SOPHOMORES DISPLAY POTENTIAL DURING INDOOR CAMPAIGN

By Peter Easton

Yale's 1971-72 indoor track season lacked any individuals with the brilliance of the graduated Don Martin, but the Elis nevertheless improved their record from 2-6 last year to 2-5-1 this year. The key factor during the indoor season, the first in which freshmen could compete on the varsity, was the potential showed by some of Yale's sophomores.

Both Drew Mearns and Bill Sheehan climbed into the top 10 on Yale's all-time list. In the mile, with Mearns seventh at 4:15.5 and Sheehan checking in at 4:18.5, John Hexem, the Elis' best distance runner, is third in the two-mile rankings with a 9:12.0 clocking.

The presence of freshmen helped primarily in the high jump, where first-year men Bob Meidell and John Brubaker both did 6-4 in their specialty, good for an eighth place tie in the Yale listings.

Several of the more experienced athletes showed well, too. Rich Lovelace, a junior, moved into fifth place in the 1000-yard run with a 2:12.4 and senior Eric Klosterman went into fourth place in the pole vault with a leap of 14-6. Hurdlers Rich MacDonald, whose career at Yale has been marked by inconsistencies, is in a six-way tie for second place in the 60-yard hurdles, having posted a time of 7.3 this past winter. Captain Mike Woak, who kept improving in the 35-pound weight throw, reached a pinnacle with a heave of 58-7, good for fourth on the Yale list.

One of the season's pleasantest surprises was sophomore Jim Nepola, who competed only sparingly as a freshman. He was a consistent scorer in the 600-yard run and competed in the long jump, too.

The triple jump, previously contested only during the outdoor season, was added to the indoor slate this winter. With the event brand new, junior Tom Costanzo became the Yale record-holder with a jump of 41-10 1/2.

Yale opened its season in December, finishing second to Connecticut and beating out Holy Cross in a meet at Storrs. The Elis ran 1-2-3 in the mile, with Mearns (4:19.3) finishing ahead of Sheehan and Hexem. The brothers MacDonald, Rich and Steve, went 1-2 in the hurdles.

The best performances in a loss to Penn and win over Brown were Nepola's 1:14.2 in the 600, Lovelace's 2:13.7 in the 1000 and Woak's 57-2 1/2 in the weight. The Elis also took the mile and two-mile relays.

Yale won the mile and two-mile relays to tie Dartmouth, 50-59, and, ironically, it was Yale's first indoor track tie since 1847—when the score was 59 1/2-58 1/2—against the Big Green. Nepola won a double (600 and long jump), while Woak threw the weight 58-7. MacDonald won in the hurdles and Costanzo captured the sprint.

Cornell completely outclassed the Elis, but MacDonald was a winner again and Hexem took the two-mile, while Meidell won the high jump at 6-4. Yale's first win in that event in a long time.

The Harvard-Princeton meet was lopsided in Harvard's favor as the Elis failed to garner a first place. The closest they came was in the 1000, when Lovelace was edged out by Harvard's Bob Clayton, with both men posting identical times of 2:13.4.

HEXEM MOVES AHEAD — Yale sophomore ace John Hexem takes the lead around the turn in two-mile race against Penn and Brown during January meet. Quakers came on strong, however, and Hexem finished third.

(Photo by Sabby Frizzi)

COACH'S CORNER

We have very recently returned home from what may well be the most enjoyable, profitable, successful and expensive of all previous Southern trips; most expensive because of inflationary factors which sharply increased the cost of meals and lodging; most successful because we recorded three wins to one loss and; most profitable because our far better than normal conditioning enabled us to squeeze out our first spring meet against Rutgers, 79-75, and against what may well have been a superior manpower. Details of the Southern trip, Rutgers meet and the rest of our spring schedule will follow in the next newsletter, plus summaries, best performances, etc., etc.

None of the above would have been possible of attainment without the generous assistance of our very loyal and generous Track Association. You will note from the balance sheet that our ready cash balance is slim once again due to the English trip and this most recent Southern trip. Need I remind you that your continued generosity is necessary to replenish our dwindling reserves.

Many of you may have seen the article in the Yale Alumni Magazine which, while they are my exact words, are taken out of context because I was replying to a question which is not posed in the article. The question put to (continued on page 4)
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The Ellis, finishing seventh in the Heptagons, were not a factor in that meet. Mac-
Donald, second in the hurdles, and Wolak, third in the weight, were the only Yale per-
formers to place high.

UConn 73, YALE 38, HOLY CROSS 26

MILE - 1. MEARS (Y), 4:18.3; 2. SHEEHAN (Y), 4:19.7; 3. HEXEM (Y), 4:20.1; 4. Hunt (C), 4:21.8.
900 - 1. Comeau (HC), 1:11.8; 2. Hulme (C), 1:14.1; 3. Schaeter (C), 1:14.7; 4. Tie
between Orr (HC) and McDonnell (HC), 1:14.8.
60 HH - 1. R. MACDONALD (Y), 7.6; 2. S. MACDONALD (Y), 7.8; 3. Evans (C), 7.9; 4. Turansky (C), 8.0.
60 DASH - 1. Jackson (HC), 6.4; 2. DeLuca (C), 6.5; 3. Parkton (C), 6.5; 4. CO-
STANZO (Y).
1000 - 1. Brough (HC), 2:18.2; 2. McDonough (C), 2:18.3; 3. LOVEACE (Y), 2:18.5; 4. Peyton (HC), 2:18.5.
MILE RELAY - 1. UConn (Feaster, Hulme, Schaeter, Sher), 3:22.2; 2. Yale, 3:24.2; 3. Holy Cross, 3:25.1.
TWO-MILE RELAY - 1. UConn (Hunt, King, Bassano, Brough), 8:03.7; 2. Yale, 8:04.4; 3. Holy Cross, 8:12.6.
35-LB WEIGHT - 1. Palfi (C), 61-10; 2. WOLAK (Y), 55-4; 3. Bessette (C), 49-6; 4. Morrison (HC), 48-11.
SHOT PUT - 1. Low (C), 49-2½; 2. Palfi (C), 47-9/16; 3. Evans (C), 46-9/16; 4. Gaul-
liana (HC), 44-10.
HIGH JUMP - 1. Evans (C), 5-6; 2. MEI-

YALE TRACK ASSOCIATION AGENCY STATEMENT

PREVIOUS BALANCE: $12,989.63

RECEIPTS:
Gifts $2,463.19
Endowment Interest 1,834.85
Total Receipts $4,329.04

EXPENSES:
Newsletter & Related Expenses $875.30
English Trip & Blazers 9,114.94
Recruiting Material 25.00
Spring Trip 1,800.00
Total Expenses $11,815.24

BALANCE: As of March 16, 1972 $5,464.43

YALE TRACK ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT STATEMENT

HAROLD W. CHEEL FUND $3,000.00
ALFRED C. GILBERT FUND $1,490.00
ALAN FOX MEMORIAL FUND $4,118.88
HOWARD C. PAULEN FUND $29,101.09
TRACK MEMORIAL FUND $3,991.22
TOTAL: As of March 16, 1972 $41,671.19

PELL, R. H. 41, BROWN 19

MILE - 1. Thornton (P), 4:10.0; 2. Childs (P), 4:10.0; 3. Christ (P), 4:11.0; 4. MEARS (Y), 4:15.5.
600 - 1. NEPOLA (Y), 1:14.2; 2. Burns (P), 1:14.6; 3. Tooley (P), 1:15.2; 4. CALLERY (Y), 1:15.4.
60 HH - 1. Collins (P), 7.2 [meet record]; old mark held by Filippani and Onewa-Frempong.
Yale; 2. R. MacDONALD (Y), 7.6; 3. Clune (P), 7.6; 4. Abitante (P).
60 DASH - 1. Easley (P), 6.3; 2. Rudlief (B), 6.4; 3. COSTANZO (Y), 6.6; 4. Steinberg (B).
1000 - 1. LOVEACE (Y), 2:13.7; 2. Piazza (P), 2:14.3; 3. McHale (B), 2:14.9; 4. MEARS (Y), 2:15.5.
TWO-MILE RELAY - 1. YALE (HENSHELTER, SHEEHAN, BELLIS, LOVEACE), 7:59.2; 2. Penn, 8:01.4; 3. Brown, 8:10.9.
35-LB WEIGHT - 1. WOLAK (Y), 57-2/16; 2. Strand (B), 51-9/16; 3. Luftman (B), 51-4/16; 4. MICHEL (Y), 51-2.
POLL VAULT - 1. Blair (P), 17-3/16 [meet record]; old mark held by Blair, 1970; 2. Samara (P), 16-0; 3. Monschein (P), 15-0; 4. KLOSTERMAN (Y), 14-6.
HIGH JUMP - 1. Spengler (P), 6-4; 2. MEI-
DELL (Y), 6-4; 3. Fried (P), 6-4; 4. Budding-
ton (P), 6-0.

YALE 59, DARTMOUTH 59

MILE - 1. Potter (D), 4:14.3; 2. Robinson (D), 4:15.4; 3. Spinney (D), 4:16.0.
600 - 1. NEPOLA (Y), 1:14.2; 2. Land (D), 1:15.4; 3. BELLIS (Y), 1:15.5.
60 HH - 1. R. MacDONALD (Y), 7.5; 2. Byron (D), 7.9; 3. Carr (D), 7.9.
60 DASH - 1. COSTANZO (Y), 6.5; 2. COSTELLO (Y), 6.6; 3. Bond (D), 6.7.
1000 - 1. LOVEACE (Y), 2:12.4; 2. Previc (D), 2:14.6; 3. MEARS (Y), 2:15.9.
Mike Wolak

35-LB. WEIGHT — 1. WOLAK (Y), 55-6%/i.

SHOT PUT — 1. Sokolik (O), 60-4%; 2. Gray (C), 48-11; 3. NORDT (Y), 47-11%.

POLE VAULT — 1. KLOSTERMAN (Y), 14-0; 2. Robb (C), 13-6; 3. GREYNOIDS (C), 13-0.

HIGH JUMP — 1. MEIDEILL (Y), 6-4; 2. Wheeler (O), 6-2; 3. BRUBAKER (Y), 6-2.

NORDT (Y), 48-1-4; 3. DeMars (H), 47-5%; 4. Hughes (H), 45-6%.

POLE VAULT — 1. Kreiger (H), 15-0 (meet record); 2. Hayes (P), 14-6; 3. KLOSTERMAN (Y), 14-6; 4. Berg (H), 14-0.

HEPTAGONS


66 HH — 1. Collins (Po), 7-0 (meet record; old mark 7-1 by OHENNE-PFMONG, Yale, 1970); 2. R. MacDONALD (Y), 7-4; 3. Hickman (H), 7-5; 4. Cluec (P), 7-6; 5. Vaillant (A), 7-6; 6. Kennard (N).

6003 DASH — 1. Desmond (A), 6-0 (ties meet record); 2. Hens (K), 6-1; 3. Collins (Po), 6-2; 4. Gansle (Po), 6-3; 5. Reki (H), 6-3; 6. Bellszeare (Po), 6-3.


1971 VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS

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33rd Annual Heptagonal at Van Cortlandt Park, New York City

1. Penn 19
2. Cornell 64
3. Navy 102
4. Princeton 112
5. Dartmouth 125
6. Harvard 137
7. Army 141
8. YALE 191
9. Brown 288
10. Columbia 300

1971 VARSITY LETTERWINNERS

Frederick H. Chute, '72; John A. Dirgo, '74; Capt. David P. Helwig, '72; John G. Hexem, '74; Brian C. Kelly, '74; Daniel C. Larson, '73; Edward A. Mearns, '74; Patrick B. Miller, '72; William H. Sheehan, III, '74; John P. Lynch, '72, manager.


COACH'S CORNER . . .

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me by the author was “What is wrong with the athletic recruitment at Yale which brings about our faltering performance in almost all sports?” I replied that our recruitment was inefficient, on a high plane, and should have been more productive, except for the fact that our very own League opponents consistently accept outstanding athletes who have been rejected by Yale.

It is necessary to state in all justice and honesty that a preliminary study of Class of 1976 applicants may bring about the best harvest of Track and Field candidates in some 10 years. We are all accordingly encouraged.

— BOB GIEGENGACK

Modest Improvement Noted During 1971 Cross-Country Season

Yale's 1971 cross-country team showed a slight improvement over the 1970 squad, improving a 2-8 record to 3-7 last fall.

The Elis started off in encouraging fashion, defeating Brown handily at Providence, 17-43. Yale swept the first four spots in the five-mile race, with sophomore Drew Mearns winning in 25:18. Two more sophomores, John Dirgo and Brian Kelly tied for second in 25:29, while senior Pat Miller was fourth in 25:43. Captain Dave Helwig (seventh), soph John Hexem (eighth) and junior Dan Larson (10th) were also among the meet's top 10 finishers.

Mearns came in second against Dartmouth and Columbia at Van Cortlandt Park, in a time of 26:18 as the Elis defeated the Lions, 15-49, and lost to the Big Green, 22-37. Dirgo (fifth in 26:37) and Kelly (seventh in 26:49) were the only other Yale runners to crack the top 10.

Mighty Penn had it easy against Yale, winning 15-50, and the Elis also bowed to Rutgers, 24-35, in another triangular at Van Cortlandt Park. Penn captured the first eight spots, with Mearns (26:08) coming in ninth.

Cornell wasn't quite as powerful as Penn, but had no trouble defeating the Elis, 15-47, in Yale's only home meet of the season. The Big Red took the first five spots, with Mearns again the top Yale man, finishing sixth in 23:35. Senior Fred Chute, running his best race, was the other Eli in the first 10, winding up eighth in 23:38.

Once again, Mearns was Yale's best performer as the Blue bowed to Princeton, 17-46, and to Harvard, 18-41, at Princeton. Mearns came in sixth, in 25:37 over the five-mile course, Kelly (14th) and Miller (15th) were Yale's next best men.

Yale placed eighth in the Heptagonal, as Penn was handily, and once more Mearns was the first Blue runner to cross the finish line. This time he was 18th, in 25:33, his best time of the year over the five-mile Van Cortland Park course. Kelly, 38th in 25:23, was the second Yale finisher.

The disappointment of Yale's Hept performances was softened somewhat by a good 23-33 victory over Connecticut at Storrs. The Huskies had beaten the Elis in 1970, but this time Yale had the strength. Mearns finished second in 25:22 over the 4.7-mile course. Right behind him was Chute (25:44). Larson (sixth), Miller (eighth) and Hexem (10th) were other Yale runners in the first 10.

HARRIERS CHOOSE KELLY AS 1972 LEADER

Sophomore Brian Kelly of Fair Haven, N.J., has been elected captain of Yale's 1972 cross-country team.

Kelly, one of a number of good sophomores on the squad, got off to a good start by tying for second in the victory over Brown, but ran into an injury jinx during the second part of the season.

Yale made a mild improvement during the 1971 campaign, finishing with a 3-7 won-lost record, compared to a 2-8 mark in 1970. Kelly, a crack two-miler in track, was 38th in the Heptagonal Championships.

Last winter, he was timed in 9:22.8 for the two-mile run, putting him eighth on Yale's all-time list. In the spring, he shaved that to 9:21.5, good for fourth on the Yale outdoor list.

The tall (6-3), tireless graduate of Rumson-Fair Haven High School was the Garden State Conference and Central Jersey Group II two-mile champion as a senior. He also captained the cross-country and track teams.

Kelly is the younger brother of Bob Kelly, '72, who was a member of Yale's varsity football squad in 1969 and 1970.