly bruised heel.

Nevertheless, Cornell managed to field its fair share of real "Blue Chippers". Eric Groon dazzled the spectators and Tom Larris by beating his old school rival in a grueling mile clocked in 4:15.4—fastest indoor mile in the long history of Cornell milers. Groon ran on Laris's shoulder for the first three quarters, but coming off the far turn in the last lap he managed to put on a kick that carried him to the tape with about a yard to spare. Laris has run 4:13, which might show something of Groon's excellent potential.

George Ekstrom qualified with ease in the 50 yard dash and then went on to show some of his IC4A form of last year by winning the finals in a respectable 5.6.

Self-made timber topper Ray Burton gave all he could in the highs but missed first place on a judge's decision that could have gone either way. Burton also capped a third in the dash and a few minutes later ran the fastest leg on the mile relay. This having been accomplished while still recovering from the flu.

Sophomore Pete Slater, in spite of his heel, snagged a come-from-behind third in the mile, took second in the 1000, and finished his day with a leg on the two mile relay—a most adequate workout. Another sophomore, Paul "Whitey" Deignan, displayed great determination by taking a second in the two mile against some very formidable competition.

John Murray and Al Finch took one and two in the pole vault, overcoming the hazards of a bad landing pit; and Murray Moulding ran away from the pack to score five points in the 600. Moulding also ran the anchor leg on the mile relay.

Transportation Snarl Leaves Mark

Groon Takes 3rd In IC4A Mile

The IC4A's this year managed to come in the middle of the blizzard season. First the team counted on taking a bus into New York; but when three feet of snow barred the way, plans were changed in favor of the train, airlines having been rejected as a pipe dream. But complications ensued, snow continued to fall, and the Lehigh Valley found itself stuck in a drift just outside of Geneva. The train finally pulled into the station shortly before dawn and a bedraggled Big Red track team stumbled aboard.

After seven hours of fitful dozing, interrupted by flat wheels and numerous jolts and creakings, the team pulled into Grand Central with just enough time for Eric Groon to catch a cab to the Garden where half an hour later he won his qualifying heat in the mile. Groon used foresight and was clad in his uniform when the train arrived.

Later that afternoon, Murray Moulding and Peter Brandeis missed qualifying in the 600 and concluded that sitting up all night in a train station does not promote speed and endurance. George Ekstrom, who placed in last year's finals in the 60 but who was unable even to qualify this year, shared a similar feeling about train stations.

Saturday night was not totally without glory for Cornell, however, John Murray arched over the pole vault bar at 14 feet, and Eric Groon, gallantly fighting the field in the last lap, nipped a third place with a clocking of 4:18.

Pictures, Please

A locker room is a homely place at best, but certain things can be done to enhance its purely functional appearance. In this regard we have adorned all free wall space with prominent men of the spiked shoe—both present and past. It is regrettable, however, that what photos we do have do not follow a perfect historical sequence. There are a few gaps.

So we make a humble plea—in the name of a well dressed locker room—that you look through the attic and send along any of the following team pictures you happen to find. 1900 through 1904, '06 or '07, '12 through '17, '19 through '21, '25, '26, or '33, 36 through 38, or '42 through 1944.

We'd like these pictures to be 11 by 14 inches. If you cannot have the copies made (all processing would be paid for by the Spiked Shoe), just send the pictures along and we'll do the job ourselves. Also, your pictures will be returned.
**Alumni Corner...**

**Featuring Cornell Olympians of 1912**

**WILLIAM H. FRITZ '14**

Twice winner of the IC4A two mile title with a new meet record set in 1911, Tell Berna became internationally famous in May, 1912 when he created a new world's two mile record of 9:17.8 in a dual meet with Penn on Percy Field. Intercollegiate cross country champion in his sophomore year, he placed second to Jones in 1911 and 1912 in this event. Formerly general manager of the National Machine Tool Builder's Association, Berna retired a few years ago and lives at Nantucket, Massachusetts.

Berna was the gold medal winner in the 3,000 meters team race and placed fifth in the 5,000 meters run. Jones finished fourth in the famous 1500 meters run won by Jackson of Great Britain. Putnam and Caldwell both qualified for the finals of the 800 meters but ran unplaced in the record breaking race won by Ted Meredith of the U.S.A. Fritz and Dukes both tied at 11 ft. 11¾ in. out of the running in the pole vault while Richards, then representing Brigham Young University, captured the Olympic high jump championship with a leap of 6 ft. 3.98 in.

Coming to Cornell following his Olympic victory, Alma Richards became an all around star setting Cornell records in the high jump, broad jump and shot put, scoring many points in these events although never winning in the IC4A outdoor championships. He was the National A.A.U. Decathlon champion in 1913, high jump champion in 1913, and shot put champion in 1918.

**HERB PUTNAM '12**

Besides their fine performances in championship events, Jones, Berna, and Putnam accounted for many first places in dual meet competition, in relay racing, and in indoor meet special races.

**GORDON B. DUKES '10**

Dukes competed for the New York Athletic Club following his graduation. He was national indoor pole vault champion in 1911 and tied for the outdoor title in 1912. For many years he has lived in South America and his present address is 1154 Cangallo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A.

Fritz, who played three years of varsity football as half back, was in the wholesale lumber business up until his death in 1941 in his home town of Wayne, Pa.
Dave Caldwell, who attended Massachusetts Agricultural College when he was selected for the Olympic Team, transferred to Cornell where he distinguished himself by winning the IC4A half mile in 1914 in the record time of 1:53.4. Later, competing for the Boston Athletic Association, he was a well known contestant in many special indoor races. He died in his home town of South Byfield, Massachusetts in 1953.

All Cornellians can well be proud of these seven great champions and competitors, and thanks to them, Cornell's reputation in track and field was again upheld in the Olympic Games—this time the Stockholm, Sweden Olympiad of 1912.

Hunt Bradley '26
Alumni Secretary

Immediate Action Requested

Last spring there appeared in this journal a somewhat facetious appeal for a new field house. This time we aren't kidding.

A very promising two miler, Frank Brockman, was out for the entire winter season with a stress fracture in his shin. Before his injury early in February, Brockman had been running around 9:30. Now he can't run at all and as a consequence may not be able to make the spring trip. Cause of the injury: hard running on a poor track in excessively cold weather.

Chest colds have been another drain on the team's strength. Pete Brandeis, Ray Burton, Jim McSweeney, and these others have at one time or another been put out of commission by persistent, bronchial infections—once again brought on by training in subfreezing weather.

Alumni may look back with pride to the championship teams fielded by Jack Moakley, but a second glance will reveal that these squads put on their greatest performance during the outdoor season. It was only outdoors that every team in the league was subject to the same training hazards. And it might also be interesting to conjecture how well the great teams of the past would fare in today's competition. If the other schools in the Ivy league or the IC4A are beginning to surpass the Big Red it is only because their training facilities have been modernized.

Harvard, Yale, Army, Navy, Dartmouth, and Brown have indoor cinder tracks. Cornell, Penn, and Columbia do not. Among these three, only Cornell has been able to produce a great distance runner—in the last decade—Mike Midler. Training on the boards is not impossible, but the odds against staying healthy are legion.

So far nothing has been done. No estimates have been made, no authorities consulted, no possibilities given any serious consideration. And still the team keeps plodding out to the track to clear away the snow or sprinkle salt on the icy spots before starting their workouts. Better than nothing at all, a wind screen might be put around the track—and this at a very minimal cost. Ideally, a new field house would be best. Such a structure would benefit—as well as the track team—the La Crosse and football teams. But action must be taken to turn ideas into reality; and unless the initiative is taken immediately, track at Cornell will decline to the point where competition becomes a farce.