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Thanks to Mile Relay Boys, Reynolds Has Team of Week

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The baton used by Reynolds' mile relay team may be a little marked up when the high school track season ends Friday night with the state meet in Raleigh. The relay team members put a mark on the baton when they lower the time. And they have

continued lowering it all season. Reynolds' mile relay team broke the school record with a 3:27.8 in the sectional meet last week. The Demons also smashed the sectional record. The mile relay team has not been beaten this year. Thomas Little, Duncan Yost, Phil Stewart and Steve Gibson

are the four members of the mile relay team. The four boys had a big part in Reynolds winning the sectional track title at Greensboro Friday. For their sectional championship, Reynolds has been selected as Team of the Week. It is the second time for the Demons.

Of course, the mile relay team was not the only Reynolds winner in the sectional. The 880-relay team, composed of Little, Yost, Mike Swain and Stan Crews, won in a record-breaking 1:31 time. Little won the 440 in :50, also a record.

Tracy Lounsbury won the discus throw for the Demons. Coach Don Kelley said he felt the mile relay team "came into its own in the Duke-Durham relays."

The Demons entered the regular mile relay and won it. They did not go into the special mile relay because then they did not have a good enough time.

"We finished fourth time-wise overall," said Kelly. "That was when we started writing our times on the baton. And that was when each man became aware that he could do a little bit more."

"We have real team unity," said Gibson. The boys agreed that the handoffs were important and that timing was a major factor in this. Split seconds can win or lose a race.

The boys come from various sports backgrounds. Gibson is a senior, a football player and wrestler. He started track to stay in shape for wrestling where he was a state champion this year.

Track Is Big Help

"Track helps in wrestling because it develops endurance," said Steve.

Yost is strictly a track and relay man. He has been on the team two years.

He went to track from touch football when he found he could catch a pass and get away from his opponents.

"I ran some of the sprints last year. But this year, I have been strictly a relay man. I like it that way," said Yost.

For a time, Duncan was on three relay teams—the 440, 880 and mile. But the 440 was dropped.



Reynolds' mile relay team includes (left to right) Duncan Yost, Thomas Little and Steve Gibson. Phil Stewart was not available for a picture.