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to Cornell in maintaining Alumni interest in the sport and attracting good track material to the University.

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In one of the most thrilling sport spectacles ever witnessed at Schoellkopf Field, the Big Red, in concert with the athletes from Penn, managed to run away with the 440, 880, and mile and thereby turn a sure thing for the Britons into a grand triumph for the Americans.

The first sign of an upset came when Cornell's co-captain Pete Brandeis swept off the final turn in the 880 and surged ahead to win in 1:52.6. Brandeis' time was considered excellent on the soggy, puddle spotted track. John Holt, of Oxford, had been counted on to give Brandeis some real trouble but failed to come up to his 1:49.1 capabilities when earlier in the day he developed a hundred degree fever. Holt finished the race a distant fourth. Freshman Cornellian Frans Smith finished third in the race and also participated in the 440 relay.

It was Steve Machooka, Cornell's freshman mile sensation from East Africa, however, who perpetrated the meet's most unexpected upset. Tom Briault of Oxford, who has paced the mile in 4:05, led for the first three quarters, but rounding the turn for the final lap Machooka put on a sudden burst and kept up the phenomenal speed all the way to the finish line while some 6,000 fans — mostly reuning Cornellians — cheered and hardly dared believe it could be true. Machooka's final quarter was an unofficial 57.0 which was fast enough to give him the victory by twelve yards. The final time, 4:10.8 was not only a personal best for 'Masati', as he is known in Kenya, but it also was the fastest mile ever run by a Cornellian.

Another record, this time the meet record, was shattered by Bob Harper of Penn when he powered his way through a 48.3 quarter mile, run in English fashion around two turns. A last minute scratch by Adrian Metcalfe of Oxford removed the favored British runner from this event. Murray Moulding, of Cornell, placed second with a time of 48.7 which likewise surpassed the old record.

With only one point being awarded per event, Bob Batdorf of Penn walked off the field with two points to his and the team's credit and also with two new records. Batdorf won the shot put with a toss of 54 feet 10³/₄ inches and the discus with an effort of 163 feet 10 inches.

Cornell's other famous co-captain John Murray pushed the meet record in the pole vault up to 14 feet 6 inches. Though not his personal best, Saturday's victory meant for John the culmination of a brilliant career in track at Cornell.

Oxford-Cambridge did themselves proud in the hurdle races. Led by Michael Parker of Cambridge with Michael Robinson, also of Cambridge coming close behind, the British scored one-two in both the highs and the lows. Parker, in the lows, tied the meet record of 24.5.

Another Cornell first came from George Ekstorm who ran through a muddy one hundred yards in 10 seconds flat leaving Dewey Roberts and Brian Smouha, both of Cambridge, a safe two yards in the rear. In the 220, however, Ehstrom met his Waterloo in the speedy form of Adrian Metcalf who completed the distance in 21.9. This race was likewise run around one turn.

Next year's captain Tom Mikulina of Cornell was top man in the high jump with a spring of 6 feet 3³/₄ inches, just under the Schoellkopf record of 6 feet 4. Mikulina has cleared this height in practice fairly consistently but on Saturday was unable to get his steps on the slippery, rain-soaked takeoff area.

Despite Whity Deignan's valiant effort in the two mile, the event went to John Boulter of Oxford and Whitey had to be satisfied with a second place. The British likewise showed strength in the broad jump and javelin throw, winning both events and capturing a record in the latter with an effort by Colin Bacon of Cambridge that sent the spear out 208 feet 1 inch. Bob Schmitt, of Cornell tied with Roger Lane of Oxford for second.

Although the British were able to muster an able crew of sprinters in the final relay, even Abilene Christian couldn't have rounded the quarter mile fast enough to snatch back the meet victory. With Harper's win in the 440, Cornell-Penn surged ahead with an invincible total of first places which, in spite of the Oxford-Cambridge relay victory, still left the bacon with the home team. Next year, however, the battle will be waged in the Mother Country which may tip the balance of advantages toward the English side.

COLGATE vs. CORNELL—APRIL 22, 1961

Shu-ah. . .

Running under the familiar rains of Ithaca-town, Cornell's trackmen downed Colgate 85-55 in the first dual meet of the season. As both squads had been plagued by weeks of rain and cold, outstanding performances were rare, if present at all. Coach Jack Warner's men won only 3 events—the shot, the discuss and the mile relay—as Cornell grabbed 13 of the 16 first places. Seniors George Ekstrom and John Winter each won twice, the former sprinting 10.0 and 21.7, the latter high hurdling 15.4 and broad jumping 21'6".

Murray Moulding had to hold off two Colgate quarter-milers before winning his event in 49.4, while Peter Brandeis won the 880 in 1:57.1, also after holding off two Colgate runners. In all, Colgate took 2nd and 3rd in 6 of the 13 events won by Cornell.

Eric Groon and Whitey Deignan took 1-2 in the mile, Groon winning easily in the time of 4:21.0. Ray Westendorp and Frank Brockman engineered a tie for first place in the 2-mile, but Westy was given the win when the Turk exhaled while crossing the finish line. Both men were clocked in 9:36.5.

The field event men were led by L. M. Schenker and Bob Schmitt. The former won the 16 lb. hammer throw with a good early season toss of 150'8", while Schmitt threw the javelin 191'. John Murray won the vault at 13'6", but chose not to continue when the rains came down. Tom Mikulina high-jumped 5'10" and followed Murray's example. Second place in both these events was taken by sophomore Bob Potter, whose 13' effort behind Murray was his best ever.

The mile relay was won by Colgate in 3:21.9. An injury to relay regular Pete Smith and an unusual mental lapse by the widow advisor combined to bring Cornell to defeat, only .1 of a second off the pace. The beaten quartet, however, found solace in the immortal words of the Gray Eagle: "We learn more in defeats than we do in victories.

Hammer Throw—1. Schenker, Cornell 150' 8"; 2. Decker, Colgate; 3. Sacks, Cornell

Shot Put—1. Buchs, Colgate 41' 7"; 2. MacKinnon, Colgate; 3. Schenker, Cornell

Broad Jump—1. Winter, Cornell 21' 5¾"; 2. Gunther, Colgate; 3. MacKinnon, Colgate

High Jump—1. Mikulina, Cornell 5' 10"; 2. Tie, Potter, Cornell; MacKinnon, Colgate

Pole Vault (not completed because of rain)—1. Murray, Cornell 13' 6"; 2. Potter, Cornell 13'; 3. Wren, Colgate 12'

One Mile Run—1. Groon, Cornell 4:21.0; 2. Deignan, Cornell; 3. Billet, Colgate

440 Yard Run—1. Moulding, Cornell 0:49.4; 2. Courter, Colgate; 3. Kennedy, Colgate

100 Yard Dash—1. Ekstrom, Cornell 0:10.0; 2. Gunther, Colgate; 3. Davis, Colgate

120 Yard High Hurdles—1. Winter, Cornell 0:15.4; 2. Dornbusch, Cornell; 3. DeOrsey, Cornell

220 Yard Low Hurdles—1. Dornbusch, Cornell 0:25.4; 2. Tie, De Orsey, Cornell, Robishaw, Colgate

880 Yard Run—1. Brandeis, Cornell 1:57.1; 2. Silberberg, Colgate; 3. Smith, Colgate

Two Mile Run—1. Westendorp, Cornell 9:36.5; 2. Brockman, Cornell 9:36.5; 3. Gerlach, Colgate

220 Yard Dash—1. Ekstrom, Cornell 0:21.7; 2. Davis, Colgate; 3. Kennedy, Colgate

Javelin—1. Schmitt, Cornell 191'; 2. Faske, Colgate; 3. Ferri, Colgate

***Discus** (held in the rain)— 1. Busch, Colgate 147' 7"; 2. MacKinnon, Colgate; 3. Murray, Cornell

One Mile Relay (in the Rain)— 1. Colgate 3:21.9; 2. Cornell 3:22.0

Cornell Intrasquad Freshman Mile Relay (in the rain)—
1. "A" Team 3:27.2

* New Meet Record. Old record by Wechter, Cornell '54—135' 1¾"

PRINCETON vs CORNELL—MAY 20, 1961

Caitie's Furioso . . .

Five records fell on May 20 as Cornell downed Princeton 75-65, and thereby completed its second straight undefeated outdoor season. Senior "timber-topper" John Winter, while failing to shatter a standard, led the scoring with 15 big points. His 14.9 effort in the high hurdles was his best ever in that event.

Leading the record breakers was John Murray, whose 14' 8½" pole vault bettered the meet and Schoellkopf field records and also topped his own all-time Cornell record. Golden John gave Princeton's young Charlie Mitchell a lesson in vaulting.

Frantic Peter Brandeis, still training religiously for the IC4A and NCAA Championships, reeled off a beautiful 1:51.7 half-mile. His performance, like Murray's, shattered the meet and field records, but was .6 of a second off his own Cornell mark. The other Cornelian breaking a record was Tom Mikulina, who wriggled his new slim, trim frame over a field record height of 6'4" in the high jump.

Timmy Tornrose of Princeton won both the discus and shot, while Tiger ace Larry Buell beat Bob Schmitt's season best (195'11") with a field record javelin toss of 205' 11". Dick Edmunds completed the Princeton scoring with victories in the 220 and 440 yard dashes, and a torrid mile relay anchor leg.

The Red gathered 15 points in the distance runs, sweeping the 2-mile and nailing down 1st and 3rd in the mile. Eric Groon, concerned lest he lose to Reisinger-like upstart Peter Hooley of Princeton, moved on the last backstretch and won his race in 4:17.6. In the longer race Ray Westendorp, 3rd behind Groon, won in 9:33.9, defeating teammates Whitey Deigan

and Frank Brockman. The Turk, running his last race for his beloved alma mater, ignored a painful Achilles tendon and just did edge Princeton x-c ace Pete Kingston for 3rd place.

Hammer Throw—1. Weihenmayer (P) 153' 8"; 2. Medina (P) 149' 9"; 3. Schenker (C) 148' 3"

Javelin—1. Buell (P) 205' 11"; 2. Schmitt (C) 195' 11½"; 3. Zagoria (P) 192' 4½"

Pole Vault—1. Murray (C) 14' 8½"*** #; 2. Mitchell (P) 14'; 3. Potter (C) 13'

High Jump—1. Mikulina (C) 6' 4"***; 2. Tie, Day (P), Herold (P) 5' 10"

440 Yard Run—1. Edmunds (P) 0:48.2; 2. Moulding (C); 3. Smith (C)

120 High Hurdles—1. Winter (C) 0:14.9; 2. Herold (P); 3. DeOrsey (C)

880 Yard Run—1. Brandeis (C) 1:51.7* #; 2. Azoy (P); 3. Shenk (P)

Two Mile Run—1. Westendorp (C) 9:33.9; 2. Deignan (C); 3. Brockman (C)

Discuss—1. Tornrose (P) 130' 9¼"; 2. Murray (C) 127' 1½"; 3. Schenker (C) 125' 10"

Broad Jump—1. Winter (C) 21' 9½"; 2. Ekstrom (C) 21' 3"; 3. Bales (P) 20' 10½"

Shotput—1. Tornrose (P) 48' 7¾"; 2. Medina (P) 45'; 3. Fraser (C) 43' 11¾"

One Mile Run—1. Groom (C) 4:17.6; 2. Hoey (P); 3. Westendorp (C)

100 Yard Dash—1. Ekstrom (C) 0.10.1; 2. Melrose (P); 3. Bulazel (C)

220 Yard Low Hurdles—1. Winter (C) 0:25.3; 2. DeOrsey (C); 3. Herold (P)

220 Yard Dash—1. Edmunds (P) 0:21.7; 2. Ekstrom (C); 3. Melrose (P)

One Mile Relay—1. Princeton 3:17.1*; 2. Cornell 3.18.3 (Smith, McSweeney, Moulding, Brandeis)

New Meet Record

* New Schoellkopf Field Record

** New Cornell Record

OUTDOOR IC4A MEET—MAY 27, 1961

DRY SCHOLARS . . .

After the resounding success of the Princeton meet, the outdoor IC4A's were a disappointment. Although co-captains Murray and Brandeis, and co-captain elect Mikulina performed well enough to score points, their marks were well below those achieved the week before. Amid torrential rains Murray led the squad of seven Cornellians by tying Maryland's John Belitza for first place in the pole vault. Both men managed only to clear 14', the height at which Steel-Blue ordinarily takes his practice jumps.

Heptagonal 880 Champion Peter Brandeis also found the wind and rain bothersome. After surviving the morning trials, which eliminated Stack and Carroll of Yale, and Evans of Manhattan, the Tel-Aviv bound (no, not the Peace Corps) Hotel student finished a close second to Villanova's Jon Dante in the time of 1:55.6. High jumper Tom Mikulina tied for 4th place with a leap of 6'2" as Boston University's John Thomas won the event at 6'5".

Of the Redmen failing to place, the most successful was weight-thrower L. Michael Schenker, who finally mastered "Edward's high plane in 3 turns" and threw the 16 lb. ball 157' 5", his best effort in competition this year. Paul Deignan ran a good 3-mile, and, although he finished 8th, his time of 15:02 was enough to beat Indoor Heps Champ Tom Laris of Dartmouth. Bob Schmitt threw the javelin over 180', less than 8' behind 5th place, but was way off form due to poor footing in the throwing area. Ray Westendorp, 5th in the Outdoor Heps mile, tired after staying with the pace for more than half the race. He failed to place.

It should be pointed out that potential scorers F. Brockman, Ekstrom, Moulding, Winter, and Groom were forced to miss the meet because of examinations. The Heptagonal Champion 1-mile relay team of McSweeney, P. Smith, Moulding and Brandeis was broken up for the same reason.