

ZAMPERINI WIN PREDICTED

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Louie Zamperini, Trojan ace miler, will this season return to the scene of one of his first major triumphs, Minneapolis. There, in the mile run, he will defeat a field of the best collegiate milers in the country and crack himself an N.C.A.A. record, which, incidentally, is his already. Thus predicts Dean Cromwell, Zamperini's coach, as the latter begins his training for his final collegiate season.

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well, "is no better than he has done already."

It will be remembered that in 1938, as a sophomore, Zamperini went back to Minneapolis for the National Collegiate Athletic Association meet and sneaked around in the shadow of Mr. Chuck Fenske, then supposedly the Grand Hat of college milers. But when the chips went down, the race run and the tape

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breasted, it was Louis Zamperini, not Chuck Fenske, who led the pack. Coming from nowhere with a kick finish such as a sprinter has coming off the mark, the dark Trojan surprised all Minneapolis so much two sports reporters dated their stories out of St. Paul. This is terrific surprise in Minneapolis.

In that race Louis Zamperini, as a sophomore, set the present N.C.A.A. record of 4m. 8.3s. which Cromwell thinks he can break this year on the same track. It is believed that Cromwell is basing his opinion upon the truly fine indoor season Zamperini just completed in the East during his first season on the boards. He broke under 4m. 8s. in one race, licked men such as Cunningham and Venzke, and was but barely nosed out by his old rival Fenske in the fastest mile of the season.

In the East Zamperini showed he has increased his strength and supposedly snapped off a level which has been his ever since the first Minneapolis race. He has been running great races, but not for a Zamperini; 4m. 13.6s., 4m. 11.2s. and 4m. 11.9s.—which he did in the N.C.A.A., I.C.4A. and Coast Conference-Big Ten meets last year, respectively—are creditable speeds, but not for a gent who can gear himself below 4m. 10s. with ease.

A touch of the Nurmi technique, which is running against the clock within his own limits, rather than running to trim the next man in the race, can imprint Zamperini's name on the record of milers for all time. This 147 pound, skinny sort of Trojan is a great runner. And his coach hopes that this season he will go to town to give the intercollegiate hopefuls a few records to shoot at in the long years to come. To do that, all he has to do is no better than he has done—because doing that well spiritually now, when he is more mature, stronger, will take care of the clock.