

CROMWELL BANKING ON SECOND-YEAR ATHLETES

Youngsters Must Score Points if Trojans Are to Make Things Interesting for Cards

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(This is the eighth of a series of articles on track teams of Southern California.)

Several spindle-shaped sophomores hold the key to the track-and-field situation at Southern California this season. The word spindle-shaped is used advisedly for most of the twenty-odd second-year youngsters on Dean Cromwell's squad are more youths who have yet to get their full growth and consequently are not striking models for artists who dabble in sculpture.

Cromwell has a flock of good ones left over from last year but his track team will not be capable of producing



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Here is the way the Southern California team shapes up at the present writing:

Sprints—Charley Borch, Freddie Draper, Paul Bergfeld.

Quarter-mile—Eddie Brown, Bruce Smith, Willie Lewis, Gordon Maxwell, Leo Hartigan.

Half-mile—Tom Adams, Ed George, Olympe Kirk.

Mile—Charles Turck, Jim Hanes, Bryce Schurz, Edwirth Patterson.

Two-mile—Gordon Smith, Mike Hanson, Warren Woodruff.

Hurdles—Eli Reynolds, Harold Weber, Alvin Graham, Jimmy Payne, Norman Powers, Herbert Fischer, Hart, Miller, Joe Robinson.

Four Yard — Capt. Lee Barnes, Jack Williams, Bill Hubbard, Bill Livingston.

High Jump—Henry Coggshall, Al Brown, Jim Stewart.

Steeple Chase—Joe Hill, Eli Reynolds, Spencer Kelly.

Barriers—Jim Mortenson, Spencer Kelly, David Thomas.

Discus — Jim Stewart, Mike Hayes.

Shot—Bill Bradley, Ed Albert.

Twenty of these athletes are sophomores. In certain events it is imperative that they "come through" if the Trojans are to make any kind of a showing against tough competition. This is especially true in the mile and two-mile and also in the quarter, three and shot. Frankly, the Trojans are very weak in the last three events, just where Stanford is the strongest.

MORTENSON IN LINE

None of the three quarter milesters has cleared 170 ft. at this writing, which won't place against Stanford. Mortenson, as they are all sophomores, there is some hope for the future.

Mortenson, a strong one, may become good enough to knock off a point of one this year, provided he doesn't have to stay with hobbled Tom King.

In the three Jim Stewart, the sophomore from Texas, is virtually the sole hope at Hayes.

The other quarter, hasn't broken 110 ft. Stewart can do around 100 ft. when right. Cromwell says he plans to use Jim in only the high jump and discus, because participation in other events would lessen his point-winning value in these two. Stewart was third in the national decathlon at Lincoln, Neb., last year and is a fine all-around athlete. He does 47 1/2 in the high jump and many get better now that he won't be cramped by other events.

Charles Turck is returning this winter for the mile, but has been bothered by rheumatism in his leg and may not perform as he has in the past. Jim Hanes, a hard-worker, and Schurz are left over from last year. The former was third in the Stanford meet last year. Patterson, the sophomore, has done 40, 35, and is a brilliant prospect. He is young and should be a great miler in the future, just how soon, only time will tell.

SOPHOMORE TWO-MILER

Smith, two-miler, was third against Stanford last season, but is likely to be outstripped by Hanson and Woodruff, two sophomore team-mates. Hanson hails from San Pedro, while Woodruff comes from Redondo. The two were old rivals in the Bay League. Both was probably do around 100 ft.

The two sophomores shot putters, Bradley and Albert, can't go much over 40 ft., which just isn't very good at all in this day and age. Stewart has done better than 40 ft., but Cromwell says he won't use Jim in this event.

In the other time events Southern California is pretty well fortified, although Cromwell may have some trouble scoring many points in the half-mile, where there are no really outstanding performers. Adams or Kirk, the sophomore, may develop before the season ends.

Charley Borch can be counted on for eight or ten points in any meet in the country, and the chap Draper may prove to be a capable training-man. Reports that Draper and "Boston Borch six times" are the best. The two met once in an inter-collegiate meet, when they were freshmen, and Draper won by a foot or so. He was not in good shape last year, so did not compete for the Trojans. It won't make Cromwell a bit mad if Draper proves fast enough to push Borch all the way. Bergfeld is a sophomore with the possibilities.

SPENCER TWO COOR

Barnes and Bruce Smith are about a stand-off in the 44, but neither is capable of extending Capt. Bud Spencer, the distinguished Stanford speedster. Maxwell and Hartigan are sophomores.

Southern California has the greatest crop of hurdlers that ever attended any institution at the same time. Reynolds, who was hindered by a bad leg last year, is probably the best of the full timber coppers, while Payne, sophomore sensation, should show his teeth to everybody in the team. Mortenson is being groomed for the abbreviated hurdler, although most of his training has been done over the higher stakes. Cromwell thinks

Joe has the build of a low hurdler, so that's what he's going to be. Besides, when legs are a little short for hurdling, will be converted into a quarter-mile this season.

The Trojans should knock off not less than eight points in each of the hurdle races against all competition, but Stanford where Nichols and Tom must be considered good enough to slip into second place and possibly first in one of the events. These races should be among the best on the program when the two intercollegiate meets meet.

FOUR FOUR FALTERS

Capt. Lee Barnes and Jack Williams do better than 110 ft. with monotonous regularity, and should knock one, two, in their Coast meets. Hubbard, a sophomore, has also cleared this altitude, while Livingston, another second-year boy, is looked upon as a sure 110 ft. number before the season closes.

Joe Hill, who set a new Pacific Coast record of 200 ft. in the broad jump last year, is back, and will be aided by Reynolds and Spencer Kelly, a sophomore.

Coggshall has cleared 50 ft. in the high jump, while Barnes and Stewart do 45 ft. or better.