

# 7 Vets Battle For Mile Relay

By ROY WILLIAMS

Four men will represent the Lions' outdoor track squad in the mile relay this spring, but who will get the nod from coach Chick Werner is unpredictable. Werner has seven men—two of them sophomores—who will be vying for one of the four berths.

Sophomores John Morin and Bob Matz, although they have had little experience, may figure in the race. Seniors Roy Brunjes, Skip Slocum, and Dave Leathem, and juniors Bruce Austin, and Art Pollard, will round out a combination that shows both experience and ability.

Pollard, Leathem, Matz, and Morin were the baton passers for the Lions in the quadrangular meet February at Michigan State College. The Lions—competing against Michigan State, Ohio State, and Missouri—came in second with a show capped by a record-shattering mile-relay performance.

### New Record

The Lions streaked to a 3:19.5 time, to break the Penn State indoor record and the Michigan State field house time of 3:19.7.

In the IC4A's this year the Lions failed to place in the mile indoor relay. Harry Mitchell led off but pulled a leg muscle 25 yards out and Werner withdrew the team.

One of the primary objectives of the indoor mile run is to get the men in condition for the outdoor card. In Jan., 1954, the Lions smashed a Convention Hall four-year-old record set by Villanova to cop the Liberty Bell Trophy in the Inquirer Meet.

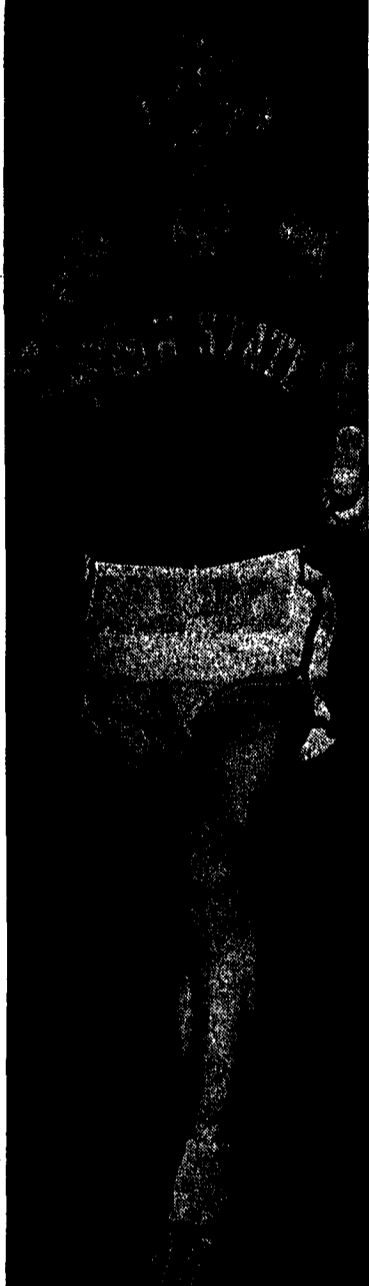
### Sax Missing

This time the quartet included Pollard, Brunjes, Leathem and Ollie Sax who combined to turn in a 3:23.8 time to scratch the old mark of 3:24. Sax, anchorman last year, will be the only man missing from the Lions' winning foursome.

In two meets during the 1954 indoor season with the Lions competing against Manhattan and Morgan State in invitational tussles in Boston and the Washington Evening Star meet Penn State placed third in each instance.

In the New York AC run, however, Werner shifted his lineup, with Slocum opening, followed by Leathem, Brunjes, and Pollard who turned in another first-place winning combination with a 3:22.5 time to squeeze past Manhattan.

In the 1954 IC4A mile run the Lions slipped to fourth behind Princeton, Colgate, and Harvard after finishing first three times, and third twice.



Skip Slocum  
Mile Relay Hopeful

# On the Exhibition Circuit

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 1 (AP)—Nelson King and Whammy Douglas teamed up effectively today to pitch the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 7-4 exhibition win over the Baltimore Orioles.

Douglas worked the first five innings and got credit for the victory. He gave up five hits and three runs. King held the Orioles to three hits and a single tally the rest of the way.

Gene Freese doubled home two Pirate runs in the fifth and Frank Thomas, Jack Shepard and Felipe Montemayor each contributed run-scoring safeties. Dale Long chipped in with a two-bagger good for one marker in the seventh and the other run came on a force play in the third.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 1 (AP)—The Milwaukee Braves leaned hard on the offerings of Brooklyn's two southpaw hopefuls, Karl Spooner and Johnny Podres, to post a 9-5 exhibition baseball victory today and even their series at three victories apiece.

Spooner, pitching for the first time since March 13 when he contracted a sore shoulder, was socked for a three-run homer by Joe Adcock in the first inning. Podres was rocked for six runs in the fifth.

HOUSTON, April 1 (AP)—The Cleveland Indians clobbered the New York Giants 15-3 before an overflow crowd of 10,930 today.

The Indians collected 14 hits with home runs by Larry Doby, Al Smith, Al Rosen, and pitcher Bob Lemon.

Lemon hurled eight innings in the longest stint turned in by a member of Cleveland's staff this spring.

NEW ORLEANS, April 1 (AP)—The Chicago White Sox battered St. Louis pitchers Harvey Haddix and Herb Moford today for a 9-0 decision in a game halted by rain after six innings.

SARASOTA, Fla., April 1 (AP)—Boston Red Sox Manager Mike Higgins today appeared almost resigned to the fact that slugger Ted Williams will not be with the club this season.

After the team held a snappy, final workout before departure for a barnstorming trip through the south enroute home, Higgins stated: "We haven't even heard from him."

Higgins also admitted Boston had made Detroit an offer for third baseman Ray Boone, but felt there was no business being transacted at the present time.

### Two National Champs

Penn State for the first time produced two National Collegiate wrestling champions in one year when Larry Fornicola and Bill Oberly won titles at the 1955 tourney. The Nittany Lions, who now claim five individual champions, finished first in the team race in 1953, second three times in the last five tournaments.

# Stickmen in Heavy Pre-Season Drills

Taking advantage of perfect weather, the Penn State lacrosse team has been going through heavy practice sessions in preparation for its opening day battle Thursday with Adelphi College.

Coach Nick Thiel, who is starting his 20th season as head tutor for the stickmen, is going to rely on speed and stamina when his charges take the field against the New York team at Garden City, N.Y.

Thiel said that the squad lacks skill and finesse but is the most aggressive team in the past few years. Besides aggressiveness, the lacrossemen have good size and speed, but they do not have the experience that their opponents have.

Hofstra, the third game on the schedule, will be the toughest contest on the seven day venture into foreign soil for the Lions. New Hampshire, which is rebuilding after a loss of eight players through graduation, will have only two starters from the '54 squad to build around.

The first home contest for the Nittanians will be with Navy, which copped the national crown last year and who are expected to repeat this year. Thiel is hoping that the three away games during Easter vacation will round his green squad into top shape. And if injuries do not hamper the Lions in any way the Navy team will probably be in for a hard fought battle.

The only injury of the season was received by Steve Friedman, who suffered a slight dislocation of his shoulder during a practice session last week. Ron Youtz, who broke his ankle in an auto accident in December, is expected to see action against Adelphi.

# \$1.5 Billion Bet By British Fans

LONDON, April 1 (AP)—Britons poured out a total of 550 million pounds (\$1,540,000,000) on gambling in 1954, the British Churches' Committee on Gambling said in its annual report.

That total compared with 602 million pounds (\$1,685,000,000) in 1953. Only in the case of football pools betting was there an increase in turnover.

"In these days of rising costs of living and incessant demands for more salaries and wages, it is a grave reflection both on our national common sense and morality that 12 to 14 million people send to the football pools every week approximately 1,600,000 pounds (\$4,480,000) the report said.

The District Tigers' average age, 25.3 years, is the youngest in the American League.

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# To Be or Not to Be Bums

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—Dem Bums ain't bums at all. Dey has got sumpin which aigheads call "dignity."

That was the word today from Rep. Francis E. Dorn, a Republican from—of all places—Brooklyn, N.Y. Mr. Dorn, of course, uses the King's English. The above translation is provided for the Ebbets Field Bumlovers.

The 44-year-old Dorn is a lawyer and a baseball enthusiast. His diamond career is limited to the rule of substitute on the Republican congressional ball team, which shows off for Florida tomorrow for "spring training."

Stirred by an editorial in a

Sylvia Wene, National Women's Match Game Champion, bowled a 727-series in match play at Allentown. It was her eleventh 700-series.

Brooklyn weekly, The Bulletin, Dorn went to bat for the Brooklyn Dodgers in a statement in the Congressional Record. He informed House Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) of "a most worthwhile campaign" started by the newspaper in an editorial headed: "Stop calling the Dodgers the

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