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## **STRATEGY IN RUNNING**

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One of the oldest and most natural of all athletic events is foot racing. When the first race was held is a matter of unrecorded means it. history. The idea for man to battle man in an effort to arrive at a certain goal before his opponent is a time-honored contest. Cavemen may have originated the idea by chasing dinosaurs and their wives. New York Yankees, wishes Berra, the Yanke's ace receiver, the best

Or maybe the whole thing had its origin in a reverse pattern—the wives chasing their husbands. However, since the human male now holds an undeniable superi-ority over the womenfolk in the liam Chinery of England in 1868, the category of foot racing it seems logical to assume that he initiated the competition. Even in the days before the record books man must have had some sort of strategy in running. Then came dreams of the

some sort of strategy in running. Surely the cavemen must have had more than one bit of experience at chasing or being chased by the beasts of the wild. Whether cavewomen come under this category or not is merely a matter of opinion.

From these encounters with his adversaries, man learned that he could run faster by the use of certain methods. The ob-jective of many of the races was probably much different than what it is now. In the old, old, old days of yore man's goal may have not been a finish line. It might have been an abandoned cave—with or without hot and cold running maids. Perhaps it was a tree. Or a hole in the ground. Or a Brigadoon that appears only once every 100 years. Anything, just so he could get away from the dino-saurs or his wife. It's not that the family was not

a solidified unit in those days. One thing that may have been the One thing that may have been the cause is that there were no tax collectors in those days. Without tax collectors the man of the fam-ily had a more or less free con-trol over his earnings. The world must have been fine without tax collectors. But then came the men such as Bannister the idea of running the Miracle preachers, the ministers, the ministers, the Mile to the extent of tremendous preachers, the ministers, the dials on the watch cam well meaning persons came mar-Marryin' Sams. And with these that the dials on the watch can well meaning persons came mar-do to halt the assault on the time riage. And with marriage came barrier. This has once again been families. And with families came barrier. This has once again been trouble. The wife, seeing that there were no tax collectors, de-manded a percentage of the prof-its— one-fifth of each dinosaur egg, 10 per cent on all jellyfish, and 20 per cent on amoeba. Man unable to meet these burdensome set a new record of 4:03.8 on Jan and 20 per cent on amoeba. Man unable to meet these burdensome taxations cried out "Taxation 29 in the Boston A.A. meet, without representation is tryanny" and fled for the nearest overhang-ing cliff, forming a pattern of outmaneuvering his spouse as he ran. To him that was the finish line. If he got there without being caught he could consider that he had won. And you can't hardly find races with a 4:03.6 clocking.

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And won. And won. And you can't hardly find races ke that no more. But that was many, many cons ago. We still have preach-ars, ministers, and Marryin' Sams. We also have tax college to the record books were rewritten, this time with a 4:03.6 clocking. With the strategy of the greats to rely on, it appears as though man will go deeper in to the oceans, higher into the sky, and faster across the land than ever eons ago. We still have preach-ers, ministers, and Marryin' Sams. We also have tax collec-tors. Darwin would hardly ap-prove of this theory of the evo-lution of foot racing. But that is siy of one kind and a half is six of one kind and a half dozen of the other. The impor-tant thing is that man has mapped out his strategy of running since Darwin knows when. What is more vital is that this



Then came dreams of the four-minute mile. But they were considered to be merely dreams.

The greatest runners the world

had ever known had a rough time cracking 4:15. With snail-like reguarity the time, were lowered. Finland's Peerless Pa-

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avo Nurmi mastered his even-pace method of running and cut the time to 4:10.4 in 1923. Jack Lovelock of New Zealand, Glenn Cunningham of the U.S., and Arne Anderson and Gunder Haegg of Sweden chopped prec-ious seconds off the ever-lower-ion sech and findly on Marc

ing mark, and finally on May 6, 1954 Roger Bannister took over where fellow Englishman Lawes

began almost a century before. Bannister ripped off a sizzling 3:59.4 mile. Man had done it

again! Later that summer John Landy of Australia dropped the world record again. Prospects

sidered mere dreams but they

too may some day be reality. A dream? So was the four-

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of the 3:45 mile are now

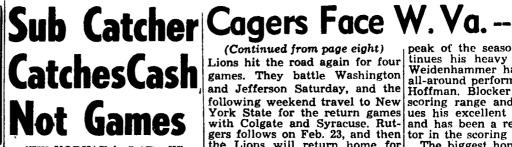
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big reasons why the Yankees swept five world championships ar. a second to Cleveland in the American League race last season

That's all added up to five winning World Series checks for Sil-

ning World Series checks for Silvera plus the second place money for last year. Spelled out in cash it has meant \$33,858 extra for the second string catcher. Silvera signed his seventh con-tract with the Yanks yesterday for a salary of around \$12,000. Since h. came up to the Yankees from Portland in the Pacific C o as t League in the tail end of 1948, he has earned about \$70,000 in pay from the Yanks. Add that to his World Series extras and you'll find World Series extras and you'll find Also gaining decisions for the ou, that Charlie has made about State eight were Wilson Reitz in

at bats



IEW YORK, Feb. 7 (AP)-When Yogi Berra sneezes, Charlie Silver says "gesundheit" and he

**Edge Freshmen** 

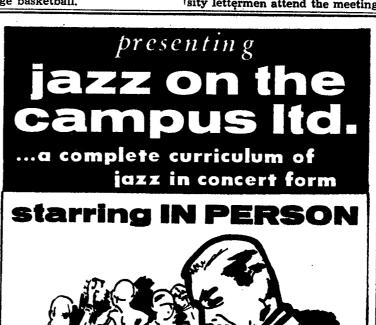
Penn State's freshman wrestling of the season Jan. 29 to the first year men of Navy, 16-14, despite frosh standout Henry Barone's 30second victory.

games. They battle Washington

Going into the final match the

Break that down into games and at 137; and Les Walters in the you'll find that the good natured Californian has earned about \$560 180 big lease

180 big league games, and has an encounter the Lock Haven State average of 299 on 118 hits in 394 Teachers squad at Recreation Teachers squad at Recreation Hall.



(Continued from page eight) Lions hit the road again for four games. They battle Washington and Jefferson Saturday, and the Hoffman. Blocker has found the York State for the return games with Colgate and Syracuse. Rut-gers follows on Feb. 23, and then the Lions will return home for their final two contests. They right now appears to be their class

the Lions will return home for their final two contests. They meet Pitt at Rec Hall on Feb. 26 and face Penn on March 2 in the iense. Its emergance in the final season wrap-up. At the moment the Nittanies deal of difference in their out-are probably at their sharpest come.

## Navy Grapplers Hustling Dons Are Basketball Orphans

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7 (AP)-The University of San Francisconow bidding for No. 1 among the nation's college basketball teams -is an orphan of the sport.

The dashing Dons have no gym of their own for practice. They have no court of their own for games.

Coach Phil Wollpert's 15-man squad polishes up its phenomenal defense and deadly accurate shooting in the gym of nearby St. Ignatius High School. At 3 p.m. the Dons have to clear out. The

high school boys take over. For "home" games, the squad comes down from its hilltop campus overlooking San Francisce Bay and plays either in Kezar Stadium Fieldhouse or in the cavernous Cow Palace, site of stock



evolution from a sort of one cell affair has multiplied faster than the Australian rabbit and is now a highly scientific art.

Lawes of Great Britain cracked Assn. the five-minute mile with a 4:56 Edv the five-minute mile with a 4:56 running. Man had done the seem-ingly impossible again! But wait. the drivers were suspended Nov. A year later another Englishman, 10, 1954 for their part in a strike Richard Webster, lowered Lawes' which delayed racing at Yonkers record by 19.5 seconds. And so it went. After man conquered the night of Oct. 30. They sought in-five-minute mile he sought to beat creased purses.

NFW YORK, Feb. 7 (P)-The suspension of eight prominent trotting drivers was ended today by George P. Monaghan, New York State harness racing commissioner, but he refused to lift a one year ban agains: the president Ninety-one years ago Charles of the Standardbred Owners

**Trotting Driver Ban** 

Lifted on Eight



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