

## COMPETES IN SUGAR BOWL RACE

# Cawley Is Prep Trackman of '59

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Rex Cawley can use his long legs to propel himself over track hurdles at a near world record pace but he's quite willing to rely on the airplane to help him meet his busy holiday schedule.

Cawley is the track star from Farmington High who startled the experts

with his showing last spring when he placed in all three hurdle events.

For this and other outstanding performances against the best hurdlers in the country, Cawley has been named high school trackman of the year by Track and Field News, the "bible" of the track world. Cawley will adorn the cover of the publication's high school annual.

Presently Cawley is home for Christmas. He leaves Tuesday for New Orleans and the Sugar Bowl track meet. Thursday he will be back home and ready to depart for Southern California where he is a freshman.

### SPEEDY TRIP

"It's going to be a quick trip to New Orleans," Cawley said. "I'm just going to compete in the high hurdles and come right back."

Cawley's only competition for the athlete of the year title, won last year by shotputter Dallas Long, came from Archie San Romani Jr., of Wichita (Kan.) East High. San Romani, a freshman at Wichita now, set a high school record for the mile of 4:08.9.

It was Cawley's showing at the AAU meet that earned the honor. He is the first man to place in all three hurdle events (fifth in the 110-meter highs, third in the 200-meter lows and sixth in the 400-meter hurdles).

Cawley has yet to compete for Southern California in a meet. He surprised everyone by going to school on the West Coast. He was in line to attend Michigan State, then changed his mind.

"I think I was as surprised as anyone when I ended up at Southern Cal," Cawley said. "It's a great place. The weather is wonderful. We've been working out three times a week since the start of school."

"I haven't run in competition since I got out here. We've just been getting into shape. I think they're going to have me concentrate upon the 400-meter hurdles. I like all the hurdles races about the same, so it doesn't make much difference to me."

### TOURED EUROPE

Cawley's sixth-place finish in the AAU 400-meter race helped earn him a place on an American track team that toured Europe during the summer.

"I didn't keep track of my wins over there but I felt the experience was a big help," Cawley said. "My big ambition was to get my time under 14 seconds in the highs. I did that with a :13.9 time."

Competition will begin in earnest for Cawley when he returns to school. The USC freshman track schedule starts

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REX CAWLEY, HOME FOR CHRISTMAS  
Prepares for Trip to New Orleans.—News Photo.



(Santa left a day off in my stocking.)

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Feb. 26 and continues to the end of the school year.

He expects to enter some indoor meets that will be held in the recently completed Los Angeles Arena.

"There's a promoter who is bringing in the board track that they use in Milwaukee," explained Cawley. "They'll run some meets indoors in January and February. I understand they are bringing in fellows like Hayes Jones and Lee Calhoun."

The experts were predicting that Cawley might have his best chance of competing in the Olympics in 1964. However, the 19-year-old youngster does not intend to be on the sidelines when the battle lines are drawn in Rome next summer.

"Barring accident and with a lot of work I think I can make our Olympic team next year," declared Cawley.

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