

# Injuries can't keep Hall down

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Dave Hall's college athletic career didn't end the way he expected it to — not even the way he would have wanted it.

But few long-range goals follow mapped-out strategies. And one quality Hall, a Livonia Stevenson graduate, possesses that separates him from other athletes is endurance. Not the marathon-running type of physical endurance, although he has proven he can withstand that kind of punishment.

Hall has proven to be enduring. He has adjusted to radical shifts in his athletic career with relative ease. And he has made the switches with great success.

Talent helps, certainly. And Hall has plenty of that.

When he first entered University of Michigan, it was with hopes of someday playing quarterback for the Wolverines. As he now leaves Michigan, it's with thoughts of what might have been had he devoted his time to track instead.

"I think I could have been a lot better decathlete if I concentrated on that entirely," said Hall, who graduated from Michigan May 4. "But I really en-

joyed football, all the friends I made. I enjoyed basketball, too, even though it was hard real on my knees."

COUNT 'EM — three varsity sports. Hall's a throwback to another era, a three-sport athlete at a major university. In this era of sport specialization, that makes him rare indeed. While it was football that brought him to Michigan, it was in track that Hall enjoyed his greatest success. He earned four letters in track and, in his final competition as a Wolverine, busted the school record in the decathlon.

Hall earned 7,034 points to finish first at the Central Collegiate Meet May 24-25 at Eastern Michigan University. He surpassed the former U-M record by a mere two points.

"I didn't know if my legs would hold up," he said. "At first I just wanted to finish. Then I wanted to win. The Michigan record was in the back of my mind, but I never knew how close I was. If I had, I probably wouldn't have been able to break it."

THE DECATHLON suits Hall. It's enduring, but not just physically, although competing in 10 events in two days can drain any athlete.

"The hardest thing is maintaining

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your concentration for two days," said Hall. "It is physically difficult but mentally, you can't dwell on a past event. You just have to do your best and move on. It's a combination of the two."

There's no way of telling how good Hall could have been if he had concentrated on the decathlon throughout his collegiate career. Not that his football career was a flop. Had Hall gotten a better break, he might have made a greater impact in his first choice of sports.

Hall's best moment in football came when he was called on to relieve Steve Smith in the 1983 Rose Bowl. Although he had almost no experience, Hall rallied the Wolverines to within a touchdown of UCLA, but the comeback died and Michigan lost 24-14.

DURING 1983 spring practice, Hall hurt his right knee. He played on it that fall, but his mobility was reduced and he was ineffective. After the season, doctors examined the knee and strong-

ly advised Hall to give up football or risk permanent damage.

"I was really disappointed I couldn't play," he recalled. "I wasn't agreeing with the decision at the time, but it was the right thing. I couldn't move laterally without hurting the knee."

With football taken from him, Hall devoted himself to track and the decathlon. He first became interested in the 10-sport event as a junior at Stevenson. With the encouragement of then-Stevenson track coach Tom Bills, Hall entered the National Junior Olympics.

It was a natural event for him. In high school, Hall competed in both hurdles events, the discus, long jump, high jump and 440-yard run.

"I was already halfway there," he said when the idea of competing in the decathlon was suggested. Hall finished first in the Midwest Regionals to qualify for the National Junior Olympics, where he placed second, even though it was only his third decathlon.

AS A FRESHMAN at Michigan, Hall continued to impress as a decathlete, finishing second at the TAC Junior Nationals. But that's where his other sports interests — namely football — deterred him.

"I started to concentrate on football," he said. "The guys I beat as a freshman kept working on the decathlon. Now they've passed me."

Hall's injured knee was no problem in track. The running is straight ahead, so there was no lateral strain. With track his only concern — he did play basketball as a sophomore for an injury-depleted Wolverine squad — Hall worked heavily on weights during the fall and winter.

His efforts resulted in greater strength (he went from 210 to 220 pounds), which in turn resulted in improved performances in the throwing events. Until late in the season, Hall owned Michigan's best toss of the year in the discus, an event usually reserved for offensive-lineman types, not quarterbacks.

WHAT HALL needs is time to concentrate on the decathlon. That and a pair of healthy legs. A few weeks ago, he sat down in a car and felt something snap in his left knee. He tore cartilage and had to have arthroscopic surgery earlier this week.

"I'm going to take a year off and concentrate on my school work," Hall said. He's already enrolled in the University of Texas' graduate business



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shatters decathlon record

school. "I'm going to rest for a year and let my legs recover. Then I might come back and start training again next summer (for the decathlon)."

"If it doesn't work out, that's OK. It's no big deal. I'll just work on my MBA. I'll work out. Hall will find a way to make it work. It's part of his make-up. He'll endure."

## Georges to meet in region

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"But they can run themselves right into trouble and out of innings," Georges cautioned, adding that Stevenson is 7-2 since moving forward catcher Chris Tancill to shortstop and putting Brian Cox behind the plate.

The winner of Saturday morning's showdown advances to the regional finals at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Canton. They will play the winner of the Southgate-Deerborn game, scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at Plymouth Salem High School.

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