HEXEM BRIGHT LIGHT IN CLOUDY TRACK PICTURE

By Peter Diamond, ’74

Sound thrashings by traditional opponents, a 1-5 record in dual meets, and a last place finish in the Heptagonal Championships made the 1973 spring track season one of the least successful in recent years. Junior John Hexem alleviated some of the disappointment, however, by setting Yale records in the mile and 1500 meters, and anchoring the four-mile relay team to a third Yale standard.

That record fell first as the team of seniors Bill Sheehan, Drew Mearns, Brian Kelly, and Hexem ran 16:59.8 to finish third at the Florida Relays. Hexem anchored the team in 4:08.8 while running against Duke’s Bob Wheeler, an Olympic semi-finalist at 1500 meters.

Hexem established his first individual record at New Brunswick during the Yale-Rutgers-St. John’s triangular meet when he smashed Steve Bittner’s six-year-old Yale mile record of 4:06.8 by 1.3 seconds. The race was conducted under near-perfect conditions which included a fast and sunny 70-degree weather, and strong competition from Bill Sieban of Rutgers.

Sieban and Hexem exchanged the lead through evenly paced quarters of 62.5, 61.5, and 62.5. They struggled on even terms during much of the final lap, covered in 59 seconds by Hexem, until the Yale runner moved away in the final 120 yards.

Five months elapsed before Hexem claimed his final Yale mark. He was invited to the World University Games trials 1500-meter run at Penn State on August 5 as a guest competitor, ineligible for the trip to Moscow. Hexem responded with a 3:46.1—equivalent to a 4:03 mile—for third in a three-man race with sub-3:55 miler Tony Waldrop and Reg McAfee of the University of North Carolina.

The Tar Heels, who both finished in 3:44.9, made it extremely difficult for their Yale adversary to pass them by running shoulder-to-shoulder much of the race. Hexem challenged the pair on the final backstretch, but was too tired from the fast pace, just over 3:02 for three laps, to mount a serious threat.

Otherwise, there were only a few satisfying moments during the Eli’s season. The spring trip to Florida did, however, provide several of the more qualifying results.

Following a week of training at Tallahassee, the Elias competed in the Kiwanis Relays on March 24 where the distance medley relay team of Len Boswell, Jim Nepola, Hexem, and Mearns captured Yale’s only first place with a time of 10:10.6.

The next weekend’s competition at the Florida Relays in Gainesville yielded, in many ways, the best results of the season. In addition to the school record four-mile relay, the distance medley team improved

John Hexem

to 10:02.2 to move into third place on the all-time Yale list and the two-mile relay squad of Toby McLeod, Tom Aveni, Boswell, and Hexem (5:41.5 split), placed fourth in 7:34.8, second best ever by a Yale team. Bob Meidell high jumped 64 for fourth in the University division high jump, while Hexem also ran a 14:10.6 three-mile.

During the Rutgers-St. John’s triangular meet April 7, it became apparent that the Elias did not have the overall strength to be a strong factor in dual meets. Though Hexem set the mile mark and captain Steve Macdonald scored seven points with a victory in the high hurdles and a third in the intermediates, Yale was buried by the three meet and four school record set by the New Jerseyans.

Second places were registered by quarter mile Nepola, a consistent scorer all spring, Josh Chodosh in the discus, and the mile relay team, anchored by Nepola in 4:87 seconds.

The following week Yale scored its only dual meet victory of the season by placing ahead of Columbia and behind Army in a

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AROUND THE TURNS

Several Yale athletes did some serious competitive racing during the summer and performed quite well...Aside from his second place in the 10,000-meter road race mentioned in the cross-country preview, Drew Mears finished third in the Ohio AAU mile in 4:12.0 and second in the 880 in 1:55.5...he was also fourth in an invitational mile in Chicago in 4:09.0 behind world record holders Rick Wolhuter and Lowell Paul...John Hexem's performance at the Bangor, Me., open meet on July 21st may well have been more impressive than his Yale record 1500 meters...In one day he won the 880, mile, and three-mile with times of 1:54.1, 4:10.7, and 14:00.8. Hexem also won the Connecticut AAU mile title in 4:13.7 and was second in the 880 and 1500...LSU star Bob Smith, who did 1:48.9 earlier this year...sophomore Mike White took eighth in the Hispanic Day half-marathon at Central Park in New York...among the field of 256 were Boston Marathon runnerup Tom Fleming and four other top 25 finishers from Boston...The New Haven Track Club, coached by Bob Giegengack also had a successful summer in New England road races...On July 8th the team of John Vitale, the UConn graduate from East Haven, Don Larson, Bruce Robin 73, and Bruce Robin 73, won the team title at one of the most prestigious runs, the Norwich Rose Arts Festival, race of 10.6 miles...Vitale was second, Larson sixth and Rubin 15th...Vitale also placed second in the AAU marathon at San Mateo, California June 17th and then returned east to set course records in three Connecticut road races...senior Nick Johnson certainly competed in the most unique competition of the summer...he lined up with 20 other runners at midnight one rainy Saturday in July at Iowa State to run the Iowa AAU "Midnight Summer's Dream Madness Marathon"...Johnson acquitted himself well, running 3:01:29 to finish second.

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Harvard-Yale Squad Turns Back Oxford-Cambridge on Muddy Track

TOBY McLEOD left, moves next to Harvard captain Bob Clayton with one lap remaining in the 880. McLeod won the race in 1:54.0 with Tom Ashenfelter (behind Clayton) second, as both earned positions on the team which faced Oxford Cambridge June 13th.

Six Harvard field event men provided the margin of victory as the Harvard-Yale squad defeated Oxford-Cambridge, 11 first places to five, under awful conditions at Harvard Stadium June 13. It was the 24th renewal of this international athletic rivalry. The Yale-Harvard combination now leads in the series, which began in London in 1899, by a 13-11 margin. Yale-Army has an additional two wins and a tie.

Eight Yale men joined 21 from Harvard to compete under the most miserable circumstances imaginable. An all-night rain storm reduced the track to a quagmire and forced the long jump, triple jump, pole vault and high jump indoors. The entire meet could have been avoided had the meet been postponed a day or moved to the all-weather track at Boston College.

The meet preceded reasonably smoothly considering the weather, but was unfortunately marred by some uneven officiating that left both teams angry. The meet referee first irritated the English by disqualifying the apparent winner of the 220, David Roberts of Cambridge, for running out of lane around the track, though the lines were barely visible due to the condition of the track.

Two events later, Nick Leone of Harvard was similarly disqualified in the 440, which annoyed the Harvards nearly as much. Nonetheless, it was a good evening of track and field, considering the conditions. The Harvard field men—Jay Hughes, Jim Kleiger, Adrian Tew, Rich Gilbane, Mel Embree and Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace—turned in most of the meet's best marks as they swept the seven field events, while the English were winning five of nine track events.

The outstanding performer was double-winner Vanderpool-Wallace, a sophomore from the Bahamas Competing indoors, he set a Harvard record of 49.2% in the triple jump, and a facility and personal record of 24.1/4 in the long jump.

Though the English team contained a pair of world-class runners in Phil Lewis and Julian Gaster, only diminutive Anthony Moore of Oxford could produce a meet record. Moore won the three mile, in 14:12.0, four tenths under the previous record.

Yale's contribution to the American effort consisted of second places by Toby McLeod in the 880 (behind Lewis, a finalist at last month's World University Games), Greg Dubinetz in the discus and Jim Nepoia in the 440. The other Eli participants were Steve MacDonald, Brent Costello, John Hexem, Tom Ashenfelter, and Bob Wilson.
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triangular meet at West Point. Hexem continued his strong running with a 4:06.7 victory in the mile, followed by a second in the 880.

The two-mile race provided some alteration in the all-time Yale list as Mearns ran 9:09.8 in third place to become Yale's third fastest of all time. Though he failed to score, senior Dan Larson was timed in 9:12.9, and is now the fifth fastest, two-mile in Yale history.

Freshman Bob Wilson tallied eight points for the Elks with a first in the high jump at 6-2 and a personal best of 22-3 in the long jump for second. MacDonald again scored in both hurdles events, and senior Sandy Cutler was second in the pole vault, and both relay teams were second, to round out the bulk of Yale's scoring.

The weekends of April 21st and 28th provided a rest from triangular competition as the Els participated in the Queens-Ida Relays at Randall's Island and the Penn Relays at Franklin Field.

The former was highlighted by Brian Kelly's third place in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:26.6. The latter was conducted in some of the worst Penn Relays weather in recent years—45 degree cold and rain—and yielded no results of note for the Els.

The Princeton meet of May 5 was the low point of the season. With several members of the team absent, Princeton inflicted a 125-28 defeat upon Yale—the worst in the history of the series. Hexem won a wind-swept mile in 4:12.6 for Yale's only victory. Seconds were taken by senior Brent Costello

and Bill Sheehan, and the victory by the 440 relay team of Larry Irvin, Cliff Mayberry, Sandy Cutler, and Brent Costello, which edged Harvard by a yard.

For the second consecutive dual meet Costello was runnerup in both sprints. Second also were claimed by Wilson in the long jump, Duninets in the discus, Nepola in the 440, and MacDonald in the high hurdles. The Yale captain actually won the race initially, but the hurdles had been misplaced, and referee Charles Gage ordered the race run again, following a Harvard protest. A Crimson freshman moved to an early lead in the second running and held the advantage for a three-yard victory over the Yale captain.

In retrospect, the Yale effort against Harvard was the year's finest. The majority of the team furnished their season's best performance.

KWINANS RELAYS
TALLASSEE, ALA.

3 MILE RUN — 2. HEXEM (Y), 14:42.6; 3. KELLY (Y), 14:55.6.
DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY — 1. YALE (BOSWELL, NEPOLA, HAXEM, MEARNS), 10:10.6.
LONG JUMP — 3. WILSON (Y), 21-4.
HIGH JUMP — 3. MCDONALD (Y), 5-11.

SHOT PUT — 1. PALMER (Y), 46-10.
DISCUS — 3. DUNINET (Y), 136-8.

FLORIDA RELAYS
GAINESVILLE, FLA.

440 YARD RELAY, CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION — 1. Duke, 1:32.5; 2. Florida, 1:32.5; 3. YALE (HAXEM, MEARNS, KELLY, HAXEM), 1:32.5; 4. YALE (BOSWELL, MEARNS, ASHENFELTER, HAXEM), 1:32.5.

RUTGERS 90, ST. JOHN'S 74, YALE 28

100—1. Mass. (R), 10.0; 2. Owens (S), 10.2; 3. Ortega (S), 10.3.
220—1. Mass. (R), 22.0; 2. Owens (S), 22.2; 3. Thomas (S), 22.6.
440—1. Mass. (R), 44.0; 2. NEPOLA (Y), 44.7; 3. McHugh (R), 45.2.

880—1. Mass. (R), 2:04.8; 2. Owens (S), 2:06.7; 3. Thomas (S), 2:08.5.

1500—1. Mass. (R), 4:30.4; 2. Owens (S), 4:32.0; 3. Thomas (S), 4:35.2.

HEXEM — 1. HAXEM (Y), 4:09.5; 2. Yale, 4:10.0; 3. .

4 X 100 YARD RELAY — 1. Yale, 42.9; 2. Douglass, 45.7; 3. Princeton, 46.9.


4 X 800 YARD RELAY — 1. Yale, 8:20.8; 2. Douglass, 8:22.4; 3. Princeton, 8:23.7.


MILE RELAY — 2. KEANE (S), 2:08.3; 3. KEANE (S), 2:09.5.

2 MILE RUN — 1. KEANE (S), 9:34.9; 2. KEANE (S), 9:35.9; 3. KEANE (S), 9:36.9.

4 MILE RUN — 1. KEANE (S), 14:22.6; 2. KEANE (S), 14:23.2; 3. KEANE (S), 14:23.8.

NATIONAL MEET OF CHAMPIONS


3000 METER STEEPLECHASE — 1. Douglass, 8:44.6; 2. Harvard, 8:45.1; 3. Mass. (R), 8:45.4.


100 METER HURDLES — 1. Douglass, 14:40.6; 2. Harvard, 14:44.4; 3. Mass. (R), 14:44.6.


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ARMY 123, YALE 24
COLUMBIA 25

100—1. Best (A), 95; 2. Owens (A), 97; 3. Corso (C), 95; 4. Cram (A), 102.
220—1. Madera (A), 212; 2. Owens (W), 225; 3. COSTELLO (T), 226.4. TOPPING (A), 227.
580—1. Saddler (A), 153.3; 2. HEEG (Y), 153.7; 3. McLEOD (Y), 154.4.4. FEYENS (C), 154.6.
720—1. HIXEM (Y), 406.7; 2. Fitzgibbon (G), 409.3; 3. McCafferty (A); 4. Ains (F); 5. Feyens (F), 410.5.
860—1. M.E.I. Fitgibbon (G), 505.4; 2. Flynn (A), 906.8; 3. Mearns (Y), 905.5; 4. Tuuli (A), 911.9.
1320—1. MIL—Army, 317.4; 2. Yale, 313.5; 3. Columbia, 231.2.
1720—1. JOPLIN (A), 14.0; 2. CUTLER (Y), 13.5; 3. Wagner (A), 13.5; 4. Melcer (A), 13.5.
2120—1. TRIPLE JUMP—1. Dearing (A), 43.5; 2. Witt (A), 44.1; 3. Anderson (A), 43.5; 4. Cerny (A), 42.9 3/4.
2520—1. DISCUS—1. Ostrand (A), 156.2; 2. Dubenitz (Y), 143.2; 3. CHODOSH (Y), 140.7; 4. McDonald (C), 140.7.
2720—1. HAMMER—1. Ostrand (A), 171.9; 2. Butts (A), 166.8; 3. Logan (A), 153.10; 4. Dubenitz (Y), 134.4.

JAVELIN 1—Glover (P), 197-0; 2. Treadway (P), 172-0; 3. Cutler (T), 157-9.

32nd REPTAGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

100—1. Reid (H), 5.8; 2. Samie (P), 3. Rodas (B); 3. Best (M); 4. Morgan (B); 5. Wick (P).
440—1. Stephenson (M), 48.4; 2. McNell (Cor), 48.5; 3. Leon (H), 48.9; 4. Worrell (B), 48.9; 5. McKee (Cor), 49.1; 6. Madera (A), 49.7.
880—1. Astoria (Cor), 152.6; 2. Saddler (A), 152.3; 3. Rosch (Cor), 152.6; 4. Files (P), 153.6 (113.1 in heat); 5. Thorton (B); 6. Betzen (N), 260.2.
1100—1. Files (P), 438.1; 2. Jeff Kramer (N), 408.3; 3. Quirk (H), 411.7; 4. Fitzgibbon (G), 412.7; 5. Elliot (P), 413.6; 6. Mussinan (N), 414.1.
1320—1. De Marco (Cor), 1357.2 (meet record, former record 1358.4 by Bfd Children of Pennsylvania in 1972); 2. Rafferty (P), 1420.5; 3. Vander Kaats (P), 1424.6; 4. Jeff Kramer (N), 1450.4; 5. Flynn (A); 1456.9; 6. Good (P), 1461.3.
1520—1. HIGH HURDLES—1. Lewis (W), 23.0 (WIND-AID)
1720—1. INT HURDLES—1. Collins (P), 31.4 (meet record, former record 31.7 by Collins in 1972); 2. Schwaab (P), 31.8; 3. Butler (H), 52.8; 4. Black (Cor), 51.9; 5. Armstrong (C), 54.0; 6. Price (N), 314.3.
2120—1. STEEPLECHASE—1. Childs (P), 8:28.8; 2. Mckepp (P), 8:28.8; 3. Jones (H), 8:42.8; 4. Walter (D), 8:44.8; 5. Lowman (N), 8:45.2; 6. Patterson (C), 8:50.6 (NEW MEET RECORD).
2320—1. INVALID AS COURSE WAS 209 YARDS SHORT AND LACKING 3 BARRIERS.
2520—1. RELAY—Army (A), 317.4; 2. Rucker (P), 316.7; 3. Butts (A), 317.4; 4. Logan (A), 318.4.

JAVELIN—1. Tun (W), 209-10; 2. Pade (H), 197-10; 3. White (Y), 155-1.

Toby McLeod
Strong Senior Contingent To Lead Varsity Cross-Country Team This Fall

By Peter Diamond, 74

Two years ago the Yale cross country team posted a 3-6 record. Last year the harriers turned in a respectable 5-4 mark and broke the five-man record for the Yale course by some 50 seconds. This season’s eight-meet schedule will provide the final opportunity for the class of 1974, the leaders of the past two teams, to return Yale cross country to the first-rate status in the Heptagonal league the harriers last enjoyed six years ago during the era of Frank Shorter and Steve Bittner.

Last year’s record was the best since 1968, and those primarily responsible for Yale’s success will return this season, with one exception. Senior letterwinners Drew Mearns, John Hexem, two-year captain Brian Kelly, and Bill Sheehan are back, as are sophomores Kevin Monte and Mike White. In addition, the Elis have an outstanding freshman, Dan Schlesinger of Raleigh, N.C., who is a certainty to break into the top five. Two other freshmen, Jim Brubaker and Roger Golub, are already challenging for the top seven.

The team returned to New Haven August 29th in 95-degree heat to begin preparations for the season. At least half of the harriers found it necessary to run their double workouts at 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. to avoid the intense heat which made prostration a potential problem. Competition during the initial workouts was particularly keen as 25 runners vied for seven varsity positions.

The team’s number one man at the opening of the season should be Mearns, a particularly fine cross-country runner, who has been the top runner for the past two seasons. Last year he won the Connecticut and Columbia-Dartmouth meets, placed second in the H-Y-P, and third in the Heptas behind Bob Childs of Penn and Harvard's Ric Rojas.

1975 VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY SCHEDULE

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Mears worked especially hard this summer and gave evidence of his fine condition by finishing 35 seconds behind NCAA cross-country champion Neil Cusack in a 10,000-meter road race in Galion, Ohio, this August.

Hexem will be a graduate student in chemistry this year, but because he completed his undergraduate education in three years, he is eligible to compete for Yale under an NCAA rule passed last spring. Though he has never particularly enjoyed the special rigors of cross-country, Hexem contributed several valuable placings as the Elis' second man most of last fall.

He was runnerup in the 1972 Brown meet and third versus Connecticut and Columbia-Dartmouth. Hexem also had an excellent competitive summer in the northeast and has returned to school in superb condition.

Coach Bob Gieger says that Schlesinger possesses "the best credentials of any freshman distance runner I've had here, and the point is hardly debatable. He placed third in the AAU Junior National Championships (for athletes born in 1954 and after) at six miles in 29:11.8, only 11.2 seconds slower than Shorter's winning time at the 1989 NCAA. He is the fifth fastest six-miler in U.S. high school history and was the fifth fastest high school three-miler in 1973 at 14:10.6.

Yale's top finisher at the IC4A, Kelly, is trying to rebound from a disappointing track season. He scored in all but one of Yale's cross country meets last year, and has the ability to compete successfully with the fourth and fifth men at most of the other Heptagonal schools.

Sheehan also suffered through a frustrating spring track season, but he returned to school in surprisingly good shape to compete for one of the top five positions.

The Elis’ top freshman last year, Kevin Monte, placed among Yale’s top five in most of the duals, and ended the season well, as Yale’s grad student in the Heptas and second in the IC4A. Sophomores White and Lenis Boswell, senior Nick Johnson, junior Chip Carey, Brubaker, and Golub will provide the remainder of the varsity and the much anticipated depth.

The talent, then, is present for an improvement in Yale’s record. Several factors will, however, make the season a more testing one than it might initially appear.

The harriers have only one home meet, Cornell, this fall, unlike last year when six opponents competed on the Yale course. Rutgers, one of the teams Yale defeated last year is not on the schedule again, thus depriving the Elis of a fairly certain victory. Further, losses to graduation at the other Heptes schools were minimal. Twenty-eight of the top 40 finishers in the Heptagonal Championships were underclassmen, while 16 of the top 20 IC4A placers should be returning.

Nonetheless, optimism has dominated Yale's pre-season workouts. The days when Harvard and Penn looked unbeatable have passed, and for the first time since 1980, the harriers can realistically hope to win every dual and triangular meet in which they compete. Not even the Heptes title should be considered beyond the realm of possibility.

Nepola To Captain 1974 Track Squad

Jim Nepola, a senior from Ridgewood, N.J., was elected 1973 track captain following last spring's Harvard meet. He succeeds Steve MacDonald of Ruxdale, Ont.

A graduate of Ridgewood High School, Nepola has been a mainstay of the track team for the past two seasons as a middle distance runner, although he was bothered by the flu during much of the last indoor campaign.

A premedical student majoring in biology, his best time in the 800 last year was 1:53.4, but he ran 1:29.9 as a sophomore. Nepola's 49.4 second-clocking in the rain against Harvard was his top effort in the quarter-mile, although he did two-tenths faster last year. The senior quarter-miler finished second in three of Yale's four outdoor dual meets and third in the other. The 5-11, 155-pounder was an All-League performer and track captain at Ridgewood High School.

Sandy Cutler, '73, earned the Gardner Millet Memorial Trophy as the member of the track team who excels in sportsmanship, courage and inspiration. The Milwaukee resident, who also lettered twice as a defensive end with the football team, competed in a variation of events for the track team—pole vault, javelin, 100-yard dash, 200-yard dash, and the 440-yard relay. His best performance in the pole vault was 13-6.