

THE SPORTS PARADE

Dean Cromwell Marshalling Great Trojan Track Aggregation for 1936 Competition

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HOWARD JONES has had his troubles with the Trojan football team for the past two years and Sam Barry is having his worries trying to hold on to the Trojans' conference championship in basketball, but from the looks of the track and field men gamboling about Bovard field and Dean Cromwell's smile, the Trojans are going to continue their championship ways on the cinderpath. Last year, as you track bugs probably recall, Dean's Southern Californians won their seventh I.C.A.A.A. championship since 1924 and their fourth N.C.A.A. title. They simply walked off with both meets, scoring 81 points in the I.C.A.A. to California's second place 77½ and 74 1-2 points in the N.C.A.A. to Ohio State's 46 1-2. Unless grave misfortune reaches out its clammy paw and plucks off about half of the Trojan stars, S.C. will be favored to finish out in front of all national inter-collegiate competition again this year.

Graduation removed a few stars and a few of those eligible to compete again have failed to return to the university this year, but new talent up from the frosh may just about make up for the missing men. Stars lost through graduation include Al Olson, I.C.A.A. broad jump champion last year and N.C.A.A. champ two seasons ago; Francis Benavidez, who ran the mile last year in 4m. 11s. to set a new Trojan record; Norman Paul, Eddie Hall and Gil Strother, an almost unbeatable trio in the low hurdles; Paul Jungbett, who usually was better than 24ft. in the broad jump, and Jim Fimple, a 13ft. 6in. pole vaulter. Johnny McCarthy, who ran the 440 in 47.5s. and Ray Cartwright, who hit 1m. 55s. in the half mile, now have good jobs and may also be added to the list of missing stars, but still Trojans fans find no cause for gloom in contemplating the coming season.

Stars Return for Sprints

Foy Draper, S.C.'s little sprinter who dashed to a victory over George Anderson in the I.C.A.A.A. 200 meters last year, and George Boone, who was second in the I.C.A.A. 100, both return. The sprints will be further strengthened for Troy when Adrian Talley, who has done 9.2s. and 21.8s. in the 100 and 220, and Jim (Red) Abbott, also join the varsity. Talley starred for the frosh last year, while Abbott was laid up with a lame knee. Jim Cassin, who ran sixth in both the I.C.A.A. and N.C.A.A. quarter, and Al Fitch, who is Far Western A.A.U. champion, should be able to take care of the 440 even if McCarthy fails to return to school. Harold Smallwood, the fourth man on the relay team last year, and Bob Bonebrake, a sophomore speedster from Orange, will also be available in this event.

Ross Bush was one of the outstanding half-milers of the nation last year as a sophomore. His best winning time was 1m. 53.5s., tying Estel Johnson's Trojan record, although he ran 1m. 53.2s. in finishing a foot behind Charles Beetham in the Ohio State meet. "Tartan" Johnson also returns and may be used in both the half and quarter. No milers of Benavidez's speed and consistency are in the offing although Cromwell has a good prospect in Ned Jensen, who ran the half for the frosh last year. Pete Zamperini, who beat 4m. 30s. last year, returns, while John Thoeny, who won many races both in the mile and two-mile for the frosh last season, will also be available. The two-mile will again have Freddie Lantz and Kenny Yates, both of whom hit a fraction over 9:45 last year.

Hurdling Aces on the Job

Phil Cope and Roy Staley, the high hurdling twins who ran a dead heat to tie the world's record of 14.2s. last year, both return. Phil has a shade the edge on Roy, being I.C.A.A. champion and a third-place winner in the N.C.A.A., but Staley was also a place winner in both big meets. Although Paul, Hall and Strother will be missed in the lows, new men may successfully replace them. Lucien Wilson, who was Southern California Junior College champion last year at 23.9, is now a Trojan, while other good prospects here are Sophomores Lloyd Olson, Bob McWhinney and Leland La Ford, the last named having been a sprinter last year.

In four of the six field events the Trojans appear to be hard to beat. One William Kenneth Carpenter looks like Uncle Sam's fair-haired boy in the discus throw for the Olympics. He tossed the dish 185ft. 16in. last summer while touring Europe and in his final meet at Budapest he heaved one over 175ft. to beat the world's record only to skid about a half-inch out of the ring. It's also going to be hard winning pole-vault points from the Trojans, who still have Bill Sefton, who cleared 14ft. 3¼in. last year, and Earle Meadows, who hit 14ft. 3¼in. John Hooker, who toes 11ft. 8in. consistently, is also back. The high jump will have Delos Thurber, who cleared 4ft. 6in. as a freshman last spring as well as the veteran Randall Spicer, who has done 4ft. 3¼in. Ambrose Schindler, the frosh football star, had a mark of 4ft. 3in. in high school and may also be a high jump point winner if his lame ankle heals. Another event in which the Trojans will have a powerful competitor will be the javelin throw in which R. Tex Milner hit 215ft. 11in. as a freshman last year.

Pleanty of Broad Jumpers

In the other two field events the Trojans may not have Olympic possibilities but they will still be strong. Don Skinner may turn out to be another Al Olson in the broad jump. The former Manual Arts High School star, who was Southern California high school champion in 1934, has cleared 23ft. 10in. and should get well past the 24ft. mark this year. Marvin Crawford, a place winner in the I.C.A.A. last year, hits 24ft. and slightly beyond occasionally and he returns to show the way for Skinner. Owen Hansen, the 180-pound man of might who put the shot 44ft. 9¼in. last year, will again be S.C.'s outstanding heaver of the iron ball although at present his arm is still sore from a football injury and he may be late in starting his training.

The Trojans will not defend their I.C.A.A.A. title this year as they are joining with other Pacific Coast Conference teams in the revival of the conference meet May 29 and 30 in Los Angeles. However, they'll defend their N.C.A.A. championship June 19 and 20 and many of them hope to be on hand when Uncle Sam holds the final Olympic tryouts, July 19 and 21. The N.C.A.A. will probably be held in Chicago and the final tryouts will probably go to New York, so that the best of the S.C. squad will have a trip East despite the passing up of the I.C.A.A.