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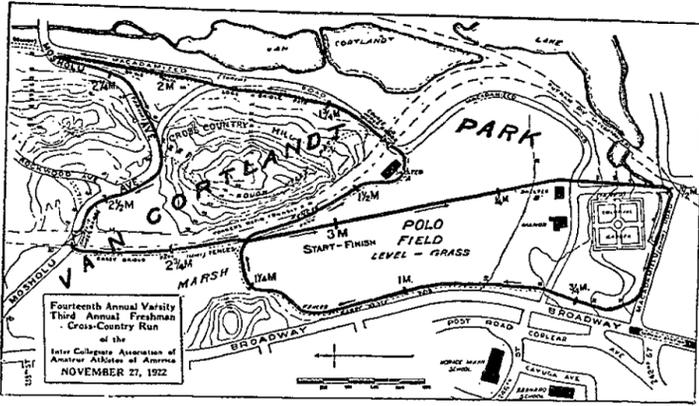
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The course over which the I. C. A. A. A. Varsity and freshman cross country championships will be run this afternoon is six miles long, divided into two laps. The freshmen cover only the first lap in their three mile contest while the Varsity teams go the full distance. There are four hurdles and one brush and log barrier which must be cleared each lap. One hurdle is 3 feet 6 inches in height, two are three feet and the fourth is 2 feet 6 inches. The brush obstruction is only 2 feet high but several feet wide. Nearly five miles of the six are run on grass or bridle paths. There are no steep grades anywhere on the route which is very nearly flat throughout its extent.

Higgins and Columbia Team Favored to Win Title Race

By Jack Masters

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The annual struggles for the national intercollegiate cross country championship will take place this afternoon over the six mile Van Cortlandt Park Course, with at least five representatives from eighteen colleges hitting the long trail over the flat and timber for the coveted individual and team honors.

For the last four weeks the harriers have been working toward the title goal, and the performances of winners in dual, triangular and quadrangular meets among the colleges, indicate that the athlete who wins tomorrow may be forced to shatter the record established last year by Robert Brown, of Cornell, when that sterling runner was timed in 32:20 5-10.

Among those of known ability who stand out in the entry list are Walter Higgins, intercollegiate two mile champion and captain of the Columbia team; Hendrie, of M. I. T.; Gordon, of Princeton; Young of Dartmouth; McLane, of Penn.; Dykeman of Carnegie Tech, and Case, of Syracuse.

There are eight others who might figure. Colby is sending a team which has two or three performers of merit, according to reports, but the percentage is against the dark horse, especially with such runners as mentioned above, who have proven their ability under fire.

Higgins, McLane and Hendrie should win the race, and I would not be surprised if McLane and Hendrie fill the two other positions of honor. In defeating the best that Cornell, Dartmouth and Pennsylvania could offer three weeks ago, Higgins near the peak of his form, covered the course in 32:56 and defeated McLane by about fifteen yards, this pair outclassing the rest of the field.

Hendrie was not a starter in that race, nor was Gordon, Dykeman or Princeton, however, that he must be considered. The Technology leader not only won but he was credited with a new course record. I do not believe this entitles him to be selected ahead of Higgins, however, as the Van Cortlandt course mark is better than that for the Nasasu trail.

In the case of Gordon, this youngster ran third in the Princeton race, and since then has shown improved form in training. Dykeman probably has a better claim for recognition, as he defeated Higgins at Syracuse early in the season. The Blue and White star was just getting into shape and did not run to within two minutes of the form he showed two weeks later. Case ran third here and Gordon was fourth.

On a Strange Course

The local course, with its hurdles, will be strange to Hendrie, Gordon, Dykeman and Case. McLane knows it well. He won the freshman championship there last November and had a hard race over this route with Higgins three weeks ago. McLane ran gamely despite his defeat, and Higgins will find the Penn star a rival fighter to the last inch of ground.

A comprehensive study of the team performances leaves me with the conviction that Columbia will win. In the recent quadrangular meet the Blue and White had a low score of 38, as compared to 57 for Cornell which furnished second. Dartmouth and Penn were badly beaten.

This leaves M. I. T., Princeton and Maine, the only other teams which threaten. Maine scored a four point victory over M. I. T. and Princeton also beat the Engineers by four points. Thus this trio appears evenly matched. Yet, in each of these meetings, it was Hendrie who won individual honors, indicating that neither of Maine nor Princeton has a man who can win first place tomorrow, and further, that if Hendrie is beaten, the M. I. T. is unlikely to land the team prize.

As to Columbia, there is Moore, who finished third to Higgins and McLane in the quadrangular race, Skeats, who finished sixth and Schmid who was seventh in the same race. Since then, Frank Brennan has beaten Skeats and on Riker has taken the measure of Schmid. Columbia may be beaten, but it is extremely unlikely.

The freshman title run, which will take place just previous to the varsity struggle, has also attracted an excellent entry.

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The seven runners who will carry the Cardinal and Gray in the Intercollegiate this afternoon, and their numbers follow:

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