

Coach's second year

USC's John West: 'We'll be better'

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The coming of the spring semester marks the beginning of a new track season under the able leadership of Coach John West. This will be West's second year as head track mentor of basically the same Gamecock squad that finished second in the conference to Maryland last year.

Coach West himself has many qualifications to his name as he only recently stepped off the cinders himself. West graduated from East Texas State University where he was one of the nation's fastest sprinters, with a 9.4 clocking in the 100-yard dash.

While in college he ran on many nationally ranked sprint relay teams and was named not only Ozark AAU and Southeastern sprint champion but also Southern sprint champion. He was named to the NCAA Track and Field Honor Roll in 1961.

Maryland for years has dominated the ACC in track. When West was asked if Carolina would win this year he replied, "I won't say that; but we'll be better this year than last year. Last year we finished second in the conference meet with more first places than Maryland."

"We're trying to have the greatest track program we can have," West went on to say, "and we're not going to be satisfied until we win everything we compete in. If I didn't believe that I wouldn't be here."

West went on to elaborate, "I would say a great bit of physical and mental strain goes into being a champion in track. We have a very fine and exciting group this year and I anticipate a great season."

That fine group of returning athletes includes three members of the winning 440 Relay team in last year's ACC Championship Meet: Jim Small a sophomore from Mr. Pleasant, S.C., Keith Eidson a junior from Clearwater, Florida and Dick Harris of football fame a junior from Mt. Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. Harris also won the 440 event with a time of 47.5.

Also returning will be three members from the winning mile relay team. These are Sam Gibson from Sumter, S. C., Harris and Bob Kaczka a senior from Lincoln Park, N.J. Kaczka was named the most valuable player in the ACC Meet as he also runs the 880. In this event he holds the school record with a time of 1:48.6 and is recognized as sixth in the NCAA in this event.

Billy Novo, a sophomore from Woodbridge, N.J., won the ACC in the high hurdles with a time of 14.0. Joe McCulloch a freshman from Columbia, S.C., will join him in this event.

USC has three candidates listed as milers. There are Jim Schaper, a freshmen from Atlanta, Ga., who also will run the 880, Rod Dalton, a freshmen from Anderson, S. C., and Jack Miller, a junior from East Brunswick, N. J. Larry Schemelia is listed as the number two miler. He is a freshman from Gloucester, N. J.

Although the team has been working out since the first day of school in the fall semester, outdoor dual meets won't begin until March 17 against Yale.

"We have one of the best home schedules with dual meets with Ga. Tech, Yale and Duke," West commented. "Not only that but the ACC Championships and the State Collegiate Championships will be in Columbia this year."



'Put it there'

USC track star Dickie Harris passes baton to teammate Jim Small during 440 relay last season. The pair return to spark this year's edition of the track team.

Ruggers start year



The USC Rugby Club started practice last Thursday and has a large number of veterans returning. The team plans on improving last season's record of 7-3 which was instrumental in their being invited to a tournament in Richmond, Va. at the end of the season.

This year marks the first time the USC club has been invited to the prestigious Richmond tourney.

Tryouts will be held Tuesday at 5 p.m. on Field B and the Rugby Club stipulates that no experience is necessary. Additionally, class standing is unimportant as the Ruggers have two professors starting. Freshmen are eligible to try out and start—if they are good enough.

Captained by Dr. Jim Wynn, the Ruggers feature a hard core of five lettermen who have played at least four years at USC. Jack Clasen, President of the club, Jim Elder, Sandy Frazier, Dave Ansley, and Secretary Paul Salvatore are the hard core returnees. Dr. Frank Walton, Burke Hayes, Jerry McMann, J.P. Troope, Gary McLean, George Geiser, Mike Schempp, Werner Minshall, and Ed Rice round out the present roster of 15 lettermen.

The Spring schedule for the Rugby Club is:

February 14	Clemson	Home
February 21	Georgia	Home
February 27	UNC	Home
February 28	N.C. State	Home
March 7	Florida	Away
March 14	Duke	Away
March 20	Atlanta	Home
March 24	Va. Tech	Home
March 27-28	Amherst	Home
April 24-25	Richmond Tournament	



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