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MEETS THIS WEEKEND:

Friday: Notre Dame vs. Chicago Track Club at Washington Park
Saturday: Minnesota at Michigan State
Miami and Indiana at Illinois
Purdue at Iowa
Northwestern at Wisconsin
Western Michigan, Bowling Green, Toledo at Kent State
Taylor at Eastern Michigan
Oklahoma State at Kansas
Ohio U. at Ohio State
Southern Methodist at Oklahoma
Wyoming at Colorado
Kansas State and Wichita at Drake
Air Force and Nebraska at Iowa State

SUMMARY: October 9-10

Bowling Green won the upper Midwest's first big meet of the year, the Notre Dame Invitational, with 51 points. Mel Brödt's runners placed fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and 27th to get an easy team triumph over defending champ Western Michigan, second with 116. Eastern Michigan (140), Illinois (162) and Pitt (163) rounded out the top five. Individual winner was Western Michigan ~~junior~~ junior Gary Harris, in 23:59.1. Bob Bertelsen of Ohio, Rick Gross of Illinois and BGSU's Sid Sink and Dave Wottle rounded out the top five.

In a battle of big Ten unbeatens, Minnesota clipped Indiana 21-37 at Minneapolis Saturday. Gophers Garry Björklund and Don Timm went 1-2 in 24:59 and 25:09. IU's Steve Kelley and Bob Legge nabbed 4th and 5th but Minnesota pushed in the next three to get the victory. Minnesota had previously topped Wisconsin while Indiana had shocked Michigan State in its first league dual meet. Minnesota, the defending Big Ten champ, will meet MSU at East Lansing Saturday. Last year the Gophers edged the Spartans 27-28 at Minneapolis.

Southern Illinois' 1-2-3 finish guaranteed a big win over Kansas Saturday at Carbondale. David Hill, Glenn Ujiye, and Gerry Craig ran 24:57, 25:06 and 25:06, respectively, over the rolling five mile route to clinch the win in what SIU Coach Lew Hartzog called "one of our finest team efforts." KU pushed in five men after SIU's top three. Miami dumped Ball State 24-36 in a six miler at Oxford with BSU's Wynder winning in 30:45... Michigan State rebounded from an opening meet defeat to dump Ohio State 17-46 at East Lansing. Randy Kilpatrick, Dave Dieters and Chuck Starkey finished 1-2-3 ahead of OSU's Greg Klipan but seven more Spartans finished before the second Ohio State..... Wisconsin stopped Iowa 21-34 at Iowa City as Glen Herold, Don Vandrey and Bob Scharnke crossed the line in 25:47..... In other action on October 3, Colorado rapped Air Force 20-43, Eastern Michigan whipped Kent State 18-38, Iowa beat Drake 26-30, and Loras 20-38, Bowling Green won over Ball State 18-42, Miami beat Ohio 25-36 and Toledo 15-50.

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Oct. 9--1. Harris 23:59; 2. Bertelsen 24:09; 3. Gross 24:10; 4. Sink 24:18; 5. Wottle 24:19; 6. Richey (pitt) 24:20; 7. Danforth, BG, 24:21; 8. Elliott, BG, 24:40; 9. Foote Taylor, 24:42; 10. Jones, AF, 24:47; 11. Antognoli, Edinboro St, 24:49; 12. Howse, Ill, 24:53; 13. Shurko, Pitt, 24:55; 14. Stintzi, WestMich, 24:57; 15. Carlson, IllSt, 24:59; 16. Bilsborrow, EnMich, 25:02; 17. -21....22. Cobb, Ill, nt; 24. Liebenberg, WestMich, 25:17; 25. Bennett, WestMich, 25:18; 26. Minty, EnMich, 25:20; 29. Schott, Mich; 31. Furst, EnMich, 25:27; 32. Cambell, EnMich, 25:27; 36. Boudreau, EnMich, 25:29;

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 10--Minnesota 21, Indiana 37; course rolling hills, wet; high 30°'s, clear, 10 mph). 1. Bjorklund 24:59.1; 2. Timm 25:09; 3. Kelley 25:31; 4. Legge 25:33; 5. Page, M, 25:45; 6. Hepko, M, 25:45; 7. Daly, M, 25:47; 8. Lindsey, I, 25:58; 9. Thomas, M, 26:16; 10. Olson, I, 26:24; 11. Lawless, M, 26:25; 12. Press, I, 26:34; 13. Somesan, I, 26:48; 14. Humes, M, 26:51; 15. Mandera, I, 27:06.

EAST LANSING, Mich., Oct. 10--Michigan State 17, Ohio State 46; course hilly, very wet; weather 48°, ptly cldy, slight wind; 1. Kilpatrick, MS, 26:06.6; 2. Dieters, MSU, 26:08; 3. Starkey MS, 26:11; 4. Klipan, OS, 26:13; 5. Rockey, MS, 26:14; 6. Popejoy, MS, 26:26; 7. Hartman, MS, 26:37; 8. Moffat, MS, 26:43; 9. Zoppa, MS, 26:51; 10. Krueger, MS, 27:02; 11. Reiff, MS, 27:02; 12. Hilty, OS, 27:08; 13. Dextras, OS, 27:10.

CARBONDALE, Ill., Oct. 10--Southern Ill 25, Kansas 30; course rolling grass, weather 60°, sunny. 1. Hill 24:57; 2, Ujiye 25:06; 3. Craig 25:06; 4. Callen, K, 25:13; 5. Anderson, K, 25:16; 6. Mason, K, 25:19; 7. Smith, K, 25:51; 8. Elliott, K, 25:57; 9. Nalder, SI, 26:17; 10. Hinton, SI, 26:31.

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Oct. 10--Wisconsin 21, Iowa 34; 1. Herold, Vandrey, Scharnke (W) 25:47; 4. Eastland, I, 26:01; 5. Loeschel I, 26:09; 6. Larson, W, 26:22; 7. Crisswell, I, 26:31; 8. Schum, I, 26:50; 9. Baker, W, 26:55; 10. McCabe, I, 26:55.

OXFORD, Ohio, Oct. 10--Miami 24, Ball State 36; course very hilly, very wet; weather overcast, cool. 1. Wynder, BS, 30:45; 2. Bayham, M, 30:46; 3. Meyer, BS, 31:10; 4. McLean, M, 31:15; 5. Symington, M, 31:16; 6. Reef, M, 31:18; 7. Griffith, M, 31:20; 8. Galano, M, 31:24; 9. Dexheimer, BS, 31:46; 10. Purtlebaugh, M, 31:50.

BOULDER, Colo., Oct. 3--Colorado 20, Air Force 43; clear, 70°; 1. Jones-AF, 19:46.3; 2. Campbell, C, 19:56; 3. Stegner, C, 19:59; 4. Justice, C, 20:19; 5. Phillips, C, 20:20; 6. Elstun, C, 20:36; 7. Peterson, C, 20:36; 8. Moritz, C, 20:39; 9. Sbach, AF, 20:46; 10. Banks, AF, 21:01.

KENT, Ohio, Oct. 2--East Mich 18, Kent St 38; fairly hilly, wet & muddy; sunny; 1. Ellis 30:41.8; 2. Bilsborrow, E, 30:59; 3. Norris, K, 31:23; 4. Furst, E, 31:45; 5. Galloway, E, 31:49.

IOWA CITY, Oct. 3--1. Lee, D, 19:45.8; 2. Eastland, I, 20:23; 3. Loeschel, I 20:24; 4. Cassady, L, 20:41; 5. Crisswell, I, 20:55

MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 3--1. Sink 24:44, Wottle 24:44; 3. Danforth 24:49; 4. Wynder, BS, 24:53; 5. Elliott, 25:04; 6. Myers, BS, :25.

ATHENS, Ohio, Oct. 3--1. Bertelsen, 31:34.5...

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BOWLING GREEN, O.---From the "roommate running" of All-Americans Sid Sink and Dave Wottle to "group" team efforts, togetherness seems to be the secret for the success of Bowling Green State University's undefeated cross country team in 1970.

With five straight dual-meet wins on the books in 1970, the Falcons will be one of the favorites Friday at the Notre Dame Invitational which will draw the finest harrier squads in the Midwest. BG finished fourth in last year's meet with Sink taking second place in the individual competition.

In breezing to five wins in three meets, Coach Mel Brodt's defending Mid-American Conference champions have placed five men among the top seven finishers in each race. In each event, the Falcons have also taken first, second, and third place individual laurels.

"We've been stressing group running this fall and our kids are doing the job," states Brodt. "At Ball State, we had five men running as a group for the first two miles compared to one for Ball State. And that was the race."

Bowling Green's togetherness also is tied to the running of Sink and Wottle, who are also living together this season.

Up until this season, Sink usually ran alone as the top BG runner. But now he finds himself unable to shake Wottle who has either won or tied for first place in each of the Falcons' meets this season.

Wottle's movement from just another cross country runner into one of the finest harriers in the nation is rather amazing since the former Canton Lincoln runner never saw a cross country course in high school.

Wottle came to Bowling Green as a top prep miler after winning the Ohio title as a senior.

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He has maintained his excellence at that distance in college. In this year's NCAA track meet, the junior runner used his great finishing kick to place second behind Villanova's Marty Liquori. Only two weeks before he broke the four-minute barrier with a 3:59 clocking at the Central Collegiates to nail down the first sub-four-minute mile run in the state of Indiana.

Moving from one to six miles can be a problem for any runner who combines cross country with track.

Wottle gave it a whirl as a BG freshman and performed well enough to finish second at the Mid-American Conference freshman meet. Last fall as a sophomore he got off to a slow start and was only 20th at the Notre Dame Invitational.

However, a week later he stayed with Sink for an entire five-mile race and tied the Falcon ace. Finding that he could run at any distance, Wottle went on to place fifth at the MAC championships and 30th at the NCAA meet. He has been on Sink's heels ever since.

"Dave has now learned what the taste of victory is like in cross country," states Brodt. "This has bolstered his confidence and he also knows now that he can be a great distance runner. He found this out again this summer when he worked out for only 10 days but still ran at 1:49.6 half-mile at the World University Games."

So far this season, Wottle and Sink have tied for first place twice. Wottle took first in the other meet as Sink was injured. Who will win in Friday's invitational isn't known, but it should be interesting.

As Brodt says, "About the only thing that may break up their togetherness is someone else."