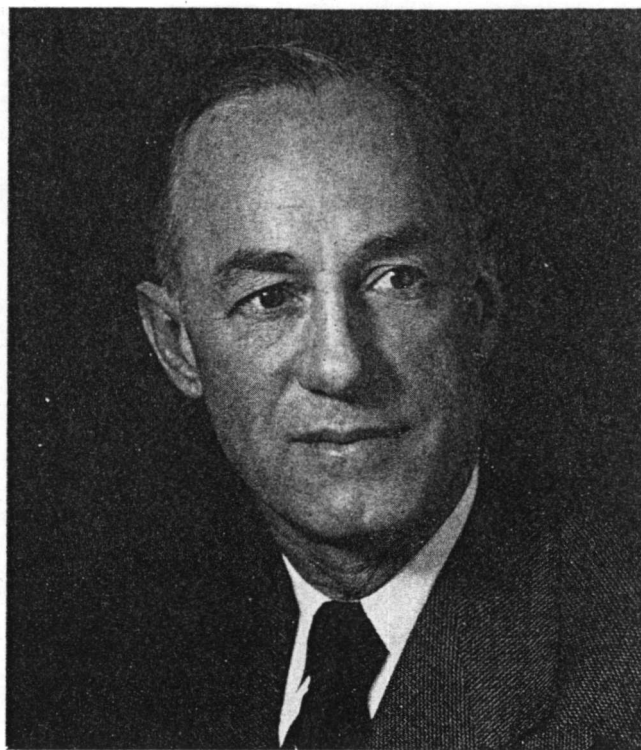


track '52

After a mediocre indoor track season, the Big Red trackmen showed that cinders were more to their liking as they completed another successful season outdoors. With individual Cornellians setting many new meet records, the Big Red track team showed up very impressively in the track world despite their failure to retain their IC4A title.

Opening their season at New York's Madison Square Garden in the NYAC indoor games, the Cornell squad looked good as the mile relay team of Meredith "Flash" Gourdine, Pete Chadwick, Clem Spieden, and Jim Lingel won in the fast early season time of 3:24.6, and Gourdine and Charlie Moore finished second in the 60-yard hurdles and 500-yard run respectively. Moore, running under the NYAC colors, retired the trophy in the "Buer-meyer 500", however, on the basis of his three-year point total. A week later at West Point, Coach Lou Montgomery's boys were soundly beaten by a deep, well-balanced Army team. Gourdine and Art Gar-



Coach Lou Montgomery

Top row: William O'Brian, David Pratt, Robert Martin, Robert Gerlough, Clement Spieden, Reay Sterling, William Stone, Peter Chadwick, Marcus Bressler, John Allen, Charles Huck. *Center row:* Henry Henriques, Frosh Coach; Henry Wood, Ass't Manager; Brooks Mills, Ass't Manager; David Willig, Allen Smith, Charles Trayford, Joseph Rieman, Robert Robertson, Craig Wiseman, William Fox. *Manager, Coach Montgomery, Edward Ratkoski, Ass't Coach. First row:* Harry Coyle, Eugene Zeiner, Arthur Gardiner, James Lingel, Meredith Gourdine, Stuart Merz, Douglas Fuchs, Albert Sebal.



diner scored more than half of Cornell's points as Gourdine copped firsts in the 60-yard hurdles and the broad-jump and a second in the 60, while senior weightman Art Gardiner won the shot-put and 35-pound weight throw.

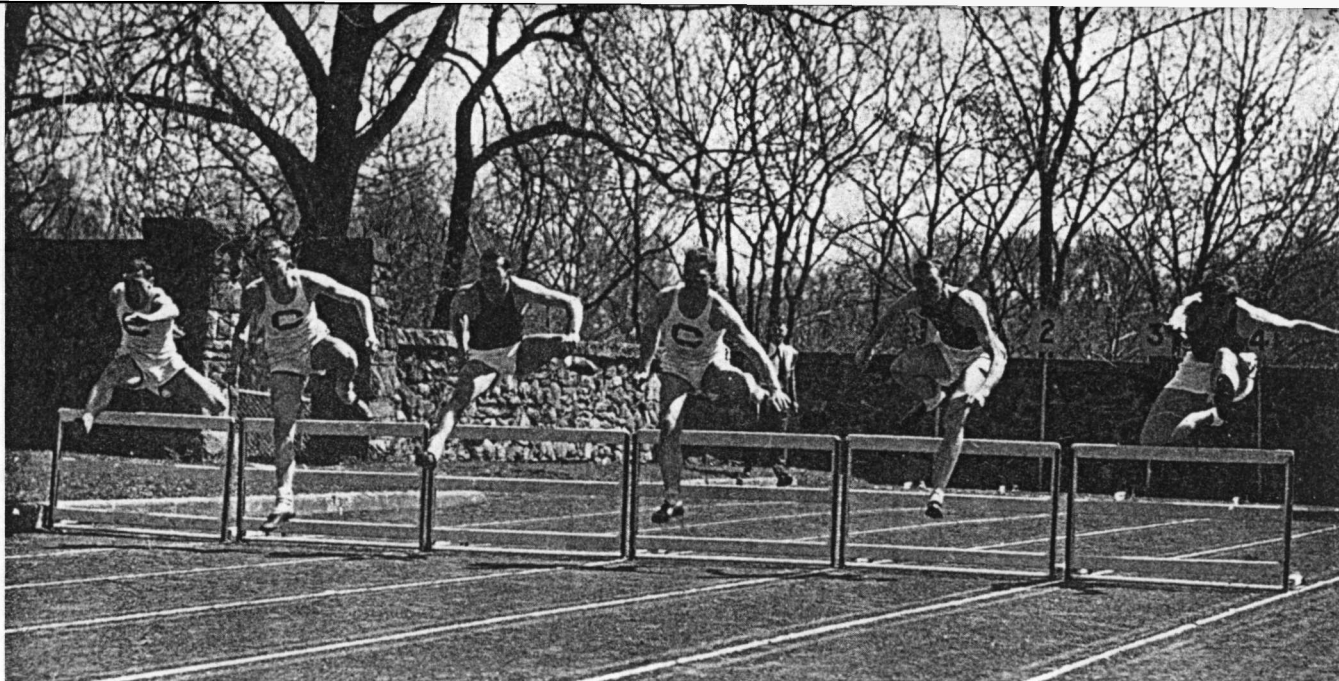
On February 23, in the IC4A Championships in the Garden, Cornell placed fourth behind Manhattan, Army, and Georgetown on the strength of Gourdine's nine-point output. The captain of the squad won the broad-jump and took second in the 60-yard dash, while Gardiner chipped in with a tie for second in the shot-put to add to the Cornell total. As the indoor season neared its close, Yale edged Cornell in their sixth annual meet before 2,000 fans in Barton Hall. Gourdine and Gardiner, in winning five events, combined to give Cornell twenty-five points of its 47-1/6 total. Both set meet records, Gourdine's coming as he leaped 25' 1-1/4" in the broad-jump, while Gardiner threw the 35-pound weight 55' 6-5/8" to set a meet and Bacon Cage mark in that event. Gene Zeiner's tie in the pole vault and the relay team's 3:25 mile rounded out the Red Team's victories. The season's end came with the 174th Regimental Invitational Games in Buffalo, highlighted by victories by Lingel in the 300-yard dash, the relay team in the medley relay, and Gourdine's second to Olympic champion Harrison Dillard in the 70-yard high hurdles. The same night, Charlie Moore spread Cornell's athletic fame by setting a new American flat track record of 1:10.7 in the 600-yard run.

The Red trackmen opened their outdoor season in Philadelphia at the Penn Relays. The Class B mile relay team of Lingel, Stu Merz, Al Sebald, and Dave Pratt took that event in 3:29.1, while Doug Fuchs placed third in the discus. In the first dual meet of the year Coach Montgomery's men gave an indication of things to come by crushing Penn on the Schoellkopf Field track. Four new meet records and Gardiner's sixteen point effort highlighted this one-sided meet. Gardiner's distances of 51' 8-1/2" in the shotput and 197' 3" in the javelin topped former records in those events, while Zeiner in the pole vault and Penn's Chuck Emery in the discus set other meet marks. Further Cornell victories were registered by Speiden in the mile, Lingel in his 440 specialty, Craig Weisman in the 100, Harry Coyle in the 120 high hurdles, Stu Merz in the 220, Mac Booth in the 220-yard low hurdles, Gardiner in the hammer, and the mile relay team in that event. Gardiner rounded out his scoring for the day by placing third in the discus.

Gardiner's thirteen points were a contributing factor in Cornell's close victory over Princeton at Palmer Stadium. Setting new meet records at 174' 3-1/2" and 50' 4-5/8" in the hammer and shot-put and placing third in the discus, Gardiner strengthened his position as mainstay of the team. Repeat winners from the dual meet victory over Penn were Lingel, Zeiner, Weisman, and Coyle, while Fuchs and Gourdine joined the winner's circle by copping the discus and 100-yard low hurdles, respectively.

Pratt, Trayford and Speiden challenge Dartmouth.





Hoffman, Booth and Coyle fight for lead against Penn.

Besides the 440, Lingel also won the 220, and in addition to winning the pole vault, Zeiner tied Princeton star Len Lyons in the high jump.

In the Heptagonal Games the host team Army beat out Cornell for the title by less than eight points. Although Gourdine failed to retain his broad-jump title, he, with ten points, and Gardiner, with seven, were high scorers for the Red. For the fourth year in a row a Cornell runner took the 440 title, as Lingel, in front all the way, won in 0:48.2. Gourdine in the 220 lows and the relay team in the 440 turned in the only other Cornell victories. On the same day in Los Angeles, ex-captain Charles Moore broke his American title in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 0:50.9. Cornell ended its season two weeks later by placing third in the IC4A Championships. Art Gardiner was the only Cornell winner with a 51' 2-1/8" put in the shot. Although he scored eleven points on two seconds and a third, Gourdine was unsuccessful in defending his broad-jump and low hurdle titles.

The crowning touches of the 1952 track season came during the summer, however. At the Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland, Gourdine placed a surprise second to Jerome Biffle, U.S.A., in the Olympic broad-jump final. It was another ex-captain, Charlie Moore, though, who became Cornell's only Olympic title holder as he won the 400-meter hurdles in record time. A third Cornellian, Walt Ashbaugh, representing the U. S. Army, placed in the hop, skip, and jump. Subsequently, on a wet track in England, Moore did the long awaited and expected as he set a new world's record in the 440-yard hurdles with a 0:51.2 clocking.

Many men are gone; new faces dominate the scene. All the while, however, old records are broken and new ones set as track at Cornell goes on.

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| Feb. 2 | N.Y.A.C. Games at New York | | |
| Feb. 16 | Army at West Point | 36 | 75 |
| Feb. 23 | IC4A Championships | | |
| | (indoors) | 12-1/2 | (4th) |
| Mar. 8 | Yale at Ithaca | 47-1/6 | 61-5/6 |
| Mar. 15 | 174th Regimental Invitational Games | | |
| Apr. 27 | Penn Relays at Philadelphia | | |
| May 3 | Pennsylvania | | |
| | at Ithaca | 87-1/3 | 52-2/3 |
| May 10 | Princeton at | | |
| | Princeton | 74 | 65 |
| May 17 | Heptagonal Games at | | |
| | West point | 42.2 | (2nd) |
| May 31 | IC4A Championships | | |
| | (outdoors) | 17 | (3rd) |

Up and over.





Back row: Willig; Stuckelman; Browne; Neilson. Middle row: Wood, mgr.; Martin; Hand; Bowell; Klein; Coach Montgomery. Front row: Silliman; Farley; O'Brian; Albers; Smith; Trayford.

Cross country

Team spirit was the keynote of the 1952 Cross-Country season. Working hard to make up for the loss of several key men via graduation, the Cornell harriers earned themselves a record of three wins and two losses, while placing second in the annual Heptagonal meet and 11th in the IC4A Championship.

Colgate was the first victim of the campaign by a 25-30 count. After the Raiders placed two men across the finish line in 30:21 over the 5.1 mile course, the Big Red followed with five cindermen in succession. First for Cornell was sophomore Jim Silliman clocked at 30:36, while teammates Bill O'Brian, Dave Willig, Mike Browne, and Al Smith rounded out the scoring for coach Lou Montgomery's men.

Against a strong Pennsylvania State squad, Ivy League Champions of the '51 season, Cornell was outclassed and suffered a 15-44 defeat. After State's Smith and Hollen placed first in a time of 28:49, Horner, Hanil and Linder followed to give the first five places to the Nittany Lions. Silliman, first for the Big Red, held down sixth place followed by a Penn man and five more Cornellians.

Yale went down to defeat as the Bulldogs succumbed to Cornell 24-31 on their new 4.5 mile course. Sixteen seconds separated the first five Red harriers. After Yale's Stanley took individual honors in 25:09.5, Co-Captain O'Brian came across in the time of 25:19. Third place went to Yale

but Chick Trayford led four Cornellians across the finish line to account for the second victory of the season.

Placing eight men across the finish line in a tie for first place, Syracuse humbled Cornell by a 15-50 count. The Orangemen, National Champions of the '51 season, whizzed around the 5.1 miles course in a snappy time of 28:03. Trayford was first for Cornell in 28:27 while Smith was close behind in a time of 28:31.

In a fine display of team strength, Cornell placed five men across the finish line within a period of 21 seconds as Alfred University suffered a 20-43 reversal. Alfred's Snyder ran the 4.1 mile course in 22:07 for individual honors but the next 11 men across the line were Cornellians, paced by O'Brian who negotiated the course in 22:33.

The Heptagonal meet held at Van Cortlandt Park, New York, saw Cornell place second to Army for the fifth consecutive year. Individual honors went to the West Point men as Lew Olive led the field in a time of 25:43.5 over the 5 mile course. Lead man for the Big Red was Co-Captain Bill Albers who came in 10th in 26:51. Cornell compiled 89 points, as compared to Army's 25, to place ahead of Navy, Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, Brown, Princeton, Columbia, and Pennsylvania.

Cornell's harriers closed out the '52 campaign with an 11th place in the IC4A Championships. Army was the only other Ivy school to place ahead of the Ithacans in the 23 team meet. Led by Trayford who placed 14th, Lou Montgomery's charges compiled 328 points. Michigan State copped the team championship.

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| | Oct. 4 | Colgate at Ithaca | 25 | 32 |
| | Oct. 11 | Penn State at Ithaca | 44 | 15 |
| | Oct. 18 | Yale at New Haven | 24 | 31 |
| | Oct. 25 | Syracuse at Syracuse | 50 | 15 |
| | Nov. 1 | Alfred at Alfred | 20 | 43 |
| | Nov. 7 | Heptagonals at New York City | 2nd | |
| | Nov. 17 | IC4A at New York City | 11th | |