

GLOOMY EXPRESSION

Mortensen Presents 1953 Troy Tracksters

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Coach Jess Mortensen presented his 1953 Trojan track squad to public view—via the press photographers—yesterday and donned his gloomiest expression while discussing the forthcoming season.

True, he has two Olympic champions, Sim Iness in the discus and Parry O'Brien in the shot, and a hurdler, Jack Davis, who was second in the Finland games.

And he has back the men who scored 56-1/3 points in the NCAA championships out of SC's winning 66-7/12 total.

But it's a matter of depth, for dual meet competition, that causes Mortensen's expressed worries.

Chief Weaknesses

Chief weaknesses appear in the distances, broad jump and pole vault with the sprints regarded as somewhat questionable.

Today Mortensen will take a closer look at some of the events in question when he holds time trials on the SC track as a climax of the track coaches clinic. The time trials will largely determine make-up of Trojan entries for the Long Beach Relays a week from today.

The warm, springlike weather has enabled all hands to get in more work than usual by this time but has also resulted in several muscle injuries, evidently resulting from trying to do too much too soon.

Trojan Line-up

Here, briefly, is the way the Trojans lined up yesterday:

Sprints—Hurdler Davis (second in NCAA 200 meters), Joe Graffio (Compton transfer who did 9.8), Ron Childs (Glendale transfer who has been winning time trials), Rod Wilger.

440—Jim Lea (third in NCAA in 47.2), Verle Sorgen, Roger Hendrix, Darel Griffin.

880—Chuck Beeman (San Bernardino transfer who did 1:58), Bill Sweet.

Mile and two-mile — George Root (junior who did 4:20.4), Dick Adams (sophomore who did 9:35 two-mile during cross-

country), Dave Bungay (Glendale transfer).

Hurdles—Davis (but he can't run both sprints and hurdles), Willard Wright (fifth in NCAA highs and did 14.3), Henry Ketels.

Shot—O'Brien, Walt Ashcraft and Al Barry (footballers who have done 49 feet).

Discus—Iness, O'Brien (second in NCAA).

Javelin—Dick Genter (190ft. in practice, 184ft. in competition).

Broad jump—Sorgen (bad leg makes him question mark), Frank Clayton (22ft. 11in. in high school).

High jump—Ernie Shelton (transfer from Valley JC who did 6ft. 6in. in an exhibition this winter), Manuel Ronquillo (fourth in NCAA at 6ft. 6in.), Chuck Leach (6ft. 2in.).

Pole vault — Dick Hecht (13ft.), Jim Buchanan (13ft.), Dave Robinson (12ft. 6in.).

Oxy Trackmen Favored Today

Coach Payton Jordan sends his Occidental Tigers out for more exercise this afternoon, with the Bengals slated to feast on Caltech's Beavers and Redlands' Bulldogs in a three-way track meet at Tournament Park in Pasadena.

Victorious over all five members of the Southern Cal Conference last week in their annual relays meet, the Tigers should coast to an easy team victory today.

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combination coach and spare-tire shortstop under Rogers Hornsby, then took over the top job when the Rajah came to an early parting of the ways with Boss Bill Veeck.

Satchel Paige, Virgil Trucks and Harry Brecheen—turnstile trio for fair—will do the chucking chore tomorrow.

Three new faces will populate Stan Hack's starting Angel