



Track . . . *By JIM BROWN*

The 1947 track season, the first in five years for the Pittsburg Gorillas, got off to a dismal start with poor weather for training being the largest contributor to the dark outlook.

Veteran track coach, Garfield W. Weede, was counting on two men, Watson and Churchill, to carry the brunt of the KSTC attack in the dashes and jumps. When they dropped out of school, the Gorilla's chances hit a new low. To add to the long list of miseries, a foot injury kept Bill Cummin, distance runner, out for the entire season.

On April 8, the 1947 edition of the Gorilla track squad traveled to Wichita for its first meet of the season where the Shockers romped to a 102 to 29 victory. That the locals had not had time to get into shape was shown when the Shockers swept all places in the 440, an event that later in the season became the strongest for the Gorillas.

Four days after the Wichita meet the Pitt thin clads traveled to Emporia to participate in the Emporia Relays. Each school entered a four man team in every event and there was no individual competition. The Gorillas placed fifth with Emporia edging out Wichita University for first. The entire meet was run off in the rain with runners having to wade through an inch or two of water on the track.

The javelin was again the strong point of the locals, with a team composed of Hiedman, Conner, Walton, and Nogel copping first place. The shot-put team, Pardue, Hottenstien, McAlpine, and Grim, won a second as did the discus team of Johnson, Mitchell, Walton, and Grim.

Pardue, Ester, Hemphill, and Brown won a fourth in the high jump while Green, Toeller, Webb, and Logan added another fourth in the hurdle shuttle relay and the half mile relay team

of Sharp, Wilson, Edwards, and Bryson tied for third.

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The Gorillas also entered several teams in the Drake Relays the following week but failed to place. Slaughter, Wilson, Webb, Sanders, Bryson, Sharp, and Boman made the trip.

In their first and only meet on home cinders for the 1947 season, the Gorilla's finally rounded into shape and trounced the Emporia teachers 77½ to 53½ in a dual meet.

The Hornets came to town May 3rd highly favored and quickly jumped to a lead by copping two places in the mile and first and second in the shot put. Bud Boman instilled fight into the hearts of the Gorilla track men when he defeated Emporia's Gary in the 440 and returned thirty minutes later to repeat with a win in the half mile.

Sharp tied for first in the pole vault and Ester and Brown tied with Stokes of Emporia for first in the high jump. Longan and Toeller picked up a first and second in the high hurdles and later in the meet this same duo with Carl Webb added swept the low hurdles. Bryson won going away in the century with Sharp picking up a third. The speedy Bryson also won the 220 followed closely by Edwards who added a third to the point total of the Gorillas. Conner won the javelin and Hiedman took second. Slaughter pounded out a second in the two mile after winning third in the mile run. Ester and Cattalino won a second and third in the broad jump. The Pittsburg tracksters put the finishing touches on the day when they won the mile relay when Wilson, Sanders, Webb, and Boman sped around the oval four times in 3:29.5.

The Pittsburg cinder men traveled to Emporia May 16 and 17 to participate in the CIC track meet. The Gorillas moved into Emporia in a definite contenders role and the dopesters had it figured that they would fight it out with Washburn for top honors. The Tigers from Fort Hays charged in to upset the dope bucket. They were strong in the same events that the Gorillas were strong in, namely the quarter and the two hurdle events, and this pushed the Gorillas to fourth while Hays and Washburn fought down to the wire for the championship. Fort Hays copped the title

scoring 47 points, Washburn had 42, Emporia 41, Pittsburg 30, Southwestern 3, and St. Benedicts 2. No records were broken.

Pitt failed to score in the mile but Bud Boman finished a close second to Hertel of Hays in the quarter while Wilbur Sanders added a fourth to "Doc" Weede's score card. Ronald Bryson picked up a third in the 100-yard dash, Fred Longan topped the high hurdles for a third, and McAlpine scored a fourth in the shot put. Ester and Brown tied for third with four rival high jumpers, and Chet Hiedman hurled the javelin far enough to win a fourth. Hughie Wilson countered a first in the half mile. Hughie broke last from the starting holes, but wended his way to the top of the heap when he reached the final tape. Bryson placed third in the 220 and Slaughter ran a close second to Palace of Washburn in the two mile. Carl Webb scored a fourth in the low hurdles, Sharp placed fourth in the pole vault, and Cattalino performed well enough in the broad jump to finish third. The meet ended on a note that gave Pitt a chance to howl. In the mile relay, Bub Boman's brilliant finish, overcoming a 15-yard Emporia lead, and an excellent race by Wilson, Webb and Sanders enabled the Gorillas to finish first in that event. Those who placed in the Conference meet lettered.

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