

# Brown to Miss Meet; Reese's Blues Vanish

By JIM KARL

A week ago today Pitt track Coach Carl Reese was a very worried man.

His thinclads had just dropped three meets in a row, including a 72-49 decision to little Miami of Ohio.

Even when his squad beat West Virginia, 81-50, that afternoon he still wasn't happy. He envisioned another loss coming up against unbeaten Penn State the following Saturday.

"This is probably the weakest team I've ever had," Reese moaned into the phone a few days ago. "We shouldn't even be on the same track with Penn State, but as long as both teams tie their shoes the same way I guess you have to say we have a chance to win."

Reese felt a little better when he heard that Penn State's times were slower in a triangular meet last week than against Navy the week before.

And now he's even smiling again, because it looks like a couple of factors have combined to put Pitt right back in the meet, which begins at 12 this afternoon in Pitt Stadium.

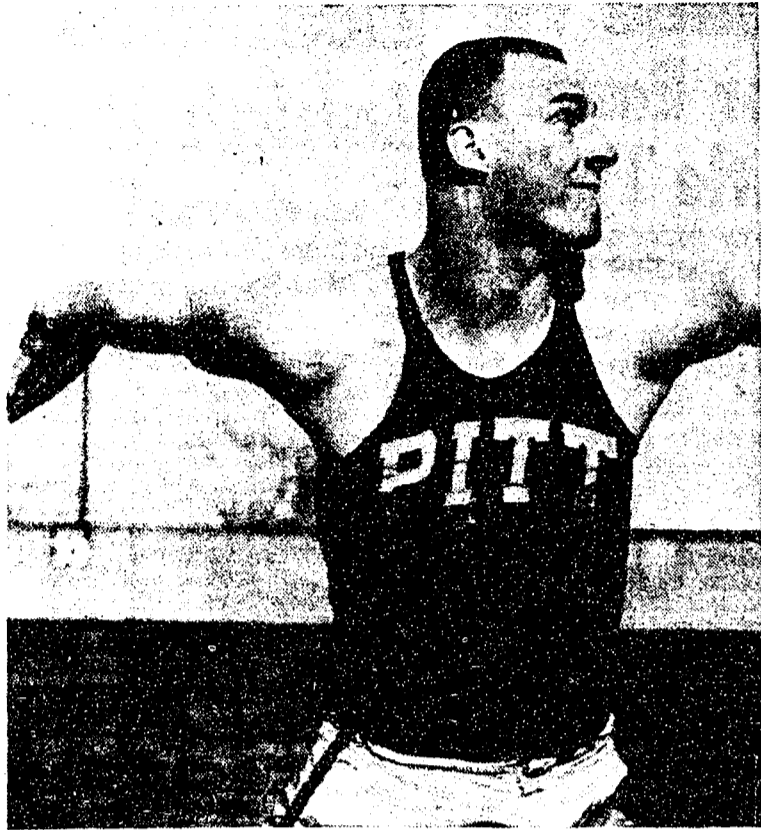
The first is a forecast for rain. "When you have rain it's always an equalizer," Lion Coach Chick Werner said yesterday.

The other factor is that Bob Brown, State's star sprinter, won't run against the Panthers because of an illness in his family.

"If we were at full strength I don't think there would be any question about the outcome of the meet," Werner said.

"I think we can still win without Brownie, but his absence is going to change a few things."

Brown was slated to run in the



DAN KANELL

Pitt's star weightman

100, 220 and possibly the mile relay.

Now George Metzgar will probably be switched from the 440 to the 100. Metzgar will run the 220 as usual.

Pitt has Bob Shanafelt in both sprints. Reese classifies Shanafelt as the Panthers' best point getter next to weightman Dan Kanell.

"Pitt's strength will be wherever Kanell is," Werner said. "He's a good weightman."

Kanell will probably take the shot without too much trouble

but State's Jon Musser may give him some competition in the discus.

Last year Kanell threw 157-1 1/2 to edge Musser for first place.

Despite the forecast for a slow track, the Lions should take both the mile and the two mile and Bob Grantham gives State a solid threat in the hurdles.

Pitt will be favored in the broad jump with Grantham the Lions' only entry but State is strong in the high jump, pole vault and javelin.

# Bettenhausen Killed In Warmup for '500'

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tony Bettenhausen, 44, racing veteran and idol of auto speed fans on the American professional circuit, died yesterday in the violent, fiery crash of a car he was testing for a friend. The crash ended Bettenhausen's 23-year racing career.

Something broke and threw the hurtling racing car into the wall along the main straightaway at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where trials began today for the Indianapolis 500 on Memorial day.

It was the 29th racing wreck — and the last — for Bettenhausen, two-time champion of the AAA (now USAC) big car circuit. The father of two boys and two girls was dead when guards fought their way through screaming, horrified fans to where the shattered car hung in wire atop the wall.

The impact ripped away 250 feet of fence.

Bettenhausen had turned several laps at 145 miles an hour in the car in which Rodger Ward won the 1959 Indianapolis 500. He was checking it for Paul Russo, an old friend with whom he took turns driving the car that finished second in the 1955 Memorial Day classic.

In his own car, the Autolite Special, Bettenhausen had been a strong favorite to take top honors today in the opening session of qualifications for this year's race. He had turned a practice lap Wednesday at 149.254 miles an hour — fastest ever run at the speedway with other cars on the track.

Bettenhausen lived in Tinley Park, Ill., where he was born, and farmed 600 acres of corn and soybean land with the help of two

teen-age sons, Gary 19, and Merle 17. He also is survived by his wife, Valerie, and two daughters, Susan, 15, and Tony Lee, 9.

Popularly known as "The Tinley Park Express" on the pro circuit, Bettenhausen had raced with gusto and ready quips in everything from midget car sprints to the Mexican road race.

The stocky little Dutchman with the blond burr haircut was a fierce competitor but widely admired in the racing fraternity.

The affable driver, who said he would retire if he ever won the rich Indianapolis race, had started in every 500 but one since World War II but his second with Russo was his best finish. He took fourth money in both 1958 and 1959. Last year he was stopped by a broken connecting rod.

A 10-man USAC investigating board looked over the Stearly Special, and gave this reason for the crash:

"An anchor bolt fell out of the front radius rod support, allowing the front axle to twist and misalign when the brakes were applied."

The board included his friend Russo and former drivers Henry Banks, now USAC director of competition, and Freddie Agabashian.

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# Old Fowlkes Can Still Run

ATLANTA (AP) — If you don't think Douglas L. Fowlkes is an unusual fellow, suppose you start listing all the people you know who are 33 years old and can run 100 yards in 9.6 seconds.

Buddy Fowlkes, 33, father of three young sprinters, full-time paint contractor and youth worker, did it last week in the Florida AAU meet when he took six young members of his Atlanta Striders team to Gainesville and beat the University of Florida and Florida freshmen track teams. His 9.6 performance in the 100 tied a meet record.

Next week the former Georgia Tech dash man, hurdler and

broad jumper will attempt to match his amazing 9.5 performance of a year ago in the Georgia AAU meet.

The remarkable Fowlkes never stopped running after leaving Tech.

"I don't dare stop," he explained. "Not if I want to keep running in meets. At my age especially, you have to keep at it all the time."

Fowlkes says he runs at least one hour a day, five or six days a week.

I'm in training for sprinting each year from January through August. Starting in September, I work with weights through December. That doesn't leave much time for loafing."

Fowlkes' only concession to

time has been withdrawal from competition in the hurdles and broad jump.

"At my age, it's better to specialize. An injury now would shelve me. I'm afraid, so I'll just stick to the sprint for as long as I can," he explained.

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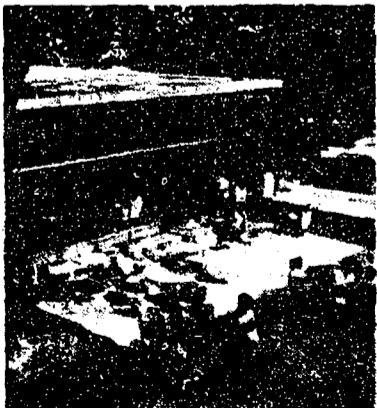
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