

WILDCAT CROSS-COUNTRY PROFILES

TERRY COTTON, Sr., El Cajon, Calif.

No. 1 runner for Arizona in 1975. Earned All-America honor at NCAA cross-country meet and All-America at NCAA track meet in 5000-meter run. Holds Arizona record at Pontatoc of 26:07.9 (5.22 miles), and school record in 5000 meters (13:54.4). Has also run great times in the mile (4:04.1), two-mile (8:43.6) and three-mile (13:27.2). "He's looking exceptionally good in practice," Murray said.

THOM HUNT, Fr., San Diego, Calif.

Appears headed for outstanding career at Arizona after finishing second in the World Junior Cross-Country championships in Wales in March. Last winter set the national high school record for the indoor mile (4:02.7). Has also run super times in the two-mile (8:45.2), 5000 meters (14:18.0), 10,000 meters (29:46.0) and marathon (2:24:06). "I think he can move into the No. 1 spot extremely well this year," Murray said.

DAVID SHOOTS, Soph., Tucson, Ariz.

No. 2 last season. Was a high school All-America at Tucson Amphi High. Twice won the Arizona Class AAA Cross-Country championship. Has good times in the three-mile (13:58.2) and six-mile (29:31.0) runs at Arizona. "He had a super season in cross-country as a freshman and he looks even better this fall," Murray said.

GARY CLOSE, Sr., El Cajon, Calif.

Ran No. 3 last year and should be a high-quality top-five runner in 1976. In track, has bests of 13:59.8 for three miles and 29:55.6 for six miles. "He had a good summer and seems ready to go," Murray said.

CURT-ROLAND LJUNG, Soph., Gothenburg, Sweden.

Called the key to success for Arizona this fall if he develops into a strong No. 5 man. Had trouble adjusting to American training schedule and Arizona heat last year, but has overcome those problems. Has lifetime bests in 3000-meter steeplechase

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CURT-ROLAND LJUNG (Cont'd)

of 8:52.1 and 4:07.0 in the mile. "He used the summer to get ready for the American season and looks really good," Murray said.

JOE FERNANDEZ, Soph., Chandler, Ariz.

Came on as something of a surprise in 1975, running No. 7 most of the season as a walk-on. Should advance to No. 6 this fall. Ran steeplechase (9:32.6) in track. "Joe is the kind of quality runner we need for depth," Murray said.

MIKE NAIFEH, Soph., Tucson, Ariz.

Squad member last year who is fighting with several others for No. 7 spot. Has run 880 in 1:54.6 and mile in 4:16.8.

JOHN WILLY, Soph., Jackson, Mich.

Squad member in 1975 battling for No. 7 spot.

PAT HAMILTON, Fr., Tucson, Ariz.

A strong runner from Tucson Catalina High School who appeared headed for No. 7 spot before being slowed by an early Achilles injury. Has best of 9:23.0 for two miles.

PETE SHEEHAN, Fr., Tucson, Ariz.

Considered a sleeper with a great deal of ability. Has best of 1:55.0 for 880 yards. Also from Tucson Catalina High.

AL GOULD, Fr., Bloomington, Minn.

A walk-on candidate for No. 7 position.

RICK JONES, Fr., Pearl City, Hawaii.

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CHRIS GRUENSFELDER, Fr., Tucson, Ariz.

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JOHN SMART, Fr., Phoenix, Ariz.

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