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Heps Champions Honored From 1959-63 Honored at the Fourth Annual Track and Field Association Dinner

On March 27, over 100 friends of Yale Track and Field and Cross Country gathered at the Yale Club of New York City to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of the classes of 1959-1963. This group of track athletes won an amazing 7 Heps Championships in only 5 years! Featured speakers on behalf of the honoree group were Jim Wade ’59 and Olympian Wendell Mottley ’64. Each spoke eloquently and fondly about his experiences while competing for the Eli and legendary coach Bob Giegengack. Mr. Wade recounted several stories of Yale Track lore, including accounts of the notable meets that coach “Gieg” entered the team and individuals in, to get them used to the “big stage” and the pressure of the major meets. Mr. Mottley also recounted several stories about his Yale track days, and ended with a fascinating account of his Olympic experience in 1964, when he earned the silver medal in the 400 meter run, while competing against his former coach and the US team.

This was a truly special evening for all, with over 25 members of the classes of ’59-’64, coaches, alumni/ae, current team members, and friends of the program all coming together in annual celebration of this storied track program. Many of the members of the ’59-’63 teams also gathered in the afternoon and may have set another record for the longest lunch in the history of the Yale Club, over 4 hours! This is another example of the close friendships and bonds that tie this very special group together.

It was an honor and great pleasure to see such a fine group of athletes and friends together again after many years and relating to one another as if they were together only days ago. This was truly an unforgettable evening and an example to the members of the current teams in attendance of what athletics at Yale can mean to one’s entire life. Please plan to join us for next year’s dinner, so that you can participate in this very special annual occasion.

Peter Jokl ’64, Larry Kreider ’69 and Wendell Mottley ’64
Men’s Track Spring Preview

The Bulldogs finished off the indoor track season at the IC4A Championships in Boston. It marked the end of a solid season which saw the Bulldogs place fourth at the indoor Heptagonal Championships despite the absence of senior Brandon Giles, a key contributor in the sprints who ran the fastest 60-meter dash time in the Ivy League this past season.

The return from injury of key members like Giles should bolster the Bulldogs’ performance this outdoor season. The Bulldogs could also benefit from the addition of new events for the outdoor season, including the 4x100-meter relay.

Yale’s 4x100m relay team should be a force to be reckoned with this season. Last year, the team of junior Reynolds Holmes, Victor Cheng ‘08, sophomore Marty Evans, and Giles won Heps in the relay, running the third-fastest time in Yale history (40.90) to edge out Cornell by two hundredths of a second.

 Throws

Outdoor throwing events could also net a significant amount of points for the Bulldogs this outdoor season. In the discus throw, seniors Jeffrey Lachman and Nathan Noll have been top performers in both the league and the region. Lachman finished fifth at the NCAA East Regional meet, and 21st at Nationals, in the discus. Noll finished 10th at Regionals in the discus, and was also the Heps Champion last outdoor season. Another senior, Kevin Hick-enbottom, has been a Regional qualifier in the javelin.

 Hurdles

Junior Ted Galligan will also benefit from the new outdoor events, as he specializes in the 400-meter hurdles, which is not run indoors. He has scored at Heps in this event for the past two years, and will look to improve on his third-place Heps finish in 2007. The 3,000-meter steeplechase is another event being added to the outdoor repertoire, and will be contested by several up-and-coming distance runners including sophomore Matt Bogdan.

Several other athletes could be significant contributors this season as well.

 Distancing

In the distance events, look for the senior trio of Jared Bell, Jake Gallagher and Murat Kayali, who were top performers during the past indoor season. All three seniors, in addition to junior Chris Labosky, ran on the 4x800-meter relay team that placed second at indoor Heps. Labosky ran sub-1:50 in the 800-meter run last outdoor season, qualifying for NCAA Regionals while clocking the fastest time in that event by a Yale runner since 1991. Also watch for sophomore Max Walden in the longer distances; he recently placed sixth at the indoor IC4A Championships, running the fifth-fastest indoor 5,000-meter run in Yale history.

 Jumps

Also look for big contributions in the jumps from junior Eric DePal and senior Samuel Fox. DePal was the outdoor Heps Champion in the pole vault last year, and also a qualifier for the NCAA Championships with his impressive vault of 5.11 meters. Fox placed third at indoor Heps a few weeks ago with a personal-best mark of 2.08 meters in the high jump, which was only one half of an inch off of the Yale indoor record.

With a team packed full of talent, the Bulldogs have the potential for a great outdoor season this year.

Women Set for Outdoor Season Following Many Encouraging Indoor Results

The Bulldogs are coming off of a an indoor track and field season that witnessed many incredibly fast times and strong performances. The Bulldogs earned six All-Ivy honors and two All-East recognitions for their exceptional performances. As well, sophomore Kate Grace and junior Claudia Duncan repeatedly set new school record in the 800-meter run and 500-meter dash, respectively. As well, Grace qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championship, where she made it all the way to the finals of the event and placed eighth, earning All-American honors and earning a team score for the Bulldogs.

The Lady Bulldogs are upbeat about their upcoming outdoor season. The team trained hard during their week on their spring break training trip in southern California. The trip gave the team an opportunity to get in some quality training in the warm environment of California while getting used to preparing for competition on the outdoor track.

Sprints and Hurdles

The Bulldogs should be well-prepared to do well this season in both the long and short sprints. Duncan will be a powerful performer for the Bulldogs. After setting a new school record in the 500-meter dash during the indoor season, Duncan will be moving to compete in the 400-meter dash on the outdoor track as the 500-meter dash is only run indoors. Freshman Gabriella Kelly also was good during the indoor season at the long sprints and the Bulldogs return sophomore Jennifer Parker, who placed seventh in the 400-meter dash at the Heptagonal Championships last year. Sophomore Erika Mansson, who was 11th at the Heptagonal Championships last year in the 400-meter dash, should also help the Bulldogs in event. In the shorter sprints, freshman Alexa Monti should do well. In the 60-meter dash, which is not run outdoors, Monti placed ninth at the Heptagonal Championships. As well, a number of other freshmen sprinters have the ability to contribute to the team. The team placed fifth at the Heptagonal Championships last year in both the 4x100-meter and 4x400-meter relays. The Bulldogs should also do well in the hurdles with the leadership of
Lin. She has placed seventh in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles as a freshman and junior.

**Middle Distance and Distance**

The middle distance squad will certainly be looked to lead the Bulldogs during the season. With an athlete like Grace, there is no surprise that the Bulldogs will be looking to score a lot of points in the 800-meter dash. Grace was second at the Heptagonal Championships last year in the event and went on to run at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, where she placed 24th. This year, she is even better. Grace won the Heptagonal Championships, took eighth at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, and continually improved all season. As well, she ran faster during the indoor season than she has run outdoors, an impressive feat considering indoor track times are generally slower than outdoor performances because of the shorter track and short straightaways in indoor competition. Beyond Grace, the team has good depth in the event. Senior Kathryn Schleckser and junior Stephany Reaves both competed well in the event indoors and outdoors last season and have gotten better over the past season. They will also help the Bulldogs improve on their third-place finish from last year in the 4x800-meter relay, an event the team won at the Heptagonal Championships indoors this year. Perhaps the largest loss from last year comes in the distance events. The team lost Lindsay Donaldson ’08 to graduation. Donaldson was second in both the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs at the Heptagonal Championships last year and earned All-American honors for three years in three different track events. Still, the Bulldogs are set to do well with the leadership of senior Kelli Buek, who served as captain of the women’s cross-country team this fall. As well, senior Bevin Peters will look to lead the team in the steeplechase event.

Lin is excited about the future of the middle distance and distance squads.

**Jumps**

The strength of the Bulldogs in the jumping events should come in the high jump. Last year, sophomore Emily Standish placed second at the Heptagonal Championships in the event. Sophomore Eve King, who also competes in the multi events, should also help out the Bulldogs in the jumps. Junior Bailey Carroll will help the team out in the pole vault.

Lin thinks that the jumpers have the potential to do well for the Bulldogs.

**Throws**

In the throws, sophomore Stephanie Scaramella should make a huge impact. She made huge gains during the indoor season and took sixth in the shot put at the indoor Heptagonal Championships. She will be counted on to continue her improvement during the outdoor season and will be joined by sophomore Rachel Kuschner. The Bulldogs took seventh at the outdoor Heptagonal Championships last year and eighth at the indoor Heptagonal Championships this year. The team, however, has turned in strong performances at other times in the season, which indicated that the team has the potential to do very well.

Lin thinks that the team’s training has been going very well and the squad is ready to improve over their performance at the indoor Heptagonal Championships. “I think we have a young team with a lot of energy,” Lin said. “After indoors, everyone was disappointed with the results and is looking to perform better in outdoors. The indoor season is very long and people can often get burnt out and lose focus. Also, indoor track is new to some of the freshman and even upperclassmen who didn’t have indoor track in high school are not always used to it. With outdoor track, it is a familiar setting for everyone. The shorter season and hopefully better weather will be great for better training and performances. We had some really promising things happen at indoors with so many people just missing making the finals. I think things will turn around and we’ll do better outdoors. I think everyone is getting better in terms of their fitness but also physical well being, as we were plagued by a lot of sickness this past season. If everyone stays healthy, I think we will be ready to perform well at Heps. Everyone is trying to improve from their performance from indoor whether that is getting a new best time if the race is the same or competitive goals like making the finals or scoring at Heps.”
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A toast to fallen comrades Coach Mark Young ’68, David Cross ’60 and George Green ’60

Heps Champs from the class of ’59 - ’64