

Slow Starts Hamper Lions' Star Sprinter

By JIM KARL

In Bobby Brown, Penn State track coach Chick Werner has one of the top sprinters in the East and perhaps a good Olympic prospect, but right now Brown's having his troubles, mainly starts.

Werner took the powerfully built dashman to most of the big invitational meets around the indoor circuit this year, and Brown came up with some sparkling performances.

In fact, he ran so convincingly that Eastern track experts made him the favorite in the IC4A championships two weeks ago over such starts as national indoor dash champ Paul Winder and Villanova's twin speed merchants, Paul Drayton and Frank Budd.

Brown managed to win the four qualifying rounds in the indoor classic, but was edged in the final by Budd.

Then last week he was beaten on consecutive nights by Eddie Miles, a "just average" sprinter from Indiana.

It was apparent to Werner and his assistant, Norm Gordon, that Brown was making a wrong move in breaking from the starting blocks.

"For the past two weeks I've been getting bad starts," Brown admitted yesterday. "And very seldom has anyone got a bad start in fast competition and won—in fact, I don't think I've ever seen it done."

The Lion coaches have been working overtime the past few days to discover Brown's mistakes.

After the junior star had won the Millrose Games, Werner said that he thought Brown was over the hump as far as style goes. But recently, instead of shooting from the starting



Bobby Brown

blocks low and gradually raising his body, Brown has been standing up after the first step and losing his momentum.

The coaches worked with him yesterday in practice to correct this flaw and after watching his start a few times, they noticed that he had such perfect balance that he was getting no "effect" on his start.

Instead of pushing himself upward and keeping his hands low, Brown has been raising his hands up after taking his initial step.

Some hard work is the prescription for Brown's ailment and once he regains his form, the experts agree he's going to be mighty tough to stop

Brotherhood Award Won By Twyman

NEW YORK (AP) — Jack Twyman, star of the Cincinnati Royals basketball team, was awarded the National Sportsmanship Brotherhood trophy yesterday for having been guardian and companion of an ailing teammate for the past two years.

Twyman and Maurice Stokes were both on the Cincinnati club when Stokes was stricken with a brain disease while flying to the Ohio city from a road trip in March of 1958. When Stokes' funds were used up, Twyman had himself named his paralyzed friend's legal guardian and took over the affairs.

Since then he has raised and paid off an estimated \$45,000 of Stokes' hospital and medical bills and has been the former St. Francis (Pa.) College star's constant companion in his battle back to health.

Stokes, now 27, has recovered to the extent that he was permitted to leave the hospital for the first time two months ago and saw his former mates play a league contest.

Stengel Says He'll Know About Yanks 'Soon Enough'

By JOE REICHLER
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"Maybe they've slipped; maybe they're dead, like the wise and experienced sports writers claim. I don't think they've slipped and I don't think they're dead. But I can be wrong. We'll know soon enough."

Casey Stengel scowled fiercely as he bit off these words which must have hurt him more than he let on. He made a game attempt to appear optimistic as he pointed to the new team attitude, stronger hitting, tighter fielding, better pitching.

"If they do what they have been doing so far this spring," he growled, "they'll give the other clubs a lot of trouble."

Just about a year ago, the wizened old manager of the New York Yankees, drooled with confidence as he said: "I've got the best team in the league. It's going to be another world cham-

pion. We've got the other seven teams by the tail."

Winning as he recalled the Yankees' third place finish last year, Stengel admitted he had made a mistake.

"I should have known better," said the man who had won nine pennants in his 11 years at the Yankee helm.

The Yankees finished 14 games behind the winning Chicago White Sox, Casey said, because Mickey Mantle had a bad year, Bill Skowron missed half a season with injuries, the pitching bogged down, the fielding was leaky, and the batters didn't drive in any runs. He even blamed himself for tactical mistakes.

Stengel's biggest mistake, many believe, came not on the playing field last summer but in the club's plush front offices during the winter when he blasted his players as roisterers who couldn't tell noon from midnight and threatened to trade them off if they didn't mind their manners and morals.

Pirates Win First; Outslug A's, 17-13

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—Pittsburgh and Kansas City engaged in a slugfest here yesterday with the Pirates coming out ahead 17-13. It was the Pirates' first victory of the spring training season.

A 10-run splurge by Kansas City in the fourth inning appeared to give them an unbeatable 11-run lead, but the Pirates countered with four runs in the fourth and seven in the fifth to tie the score and go on to victory.

Wilt Gets NBA's Top Player Award

BOSTON (AP) — Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia's record-setting rookie sensation, yesterday was named the Most Valuable player in the National Basketball Association.

The 7-1 Warrior giant piled up 255 points in the balloting by the 24-man all pro committee of the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, easily out-distancing Boston's Bill Russell and Bob Pettit of St. Louis, winner of the first MVP award last season.

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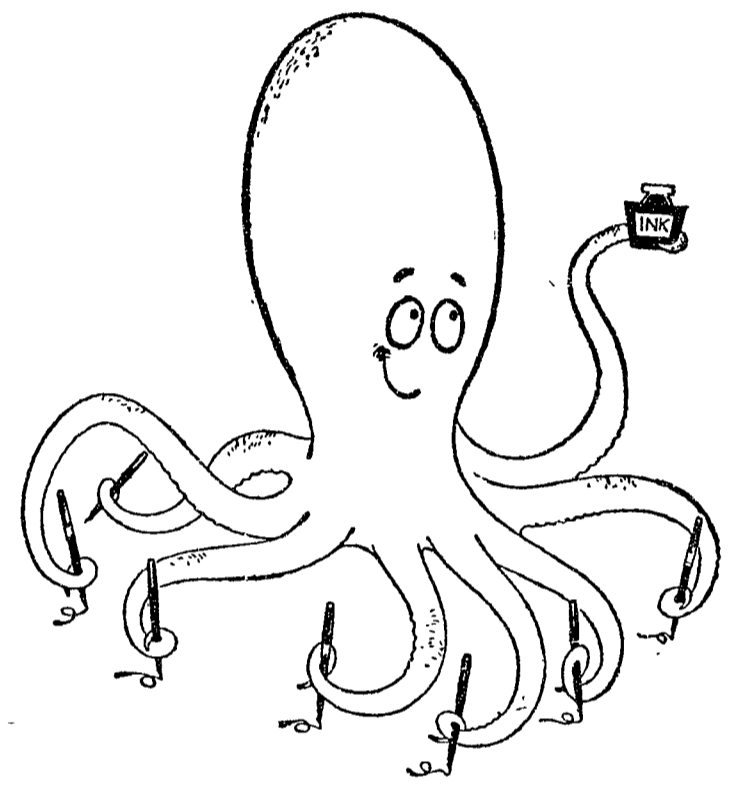
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