

A Bit of Indoor Practice

Coach Miles



169th Regiment meet in Manhattan. The quartet of Medino, Mack, Brachocki and Downs, annexed third place in both of these encounters from the 62 yard marker, the times being 3:22 and 3:35.8 respectively.

In the Development Meet staged by the A.A.U., Joe Brachocki won the 880 yard run from the fifty yard line in 1:54. Willie McGovern and Tommy Downs fought it out neck and neck from the seven yard allowance in the 220 yard dash, Willie coming across a scant yard ahead of Tommy in the fast time of 0:22.8.

Following this, the relay team strengthened by the addition of Willie McGovern, did battle in a pair of College Freshman Relay Championships in the New York A. C. and Seton Hall meets. The first of these found them eclipsing the third place showing of the '37 team at the Madison Square Garden in a neck and neck battle to the tape with the Fordham Freshmen. The Maroon edged out the Red and Blue in the time of 3:28.8. In the latter start the boys came down a notch to finish in third place behind Fordham and Seton Hall in the time of 3:31.4. Supplementing this was the performance of George Mack in the novice 880 yard run which he easily won in the time of 2:09.

After a brief respite, the Reverend Brother Jerome, Dean of the college, in appreciation of their great efforts, rewarded the team with a chance to compete in a meet in Washington, D. C., sponsored by Catholic University, by whom the St. Francis contingent was invited for a two day stay. The combination of McGovern, Mack, Brachocki and Downs extended their efforts to the degree of shading the meet record. Georgetown University of Washington, however, fought it out with them, and nosed them out at the tape in a thrilling finish.

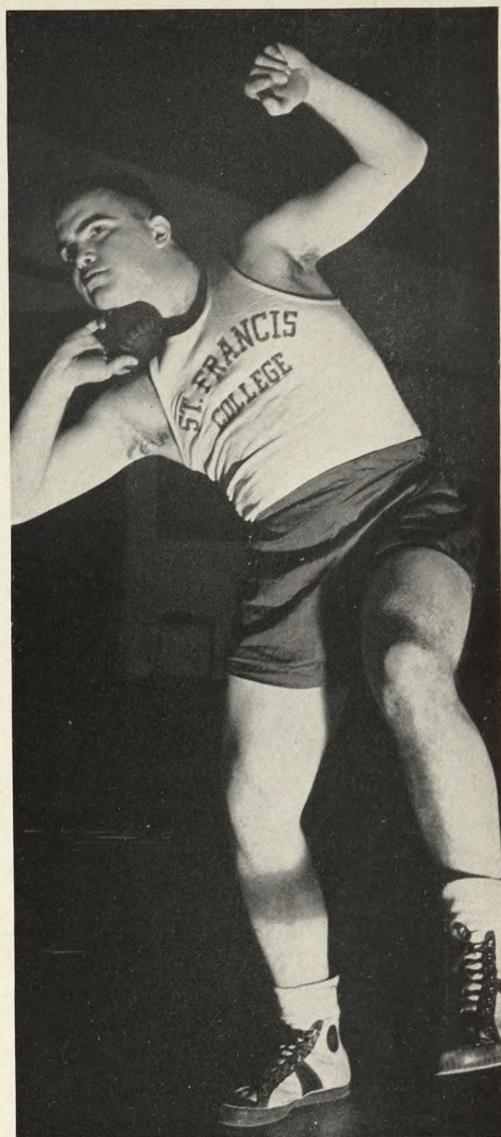
In the search of experience, Coach Miles entered the team in the Senior Metropolitan Championships. The mile relay proved to be the event in which the team sought to expand

their fund of competitive pointers against the college varsities of the Metropolitan area. This race found the team in the experimental order of Downs, McGovern, Medino and Brachocki in preparation for the long awaited Penn Relays. A fourth place was garnished in these, the Senior Mets.

Following this fairly successful indoor season, the team donned spikes and began preparations for a successful outdoor campaign which would be climaxed by the historic Relay Carnival of the University of Pennsylvania, in the latter part of April. Athletes from all sections of the country annually compete for the many coveted national titles; the one of specific interest to the Red and Blue being the College Freshman Mile Relay Championship of America. The Freshman team of 1937, consisting of Ed Henry, Joe Donohue, Phil Sheehan and Tom O'Donnell, handicapped by injuries and the lack of alternates, was able to cross the line in fourth place, an accomplishment which the 1938 edition of the "fleetfoot" group has visions of surpassing by three places. The record time of 3:19.5 presents a formidable target which requires a performance approaching the world's record time of 3:18 to establish a new standard.

Although the record of this track team did not reach the standards of some of the other harrier outfits in the Metropolitan area, it must be realized that Coach Miles has had very little material to work with, due to the lack of sufficient publicity and also due to the many little difficulties arising in a newly formed club. However, Bill Miles is, fortunate to say, blessed with the patience which builds track teams. Without a doubt the unassuming mentor will in due time provide a team genuinely representative of St. Francis and the sport-minded students who actively support its every endeavor. Bill borrows the everwear axiom of our dear old Dodgers when he whispers, "Wait'll next year!"

JOSEPH BRACHOCKI.



A Hefty Heave

Time and Strides

