

Penn Relays Open Today

Trackmen Aim to Tie Rare Winning Mark

By JOHN BLACK

The 65th annual running of the Penn Relays starts this afternoon at 12:15 and 25 Blue and White clad track and field men will try to capture one of the elusive trophies for Penn State—a feat the Lions have not been able to perform for 10 years.

But this year should see the end of that dubious skein, according to track writers and Penn Relays publicity agents. For the Nittany thinclads have been tabbed as the team to beat in the 2-mile, 4-mile and distance medley relays, and are given an outside chance to win the sprint medley title.

Sixty-five colleges, four armed services units and hundreds of AAU clubs, high schools and elementary schools will participate in the Franklin Field festival.

Each year an award is given to the Most Valuable Performer as selected by vote of the press.

The two most outstanding pre-tourney candidates for this honor are the Lions' Captain Ed Moran and Abilene Christian sprinter Bill Woodhouse.

Woodhouse, who inherited the Texas legacy left by Bobby Morrow, will anchor the ACC sprint relay crews that will be defending their 440 and 880-yard relay crowns. He is also a top choice in the invitational 100-yard dash.

Moran will anchor three Nittany baton squads—the 4-mile and both medleys. Moran's entry in the sprint medley rather than the 2-mile indicates the Lions are going to shoot the works and go for four relay titles. Only two teams—Pitt and Michigan—have

annexed a quadruplet of crowns in the 65-year history of the meet. Coach Chick Werner has an abundance of talent available to

fill Moran's position on the 2-mile aggregation. Werner has named the same foursome that ran the indoor race at the Chicago Daily News Games when Moran was pulled in favor of the invitational mile. The team will consist of Don Davies, Bill Schwab, Chick King, and Dick Engelbrink.

Two other changes have been made in the normal Nittany alignment. Dave Truitt will run in the sprint relays in place of Dick Hambright who is being utilized in the medleys, and George Metzger will join Hambright, Moran and Bob Brown in the sprint medley.

The first event on today's card for the Nittanians is the 440-yard relay. Bob Szezyler, Blaine O'Connor, Truitt and Brown will run the distance. The same crew will carry the Blue and White colors in the 880 later in the afternoon.

The Lion distance medley relay team which set an eastern record at Quantico and came within striking distance of the national standard should be in good shape to make an assault on that mark. None of the Nittany quartet of Hambright, King, Engelbrink and Moran will run in any other event today.

The distance medley will be the only "favored" Lion crew to see action today.

Two other events are on the light opening day card. Herm Weber, Dennie Johnson, and George Jones will enter the 2-mile run, and John Tullar, Andy Nyce, Jon Musser and Jim Warnbold will throw the discus.



Ed Moran ... contender for MVP

The Sportsman



McCoy Kills Alumni Game

By Lou Prato Sports Editor

We've had a number of inquiries lately concerning the status of the Varsity "S" Club's proposed Alumni football game. That was the tilt, you may recall, featuring former Penn State gridgers now playing pro ball that was being planned as a replacement for the annual Blue-White intrasquad game at the conclusion of spring grid drills.

Well, my friends, that game is dead—shot down, personally, by Recreation Hall's boss, Dean Ernest B. McCoy. It met quite an unfortunate death. For such a game would have 1) given Penn State sports fans an opportunity to see some of the biggest names in pro football displaying their talents, and 2) meant a large amount of revenue for the Lion athletic scholarship program. And McCoy, himself, has admitted that more financial aid is needed if Penn State is to strengthen its varsity program.

McCoy's main reason for killing the game is obvious. He does not think that professional athletes can mix with the collegiate brand. "We do not have to bring in the pros to make our program go," he told this writer in an interview a couple of months back. "That's not within the precepts of education and besides, it leads to over-emphasis."

He has repeatedly denounced pro football for the "inroads" it has made, although not going into any ramifications of the subject, and has accused the pros of "running down" the collegiate game on their radio and TV broadcasts.

Now, what inroads have the pros made? Sure, their quality of ball has improved tremendously, and, logically, their attendance records have skyrocketed, too. But should these factors call for quarrels. And in all of our listening and viewing of pro grid games, we have yet to hear the broadcaster say anything derogatory about the collegians. In fact, they praise the colleges for sending such outstanding players to the "big leagues."

McCoy has said that the NCAA "is in a constant fight with the pros" and it has made many rules to combat them. He points to the fact that a college coach can not coach an all-star team that plays a pro team and that a college coach can not hold a scouting job on a pro club's payroll.

Well, maybe McCoy and the rest of the NCAA's "do-gooders" should go all the way. I mean, if they think pro football is that bad, why don't they pass other rules. Before granting a high school boy a scholarship, why not make him pledge that he will never play pro ball? Or why not forbid college coaches from talking to pro coaches? Or why not stop pro officials from scouting collegiate games from the press boxes? Or why not arm both sides with bazookas and have them shoot it out?

Contrary to McCoy's views, I think there is room for both college and professional athletics. But because of my youth, my opinion on this subject is probably being questioned. But there are many more-qualified authorities around the country who share my attitude.

One of these men is Notre Dame's new head grid coach, Joe Kuharich, who for the past 5 years had been the field boss of the Washington Redskins. In an interview three months ago, Kuharich told me that high school, college and professional football go hand in hand. "All three have an important part in sports," he said, "and one is lost without the other. If it wasn't for the high schools, there would be no college ball and if not for the colleges, there would be no pro ball."

Kuharich also said the pros and colleges both help the high schools by improving their quality of play. The schoolboys study the new styles and systems, he said, and become better players. This in turn, means that the colleges and pros will get better.

Notre Dame, incidentally, is one of several schools in the nation that have an alumni game. And Kuharich played in the initial one in 1938. "I think it (the Alumni Game or Old Timer Game as it has been tabbed by the Irish) is a good thing," Kuharich said. "I know for a fact that many pro players go back to their Alma Maters every spring for Old Timer games."

Kuharich said that almost every coach and owner in the league permits their men to play in an Alumni game. And commenting on the subject of injuries to a star during one of these pre-season encounters, he said: "The element of risk is always there. But those things are an act of God. You can get injured anywhere—playing football or driving a car. You can't be afraid of injuries, for it's when you become fearful of them that you usually get hurt."

Getting back closer to the subject, the fact that the NCAA won't legislate against the Alumni Games proves that many college officials sanction them. Notre Dame, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Virginia are among the schools that hold such games. There are many others.

There is one more aspect of this subject to be discussed. Penn State is being seriously considered as a charter member for the new football conference, the All-American or Jet Loop, which would include most of the top

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Kikla Filling Gap Left by Emery

For the last few baseball seasons, Lion coach Joe Bedenk has had a lefthanded pitcher whom he could count on to win the "big one."

First it was Eddie Drapcho who won 29 games for the Lions in three years and then last year it was Cal Emery who won 18 games in two years of varsity ball.

Both were good enough to sign major league contracts, Drapcho with Cleveland and Emery with the Phillies. But what hurt about Emery's signing was that he had a year of eligibility left.

So Bedenk was left with one experienced hurler—Ron Riese. But Riese had his troubles early this season and Bedenk wasn't too happy.

Then Ed Kikla, a sophomore lefthander, beat Bucknell and Ohio State and Bedenk relaxed a little. Then yesterday Kikla beat Bucknell again and Bedenk was pretty sure that he had found another "stopper."

"Kikla could be the big man of our pitching staff this season," said Bedenk, "but he'll have to work hard at it." "He has a lot

was on par with them at this stage of their careers.

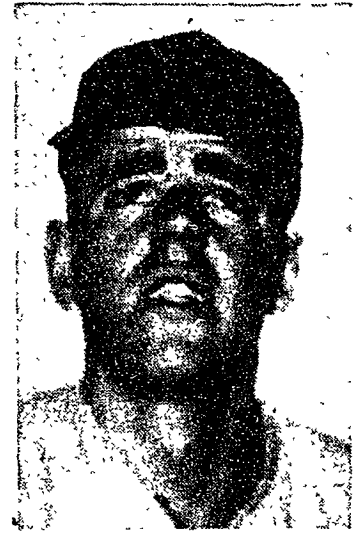
"Kikla and Drapcho are a lot alike," Bedenk said. "Both of them learned their baseball the same way, coming up through little league and American Legion ball."

Bedenk said that Emery could have been a lot better pitcher, but he had his mind on playing first base. "The scouts told him that he would play first base when he signed and that's all he thought about for awhile last year," said the Lion mentor.

The Lion coach also said that Kikla was extra valuable to this year's team because of his batting ability. "If he weren't a pitcher, I think he could make the club because of his hitting," Bedenk said.

DUGOUT CHATTER—The Phillies have sent Emery to their Des Moines farm club in the Class B Three I League . . . Drapcho is with Mobile in the Class AA Southern Association . . . The Lions next game is tomorrow when Georgetown invades Beaver Field for a doubleheader . . . Navy, a future Lion opponent, beat Georgetown, 5-0, Tuesday . . .

of potential to develop." In comparison with Emery and Drapcho, Bedenk said that Kikla



Cal Emery ... former lion ace

Baltimore Rallies To Beat Red Sox

BOSTON (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles rallied for three runs in the eighth inning yesterday then choked off a budding Red Sox threat to preserve an 8-7 victory.

Fleet center fielder Willie Tasby was the big gun in Baltimore's come-from-behind effort, driving in 4 runs on a homer and 2 singles.

Baltimore Manager Paul Richards used 22 players, including 6 pitchers in taking a 2-1 edge in the 3-game series. In all, there were 24 hits and 19 men left on base in the 3 hours and 22 minute game.

With Boston ahead 7-5 in the eighth, Jim Finigan, pinch hitter Brooks Robinson and Whitey Lockman stroked singles to produce one run; Chico Carrasquel added another single to tie it up, and Tasby produced the winning run with another single to center.

Senators Nip Yankees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Senators collected only three hits yesterday but exploited Yankee pitcher Bob Turley's seventh inning lapse of control for all the runs they needed in a 3-2 victory over the New Yorkers.

Turley, mixing his blazing fastball with change of pace curves pitched six shutout innings.

Challenger Due Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — Ingemar Johansson will arrive here Monday morning to begin final preparations for his title fight with World Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson at Yankee Stadium, June 25.

Promoter Bill Rosensohn's office said yesterday Johansson would leave Sweden Sunday night.

PINE FOREST CAMP
a well-established co-ed camp in the Poconos, has openings in its staff for women in the Junior or Senior Class or for graduate students or instructors. Should be 21 years old. Interviews will be held at the Student Employment Service, 112 Old Main, on April 30 and May 1. Sign up in advance for an appointment