

# Huskers Bow to Sooners, 37-29



**The Sports Whirl**  
By Bob Miller



## Oklahoma Topples Cage Quint in Conference Tilt

NORMAN, Okla., Feb. 16.—Showing the type of spirit needed to keep in the Big Six lead, Oklahoma piled up a 37 to 29 victory over a weakened Nebraska outfit here tonight.

Sid Held, consistently the Scarlet's best bet on the maples, was not what he has been. A great defensive show put on by Bob McCurdy of the Norman aggregation was so effective that Sid connected with a solitary free throw for the entire evening of play.

The win did not do anything to relieve the situation that was present before the game was played. The Sooners, tied with Kansas U. before the tilt at five wins and one loss, now have six wins and one loss. But that does not settle the matter.

In the second period, Held tried to boost his point total and shot eight times from the court with no result. Seven minutes remained when he was sent to the sidelines via the foul route.

Kansas at the same time that their leadership bunk-mates were winning, measured Iowa State by a 60 to 44 count and now the two teams are tied for first again. The Kansas-Oklahoma clash on Feb. 27 looks as a positive sellout at this point.

His free throw came after 19 minutes of first half play and kept him from having a blank for a point total.

### McCurdy Deserves Credit.

McCurdy, Sooner defender, did even better than his ward by salting away three baskets during the fray to thoroughly outclass his northern rival. Nebraska was not completely outclassed all the way, however.

For most of the game they were within striking distance but could not seem to be able to filter enough shots thru to get into the lead. In fact they were right along with their hosts when in the last nine minutes Tucker unleashed a string of pivot shots that boosted the final total well up along the line.

**He Did It Before.**  
Connie Warmerdam, whose real name is Cornelius, has done something that no other person has done before... On Saturday night at the Boston A. A. track meet, he went higher than any other pole vaulter in the history of the event, clearing 15 feet 7 1/4 inches... He held the world's record previously in both indoor and outdoor vaulting but his Saturday effort was some three inches better than he had ever ascended before.

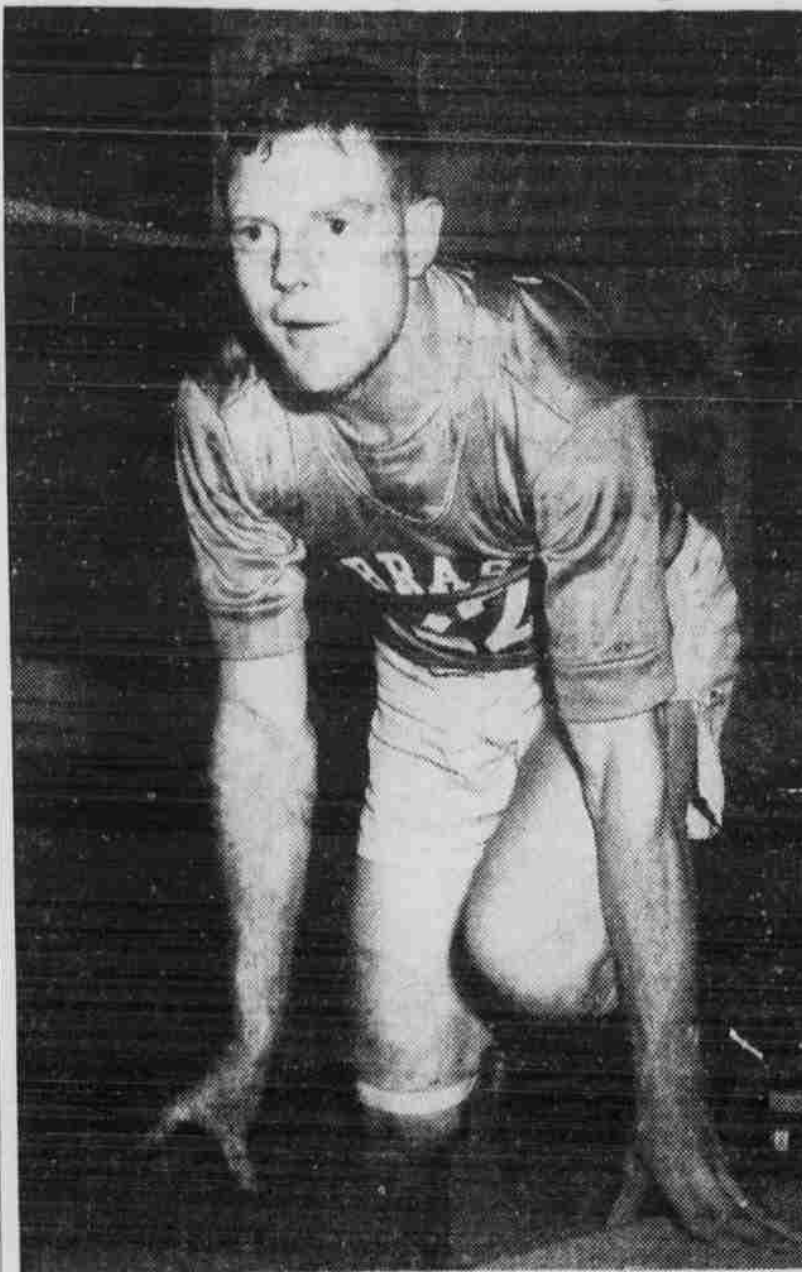
**And He will do it again—**  
He did his vaulting on a 131 foot runway and after shattering all existing indoor and outdoor records, he wanted to try the 15-10 height... He knocked it off as he was already over it with all but his arms... At 26, Connie believes that he might negotiate a 16 foot vault before he puts his track scanties away... We have no doubt but what he will do it also... He promises that he will raise the record some distance before he writes finis on one of the most famous track careers in the business.

**One Man Show—**  
Put down under "G" in your little black book, the name of Newt Loken as the best intercollegiate gymnast troding mats and performing on the other gymnastic equipment today... Last Thursday we saw Loken, representing the University of Minnesota, in action and he left nothing that could be desired in the gymnastic sport. He put on a show all by himself showing up Huskers and his own teammates alike.

**Consider his performance—**  
He competed in every event offered and took first in all but one tying for first in the other. A perfect score for an individual in a single event is 15 points... In the horizontal bar he had 14.7; parallel bars, 14.5; side horse, 14; flying rings, 15; and tumbling, 14.3... His timing was perfect and his maneuvers were complicated. Easily the Big Ten's leading gymnast is Loken.

**Cuff-links—**  
Jim Evinger, column curator on the Daily sports page of the last year, did not have to go to the army at all... He was classified as 1-B and is still pounding the typewriter keys at the Lincoln Journal...

## Littler Burns up Track again



—Sunday Journal and Star.

Eugene "Red" Littler, sprint demon, product of the Panhandle, is shown above in one of his famous tape dives which have turned apparent dead heats into victories for the Mitchell senior. He is shown winning the first race of his senior year as he bested Missouri's Don Walters in the 60 yard dash Saturday evening. Littler's

time was 6.2 seconds, equaling the school record and bettering the existing Big Six indoor record which Walter's copped last year at Kansas City.

Dr. Harlan Gilmore, assistant professor of sociology at Tulane university, is the author of a study on beggars.

Altho Clemson college offers no course in journalism, the student newspaper, The Tiger, and student yearbook, The Taps, are rated as "All-American."

## Best of the Lot . . . Conference Track and Field Artists Prep for Indoor Trials

. . . On K City Boards

LAWRENCE, Kas., Feb. 16.—The finest field in history is slated to compete in the annual Big Six indoor track meet in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium, Saturday, Feb. 28.

match strides in the 60 yard dash. Don Walters of Missouri, the defending champion in this event, will be pushed to the limit by Orv Mathews of Oklahoma and "Red" Littler of Nebraska.

Veterans of national ranking will combine with an outstanding crop of sophomores to make the big meet the most star-studded show the conference has ever put on.

Littler and Bill Lyda of Oklahoma, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 440 yard dash at the national collegiate meet last June, are scheduled for another great duel in the quarter-mile.

### Harry Hunt Heads List.

Heading the list of crack performers is Nebraska's Harold Hunt, 1941 national co-champion in the pole vault. A top mark of 14 feet 2 inches to his credit, Hunt appears certain to boost the meet record for his event which he set in Kansas City last year.

### Wibbels vs. Aussieker.

Three top-flight veterans in the shot put, Vic Schleich and Ed Wibbels of Nebraska and Elmer Aussieker of Missouri, will find themselves confronted with stern opposition from a pair of fine sophomore weight men, Dick Bliss of Iowa State and Plato Andros of Oklahoma.

While no direct threat to Hunt this year, a trio of sophomore pole vaulters has shown great promise for the future. All former state high school champions, they include Billy Rothwell of Missouri, Howard Debus of Nebraska and Ernie Nelson of Kansas State.

One of the few events where the juniors and seniors expect to have things all their own way is the 60 yard high hurdles. No new men have come up of the caliber of Bill Smutz and Ralph King of Nebraska or Ed Darden of Kansas State.

Three of the finest sprinters the Big Six has ever produced will

## Kansas Decides . . . Sophomores Are Vital Cogs On Conference Cage Squad

. . . Nebraska Has Four

LAWRENCE, Kas., Feb. 14.—As fine a crop of sophomores as ever graced the campuses of Big Six schools is warming the hearts of coaches of this top-flight basketball conference.

Thirteen of the thirty starting positions are held at present by first year men. Several of the sophomores already have shown promise by ranking with the conference's all time greats.

### Black Plus Evans.

The University of Kansas, perennial Big Six champion, presents forward Charlie Black and guard Ray Evans as its candidates for election as "sophomore of the year."

Both regulars from the start of the season, Black and Evans have shown a world of promise. In his first conference game, the 6 foot 4 inch Black crammed 25 points into the basket against Oklahoma.

### A Football Star, Too.

Evans, a football star as well, is a superb defensive player and rebound man. Off in his shooting at the start of the season, Ray has averaged 7 points a game in the last five contests.

Also on hand from last year's crack K. U. freshman team, which Dr. F. C. Allen called "the finest in Kansas history," are "Red" Ettinger, guard, Paul Turner, forward, and Max Kissell, center. Most publicized sophomore in

the loop is Gerald Tucker, Oklahoma's giant center. Boasting an average of 15.4 points a game in non-conference play and 18 in Big Six competition, Tucker seems well on his way to a sensational college career.

Also in the Sooner's starting lineup are Sophomores Richard Reich and Bob McCurdy. Reich has averaged 10.3 in Big Six games and McCurdy is winning a name for himself as a standout on defense.

At Iowa State, Reuben Mickelson has been a sophomore regular from the first. Rollin Kuebler, center, also is now in the starting lineup and George Harville, another sophomore, is a fine guard.

### Nebraska Has Four.

A pair of sophomores, forward Ken Elson and guard Jack Bortorff, have ousted lettermen from the first five at Nebraska. Bob Heinzelman and George Gribble are two other promising new men.

Starting for Kansas State these days are Bruce Holman, forward, and Kenny Messner, guard. Other outstanding Wildcat sophomores are forward Johnny Bortka and center Marlo Dirks.

Missouri has Ed Metheny, forward, and Ross Burns, 6 foot 6 inch center, as its leading sophomores. Earl Stark, lanky guard, is regarded as still another fine prospect.

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