

"Corpening Most Outstanding"**UNC Trackmen Win Without Experience**

by Frank Allston

In these days of high-pressure athletics it is quite unusual to find standout college athletes who entered college without high school experience in their specialty and who were not sought by several schools with attractive scholarship offers.

At Chapel Hill, however, this unique situation has existed during the entire history of track and cross country at the University. Down through the years a multitude of Tar Heel trackmen have sped to cinder glory wearing the Blue and White and a large percentage have done so without previous high school experience.

A look at some of the more outstanding names in Carolina track history will serve to point this out. Bill Corpening, Holt Moore, Galen Elliott, Red Drake, Bob Seligman, Bob Kirk and a host of other Tar Heel cinder stars accomplished a complete track development after enrolling at Carolina and entrusting their careers to R. A. (Coach Bob) Fetzer and Dale Ranson.

Evans Trophy Winners

In recent years the success of inexperienced men on the Carolina squad has been vividly pointed out in the awarding of the Evans Trophy to the most outstanding senior track man. The award was first given in 1949 and each of the three winners to date has been a man who developed his event at Carolina.

The first winner of the Evans award was Bob Seligman, holder of the University shot put and discus throw records. Seligman had never participated in track at all, but in two years he developed into the best weight man in Carolina history.

Bob Kirk, the 1950 winner, came to Carolina following a year of track participation at Woodberry Forest Prep School where he was a 10 ft. 6 in. pole vaulter. Yet three years later he was a two-time Southern Conference title holder in the javelin throw, throwing over 210 feet his junior year.

Fitzgibbons Wins

Garrett Fitzgibbons, the 1951 Evans award winner, like Seligman, had never competed in track. After three years on the Carolina squad Fitzgibbons developed into the conference's outstanding hurdler and was a member of Carolina's world's champion 480-yard shuttle hurdle relay team.

Today approximately one-third of Carolina's trackmen have had no previous track experience.

Miller and Cross Country Captain Gordon (Flash) Hamrick, Sprinters Harry Brown and Jeff Newton; Quarter-milers Mac Ray, Gene Cain, Earl Welch and Jimmy Flowers; Two-miler Morris Osborne; Javelin Thrower Bill Walker; Hurdlers Romas White, Bill Cornell and Bobby Bell are some of the more outstanding team members who have had no experience in their field.

And Many Others

There are many others who have been shifted to other events which were completely foreign to them.

Of the famous names in Carolina track history the one which probably stands out more is that of Bill Corpening. Bill came out of Western North Carolina, having never seen a cinder track, and went on to become, not only the greatest name in track at Caro-

lina, but also one of the top athletes in Tar Heel history.

In 1940 Bill copped four first places in the Southern Conference Indoor Games, a feat unequalled until Bill Albans came along in 1949 to win five. But, Albans was a veteran Olympic performer when he came here whereas Corpening was a novice.

Corpening the Best

Ranson tabs Corpening as the most outstanding track man he has seen in this area. "He was a great competitor, a good team man and he had natural athletic ability," the Tar Heel assistant mentor points out.

The feats of some of the other men mentioned above approach fantastic proportions, but it is Bill Corpening who stands out foremost in the mind when the matter of inexperienced college stars is mentioned.

Perhaps there are many other Corpenings, Kirks, Seligmans, Fitzgibbons, Drakes, Elliotts and Moores on the campus today.

Duke, Princeton Threaten Terps In Annual Carolina Relays Saturday

by Tom Peacock

"The competition should be very good," track coach Dale Ranson said of the Carolina Relays, scheduled to be run this Saturday. "We have an excellent field with some of the best track men in the east competing."

Nine schools have entered men in the Relays, among them such outstanding teams as Dartmouth, Princeton, Maryland, and Duke. North Carolina State track coach F. M. Fitzgibbons's an-

nouncement that Clyde Garrison, winner of the Weil Mile in the Conference Indoor Games and one of the best track men in the Conference, will not be able to run disappointed everyone concerned with the meet. Garrison had a hernia operation last week, and he will not be able to run this spring.

Maryland, winner of the Indoor Games, will have a hard time winning the meet, and Duke and Princeton are both given as much

chance as the Old Liners. John Tate will lead the Blue Devils in the relay events, and Henry Poss will be the Duke bid for a win in the dashes. Princeton is favored in the distance medly, with Pittis and Maxwell leading the team.

Dartmouth is considered a sure bet to take two field events, but isn't a contender for the title as only a small portion of the squad is entered. George Rambour should win the discus with a throw close to 150 feet, and Allan Reich has little javelin competition as he throws over 200 feet.

Carolina's chances of winning the Relays are more than slim this year, with only one Tar Heel champion returned. Frank Scott will be defending his title in the 100 yard dash, and may easily lose it to Poss of Duke or Decker of V. M. I.

Three schools who were previously expected to take part in the meet, Navy, Pennsylvania, and Yale, failed to send their entries and will not run. All three schools have made excellent showings in the Relays before.

Sports Schedule

The sports schedule for today will be a bit lighter as the baseball team is idle, but there will still be two events this afternoon. The tennis team plays Williams College of Massachusetts, and is trying for its seventh win without a loss, while the lacrosse teams also plays Williams.

The netters are favored to take the match and hold their streak, but the lacrosse men may face

their second loss of the season, Williams has an experienced team that made a good showing last year, but the sport is only in its fourth year at Carolina. The lacrosse team has a 1-1 record.

Captain Del Sylvia will lead the tennis team from the number one position, and then three freshmen, Herb Browne, Bob Payne, and Sam Handel will follow. Payne hasn't lost a match this year, the only team member with that distinction.

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